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PART I: INDIAN ECONOMY

News Features

1. India-EU Leaders Meeting: PM Narendra Modi participated (8 May) in the first India-EU Leaders Meeting with the EU Member States, jointly hosted by Presidents of the European Council, Charles Michel, European Commissioner, Ursula Von der Leyen, and PM of Portugal, Antonio Costa. The meeting was held in a hybrid format with the participation of leaders of all the 27 EU Member States. Leaders expressed their desire to further strengthen the India-EU Strategic Partnership based on a shared commitment to democracy, fundamental freedoms, rule of law, and multilateralism. India appreciated the prompt assistance provided by the EU and its member states to combat its 2nd COVID wave. Most important was the decision to resume negotiations on trade and investment agreements. An ambitious and comprehensive India-EU 'Connectivity Partnership' focused on enhancing digital, energy, transport, and people-to-people connectivity was also announced. The Partnership is based on the shared principles of social, economic, fiscal, climate, and environmental sustainability, and respect for international law and commitments. The Partnership will catalyze private and public financing for connectivity projects and will foster new synergies for supporting connectivity initiatives in third countries, including in the Indo-Pacific. Further, India and the EU leaders reiterated their commitment to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and agreed to strengthen joint efforts for mitigation, adaptation, and resilience to the impacts of climate change, as well as providing means of implementation including finance in the context of COP26. India welcomed the EU's decision to join Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI). India and the EU also agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation on digital and emerging technologies such as 5G, AI, Quantum, and High-Performance Computing including through the early operationalization of the Joint Task Force on AI and the Digital Investment Forum.

(More info: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1717098>)



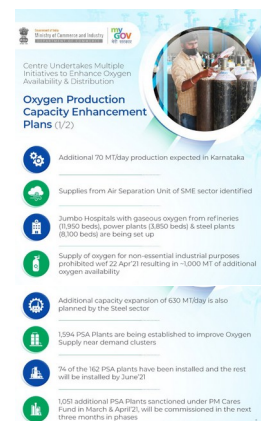
2. EU-India Business Round Table: Confederation of Portuguese Business (CIP) along with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Business Europe organized (8 May) the “EU - India Business Round Table” through virtual mode, coinciding with the India-EU Leaders’ Meeting. EU is India’s largest economic partner and also the largest foreign investor in India. The focus of the Round Table was to understand how EU and India can increase trade and investments, particularly in the current global economic and geopolitical context. Senior industry leaders from India and the EU expressed their desire to further strengthen the India-EU Strategic Partnership based on a shared commitment to democracy, fundamental freedoms, rule of law, and multilateralism. The Round Table was divided into several panel debates, with different speakers focused on important themes of Digitalization; Health and Climate. Some of the key speakers were: Mr. Antonio Costa, PM of Portugal; Mr. Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry Minister of India; Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General of CII; Mr. Markus J. Beyrer, Director General of BusinessEurope, and Mr. V. Dombrovskis, Exec Vice President of the European Commission. Top-level Irish business leaders were also invited to the event.



3. (a) Covid Update: During the 2nd Covid wave from mid-Apr to mid-May, India faced a surge in cases. The Gov. rallied all stakeholders – industry, scientists, doctors, medical students, and civil society in a multi-thronged approach. As a consequence, at the end of May, India witnessed a sharp and continuous decline in cases. Daily new cases have been declining since the highest reported peak of more than 0.4 mn a day to 54,069 cases a day (23 Jun). Total active cases have also consistently declined and now stand at about 0.62 mn. The recovery rate has climbed up to 96.61%. Recoveries have been outnumbering daily new cases for almost a month and a half now.



