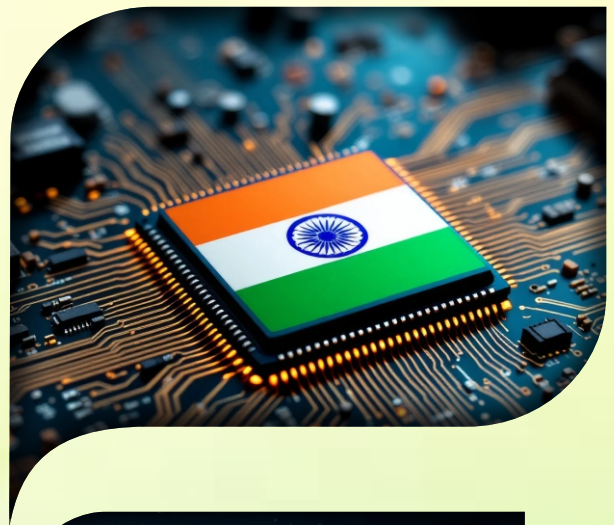




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01 TECHNOLOGY

India's Semiconductor Push Towards Self-Reliance and Global Competitiveness

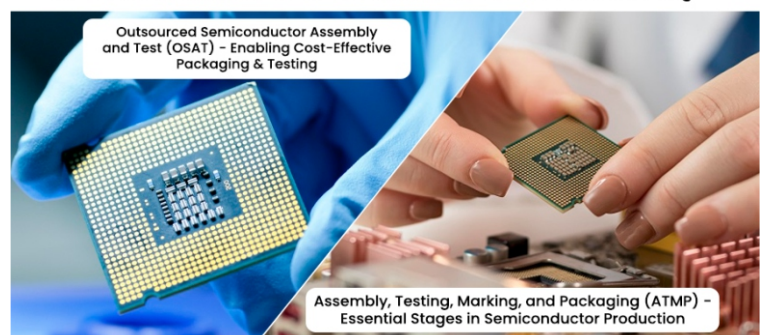
India is making a decisive push to become self-reliant and globally competitive in semiconductors, a sector central to modern technology and strategic growth. Through **initiatives such as SEMICON India 2025 and the India Semiconductor Mission**, the country is establishing a **full-stack semiconductor ecosystem** encompassing design, manufacturing, packaging, and research and development. This effort reflects a clear strategy to reduce dependency on imports while strengthening domestic technological capabilities, fostering innovation, and creating high-value employment opportunities across the electronics and technology sector.



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressNoteDetails.aspx?NotelD=155130&ModuleId=3>

The government has committed significant investments to this mission, with a capital outlay of around Rs 76,000 crore. Multiple semiconductor projects are already approved, focussing on building infrastructure and scaling production capacity. These initiatives aim to transform India from primarily a back-end support destination to a full semiconductor nation, capable of meeting both domestic and global demands while attracting further foreign investment and enhancing industrial competitiveness.

OSAT and ATMP Facilities: The Backbone of Semiconductor Manufacturing



Source: <https://www.solutionbuggy.com/blog/semiconductor-packaging-assembly-trends>

Self-reliance is further supported through the **Design Linked Incentive (DLI) scheme**, which nurtures design startups and micro, small, and medium enterprises. This ensures innovation and talent development within the country, enabling India to handle advanced semiconductor processes domestically. The establishment of a pilot **Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility** in Gujarat completes a critical segment of the value chain locally, reinforcing supply chain security and fostering collaboration between domestic and international technology partners.



Source: <https://ddnews.gov.in/en/from-lost-decades-to-atmanirbhar-push-pm-modis-vision-drives-indias-semiconductor-journey-in-global-chip-race/>

Global competitiveness is also a central goal. **India is positioning itself as a reliable hub for semiconductor collaboration, attracting international partnerships and investments.** By combining domestic capacity building with engagement in the global ecosystem, the country aims to capture a significant share of the rapidly expanding semiconductor market and establish itself as a key player in the global digital economy.

INDIA'S GROWING SEMICONDUCTOR HUB

PLI scheme
worth
Rs.76,000 crore
approved

India & US
Team Up for
Semiconductor
fab plant in
Kolkata

5
Semiconductor
plants
approved for
construction

Attracted
investments
worth over
Rs.1.5 lakh
crore

With strategic execution, investment in infrastructure, and talent development, India's semiconductor push is set to enhance technological autonomy and global standing. **This effort represents a crucial step toward self-reliance and international competitiveness**, ensuring that India is prepared to meet the demands of the digital and strategic economy of the 21st century.

