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ABOUT US

AG Horizon Pvt. Ltd., established in the year 1998, is a multi-functional, multi-disciplinary organization offering a wide range of Consultancy Services to multiple sectors for the implementation of projects under one roof from "Concept to Commissioning". We have the privilege of working with Central & State Government and with Multi-lateral funding agencies viz. World Bank, JICA, New Development Bank, Asian Development Bank etc.

With every project, we

Innovate. Sustain. Lead.

We drive **total transformation**-----

preserving ancient cultural and architectural heritage, inspiring change, building collaborative models based on cutting-edge technology and delivering strategic value generating **sustainable competitive advantage** for our clients.

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Began as a Golf & Tourism Consulting firm, **"AG Horizon has evolved into a comprehensive consultancy dedicated to delivering transformative solutions and creating lasting impact across industries."**

Our association with **ICOMOS** reflects our deep commitment to preserving **India's heritage**. Being **Moody's (a 115+ years global provider of 490 million plus entities' data & insights)** exclusive **Indian business partner**, we offer world's most advanced business solutions. Strengthening this, our **UNGC (The World's largest corporate sustainability initiative)** membership demonstrates our pledge to responsible business practices.

VISION, MISSION & VALUES



VISION

"Our vision is to excel as a trusted partner in strategic consulting, delivering innovative, tailored solutions that drive sustainable growth, foster inclusivity, and create maximum value for our clients and communities."



MISSION

"Our mission is to help our clients drive innovation and sustainable growth through robust mechanisms, prioritizing value creation for every stakeholder and to build a positive work culture fostering collaboration, integrity, and uniquely approaching every endeavor to lead with purpose and excellence."



Supporting dynamism, our corporate philosophy lies in delivering Quality work and Efficient Sustainable Outcomes.



VALUES

AG Horizon aligns its actions with the following values ensuring the establishment of a strong foundation of our work culture. AG Horizon is an inspiring place to work with people from diverse functional and industry expertise.



Creativity, for offering innovative solutions



Teamwork enables a connected work environment



Integrity, for expressing courage & conviction



Simplicity to enhance employee advocacy & productivity



Diversity, celebrating different perspectives & experiences



Ownership enabling positive and superior outcomes



Reliability & Transparency, highlighting clear communication & insights



Humility guided by progressive morale

OUR GROWTH TRAJECTORY



STRATEGIC FOOTPRINTS

AG operates across a diverse range of geographies strategically focusing on both urban and rural areas to maximize impact.



SECTORS

We collaborate across industries to bring the greatest projects, with each sector functioning as its own independent entity. Each vertical has a wide range of qualities, and we have established successes from concept till commissioning of the projects we have done.

SUSTAINABILITY



- ESG
- SDG
- Climate Change
- Carbon Credits

ENVIRONMENT



- Irrigation
- Agriculture
- Water
- Animal Husbandry
- Horticulture & Forestry

SOCIAL & PUBLIC SECTOR



- Tourism
- Education
- Healthcare
- Sports

TRANSPORTATION



- Aviation
- Railway
- Ropeway
- Electric Vehicle
- Traffic Management

ENGINEERING



- Textile
- IT & Telecom
- Infrastructure: Highway/Tunnels
- Power & Renewable Energy

SERVICES

We provide a wide range of services, delivering best-in-class solutions, with each service division acting as a strategic business unit. With our strong experience of working with Central and State Government, we provide support across key stages.

POLICY ADVOCACY



- Policy framework
- Robust Strategy development
- Stakeholder engagement
- Govt. programs identification for partnership
- Advisory from subject matter experts

FACILITATING ACCESS TO GREEN FUNDS

- Climate Change Adaptation
- Sustainable Development
- Climate Change Mitigation
- Damage Recovery



GREEN FUNDS ADVISORY

TRANSACTION ADVISORY



- Conceptualization of a project
- Develop PPR & DPR
- Assortment of Funding Agencies
- Arranging funds from MLFA
- Create Financial Models
- Management of complete bid process
- Supervision & management throughout the project lifecycle

- Project conceptualization and support
- Evaluation of existing/new Projects
- Monitoring of sanctioned projects
- Identification of an executing agency
- Overall Stakeholder coordination
- Branding, promotion & capacity building



PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT UNIT

BUSINESS ACCELERATION & GROWTH



- Auditing existing processes- feasibility and performance
- Market research and provide strategic solutions.
- Framework for strategic planning
- Acquisition strategy to ensure business expansion.
- Set long-term goals to examine company's future.

SELECT FEW: RECENT PROJECTS

We are currently working on a number of Externally Aided & Consulting projects.

S NO.	PROJECTS NAME	FUNDING AGENCIES
1.	Rejuvenation and development of Lamphelpat Waterbody	 New Development Bank
2.	Dredging and Re-Sectioning of the four rivers	 Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI
3.	Mega- Eco Tourism	 Asian Development Bank & PPP
4.	World Heritage Site Ramappa Region- Sustainable Tourism Circuit	 Ministry of Tourism
5.	Enhancing livelihood through Community Based Watershed Development	 JICA
6.	Sustainable Agri-practices	 GOI & PPP
7.	IT- SEZ	 World Bank & PPP
8.	Branding & Positioning of Imphal as a Star of North-East	 ISCL
9.	Restoration and Rejuvenation of 15 Wetlands To Mitigate the Risk of Flooding and Erosion	 Ministry of Home Affairs
10.	Development of Eco and Ethnic Park	 Ministry of Tourism

CLIENTS

We have served several clients in various sectors over the past 25+ years, a few are listed below:

