



Annual Report

2021-22



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businesses should
engage with
diverse
stakeholders.

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Foreword

BY PAFI PRESIDENT

Dear PAFI Members and Patrons,

It gives me immense pleasure to present to you the PAFI Annual Report for 2021-22. My tenure began amidst the disruptive second wave of the global pandemic and is ending with the ebbing of the third wave. In the process, what was planned as a year for expansion turned out to be another year of consolidation.

However, with the help of the office bearers and the managing committee, and with astute guidance from Ajay Khanna, co-Founder of PAFI, we managed to grow some green shoots during another "online" year.

Let me share key highlights of the year:

Annual Forum

"Reviving the Economy: Reimagine. Reboot. Reform" – the theme of PAFI's 8th National Forum aptly captured the renewed sense of optimism as well as the imperative to reimagine, reboot and reform. Message from the Hon'ble Prime Minister was surely the highlight of this **National Forum** – a first for PAFI. In his message, the Prime Minister underlined the importance of being 'process-driven' and 'people-centric'. With **Telangana** as the state partner, the **Forum** focused on the requisite steps required across the stakeholder universe to ensure economic growth that would help in correcting the social imbalances amplified by the pandemic.

With Ajay Khanna (Forum Chair) Ishteyaque Amjad (Immediate Past President) and Virat Bhatia (Vice President) leading from the front, more than 70 leaders and experts shared their views and perspectives through 16 curated sessions spread over two days of the **Forum**, held virtually for the second year in a row.

Topics covered included but were not limited to Reviving the Economy – Game Plan 2030; CEO's Perspective; Transforming Policy Process; Geo-Politics and Economy; Reviving the Creative Economy; Make in India – Make for the World; Healthcare; EdTech; and, Pleasure of Doing Business.

PAFI Dialogues

We continued to leverage technology and hosted 15 Dialogue Sessions with experts on topical issues such as geo-politics, international trade and economic relations, cyber security, data governance, and health. Our guests included Foreign Secretary Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla, World Bank Country Director Dr. Junaid Ahmad, MeitY Secretary Shri Ajay Prakash Sawhney and National Cyber Security Coordinator Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Rajesh Pant (retd.).

Young PAFI

With leadership of PAFI Vice-President Virat Bhatia and

Treasurer Vinita Sethi, there is an impetus for capacity building amongst both budding and young professionals. We signed MoU with The Takshashila Institute and offered a unique opportunity for experiential learning to students of public policy and international affairs at O P Jindal University who prepared session reports with industry mentors. Discussions are underway with several other institutes. This is in addition to our earlier MoU with ISPP.

PAFI Awards

Under the leadership of Deepshikha Dharamaraj our managing committee member, we have prepared a blueprint for PAFI Awards and the process would unfold in due course.

Refreshed Online Presence

PAFI's website was refreshed and sports a streamlined look. Our social media presence and engagement has also enhanced significantly.

Team PAFI

Work at PAFI has always been a team effort. In view of the expansion of PAFI's activities, seven new members were inducted within the Management Committee of PAFI while four of the founding members of PAFI withdrew from the MC. However, all the co-founders continue to guide the MC through the Steering Committee. In addition, we had operations support of a CEO this year, again for the first time.

Annual Lecture

It is befitting that we are wrapping up the year with PAFI's Second Annual Lecture by Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics & IT and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.

I would like to thank all the PAFI members, the Steering Committee, Office Bearers, the Managing Committee, the PAFI Secretariat for their active support and engagement in all the good things that was done this year to take PAFI forward. In addition, I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the sponsors, the supporters, well-wishers and all the stakeholders who enable us do what we do at PAFI.

Finally, as I demit the office, I am grateful to PAFI for a year of great personal learning and making new friends. I suspect, PAFI will expect me to work even harder as a past president! I am sure that the incoming President Virat Bhatia and other office bearers would take PAFI to even greater heights.

