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The study looks at how the corporate sector is engaged in fighting the global burden of the AIDS epidemic. India’s relatively low HIV prevalence rate often raises the question of whether it is in the interest of the corporate sector to allocate resources to combat HIV and AIDS. The five case studies in this report feature a selection of Indian companies that felt compelled to engage in this fight and allocate resources in order to do so. The challenges these companies encountered, and innovative methods they used to surmount them, serve as useful lessons for those interested in launching similar initiatives.

Himachal Pradesh: Accelerating Development and Sustaining Success in a Hill State
Report No. 39810-IN
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This Economic Report is the first by the World Bank on the economy of Himachal Pradesh (HP), and the first on a hill state in India. HP is a unique state in many respects—most importantly because of the enormous success it has achieved over the past three decades, despite severe disadvantages of relative remoteness, environmental fragility, and a difficult hill terrain, characteristic of Himalayan states in India. The study sets out to document, first, the remarkable success that the state has achieved in terms of sustained growth and human development, and the underlying reasons in
terms of supportive policies and social cohesion. In this respect, HP makes an important contribution to lessons of success for the other nine Himalayan hill states in India. The second, and more extensive part of the Report, is forward-looking. It describes how it might be possible to build on the past success that HP has achieved, and, at the same time, address some crucial economic and social transitions that will be essential for the state to firmly secure its future. The Report seeks to provide an analysis of HP's current economic situation, and to lay out a menu of reform options that can help build on HP's considerable strengths and opportunities, and address some of the main challenges ahead.

South Asia Publications

Bangladesh: Public Sector Accounting and Auditing: A Comparison to International Standards

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This assessment of public sector accounting and auditing for Bangladesh is meant to help implement more effective Public Financial Management (PFM) through better quality accounting and public audit processes in Bangladesh and to provide greater stimulus for more cost effective outcomes of government spending. More specific objectives are (a) to provide the country’s accounting and audit authorities and other interested stakeholders with a common well-founded knowledge as to where local practices stand against the internationally developed norms of financial reporting and auditing; (b) to assess prevailing variances; (c) to chart paths for improving the accordance with international standards; and (d) to provide a continuing basis for measuring improvements.

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China, India, and the future of the world economy: Fierce competition or shared growth?
By Elena Ianchovichina and Betina Dimaranan

Although both China and India are labor-abundant and dependant on manufactures, their export mixes are very different. China is much better integrated into global production networks. Even assuming India will begin to integrate into global production chains and
expand exports of manufactures, there seems to be opportunity for rapid growth in both countries. Accelerated growth through efficiency improvements in China and India, especially in their high-tech industries, will intensify competition in global markets, leading to contraction of the manufacturing sectors in many countries. Improvement in the range and quality of exports from China and India has the potential to create substantial welfare benefits for the world, and for China and India, and to act as a powerful offset to the terms-of-trade losses otherwise associated with rapid export growth.

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India’s journey toward an effective patent

By Bruce Abramson

The decade following India’s accession to the World Trade Organization’s Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property ushered in numerous changes to the country’s patent system, culminating in a series of amendments in 2005. But a functioning patent system is more than a statute.

This paper discusses the steps that India must take to develop an effective, functioning patent system capable of attracting foreign direct investment, motivating domestic innovation and education, and filtering its benefits to all elements of Indian society, including the poor and the possessors of traditional knowledge.

The analysis combines data studies of historical and recent patenting activity in India and by Indians, interviews with Indian government officials, intellectual property attorneys, industrialists, and researchers, and lessons gleaned from patent systems abroad. It identifies critical needs and concrete steps to meet them. This paper’s recommendations would help India achieve both a fully functioning patent system and a mechanism for ensuring that poor people living traditional lifestyles receive their share of the social gains that a working innovation system can confer.

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Are labor regulations driving computer usage in India’s retail stores?

By Mohammad Amin

A recent survey of 1,948 retail stores in India conducted by the World Bank’s Enterprise Surveys shows that 19 percent of the stores use computers for their business. In some states like Kerala, computer use is as high as 40 percent. Using this data the author finds labor regulation as an important determinant of computer use. His estimates suggest that when faced with burdensome labor regulations, the probability of using a computer rises by over 36 percentage points for an average store. These findings formally confirm a commonly held but untested view that labor regulation may be responsible for the spread of labor saving modern technology.
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Based on comprehensive empirical studies, the paper identifies key reforms and defines strategies to enhance the competitiveness of the cotton sector in West and Central Africa. Lessons learned from the 1990s suggest that transferring public property to private enterprises is not enough, by itself, to put the sector back on a sustainable path.

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International migration has become a central element of international relations and global integration due to its rapidly increasing economic, social, and cultural impact in both source and destination countries. This book provides new evidence on the impact of migration and remittances on several development indicators, including innovative thinking about the nexus between migration and birth rates.

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