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



President's Estate,
Rashtrapati Bhavan

URBAN DEVELOPMENT



Delhi Development
Authority



Ghaziabad
Development
Authority

DEFENCE SECTOR



National Defence
Academy, Pune



Indian Military
Academy, Dehradun

STATE TOURISM



J&K Tourism



Manipur Tourism

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR



HSIIDC



Numaligarh
Refinery Limited,
Assam

CORPORATE HOUSES



Adani Township
& Real Estate
Company



Aamby Valley City,
Sahara

WATER DEPARTMENT



Water Resource
Assam



Water Resource
Manipur

OVERSEAS



Indian House,
Thimphu, Bhutan

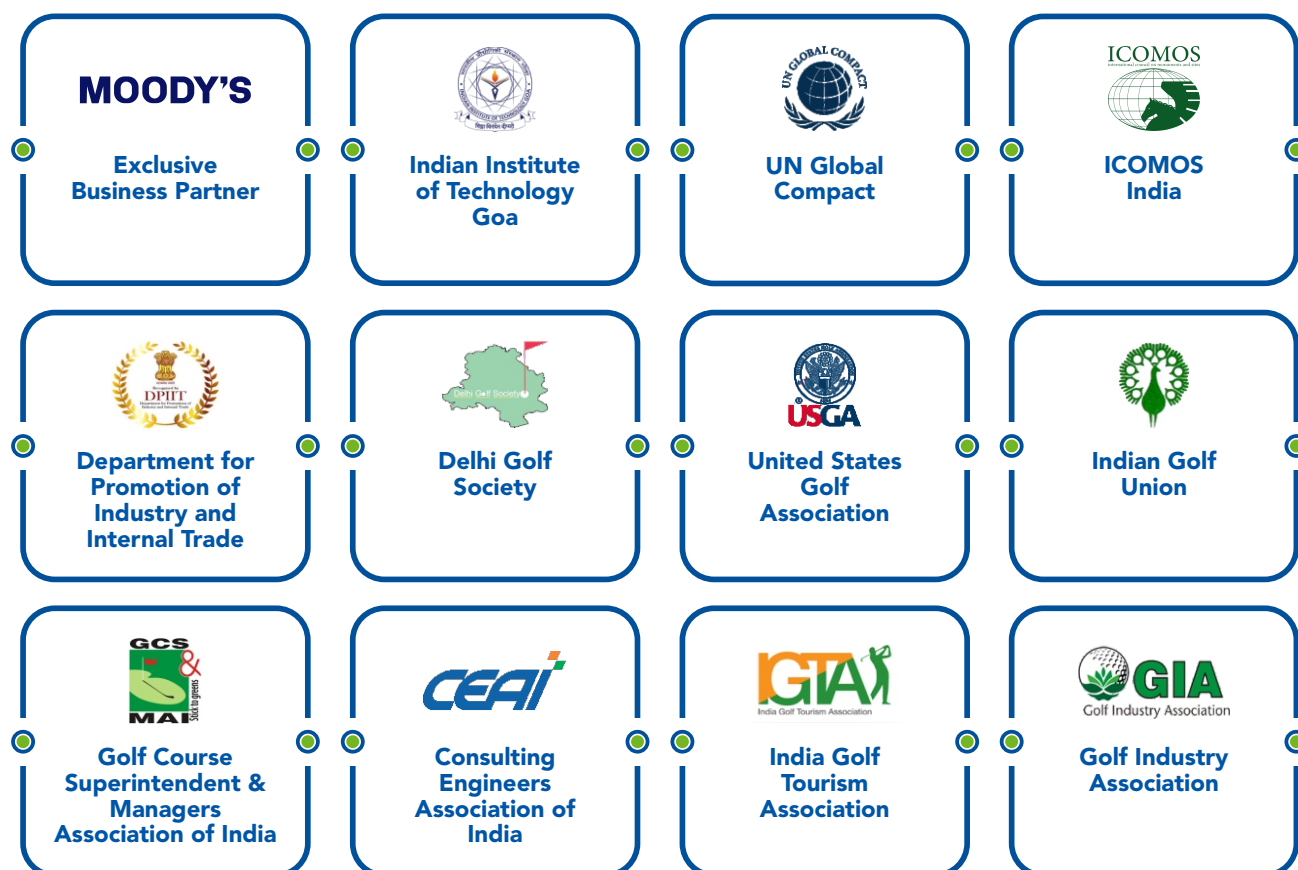


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Muscat, Oman

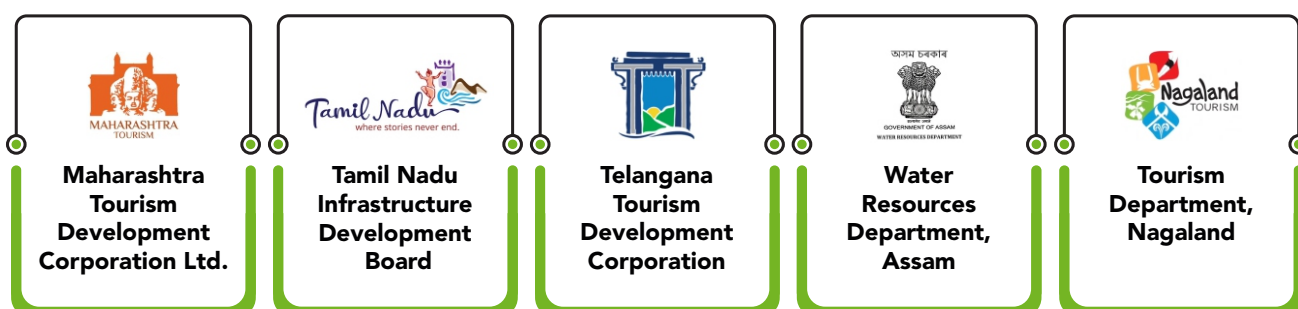
STATE GOVERNMENT

- J&K
- Delhi
- Assam
- Haryana
- Manipur
- Nagaland
- Himachal
- Telangana
- Meghalaya
- Maharashtra
- Uttar Pradesh
- Kerala

OUR PARTNERS & ASSOCIATIONS



EMPANELMENTS



CERTIFICATIONS



RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

AG offers tailored and professional end-to-end solutions to all of our clients. Our team of experts do study and identify relevant policy options. We analyse Government policies on a regular basis. Our experts conduct thorough background study on certain industries and examine all accessible reports.

