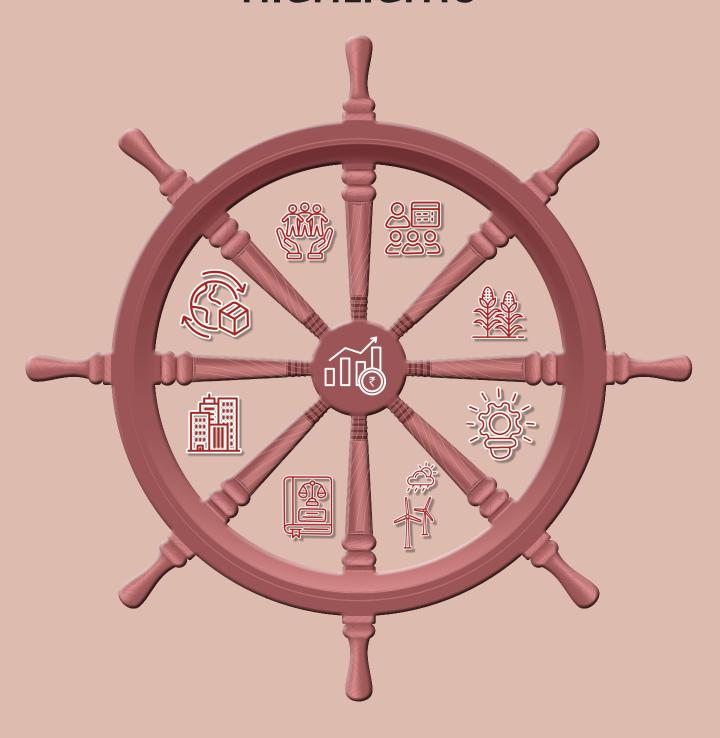
# ECONOMIC SURVEY



**2024-25**HIGHLIGHTS



# Economic Survey 2024-25 Highlights

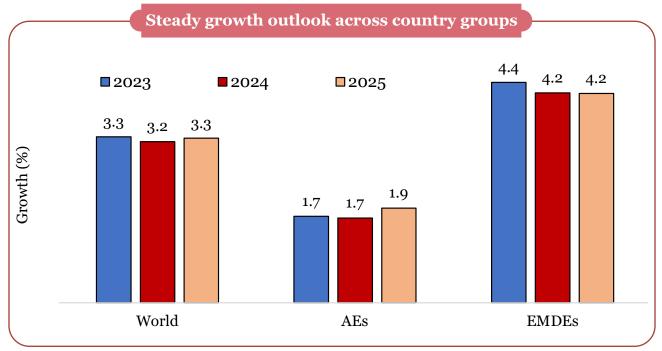
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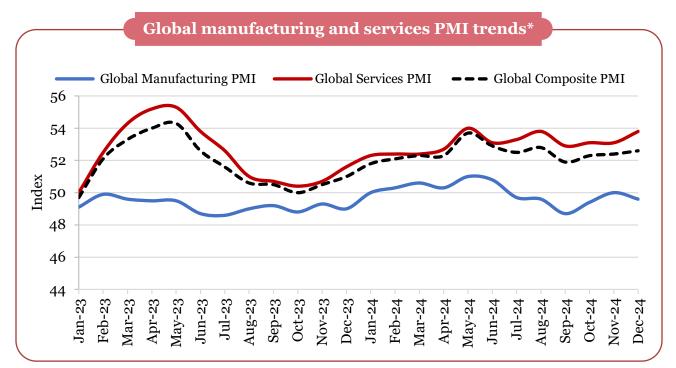
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# State of the Economy: Getting back into the fast lane



Source: IMF's World Economic Outlook

Note: AEs- Advanced Economies, EMDEs- Emerging market and developing economies.

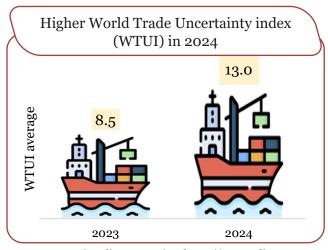


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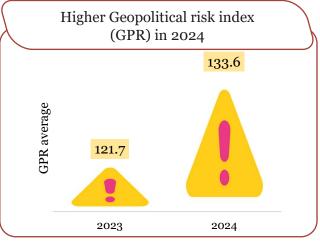
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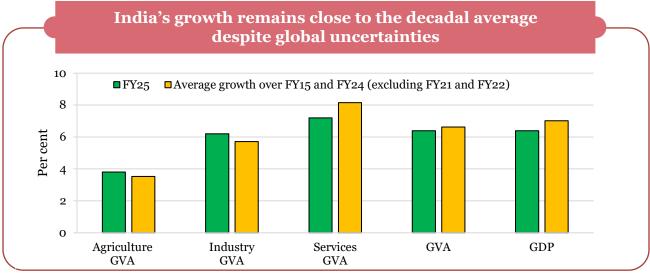
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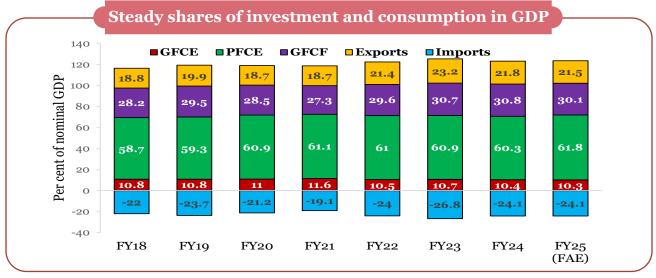
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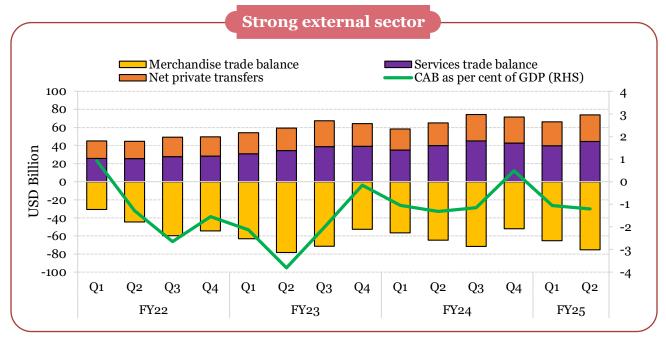


