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Preface: Steering the country through compacts and consensus

The economy continues to expand

In April, we commenced a new financial year. In May, we learnt that the Indian economy is estimated to have grown 8.2% in real terms in FY24. In June, a new government took office. The National Democratic Alliance government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has returned to power with a historic mandate for a third term. His unprecedented third popular mandate signals political and policy continuity.

The Indian economy is on a strong wicket and stable footing, demonstrating resilience in the face of geopolitical challenges. The Indian economy has consolidated its post-Covid recovery with policymakers – fiscal and monetary – ensuring economic and financial stability. Nonetheless, change is the only constant for a country with high growth aspirations. For the recovery to be sustained, there has to be heavy lifting on the domestic front because the environment has become extraordinarily difficult to reach agreements on key global issues such as trade, investment and climate.

High economic growth in FY24 came on the heels of growth rates of 9.7% and 7.0%, respectively, in the previous two financial years. The headline inflation rate is largely under control, although the inflation rate of some specific food items is elevated. The trade deficit was lower in FY24 than in FY23, and the current account deficit for the year is around 0.7% of GDP. In fact, the current account registered a surplus in the last quarter of the financial year. Foreign exchange reserves are ample. Public investment has sustained capital formation in the last several years even as the private sector shed its balance sheet blues and began investing in FY22. Now, it has to receive the baton from the public sector and sustain the investment momentum in the economy. The signs are encouraging.

National income data show that non-financial private-sector capital formation, measured in current prices, expanded vigorously in FY22 and FY23 after a decline in FY21. However, investment in machinery and equipment declined for two consecutive years, FY20 and FY21, before rebounding strongly. Early corporate sector data for FY24 suggest that capital formation in the private sector continued to expand but at a slower rate.

Sustaining overseas investor interest will require effort

Foreign Direct Investment, the subject of much analysis, has held up. RBI data on India's Balance of Payments shows us that the investment interest of external investors, measured in terms of dollar inflows of new capital, was USD45.8 billion in FY24 compared to USD47.6 billion in FY23. This slight decline is in line with global trends. Reinvestment of earnings remained the same. Repatriation of investment was USD29.3 billion in FY23 and USD44.5 billion in FY24. Many private equity investors took advantage of buoyant equity markets in India and exited profitably. It is a sign of a healthy market environment that offers profitable exits to investors, which will bring newer investments in the years to come. That said, the environment for foreign direct investment to grow in the coming years is not highly favourable for many reasons.

Interest rates in developed countries are much higher than they were during and before Covid years. This not only means a higher cost of funding but also a higher opportunity cost to invest abroad. Second, emerging economies have to compete with active industrial policies in developed economies involving considerable subsidies that encourage domestic investment.

Third, notwithstanding the impressive strides made in the last decade, uncertainties and interpretations related to transfer pricing, taxes, import duties and non-tax policies remain to be addressed. Lastly, geopolitical uncertainties, which are on the rise, will likely exert a bigger influence on capital flows, notwithstanding other reasons for preferring to invest in India.

Shocks and not structural forces have influenced employment

On employment generation, the Periodic Labour Force Survey provides quarterly data on urban employment indicators and annually for the entire country, including rural India. A surge in agriculture employment is partly explained by reverse migration and the entry of women into the labour force in rural India. The Annual Survey of Industries has data on workers in nearly 2.0 lakh Indian factories. The total number of factory jobs grew annually by 3.6% between 2013-14 and 2021-22. Somewhat more satisfyingly, they grew faster at 4.0% in factories employing more than a hundred workers than in smaller factories (those with less than a hundred workers). The annual growth rate was 1.2% in the latter set of factories. In absolute numbers, employment in Indian factories has grown from 1.04 crore to 1.36 crore in this period. India does not yet have a corresponding Annual Survey of Services. The lack of availability of timely data on the absolute number of (formal and informal) jobs created even at annual intervals, let alone at higher frequencies, in various sectors – agriculture, industry including manufacturing and services – precludes an objective analysis of the labour market situation in the country.

The Annual Survey of Unincorporated Enterprises for 2022-23, when compared with the results of the NSS 73rd round of the 'Key Indicators of Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Enterprises (Excluding Construction) in India' shows that overall employment in these enterprises fell from 11.1 crore in 2015-16 to 10.96 crores. There was a reduction of 54 lakh workers in manufacturing but the expansion of the workforce in trade and services gained in jobs limited the overall reduction in the number of workers in unincorporated enterprises to around 16.45 lakhs between these two periods. This comparison masks a big jump in manufacturing jobs that seems to have occurred between 2021-22 (April 2021 to March 2022) and 2022-23 (October 2022 to September 2023).

India suffered two big economic shocks in quick succession. Bad debts in the banking system and high corporate indebtedness were one. It took the first term of the present government and more to bring it under control. The Covid pandemic was the second shock and quickly followed the first one. So, it is difficult to conclude that the Indian economy's ability to create employment is structurally impaired. Nonetheless, going forward, the task is cut out.

Between the last Economic survey published in January 2023 and this one, big changes are afoot in the geopolitical environment. The global backdrop for India's march towards Viksit Bharat in 2047 could not be more different from what it was during the rise of China between 1980 and 2015. Then, globalisation was at the cusp of its long expansion. Geopolitics was largely calm with the end of the Cold War, and Western powers welcomed and even encouraged the rise of China and its integration into the world economy. Concerns over climate change and global warming were not so pervasive or grave then as they are now. Fourth, the advent of Artificial Intelligence casts a huge pall of uncertainty as to its impact on workers across all skill levels – low, semi and high. These will create barriers and hurdles to sustained high growth rates for India in the coming years and decades. Overcoming these requires a grand alliance of union and state governments and the private sector.

