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AMBASSADOR VINAY KWATRA MEETS COSTCO CEO RON VACHRIS



Ambassador Vinay Kwatra met Mr. Ron Vachris, CEO of Costco, at the company's headquarters in Issaquah. Discussions focused on deepening partnerships by connecting India's export strengths with Costco's global scale and expanding the presence of high-quality Indian products for American consumers. (16 September 2026, Issaquah)

AMBASSADOR ENGAGES INDIAN DIASPORA, CELEBRATES THE LIVING BRIDGE BETWEEN INDIA AND WASHINGTON STATE



During his visit to Seattle, Ambassador Vinay Kwatra engaged with prominent members of the Indian diaspora, recognizing their valuable role in strengthening the vibrant India-Washington State partnership and celebrating the Indian community as a vital living bridge between India and the United States.

The gathering also paid tribute to Late Shri Jagdish Sharma Ji, remembering his years of dedicated service to the Indian community in the Greater Seattle area. (17 September 2026, CGI Seattle)



SATYA NADELLA ADDRESSES "IDEAS4INDIA": INDIAN AMERICAN TECH CEOS FORUM HOSTED BY CGI SEATTLE



As a follow-up to the India AI Impact Summit 2026, the Consulate General of India, Seattle hosted "Ideas4India: Indian American Tech CEOs Forum – Unlocking the Tech Dividend", bringing together over 40 leading Indian-origin CEOs and CTOs from the Greater Seattle technology ecosystem. The Forum featured leaders from Microsoft, Amazon, Boeing, OpenAI, Anthropic, Intel and several other technology companies working across AI, quantum computing, semiconductors, cloud infrastructure, aerospace and enterprise software.

Mr. Satya Nadella, Chairman and CEO of Microsoft, joined as Guest of Honour and highlighted AI as a general-purpose technology whose benefits would depend on its broad diffusion across countries, communities and sectors. Participants exchanged ideas on strengthening the India-U.S. technology partnership, including cooperation in AI infrastructure, data centers, semiconductor design and manufacturing, quantum research, talent and skilling, aerospace and advanced manufacturing.

Ambassador of India to the United States Shri Vinay Kwatra welcomed the technology community's strong interest in deepening bilateral cooperation and reaffirmed India's commitment to an AI ecosystem anchored in inclusivity, openness, sovereignty, democratized access, safety and trust.

The gathering reflected the growing two-way technology partnership, with several participating companies maintaining significant operations and investments in India. Convened for the first time in Seattle, the Ideas4India Forum is envisaged as a platform for connecting the innovation ecosystems of India and the United States and advancing collaboration in strategic and emerging technologies, including under the India-U.S. TRUST initiative. (17 September 2026, Seattle)

CONSUL GENERAL MEETS ASIA SOCIETY CEO DR. KEVIN RUDD



Consul General of India in Seattle met Dr. Kevin Rudd, Global President and CEO of the Asia Society, on 30 September 2026. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange perspectives on issues of mutual interest, including the evolving India-U.S. partnership and opportunities for deeper engagement across strategic and economic spheres. (30 September 2026, Seattle)

CGI SEATTLE PROMOTES INDIA'S TIMELESS TRADITION OF AYURVEDA



The Consulate General of India, Seattle, in partnership with Bastyr University and Ayush Herbs, celebrated the 11th Ayurveda Day, showcasing India's rich Ayurvedic heritage and promoting its holistic approach to health and well-being among communities in the Pacific Northwest. (23 September 2026, Kenmore, WA)

AMBASSADOR MEETS T-MOBILE CEO SRINI GOPALAN



Ambassador Vinay Kwatra met Mr. Srinu Srinivasan, President & CEO of T-Mobile, at T-Mobile headquarters in Bellevue. Discussions focused on connectivity, technology-led transformation and expanding opportunities for India-U.S. cooperation in the telecom sector. (17 September 2026, Bellevue)

INDIA, US TROOPS CONDUCT COUNTER-TERROR DRILLS IN YUDH ABHYAS 2026



Indian and U.S. Army troops conducted building-clearance and room-intervention drills during Yudh Abhyas 2026 in Auli, Uttarakhand, simulating close-quarter counter-terror operations. The exercise involved drones, robotic dogs, canines and sniper teams, strengthening tactical coordination and interoperability between the two armies.