Source: MoSPI, Note: GVA: Gross value added: GDP: Gross domestic product



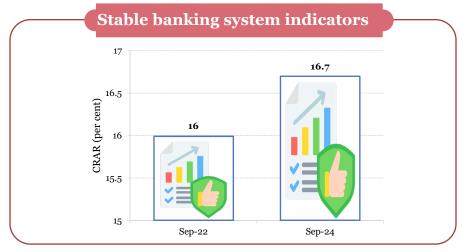
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 $Note: PFCE-Private\ Final\ Consumption\ Expenditure,\ GFCE-Government\ Final\ Consumption\ Expenditure,\ GFCF-Gross\ Fixed\ Capital\ Formation$ 



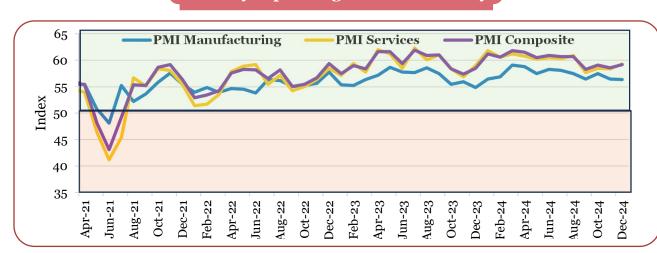
Source: Source: RBI Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy

Note: CAB - Current Account Balance



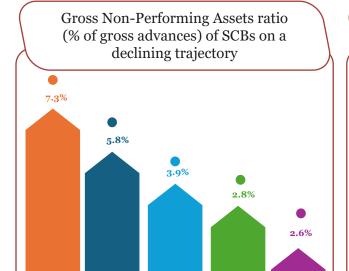
Source: Various editions of RBI Financial Stability Report Note: CRAR: Capital to risk-weighted assets ratio.

# Steadily expanding economic activity



# Monetary and Financial Sector Developments: The cart and the horse

# Improvement in asset quality of banks



Mar-23

Mar-24

Sep-24

Improvement in the profitability of SCBs reflected in rising Return on Assets (RoA)

1.4%

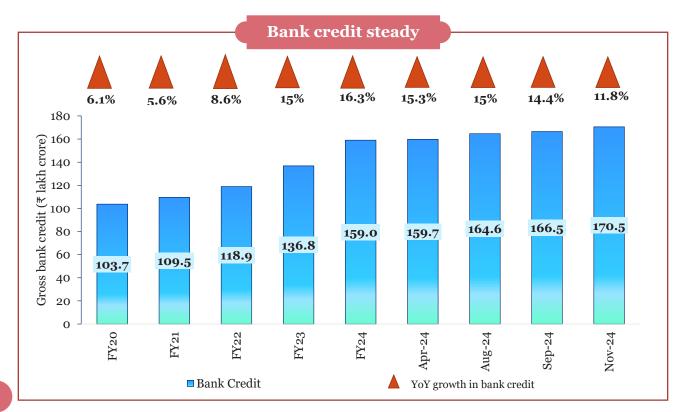
0.7%

Mar-21 Mar-22 Mar-23 Mar-24 Sept-24

Source: RBI Financial Stability Report, various issues

Mar-22

Mar-21



### **Developments in capital markets**



₹11.1 lakh crore mobilised from primary markets during Apr-Dec 2024, 5% more than the amount mobilised in FY24

No. of demat accounts rose by 33% to 18.5 crore at the end of December 2024 on a YoY basis





No. of IPOs increased to 259 in Apr-Dec 2024 from 196 in Apr-Dec 2023 (up 32.1% YoY) with funds raised tripling to ₹1,53,987 crore from ₹53,023 crore in the same period

Performance of Capital markets No. of unique mutual fund investors doubled from 2.9 crore in FY21 to 5.6 crore as of December 2024





India's market capitalisation to GDP ratio stood at 136% at the end of December 2024, far higher than other EMEs Monthly average gross SIP flows more than doubled in the last three years from ₹0.10 lakh crore in FY22 to ₹0.23 lakh crore as of Dec 24



Source: SEBI

# Rural Financial Institutions have played a significant role in advancing financial inclusion



# Government's strong emphasis on Financial Inclusion

Improvement in RBI's Financial Inclusion Index from 53.9 in March 2021 to 64.2 by March 2024

# Performance of Regional Rural Banks



#### 22,069 branches in 700 districts

- 26 States & 3UTs
- 14% share in all branches (all banks)
- 30% share in rural branches (all banks)
- 92% branches in rural/semi-urban areas



# RRBs

# ₹6.6 lakh crore deposits

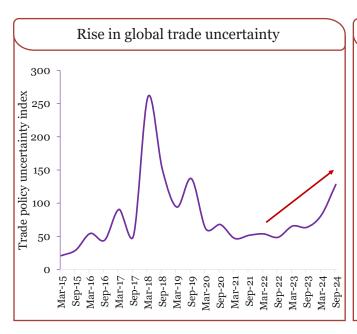
- 31.3 crore deposit accounts
- 3.2% share in deposit amount (all banks)
- 13.7% share in deposit accounts (all banks)

