



Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

Gol puts emphasis on 'Champion Sectors' to push forward self-reliance

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Background

- Asserting that India must regain its rightful place in manufacturing, Secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Guruprasad Mohapatra said the whole world not only India has ceded the manufacturing space to a particular geography, in an apparent reference to China.
- The DPIIT Secretary had shared back in May 2020 that the way a corporate or an investor engages with various state government departments or central government departments will be simplified and expedited

New areas identified

- The bid to shore up domestic manufacturing by successive government hasn't yielded much success despite economic liberalisation and the share of manufacturing in the country's GDP has remained stagnant at about 15-17% for at least three decades now
- A contraction in manufacturing exacerbated in July, having recovered in each month until June following a record fall in April. The manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index touched 46 in July, compared with 47.2 in June, 30.8 in May and 27.4 in April, while a sub-50 print suggests contraction
- The Modi government had in 2014 sought to prepare action plans for 25 sectors under its Make in India initiative, the scope of which was later widened to cover a total of 27 "champion sectors"—15 in manufacturing and 12 in services

What next?

- The department is also bolstering "an Investment Clearance Cell" that will put in place a one-stop digital platform for investors to obtain all requisite central and State clearances/approvals in a time-bound and hassle-free manner

- DPIIT has already undertaken stakeholder consultations with investors, including Foxconn, Samsung, Wistron and Yazaki, and their concerns have been shared with the ministries concerned
- The 27 champion sectors also include bio-technology, capital goods, chemicals and petro-chemicals, electronics, leather & footwear, food processing, gems and jewellery, railways, tourism, medical value travel, transport and logistics, accounting and financial services, education and legal services

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