Employment generation is the real bottom line for the private sector

It is worth reiterating that job creation happens mainly in the private sector. Second, many (not all) of the issues that influence economic growth, job creation and productivity and the actions to be taken therein are in the domain of state governments. So, in other words, India needs a tripartite compact, more than ever before, to deliver on the higher and rising aspirations of Indians and complete the journey to Viksit Bharat by 2047.

In more than one respect, the action lies with the private sector. In terms of financial performance, the corporate sector has never had it so good. Results of a sample of over 33,000 companies show that, in the three years between FY20 and FY23, the profit before taxes of the Indian corporate sector nearly quadrupled. Further, newspaper headlines told us that the corporate profits-to-GDP ratio rose to a 15-year high in FY24. *BusinessLine* reported, "The corporate profit for the Nifty-500 universe was up 30 per cent last fiscal to ₹14.11-lakh crore against ₹10.88 lakh crore in FY23. The nominal GDP grew 9.6 per cent y-o-y to ₹295-lakh crore (₹269-lakh crore)¹". Hiring and compensation growth hardly kept up with it. But, it is in the interest of the companies to step up hiring and worker compensation.

The Union government cut taxes in September 2019 to facilitate capital formation. Has the corporate sector responded? Between FY19 and FY23, the cumulative growth in private sector non-financial Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) is 52% in current prices. During the same period, the cumulative growth in general government (which includes states) is 64%. The gap does not appear to be too wide.

However, when we break it down, a different picture emerges. Private sector GFCF in machinery and equipment and intellectual property products has grown cumulatively by only 35% in the four years to FY23. Meanwhile, its GFCF in 'Dwellings, other buildings and structures' has increased by 105%. This is not a healthy mix. Second, the slow pace of investment in M&E and IP Products will delay India's quest to raise the manufacturing share of GDP, delay the improvement in India's manufacturing competitiveness, and create only a smaller number of higher-quality formal jobs than otherwise.

Nonetheless, there is a silver lining in the data. In the two years since FY21, GFCF by the private sector has grown faster. General government GFCF rose a cumulative 42% between FY21 and FY23. Non-Financial Private Sector's overall GFCF increased by 51%; investment in Machinery and Equipment and Intellectual Property Products increased by 38%. So, the growth in these two critical sub-components of Private Sector GFCF is similar to that of the overall GFCF by the General Government. This is a statistic that bears watching. They should continue to invest. To do so, they need demand visibility. That comes from employment and income growth.

In a recent article, the Economist cites independent research that predicted a slow demise of India's services exports over the next decade. While the boom in telecommunications and the rise of the internet facilitated business process outsourcing, the next wave of technological evolution might bring the curtains down on it. In this milieu, the corporate sector has a responsibility, as much to itself as it is to society, to think harder about ways AI will augment labour rather than displace workers. Hiring in the IT sector has slowed significantly in the last two years. We do not have a full picture of overall corporate hiring in the country on a regular

^{1 &#}x27;Corporate profit to GDP hits 15 year high as input cost moderates', BusinessLine, 11th June 2024 (https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/corporate-profit-to-gdp-hits-15-year-high-as-input-cost-moderates/article68277319.ece)

^{2 &#}x27;Will Services make the world rich?', The Economist, 24th June 2024 (https://www.economist.com/finance-and-economics/2024/06/24/will-services-make-the-world-rich)

basis. In any case, deploying capital-intensive and energy-intensive AI is probably one of the last things a growing, lower-middle-income economy needs.

A Staff Discussion Note of the International Monetary Fund published in June 2024³ notes that Generative Artificial Intelligence raised profound concerns about massive labour disruptions and inequality. The IMF SDN goes on to recommend well-designed excess corporate profit taxes and high personal income taxes on capital through better enforcement of automatic information exchange between countries and enhanced taxation of capital gains. However, employment is about dignity, self-worth, self-esteem, self-respect, and standing in the family and community, not just about the income it brings. That is why it is in the enlightened self-interest of the Indian corporate sector, swimming in excess profits, to take its responsibility to create jobs seriously. Of course, it must find people with the right attitude and skills.

That requires another tripartite compact - between the government, the private sector and academia. This compact is to reboot the mission to skill and equip Indians to catch up with and get ahead of technological evolution. To succeed in the mission, governments must unshackle the industry and academic institutions to play their respective roles in that mammoth task. For example, despite several amendments over the years, the Apprenticeship Act remains a work in progress, at best, in encouraging large-scale apprenticeships in the country. The New Education Policy 2020 proposes freeing India's higher education from regulatory oversight to market oversight. A corporate sector that helps shape the design of higher education with inputs to curriculum, evaluation standards, and faculty will pave the way for a high-quality higher education that market competition brings, replacing regulatory oversight. If anything, another article⁴ in *The Economist* that hails the arrival of China as a superpower in science should be sufficient inspiration for the corporate sector and academia to get their act together on scientific research and development.