SECTOR REPORT

We publish a focused report highlighting industry trends, opportunities, challenges and growth strategies tailored to a particular sector.

ANALYSIS REPORT

The report focuses on analysing and interpreting information to derive insights, identify trends and support informed decision-making.

BLOGS

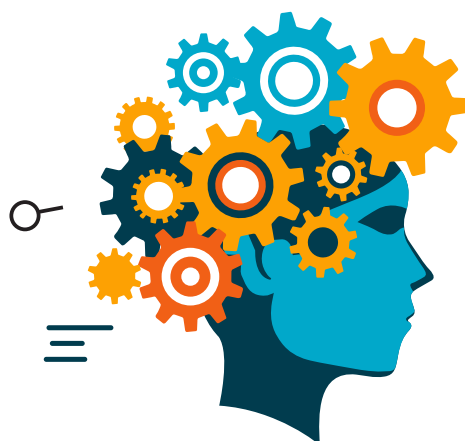
New Horizon blogs feature current and emerging topics while the Business blogs focuses on industry trends, business insights and market developments.

GOVT. POLICY REPORT

This involves in-depth study, analysis of government policies and developing concise summaries to ensure accessible and comprehensive understanding of multiple stakeholders.

NEWSLETTER

This is a periodic publication that shares updates, insights and information on specific topics with a targeted audience published every quarter.



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP



These reports highlights our research and in-depth workings of our organisation. For more information, please visit our website at www.aggrp.in

GOVERNMENT POLICY REPORTS

These reports serve as vital tools for informing the public, policymakers and stakeholders about the government's position on key issues. Our experts analyse a broad range of policies, select critical ones for in-depth study and develop concise summaries to ensure accessible and comprehensive understanding.



JANUARY 2025 EDITION

TOPICS:



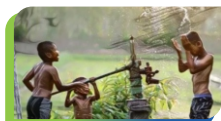
- **SUSTAINABILITY:** "Green And Sustainability" Working Group Constituted Under Bharat 6G Alliance



- **DECARBONIZATION:** GoI Formulating Green Transition Roadmap of Steel Sector



- **TOURISM:** Ministry of Tourism Issued Operational Guidelines for 'SASCI Scheme' for Development of Iconic Tourist Centres



- **WATER:** Release of Annual Ground Water Quality Report 2024 by Ministry of Jal Shakti



- **NORTHEAST CORNER:** First-ever Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav 2024 Celebrated Cultural Wealth and Economic Growth of Northeast India

FEBRUARY 2025 EDITION

TOPICS:

- **SUSTAINABILITY:** India's Mineral and Mine Sector is Emphasizing Efforts to Steer Sustainability and Innovation
- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** India Submitted the 4th Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC
- **BUDGET GLIMPSE:** Key Highlights from Union Budget 2025-26
- **GREEN ENERGY:** Operational Guidelines Under PM-Surya Ghar Issued by MNRE to Support India's Green Energy Transition
- **WATER:** "Water Use Efficiency: Strategies for a Sustainable Future" Workshop Organized Under National Water Mission



MARCH 2025 EDITION

TOPICS:



- **SUSTAINABILITY:** NTPC Ltd., India's largest integrated power utility, won the Forward Faster Sustainability Award 2025 in the Water Resilience
- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kick Started the conclave on 'Waste Recycling & Climate Change 2025'
- **CARBON MARKET:** India Organized the PRAKRITI 2025, the International Conference on Carbon Markets to Discuss Global Trends, Challenges, and Future pathways
- **TOURISM:** Ministry of Tourism to develop tribal home-stays under Swadesh Darshan scheme as part of 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan'
- **NORTHEAST CORNER:** Swavalambini - a Women Entrepreneurship Programme for Northeast by MSDE and NITI Aayog

APRIL 2025 EDITION

TOPICS:

- **SUSTAINABILITY:** India Strongly Voicing Global South at World Sustainable Development Summit 2025
- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** "India 2047: Building a Climate Resilient Future" Conference Focussed on Long-term Climate Adaptation Strategies for India
- **ENVIRONMENT:** National Conference on Environment 2025 Called for the Legacy of a Clean Environment for Future Generations
- **TRADE & ECONOMY:** India's Central Bank in its March 2025 Bulletin Brings Data-driven Analysis of India's Trade & Economic Outlook
- **SKILLING & EMPLOYMENT:** The "Prime Minister's Internship Scheme" Setting Goals to Make India the Skill Capital of the World



MAY 2025 EDITION

TOPICS:



- **SUSTAINABILITY:** India Reasserted Its Global Commitment to Sustainable Agriculture at the 15th BRICS Meet in Brazil
- **CLIMATE CHANGE:** Green Transitions: Opportunities in Renewable Energy and Climate Financing
- **SKILLING & EMPLOYMENT:** Labour Cess and Workforce Development: Evaluating Its Role in Skill Enhancement and Capacity Building
- **eMOBILITY:** EVolutionS Programme has been launched to Boost EV Manufacturing in the Country
- **WATER GOVERNANCE:** Water Governance in India: Challenges, Treaties, and Emerging Solutions

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GOVERNMENT POLICY REPORT



Sustainability

India Reasserted Its Global Commitment to Sustainable Agriculture at the 15th BRICS Meet in Brazil

The 15th meeting of the BRICS Agriculture Ministers was conducted in Brasília, Brazil, on April 17, 2025. Its theme was "Promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Agriculture through Cooperation, Innovation, and Equitable Trade among BRICS Countries," under this theme, India reaffirmed its steadfast commitment to promoting sustainable and inclusive agriculture. The Indian delegation emphasized the critical importance of supporting small and marginal farmers, who constitute a significant share of the global agricultural workforce, and are central to achieving food security and rural development.