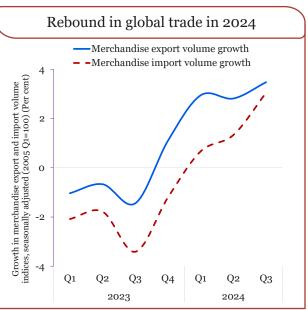
# ₹4.7 lakh crore advances

- 3 crore loan accounts
- 2.9% share in advances (all banks)
- 8% share in loan accounts (all banks)

# **External Sector: Getting FDI right**

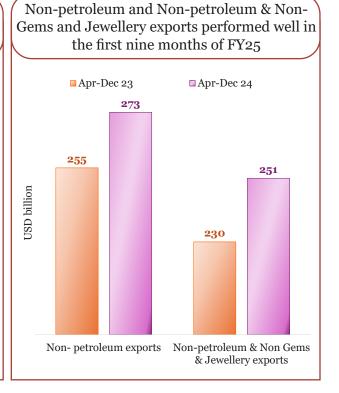
# Global trade dynamics

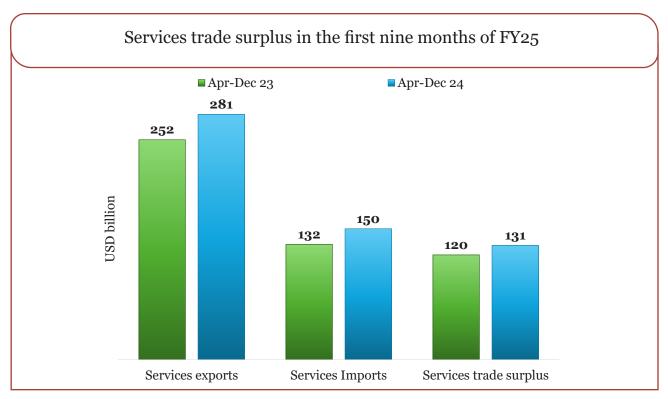




# India's trade performance in the first eight months of FY25

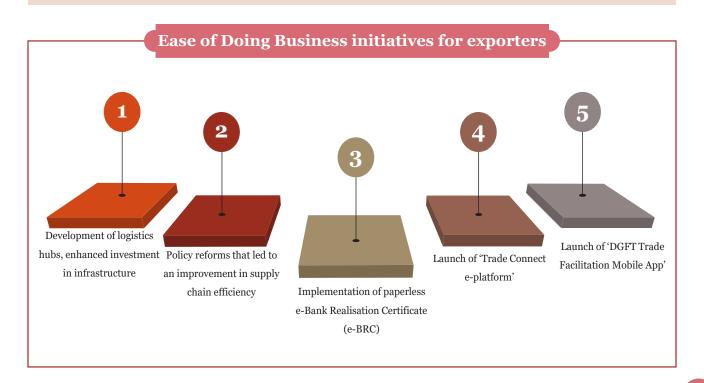
Merchandise trade deficit widened in the first nine months of FY25 ■Apr-Dec 23 Apr-Dec 24 533 506 317 322 USD billion -190 -211 Merchandise exports Merchandise Merchandise Trade imports Deficit





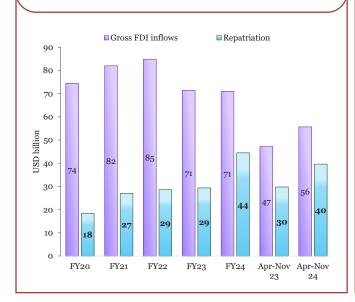
Source: DGCIS, M/o Commerce and Industry

- Moderate growth in merchandise exports during April-December 2024, primarily due to a decline in the value of petroleum exports, driven by a fall in international oil prices
- Surge in merchandise imports reflecting a rebound in domestic consumption despite the inflationary impact

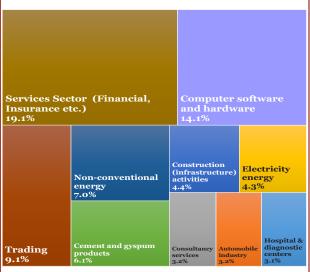


# India continues to attract substantial foreign investments

Rise in Gross FDI inflows; Repatriation a sign of profitable exits



Services sector leads FDI inflows with 19.1% share in H1 FY25, followed by technology, trading and non-conventional energy



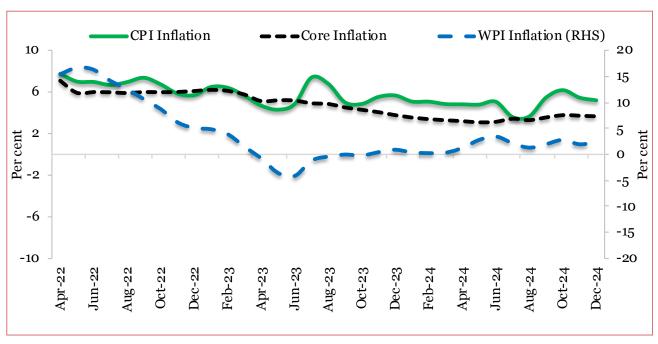
# **Strengthening Forex Reserves**

Forex reserves were at a high of USD 706 billion in September 2024; and stood at USD 640.3 billion by 27 December, 2024, covering 89.9% of external debt



