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## India's Upcoming Industrial Corridors

The decision of Government of India to develop 100 Smart Cities has created much excitement among global investors. However, from the perspective of opportunities for investors, the pie is much more than just Smart Cities. Along with development of Smart Cities, the Indian government has been working to create major industrial corridors between the key cities of India. The core objective of these industrial corridors is to create manufacturing hubs and transform India from a service driven economy to one where manufacturing too will play a critical role. As India is expected to become a \$ 6 trillion economy in the next decade from the present \$ 2 trillion, it would necessarily have to transform itself to a manufacturing driven economy in addition to the large service base that it already has created.

Much on the lines of the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) of China, the industrial corridors of India will be the hub of the nation's next generation manufacturing prowess and the Smart Cities are an extension to that. Incidentally, the whole pivot of the Make in India program would be centered on the proposed industrial corridors.

The following are the industrial corridors that India is coming up with.

1. Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor
2. Amritsar-Delhi-Kolkata Industrial Corridor
3. Bangaluru–Mumbai Economic Corridor
4. East Coast Industrial Corridor/ Vishakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor
5. Chennai-Bangaluru Industrial Corridor
6. Bhopal Indore Industrial Corridor.

Each of these Industrial Corridors will span across several states and numerous cities. For example, the DelhiMumbai Industrial Corridor which has an outlay of \$100 billion and whose completion date is 2017, is spread across five of the following states apart from Delhi.

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Haryana
3. Rajasthan
4. Maharashtra
5. Gujarat

Further, the Delhi-Mumbai Corridor will spread through 24 industrial regions in addition to several smart cities and power projects.

Similarly, the Amritsar-Delhi-Kolkata Industrial Corridor will have 20 major Indian cities in its path and all will benefit from the corridor.

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The Dedicated Freight Corridor that Indian Railways is working on will help these industrial corridors have one of the best transportation infrastructures in place for optimal and seamless movement of raw materials and finished products across the length and breadth of the country as well as to the ports. Indian Railways have already started working on the 1483 km long Western Dedicated Freight Corridor and the 1839 km long Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor, while four more freight corridors are being planned.

Overall, as it stands, the investment potential in India's proposed industrial corridors as well as in the associated arena of physical and transportation infrastructure runs into trillions of dollars in the long run.