Wishing you health and happiness,

Subho Ray Ph.D

President, PAFI

President, Internet and
Mobile Association
of India (IAMAI)



PAFI Dialogues

18/06/2021

**India's Foreign Policy in the post
-Covid World - New
Vulnerabilities, New Opportunities**



Harsh Vardhan Shringla
Foreign Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India

25/06/2021

**Role of Digital in Post-Covid
Transformation of India**



Ajay Sawhney
IAS, Secretary
Ministry of Electronics &
Information Technology,
Government of India

02/07/2021

**Cyber Security in the New
Normal**



Lt. General (Dr) Rajesh Pant (Retd.)
National Cyber Security Coordinator,
Prime Minister's Office,
Government of India

06/07/2021

**Building Back Better: Rethinking
the "How" of Infrastructure in
India**



Junaid Ahmad
Country Director, India,
The World Bank,
New Delhi

12/08/2021

**Dialogue with Co-editors of
A New Cold War**



Sanjaya Baru
Political Commentator,
Author, Former
Newspaper Editor &
Policy Analyst

Rahul Sharma
Former Newspaper
Editor, Advisor
to Corporates on
Public Affairs, Policy
Issues, Business
& Communication
Strategy

Moderated by
Nitin Pai
Director,
The Takshashila
Institution

03/09/2021

Investing in
Rajasthan



Arvind Mayaram
Economic Advisor, Government
of Rajasthan, Vice Chairperson,
Rajasthan Economic
Transformation Advisory Council
and Former Finance Secretary,
Government of India

17/09/2021

India's Economic &
Commercial Relations



Dammu Ravi
Secretary (Economic Relations),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India

24/11/2021

COP 26 & Implications for
Industry in India



Manjeev Singh Puri
Distinguished Fellow,
TERI and former
Ambassador/Lead negotiator
for India at UNFCCC

13/12/2021

Pleasure of Doing Business
with States - Rajasthan



Arvind Mayaram
Economic Advisor, Government
of Rajasthan, Vice Chairperson,
Rajasthan Economic
Transformation Advisory Council
and Former Finance Secretary,
Government of India

21/01/2022

State of Economy & Budget
Expectations



**Dr Shubhashis
Gangopadhyay**
Research Director, IDF
and Dean, Indian School
of Public Policy



In conversation with
Anil Padmanabhan
Journalist who tweets
@capitalcalculus

27/01/2022

**Data Protection
Framework**



Dr Amar Patnaik
Member of Parliament
- Rajya Sabha

Ms Priyanka Chaturvedi
Member of Parliament
- Rajya Sabha

03/02/2022

**Budget 2022
An Analysis**



Dr Rajat Kathuria
Dean, School of
Humanities &
Social Sciences
and Professor of
Economics,
Shiv Nadar University

Dhiraj Nayyar
Director, Economics
& Policy, Vedanta

Moderated by

Rahul Sharma
Past President &
Founding Member,
PAFI, Managing
Director, APCO
Worldwide, India

16/03/2022

**Data Accessibility and
Use for Socio-Economic
Development**



Mr Abhishek Singh
IAS, President & CEO NeGD
with additional charge of MD
& CEO,
Digital India Corporation

25/03/2022

**The World in Disorder: Economic
Challenge and Opportunities**



**Ambassador Arun
Kumar Singh**
Former Ambassador
of India to the United
States

In conversation with

Anil Padmanabhan
Journalist who tweets
@capitalcalculus

12/04/2022

**Initiatives taken by FSSAI
to democratise Food Safety
and Role that Private
Sectors can play**



Arun Singhal
IAS, Chief Executive Officer,
Food Safety and Standards
Authority of India (FSSAI)



8th National Forum

2021

Reviving the Economy
Reimagine. Reboot. Reform.

October
21 & 22, 2021



सत्यमेव जयते

प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It is heartening to learn about Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI) organising the 8th edition of its annual National Forum through the virtual mode.

The spirit of this year's theme – "Reviving the economy: Reimagine. Reboot. Reform" is visible in India's resolute efforts as we move ahead to create a New India. The annual Forum itself exemplifies the resilience of mankind against the once in a century pandemic.

In the midst of the challenges posed by COVID, India remained firm to undertake reforms even when major economies of the world became defensive. In the post-COVID world, India is steadfastly striving towards self-reliance, for global good.

Our Government has been committed to ensure that governance becomes process-driven and people-centric. Our emphasis has been on making development holistic and inclusive.