The real corporate social responsibility

The role of the corporate sector has never been greater than it is now. Two other areas of corporate responsibility deserve mention here. The pandemic saw the emergence of the Indian retail investor as the bulwark of market stability. The culture of investing for the long term has to be nurtured and sustained. Market practices that take their cues from the thinly disguised leveraged bets masquerading as financial innovations in the developed world have no place in a developing country with a low per-capita income. Second, just as corporate profits are booming, the net interest margin of Indian banks has risen to a multi-year high. It is a good thing. Profitable banks lend more. To sustain the good times, it is important not to forget the lessons of the last financial cycle downturn. The banking industry must aim to lengthen the gap between two NPA cycles. It should also resist the temptation to pursue short-term profits at the expense of the customer. Product misselling is too rampant to be dismissed as an aberration of a few overenthusiastic sales personnel. The same can be said of the insurance industry as well. Prompt and reasonable settlement of insurance claims and a lower rejection rate are necessary to increase insurance penetration. Acknowledgement of misselling and misrepresentation and compensating for consequential losses is a good business practice enjoined upon stockbroking, fund management, banking and insurance firms.

Corporates benefit from the higher demand generated by employment and income growth. The financial sector benefits from channelling household savings for investment purposes.

^{3 &#}x27;Broadening the gains from Generative AI: the role of fiscal policies', Staff Discussion Note, International Monetary Fund, June 2024 (https://tinyurl.com/39dy7dv3)

^{4 &#}x27;China has become a scientific superpower', The Economist, 12th June 2024 (https://www.economist.com/science-and-technology/2024/06/12/china-has-become-a-scientific-superpower)

These linkages must grow stronger and last longer to meet the infrastructure and energy transition investments in the coming decades. Short-termism can weaken these linkages.

For India's working-age population to be gainfully employed, they need skills and good health. Social media, screen time, sedentary habits, and unhealthy food are a lethal mix that can undermine public health and productivity and diminish India's economic potential. The private sector's contribution to this toxic mix of habits is substantial, and that is myopic. The emerging food consumption habits of Indians are not only unhealthy but also environmentally unsustainable. India's traditional lifestyle, food and recipes have shown how to live healthily and in harmony with nature and the environment for centuries. It makes commercial sense for Indian businesses to learn about and embrace them, for they have a global market waiting to be led rather than tapped.

Governments, on their part...

Policymakers – elected or appointed – have to rise to the challenge as well. There has to be conversation, cooperation, collaboration, and coordination across ministries, states, and between the union and states. Few people outside the government – living or dead – can understand the complexity of governing and transforming a nation of India's (population) size, (geographical) spread and social and cultural diversity within a democratic framework. The political class, with its ears to the ground and the civil service, with its exposure to districts, states and central Ministries, have a better shot at (at least) a partial understanding of this complexity. They intuitively know there is no place for exclusive approaches and binary choices, which are the staple of sterile discussions and discourses. Examples are urban vs. rural, growth vs. equity or development, and manufacturing vs. services. They intuitively know that India needs multiple development pathways. That is a good thing. But it is easier said than done. It has not been done before. Not on this scale. Not in the time frame and not amidst a turbulent global environment. Forging and sustaining consensus between governments, businesses and the social sectors are necessary to succeed in this endeavour.

Agriculture can be a growth engine if...

The agriculture sector is one area ripe for and in need of such a pan-India dialogue. Agriculture and farmers matter for a nation. Most countries understand that. India is no exception. India subsidises their water, electricity and fertilisers. The former two are provided virtually free. Their incomes are not taxed. The government offers them a minimum support price (MSP) for 23 selected commodities. Monthly cash support is offered to farmers through the PM-KISAN scheme. Indian governments — national and sub-national —write off their loans. So, governments in India spend enough resources to look after the farmers well. Yet, a case can be made that they can be served better with some re-orientation of existing and new policies.

A panoply of policies — by national and sub-national governments - working at cross-purposes with each other is hurting farmers' interests, destroying soil fertility, depleting groundwater, polluting rivers and the environment with nitrous oxide emissions, starving the crops of nutrients and undermining people's health with a diet rich in sugar and carbohydrates rather than fibre and protein. The payoff will be immense if we untie the knots that bedevil farm sector policies. More than anything else, it will restore faith in the self-confidence and ability of the state to steer the nation to a better future, apart from delivering socio-economic benefits.

Earlier development models featured economies migrating from farm beginnings to industrialisation to value-added services in their development journey. Technological advancements and geopolitics are challenging this conventional wisdom. Trade protectionism,

resource-hoarding, excess capacity and dumping, onshoring production and the advent of AI are narrowing the scope for countries to squeeze out growth from manufacturing and services. That is forcing us to turn conventional wisdom on its head. Can the farm sector be the saviour? A return to roots, as it were, in terms of farming practices and policymaking, can generate higher value addition from agriculture, boost farmers' income, create opportunities for food processing and exports and make the farm sector both fashionable and productive for India's urban youth. When resolved, the problem areas mentioned above that the current policy configuration has created over the years can become sources of India's strength and a model for the rest of the world - developing and developed.

Unleashing small enterprises

Another area where policy intentions have yet to manifest in desired outcomes is with respect to small, medium, and large enterprises. Earlier, several products were reserved for small-scale industries. That was phased out as it benefitted neither the small-scale industries nor the overall economy. Recent concerted efforts at formalising them are making progress. Progress is relatively slower on access to finance. Buyers and creditors are shedding old mindsets and practices too slowly for these enterprises to feel the effect. However, these enterprises need maximum relief from the compliance burdens they face. Laws, rules and regulations stretch their finances, abilities and bandwidth, perhaps robbing them of the will to grow.