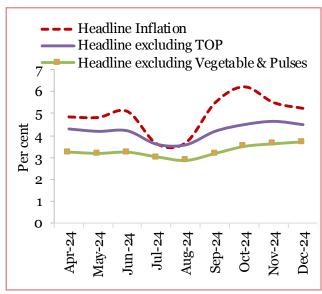
# Prices and Inflation: Understanding the Dynamics

# Softening core inflation cools headline inflation

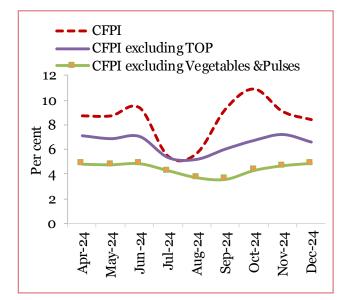


Source: Consumer Price Indices released by CSO, MoSPI

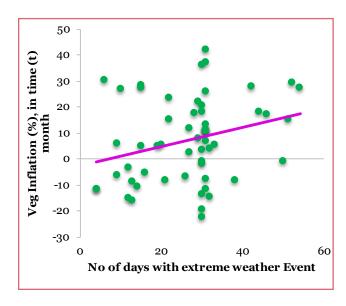
# Headline and food inflation driven by few food items

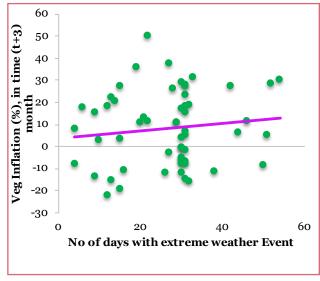


Source: Consumer Price Indices released by CSO, MoSPI



# Impact of extreme weather events on vegetable inflation: evident up to three months (April 2020-Dec 2024)





Source: Ministry of Earth Sciences and Consumer Price Indices released by CSO, MoSPI

#### Administrative measures to control food inflation

#### **CEREALS**

- Stock Limits on Wheat
- Open Market Sale Scheme: Wheat and Rice
- ❖ Sale Under Bharat Brand: Wheat Flour and Rice

#### **PULSES**

- Sale Under Bharat Brand: Chana, Moong and Masur Dal
- Duty-Free Import: Desi Chana, Tur, Urad, Masur and Yellow Peas
- Imposition of Stock Limits: Tur and Desi Chana

#### **VEGETABLES**

- Subsidised Sale of Onion and Tomato
- Buffer Stock of Onion

Source: Various PIB releases

# Medium Term Outlook: Deregulation drives growth

Unleashing the domestic drivers of growth and the economic freedom of individuals and businesses



Enhancing the economic freedom of individuals and businesses is **both the means and the ends** to unleashing internal growth levers



De-regulation raises investment efficiency and bestows more economic freedom to individuals and enterprises



This calls for a focus on domestic drivers of growth



Geo-economic fragmentation is affecting global trade

**EoDB 2.0 - Undertaking systematic deregulation** 

# Pursued in phase 1



# Reduced compliance burden

Saving businesses time and admin costs



#### Streamlined system, process & info

Eliminating redundancies, clarifying process flows



# Digitised system, process & info

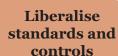
Establishing digital means of interaction



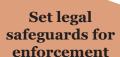
# Provided incentives

Extending special benefits to key sectors or clusters

To be pursued in phase 2



Adopt 'minimum necessary, maximum feasible' norms

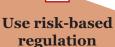


Ensuring due process of law via hierarchy of safeguards



# Reduce tariff or fees

Reducing/ removing fees/ tariffs paid to govt for utilities



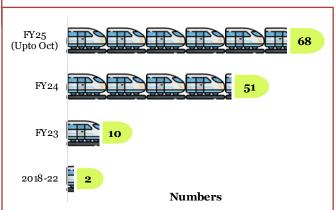
Tailor legal norms to risk profile, involve third parties 6

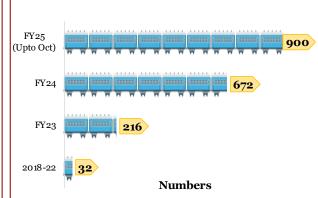
# Investment and Infrastructure: Keeping it going

**Progress in physical connectivity** 

Railways

#### Cumulative no. of Vande Bharat trains and production of coaches





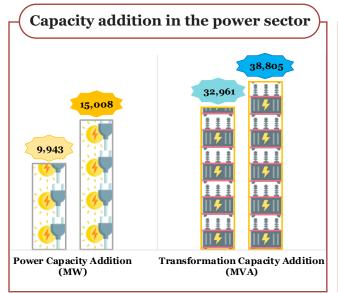
Source: Ministry of Railways

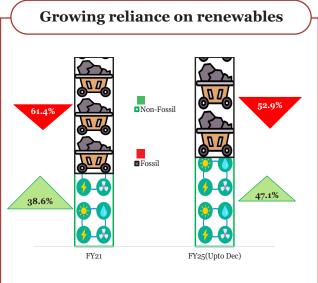
# Civil aviation and ports and shipping

# Operationalised airport and routes under RCS Reduction in average container turnaround time in major ports 48.1 Since I will be a series of the container turnaround time in major ports War-24 Dec-24 Dec-24 UDAN: Airports UDAN: Airports Reduction in average container turnaround time in major ports FY24 FY25 (Apr-Nov)

Source: Airport Authority of India Airport and JV/PPP airports, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