Through reforms aimed at transforming every sector, be it agriculture, manufacturing, industry or infrastructure, India is marching ahead at a rapid pace. Technology and innovation have played the role of enabler and force multiplier towards ensuring the last-mile reach of our delivery systems.

As the nation celebrates Amrit Mahotsav of its Independence, our vision to build a glorious India is driven by the collective resolve of 130 crore citizens. The role of valued stakeholders such as PAFI assumes even greater importance in such a scenario to capitalise on the opportunities in the resurgent New India.

I am sure that the deliberations at this edition of National Forum will provide vital inputs for policy makers, businesses and civil society to chart out a futuristic roadmap and be a part of our growth story with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas'.

Best wishes for highly successful deliberations at the 8th edition of PAFI's National Forum.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
आश्विन 22, शक संवत् 1943
14th October, 2021



PAFI's flagship annual event was held virtually for the second time in a row due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The theme of PAFI's 8th National Forum 2021, held virtually, on 21st and 22nd October 2021, was "Reviving the Economy: Reimagine. Reboot. Reform"

The Forum featured more than 70 leaders from all over the world sharing their insights through 16 curated sessions.

With Telangana as the state partner, PAFI's 8th National Forum 2021 focused on the possible steps required, across the stakeholder universe, to ensure economic growth that would help in correcting the social imbalances amplified by the pandemic.

PAFI's National Forum was a platform for interactive deliberations via discussions, debates and dialogues

amongst various stakeholders and set the direction for broader policy and economic agenda emerging from active participation and interaction across a diverse set of stakeholders. These included Union Ministers, State Ministers, Government officials from the central and state, as well as global & multilateral organisations, CEOs, media, thinktanks and legislators.

Highlights

- Inaugural session with Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India
- Session with Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
- Partner State Telangana – special session with Mr. KT Rama Rao, Cabinet Minister for IT E&C, MA&UD and Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Telangana
- Sessions with Mr. Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India and Mr. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and IT and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India
- **75+** Speakers/Panelists comprising of Ministers, Parliamentarians, Economists, CEOs & Journalists, from across the world
- **16** Sessions
- **29** Sponsors
- **17** Supporters
- Global Participation

Session Highlights

8th National Forum 2021

Session 1

Reviving the Economy – Game Plan 2030

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Hardeep Singh Puri



Shekhar Gupta



Ajay Khanna



Subho Ray

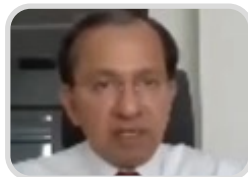


Virat Bhatia

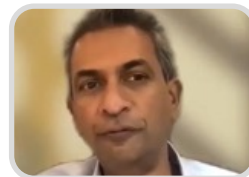
Session 2

Reviving the Economy – CEO's Perspective

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Suresh Narayanan



Rajan Anandan



Daisy Chittilapilly



B. Amrith Rau



Rohit Saran



Anubhuti Kaul Bhrany

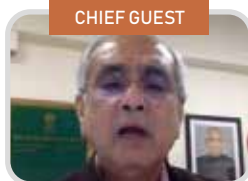


Raman Sidhu

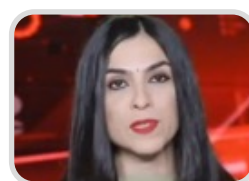
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Transforming Policy Process

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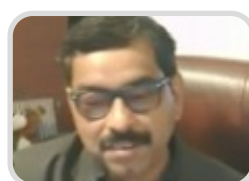
Dr Rajiv Kumar



Shereen Bhan



Vinita Sethi



Harish Krishnan

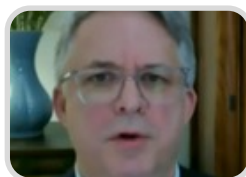
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Geo - Politics and Economy