02 HEALTH

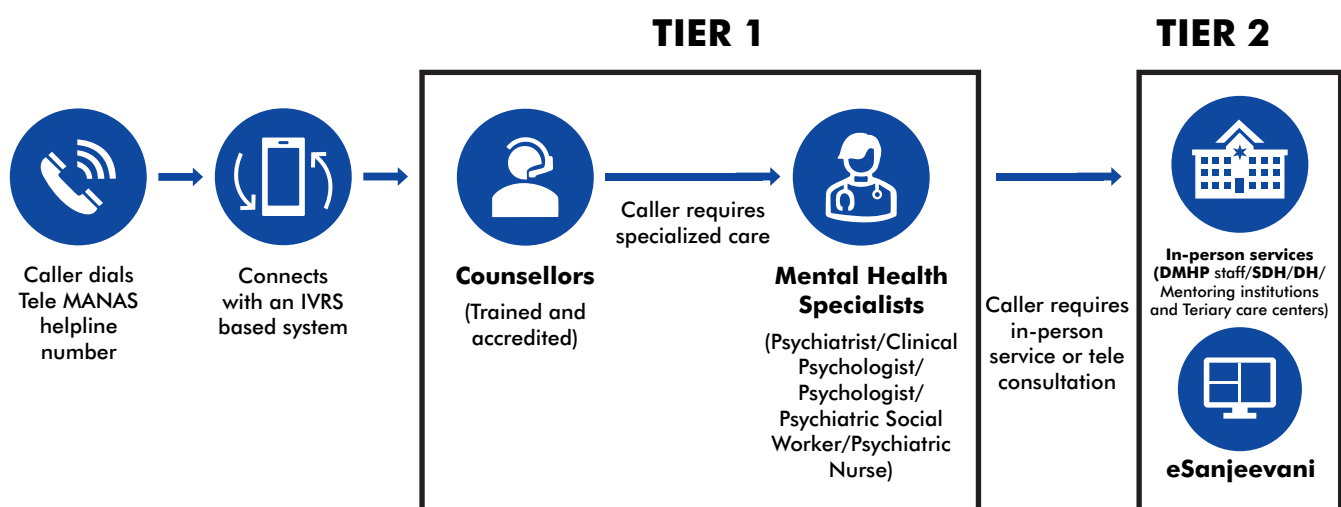
Tele-MANAS: A Digital Therapy for Combating Mental Health Crisis

India has been grappling with an escalating mental health crisis, where access to timely and affordable care remains a major challenge. Recognizing this gap, the Government of India launched the **National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP)** on **10 October 2022**, introducing **Tele-MANAS (Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States)** as its dedicated digital therapy platform.

Tele-MANAS provides **24x7 free tele-mental health counselling** through trained counsellors and mental health professionals, offering services in various languages to ensure inclusivity. The **initiative is designed with a two-tier structure**: the first-tier connects individuals to counsellors at state-level Tele-MANAS cells, while the second-tier links them to advanced care through referral systems and specialized psychiatric support when needed.



Source: <https://www.medilytix.in/news/tele-manas-revolutionizing-mental-health-care-in-india/>



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressNoteDetails.aspx?NotelD=153277&ModuleId=3>

A key feature of Tele-MANAS is its focus on **digital accessibility**, allowing individuals in both urban and rural areas to seek confidential psychological support without the stigma attached to in-person visits. The launch of the **Tele-MANAS mobile application in 2024** strengthened outreach, integrating self-help resources, real-time counselling, and digital therapy modules into a single accessible platform.



Source: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2063830>

The programme is envisioned as a crucial step in **bridging India's treatment gap in mental healthcare**, where shortages of trained professionals and infrastructure have historically limited access. By harnessing digital technologies, **Tele-MANAS provides a scalable, affordable, and inclusive solution** that aligns with the government's broader public health goals. It not only creates immediate avenues for therapy but also fosters long-term resilience by normalizing digital mental health care.

KEY STATISTICS

SERVICE COVERAGE	OPERATIONAL STATES/UTS	TELE-MANAS CELLS	TOTAL CALLS HANDLED (TILL APRIL 2025)
Available in 20+ Indian languages	36 States/ Uts covered	53 functional cells established across India	20,05,000+ calls

From a policy perspective, **Tele-MANAS is embedded within the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and the broader Digital India framework**, which aim to leverage technology for equitable health delivery. By integrating with these initiatives, Tele-MANAS ensures that digital therapy becomes a mainstream and government-supported tool for strengthening mental healthcare.