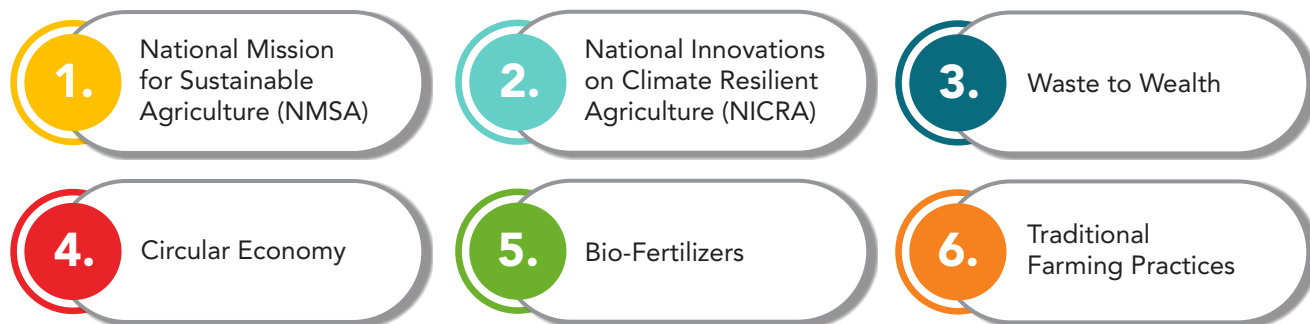
India advocated for comprehensive strategies including cluster-based farming, strengthening FPOs, promoting natural farming, and various other cooperative models to empower small farmers. These initiatives aim to improve market access, boost income, and ensure equitable growth across agricultural sectors.

In the face of increasing global price volatility, India also stressed the need for fair and transparent agricultural trade systems. It called for policies including public food stockholding, minimum support prices (MSP), and value chains that connect producers directly with consumers. India's ability to distribute free food rations to over 800 million citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic was also highlighted as a successful example of efficient agricultural governance and food security.



India showcased its digital advancements in agriculture, including the Digital Agriculture Mission and AgriStack, alongside the deployment of drones to modernize farming practices. Programs like Lakhpati Didi and Drone Didi were introduced as part of India's efforts to empower rural women economically and socially, aligning with broader goals of gender inclusion in agriculture.

COLLABORATION FOR COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH PROGRAMS



The meeting also marked the launch of the “BRICS Land Restoration Partnership,” aimed at combating land degradation and restoring soil health. India endorsed the initiative, emphasizing its potential to benefit small farmers and marginalized communities.



In addition to multilateral discussions, India explored bilateral cooperation with Brazil in agriculture and agri-tech. This meeting has given India a chance to showcase its Vedic values and environmental stewardship on the global stage while reiterating its unfailing commitment to sustainable agriculture.

Government policy report usually comprises of 13-15 pages
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SECTOR SPECIFIC REPORTS

Sector-wise reports focus on specific industries, providing detailed insights, analysis, and information relevant to those particular areas.

AG's research team conducts a thorough narrative review ensuring the accuracy of the information. Use quantitative and qualitative data analysis methods to extract meaningful patterns, trends and insights.



JANUARY 2025 EDITION

SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE

- Sustainability and Green Initiatives of the Coal Sector
- The 25th Hornbill Festival Went Zero-waste and Single-Use Plastic Free
- The Climate Smart Agro-textile Demonstration Center Launched to Advance Towards Sustainable and Innovative Solutions
- "District-level Climate Risk Assessment for India: Mapping Flood and Drought Risks" Report Released to Undertake Climate Risk Mapping
- GoI Signed Climate Adaptive Water Harvesting Project With ADB in Meghalaya
- Expert Insight

FEBRUARY 2025 EDITION

FINANCE & ECONOMY

- Key Highlights from Economic Survey 2024-25
- Economic Survey Highlighted India as the Sixth Largest Exporter of Textiles and Apparel Globally
- SBI Report Highlighted India's Investment Ecosystem and External Commercial Borrowings
- New Framework on Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC Countries (2024-27) to Foster Regional Financial Cooperation and Integration
- World Bank GEP Report 2025, Once Again Projected India as Fastest Growing World Economy in FY26 and FY27
- Expert Insight



MARCH 2025 EDITION

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- India's Science Budget Witnessed Quantum Leap Under Union Budget 2025-26
- Rs 100 Crore Budget Allocation Under National Geospatial Mission to Leverage PM Gati Shakti Master Plan
- India Celebrates National Science Day 2025 to Drive Scientific and Technological Progress for Viksit Bharat
- Northeastern India Empowering Itself with Transformative Power of Biotechnology
- National Conference on Cybersecurity, AI, and Blockchain Highlighted these technologies as only choices, not an Option
- Expert Insight



APRIL 2025 EDITION

EDUCATION & RESEARCH

- Ministry of Education 2024 Year-end Review
- The Draft Scheme for Two Examination Under CBSE Class 10th Board Exam from Session 2025-26
- NITI Aayog Launched Report on 'Expanding Quality Higher Education through States and State Public Universities'
- RBI in Collaboration With the National Centre for Financial Education Launched the Nationwide Campaign to Boost Financial Literacy
- "One Nation One Subscription" Approved by Cabinet to Empower India's Innovation and Research Ecosystem
- Expert Insight



MAY 2025 EDITION

INDUSTRY 4.0

- Future of Innovation: Aligning Technologies with Tomorrow's Economy
- Industry 4.0 Transforming Indian MSME Growth Landscape
- India Showcased Its Digital Expression at WAVES 2025
- YUGM Innovation Conclave Empowering Indian Youth for a Self-reliant India
- 6G Spectrum Technology Revolutionizing Industry 4.0 Growth
- Expert Insight