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Shivshankar Menon



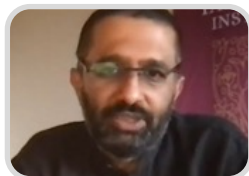
Jeff Moon



William (Lee) Howell



Richard Verma



Nitin Pai



Tanmoy Chakrabarty



Ophira Bhatia

Session 5

Reviving The Creative Economy

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Pavan K Varma



Adrian Ellis



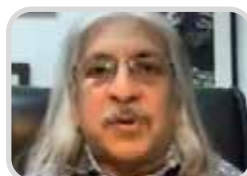
Anjana Somany



Rashmi Dhanwani



Bhaskar Sharma



Sanjoy Roy



Rajeev Batra

Session 6

Rebooting the Economy - A Global Perspective

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Ruchir Sharma



Rahul Sharma



Ram Rakkappan



T S Vishwanath

Session 7

Indo-US: Building Back Better, Together

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Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu



Navika Kumar



Ishteyaque Amjad



Vinita Sethi

Session 8

Make in India, Make for the World

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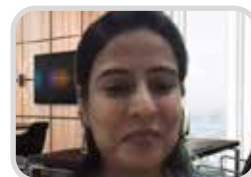
Rajeev Chandrasekhar



Virat Bhatia



Chetan Krishnaswamy



Shagufta Kamran

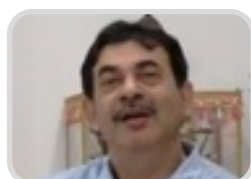
Session 9

Partner State - Telangana

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KT Rama Rao



Jayesh Ranjan



Dilip Chenoy



Pranjal Sharma



Manish Patel



Anand Vijay Jha

Session 10

India - EdTech Capital of the World

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Amitabh Kant



Byju Raveendran



Shweta Rajpal Kohli



Medha Girotra



Ajay Khanna

Session 11

Reimagining Health and Economy

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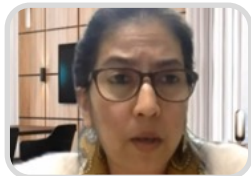
Dr Ram Sevak Sharma



Dr Randeep Guleria



Shobana Kamineni



Dr Manjiri Bakre



Deepshikha Dharmaraj



Anil Padmanabhan



Neelima Dwivedi

Session 12

State of the Indian States

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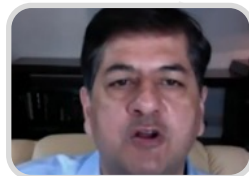
Chandra Mohan Patowary



Dushyant Chautala



Rajvardhan Singh Dattigaon



Vikram Chandra



Subho Ray



Dr K C Ravi

Session 13

Reviving the Economy - Secretaries Perspective

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Apurva Chandra



Arvind Singh



Dammu Ravi



Rajesh Aggarwal



R Sukumar



Shivnath Thukral

Session 14

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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Govind Mohan



Virat Bhatia

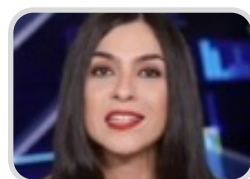
Session 15

Indian Economy: Cruising New Heights

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Jyotiraditya M Scindia



Shereen Bhan



Ajay Khanna



Subho Ray



Virat Bhatia

Session 16

Pleasure of Doing Business

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Ajay Prakash Sawhney



Pramod Bhasin



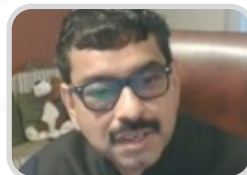
Manish Sabharwal



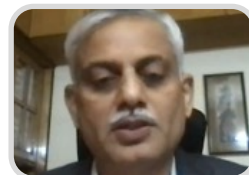
Srinivas Katikithala



Javed Sayed



Harish Krishnan



Deepak Maheshwari

Social Media



IMPACT

- During the month of October, the content (posts, creatives and live videos) only from PAFI social media handles reached out to **4.5 million users across social media platforms**.
- The total users reached out to inclusive of PAFI content shared by other social media handles (likes, quotes, retweets, mentions) stands at more than **50 million!**
- Average engagement rate on **LinkedIn** was around **8%** and **Twitter 2%**, the industry average of **(1-3 %)**
- **Average video views** across platforms were **8K+**
- Across all social media platforms, over 15 days, PAFI social media handles **added over 753 followers**.
- With **75+ posts**, the pre-forum content of the 8th National Forum on PAFI social media channels had **reached out to more than 1 million users** what was seen in the earlier editions including forum days.
- Record 100 posts live-tweeted from 13 sessions of the National Forum, more than double the live tweets in earlier editions.
- The **tweets sentiment** was overwhelmingly **neutral to positive**.



