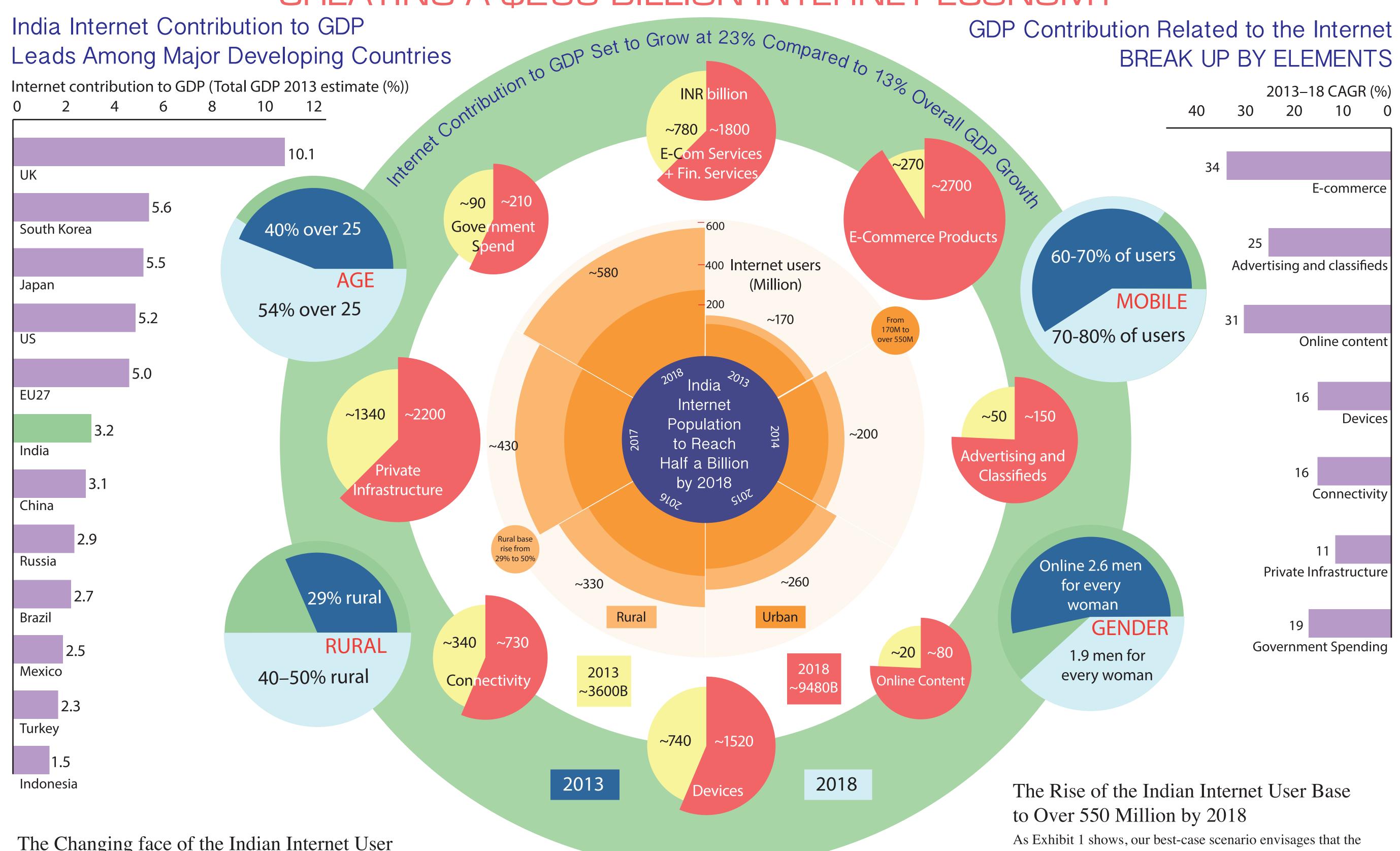
## India goes Digital

## CREATING A \$200 BILLION INTERNET ECONOMY



## The Changing face of the Indian Internet User

The next wave of growth in India's online population is expected to give rise to a user base that will be significantly different from the current Internet user group, along multiple dimensions—be it in terms of geography, demographics, access device, or content medi- um. The class of 2018 will be more rural, older, more gender-equal, more mobile, and more vernacular than their counterparts of today.

The 2018 Internet Population Will be Older, More Rural, More Gender Balanced, More Mobile, and More Vernacular number of people accessing the Internet in India will jump from 190 million as of June 2014 to over 550 million in 2018. This will be made possible through near universal 2G reach, improved 3G and wireline, and government intervention on such key issues as public access, connectivity costs, and consumer awareness. Reduced government intervention will result in lower growth in the user base, resulting in approxmately 400 million Internet users by 2018.