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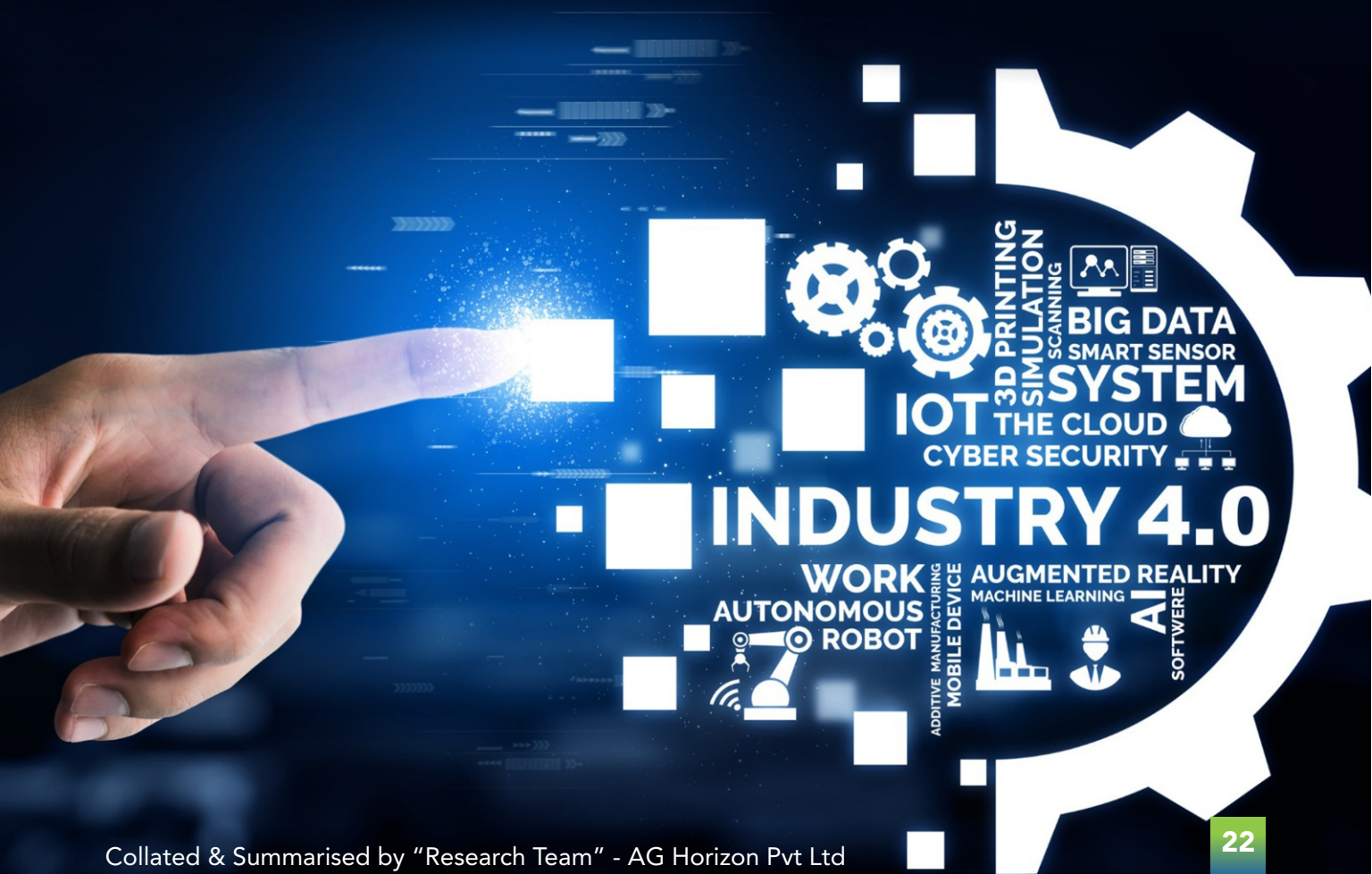


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INDUSTRY 4.0

4th INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

SECTOR SPECIFIC REPORT



India is strategically aligning its technological advancements with the evolving demands of tomorrow's economy, emphasizing innovation to drive sustainable growth and global competitiveness. A cornerstone of this vision is the substantial investment in emerging technologies. **The Union Budget 2025 earmarked Rs 2,000 crore for the IndiaAI Mission**, a significant increase from the previous year's allocation.

This initiative aims to bolster AI research, develop sector-specific applications in healthcare, agriculture, and education, and establish AI Centres of Excellence in premier institutions. Complementing this, **the establishment of the IndiaAI Safety Institute underscores the government's** commitment to ethical AI deployment, ensuring technologies are developed with safety and inclusivity.



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National Quantum Mission (NQM) to scale up R&D & leverage India into a leading nation in the area

NQM to seed, nurture and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and create a vibrant & innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT)

It targets developing intermediate-scale quantum computers with 50-1000 qubits in 8 years, quantum communication with complete quantum key distribution

Mission can provide a great fillip to invention of new products and services as well as create world class Start-ups, HRD and International Collaborations

Further, the **National Quantum Mission, backed by an allocation of Rs 6,003.65 crore, is strategically advancing India's position in quantum research.** With a deep focus on developing cutting-edge capabilities in quantum computing, communication, and sensing, India is establishing global technological leadership in the field. To nurture a robust innovation ecosystem, the government has introduced several initiatives.

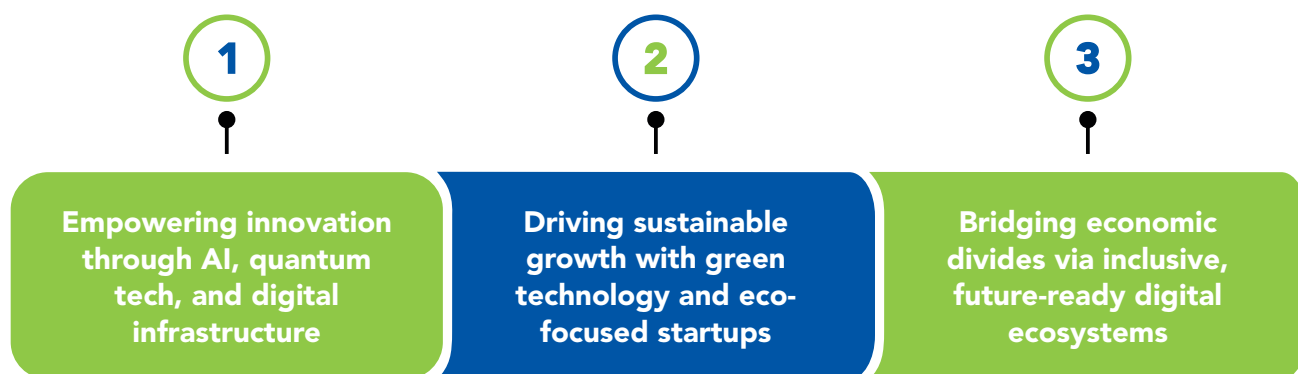
The Anusandhan National Research Foundation Act 2023 seeks to streamline research across disciplines, promoting collaboration between academia, industry, and government agencies. Additionally, the Atal Innovation Mission continues to inspire young minds, with plans to establish 50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in schools nationwide, fostering a culture of creativity and problem-solving from an early age. The government has strengthened its support frameworks, acknowledging the critical role of startups in fostering innovation.

