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PART I: INDIAN ECONOMY

News Features

1. **Tesla showed interest in India's plans to build battery plants:** Tesla is among the companies that showed an initial interest in Indian government's plan to develop large factories to manufacture lithium-ion batteries, with an investment of about US\$ 6.95 billion. To secure India's energy needs, the plan to set up these 50-gigawatt hour (GWh) factories. The plan has been cleared by Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), with the final tender anticipated to be awarded by February. Each GWh of battery capacity can power 1 million homes for an hour and around 30,000 electric cars. The programme would be technology-agnostic, that is it will be left to the market to regulate which technology is best matched for the country, depending on demand and price. Also, to boost private sector investment in this sector, the government is looking at tax incentives for manufacturers and a basic customs duty safeguard from 2021-2030 for making advanced chemistry cells and batteries in India.



2. **Make in India plan in works to attract medical device companies:** Along the lines of telecom and electronics, the government of India is luring the medical devices industry to its flagship programme "Make in India", trying to cut dependency on imports. NITI Aayog, a premier policy 'think tank' of the government of India, has begun work on the plan, which is to make India a manufacturing hub for medical devices of worldwide standards. India's medical device market is the fourth largest in Asia at over US\$10 billion and is expected to reach US\$ 50 billion by 2025.



3. **India's software industry to touch US\$ 80 billion by 2025:** According to the Software Technology Park of India (STPI), the global software product industry currently stands at US\$ 511 billion, of which India's share is US\$ 8.1 billion. However, the goal is to take India to US\$ 80-90 billion by 2025. India's IT service industry currently stands at US\$ 177 billion with exports amounting to US\$ 136 billion, employing around 4.1 million people. As per the National Software Product Policy 2019, government of India is aiming to change the country from an IT administration Industry to a IT producing nation. To make it possible, STPI is opening 28 Centres of Excellence (COE) in rising technologies at an investment of more than US\$ 5.73 million. Five such centres are presently operational and in two years, all 28 will be operational. Emerging technologies, for example, AI, IOT, Medical Electronics, IOT in agriculture, automotive electronics will be the focal point of the COEs.



Main Economic Indicators

Gross Domestic Product – GDP				
Fiscal Year	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Est.
				2018-19
Real GDP (% change, YoY)	8.2%	7.1%	7.2%	7.2%
GDP (US \$ billion), current prices	2251.1	2300	/	/

Source: Indian Central Statistics Office and Moody's

Foreign Trade

I. Merchandise Trade		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ billion)	Aug 2019	Apr - Aug 2019-20
(Provisional)		
Exports (including re-exports)		
2018-19	27.81	135.62
2019-20	26.13	133.54
% Growth 2019-20/2018-19	-6.05	-1.53
Imports		
2018-19	45.73	218.81
2019-20	39.58	206.39
% Growth 2019-20/2018-19	-13.45	-5.68
Trade balance		
2018-19	-17.92	-83.19
2019-20	-13.45	-72.85
II. Trade in Services		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ billion)	Jul 2019	Apr–Jul 2019-20
(Provisional)		
Exports (Receipts)	19.08	74.38
Imports (Payments)	12.83	48.48
Trade balance	6.26	25.90

Source: RBI Press Release, dated 13th September 2019

Industry

According to Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data, India's factory output growth, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), slowed to 4.3% in July 2019, as compared to 6.5% in July 2018. Slowdown was mainly due to poor performance of manufacturing sector.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

According to the Annual Report 2018-19 of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), India received the highest-ever FDI inflow of \$64.37 billion during the fiscal year ending Mar 2019. India received FDI worth \$286 billion in past five years.

Inflation

Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data showed that the Consumer Price Index - based retail inflation touched 10-month of 3.21% in Jul 2019, largely due to a continued rise in food prices.

PART II: INDIA-CROATIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

News Features

1. **Indian Independence Day celebration:** Embassy celebrated (15/08) 73rd Independence Day of India in Zagreb at Embassy premises. National flag was hoisted with participation of Indian community and friends of India, followed by singing of National Anthem. Ambassador read out excerpts from the President's message to the Nation.