The 22nd edition of Yudh Abhyas, involving around 1,200 personnel 600 from each side, is being conducted in Auli and at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan, with a focus on joint planning and operations across varied terrain. (17 September 2026)

INDIA DISCUSSES AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH US



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri held meetings with senior U.S. officials in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, focusing on key areas of India–U.S. strategic and economic cooperation.

In his meeting with U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg, discussions focused on critical and emerging technologies, Pax Silica, semiconductors and critical minerals, with both sides agreeing to strengthen cooperation in secure and resilient supply chains.

Misri separately met Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Allison Hooker, discussing energy security, civil nuclear cooperation, the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act (SRIA), TRUST and the Indian Ocean Strategic Venture initiative.

The discussion on SRIA is significant for India given its energy trade with Russia. The legislation provides for potential sanctions and trade measures under specified conditions, though it does not automatically impose additional tariffs on Indian goods.

The engagements highlighted the expanding India–U.S. partnership in technology, energy and strategic supply chains, while providing a platform to address issues relating to sanctions and energy security. (25 September 2026)

Defence Secretary Meets US House Delegation Led By Brian Mast



Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met with a bipartisan delegation from the United States House of Representatives, led by Representative Brian Mast, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Defence Ministry said that the discussion centred around the evolving India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, with special emphasis on defence industrial and technological cooperation. (28 September 2026).

India–U.S. Strategic Partnership in Focus as Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri Meets U.S. Under Secretary Allison Hooker



(24 September 2026. New York)

INDIA & US AGREE TO WORK MORE CLOSELY ON CRITICAL MINERALS



In India and the US have agreed to deepen cooperation on critical minerals and secure supply chains, following a meeting between Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on the sidelines of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting. The discussions reaffirmed the strong India-US economic partnership, with both sides committing to expand cooperation across key economic and strategic areas. Sitharaman also invited Bessent to New Delhi for the India-US Economic and Financial Partnership meeting, providing another opportunity to further strengthen bilateral economic and financial ties. (2 September 2026)

INDIA–U.S. TECH PARTNERSHIP GAINS MOMENTUM AS FOREIGN SECRETARY VIKRAM MISRI MEETS U.S. UNDER SECRETARY JACOB HELBERG



Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri met U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Jacob Helberg in New York, reaffirming the growing momentum in the India–U.S. strategic and technology partnership.

The discussions focused on advancing cooperation in critical and emerging technologies through the Pax Silica initiative, strengthen in supply-chain resilience, and deepening collaboration in semiconductors and critical minerals. (24 September, 2026)

TRADE DEAL WITH INDIA 90% READY, WILL TAKE TIES TO ANOTHER LEVEL: US OFFICIAL

The US-India trade deal is "90-per cent-plus" complete, with a senior US official saying the agreement could be finalised soon and take bilateral ties to "another level".



PM Modi and Donald Trump

The proposed US-India trade deal is more than 90% complete and could be finalised soon, according to a senior US State Department official. Washington and New Delhi are reportedly “very close” to reaching an agreement, with only a few final issues remaining.

The official described the progress as a significant breakthrough, noting that trade has historically been one of the major sticking points in bilateral relations. Once concluded, the agreement is expected to unlock a new level of US-India economic engagement and further strengthen the broader strategic partnership between the two countries. (26 September 2026)

AMAZON BETS \$3 BILLION ON INDIA'S FAST DELIVERY BOOM



Amazon is planning to invest US\$3 billion in India's rapidly expanding quick-commerce business by 2030, as the U.S. e-commerce major seeks to strengthen its position in a market currently led by domestic players such as Blinkit, Zepto and Swiggy Instamart, according to Reuters. The proposed investment includes around US\$1 billion by the end of 2027 and a further US\$2 billion by 2030, with funds expected to support expansion of Amazon Now's network of small neighbourhood warehouses, inventory capabilities and product selection.

Amazon said its quick-commerce business has already crossed US\$1 billion in annualised gross sales based on the previous three months, making it the fastest-growing e-commerce business in Amazon India's history. India's quick-commerce market, currently estimated at around US\$19 billion, is projected to more than double to US\$41 billion by 2030, highlighting the country's growing importance in Amazon's global expansion strategy.

U.S. CHIP GIANT APPLIED MATERIALS BETS \$5 BILLION ON INDIA



Applied Materials, one of the world's largest semiconductor-equipment makers, has announced plans to invest US\$5 billion in India over the next decade, marking a major expansion of its presence in the country. The investment will focus on semiconductor research, strengthening local supply chains and expanding the skilled workforce, as India accelerates efforts to build a globally competitive chip ecosystem. India's semiconductor consumption is projected to reach as much as US\$110 billion by 2030, compared with US\$45–50 billion in 2025.