At the same time, domestic capacities in the production of oxygen and essential medicines have been ramped up significantly. The sourcing of some essential medical equipment and medicines from abroad has been prioritized. This was needed to bridge the temporary gap between demand and supply, as a result of a very high caseload (four times higher than the peak of the first wave), and the resultant strain on the existing health infrastructure capacity. All imports of medical equipment and offers of assistance were accepted in conformity with a priority list prepared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, consisting mainly of liquid medical oxygen and oxygen generating equipment and medicines like Remdesivir, Tocilizumab, and Amphotericin. A total of 231 consignments from 53 countries (03 Jun 2021) were received through direct Gov. procurement and assistance from foreign Governments and private companies, Indian associations, and individuals. Their distribution and allocation of these were undertaken in a record and timely manner.



b) India Develops New Anti-Covid Drug: 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG), an anti-Covid-19 drug developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with Dr.Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), received Emergency Use Approval as "adjunct therapy in moderate to severe COVID-19 patients". Clinical trial results showed that this molecule helps in the faster recovery of hospitalized patients and reduces supplemental oxygen dependence. A higher proportion of patients treated with 2-DG showed RT-PCR negative conversion in COVID patients. The drug is expected to be a significant breakthrough in the management and treatment of COVID-19.



(c) Revised Guidelines for implementation of National COVID Vaccination Program in India: India's National COVID Vaccination Program is built on scientific and epidemiological evidence, WHO guidelines, and global best practices. Anchored in systematic end-to-end planning, it is implemented through effective participation of States/UTs and the people at large. The Gov. of India's commitment to the vaccination program has been proactive from the beginning, from strengthening research and development capacity to encouraging and enabling manufacturing and vaccinating every adult Indian safely, as fast as possible. For the COVID vaccination program, the Gov. initiated early and proactive steps as far back as Apr 2020. India's COVID vaccination program incorporates recommendations of the foremost experts in the field of immunization, public health, disease control, and information technology. Based on scientific and epidemiological evidence, the program gives priority to strengthening the country's healthcare system by protecting the professionals, health, and frontline workers, manning it, as well as protecting the most vulnerable population groups. COVID vaccination in India commenced with vaccination to all Health Care Workers. The program was expanded with time to include vaccination of Front Line Workers, citizens more than 60 years of age, citizens more than 45 years of age and eventually citizens more than 18 years of age. Total vaccine doses administered in the country have exceeded 300 mn (23 Jun) under the Nationwide Vaccine Drive, one of the largest such drives in the world. Efforts are also underway to bring more vaccines, both domestic and foreign.

(More info: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/RevisedVaccinationGuidelines.pdf>)



4. New Innovative Technologies Developed in India to fight against Covid:

➤ **Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR):** CSIR's Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO) has developed a UV-C air duct disinfection system. The disinfection system can be used in auditoriums, large conference rooms, classrooms, malls etc. which will provide a relatively safer environment for indoor activities in the current pandemic.

(More info: <https://pib.gov.in/Pressreleaseshare.aspx?PRID=1720933>)

➤ CSIR's Nagpur-based National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) have developed a 'Saline Gargle RT-PCR Method' for testing COVID-19 samples. The Saline Gargle RT-PCR is an instantaneous method and results can be generated within three hours.

(More info: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1722373>)

➤ To meet the oxygen demand and minimize the supply chain problem of transportation and storage risks related to oxygen cylinders, CSIR-CMERI has developed 'Oxygen Enrichment' technology which has been transferred virtually to M/s. Apollo Computing Laboratories (P) Ltd.

(More info: <https://vigyanprasar.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/vp-Covid-Newsletter-28May2021.pdf>)

➤ **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO):** DRDO's Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR) developed ATMAN AI, an AI-based-COVID detection application software using chest X-rays (CXRs) which can classify the images into normal, COVID-19 and pneumonia classes.

(More info: <https://indiaai.gov.in/article/using-chest-x-rays-ai-atman-can-now-detect-covid19-induced-lung-damage>)

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➤ “Defense Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS), a laboratory of DRDO, has developed an antibody detection-based kit 'DIPCOVAN', the DIPAS-VDX COVID-19 IgG Antibody Microwell ELISA for sero-surveillance. The DIPCOVAN kit can detect both spike as well as nucleocapsid (S&N) proteins of SARS-CoV-2 virus with a high sensitivity of 97 per cent and specificity of 99 per cent.”