Setting New Records!



+421



+135



+79



+118



1,870 Followers



Twitter Overall

Search (Sep 28 – Oct 31)
Content via PAFI Twitter handle only



99
Tweets



36 K
Profile Visits



421
New
Followers



393
Mentions



4.23 M
Tweet
Impressions

Top Tweet earned 11.4K impressions

With the **#pandemic** catalyzing the adoption of digital learning exponentially, Indian **#EdTech** companies are taking local innovations global. Join us at the PAFI's 8th National Forum to discuss more about the ed-tech sector. Register: bit.ly/3kvTOAd

#PAFIIndia #India

pic.twitter.com/wwdvHdD60A



Top mention earned 3,067 engagements



Minister for IT, Industries, MA & UD, Telangana

@MinisterKTR · Oct 22

IT and Industries Minister **@KTRTRS** today virtually participated as Chief Guest in the **@PAFIIndia**'s 8th National Forum 2021. **@ficci_india** Secretary General Dilip Chenoy and Prl. Secretary **@jayesh_ranjan** were also present at the session. **#PAFIIndia #NationalForum**
pic.twitter.com/tURdOOHxYe



Top media Tweet earned 9,660 impressions

PAFI's much-awaited 8th National Forum will have over 50 speakers from India, Europe, the US and more, and will include Union Ministers, State Ministers, Senior Bureaucrats & Partner State – Telangana.

Register Now: pafi.in/registration-n...

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Public Affairs Forum of India

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Have you registered yet for the PAFI's 8th National Forum 2021? Over 50 panelists and speakers from the Government, Industry, Media, Think Tanks and Legislators.

Join the discussion on 21st & 22nd October

Registration are open: <https://bit.ly/3kvTOAd>

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Print Media



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Govt expects Indian electronics manufacturing to reach \$300 bn by 2024-25: MoS IT

FTI | New Delhi, October 22 | Make In India | Updated On: Oct 23, 2021



The national electronics policy had set a target to create a \$400 billion electronics manufacturing ecosystem by 2025

The government expects the Indian electronics manufacturing sector to grow to around \$300 billion (about ₹22.5 lakh crore) by 2024-25, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Friday.

said on Friday.

Speaking at an event by the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), the minister said the government is looking beyond devices and communication, with expansion plans looking at equipment and systems, and further to automotive and medical equipment.

'Fuel consumption crosses pre-Covid levels, points towards rapid recovery'

Rajeev Jayaswal

editor@economictimes.com

NEW DELHI: India's fuel consumption has surpassed that in the pre-Covid period—pumped by 10% and diesel by over 10% higher than pre-pandemic levels—indicating a rapid recovery in business activities, petroleum minister Hardeep Singh Puri said.

Speaking at a session on 'Reviving the Economy - Game Plan 2021', Puri said on Thursday that "the doom and gloom scenario" is hopefully a matter of the past as India celebrates the attainment of more than 1 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccine.

"Our petrol consumption is a good 10% higher than what it was pre-Covid. Our diesel consumption is also 10-12% higher than what it was before Covid," he said while addressing the eighth national forum of the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI).

India's gross domestic prod-



I'm placing on record today that we are well on the way to becoming a \$5 trillion economy

HARDEEP SINGH PURI, Union minister

uct (GDP) grew at a record 20.3% in the first quarter of FY22 against the contraction of 24.4% in the same quarter of FY21, signalling a strong revival in business activities.

Citing other indicators of investors' confidence in the Indian economic, Puri said the stock market is a yardstick.

He said the successful privatisation of loss-making state-run enterprise, Air India, also boosts investors' sentiment. Recasting his experience as civil aviation minister, the portfolio he held until the cabinet reshuffle in July this year, he said, some people

said that the government was "selling the family silver".

"And I always turn around and said, look, the choice is not between privatisation and not-privatisation. The choice is between privatisation and chowing down," as the airline was losing about ₹20 crore every day.

The government on October 9 announced that Tata Sons won the bid to buy the country's flagship carrier for ₹16,000 crore, over 30% higher than the reserve price.

