Weekly Economic Roundup

India’s swift and substantial policy responses to the pandemic, including fiscal support and economic reforms, are underpinning a rebound in growth that’s now forecast to be one of the fastest of all major economies.

**Population**: 1.39 B

**GDP per Capita**: US $2,116

**Unemployment**: 7.1%

**Real GDP Growth**

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**Vaccination Rate**: 53% (as of Nov 2021)

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India’s growth is poised for a rebound, one of the fastest of all major economies, after a second wave of COVID19 infections this year. Source: @IMF News|Twitter

The best performing States in terms of mobility of goods and efficiency of the logistics chain. Source: @TransformingIndia|Twitter

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POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Government’s Telecom department amends unified license agreement to allow 100% FDI

DoT allows 100% FDI under automatic route, but with boundary riders

The Economic Times, November 3, 2021

59 minutes in-principle loan approval scheme for MSMEs sanction 2,35,511 loans as of November 1, 2021

SIDBI’s 59-min loan scheme for MSMEs: 80% of sanctioned amount disbursed in 2.19 lakh loans till Nov 1

The Financial Express, November 3, 2021

Rapid vaccination drive enhances the confidence level of the common man as well as the economy

India ready to move into next orbit of growth: SBI chief Dinesh Kumar Khara

The Financial Express, November 6, 2021

Time for India to target a five-fold rise in annual technical textile exports in three years, says Union Minister Piyush Goyal

Government eyes $10-billion technical textiles exports in 3 years

The Financial Express, November 7, 2021

Total incidences of tax on petrol and diesel come down following reduction in excise duties

Total tax on petrol down to 50%, diesel to 40% after excise duty cuts

Business Standard, November 8, 2021

Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India work out most requirements for overseas trading and settlement of Indian bonds

Framework finalized: G-secs to ‘soon’ join global bond indices

The Indian Express, November 8, 2021

Ratio of currency in circulation as a proportion of GDP touches a new high for fiscal 2020-21

Five years after DeMo, cash at record 14.5% of GDP

Times, top100, November 8, 2021

India’s economy is not vulnerable to US Fed tapering impact

Indian economy will survive headwinds from a taper by US Fed, says FinMin

Business Standard, November 8, 2021
Government eyes a middle path on virtual currencies as outright ban is not feasible due to large investments by Indians
*India considering ‘middle path’ on cryptocurrencies*
The Economic Times, November 8, 2021

Government launches mentorship programme for young innovators to strengthen scientific research and innovation efforts
*Government launches first-ever mentorship programme for young innovators*
Business Standard, November 8, 2021

Gujarat occupies the first spot among 21 states on the logistics index chart, an indicator of the efficiency of logistical services necessary to promote exports and economic growth
*UP leapfrogged 7 ranks, Gujarat tops logistics ease index*
The Hindustan Times, November 8, 2021

Growth rate of gross direct tax collections decline to 21% in October
*Waning Base Effect: Direct tax revenues down a fifth in October*
The Financial Express, November 9, 2021

Government purchases 209.52 lakh tonne of paddy till November 8
*Government buys over 209 lakh ton paddy so far this Kharif marketing season for ₹41,066 crores*
The Economic Times, November 9, 2021

Borrowing cost for the states declines sharply because they raised shorter tenor funds
*States’ borrowing cost falls sharply to 6.81% from 7.02%*
The Financial Express, November 9, 2021

Government is aiming to trim India’s elevated logistics costs to catapult India to the league of developed nations where the logistics costs are around 8-10% of their GDP
*Government aims to cut logistics costs by 5 percentage points over next five years: Piyush Goyal*
The Financial Express, November 9, 2021

India set to become the top services exporter in the world
*India poised to achieve Services Export target of $1 Trillion by 2030 - Shri Piyush Goyal*
PIB, November 9, 2021
Government frames rules to address liquidity issues facing the construction sector

**Government frames rules for release of 75% of amount stuck in arbitration in construction sector**

The Economic Times, November 9, 2021

Dairy industry is expected to grow driven by a revival in economic activities, increasing per capita consumption of milk and milk products