(More info: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1720604>)

➤ **Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR):** Phase 3 trial results of the COVAXIN, developed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in partnership with Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL), have shown an interim vaccine efficacy of 81% in preventing COVID-19.

(More info: www.icmr.gov.in/pdf/press_realease_files/Press_Release_ICMR_03_March_2021.pdf)

➤ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO):** “Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is repurposing existing resources, scaling up the production capacity of their facilities and also transferring technology to aid the country’s fight against Covid-19. ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu, has been supplying liquid oxygen to the state governments in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.”- Dr. K. Sivan, Director, ISRO.

(More info: <https://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-exclusive-isro-turns-savior-amid-india-s-covid-19-battle-supplying-o2-gas-tanks-technology-2890025>)

➤ **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore:** Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore have developed a light weight, mobile-friendly efficient deep learning model for detection of COVID-19 using lung ultrasound images.

(More info: <https://vigyanprasar.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/vp-Covid-Newsletter-11May2021.pdf>)

➤ **Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER):** IISER in Bhopal has developed an affordable oxygen concentrator 'oxycon' to meet the rising demand of medical oxygen amid the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

(More info: <https://vigyanprasar.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/vp-Covid-Newsletter-28May2021.pdf>)

5. **‘Future of Asia’ Conference:** External Affairs Minister (EAM), Dr. S Jaishankar addressed the 26th International Conference of the Future of Asia, organized by Nikkei (20 May). Describing the Covid-19 pandemic as a “black swan event”, he said that even as some facets of the deadly virus have been addressed, “it continues its devastating course across geographies.” EAM said that the Covid-19 has reshaped the world by changing the perceptions and calculations of nations by bringing out the value of trust and transparency and the importance of reliable supply chains. Dr. Jaishankar elaborated on how the Covid-19 was reshaping the world, mainly by changing the perceptions and calculations of nations about each other and the world; bringing out the value of trust and transparency and the importance of reliable supply chains; heightening risk aversion in a world now clearly more insecure and encouraging strategic autonomy to address over-dependence; focusing on the need to create greater global capacities so that pandemic-scale challenges are more effectively met, and; by doing so promoting decentralized globalization and establishing resilient supply chains to de-risk the world economy.

(More info: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASG17sYBVoe>)



6. Opportunities in Food Processing Sector in India: Food processing has an important role to play in linking Indian farmers to consumers in the domestic and international markets. The industry engages approx. 1.93 mn people in around 39,748 registered units with fixed capital of \$32.75 bn and aggregate output of around \$158.69 bn. Major industries constituting the food processing industry are grains, sugar, oils, beverages, and dairy products. India's food ecosystem offers significant opportunities for investments with stimulating growth in the food retail sector, favorable economic policies, and attractive fiscal incentives. The Food & Grocery market in India is the 6th largest in the world. The retail market constitutes almost 65% of the total retail market in India. India is the world's largest producer, consumer & exporter of spices; largest processor, producer, and consumer of cashew nuts, and 2nd largest producer of food grains, fruits, and vegetables. The key sub-segments of the Food Processing industry in India are Dairy, Fruits & Vegetables, Poultry & Meat processing, Fisheries, Food retail, etc. By 2024, the Food Processing industry will potentially attract \$33 bn investments and generate employment for 9mn people. By 2025, India's food processing sector is expected to be worth over half a trillion dollars. By 2030, Indian annual household consumption to treble, making India the 5th largest consumer.

