India

Introduction

India is located in Southern Asia bordering the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. Neighboring countries include Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, China, Nepal, and Pakistan. India has a diverse geology: upland plain (Deccan Plateau) in south, flat to rolling plain along the Ganges river, deserts in west, and Himalayas in north. The government is a federal republic; the chief of state is the president, and the head of government is the prime minister. India has a market economy in which the prices of goods and services are determined in a free price system. India is a member of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Location: Southern Asia  
Capital City: New Delhi (UTC+5.5 GMT)  
Chief of State: President Ram Nath Kovind  
Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi  
Currency: Indian rupee (INR)  
Major Languages: Hindi 43.6%, Bengali 8%, Marathi 6.9%, Telugu 6.7%, Tamil 5.7%, Gujarati 4.6%, Urdu 4.2%, Kannada 3.6%, Odia 3.1%, Malayalam 2.9%, Punjabi 2.7%, Assamese 1.3%, Maithili 1.1%, other 5.6%  
Primary Religions: Hindu 79.8%, Muslim 14.2%, Christian 2.3%, Sikh 1.7%, other and unspecified 2%  
Calling Code: 91  
Voltage: 230

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI): Lower Middle Income
Level of Development: Developing
GDP, PPP (current international $): $9,596.83 billion (2017)
GDP growth (annual %): 7.17% (2017)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international $): $7,166.20 (2017)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US$): $513,208,924,244.20 (2017)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP): 14.87% (2017)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %): 2.49% (2017)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate): 2.5% (2018)
Imports of goods and services (current US$): $582.79 billion (2017)
Exports of goods and services (current US$): $497.82 billion (2017)

GDP Composition %

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*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.

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Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: B - Political and economic uncertainties and an occasionally difficult business environment can affect corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is appreciable.

Business Climate rating: B - The business environment is mediocre. The availability and the reliability of corporate financial information vary widely. Debt collection can sometimes be difficult. The institutional framework has a few troublesome weaknesses. Intercompany transactions run appreciable risks in the unstable, largely inefficient environments rated B.

Strengths
- Diversified growth drivers
- High levels of savings and investment
- Efficient private sector in services
- Moderate level of external debt and comfortable foreign exchange reserves

Weaknesses
- Lack of infrastructure and shortcomings in the education system
- Bureaucratic red tape and persistent political tensions
- Net importer of energy resources
- Rising level of private firm indebtedness
- Weak public finances
- Persistent uncertainties over the Kashmir issue

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