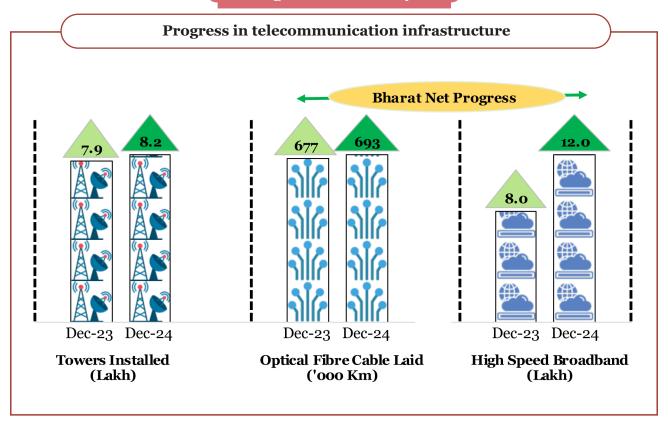
#### **Power sector**





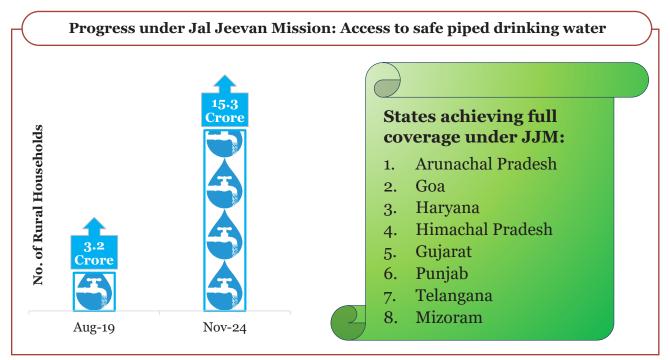
Source: Executive Summary Report, Central Electricity Authority

# **Digital connectivity**

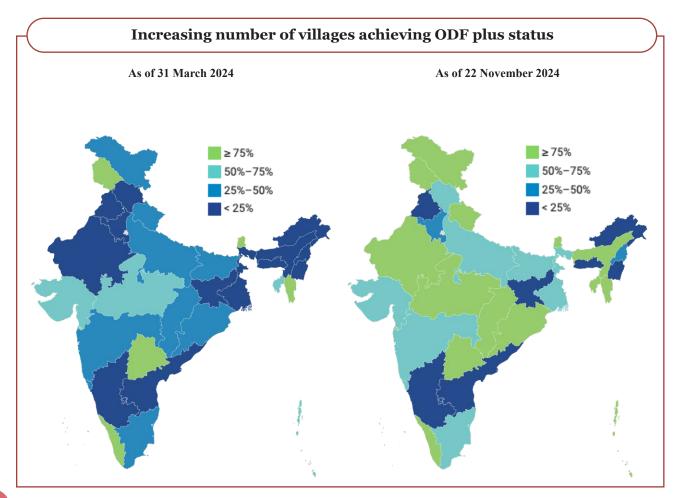


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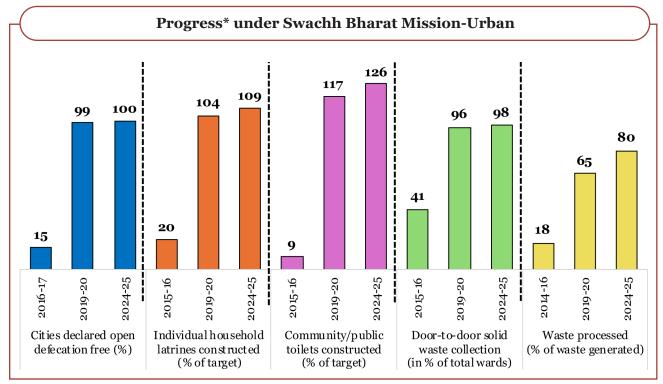
# Rural infrastructure



Source: Ministry of Jal Shakti



#### **Urban infrastructure**



Source: M/o H&UA

# Progress under various initiatives



**Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban:** 1.18 crore houses have been sanctioned as of 25 Nov 2024



**Urban transport:** Metro rail systems: 1010 kilometres currently operational in 23 cities and an additional 980 kilometres underway



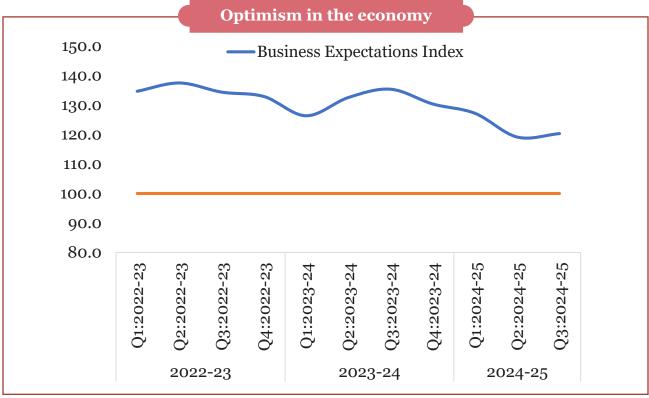
**Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation:** tap water coverage increased to 70%, and sewerage coverage risen to 62%



Smart Cities Mission: 93% projects completed as of 13 Jan 2025

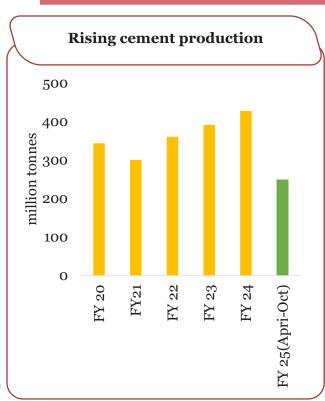
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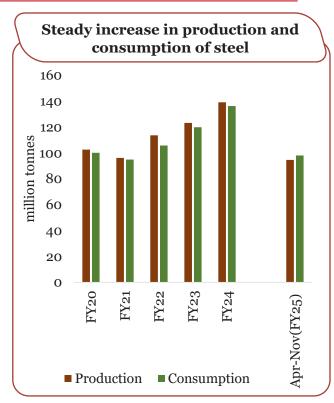
# Industry: All about business reforms