(More Info: <https://www.investindia.gov.in/sector/food-processing>)



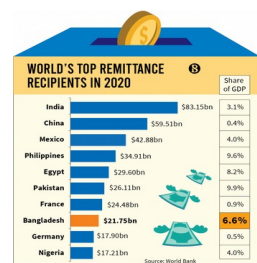
7. Inspiring Start-ups Help India Go Green: In recent years, India's new-age start-up companies have increased their focus on environmental awareness and are going beyond advocacy for plastic-free or paper-free workplaces. The latest agenda is to drive initiatives centered on responsibility towards sustainability. Nearly all companies have begun adopting greener practices to reduce their carbon footprint- it refers to the number of greenhouse gases produced by a single entity and is measured as tonnes of CO2 emitted per year. Indian Govt policies and corporate initiatives are helping India forge ahead with its sustainability agenda. The Govt's support—in the form of regulations and commitments to amplify the use of clean energy resources and promote clean energy concepts—has been vital in driving growth. Also, the authorities have been undertaking several large-scale sustainable power projects to achieve the country's targets as per the Paris Agreement. India plans to have 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2022. Some companies offering innovative, efficient solutions for waste management and repurposing waste for goods with commercial value.

(More Info: <https://www.ibef.org/research/case-study/startups-helping-india-go-green>)



8. India Becomes Top Remittance Earner in 2020: Despite the global economy being devastated by the Covid-19 pandemic, India remained the top remittance earner with a whopping US \$83.1 bn in 2020, a drop of just 0.2% from the previous year (\$83.3 bn in 2019). This drop occurred due to a 17% decline in remittances from the UAE, a World Bank report said. China remained a distant 2nd in terms of global remittances with it receiving US \$59.5 bn in remittances in 2020 against the US \$68.3 bn in 2019. India and China are followed by Mexico (US\$ 42.9 bn), the Philippines (US\$ 34.9 bn), and Egypt (US\$ 29.6 bn). Globally, the remittance flow was US\$540 bn in 2020, which is 1.9% lower as compared to that of 2019, when it was US\$548 bn. India has been the largest recipient of remittances since 2008.

(More info: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2021/05/12/defying-predictions-remittance-flows-remain-strong-during-covid-19-crisis>)



9. Global Engagements of Indian PM (Virtual): (i) India-UK Virtual Summit (04 May) with UK PM, Boris Johnson. An ambitious 'Roadmap 2030' was adopted at the Summit to elevate bilateral ties to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership', paving the way for a deeper and stronger engagement over the next ten years in the key areas of trade, and economy, defense and security, climate action, and health; and (ii) India-EU Leaders' Meeting (08 May) (details in para 1 above). PM Modi also held telephonic conversations with the (i) Australian PM (07 May); (ii) Bhutanese PM (11 May); (ii) French President (26 May); and (iv) the US Vice President (03 Jun).



Main Economic Indicators

Gross Domestic Product – GDP			
Fiscal Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Real GDP (% change, YoY)	7.0%	6.1%	4.2%
GDP (current US\$) - India	2653	2713	2869

Source: Indian National Statistical Office (NSO) and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI)

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India's GDP grew 1.6 % in the 4Q (Jan-Mar) of 2020-21. This comes on top of a 0.5 % growth in the previous Oct-Dec quarter. In Jan-Mar last year, the economy had grown 3 %. For the full financial year 2020-21, however, the GDP contracted (-7.3 %) a record low. This is nevertheless a marginal improvement from the earlier estimate of 8 % contraction in the 2nd advance estimates released in Feb, largely because of a sharp rise in govt expenditure. The uptick in the Q4 was driven mainly by the manufacturing sector even as services remained comparatively sluggish, provisional estimates of annual national income and quarterly estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised its growth forecast in 2021 for India to 12.5 % from 11.5 % estimated earlier in Jan 2021. After the 2nd Covid surge, this is expected to be readjusted. According to the IMF, in the next two years, India is also expected to emerge as the fastest-growing economy.