INDIA CROSSES 300 GW CLEAN-ENERGY MILESTONE

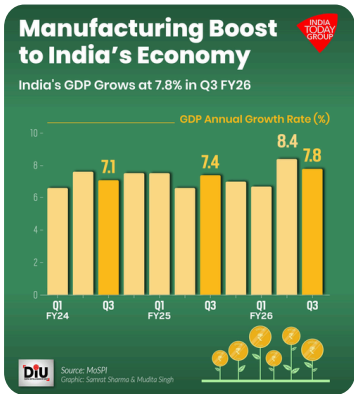
India crossed a major clean-energy milestone with its total non-fossil-fuel power capacity reaching 300.50 GW by July 2026. Solar led the mix at 164.59 GW, followed by wind at 58.14 GW and hydropower at 57.24 GW, taking the country beyond 60% of its targeted 500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030.

SEMICON INDIA PUTS GLOBAL CHIP INDUSTRY ON ONE STAGE



The fifth edition of SEMICON India brought together the semiconductor value chain under the theme “Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem.” The event featured more than 600 exhibitors, six country pavilions, 12 state pavilions and participants from 52 countries, providing a platform for investment, technology partnerships, R&D, start-ups and talent development.

INDIA POWERS AHEAD WITH 7.8% GDP GROWTH



India's economy made a strong start to FY 2026-27, recording real GDP growth of 7.8% in the first quarter, supported by robust manufacturing, services and domestic demand. Investment surged 11.9%, exports expanded 12%, while household consumption grew 7.1%. Manufacturing recorded 9.2% growth, underscoring broad-based momentum across the economy

FROM ONE TO 440: INDIA'S SPACE START-UP BOOM



India's private space ecosystem has expanded dramatically, with the number of registered space-technology start-ups increasing from just one in 2014 to around 440 in 2026. Private companies are increasingly participating in satellites, launch systems, Earth observation and other space technologies as the sector opens to greater commercial participation.

INDIA'S SOLAR REVOLUTION: 2.8 GW TO 164.6 GW



India's solar power capacity has witnessed a remarkable expansion, rising from just 2.8 GW in 2014 to 164.6 GW by July 2026. Solar is now the largest component of the country's renewable-energy capacity, while India emerged as the world's second-largest solar growth market in 2025, adding more than 37 GW during the year.

This rapid expansion reflects India's sustained push towards clean energy through large-scale solar parks, rooftop installations and increased private-sector investment. The growth of domestic solar manufacturing and continued investment in transmission and storage infrastructure are also strengthening the country's clean-energy ecosystem. The solar surge is playing a pivotal role in India's broader energy transition, reducing dependence on fossil fuels while supporting its long-term climate and energy-security goals.

INDIA'S DATA CENTRE BOOM EYES \$200 BILLION



India's rapidly expanding digital economy could attract around US\$200 billion in data-centre investment, according to the government. Growing cloud computing and artificial-intelligence workloads are driving demand, with hyperscalers accounting for more than 80% of data-centre absorption in the first half of 2026. The expansion could strengthen India's position as a major destination for global AI and digital infrastructure.

The boom is being supported by India's enormous digital user base, rapid adoption of AI and cloud services, and rising demand for secure domestic data infrastructure. Global technology companies and data-centre operators are increasingly expanding their presence in the country, creating opportunities across construction, power, cooling, networking and advanced digital services. The investment pipeline could also generate skilled employment and further establish India as a key hub in the global digital economy.

INDIA'S DATA CENTRE & AI INFRASTRUCTURE BOOM

CITY-WISE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE (MW)

City	Current 2024 MW	Under Construction MW	Planned 2028-2030 MW	Total Pipeline (MW)
Mumbai	536	335	400	1271
Hyderabad	38	200	800	1038
Chennai	113	150	200	463
Delhi NCR	72	100	150	322
Bengaluru	162	90	180	432
Pune	32	80	150	262
Kolkata	67	120	200	387

Source: Cushman & Wakefield, Moneycontrol research



According to JLL, India’s data-centre capacity could rise from approximately 1.6 GW in mid-2026 to 6 GW by 2029, supported by large hyperscaler investments and growing demand for high-density AI computing. JLL estimates that this expansion could require approximately US\$110 billion in investment by 2029, creating opportunities in construction, power infrastructure, cooling systems, networking and IT equipment. [JLL](#)

