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# Monthly Economic Newsletter

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## PART I: INDIAN ECONOMY

### News Features

1. **India ready to take a giant leap into space:** Having entered the Mars orbit in its first attempt and given the world evidence of water on the moon, India announced plans to set up its own space station, marking its biggest leap yet in space exploration. The Indian space station will be placed in the low earth orbit, 400km above the earth's surface. The project is at a nascent stage and will be executed after 5-7 years. Space station will help the space agency to sustain the human space flight missions in future and it will be an extension of India's first human space flight mission in 2022.



2. **India's data usage per smartphone highest in world:** According to the report by Swedish telecom equipment maker Ericsson, India has the world's highest data usage per smartphone at an average of 9.8GB per month. The report predicts that smartphone user base in India will reach 1.1 billion by 2024, whereas mobile broadband subscriptions are expected to grow from about 610 million in 2018 to 1.25 billion in 2024.



3. **India plans to make use of nuclear wastes:** India adopted "closed fuel cycle", where spent nuclear fuel is regarded as a material of resource. Closed fuel cycle aims at reprocessing of spent fuel for recovery of Uranium and Plutonium and recycling them back to reactor as fuel. This finally leads to a very small percentage of residual material present in spent nuclear fuel requiring their management as radioactive waste. The Indian nuclear waste management practices are at par with international practices following the guidelines of International Atomic Energy Agency.



4. **India's automobile major won Gold Award:** India's automobile major Mahindra won the Gold Award in South Africa for fairing on various indicators, including level of satisfaction among its network of dealers and the manner of allocation of vehicles to them. Mahindra, which has been in South Africa for the past 16 years, received the award from the country's National Automobile Dealers' Association (NADA). The automobile giant, which has more than 60 dealers in South Africa, secured the top position out of the 29 vehicle brands surveyed for the awards.



## Mahindra

## Main Economic Indicators

<b>Gross Domestic Product – GDP</b>				
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

<b>I. Merchandise Trade</b>		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ billion)	Jun 2019	Apr - Jun 2019-20
(Provisional)		
<b>Exports (including re-exports)</b>		
2018-19	27.70	82.47
2019-20	25.01	81.08
% Growth 2019-20/2018-19	<b>-9.71</b>	<b>-1.69</b>
<b>Imports</b>		
2018-19	44.30	127.41
2019-20	40.29	127.04
% Growth 2019-20/2018-19	<b>-9.06</b>	<b>-0.29</b>
<b>Trade balance</b>		
2018-19	-16.60	-44.94
2019-20	-15.28	-45.96
<b>II. Trade in Services</b>		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ billion)	May 2019	Apr–May 2019-20
(Provisional)		
<b>Exports (Receipts)</b>	18.68	36.74
<b>Imports (Payments)</b>	12.49	23.89
<b>Trade balance</b>	6.19	12.85

Source: RBI Press Release, dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Industry

According to Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data, manufacturing and mining sectors pulled down industrial output growth to 3.1% in May 2019, compared to 4.3% in Apr 2019.

## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

According to a UN report, India is ranked among the top 20 host economies for FDI inflows in 2017-18. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to India grew by 6% to USD 42 billion in 2018, with strong inflows in the manufacturing, communication and financial services sectors, and cross-border merger and acquisition activities. The report added that was also considered as among the top 10 most important sources of FDI for the 2019 to 2021 period.

## Inflation

Indian Central Statistics Office (CSO) data showed that the wholesale price-based inflation declined for the second consecutive month to its 23-month low of 2.02% in Jun 2019, helped by decline in prices of vegetables as well as fuel and power items.

## **PART II: INDIA-CROATIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS**

### News Features

1. **International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019:** International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2019 was held in 39 cities across Croatia (13-24/6). In Zagreb, IDY was held at Tomislav square on 15 Jun and gathered appx. 300 participants. Apart from promoting holistic health, it also had positive implications for touristic and business exchanges.



2. **Meetings with other business leaders:** During the month, meetings were held with several business leaders in sectors of media, defence industry, tourism, etc.