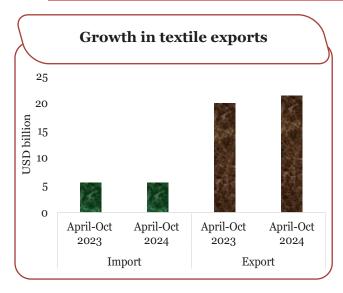
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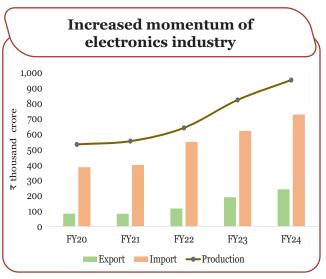
# Growth in cement and steel production driving India's infrastructure

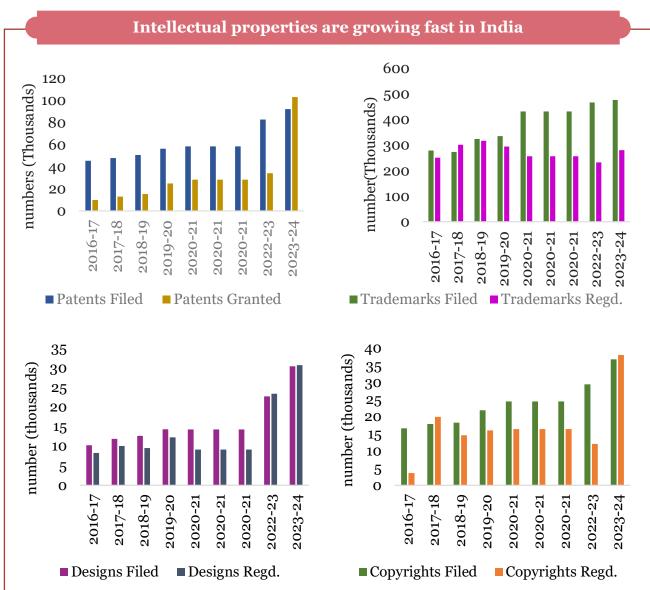




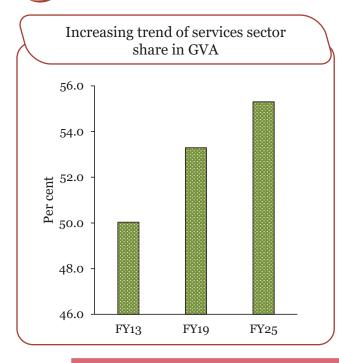
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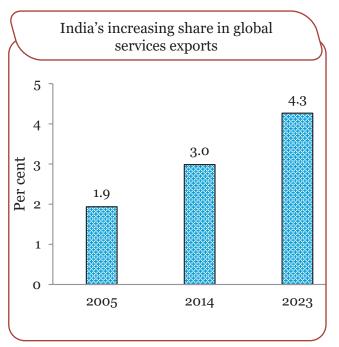






# 8 Services: New challenges for the old war horse





Challenges, opportunities and way forward for services

New Challenges

# Offshore Work

Traditional apprenticeship model faces challenges of inadequate direct supervision, language barriers, information gaps and differences in regulatory provisions across countries

**Opportunitie** 

# Servicification

- Increasing demand for embedded services
- Adoption of digital technologies and AI in services and manufacturing
- Encashing the strength of global trade in services

Way Forwar

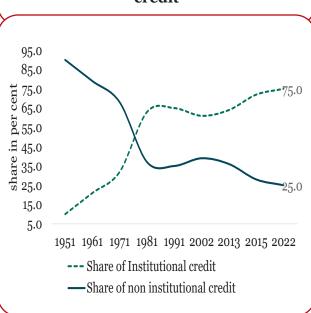
# **Policy support**

Appropriate skilling to reap benefits of digital revolution Reform grassroot-level procedures and regulations that hinder growth

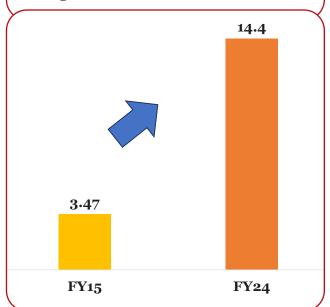
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# **Agriculture and Food Management: Sector of the future**

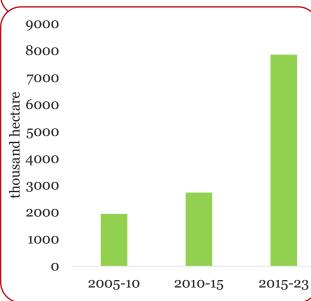
# Decline in share of non-institutional credit



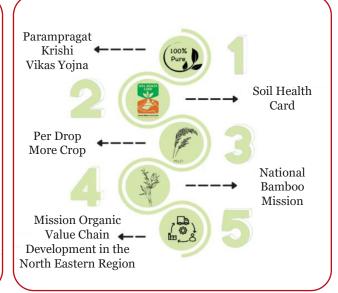
# Growth in credit flow to small and marginal farmers (₹ in Lakh Crores)