Expressing his confidence on India's robust economic growth, Puri said "Let me say, I'm plac-

ing on record today that we are well on the way to becoming a \$5 trillion economy—down a \$2.89 trillion economy before Covid—by 2024-25. And again I'm sticking my neck out, we will be a \$10 trillion economy by 2030" when the world finishes the sustainable development goals (SDGs) or 2030 agenda.

Puri said energy consumption will increase with the rapid economic recovery and cited the supply squeeze by global oil producers as one of the key reasons for high energy prices. He said fuel rates are high because the supply curve has been kept below the demand curve by the crude producing countries. Such high prices are undermining the global economic recovery and hurting the interests of both the developing and developed countries, he added, and said that he is in talks with other countries such as the US and Saudi Arabia to ease the situation. India is heavily dependent on energy imports.

Synopsis

The Centre is looking forward to Indian airlines purchasing and leasing many more wide-bodied aircraft once the Indian aviation sector recuperates from the COVID-induced crisis, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Friday.



Scindia said there are three levers on which this industry should keep its focus on -- inclusion, access and affordability.

The Centre is looking forward to Indian airlines purchasing and leasing many more wide-bodied aircraft once the Indian aviation sector recuperates from the COVID-induced crisis, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Friday. Only two Indian carriers -- Air India and Vistara -- currently have wide-bodied aircraft, which have bigger fuel tanks that allows them to

operate long-haul flights such as on India-US routes.

Scindia, while speaking at a conference of Public Affairs Forum of India, said Air India's successful sale to the [Tata group](#) is a testament of the belief of Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) and this government that "the private sector has an integral to play in making sure that service value proposition is there for all customers".

"I think in many ways, this (privatisation) changes the long standing perception of the government in business," he added.

'Economy Poised to Grow at Least 10.5% in FY22'

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The Indian economy is poised to grow at least 10.5% in the ongoing fiscal 2022 despite several supply-side constraints, boosted by strong recovery in the July-September period and a jump in exports, NITI Aayog vice chairman Rajiv Kumar said.

"The economy will achieve 10.5% growth if not more in FY22," he said. "The unevenness in economic recovery is no longer due to consumer deficiency but supply constraints—chips, ships and global TRIPS," Kumar said while addressing the 8th National Forum of the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI).

According to Kumar, there has been a strong uptake in purchasing managers' index (PMI) for manufacturing and service last month and this will strengthen even more going forward.

Talking about the chip shortage, which is hurting production of automobiles and electronic products among others, Kumar said it is indeed a risk factor but despite these headwinds, India is on a road to double-digit growth this fiscal year.

"While global trade has grown sub-



SUPPLY CONSTRAINTS



The unevenness in recovery is no longer due to consumer deficiency but supply constraints—chips, ships and global TRIPS

RAJIV KUMAR

Vice chairman, NITI Aayog

stantially, India's share in merchandise trade has not grown. We need to focus on doubling our share in global trade for which we need huge market access," he said.

Commenting on Tesla's long-pending demand for lowering of custom duty on imported electric cars, Kumar said: "Don't give us shipped products as it will not create jobs in India. Come and manufacture here and you will get all tax benefits."

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Indian envoy to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu.

Deep appreciation in US over India crossing 100 cr COVID-19 vaccinations: Envoy

ANI | Updated: Oct 22, 2021 04:52 IST

Washington [US], October 22 (ANI): Indian envoy to the US, Taranjit Singh Sandhu, has said that there is "very strong and deep appreciation" in the United States as India achieved the one billion COVID-19 vaccinations milestone.

Speaking at Public Affairs Forum of India's 8th National Forum 2021 on Thursday, Sandhu said: "It is a very proud moment for us and I can tell you that there is very strong and deep appreciation in the US that we have crossed the one billion landmark and all through the vaccines manufactured in India."

India attained the milestone of administering 100 crore COVID-19 vaccines on Thursday morning. Several world leaders congratulated India on this achievement.