2. **Visit to Ministry of Economy:** Ambassador met (21/08) Mr. Zdenko LuciĆ, State Secretary, Croatian Ministry of economy, entrepreneurship and crafts, and discussed various bilateral issues, including possibility of Croatian business delegation's participation at the forthcoming India-Europe 29 Business Forum which is going to be held on 20-21 Nov 2019 in New Delhi, India. They also discussed possibilities in expanding economic cooperation, especially between Institutions and Innovation Hubs.



3. **Increase of Indian tourist arrivals to Croatia:** According to data published (12/09) by the Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics (DZS), in the period Jan-Jul 2019, Croatia had a total of 45,843 Indian tourist arrivals or 7.62% more than in Jan-Jul 2018, with 102,100 overnight stays, 10.26% more than in the same period 2018.

Bilateral Trade

During the period Jan-Jun 2019 (for which local statistics are available) the total bilateral trade stood at Euro 82.94 million, i.e. India's exports worth Euro 61.06 million and India's imports worth Euro 21.88 million.

<i>Euro million</i>					
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	Jan - Jun 2019
Croatia's Exports	€ 17.53	€ 11.05	€ 15.36	€ 11.02	€ 21.88
Croatia's Imports	€ 104.5	€ 100.60	€ 126.14	€ 126.33	€ 61.06
Total Trade	€ 122.03	€ 111.65	€ 141.50	€ 137.35	€ 82.94

(Source: Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics)

Trade Queries from India for Import/Export attended by the Mission				
No.	Enquiry Originator	Product	Nature	Action Taken
			Import/Export	
1	Bala Bk Exports	Confectionery Products	Export	List sent
2	Vivek5 Exim	Red Onion	Export	List sent
3	Aim Exports	Spices	Export	List sent

4	Sunlex International	Tiles	Export	List sent
5	Chiranjilal Rayons Pvt. Ltd.	Yarn	Export	List sent
6	Global International	Stainless Steel	Export	List sent
7	Navkar Transcore Pvt. Ltd.	Power Transformers	Export	List sent
8	M M Raj Ceramic Tiles	Ceramic Tiles	Export	List sent
9	Delhi Tack Shop	Horse Riding Goods	Export	List sent
10	Ajay Cap Mart	Caps & Hats	Export	List sent
11	Navy Exports	Leather Goods	Export	List sent
12	Masta Bearing Housing Pvt.	Bearings	Export	List sent
13	Shah Gabharubhai Uttamchand & Sons	Spices	Export	List sent
14	Patel Global Exports	Tea & Coffee	Export	List sent
15	Cristalerias International Pvt. Ltd.	Cosmetics	Export	List sent
16	Mangalam Drugs & Organics Ltd.	Pharmaceuticals	Export	List sent
17	Vishal Pipes	Pipes & Fittings	Export	List sent
18	Kaj Traders	Spices & Herbs	Export	List sent
19	Allwin Industries	Control Cables	Export	List sent
20	Rotex	Household Cleaning Products	Export	List sent
21	HLB Power Systems Ltd.	Batteries	Export	List sent
22	Vyomaen Enetrprises	Vegetables & Spices	Export	List sent
23	Marathe International	Activated Carbon	Export	List sent
24	KG Fabriks Limited	Fabrics	Export	List sent

PART III: UPCOMING EVENTS, FAIRS, CONFERENCES & TENDERS IN INDIA

No.	Organizer	Event / Tender	Date	City/State
1	Sports Goods Export Promotion Council (SGEPC)	International Toy Fair 'Kids India'	26-28 Sep 2019	Mumbai, Maharashtra
2	PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry	22nd India International Security Expo 2019	03-05 Oct 2019	New Delhi
3	National Cooperation Development Corporation (NCDC)	India International Cooperative Trade Fair (IICTF)	11-13 Oct 2019	New Delhi
4	Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC)	India Carpet Expo	11-14 Oct 2019	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
5	Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)	3rd India Mobile Congress	14-16 Oct 2019	New Delhi
6	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	ASIA HEALTH 2019	16-19 Oct 2019	New Delhi

