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Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions in the universe.

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**Govt moving ahead with idea of 'Make in India, Make for World', says
PM Modi at WEF**



PM Modi spoke on the 'State of the World' at the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Davos Agenda conference remotely on 17 January 2021, saying that India will continue with its reforms to enable its vision of sustainable economic growth. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India is moving forward with the principle of "Make in India, Make for World".

PM said that India has given the world a "bouquet of hope". He reaffirmed that now is the best moment to invest in India since the government is focusing on making it easier to do business and reducing government engagement in the economy. India is moving ahead with the mantra of "Make in India" and "Make for the World" focused on 'Green, clean and sustainable growth'.

source: [IBEF January 18, 2022](#)

India - UK begin free trade agreement negotiations



Mr. Piyush Goyal, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Ms. Anne-Marie Trevelyan, the UK Secretary of State for International Trade, announced on 13 January 2022 to officially begin discussions for a free trade deal. Both parties will discuss a variety of trade opportunities that will benefit both India and the United Kingdom. In 2020-21, India's exports to the United Kingdom totalled USD 8.15 billion, while imports totalled USD 4.95 billion.

Ready-made garments and textiles, gems and jewellery, engineering items, petroleum products, transport equipment, spices, pharmaceuticals, and marine products are among India's principal exports to the United Kingdom.

Precious and semi-precious stones, ores and metal scraps, engineering items, chemicals, and machinery are all imported from the United Kingdom.

The UK is the largest market in Europe for Indian IT services in the services industry.

source: [IBEF January 14, 2022](#)

NSE is world's largest derivatives exchange for third straight year



According to the Futures Industry Association (FIA), the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has become the world's largest derivatives exchange for the third year in a row in terms of the number of contracts traded in 2021 by surpassing the New York Stock Exchange. In addition, according to the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) figures for 2021, the exchange placed fourth in terms of cash equities trading.

In the year 2021, the total number of registered investors on the NSE surpassed the 50 million milestone. The daily average turnover of equity futures has surged by 4.2 times in the recent decade, from Rs 33,305 crore (US\$ 4.47 billion) in 2011 to Rs 1,41,267 crore (US\$ 18.98 billion) in 2021. The daily average turnover of the cash market increased by 6.2 times within the same period, from Rs 11,187 crore (US\$ 1.50 billion) in 2011 to Rs 69,644 crores (US\$ 9.3 billion) in 2021.

The daily average turnover in currency derivatives surged by 83% from Rs 14,252 crore (US\$ 1.91 billion) in 2011 to Rs 26,017 crore (US\$ 3.49 billion) in 2021.

source: [IBEF January 20, 2022](#)

India emerged as second biggest startup hub in world



Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated that India has emerged as the world's second-largest startup hub. While addressing the 54th convocation ceremony of Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, he said that "This century is completely technology-driven. Students have invested the most important years of their lives in learning about technology. And this will make it impossible for any other force to stop you from excelling".

With 90 unicorns, India is the third-largest unicorn hub after the United States (487) and China (301), and ahead of the United Kingdom (39).

source: [IBEF December 29, 2021](#)

Electric vehicles sales in India to touch 1 Million units this year



The Society of Manufacturers of Electric Vehicles (SMEV) said that total electric vehicle sales in India are likely to reach around 1 million units this year, about equal to what was sold in the previous 15 years, owing to the high traction seen by electric two-wheelers. SMEV claimed in a statement that sales of electric two-wheelers (E2Ws) in the country more than doubled in 2021 to 2,33,971 units, driven by a robust traction of high-speed scooters, compared to 1,00,736 units in 2020.

source: [IBEF January 07, 2022](#)

Embassy of India, Brussels organized “Open House” for Indian diaspora on Pravasi Bhartiya Divas



On the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Embassy of India, Brussels organized Open House on January 7, 2022 and invited leaders of Indian diaspora to interact with Ambassador Santosh Jha. Ambassador addressed their concerns and also appreciated their strong contribution in strengthening India-Belgium relations.

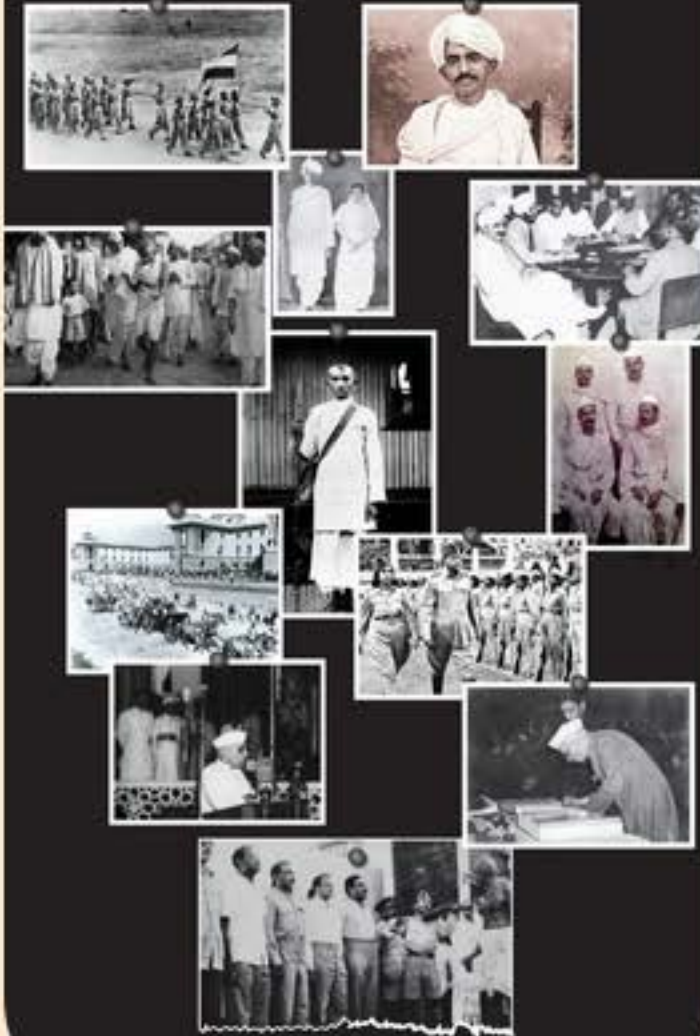
Embassy of India, Brussels celebrated 73rd Republic Day of India



Embassy of India, Brussels celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of India on 26 January 2022 on the Embassy premises. On the occasion, the Indian Tricolor was unfurled along with the rendition of National Anthem. To mark Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a photo exhibition of unsung heroes of Indian independence movement was also displayed.

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