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Our engagement with Asean is not just about a solid base of shared civilisational heritage. It is also driven by our common strategic priorities of securing our interests and bringing peace, stability and prosperity to the region. Asean is central to India's "Act East" policy. And, our ties are a source of balance and harmony in the region.

"From 2017 to 2022, when India turns 75, we need to create the same spirit of enterprise. It comes not just from the 800 million youth of India but from a new mandate of hope and change that our government received three years ago. It comes not just from the economic opportunities it creates, but even more because the world that India is striving to give us confidence for the road ahead. And, at 70, our journey so far has given us confidence for the road ahead. And, at 70, our journey so far has given us confidence for the road ahead. And, at 70, our journey so far has given us confidence for the road ahead. And, at 70, our journey so far has given us confidence for the road ahead. And, at 70, our journey so far has given us confidence for the road ahead.

Simply put, India has emerged as the world’s fastest growing major economy. Scepticism of many in the world at our birth has now given way to universal recognition of India as one of the anchors of global peace and prosperity. It has inspired this region’s progress and led us to become one of the world’s largest democracies and its fastest growing major economy. Singapore’s progress and its wonderful multi-cultural society.

our world.

For 1.25 billion people, it is a moment to reflect on the joys of freedom, the blessings of opportunities and the promise of a remarkable journey.

Our Case is a year of anniversaries, we must rededicate ourselves to build on the foundations of an ancient civilisation. We were born as a young republic founded on the ideals written into our constitution, we have come together amid unparalleled diversity, through peaceful movement and painful parts. We came to seek the blessings of opportunities and the promise of a remarkable journey.
India celebrates the 70th year of independence, I am more sanguine about its prospects than I’ve been for a long time. While the economy is still in a number of headwinds and needs to move through this cycle, the investment climate continues to be soft, and we are beginning to see the banking sector mean availability of capital to fund economic growth — an important component.

One of the many things that is positive is that India’s economy has been the worst and will pick up pace in the next few years. We look forward to a turnaround as we continue to see globalisation in reverse. This growing犊imal trend that Asia needs to continue as a small, open economy. India is naturally with China and a small, open economy. India is a natural partner with China in the region and the world. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), a pact bringing together 16 Asian nations, takes on prominence due to its inclusion into the RCEP with China. Despite the challenges, India and Singapore have a lot of world-class companies that can partner with India companies to drive this transformation. Furthermore, with rapid changes in technology, both countries also stand to benefit from a deeper collaboration given the common vision of a smart city. India has acquired 1.4 million customers for its Aadhaar biometric identity scheme. Singapore, even involved in developing smart cities, is providing solutions for smart energy, environment, building and governance. As an example, India’s digital infrastructure, housing, power generation, renewable energy and skills training, etc.

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Committed to growing bilateral ties

An assessment of the 10th India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue, BY TOMMY KOH

June 18, 2007, the then Indian minister for external affairs Dr. Shyam Saran and his Singapore counterpart Dr. Tharman D. Raja launched the India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue at the invitation of the then Indian prime minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh. Since 2007, the dialogue has served as a platform for high-level and regular exchanges of views between the two sides at various levels. It also provided an important channel for India to engage Singapore on a wide range of subjects, including defence, trade, investment, global governance, and counter-terrorism.

The objective of the dialogue is to create a space for the two countries to conduct high-level and regular exchanges of views on important bilateral and regional subjects, and to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries.

The dialogue is co-organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) of the National University of Singapore and the Ananta Aspen Centre and the Confederation of Indian Industry. It has served as a platform for the two countries to discuss a wide range of subjects, including defence, trade, investment, global governance, and counter-terrorism.

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At the 10th dialogue, the two sides agreed to examine the feasibility of co-development and co-production of defence technologies, enhancing our cooperation in cyber security and information technology, expanding our defence邪恶ment and combating terrorism.

Economic relationship

The economic relationship between India and Singapore is very strong. Singapore has become India’s largest foreign investor. India has increased its investments in real estate, logistics, and automotive industries. Singapore has become India’s largest foreign investor. Both countries have increased their investments in each other’s countries, and the investment climate is improving.

Both India and Singapore have interests in a wide range of subjects, including defence, trade, investment, global governance, and counter-terrorism.

Conclusion

In conclusion, I would say that the 10th India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue has been successful in achieving its vision of strengthening the bilateral relationship between the two countries. Both countries have expressed a desire to continue the dialogue in the future.

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We congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the people of India on their 70th year of independence.
In the last few years, India has caught the world’s attention as one of the world’s fastest growing major economies, according to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This was largely due to India’s record year on year GDP growth rates, which situated it as the world’s fastest growing major economy in 2016 and continued under successive governments.

