Time for India

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Remarks Ambassador Tanmaya Lal

The **India Story** keeps getting Bigger and ever more Attractive.

The scale and speed of change in India is transformational.

India figures in any Big Picture going forward.

Fastest growing large economy - World's **fifth largest** (*it was eleventh largest only a decade ago*) – on way to becoming third largest.

Around 15% of global economic growth in the next few years will come from India.

Much of the global **talent pool** over the next 25 years will come from India.

India is now world's 3rd largest Startup ecosystem with more than 100 unicorns.

Ease of Doing Business and **Innovation** indices have vastly improved.

India is receiving record levels of **FDI** and registering record levels of **exports**.

A Big **infrastructure upgrade** is on.

Largest **digital payment transactions** in the world by far take place in India.

Global manufacturers of smartphones to automotive components to electronics and semiconductors to pharmaceuticals and chemicals are increasing their presence in India as part of **de-risking of supply chains**.

India is delivering on its potential.

Moon landing shows the world class capabilities of India's R&D and manufacturing ecosystem.

Made in India aircraft carrier to high-speed modern trains are being inducted.

Indian companies are executing **Mega infrastructure** projects - world's highest railway bridge in Kashmir or 22 km long trans harbour highway in Mumbai.

Mega solar and wind power projects have come online. There is a big push for electric vehicles and Hydrogen.

Today everyone is looking for **reliable partners with shared values** at this time of challenging & volatile global political, economic & security landscape.

In the last few months India EU Trade & Technology Council **TTC** and India US Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies **ICET** building **trusted technology partnerships**.

There is a strong momentum in India Sweden partnership.

There have been **12 ministerial interactions** and a series of high-profile **business delegations** in the last nine months alone.

A recent **business climate survey** of Swedish companies in India is the most positive ever.

India's rise provides immense opportunities for global businesses.

Whether you look at opportunities in terms of **investment** or expanding **market** size or **manufacturing** or **sourcing** or **innovation & R&D** or joint product development or **skilled engineers and professionals**, it is **difficult to match India**.

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