# Increase in area under micro-irrigation



# Promoting sustainable farming: major measures



# **10** Climate & Environment: Adaptation matters

# Challenges and priorities for India

High economic growth to achieve the status of a developed country by 2047 and also become net zero by 2070

Challenges

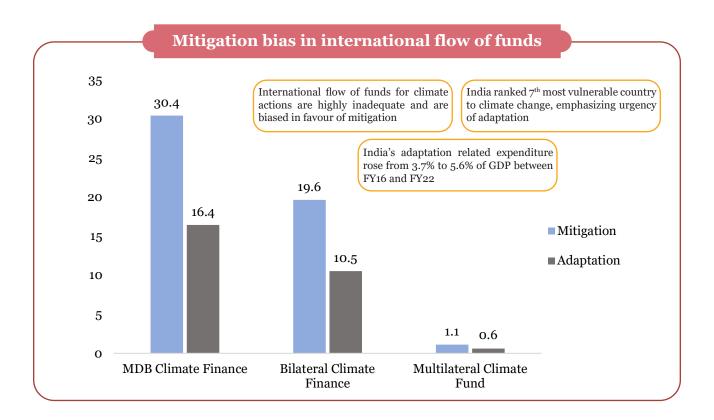
International support on finance and technology is highly inadequate. India meets its requirements largely from its own budgetary sources. A small NCQG of USD 300 billion has been set

Follow a low-carbon development path while ensuring job creation and affordable energy security for all, given the limitation of renewable energy Bringing adaptation to the forefront given higher vulnerability to climate change

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Reducing emission intensity of its indispensable thermal power through adoption of super-critical (SC), ultrasuper-critical (USC) and Advanced Ultra Super Critical (AUSC) technologies

Also focus on environmental sustainability through moderation of consumption and production habits as envisaged under Mission LiFE



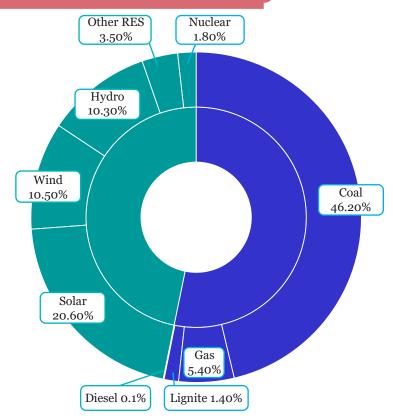
### **Progress towards India's NDCs**

# Renewable energy

Against the updated NDC target of 50 per cent by 2030, installed electricity generation capacity from non-fossil fuel sources has reached 46.8 per cent as on 30 November 2024

#### **Forest cover**

As per the latest Forest Survey of India 2024, an additional carbon sink of 2.29 billion tonnes CO2 eq. has been created between 2005 and 2023 against the NDC target of creating an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes CO2 eq. by 2030



#### Climate initiatives

India's achievements on its climate commitments is attributed to a wide variety of schemes, policies, financial incentives and regulatory measures to boost renewable energy and green investments

# Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE): Harnessing the power of collective action for environment

Power of Collective Action

Lifestyle
change by
13% of global
population can
reduce carbon
emission by 20

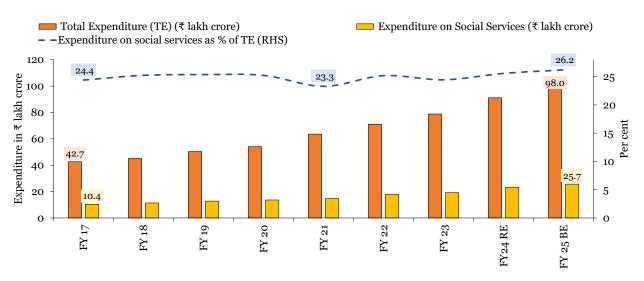
Finishing the food on plate can avoid 90 kgs of annual food waste per

Carpool
can reduce
780,000 rides
per day save
380 million
litres of fuel in
India.

Recycling one ton of newspaper can avoid 25,000 litres of water wastage. 11

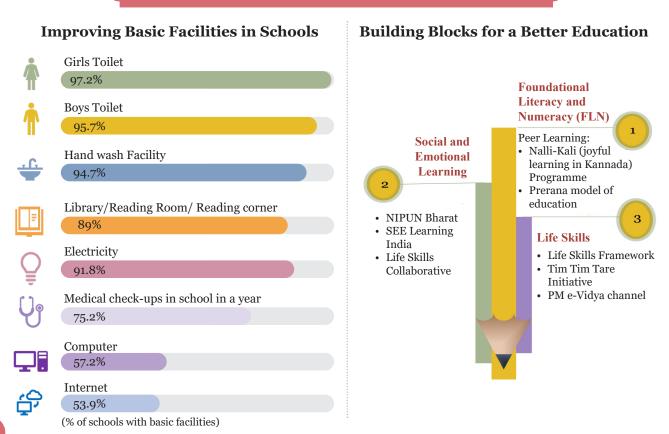
# Social Sector: Extending reach and driving empowerment

Increase in social services expenditure (Union+States)



Note: As per the Ministry of Education (MoE) estimates, the total expenditure on education is ₹ 9.7 Lakh Crore for FY 22(BE).