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Foreign Trade

I. Merchandise Trade		
Exports & Imports: (US \$ billion) (Provisional)	May '21	Apr - May '21
Exports (including re-exports)		
2020-21	19.05	29.41
2021-22	32.27	62.89
% Growth 2021-22/2020-21	69.35	113.85
Imports		
2020-21	22.20	39.32
2021-20	38.55	84.27
% Growth 2021-22/2020-21	73.64	114.31
Trade balance		
2020-21	-3.15	-9.91
2021-22	-6.28	-21.38

II. Trade in Services	
Exports & Imports: (US \$ billion)	Apr '21
(Provisional)	
Exports (Receipts)	17.55
Imports (Payments)	9.90
Trade balance	7.65

Source: RBI Press Release, dated 15th June 2021. (More info: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1727266>)

Industry

According to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), for the month of Apr 2021, the Quick Estimates of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) with base 2011-12 stands at 126.6. IIP for the Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity sectors for the month of Apr 2021 stand at 108.0, 125.1 and 174.0 respectively. These Quick Estimates will undergo revision in subsequent releases as per the revision policy of IIP. Industrial production rose a whopping 134.44 % in Apr on a low year-on-year (YoY) base against 24.14 % in Mar. However, this jump in the factory output is partial data, due to the effect of state-imposed restrictions amid the 2nd wave.

(More info: <http://mospi.nic.in/sites/default/files/iip/iipapr21.pdf> / <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1726259>)

Inflation

According to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) and MoSPI, India's retail inflation shot up to six-month high of 6.3 % in May, after easing to a three-month low of 4.23 % in April. Inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), has breached the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target range for the first time after five months. The RBI is mandated to maintain the crucial number at 4 % in the medium term, with a 2 percentage point margin on either side as part of its inflation target.

(More info: <https://mospi.gov.in/web/mospi/press-release>)

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Measures taken by the Indian Govt on the fronts of FDI policy reforms, investment facilitation and ease of doing business resulted in increased FDI inflows into the country. The following trends in India's FDI are an endorsement of its status as a preferred investment destination amongst global investors:

- India has attracted highest ever total FDI inflow of US\$ 81.72 bn during the financial year 2020-21 and it is 10% higher as compared to the last financial year 2019-20 (US\$ 74.39 bn). FDI equity inflow grew by 19% in the F.Y. 2020-21 (US\$ 59.64 bn) compared to the previous year F.Y. 2019-20 (US\$ 49.98 bn).
- In terms of top investor countries, 'Singapore' is at the apex with 29%, followed by the U.S.A (23%) and Mauritius (9%) for the F.Y. 2020-21.
- 'Computer Software & Hardware' has emerged as the top sector during F.Y. 2020-21 with around 44% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Construction (Infrastructure) Activities (13%) and Services Sector (8%) respectively.
- The major sectors, namely Construction (Infrastructure) Activities, Computer Software & Hardware, Rubber Goods, Retail Trading, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals and Electrical Equipment have recorded more than 100% jump in equity during the F.Y. 2020-21 as compared to the previous year. Out of top 10 countries, Saudi Arabia is the top investor in terms of percentage increase during F.Y. 2020-21. It invested US\$ 2816.08 mn in comparison to US\$ 89.93 mn reported in the previous F.Y. 227% and 44% increase recorded in FDI equity inflow from the USA & the UK respectively, during the F.Y. 2020-21 compared to F.Y. 2019-20.

(More info: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1721268>)

PART II: INDIA-IRELAND ECONOMIC RELATIONS:

1. Remarks by Irish PM Micheál Martin at India-EU Leaders Meeting (08 May): PM Michael Martin expressed deep sympathy over the pandemic crisis in India, unleashed by the 2nd Corona wave (Earlier, under EU-ECHO mechanism, Ireland had sent emergency medical assistance of 1248 oxygen concentrators, 425 ventilators and 2 oxygen generators in two consignments). PM Martin mentioned the strong historical relationship with India and emphasized reinforcing ties in areas of people to people exchanges, education, research, science and technology, and data science. He welcomed the agreement on the protection of geographical indications as an important element of a future relationship between the EU and India.