**Dairy industry in India to grow by 9-11% in FY22, says report**

Business Standard, November 10, 2021

Government examining proposal to tax the block chain ecosystem including cryptocurrencies

**Investing in cryptocurrencies, NFT? Soon, you may have to pay 18% GST**

Business Standard, November 10, 2021

Civil society activists and experts urge for additional financial support to meet demand for work under MGNREGA

**MGNREGS will need ₹32K-crore more aid to meet demand: Experts**

Business Standard, November 10, 2021

Armed with necessary macro and micro growth drivers, India is on its way to becoming the fastest growing major economy in the world

**India on way to becoming fastest growing economy in world: FinMin report**

Business Standard, November 10, 2021

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gives approval for committed price support of ₹17,408.85 crores to the Cotton Corporation of India

**Cabinet approves price support to Cotton Corporation of India**

The Hindu, November 10, 2021

Commerce Ministry shares list of items with ministries with an aim to cut imports

**Commerce ministry shares list of 102 items to ministries for enhancing domestic capacity to cut imports**

The Financial Express, November 10, 2021

India launches ‘E-Amrit’ a one-stop destination for all information on electric vehicles

**India launches e-Amrit portal on EVs at COP26**

PIB, November 10, 2021
A programme on “Nutrition Smart Village” to be initiated to strengthen Poshan Abhiyan
75 Nutrition smart villages will strengthen India’s campaign against malnutrition
PIB, November 10, 2021

Government constitutes a committee to determine RoDTEP rates for exports from special economic zones and export-oriented units
Government sets up committee for determination of RoDTEP rates for exports from SEZs, EOU
The Financial Express, November 10, 2021

Tax cuts on fuels augur well for the inflation scenario
Excise duty cut on petrol, diesel is significantly positive for inflation: RBI Governor
The Economic Times, November 10, 2021

RBI governor exudes confidence at India’s positive growth projection
RBI chief Shaktikanta Das says GDP to clip at 9.5% as growth impulses strong
The Financial Express, November 10, 2021

RBI Governor cautions investors on the potential pitfalls of the digital currency
RBI governor Shaktikanta Das sounds alarm on cryptocurrencies
Live mint, November 11, 2021

As Covid-19 vaccination drive improves the stage is set for revival of the investment cycle, and exports
October report: Stage set for an investment revival, says finance ministry
The Financial Express, November 11, 2021

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gives nod to raise prices of sugarcane-based ethanol by up to ₹1.47 per litre for the supply year 2021-22
Cabinet approves increase in ethanol price, cotton support
The Economic Times, November 11, 2021

Government is working through balanced, fair and equitable FTAs to benefit both sides and create job opportunities in India, and business opportunities for MSMEs
India looking at reciprocal, equitable access to foreign markets through FTAs: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal
The Financial Express, November 11, 2021
Covid-19 pandemic has created new opportunities for India such that new employment opportunities will be created

"Covid a huge opportunity to prepare for next 25 years "- Shri Piyush Goyal
PIB, November 11, 2021

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launches Retail Direct Scheme and the Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme

PM launches two innovative customer centric initiatives of RBI
PIB, November 12, 2021

Government introduces scheme to boost manufacturing capability of the automobile sector

Government includes CNG, LNG, 98 other advanced techs under auto PLI scheme
Business Standard, November 12, 2021

Tea Board of India warns all importers and blenders of tea against passing off a mix of inferior foreign imports as Indian tea

Tempest in a teapot: Government cracks down on blending of inferior imports with Indian teas
India Today, November 12, 2021

25 states and Union Territories undertake a commensurate reduction of VAT on Petrol and Diesel to give relief to consumers

25 states, UTs so far reduced VAT on petrol, diesel: Ministry
The Economic Times, November 12, 2021

Mobikwik collaborates with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Axis Bank to launch MobiKwik RuPay Prepaid Card

