Coronavirus Update in India

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<td>CONFIRMED CASES</td>
<td>34,710,628</td>
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<td>DEATHS</td>
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<td>FULLY VACCINATED</td>
<td>525,327,515 (38.6% of Population)</td>
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<td>VACCINES ADMINISTERED</td>
<td>1,346,291,425</td>
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As of 16 December 2021

I. COVID-19 UPDATES IN INDIA

India recorded 73 cases of Omicron.
Source: India adds nearly 8,000 new Covid-19 cases, 247 deaths in 24 hrs; Omicron tally rises to 73

II. INDIAN ECONOMY

Young workers most affected as employment rate fall during the 2020 lockdown.
Source: Covid-19 and India’s youth workforce

Private investment spearhead Indian Economic Recovery: RBI Report
Source: State of the Economy: RBI Article

Indian Cabinet approved near EUR 900 Million incentive scheme for semiconductor manufacturing.
Source: Cabinet clears Rs 76,000-cr incentive scheme for semiconductors

India engages in multiple FTA talks with various countries.
Source: India Seeking Early Harvest Agreements, FTAs with Multiple Trade Partners in 2022

The State of Gujarat becomes India’s leading manufacturing hub base on Gross Value Addition (GVA)
Source: Gujarat overtakes Maharashtra to become India’s leading manufacturing hub
III. TRADE

India repealed new Farm Laws in the Parliament.
**Source:** [Farm laws: India PM Narendra Modi repeals controversial reforms](#)

GST hike in apparel, textiles and footwear sectors could lead to a significant rise in cost of production.
**Source:** [‘Completely unjustifiable’ GST rate hike on apparel, textiles and footwear shows the Govt has no easy choices](#)

India and Indonesia set $50-billion bilateral trade target over the next six years: Mr Agus P. Saptono, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia, Mumbai.
**Source:** [India, Indonesia target $50-billion in bilateral trade over next six years](#)

India need FTAs to boost apparel exports.
**Source:** [India needs to actively pursue FTAs to push apparel exports](#)

More than 4,000 yarn wholesale, retail shops and textile producers and merchants went on a one-day strike in protest of increase in GST (goods and services tax) from 5 to 12%
**Source:** [Textile industry goes on strike over GST](#)

India seek to become the preferred sourcing partner for global textile at the India Pavilion in EXPO2020.
**Source:** [India aims to be preferred sourcing partner of global textile industry](#)

IV. LABOUR, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL

Jharkhand to launch an 18-month period initiative, the consortium will develop evidence-based and data-driven policies for address issues faced by migrant workers.
**Source:** [CM Soren to launch safe migration initiative today](#)

The Indian government is planning several social security and welfare schemes for the informal sector for the country’s Budget 2022.
**Source:** [Welfare schemes for informal sector under progress](#)

Germany announces Euro 1.2 bn to aid India’s fight against climate change.
**Source:** [Germany announces Euro 1.2 bn to aid India’s fight against climate change](#)

NITI Aayog launched 1st SDG Urban Index & Dashboard 2021-22, rank Indian cities on SDG performance.
**Source:** [SDG urban index: Shimla, Coimbatore Chandigarh on top](#)
December 2021

Coronavirus Update in Sri Lanka

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<td>576,194</td>
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<td>DEATHS</td>
<td>14,661</td>
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<td>VACCINE DOSES</td>
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<td>FULLY VACCINATED</td>
<td>13.8 Million</td>
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Data as on 16 December.

I. ECONOMY AND TRADE

Sri Lanka GDP shrinks by 1.5% in the third quarter of 2021.
Source: [Sri Lanka's economy shrinks by 1.5 per cent in third quarter](#)

India plan for an urgent economic aid to Sri Lanka.
Source: [India working on urgent economic package to aid Sri Lanka: Report](#)

II. LABOUR, ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL

Sri Lanka has pledged to cooperate with the United Nations to protect vulnerable labour groups.
Source: [Sri Lanka pledges to co-operate with UN on labour issues – MFA](#)