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1 Index of Industrial Production (Source: The Hindu)

Index of Industrial Production (IIP)

What is IIP?

- A statistical indicator that measures short-term changes in the volume of production in India's industrial sector.
- Indicates the growth or contraction of industrial output.
- A quantitative index, measuring changes in production volume rather than prices.
- An important indicator of industrial growth and overall economic activity.

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Frequency Monthly

(around 28 days after the reference month)

Base Year (Latest)

- **New base year: 2022–23** (replacing 2011–12).
- **Implemented:** June 1, 2026.
- **Expanded coverage:** Includes gas supply, water supply, sewerage and waste management activities.
- **Updated methodology:** Revised industrial weights, product basket and factory coverage.

Sectors in IIP

IIP covers three major industrial sectors.

Manufacturing (77.63%)



Mining (14.37%)

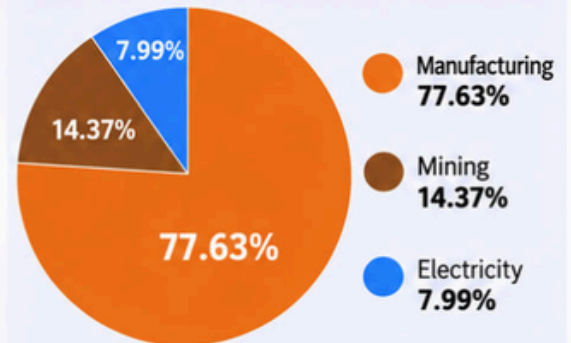


Electricity (7.99%)



Note: These weights are for the 2011–12 base-year series. Weights for 2022–23 series have been revised.

Sector-wise Weights (2011–12)



Use-Based Classification of IIP

Industrial output is also classified according to the use of products.

Primary Goods



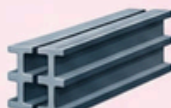
Coal, crude oil, natural gas and other basic inputs.

Capital Goods



Machinery and equipment used for further production.

Intermediate Goods



Products used as inputs in other industries.

Infrastructure/Construction Goods



Cement, steel and other construction-related materials.

Consumer Durables



Cars, refrigerators and washing machines.

Consumer Non-Durables



Food products, medicines and other frequently consumed goods.

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2 Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PMVGSY) (Source: The Hindu)

Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PMVGSY)

Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions for a Viksit Bharat

What is PMVGSY?

- A **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)** launched by the Government of India to strengthen **Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)** and enable them to function as institutions of self-government.
- Aims to build the capacity of Gram Panchayats for effective decentralised governance and to achieve the vision of a **Viksit Bharat**.
- It subsumes and integrates the erstwhile schemes of **Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)** and the **15th Finance Commission (XV FC) Grants**.

Objectives

- Strengthen PRIs** to function as effective institutions of self-government.
- Build capacity** of elected representatives and functionaries.
- Improve governance** and planning at the Gram Panchayat level.
- Promote inclusive and sustainable development** in rural areas.

Implementing Ministry

Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Government of India



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Nature of the Scheme

- Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS).
- Operates during the period **2026–27 to 2030–31**.
- Integrates RGSA and XV FC Grants for a holistic approach.

Key Components / Activities

Capacity Building



Training and capacity development of elected representatives and Panchayat functionaries.

Improved Governance



Support for better planning, transparency, accountability and implementation at the Gram Panchayat level.

People's Participation



Promote participatory planning and inclusive decision-making.

Thematic Support



Support for theme-based initiatives aligned with rural development goals and local needs.

Convergence



Convergence with various Central and State schemes for maximum impact.

Funding Pattern

60% Central Share

40% State Share



Target Beneficiaries



- Elected representatives of Gram Panchayats
- Panchayat functionaries and staff
- Rural communities through strengthened Gram Panchayats

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3 Mexico (Source: The Hindu)

- **Location:** North America
- **Capital:** Mexico City
- **Borders:** United States, Guatemala, and Belize.
- **Water Bodies:** Pacific Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of California.
- **Geographical Setting**
 - Tropic of Cancer passes through Mexico.
 - Yucatán Peninsula
 - Sonoran Desert, Chihuahuan Desert
 - The region has both arid and tropical climates.