MobiKwik launches RuPay Card
The Hindustan Times, November 12, 2021

India’s Cumulative COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage exceeds 111.40 Crore

COVID-19 UPDATE
PIB, November 12, 2021
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Companies continue to shed jobs even as manufacturing activities accelerate to an eight-month high
**PMI manufacturing hits 8-month high but companies continue to shed jobs**
Business Standard, November 2, 2021

Festive sales break 10-year record
**Diwali shopping helped generate ₹1.25 lakh crore, breaks 10-year record, says trade body CAIT**
The Hindustan Times, November 5, 2021

PHDCCI Economy GPS Index for October 2021 increased to 131 due to rapid progress in vaccinations, festive season and consequent improvement in consumer and industry sentiments
**India’s economic recovery gains momentum in recent months: PHDCCI Economy GPS Index**
The Economic Times, November 6, 2021

Wide acceptance of Indian vaccines and ease of restrictions open up choices for leisure travellers
**Travel companies see brisk business as more countries open up borders**
Business Standard, November 7, 2021

Goa registers a rise in financial inclusion of women
**Story in numbers: Goa sees rise in women-owned bank accounts, shows data**
Business Standard, November 7, 2021

International agencies express concern over inflationary pressures
**Inflation cools in September, but inflationary pressure is building up**
Business Standard, November 8, 2021

Sunday witnessed the highest number of flights and passengers flow
**Flights and passengers on Sunday highest since air travel resumed last May**
Business Standard, November 8, 2021

Demand for jobs register an uptick showing an optimistic outlook to recovery
**Hiring demand up 9% YoY in Oct, dips sequentially: Monster Employment Index**
Business Standard, November 9, 2021
Nomura Global Markets Research raised its forecasts for consumer price inflation for 2022, and fiscal deficit and current account deficit for FY22 for India

Nomura forecasts higher CPI, deficit
The Economic Times, November 9, 2021

Office space leasing drops across six major cities

Office space leasing falls 4 pc to 25 million square feet during Jan-Sep: CBRE
Business Standard, November 9, 2021

Domestic air passenger traffic increases following a revival in travel sentiment during the festival season and a steady fall in fresh Covid-19 cases

Domestic air traffic rises 67% y-o-y in October
The New Indian Express, November 10, 2021

India’s gated community consumption will be second only to the US as consumption registers an increase

Consumption in gated communities in India poised to grow 2.5 times to touch $500 billion in five years: Report
The Economic Times, November 10, 2021

India to register positive economic growth led by its commitment towards a net zero target

India’s GDP to rise by $406 billion by 2050 in net-zero scenario: Report
Business Standard, November 11, 2021

UPI AutoPay records over 4 million mandate registrations in October

UPI AutoPay sees 28.34% rise in recurring mandates, shows data
Business Standard, November 11, 2021

Credit market is back on a growth trajectory as credit activities rise during February-October

Credit active consumers rise 7% during Feb-Oct this year: Report
Business Standard, November 11, 2021

Growth to exceed 10% in FY 2021-22 on strong agriculture recovery

Bright crop prospects will boost rural demand, says NITI Aayog
Business Standard, November 12, 2021

Passenger vehicle wholesales decline with semiconductor shortage hitting production of automobile manufacturers

Passenger vehicle wholesales down by 27% in October amid chip shortage
Business Standard, November 12, 2021
Foundries across the country are forced to either curtail production or temporarily shut down amid a spike in input cost.

Steep input cost hike forces foundry industry to curtail production
Business Standard, November 12, 2021

Retail inflation rises in October due to an uptick in food prices

Retail inflation rises to 4.48% in Oct as compared to 4.35% in Sept: Government data
The Hindustan Times, November 12, 2021

Tea production in India increases by 97.52 Mkgs during January- September period

Tea production in India up during January- September period
The Economic Times, November 12, 2021

Industrial production growth slows down in September due to the waning low base effect

IIP growth slips to 3.1% in September on waning low base effect
Business Standard, November 12, 2021
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Competitiveness of Indian major life sciences clusters has positioned the country well ahead of its peers highlighting the role of research and development amid the pandemic. 