UNION BUDGET 2025-26

Investing in Public Education and Health

- ▶ **50,000 Atal Tinkering Labs** to be set up in Government schools in next 5 years to cultivate spirit of curiosity and innovation, and foster scientific temper among young minds.
- ▶ **Broadband connectivity** to be provided to all Government secondary schools and primary health centres in rural areas, under Bharatnet project
- ▶ **Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme** to be implemented to provide digital-form Indian language books for school and higher education.
- ▶ **Day Care Cancer Centres** to be set up in all district hospitals in next 3 years, 200 Centres in FY 2025-26

SHAPING INDIA THROUGH TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN INNOVATION



The Fund of Funds for Startups has been bolstered with an additional Rs 10,000 crore, focussing on deep-tech ventures. Moreover, tax incentives have been extended to startups incorporated before April 1, 2030, offering a three-year tax holiday and exemptions on capital gains, thereby encouraging entrepreneurship and investment in cutting-edge technologies. Through these efforts, India is fostering technological innovation and ensuring that such advancements are inclusive, ethical, and aligned with the broader socio-economic objectives.

Sector report usually comprises of 19-21 pages
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ANALYSIS REPORTS

Analysis report is to provide insights, draw conclusions, presents a detailed interpretation of data and information.

AG experts synthesize the research findings into a cohesive narrative that is precise and in understandable manner. We publish context to help readers understand the significance of the findings based on analysis.



JANUARY 2025 EDITION

INDIA @ 2024

- Overview
- India @ Centre of Global Geopolitics
- Indian Economy@ 2024
- Infrastructure Update
- Education & Healthcare in 2024
- Sports & Tourism Highlights
- Technology & Communication
- Energy Security & Green Mobility
- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Way Forward
- Expert's Insight

FEBRUARY 2025 EDITION

UNION BUDGET 2025-26

- Overview
- Wide Industry Expectations from the Budget
- Thematic Analysis of Union Budget 2025-26
- Performance of Key Economic Indicators
- Industry-wise Broad Budget Allocations
- Sector-wise Detailed Budget Provisions and Impact Analysis
- Financial Reforms and Fiscal Consolidation Path
- Tax Provisions
- Climate Resilience and Energy Transition Initiatives
- Expert's Opinion
- Way Forward to Viksit Bharat



MARCH 2025 EDITION

MAHA KUMBH 2025

- Overview
- Mythological, Spiritual, and Cultural Significance of Maha Kumbh
- Key Facts from Maha Kumbh 2025
- Record-Breaking Data Statistics
- Sustainability Initiatives at Maha Kumbh 2025
- Government Support and Key Infrastructure Development
- Employment and Economic Impact
- Multifaceted Impact on India's Tourism Landscape
- Conclusion
- Expert's Insight

APRIL 2025 EDITION

RAISINA DIALOGUE 2025

- Overview
- Origin, Evolution, and Significance
- Key Features and Objectives
- Theme and Thematic Pillars of Raisina Dialogue 2025
- Raisina Dialogue 2025: Diving Deep in Green Trilemma
- Broader Impact on Shifting Global Politics
- Details of Associated Event
- Previous Raisina Dialogues and their Outcomes
- Way Forward
- Eminent's Insight



MAY 2025 EDITION

INDUS WATERS TREATY

- Overview
- History and Significance of the Indus Waters Treaty
- Key Provisions and Timeline of the Treaty
- Role of the World Bank
- Challenges Faced by the Treaty
- Broader Impact on Indo-Pakistan Relations
- Environmental and Developmental Concerns on the Treaty
- Current Developments on the Indus Waters Treaty
- Way Forward
- Eminent Insight



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ANALYSIS REPORT

INDUS WATER TREATY



CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ON THE INDUS WATER TREATY

Between 2023-2025, the IWT underwent notable developments. India formally notified its intent to review and amend the treaty under Article XII(3), time and again in January 2023 and August 2024. It was done citing major and unforeseen shifts, including population growth, environmental challenges, and the demand for clean energy.

Review, modify Indus Waters Treaty, India tells Pak, looks to renegotiate

SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18

SIXTY-FOUR years after the two countries signed the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) in Karachi on September 19, 1960, India has served formal notice to Pakistan seeking "review and modification" of the treaty, signalling serious political intent in Delhi to end it.

This notice is qualitatively different and a step higher than



India is building the Kishanganga (above) and Ratle power projects in Jammu and Kashmir. NHPC

India's notice to Pakistan in January 2023 for the "modification" of the treaty. This time, it is seeking "review and modification" — an escalation that essentially underlines the intention to revoke the treaty and renegotiate it.

Sources said Wednesday that India served formal notice to Pakistan on August 30, seeking review and modification of the IWT under Article XII (3) of the pact. Under Article XII (3) of the

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Disputes have arisen over India's construction of the Kishanganga (330 MW) and Ratle (850 MW) hydroelectric projects on the Jhelum and Chenab rivers, respectively. In January 2025, the Neutral Expert (appointed by the World Bank) affirmed his competence to adjudicate these disputes, supporting India's stance to exclude the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) from the process.