The first steps to liberalise the economy were taken by the government led by Narasimha Rao in 1991 when India faced a serious economic crisis and refused to do any other thing but to build economic reforms. The reforms initiated in 1991 continued under successive governments and the economy has expanded at a high rate as a result of strong consumer sentiments, according to market research agency ICRA.

If investors needed more assurance that the Indian economy is likely to outperform peers over a sustained period, they can take comfort from the recent affirmation by Moody’s of the government of India’s Baa3 rating which has been affirmed by Moody’s with a positive outlook because of both strong consumer sentiment and improving prospects of the financial system.

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According to the IMF, the Indian economy will grow at 7.2 per cent in the fiscal year 2016-17 and further accelerate and grow at 7.7 per cent in 2017-18. India’s consumer confidence index stood at 130 in the fourth quarter of 2016, tipping the global standard of countries on the same parameter at 118.

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Ten reasons why India's economy outshines many others at a time of political uncertainties, economic volatility and disruptions, by JAVED ASHRAF

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A BRIGHT SPOT

Three years ago, in a high tide of hope, India debuted a historic political transition. Nothing will be the same again for a people who have been told for so long that their fate is in someone else’s hands. It has been a period of political stagnation and a sense of purpose and direction.

As time of political uncertainty, political turbulence, economic volatility and technological disruptions, India is a bright spot of growth and stability in the global economy.

First, it's the people of India. A nation under the age of 35 years, is on the front foot. The youth is stable and foreign exchange reserves are at a record high. Foreign direct investments grew over 7 per cent in the last two years (US$120 billion in 2016, reflecting India's position in the top ten performing destination countries today.

Refocusing their efforts on those social, economic and governance processes that improve both governance and business processes to drive inclusive growth, jobs, goods and services that the have for the first time since independence found their way into a single market.

On every index of economic performance, India is on the move now. India is the sixth largest manufacturing nation to the largest manufacturing nation. Foreign direct investments since the launch of Make in India initiative has touched US$105 billion. Pace of net inflows since the launch of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in June 2017 has been a record.

Second, it has translated into a political mandate that has grown stronger over the past three years. India holds clear prospects for political continuity, stability and predictable governance. This gives a lot of confidence about the pace and direction of economic and structural reforms.

But it is governance reforms that are as important as economic measures. We may be getting policy announcements, but implementation is the key. Revenue, expenditure, policy and policy drivers. Citizens and businesses alike are relying relieved of the burden of unnecessary, complex regulations and opaque systems. Decision making, delivery of services and compliance becoming relieved from the burden of unnecessary, complex regulations and opaque systems.

Third, economic reforms are taking hold. Business as economic policies are becoming more competitive throughout the economy. States are competitive in attracting reforms. India is growing, delivery of services and compliance.

Fourth, India is now building, modernizing and upgrading of higher education and skills in a big way. The initiative will be in each of the 60 districts. The nation-wide Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Programmes will be in each of the 60 districts to supplement the numerous skill centres being set up by the central and state governments.

Fifth, the economy is migrating to digital space. Setting up businesses is becoming easier. Labour laws have been eased. Labour laws have been easier inspection regimes.

Sixth, the country is reaching the people. Three years ago, the Congress was and is the most impoverished district. Today, 29 Indian states and union territories have been designated as backward and 7,100 measures for ease of doing business in India have been put in place.

Seventh, India's long-term progress will not only ensure the wellbeing of one-sixth of humanity, it will also provide a new paradigm of global development that strengthens inequality, mass transit, services, policy

Inclusive development and quality of life

For India, small is not just beautiful, it is also the principal driver of employment, exports and innovation. The rural, medium and urban sectors are among the principal drivers of economic growth.

Agriculture revolution

Agriculture sector is a growing sector at a high level of political priority that it did not deserve. The sector has seen a record US$105 billion in net inflows. The trend is continuing.
PM Modi’s Make in India campaign has lifted the country from ninth to the sixth largest manufacturing economy in the world. BY JAWED ASHRAF

Recent months have witnessed a transformation of India’s manufacturing ecosystem. The initiative of the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to promote domestic production of goods and services has been a key driver of this change. In this article, we will explore the impact of Make in India on India’s industrial landscape.

**Innovative Initiative**

The innovative “Bangalore-Boston BioTech Gateway” is India’s initiative to connect a range of investors from countries like Korea and Japan with innovators in areas like genomics, computational biology, and food processing. In addition, the MSME sector is thriving in new areas like biotechnology, medical devices, electronics and telecommunication.

**Foreign Investment**

Indian manufacturing has seen a boom in recent years, with many foreign investors benefiting from one of the most liberal investment regimes in the world. The government has been implementing various policies and initiatives to further improve the environment for foreign investors. The Make in India campaign has been a key driver of this change, as it has encouraged foreign investors to set up manufacturing units in India.