2. “In Conversation with Ambassador” Series: During the month, the Embassy continued with the programme “In Conversation with Ambassador” in which distinguished speakers from different walks of life are invited to share their experiences and offer suggestions on the advancement of India-Ireland relationship. A webinar (28 May) was organized around the theme 'Power of Medical Science and how to manage Covid Effectively'. Participants included: Ms. Suchitra Ella, Joint Managing Director of Bharat Biotech (Developer of COVAXIN-India's 1st Indigenous Covid-19 Vaccine); Dr. Uday Yashwant Gokhale, Consulting Physician at AIMS2Health in India; and Prof Luke Anthony John O'Neill, from the School of Biochemistry and Immunology at Trinity College. Event was a unique opportunity to gain incisive knowledge about Covid-19 management and Vaccine roll-out, challenges, and projections for future. It was telecast live on Embassy's FB page and garnered high viewership amongst a cross-section of Irish and Indian communities, including business leaders.



3. Indian DRDO Tie-up with NTRON Ltd: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) sourced oxygen sensors from the local Irish company NTRON Ltd based in Navan, County Meath. These are being used in installation of medical oxygen plants (MOPs) in Delhi hospitals and AIIMS Jhajjar, and for next phase of MOPs at Hindupur, AP under PM CARES Fund. Ambassador, together DRDO Technical Counsellor visited NTRON Ltd (25 May) to meet with top management and staff, and to tour the facilities.



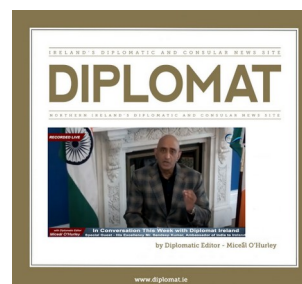
Ambassador with Mr. David Beirne, MD of NTRON Ltd

4. Embassy Provincial Outreach Programme: Embassy Provincial Outreach Programme was expanded with lifting of Covid-19 inter-county travel restrictions, with focus on forging economic opportunities out of challenges. The Programme aims to explore bilateral opportunities, particularly in business and healthcare. During the month, Ambassador visited (i) County Clare (13 May) and (ii) County Cork (19 May) where he met with healthcare staff, Indian community, business, and University College Cork representatives.

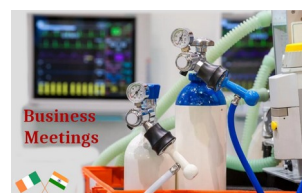


Ambassador with healthcare representatives in Bunnratty, Co. Clare

5. Ambassador's Interview for local media: Ambassador appeared (17 May) as the Special Guest in an interview for Diplomat.ie under the program 'In Conversation This Week with Diplomat Ireland' hosted by Miceal O'Hurley. Diplomat.ie is a foreign affairs news website for the Diplomatic, Consular, Political, and Business community in Ireland and globally. Ambassador addressed several significant topics of the month, many driven by the Covid-19 pandemic, bilateral business opportunities, as well as possibilities arising from India taking up non-permanent seat at the UN Security Council (UNSC). He also underlined the significance of the Indian diaspora, with many working on the frontlines of Ireland's healthcare, high-tech, education, and S&T sectors.



6. Business Meetings: These are related mainly to the procurement of essential medical equipment like oxygen concentrators, ventilators generators, ECMO machines as well as critical medications like Remdesivir, Tocilizumab, Amphotericin B and Pasaconazole for treatment of Covid patients in India. The requirement is both at the central and provincial levels.



7. Embassy's Consular Services and ongoing response to COVID-19: During the month, 262 passports, 7 visas, and 85 Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cards were issued. Other services were also continued to be provided, mostly through the post, in line with HSE protocols. Limited in-house services were strictly by appointment. The Embassy also maintained its support structures, helplines, and CSGs in all key cities.