# **Building strong foundations for lifelong learning**



## **Powering rural economy**



#### Health for all

# Affordable Medicine and Immunisation



Over 14000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras



Full immunisation coverage for FY 2023-24 at 93.5 per cent nationally



# Insuring health and building Care



Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana: Over 36.36 crore Ayushman cards have been issued



Over 1,75,560 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs operationalised with a footfall of over 370 crore

# Disruptive technology provides seamless and equitable Healthcare.



72.81 crore ABHA ids created



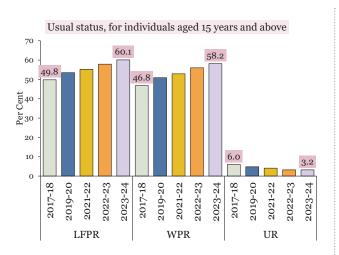
Under U-WIN 1.7 crore pregnant women & 5.4 crore children tracked; 26.4 crore vaccine doses monitored



E-Sanjeevani: Serving 31.19 crore patients

# **Employment and Skill Development: Existential priorities**

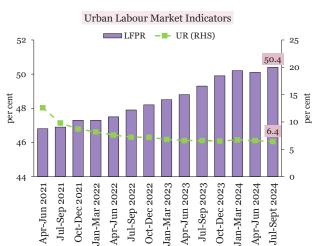
# Improving labour market indicators



Source: Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) annual reports. MoSPI

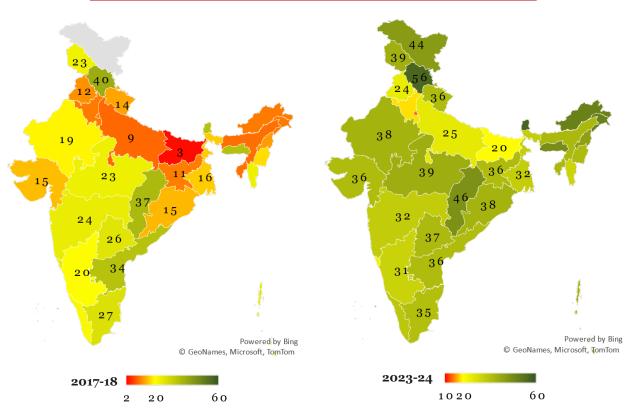
Note: LFPR: labour force participation rate

WPR: worker population ratio UR: unemployment rate



Source: Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Quarterly reports. MoSPI

# Increase in female labour force participation rate



## **Boosting female labour force participation**

# Harnessing the power of women entrepreneurs

#### **Skill Development**

- SANKALP
- Coir Development
- PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana etc.

#### **Access to Credit**

- Credit Guarantee Scheme
- Start-up support
- PM Employment Guarantee Programme
- PM Micro Food Processing Scheme
- Adivasi Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana
- NCDC Support



#### **Marketing Support**

Fully subsidised trade fair participation

## Support to Women Owned Enterprises

- Formalisation
- 3% of procurement by CPSEs is reserved
- Fully subsidised ZED Certification

# **Driving job opportunities**

### Harnessing the Digital Economy for Job Creation



# India's digital economy is projected to surpass USD one trillion by 2025.

#### Building a green workforce



Jobs in the renewable energy sector reached an estimated 1.02 million in 2023.



The gig workforce is projected to reach 2.35 crore by 2029-30.



Hydropower employs ~453K in India's renewable sector, contributing 20% of global jobs globally.

# Skilling for a changing world



# **Reskilling & upskilling**

- **CTS at ITIs**: 1.24 Cr enrolled for long-term training
- **PMKVY**: 1.57 Cr trained; 1.21 Cr certified (STT, SP, RPL)
- JSS: 27L trained; 26L certified



# Women participation

- **PMKVY**: Women's participation is 58 % (FY25)
- JSS: Women form 82% of total beneficiaries
- ITI/NSTI: Women's participation increased from 9.8% (FY16) to 13.3% (FY24)
- **NAPS**: Women's share grew from 7.7% (FY17) to 22.8% (FY25)



## **International mobility**

- Bilateral partnerships
- G2G Memorandums of Understanding
- Skill India International Centers
- Pre-Departure Orientation Training



# New age & future skills

- NCVET: 200+ new-age & future skill courses approved
- PMKVY: 4.65L enrolled; 3.02L completed; ~98K in training
- ITIs: 29 new-age courses added under CTS



# **Industry partnerships**

- **NAPS Portal**: Registered establishments reached 2.38L; 37.94L apprentices engaged
- New ITI Upgradation Scheme (2024): Upgrade 1,000 ITIs in hub-and-spoke
- 20L youth to be trained over 5 years in industry-aligned courses



# Digital public infrastructure for skilling

- Skill India Digital Hub Portal: A transformative platform to empower the skill ecosystem.
- **Democratising Skills**: Easy access to industry-aligned courses.

# Labour in the AI Era: Crisis or catalyst

#### A Future for human centric automation



Deployment of AI presents both opportunities and challenges for a labour rich India



Past technoolgy revolutions, **when not carefully managed**, have been **painful** with long-lasting adverse impacts



Mitigating the risks to India's labour markets requires robust **Enabling, Insuring, and Stewarding Institutions** 



Careful deployment optimised over a long horizon can ensure AI augments labour and delivers broad-based societal benefits



Coordinated efforts between the government, private sector, and academia is required for a future of work where AI is 'Labour Augmenting' rather than 'Labour Replacing'

# **Challenges to scaling AI**



#### **Practicality**

Translating
breakthroughs into
practical, widely
adopted applications
remains challenging,
as AI currently shows
experimental and
uneven utility



#### Reliability

Ensuring AI reliability is critical for real-world applications, as failures in key industries like autonomous vehicles or healthcare can prove problematic



#### **Infrastructure**

AI at scale requires
substantial
investments in
infrastructure,
including data centres,
clean data pipelines,
and computational
resources



#### Resources

Large Models are resource intensive, requiring high energy consumption, dependency on scarce minerals for hardware, and finance, making sustainable innovation essential