Successful Energy transition is an orchestra

Other priorities, such as energy transition and mobility, may pale compared to the complexity of getting the farm sector policies right. Still, they have one thing in common with it. They require getting many things across several ministries and states aligned. The list is long.

Energy transition and mobility issues require attention in the following areas:

- (a) resource dependence on hostile nations;
- (b) technological challenges such as intermittency of power generation, ensuring grid stability amidst surges and drop in generation from renewable energy sources and battery storage
- (c) recognition of the opportunity cost of tying up land in a land-scarce country;
- (d) fiscal implications that involve both additional expenditures for subsidising renewable energy generation and for e-mobility solutions, loss of tax and freight revenue currently accruing from the sale and transportation of fossil fuels;
- (e) impairment to bank balance sheets from the so-called 'stranded assets' and
- (f) examination of the merits of alternative mobility solutions such as public transportation models and more.

Emulating policy practices of other nations may be neither feasible nor desirable, for solutions may not emerge from approaches and places that created the problems in the first place.

Letting go is part of good governance

While contemplating the challenges that lie ahead, one should not be daunted because the social and economic transformation of democratic India is a remarkable success story. We have come a long way. The economy has grown from around USD288 billion in FY93 to USD3.6 trillion in FY23. India has generated more growth per dollar of debt than other comparable nations. Abject poverty has all but been eliminated. Human development indicators have

improved, and more Indians, especially women, are getting educated. For all its flaws and warts, the system has delivered accountability through the democratic process and public discourse, where the occasional and rarer mature commentary proves effective. We should not lose sight of that.

However, it would be a missed opportunity - as there have been many in the past - not to strengthen a system to steer the country through a future that has become immeasurably uncertain. After nearly eight decades of relative peace at the global level, the world is moving towards a larger and wider conflict with longer-term effects. The Indian state can free up its capacity and enhance its capability to focus on areas where it has to by letting go of its grip in areas where it does not have to. The Licensing, Inspection and Compliance requirements that all levels of the government continue to impose on businesses is an onerous burden. Relative to history, the burden has lightened. Relative to where it ought to be, it is still a lot heavier. The burden is felt more acutely by those least equipped to bear it – small and medium enterprises. It holds them back, leashes their aspirations, and, in the process, holds the country back. On the face of it, it does not seem to matter because the economic growth rates are good, and there are visible signs of progress. But, we will never know the counterfactual: "what it might have been".

Ishopanishad enjoins all of us to let go of (renounce) our possessions, be free and enjoy that freedom:

ईशा वास्यमिदं सर्वं यत्किञ्च जगत्यां जगत्। तेन त्यक्तेन भुञ्जीथा मा गृधःकस्यस्विद्धनम्॥

Power is a prized possession of governments. They can let go of at least some of it and enjoy the lightness it creates in both the governed and the governing.

Finally,...

The tripartite compact that this country needs to become a developed nation amidst emerging unprecedented global challenges is for governments to trust and let go, for the private sector to reciprocate the trust with long-term thinking and fair conduct and for the public to take responsibility for their finances and their physical and mental health.

The Economic Survey 2023-24 covers many of the issues discussed above in its several chapters, apart from informing readers of government policies and their performance, their impacts, innovations, developments and success stories worth emulating. As before, the staple content of the Survey is chapters that provide an assessment of the various sectors such as agriculture, industry, infrastructure and services.

For us in the Economics Division in the Department of Economic Affairs, putting the Economic Survey together and getting it into your hands or electronic devices is a labour of love. Recording and sharing the country's progress in the year under review and reflecting on what it must do and must not to achieve the progress it deserves is a learning experience for us. In doing so, we may have made mistakes. Please do tell us. We promise to keep getting better at it. Ultimately, that is all we can and should ask of ourselves.

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Abbreviations

AAGR Average Annual Growth Rate
AAI Airport Authority of India
AAUs Assigned Amount Units
AAY Antyodaya Anna Yojana
ABC Academic Bank of Credits

ABDM Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
ABHA Ayushman Bharat Health Account

AB-PMJAY Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

AB-RPY Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Protsahan Yojana

ABRY Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana

ABS Automatic Block Signaling
ACCs Air Cargo Complexes
ADB Asian Development Bank

ADP Aspirational Districts Programme

AEs Advanced Economies

AFHC Adolescent Friendly Health Clinic
AGEY Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana

AHIDF Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund

AI Artificial Intelligence
AI Artificial Intelligence

AI IP Artificial Intelligence Intellectual Property
AIBP Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme
AICTE All India Council for Technical Education

AIF Alternative Investment Fund
AIF Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

AIIMS All India Institute of Medical Sciences

AIRAWAT AI Research Analytics and Knowledge Dissemination Platform

AISHE All India Survey on Higher Education
AITIGA ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement
AKRSP Aga Khan Rural Support Programme

AMCs Asset Management Companies

AMI Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure

AMRIT Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment
AMRUT Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation

APAAR Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry

API Application Programming Interface
APIs Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients

APLM Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing
APMCs Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees
APMR Agricultural Produce Marketing Regulation

APY Atal Pension Yojana

ARCs Asset Reconstruction Companies

ARG Automatic Rain Gauge

ARHC Affordable Rental Housing Complexes
ARIMA Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average
ASBA Application Supported by Blocked Account