While challenges remain in terms of counsellor capacity, training, and service quality, Tele-MANAS marks a transformative approach to mental health delivery. **As India continues to expand this initiative, Tele-MANAS stands out as the nation's digital therapy solution for combating the mental health crisis.**

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03 ECONOMY

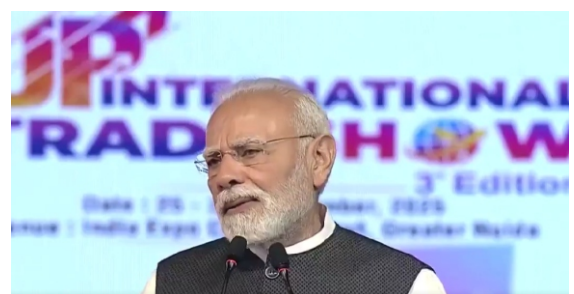
UP International Trade Show to Boost 'Make in India' Scheme

The **Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show 2025 (UPITS)**, held from September 25 to 29 at the India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, served as a platform to promote India's **'Make in India'** and **'Atmanirbhar Bharat'** initiatives. The event showcased over 2,400 exhibitors and attracted thousands of visitors, including more than 57,000 B2B and B2C buyers. **Russia was highlighted as a strategic partner, collaborating with India in defense manufacturing within Uttar Pradesh's Defense Corridor.**

Source: <https://www.eoisaotome.gov.in/page/up-international-trade-show-2025/>

The event reflected the government's commitment to producing everything from **"chips to ships"** domestically, highlighting advancements in sectors like **defense manufacturing**, including the production of AK-203 rifles and BrahMos missiles. India's fintech sector was also lauded, noting **adoption of digital platforms such as UPI, Aadhaar, DigiLocker, and ONDC**, which empower small traders and shopkeepers to engage directly with the government through the **Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal**.

The trade show underscored **Uttar Pradesh's prominence as a manufacturing hub**, with the state contributing to **55% of India's mobile phone production**. MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) played a significant role, showcasing innovative products and solutions, furthering their reach to national and international markets. This aligns with the 'Make in India' vision of fostering self-reliance and reducing dependency on imports.



Source: <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/up-to-host-defence-corridor-manufacture-ak-203-rifles-amid-global-disruptions-pm/videoshow/124119642.cms?from=mdr>

Additionally, the show promoted the **“One District One Product” (ODOP)** scheme, which strengthens local industries by highlighting a signature product from each district. Exhibitors showcased handicrafts, textiles, leather, and agro-based products under this initiative, creating opportunities for small entrepreneurs to increase their accessibility.



Source: <https://upinternationaltradeshow.com/photo-gallery/>



Source: <https://www.upkibaat.com/up-international-trade-show-2025-global-identity-of-new-uttar-pradesh-will-be-strong-28901-2/>

Furthermore, the **UP Skill Development and Vocational Education Department's pavilion** was recognized for its display of **training programs** in areas such as drone technology, robotics, and embroidery. These initiatives reflect the state's focus on preparing youth for the evolving job market.

Thus, UPITS 2025 not only showcased the state's industrial capabilities but also reinforced the national agenda of promoting indigenous manufacturing and self-reliance. The event **highlighted the MSME growth and strengthened district-level entrepreneurship**, marking a key step towards achieving 'Make in India' goals.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

1

EXHIBITORS & BUYERS

2,400+ exhibitors and 57,000+ B2B/B2C partnerships

2

DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP

Collaboration with Russia; showcased AK-203 rifles and BrahMos missiles

3

MSME & ODOP FOCUS

Empowering MSMEs and promoting district-specific products

4

INNOVATION & SKILLS

Highlights in drone tech, robotics, and vocational training

5

DIGITAL & MANUFACTURING GROWTH

Emphasis on digital platforms and Uttar Pradesh's role in mobile production

04 SPORTS

Indian Men's Hockey Team Shines With Their Asia Cup 2025 Championship Victory

The Indian men's hockey team lifted the **Asia Cup 2025 title in Rajgir, Bihar**, defeating defending champions South Korea 4–1 in the final on September 7. The tournament, hosted in Rajgir from August 29 to September 7, drew strong attendance and highlighted India's growing hockey infrastructure. The victory marked India's **fourth Asia Cup crown and their first since 2017**, ending an eight-year wait for continental glory.