Mumbai remains India's largest data-centre market, while Chennai, Hyderabad, Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru and other cities are rapidly expanding their digital infrastructure. The emergence of AI workloads is also changing data-centre design, increasing requirements for computing density, reliable electricity, advanced cooling and renewable power. [IBEF](#)

APPLE SCORES A+ FOR RECORD \$13 BILLION IPHONE EXPORTS FROM INDIA



Apple exported US\$13.2 billion worth of iPhones from India during April–August 2026, marking an increase of nearly 47% year-on-year and underscoring India’s growing role in the company’s global manufacturing network. During the same period, India’s overall smartphone exports rose about 36% to US\$15.96 billion, with iPhones accounting for a significant share of the growth. The strong performance reflects India’s emergence as a major electronics manufacturing and export hub, supported by expanding domestic production capacity and deeper integration into global supply chains.

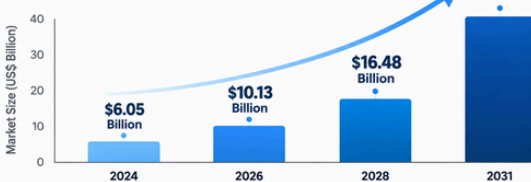


India is witnessing a rapid expansion of its data-centre ecosystem as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, digital payments, e-commerce and enterprise digitalisation generate unprecedented demand for computing and storage infrastructure. In the first half of 2026, India’s operational data-centre capacity reached roughly 1.8 GW, while significant additional capacity is under construction or planned.

INDIA'S AI SURGE

INDIA'S AI MARKET: RAPID EXPANSION

India's AI market is projected to grow more than 5 times from 2024 to 2031, driven by rising adoption across enterprises, public services and consumer applications.



KEY DRIVERS

- Cloud Computing
Growing enterprise adoption
- AI Innovation
Advancements in generative AI and ML
- Large Digital User Base
Expanding internet and smartphone users
- Government Initiatives
Supportive policies and investments

India's AI market is expected to reach **US\$ 31.94 billion by 2031**, up from US\$ 6.05 billion in 2024, reflecting a CAGR of around 26–28%.

India’s AI market is witnessing rapid expansion, projected to grow more than five-fold from US\$6.05 billion in 2024 to US\$31.94 billion by 2031. Driven by cloud computing, AI investment, a strong digital ecosystem and government initiatives, India is emerging as a major global hub for AI innovation and adoption.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GANDHI JAYANTI EVENTS
OCTOBER 2

- Oct 2** | **Gandhi Jayanti Commemoration**
Bellevue Public Library | 9:30 AM
- Oct 2** | **Ricky Kej: A Tribute to the Ideals of Gandhi**
Meany Center for the Performing Arts, Seattle | 8 PM

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| Oct 5 | Auburn | 7 PM |
| Oct 7 | Everett | 6 PM |
| Oct 8 | Marysville | 2 PM |
| Oct 9 | Kirkland | 5 PM |
| Oct 13 | Bellevue | 6 PM |
| Oct 13 | DuPont | 6 PM |
| Oct 16 | Boise | 4 PM |
| Oct 19 | Tukwila | 7 PM |
| Oct 20 | Lincoln | 11:30 AM |
| Oct 20 | Kent | 6:30 PM |
| Oct 26 | Helena | 5 PM |
| Oct 27 | Bothell | 5:45 PM |
| Oct 27 | SeaTac | 6 PM |
| Oct 28 | Spokane | 5 PM |
| Oct 29 | Bismarck | 6 PM |

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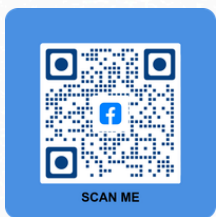
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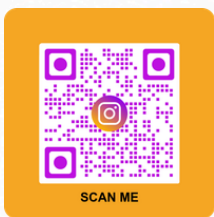
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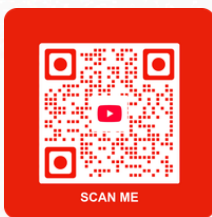
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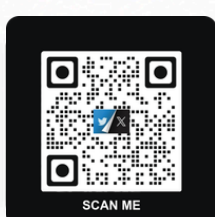
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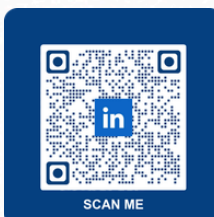
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