ASI Annual Survey of Industries
ASTROSAT Space Astronomy Observatory

ATF Aviation Turbine Fuel

ATP Automatic Train Protection AuM Assets under Management

AWC Anganwadi Centre

AWS Automatic Weather Station

BBSSL Bhartiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited

BDI Baltic Dry Index BE Budget Estimate

BFSI Banking, Financial Services and Insurance

BFT Bare Foot Technician

BHEL Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
BIM Building Information Modelling
BIS Bank for International Settlements

BoP Balance of Payment

BPM Business Process Management
BPO Business Process Outsourcing
BRO Border Roads Organization

BRSR Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report

BSF Black Soldier Flies

BTS Base Transceiver Stations

CACP Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices

CAD Current Account Deficit

CAG Comptroller and Auditor General of India

CAGR Compound Annual Growth Rate

Capex Capital Expenditure CBG Compressed Bio Gas

CBIC Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

CBM Coal Bed Methane

CBSE Central Board of Secondary Education

CC Clearing Corporations

CCS Carbon Capture and Storage CCTS Carbon Credit Trading Scheme

CCUS Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage

C-DAC Centre for Development of Advanced Computing

CDM Clean Development Mechanism

CDRI Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

CDs Certificate of Deposits

CECPA Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement

CEPA Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

CERs Certified Emission Reductions

CET-I Common Equity Tier-I
CFPI Consumer Food Price Index

CGA Controller General of Accounts
CGS Credit Guarantee Scheme

CGTMSE Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises

CHC Community Health Centre
CHCs Custom Hiring Centres
CiC Currency in Circulation

CII Confederation of Indian Industry

CIL Coal India Limited
CIP Central Issue Price

CIRPs Corporate Insolvency Resolution Processes

CIS Customer Information Sheet

ckm circuit kilometre

CMIE Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy

CMM Coal Mine Methane
CND Consumer Non-Durables
CNG Compressed Natural Gas

CO2 Carbon Dioxide

COP Conference of the Parties
CoPs Conference of Parties

CORSIA Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation

CPI Consumer Price Index

CPI-C Consumer Price Index-Combined

CPs Commercial Paper

CPSEs Central Public Sector Enterprises
CPSU Central Public Sector Undertakings
CQGR Compounded Quarterly Growth Rate
CRAR Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio

CRISIL Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited

CROPIC Collection of Real-time Observations and Photographs of Crops

CRP Community Resource Person

CRR Cash Reserve Ratio

CSIR Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

CSL Cochin Shipyard Limited
CSO Civil Society Organisation

CSO Central Statistical Office CSPs Cloud Service Providers

CSR Corporate Social Responsibility

CSS Central Sector Schemes
CV Coefficient of Variation
CWS Current Weekly Status

CwSN Children with Special Needs

DA&FW Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
DAHD Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

DAP Di-ammonium Phosphate

DAY-NRLM Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission
DAY-NULM Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission

DBFOT Design, Build, Finance Operate and Transfer

DBI Diversion-Based Irrigation
DBT Direct Benefit Transfer

DDU-GKY Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

DEH Districts as Exports Hub
DFCs Dedicated Freight Corridors
DFI Digital Financial Inclusion

DFI Doubling Farmers Income Report
DGCA Directorate General of Civil Aviation
DGQI Data Governance Quality Index

DIETS District Institutes of Education and Training
DIKSHA Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing

DISCOMs Distribution Companies

DISHA District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committees

DoP Department of Posts

DPI Digital Public Infrastructure

DPIIT Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

DRI Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

DRIP Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project

DRTs Debt Recovery Tribunals
DST Dual System of Training

DTH Direct to Home

EAEU Eurasian Economic Union

ECB External Commercial Borrowings

ECB European Central Bank

ECCE Early Childhood Care and Education

ECTA Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement

EFTA European Free Trade Association

EI Electronic Interlocking

E-LoGS platform Ease of Logistics Services platform

EMC Electronics Manufacturing Clusters

EMDEs Emerging Markets and Developing Economies

EMEs Emerging Market Economies

EMI Payment Equated Monthly Installment Payment

EMI/EMC Electromagnetic interference/Electromagnetic compatibility

eNAM National Agriculture Market
e-NAM e- National Agriculture Market
EPF Employee Provident Fund

EPFO Employees' Provident Fund Organisation

ePoS electronic point of sale

ER&D Enterprise, Research, and Development

ERUs Emission Reduction Units

ESG Environmental, Social, and Governance

ESS Energy Storage Systems

ETCA Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement

ETFs Exchange Traded Funds

EU European Union

EU-ETS European Union Emission Trading Scheme

EVS Electric Vehicles
EXIM Export-Import Bank

FADA Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations

FAO Food and Agriculture Organisation

FATF Financial Action Task Force FCI Food Corporation of India

FCRA Forward Contracts Regulation Act

FDI Foreign Direct Investment

Fed Federal Reserve

FER Foreign Exchange Reserve

FIDF Fisheries Infrastructure Development Fund
FLFPR Female Labour Force Participation Rate
FLN Foundational Literacy and Numeracy

FMC Forward Market Commission FOMC Federal Open Market Committee

FPI Food Processing Industry
FPI Foreign Portfolio Investment
FPOs Farmer Producers Organisation

FPS Fair Price Shop

FRBs Foreign Reinsurance Branches FSA Financial Sector Assessment

FSAP Financial Sector Assessment Program

FSDC Financial Stability and Development Council

FSR Financial Stability Report

FSSA Financial System Stability Assessment Report

FSSI Financial System Stress Indicator

FTAs Free Trade Agreements
FTKs Field Testing Kits
FTTH Fibre to the home
FY Financial Year
FY Financial Year