Dispute Key to India's IWT Stance

Dispute over two projects — 330 MW Kishanganga hydro project and under-construction Ratle project in Chenab valley

Neutral expert was examining points of differences



Differences are on issues like pondage, intake for turbines, design of outlets below dead storage level and gated spillways at these projects



Claiming violation of IWT norms, Pakistan moved a concurrent Court of Arbitration proceeding against India in 2016, linking Ratle later to the dispute that originally centred on Kishanganga

India objected to concurrent proceedings and did not attend the arbitration meetings



In response to escalating tensions, India suspended the IWT on April 23, 2025, following a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir. Following this, India stopped the flow of water from the Baglihar Dam (on the Chenab River) and planned similar actions at the Kishanganga Dam (on the Neelum River). These measures, carried out without prior notification to Pakistan, marked a significant shift in the region's water-sharing dynamics.



The World Bank, while facilitating the appointment of the Neutral Expert, has maintained a limited role, emphasizing that it cannot interpret the treaty. The developments underscore the complexities of the IWT in the context of evolving geopolitical and environmental challenges.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

India requested changes to IWT in 2023-24 due to shifting water and energy needs

Disputes over Kishanganga and Ratle dams led to arbitration by a Neutral Expert in 2025

India suspended water flow from key dams in 2025 following a terror attack

As of May 2025, the situation remains fluid, with both countries navigating the intricate balance between treaty obligations and national interests. The future of the IWT will depend on diplomatic engagements and the ability of both nations to address mutual concerns within the framework of international law and sustainable cooperation.

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BLOGS

Blogs are informal articles written for the purpose of showing thought leadership and expertise on a topic.

Blogs provide more shareable content than just the service posts for consumers to share with others across social media. It's a great way to educate people, provide tips or how-tos and create more connections.



SUSTAINABILITY BLOGS



Biodiversity Credit Market: A Sustainable Voluntary Effort to Protect and Restore Biodiversity



Ecotourism: It's All About Exploring Tourist Attractions Responsibly



Green Energy & Mobility Making Way for Sustainable Transitions to Net Zero

BUSINESS BLOGS



**Oilfields
Amendment Bill,
2024 Offering
India's Energy Policy
Stabilization**

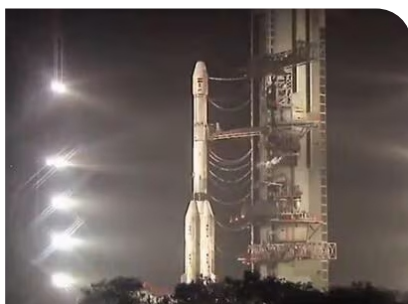


**Accreditation to India's
First Wetland Cities
Highlighting the
Country's Commitment
to Sustainable Urban
Development**



**River City Alliance
Brings Sustainable
Support to India's
Urban River
Management**

NEW HORIZON BLOGS



**ISRO's 100th Launch
Marks India's Growing
Space Exploration
Capabilities**



**Sundarban, A Critical
Mangrove Forest and
Unique Ecosystem
Facing Severe
Groundwater Crisis**



**Smart Infrastructure:
The Roadmap to
Resilient Urban
Development**

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SUSTAINABILITY BLOGS

Forest Finance: World is Transforming Existing Funding Mechanism to Close the Gap

Forests are a great source for regulating climate, biodiversity, and livelihoods. To protect them Forest finance is a concept that talks about **investing in the planet's health, resilient economies, and a sustainable future besides protecting trees**. However, a significant financing gap continues to hinder conservation efforts. To address this, global stakeholders are transforming traditional funding models by embracing mechanisms that blend public, philanthropic, and private capital. **This shift reflects growing recognition that forest preservation is not just an environmental priority, but a smart investment in global stability and economic resilience.**



One major initiative is the **Mobilising Finance for Forests (MFF) program**, launched by the UK government and the Dutch entrepreneurial development bank. **It focuses on putting 850 million pounds in private investments to conserve tropical forests in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.** In April 2024, the World Bank introduced new financial tools to expand development lending, including forest-related projects backed by 11 countries.

The **Global Environment Facility (GEF)**, a key source of multilateral biodiversity funding, **received \$5.33 billion in pledges for its 2022–2026 cycle, reinforcing global commitment to ecological priorities.** Still, imbalances persist. **A 2025 report found that for every \$1 spent on forest protection, \$6 supports deforestation drivers such as industrial agriculture and logging.** This highlights the urgency of redirecting financial flows toward sustainable land use.

In India also, forest finance is gaining traction. In March 2023, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) committed INR 520 crore to a project in West Bengal to enhance biodiversity, resilience, and livelihoods. **The World Bank, in November 2024, approved a forest revitalization project for Tripura and Nagaland, to provide employment opportunities to over 60,000 individuals and support forest-based entrepreneurship.** These efforts reflect a shift in India's approach toward integrating forest health with local development and climate action.

To close remaining gaps, the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** is also helping countries access **REDD+ financing**, diversify funding, and strengthen technical capacity for forest management. Regional collaboration and transparency are emphasized to ensure inclusive outcomes. Transformation in forest finance is underway and sustained collaboration, fair resource allocation, and innovation will help to scale up and safeguard forest conservation for future generations.

BUSINESS BLOGS

India Celebrating Startup-led Economic Growth at Satrup Mahakumbh 2025

India's startup landscape has rapidly evolved into one of the most dynamic and robust ecosystems globally. India has celebrated this growth by hosting the second edition of Startup Mahakumbh from April 3 to 5, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The mega event has widely recognized the significant contribution of the startup ecosystem to the inclusive economic development of the country. **It was aligned with the vision of 'Startup India @ 2047—Unfolding the Bharat Story'**, highlighting the role of innovation, digital transformation, and entrepreneurship in shaping India's economic future.



Startup Mahakumbh 2025 witnessed participation from over 3,000 startups, nearly double the turnout from the previous year. These startups came from a wide spectrum of sectors including Artificial Intelligence, DeepTech & Cybersecurity, Health & BioTech, AgriTech, Climate Tech, FinTech, Gaming & Sports Tech, D2C, Mobility, B2B & Precision Manufacturing, and Defence & Space Tech. Their presence reflected the diversity, potential, and depth of India's entrepreneurial talent pool.