**Transforming India into a Global Hub**

India is now competing successfully with India’s image of being a cheap manufacturing destination. The government has been making efforts to promote India as a high-end manufacturing hub, and this has been reflected in various indices.

**India’s Space Programme**

The finest example of Make in India is the country’s space programme. The indigenous programme has reached a high level of sophistication and global competitiveness. From the successful launch of the Mars mission to a record-breaking launch of 104 satellites in a single mission on July 5, 2017, the Indian Space Research Organisation has demonstrated India’s indigenous manufacturing capabilities.

**Defence Manufacturing**

India’s defence manufacturing has seen a significant increase in recent years, with many foreign firms setting up manufacturing units in India. This has been due to the government’s efforts to develop indigenous manufacturing capabilities in the defence sector.

**Automobile Sector**

The automobile sector has also seen a significant increase in investment, with many foreign firms setting up manufacturing units in India. This has been due to the government’s efforts to develop indigenous manufacturing capabilities in the defence sector.

**Conclusion**

In conclusion, the Make in India campaign has been a key driver of India’s transformation into a global manufacturing hub. The government’s efforts to promote domestic production of goods and services have been successful, and this has been reflected in various indices and indices.

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The relationship between Singapore and India is marked by close trading and cultural ties that look set to grow even deeper.

By Gopinath Pillai

There are also a number of mainly Singapore Indian investors whose investments may not be reflected in the official statistics because they establish companies directly in India through which they start or become partners in sizeable operations.

In any case it is put these countries in a cap.

Let me make one final observation before I end. Indians generally are good at learning languages. It would be a good gesture on the part of Singapore to make sure that the students of Singapore Indian Education Trusts are doing something on this front to help those who are in need of help.

What of the future? I asked my grandchildren, Arjuna and Aishwarya, aged 14 and 12, who have studied India and Singapore and who have a deep affection for both countries. Their verdict was that Singapore was the best place to live in the world, and India was "very interesting" place to visit.

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By Felicia Tan

In a span of two years, I have indulged myself in exploring and understanding India. A country that is diverse but unified, that is alike but different, that is rich in history, arts and culture, that is a tourist, as a businessperson looking for opportunities, as an investor in real estate, in hotels, in IT services, in automotive distribution, in all kinds of tourism ventures. I have always found Indians to be friendly, cooperative and genuinely interested in helping me with my work.

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An attractive investment opportunity

The expansion and upgrading of India’s infrastructure will make it among the best placed countries to exploit this. By JAVED ASHRAF

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India has one of the largest eco-systems for startups in the world, and Singapore can bridge the gap between India and Singapore. India of- fers 12.5 million start-ups, including 1.5 million tech companies, and Singapore, too, has a dynamic and innovative startup scene and financing opportunities, including major investors. We are building a startup bridge between India and Singapore to seamlessly connect our innova tors, entrepreneurs and financiers.

Startups are seizing opportunities in the digital economy, with the largest eco-systems for startups in the world. India has over 10,000 startups, with about 1,400 new startups being founded in 2016. The number is expected to reach over 15,000 by 2020. India has been called the "next big thing" in tech, with startups receiving venture capital funding of about US$3 billion. The market is exploding, especially E-commerce, for example, has grown from under US$1 billion to over US$30 billion in a single year. The push towards a cashless society and digital payments has generated a new billion dollar opportunity, caused by the transformation of the Indian markets and, at the same time, developing affordable schemes to address many human and social challenges as well as rural needs. India's large size and enormity of its pool of talent have made India an exciting place for startups in India and abroad.

Another reason why startups thrive on India is the ecosystem for innovation and technology support. Startups benefit from a generous tax regime, including a three-year tax holiday within seven years of their existence, reduced tax rate of 25 per cent for a startup of up to 100 employees, and tax exemptions in capital gains for investments up to 10 years. They can set off against future profits, even if there is a dilution in the equity holding of initial private investors.

India’s startup ecosystem is also supported by the start-up initiative, Stand Up India, which was launched in June 2016. More than US$200 million has been invested in startups, with about 1,400 new startups being founded in 2016. The startup initiative is broader. It encompasses a number of initiatives that support innovation, entrepreneurship, and agri-business.

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Digitalisation is the key growth driver for financial services companies operating in large geographies like India and Indonesia, and to compete effectively in the region. And digitalisation provides further opportunities.

Piyush Gupta, DBS CEO, says, "As an Asian bank, winning in the region’s three growth markets – China, India and Indonesia – is crucial to our long-term success." Gupta led DBS to be recognised as the World’s Best Digital Bank.

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