GBS Gender Budget Statement GBS Gross Budgetary Support

GCA gross cropped area

GCCs Global Capability Centres GCP Green Credit Programme

GCT GatiShakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal

GDP Gross Domestic Product
GEC Green Energy Corridor
GeM Government e-Marketplace
GER Gross Enrolment Ratio

GERD Gross Expenditure on Research and Development

GFC Global Financial Crisis

GFCF Gross Fixed Capital Formation
GHE Government Health Expenditure

GHG Greenhouse Gases

GI Cloud Government of India Cloud

GIFT City Gujarat International Finance Tec-City

GII Global Innovation Index GNI Gross National Income

GNPA Gross Non-Performing Assets

GoI Government of India

Govt. Government
GP Gram Panchayat

GPAI Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence

GPDP Gram Panchayat Development Plan

GPs Gram Panchayats

GSDP Gross State Domestic Product

GSLV Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle

GST Goods and Services Tax

GST Global Stocktake
GT Gross Tonnage
GTR Gross Tax Revenue
GVA Gross Value Added
GVA Gross Value Added
GVCs Global Value Chains

GW Gigawatt

GWeq Giga Watt Equivalent

GWMR Groundwater Management & Regulation

GWs Giga Watts

HAL Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

HAM Hybrid Annuity Model

HCES Household Consumption Expenditure Survey

HEI Higher Education Institution HFC Housing Finance Companies HHI Hershman-Herfindahl Index

HKKP Har Khet Ko Pani HML Harmonized List

HNIs High Net Worth Individuals

HR Human Resources

IBA Indian Banks' Association

IBC Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code
IBC Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code
IBP route Indo Bangladesh Protocol route

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization ICAR Indian Council for Agriculture Research

ICDR Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements

ICDS Integrated Child Development Services

ICRIER Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

ICT Information and Communications Technology

IDRCL India Debt Resolution Company Ltd.
IEBR Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources

IET International Emissions Trading

IFRS International Financial Reporting Standards
IFSC International Financial Services Centre

IFSC GIFT City International Financial Services Centre, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City

IFSCA International Financial Services Centres Authority

IHHL Individual Household Latrine

IIE Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship

IIG India Investment Grid

IIP International Investment Position
IIP Index of Industrial Production

IIPDF India Infrastructure Project Development Fund

IIT Indian Institute of Technology

IITM Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

ILIMS Integrated Land Information Management System

IMC Indore Municipal Corporation
IMEC India-Middle East Europe Corridor

IMEs Informal Micro Enterprises
IMF International Monetary Fund

India-WRIS India – Water Resource Information System

Infra Infrastructure

IN-SPACe Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre

INSTC International North-South Transport Corridor

InvITs Infrastructure Investment Trusts

IOT Internet of Things
IPOs Initial Public Offers
IR Indian Railways

IRCTC Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited IRDAI Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

IRFC Indian Railway Finance Corporation
IRIS Infrastructure for Resilient Island States

ISA International Solar Alliance

ISAM Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing

ISRO Indian Space Research Organisation

IT Information Technology
ITI Industrial Training Institute

ITMOs Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes

IVA Independent Verification Agency
IWAI Inland Waterways Authority of India

IWT Inland Water TransportJAM Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-MobileJEE Joint Entrance Examination

JJM Jal Jeevan Mission

JLG Joint Liability Group

JLGs Joint Liability Groups

JSS Jan Shikshan Sansthan

KCC Kisan Credit Card

KLD Kilo liters per day

KP Kyoto Protocol

Krishi-DSS Krishi Decision Support System

KWh Kilowatt-hour L&T Larsen & Toubro

LAMA Log Analytics and Monitoring Application

LAMP Large Area Multipurpose Societies
LCAF Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels
LCOE Levelised Cost of Electricity
LCR Liquidity Coverage Ratio

LeadIT Leadership Group for Industry Transition
LEADS Logistics Ease Across Different States

LED Light-Emitting Diode

LEDP Livelihood & Enterprise Development Programmes

LFPR Labour Force Participation Rate

LH&DC Livestock Health and Disease Control

LiFE Lifestyle for Environment

LMT Lakh Metric Tons

LPAI Land Ports Authority of India
LPG Liquified Petroleum Gas
LPG Liquified Petroleum Gas
LPI Logistics Performance Index

Ltd. Lakh tonnes Ltd. Limited

LT-LEDS Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy

LVM3 Launch Vehicle Mark-3 M&As Mergers and Acquisitions

MAHSR Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail
MAIS Market Access Initiatives Scheme
MAM Moderate Acute Malnutrition

MANAS Mental Health and Normalcy Augmentation System

MCA Ministry of Corporate Affairs
MCA Model Concession Agreement
MCX Multi Commodity Exchange

MEDP Micro Entrepreneurship Development Programme
MEITY Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

MFIs Microfinance Institutions

MFs Mutual Funds

MGNREGA Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

MIF Micro Irrigation Fund

MIS Management Information Systems

MMLP Multi-Modal Logistics Park

MMT Million Metric Tonne
MNEs Multinational Enterprises

MoAFW Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

MoE Ministry of Education

MoHUA Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs

MOOC Massive Open Online Course

MOP Muriate of Potash

MoRTH Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

MoSPI Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation

MoU Memorandum of Understanding

MOVCDNER Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region

MPC Monetary Policy Committee

MPCE Monthly Per Capita Expenditure
MPI Multidimensional Poverty Index

MRLs Major Rail Links
MRLs Major Rural Links

MRO Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul

MSCS Multi-State Cooperatives
MSF Marginal Standing Facility

MSME Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

MSME Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

MSP Minimum Support Prices

MSP Mineral Security Partnership

MtCO2e Million Tonnes of CO2 Equivalent

MTM Marked to Market

MTOE Million Tonnes of Oil Equivalent
MTPA Million Tonnes Per Annum

MVA Mega Volt Amp

MWeq Mega Watt Equivalent

MWs Mega Watts

NABARD National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

NADCP National Animal Disease Control Programme

NAFED National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India

NAPCC National Action Plan on Climate Change NAPS National Apprentice Promotion Scheme NARCL National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd.