Bilateral Trade

For the period Jan-Apr 2021 (for which period the latest figures are available), total bilateral trade stood at Euro 347 mn. India's exports to Ireland were worth Euro 226 mn and India's imports worth 121 mn. The balance of trade was 105 mn in favor of India. Trade data show positive trends and the start of normalization of trading in post-Covid time. [The analysis of data available for the period Jan-Dec 2020 showed that total bilateral trade stood at Euro 890 mn. India's exports to Ireland were Euro 524 mn and India's imports from Ireland worth Euro 366 mn. The balance of trade was Euro 158 mn in favor of India.]

**Overall negative trends shows reflection of the economic impact of Covid-19.*

Year/Period	2017	2018	2019	2020	Jan - Apr '21
Ireland's Exports to India	€ 353	€ 327	€480	€366 (-23.75%)	€121 (2.12 %)
Ireland's Imports from India	€ 683	€ 560	€636	€524 (-17.57%)	€226 (25.09 %)
Total Trade	€1036	€ 887	€1116	€890 (-20.23%)	€347 (16.00 %)

PART III: UPCOMING EVENTS

Events, fairs and conferences held / to be held in May & Jun 2021 in India			
Organizer	Event / Tender	Date	City/State
World Trade Center Mumbai	India International Home & Interior Show (IIHI)	4 May	Event link: https://worldtradeexpo.org/exhibition/3114e174a38f4dab80cd348ca8fdb27
The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development	1 st Virtual Trade Fair on – "India Fruits, Vegetables & Floriculture"	27-29 May 2021	Event link: https://vtf.apeda.gov.in/TradeFair/VTFHome

Authority (APEDA) – an apex-export trade promotion agency set up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt of India			
PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in collaboration with North East Christian University (NECU) Dimapur, Nagaland, and FSSAI	Virtual Event to commemorate the WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY 2021	07 June 2021	Event brochure link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u4JEy0XPZ6iV8fifdrNmk--eroPCeVMP/view For further information PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) may be contacted at 91-11-26863801-04 and email: geethahk@phdcci.in niraj@phdcci.in
Chamber for Import, Export & Health and Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs & relevant Government of India agencies	Food & Beverage Pro + Agro Organic World Expo'21 one of India's best trade shows for this industry and 7th Annual Outbound Tourism International (Worldwide Tourism) Expo & Conference	17-19 Jun 2021	Event link: https://www.agrofnbpro.in/ Event link: www.tindiaexpo.com
The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	FICCI Webinar: "The Trends Shaping the Industrial & Logistics Real-estate Market: 2021 & Beyond"	25 June 2021, (2:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.)	Registration Link: https://ficci-web.com/realestate21/
The Plastics Export Promotion Council (PLEXCONCIL)	ONLINE business meetings with EU Countries - "PLEXCONNECT EU 2021"	29-30 June 2021	Event link: https://plexconcilb2b.com/buyer/EU

Events, fairs and conferences held / to be held in Jun 2021 in Ireland			
Organizer	Event / Tender	Date	City/State
Embassy of India, Dublin	International Day of Yoga-2021	19 Jun 2021	IDY 2021 will be organized in line with ongoing Covid-19 restrictions. Link: https://www.facebook.com/IndiainIreland