7	Vibrant Goa Foundation	Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit 2019	17-19 Oct 2019	Goa
8	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	13 th International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE) 2019	22-24 Oct 2019	New Delhi
9	Indian Council of Food and Agriculture	2 nd edition of AgroWorld and FoodWorld 2019	05-08 Nov 2019	New Delhi
10	India Trade Promotion Organization	India International Trade Fair	14-27 Nov 2019	New Delhi
11	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	5th edition of the India-Europe 29 Business Forum (IE29BF)	20-21 Nov 2019	New Delhi
12	Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT)	CILT India Expo 2019	21-22 Nov 2019	New Delhi
13	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India in collaboration with the State Government of Goa and the Indian Film Industry.	International Film Festival of India	20-28 Nov 2019	Goa
14	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry	15 th Higher Education Summit 2019	27-29 Nov 2019	New Delhi
15	Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA)	14 th edition of World Electricity Forum 'Elecrama'	18-22 Jan 2020	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

*****Brochures on India International Cooperative Trade Fair (IICTF) and India-Europe 29 Business Forum (IE29BF) are attached.**

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Incredible Opportunities for Cooperative Trade

11-13 October 2019

Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India



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- India's first and the largest international cooperatives trade fair: sales promotion, marketing, product display, conferences, buyer-seller-meets, networking, policy advocacy
- To promote cooperative-to-cooperative trade: domestic and international
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Exhibition Area
70,000 sq ft.

Exhibitors
2000

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Exhibition
Dates
**11-13 OCTOBER
2019**

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Hours
9.00 am - 8.00 pm

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20-21 NOVEMBER 2019

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India

3rd Largest

Asian Economy

6th Largest

World Economy

Projecting GDP

**Growth Rate of
7 Per Cent**

In 2019-20

**11th Global
FDI**

Confidence Index
2018 Rank

USD 1.55 trillion

Domestic Growing
Young Consumer
Market

3rd Largest

Economy By
GDP (PPP)

2nd largest

**Emerging
Market
for FDI**

Why Participate

India's Largest
European Industry Platform

Sectoral Roundtables

Partner Focus: Indian States
& E29 Countries

Exposition / Interactive Tech Space

Sectoral Field Visits

B2B Meetings

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Austria
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
Finland

Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
North Macedonia
Malta
Moldova
Montenegro

Norway
Poland
Romania
Serbia
Slovak Republic
Slovenia
Sweden
Switzerland
Turkey

Sectors of Collaboration - Opportunities in India



Artificial Intelligence

- 3rd in Artificial Intelligence Research across the globe
- 3rd highest early adoption of AI
- Among top 20 countries in Artificial Intelligence readiness
- USD 957 billion potential



Smart Cities

- 100 Indian cities
- US \$ 650 billion infrastructure investments over next 20 years
- 402 Projects already commissioned worth US\$ 60+ billion



IT & ITes

- Largest (56%) Global Outsourcing market in the world
- 75% of global digital talent in India
- World's third largest tech start-up hub
- US \$ 350 billion by 2025



Renewable Energy

- Leader of International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- 5th largest installed renewable energy and 4th largest installed wind capacity in the world
- 6th Largest installed solar power capacity in the world
- 60 Solar Cities announced : 50 Solar Parks (40 GW) announced
- 100% FDI allowed in Renewables sector
- 392 investment projects worth US \$ 25.3 billion



Pharma

- 3rd largest in terms of volume, 13th largest in terms of value
- Largest supplier of generic medicines: 50% of global demand
- 4th largest medical device market in Asia
- US \$280 billion healthcare market by 2020
- US \$8 billion Medical equipment opportunity for E29

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