NAS National Accounts Statistics NAS National Achievement Survey

NASSCOM National Association of Software and Service Companies

NavIC Navigation with Indian Constellation
NBFC Non-Banking Financial Company
NBFCs Non-Banking Financial Companies

NCAP-2016 National Civil Aviation Policy

NCCFNational Cooperative Consumers' Federation of IndiaNCDCNational Cooperative Development CorporationNCDEXNational Commodity and Derivative Exchange

NCEL National Cooperative Exports Limited

NCERT National Council for Educational Research and Training NCF-SE National Curriculum Framework for School Education

NCIP National Crop Insurance Programme

NCLT National Company Law Tribunal

NCOL National Cooperative Organics Limited

NCQG New Collective Quantified Goal

NCR National Capital Region

NCrF National Credit Framework NCS National Career Service

NCTF National Committee on Trade Facilitation

NCVET National Council for Vocational Education and Training

NDAs Non-Disclosure Agreements

NDCs Nationally Determined Contributions

NDLM National Digital Livestock Mission

NDTSP National Deep Tech Start-up Policy

NEER Nominal Effective Exchange Rate

NEET National Eligibility cum Entrance Test

NEP National Education Policy NEP National Electricity Plan NFA Net Foreign Assets

NFHS National Family Health Survey NFSA National Food Security Act NFSM National Food Security Mission

NFSM-OS&OP National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil Palm

NGOs Non-Government Organisations

NH National Highways

NHA National Health Accounts

NHAI National Highways Authority of India

NHB National Housing Bank
NHs National Highways

NIDHI National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry

NIESBUD National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development

NII Net Interest Income NIM Net Interest Margin

NIP National Infrastructure Pipeline

NITI National Institution for Transforming India

NLBC Narayanpur Left Bank Canal NLM National Livestock Mission NLP National Logistics Policy

NMCE National Multi Commodity Exchange NMCG National Mission on Clean Ganga NMHS National Mental Health Survey NMP National Monetisation Pipeline

NMSA National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture

Non-Conventional

NPCI National Payments Corporation of India NPDD National Programme for Dairy Development

NPK nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium

NPP National Perspective Plan

NPS National Pension Scheme

NRLM National Rural Livelihood Mission
NSDL National Securities Depository Limited

NSIL New Space India Limited

NSQF National Skills Qualification Framework

NSSO National Single Sign-On

NSTI National Skill Training Institute NSVA Nari Shakti Vandan Abhiniyam

NTR Non-Tax Revenue NWs National Waterways

O&M Operations and Maintenance
OCEN Open Credit Enablement Network

OCMS Online Computerised Monitoring System

ODA Official Development Assistance

ODF Open Defecation Free
ODOP One District One Product
ODR Online Dispute Resolution

OECD Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

OEM Original Equipment Manufacturer

OFC Optical Fiber Cable

OFPO Off-Farm Producer Organisation

OFSTED Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills

OI Other Interventions

ONDC Open Network for Digital Commerce
ONGC Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
ONORC One Nation One Ration Card
OOI Other Operating Income
OSOWOG One Sun One World One Grid

OTC Over-the-Counter
PA Provisional Actuals

PACS Primary Agriculture Credit Societies

PAR Performance and Accountability Reporting

PARAKH Performance Assessment, Review and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic

Development

PARIVESH Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous, and Environmental

Single Window Hub

PAT Profit After Tax

PAT Perform, Achieve, and Trade
PBPB Poshan Bhi Padhai Bhi
PCI Per Capita Income
PDMC Per Drop More Crop
PE Provisional Estimates

PFCE Private Final Consumption Expenditure

PFMS Public Financial Management System

PFRAI Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority of India

PHC Primary Healthcare Centre

PHH Priority Households

PIB Press Information Bureau

PKVY Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana
PLFS Periodic Labour Force Survey
PLI Production Linked Incentive

PLI Scheme Production Linked Incentive Scheme

PLISFPI Production Linked Incentive Scheme for the Food Processing Industry

PM Poshan Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman

PM SVANidhi Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor's AatmaNirbhar Nidhi PMAASHA Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanraskhan Abhiyan

PM-AWAS Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

PMAY-U Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban

PMEGP Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme

PMFBY Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

PMFME PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises

PMG Project Monitoring Group

PMGKAY Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana PMGKAY Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

PMGKY P M Gareeb Kalyan Yojana

PMGS-NMP PM GatiShakti National Master Plan PMGSY Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

PMI Purchasing Managers' Index

PMJJBY Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

PMJJY PM Jeevan Jyoti Yojana

PM-KISAN Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi PMKMY Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojna PMKSY Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana PMKSY Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana

PM-KUSUM Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan

PMKVY Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

PM-PRANAM PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment &

Amelioration of Mother Earth

PMSBY Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana PM-SHRI Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India PM-SYM Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan

POL Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants
PPP Public Private Partnership

PPPAC Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee
PRAGATI Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation

PRASHAD Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive

PRAYAG Platform for Real-time Analysis of Yamuna, Ganga, and their tributaries

PSF Price Stabilization Fund

PSLV Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle

PSP Pumped Storage Project
PSU Public Sector Undertaking

PV Photovoltaic Pvt. Private

PVTG Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups
QIPs Qualified Institutional Placements

R&D Research And Development
R&D Research & Development
RAD Rainfed Area Development
RBCF Risk-Based Capital Framework

RBI Reserve Bank of India

RBSF Risk-Based Supervisory Framework
RCS Regional Connectivity Scheme
RDN Recommended Dose of Nutrients
RDSS Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme

RE Renewable Energy
RE Revised Estimates

REER Real Effective Exchange Rate

REEs Rare Earth Elements

REITS Real Estate Investment Trusts

REN21 Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century

RERA Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act

RF testing Radio Frequency Testing

RFID Radio Frequency Identification

RGM Rashtriya Gokul Mission

RIS Research and Information System

rkm route kilometre

RKVY Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

RMBS Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities

RMS Rabi Marketing Season

RoA Return on Asset
RoE Return on Equity

RPL Recognition of Prior Learning
RRTS Regional Rapid Transit System

RSETI Rural Self Employment Training Institute

RTC Round-The-Clock SaaS Software as a Service

SAATHI System for Assessment, Awareness and Training for Hospitality Industry

SAF Sustainable Aviation Fuel SAM Severe Acute Malnutrition

SAMARTH Sustainable Agrarian Mission on Use of Agri-Residue in Thermal Power Plant

SAPCC State Action Plan on Climate Change

SARFAESI Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security

Interest

SBM-G Swachh Bharat Mission – Grameen SCBs Scheduled Commercial Banks

SCM Smart Cities Mission

SCO Shanghai Cooperation Organisation SCRA Securities Contracts Regulation Act

SDF Standing Deposit Facility

SDG Sustainable Development Goals
SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

SDSC-SHAR Satish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota SEBI Securities and Exchange Board of India SEWA Self Employed Women's Association

SEZs Special Economic Zones

SFAC Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium's

SFBs Small Finance Banks

SFT Securities Financing Transactions
SHC Secondary Healthcare Centre

SHG Self Help Group

SHG-BLP SHG-Bank Linkage Programme

SHGs Self Help Groups

SIBs Systematically Important Banks

SIDBI Small Industries and Development Bank of India

SIIC Skill India International Centre

SKUs Stock Keeping Units
SLR Statutory Liquidity Ratio

SMAM Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization

SMR Small Modular Reactors

SO2 Sulphur Dioxide SP Special Projects

SPECS Scheme For Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components And

Semiconductors

SPS Sanitary and Phytosanitary
SPSEs State Public Sector Enterprises
SPVs Special Purpose Vehicles

SRB Sex Ratio at Birth

SROs Self-Regulatory Organisations SRS Spectrum Regulatory Sandbox

SSE Social Stock Exchange

SSLV Small Satellite Launch Vehicle

STARS Strengthening of Teaching-Learning and Results for States

STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

STPs Sewage Treatment Plants
STT Short-Term Training

SVAMITVA Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas

SVEP Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme

SWAMIH Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing SWAMIH Special Window for Affordable and Mid-Income Housing SWAYAM Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds

SWIFT Single Window Interface for Facilitation of Trade

TAS Transaction Advisors

TBT Technical Barriers to Trade

Telecom Telecommunications

TEPA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement

THE Total Health Expenditure

TIES Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme

TPA Tri-Partite Agreement

TPD Tonnes Per Day

TReDS Trade Receivables Discounting System
TTDI Travel and Tourism Development Index

UAE United Arab Emirates

UDAN Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik

UGC University Grants Commission

UHWC Urban Health and Wellness Centre

UJALA Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for ALL

ULBs Urban Local Bodies

ULIP Unified Logistics Interface Platform

ULLAS Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society

ULPIN Unique Land Parcel Identification Number

UMANG Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance

UN United Nations

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UNDP United Nations Development Programme

UNESCAP United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

UNFPA United Nations Fund for Population Activities

UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund UPHC Urban Primary Health Centre

UR Unemployment Rate

URP Udyam Registration Portal

USD United States Dollar

USOF Universal Services Obligation Fund

UT Union Territories
UVs Utility Vehicles

VBSY Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra
VCM Voluntary Carbon Market
VGF Viability Gap Funding
Viz. Videre Licet (Namely)
VRR Variable Repo Rate

VRRR Variable Rate Reverse Repo WASH Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

WEF World Economic Forum
WEO World Economic Outlook
WHO World Health Organization

Wi-Fi Wireless Fidelity

WINDS Weather Information Network & Data System WIPO World Intellectual Property Organisation

WISE-KIRAN Women in Science and Engineering -Knowledge Involvement in Research

Advancement for Nurturing

WiTe Zones Wireless Test Zones

WITS World Integrated Trade Solutions

WPI Wholesale Price Index WPR Worker Population Ratio

WQMIS Water Quality Management Information System

WSA Wayside Amenities

WTO World Trade Organisation

YES-Tech Yield Estimation Based on Technology

YoY Year-on-Year YoY Year-on-Year

ZCZP Zero Coupon, Zero Principal

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