Upcoming events, fairs and conferences in India			
Organizer	Event / Tender	Date	City/State
Prasar Bharati (India's Public Service Broadcaster) Prasar Bharati Secretariat Prasar Bharati House, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi	Global e-Tender (Expression of Interest) (NIT-02/2021-22) Prasar Bharati-inviting Expression of Interest through a : TENDER FOR A CONSULTANT TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO LAUNCH A CHANNEL WITH AN INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE The objective is to "project India's point of view globally on contemporary issues of both global and domestic significance" and to "tell the India Story to a global audience".	21 Jul 2021	A Pre-Bid Video Conference is scheduled to be held on 29.06.2021 at 15:00 Hrs (IST). Interested prospective bidders/Consultants may send their Name, Firm's name, Contact no., and e-Mail ID along with queries on the EoI, if any, by email to ddpurchase401@yahoo.co.in on or before 28.06.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs (IST) so that link for the VC can be sent. Full Tender (EOI-01/2021-22-EI (P) TV) available on following link: https://prasarbharati.eproc.in/ProductPB/publicDash
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India	"The Indo Pacific Business Summit" - Developing a Road Map for Shared Prosperity	06-08 July 2021	Event link: https://www.ciihive.in/SignUp.aspx?EventId=INDPACIFIC
Octavia Exposium LLP (Octagon Communications Pvt Ltd) with support of state of Gujarat, India	VIRTUAL EXPO, i.e. CERAMIX EXPO 2021 - a unified business platform for companies that are active globally in the ceramic sector	26-29 July 2021	Event link: www.ceramixexpo.com

Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH)	14 th INDIAN FASHION JEWELLERY & ACCESSORIES SHOW - IFJAS 2021 VIRTUAL FAIR	27-30 July 2021	Event link: https://ifjas.in/virtual/Intlpressrelease/Fashion2021.pdf Event link: https://ifjas.in/
World Trade Center Mumbai	India International Home & Interior Show (IIHI)	4 Aug 2021	Event link: https://worldtradeexpo.org/exhibition/3114e174a38f4dab80cd348ca8fdb27
Bus & Car Operators Confederation of India (BOCI)	BOCI organises biennial event Prawaas: The Bus & Car show focusing on Public Transport. 'Prawaas' is a common word in Indian languages which means 'The Travel'.	05-07 Aug 2021	Event link: http://www.prawaas.com/
The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	Leadership, Excellence, and Adaptability of business built on pillars of Diversity and Sustainability 'LEADS 2021' - is a unique multi-faceted 2-day global thought leadership initiative . 'Future of Sustainable Technologies in India-Europe Partnership'- a unique multi-faceted international platform to 'Re-imagine the World'	14-15 Sep 2021	Event link: https://registrations.ficci.com/FICCILEADS2021/online-registration.asp
Organised under: "Make in India" major national programme of the Govt of India and MS Foundation- organization in service for the well being and overall development of the Manufacturing Sector in India	IMS 2020- India Manufacturing Show "India's Premier Industrial Exhibition for MSME and Heavy industries"	27-29 Sep 2021	Event link: http://www.indiamanufacturingshow.com/ims2020/index.php
Chamber for Import, Export & Health and Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs & relevant Government of India agencies	Food & Beverage Pro + Agro Organic World Expo'21 one of India's best trade shows for this industry and 7th Annual Outbound Tourism International (Worldwide Tourism) Expo & Conference	02-04 Sep 2021	Event link: https://www.agrofnbpro.in/ Event link: www.ttindiaexpo.com
PREMIER PUBLISHING LTD DUBLIN	6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT	21 Oct 2021	Event link: https://www.nationalconstructionsummit.ie/
Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with the Ministry of Railways, Government of India	IREE - 14th International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE 2021)	21-23 Oct 2021	Email contact: rajesh.wadhwa@cii.in Event link: www.ireeindia.com
Chamber for Import, Export & Health and Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs & relevant Government of India agencies	Food & Beverage Pro + Agro Organic World Expo'21 one of India's best trade shows for this industry and 7th Annual Outbound Tourism International (Worldwide Tourism) Expo & Conference	25-27 Nov 2021	Event link: https://www.agrofnbpro.in/ Event link: www.ttindiaexpo.com
PREMIER PUBLISHING LTD DUBLIN	NATIONAL MANUFACTURING & SUPPLY CHAIN CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION CREATING AN INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING & SUPPLY CHAIN ECOSYSTEM	24-25 Nov 2021	Event link for registration: https://www.manufacturingevent.com/register/

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