Source: <https://www.olympics.com/en/news/asia-cup-2025-hockey-india-vs-south-korea-final-report>

India took an early lead through Sukhjeet Singh, who scored within the opening minute following a precise pass from captain Harmanpreet Singh. **Dilpreet Singh added two well-executed goals** in the 28th and 45th minutes, while Amit Rohidas sealed the win with a powerful strike in the 50th minute. **South Korea managed their lone goal a minute later through Son Dain**, but India's composure remained unshaken throughout the match.



Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/htcity/htcity-delhi-junction/india-hockey-mens-team-wins-asia-cup-2025-goal-is-to-recreate-history-by-winning-world-cup-after-50-years-101757421212593.html>

The title secured **India's direct qualification for the 2026 Men's FIH Hockey World Cup**, to be held in Belgium and the Netherlands. The final showcased India's blend of experience and youthful energy, which played a decisive role in the campaign. **The event was also seen as a significant boost for Bihar, which hosted an international tournament of this scale for the first time.**



Source: <https://jagbani.punjabkesari.in/sports/news/hockey-captain-harmanpreet-singh-visits-flood-hit-village-1593901>

Captain Harmanpreet Singh dedicated the victory to citizens affected by floods across several Indian states, also acknowledging the efforts of rescue teams. Team officials emphasized the importance of winning at home and the confidence this result provides ahead of global competitions. The players noted that the title was not only a sporting achievement but also a source of national pride and unity across regions.

INDIA'S ASIA CUP TITLES



The disciplined defensive performance, combined with sharp attacking execution, ensured India remained in control throughout the final. The championship was widely celebrated, with state and national leaders hailing the achievement as a proud moment for Indian sport. With this triumph, **India has once again established itself as the top hockey nation in Asia** and set a strong foundation for the upcoming World Cup.

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05 NORTH-EAST CORNER

Mizoram's Schools Take Learning to New Heights with Cosmic Classrooms

Mizoram's schools are reaching for the stars—literally—with the **launch of “Cosmic Classrooms” in Lunglei**. The initiative, inaugurated by officials from the School Education Department in collaboration with the District Education Department and the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, marks a major step in transforming how students learn science. It **reflects the vision of the National Education Policy 2020**, which promotes experiential, inclusive, and inquiry-based learning for young minds, ensuring that children in remote areas also benefit from modern educational tools.



Source: <https://northeastmonitor.com/2025/09/11/mizorams-first-cosmic-classes-and-astronomy-labs-launched-in-lunglei-district/>



Source: <https://www.hnahthialpost.com/2025/09/school-education-minister-dr.html?m=1>

The Cosmic Classroom concept introduces astronomy-focused learning spaces where students can explore the mysteries of the universe. These interactive labs bring concepts like stars, planets, and galaxies to life, encouraging curiosity, imagination, and creativity beyond the limits of textbooks. By allowing hands-on exploration and guided observation, the initiative helps students grasp scientific ideas through practical experience rather than rote learning.

The project forms part of Mizoram's wider education modernization drive. Complementary initiatives such as the **Learning Bridges programme** provide bicycles and learning support to bring out-of-school children back to classrooms. The **Book Nest project** strengthens school libraries with storybooks and textbooks, while upgraded science labs ensure that practical education keeps pace with global learning standards. These initiatives collectively aim to improve attendance, participation, and engagement across all schools in the state.



Source: <https://www.hnahthialpost.com/2025/09/school-education-minister-dr.html?m=1>

Mizoram's education reforms also focus on holistic development through language and awareness-based programmes. Initiatives like the **English Language Foundation**, **financial literacy drives**, and **Project Period Pride** on menstrual hygiene promote confidence, knowledge, and inclusivity among students. Together, these reforms reinforce the state's commitment to accessible and forward-looking education that nurtures scientific curiosity from a young age.

SCHOOLS WITH COSMIC CLASSROOMS



By introducing Cosmic Classrooms, Mizoram's schools are taking learning to new heights—bridging science, imagination, and innovation. This pioneering step not only nurtures curiosity and critical thinking among students but also **sets an inspiring model for how schools in remote and hilly regions can embrace modern, discovery-based education**, preparing children for future scientific challenges.

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