3. **Increase of Indian tourist arrivals to Croatia:** According to data published (11/07) by the Croatian Central Bureau of Statistics (DZS), in the period Jan-May 2019, Croatia had a total of 20,571 Indian tourist arrivals or 2.13% more than in Jan-May 2018, with 43,906 overnight stays, 5.64% more than in the same period 2018.

### Bilateral Trade

During the period Jan-Apr 2019 (for which local statistics are available) the total bilateral trade stood at Euro 56.18 million, i.e. India's exports worth Euro 43.05 million and India's imports worth Euro 13.13 million.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	Jan - Apr 2019
Croatia's Exports	€ 17.53	€ 11.05	€ 15.36	€ 11.02	€ 13.13
Croatia's Imports	€ 104.5	€ 100.60	€ 126.14	€ 126.33	€ 43.05
Total Trade	€ 122.03	€ 111.65	€ 141.50	€ 137.35	€ 56.18

(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	Brand Idea Communication	Tea	Export	List sent
2	DTPPL	Moulding Machines	Export	List sent
3	Aaravi International	Dried Fruits	Export	List sent
4	Sword Ceramic LLP	Sanitary Ware	Export	List sent
5	Bala BK Exports	Home Textile	Export	List sent
6	Veritas Granito LLP	Tiles	Export	List sent
7	Genus Power Infrastructures	Energy Meters	Export	List sent
8	Impetus Turnomatics	Engineering Goods	Export	List sent
9	Hardik Parekh	Onion, Rice & Spice	Export	List sent

10	AJSH & Co LLP	Audit & Tax Services	Export	List sent
11	Agpulse	Fertilizers & Pesticides	Export	List sent
12	Jindal Worldwide Ltd.	Fabrics	Export	List sent
13	Akara EXIM Pvt. Ltd.	Sanitary Wares	Export	List sent
14	KPK Exim	Bathroom Accessories	Export	List sent
15	Unique Tags Pvt. Ltd.	Garments	Export	List sent
16	Krishna Exports	Truck Parts	Export	List sent
17	Grasim Industries Ltd.	Chemicals	Export	List sent
18	Alps Coton Apparel	Cotton	Export	List sent
19	Shiva Universal Trade	Spices	Export	List sent
20	RenewSys	Solar Components	Export	List sent
21	Conwo Trade International	Bags	Export	List sent
22	Genus Power Infrastructures	Energy Meters	Export	List sent
23	Silvenia Ceramic Pvt. Ltd.	Tiles	Export	List sent
24	Zeus Impex	Garbage Bags	Export	List sent
25	Atlantic Exim	Pharmaceuticals	Export	List sent
26	Gopinathji Food Impex	Fryums	Export	List sent
27	JV Gokal & Co. Pvt. Ltd.	Tea	Export	List sent
28	RD International	Leather Cloth	Export	List sent

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

No.	Organizer	Event / Tender	Date	City/State
1	Exhibitions India Pvt. Ltd. and Co-organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)	Krishi and Wellness India 2019 Expo	06-08 Aug 2019	New Delhi
2	Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry	Global Exhibition on Services	18-20 Sep 2019	Bengaluru, Karnataka
3	Sports Goods Export Promotion Council (SGEPC)	International Toy Fair 'Kids India'	26-28 Sep 2019	Mumbai, Maharashtra
4	National Cooperation Development Corporation (NCDC)	India International Cooperative Trade Fair (IICTF)	11-13 Oct 2019	New Delhi
5	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	ASIA HEALTH 2019	16-19 Oct 2019	New Delhi
6	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	13 <sup>th</sup> International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE) 2019	22-24 Oct 2019	New Delhi
7	Indian Council of Food and Agriculture	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition of AgroWorld and FoodWorld 2019	05-08 Nov 2019	New Delhi
8	India Trade Promotion Organization	India International Trade Fair	14-27 Nov 2019	New Delhi

9	Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)	5 <sup>th</sup> edition of the India-Europe 29 Business Forum (IE29BF)	20-21 Nov 2019	New Delhi
10	Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA)	14 <sup>th</sup> edition of World Electricity Forum 'Elecrama'	18-22 Jan 2020	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

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