**Best locations for life sciences R&D**
FDI Intelligence, October 27, 2021

India slipped to eighth position in 2020 in terms of its share of merchandise exports among developing economies.

**India's share of exports declines among developing countries in 2020**
Business Standard, November 6, 2021

Indian rice export prices hit their highest level since early-July this week supported by limited supplies and a stronger rupee.

**Supply constraints, higher rupee lift Indian rice export prices to near 4-month high**
The Economic Times, November 7, 2021

Baghdad Chamber of Commerce invites Indian tea companies to participate in the first tea festival in Iraq.

**Iraq may open doors to Indian tea after 10-year hiatus**
The Economic Times, November 8, 2021

India is simultaneously pursuing export-led economic growth and greater self-reliance, committing to multilateralism and renewing its focus on bilateralism.

**Is India recalibrating its approach towards FTA negotiations?**
The Economic Times, November 9, 2021

Total coal imports drops on account of a substantial reduction in the import of non-coking coal.

**India's coal imports down 12% at 94 MT in April-August**
The Financial Express, November 9, 2021

Shipment of 5G smartphones continue to gain traction in the third quarter of 2021.

**5G mobiles account for 22 per cent share of India's smartphone shipment: CMR**
The Economic Times, November 9, 2021

India and Israel sign a pact aimed at spurring innovation and speeding up the development of dual use technologies by small and medium sized firms.

**India, Israel sign pact to speed up innovation, dual-use technology**
Live mint, November 10, 2021
India and the GCC agree to further secure supply chains in the areas of energy, security, food security and health care

**India pitches for securing Gulf sovereign funds**
The Economic Times, November 10, 2021

SoftBank, announces that it may invest another $5 billion to $10 billion in the country by 2022 provided that it finds the right companies

**SoftBank says could invest another USD 5-10 billion in India in 2022 if it finds 'the right opportunities'**
The Hindustan Times, November 11, 2021

India's widening CAD, driven by the massive spike in commodity price to put pressure on the fragile recovery

**CAD seen hitting 1.4% or $45 billion by March as crude soars: Report**
Business Standard, November 11, 2021

Revised draft negotiating text on fishery subsidies at WTO offers greater leeway to advanced fishing nations disappointing developing countries including India

**Fishery subsidy: New WTO text tilted in favour of developed nations**
The Financial Express, November 12, 2021

More capital is flowing to Indian entrepreneurs relative to GDP than in other countries

**India's PE/VC funding leads widening over peers, developed markets**
Business Standard, November 12, 2021
INTERNATIONAL SCENE

Covaxin gets the stamp of international legitimacy

**A big boost**
Business Standard, November 6, 2021

Internet banking transactions in India rise to 13,615 per 1,000 adults in 2020

**India now ahead of China in financial inclusion metrics: Report**
The Times of India, November 9, 2021

India, represented by NITI Aayog, participated in the fourth ministerial dialogue of the Zero-Emission Vehicle Transition Council to celebrate Transport Day

**India Celebrates Transport Day at COP26**
PIB, November 10, 2021

Revised guidelines for international arrivals exempt children below five years from compulsory RT-PCR testing before and after their arrival in India

**New international travel guidelines: No Covid test for kids below 5 years**
Business Standard, November 12, 2021

India’s swift and substantial policy responses to the pandemic are underpinning a rebound in growth

**India’s Economy to Rebound as Pandemic Prompts Reforms**
IMF, November 12, 2021

Ensuring transparent, trustworthy and resilient supply chains is at the core of trade revival

**Global Supply chains should not only be based only on cost but also on trust – Shri Piyush Goyal**
PIB, November 12, 2021

India has become an attractive and preferred destination for investments, says Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal in his address at the 4th edition of the India-Korea Business Partnership Forum

**Shri Piyush Goyal says FDI in India growing rapidly over last few years**
PIB, November 12, 2021