It was organized by a consortium of leading industry bodies such as FICCI, ASSOCHAM, Nasscom, TiE, IVCA, and the Bootstrap Foundation, with support from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). It brought together more than 1,000 investors, along with incubators, and 10,000+ delegates from over 50 countries. It served as a powerful networking and collaboration platform for startups.

The key feature of the event was the Startup MahaRathi Challenge, aimed at identifying and accelerating India's most promising startups. Thematic pavilions curated exhibitions, panel discussions, fireside chats, pitching sessions, and masterclasses, fostering cross-sectoral learning, knowledge exchange, and innovation sharing.

The **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)** also made a strong presence at the event, underlining the government's commitment to integrating startups into the national economic fabric. By offering public procurement opportunities and exposure to national projects, GeM helped unlock new growth avenues for innovation-driven enterprises and digitally empowered businesses.

To honor excellence in entrepreneurship, the **Startup Maharathi Awards** were conferred, recognizing individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional impact, innovation, and leadership in the startup domain. Startup Mahakumbh not only celebrated India's vibrant and resilient startup culture but also reinforced the nation's growing stature as a global hub for innovation-led economic growth and technological progress.

NEW HORIZON BLOGS

State of India's Environment 2025 Presents Comprehensive Analysis

The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) and Down To Earth magazine, offer in-depth insights into the nation's environmental challenges in the "State of India's Environment 2025" report, with a particular focus on climate change and waste management. It discusses the efforts and developments made by India in this regard.

The report highlighted that 2024 was the warmest year on record, underscoring the accelerating pace of global warming. This alarming trend has led to increased environmental consciousness among the public. **The major themes addressed in the report include climate change, air and water pollution, waste management, and biodiversity conservation.**

The image shows the cover of the 'State of India's Environment 2025' report. It features a light gray background with a green and blue gradient border on the right and bottom. The title 'STATE OF INDIA'S ENVIRONMENT' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Below the title, the year '2025' is displayed in white text inside a red rectangular box.

STATE OF INDIA'S ENVIRONMENT 2025

The report especially **focused on areas like plastic pollution, antimicrobial resistance, and India's steady progress in the renewable energy arena.** It also discussed the current environmental and health issues related to the **Bhopal Gas Tragedy marking the 40th anniversary** of this disaster along with the impact of climate change on the Thar desert.

Despite heightened awareness, the report identifies significant challenges in combating climate change. Humans have synthesized approximately 140,000 chemicals and mixtures, many of which are pervasive pollutants. **In 2019, chemical pollution was linked to two million deaths and 53 million disability-adjusted life years globally, according to World Health Organization data cited in the report.**

The transformation of India's waste management landscape with efforts to promote circularity and sustainable practices is also reflected in this comprehensive document. **The report showcases various initiatives aimed at improving solid waste management under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0.**

The report noted the persistent challenges like policies have been formulated to address waste management, their implementation often falls short due to inadequate infrastructure and public awareness. **To bridge this gap, it advocates for community participation, robust policy enforcement, and investment in waste management technologies.**

It reflects the significance of incorporating environmental considerations into the nation's development agenda. Achieving SDGs necessitates a holistic approach that addresses climate change, waste management, and chemical pollution. The report advocates for strengthening institutions, fostering inclusive environmental management practices, and enhancing public awareness to drive meaningful change. It serves as a clarion call for India to intensify its efforts in combating climate change and improving waste management for a healthier and more resilient future.

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UAE

FUTURE BUSINESS TRENDS IN UAE AMID TRANSFORMATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND DYNAMIC REFORMS





In 2025, the UAE is redefining its business landscape through cutting-edge technology and reforms. **Highlighting the UAE's ambition to lead in technological innovation, the world's largest AI campus and rising AI investments have been unveiled.** E-commerce, fintech, and blockchain adoption are accelerating, driven by smart city initiatives and digital transformation. **Regulatory changes—such as 100% foreign ownership, corporate tax updates, and streamlined media licensing—**enhance investor confidence and ease of doing business. Emiratisation policies are also shaping workforce dynamics across sectors. **Sustainability remains a core focus, with green tech, hydrogen energy, and local manufacturing gaining momentum under Net Zero 2050 goals.** These trends reflect a shift toward a digitally enabled, diversified economy. Together, technological advancement and policy agility position the UAE as a hub for future-ready businesses, offering a resilient ecosystem for innovation, sustainability, and inclusive economic growth.



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SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS



Our deep **NorthEast** footprints is highlighted in the **Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025**, organized by **Ministry of DoNER, Government of India** recognised as the **new frontier of India's Growth**. With over 10,000 +Crore investments, AG has worked on over 10+ mega projects ensuring unique partnerships for growth in the region.



At the national level, AG Horizon is delving deeper into creating an efficient and sustainable water future by participating in remarkable event **NorthEast Water Conclave** to foster innovation and collaboration in the field of water and wastewater management. AG engaged with several industry and government stakeholders promoting how our consulting advisory and business practices will safeguard Northeastern states from climate anomalies.



AG Group earned national recognition to have been selected by **NIUA-ICIMOD** for the prestigious Lamphelpat Wetland Rejuvenation Project in Imphal, Manipur. This project, focused on flood mitigation through wetland rejuvenation, aligns with our commitment to sustainable development showcasing innovative solutions for the Himalayan region.



Our commitment to Sustainability is highlighted through our significant milestones. Being a proud signatory to the **UNGC**, AG Horizon, actively participated in the UNGC India Conference. This platform provided an invaluable opportunity to engage with like-minded organizations, share best practices, and contribute to the UNGC's mission of creating a more sustainable and equitable world.



At AG Group, sustainability remains at the core of our operations, exemplified by the significant milestones achieved during the year. A defining moment was our active participation in **COP**, a landmark global event addressing climate change. This pivotal conference brought together world leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to shape a collective vision for a sustainable future.



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