Hindi News - Delhi - Delhi AIMS Director Says Covid Pandemic Showed How Technology Can Be Game-Changer

नेशनल फोरम 2021: एम्स निदेशक गुलेरिया बोले, कोरोना ने बताया कि प्रौद्योगिकी कैसे गेम-चेंजर साबित हो सकती है

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भारत के आठवें नेशनल फोरम 2021 के पब्लिक अफेयर्स फोरम में बुधवार को डॉ. गुलेरिया ने कहा कि कोरोना महामारी ने प्रौद्योगिकी की जरूरत समझा दी और बता दिया कि कैसे इसका उचित उपयोग ऐसे देश में गेम-चेंजर साबित हो सकता है जहां स्वास्थ्य विभाग में संसाधनों और मानव संसाधनों की बड़ी समस्या है।



India can be world's edutech capital: NITI Aayog CEO

New Delhi, Oct 23:

Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant on Friday said India can become the edutech capital of the world, with the private sector playing a key role and the public sector acting as a facilitator.

Speaking at a virtual conference of Public Affairs Forum of India, Kant also said India needs to significantly improve its learning outcomes, and technology can help the country leapfrog in a big way.

I am confident that India can become the edutech capital of the world with the private sector playing a key role and the public sector acting as a facilitator, he said.

Kant said affordable internet connectivity and technology-based infrastructure are the only ways to enhance the education sector in the country.

Relying only on physical infrastructure will not be sufficient,



he noted. As per Kant, the Indian edutech ecosystem has great growth potential.

But more importantly, the country will progress, students will learn, and learning outcomes will improve, he said, adding that comprehensive edutech architecture will help with better access to education, especially to disadvantaged groups.

Also speaking at the event, Byju's founder-CEO Byju Raveendran said via edutech, besides scope for students to learn, India can also become a global talent pool for teachers.

T'gana nurtures industry, says KTR

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Noting that the private sector is well taken care of in the State, Industries Minister K.T. Rama Rao on Friday said that the Telangana government has been setting new benchmarks in policymaking and ensuring that the industry sector the much needed support.

Addressing the PAFI's 8th National Forum-2021, KTR said, "Telangana is welcoming investments of many kinds and we believe that as a State we have been setting new benchmarks in policymaking. Telangana has ensured that wealth creation, entrepreneurs and employment generation from the private sector are respected and we have and are treated as partners and not merely as investors."

To facilitate investments, the State Government has approved young professionals who guide the investors with the



polices and infrastructure in a very professional manner. And that's where Telangana does best. Because we know that when you take care of existing investors, they become your biggest brand ambassadors," the Minister said.

"In the pursuit of new investors, states often over-

look the existing investors. And that's where Telangana does best."

He stated that there is uninterrupted high quality power in the State and Telangana is also the second largest renewable energy producer in the country.

Referring to TSPPV, he said, "We (Telangana) are the most progressive State in the country. Our policy allows self-certification and also provides 15-day clearances by ISMUs. And if we don't deliver under the 15-day window, on the 16th day, it's deemed approved."

Telangana has a large land bank of about 2,00,000 acres of industrial land available with the TSIC, KTR added.

The Minister highlighted the Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASIK) and stated that the Government would train people at its own cost, transforming them into quality human resources and also provide more employment opportunities to the locals.

The Telangana Government is also offering additional incentives to the industries which recruit local people, he said. KTR said that the State Government has been giving top priority to sectors including IT, electronics, life sciences including pharmaceuticals, biotech, and medical devices, defence and aerospace, food processing, textiles, automation including IOT, plastics and chemicals, gems and jewellery, retail, and logistics.

NITI Aayog VC assures Tesla it would get tax benefits

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar on Thursday urged US-based Tesla to manufacture its iconic electric vehicles in India, while assuring the company that it will get the tax benefits it wants from the government. Speaking at a virtual conference of the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), Kumar further said Tesla should not just ship its products into India as this will not create jobs in the country. "Come and manufacture in India, you (Tesla) will get all the tax benefits you want," he said while replying to a question about the company's demand related to tax concessions. "The argument that we will create a market by exporting into India finished products... is an old argument and we have moved on from that," Kumar added.

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Vikram Chandra in a session organised by PAFI asked Cabinet Minister, Govt of Madhya Pradesh Rajyavardhan Singh Dattigoon and Deputy CM of Haryana, Dushyant Singh about the impact of Covid on the economy.



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