

# 'India an oasis of growth'

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Service sector alone cannot put India on a fast growth trajectory, G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant said on Thursday, while asserting that the next phase of the country's growth must come from manufacturing and smart urbanisation.

While speaking at an event of the Confederation of Indian Industry in Bengaluru, Kant said that India must aim to accelerate its pace of growth to 9-10 per cent over a three-decade period. The former NITI Aayog CEO also said that a lot depends on how states are performing.

"It is very important that our ambition cannot be 7 per cent or 7.5 per cent, it must be very high to make a 10 per cent growth over a three-decade period. India cannot grow at all on the back of the services sector. India needs to grow on the back of manufacturing, smart urbanization, and agriculture. India cannot grow only on the back of the central government, it will only grow if the States grow," Kant said.

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He suggested that if India grows at 10 per cent, it would mean the gross domestic product (GDP) would surpass \$35 trillion by 2047, elevating the per capita income to around \$24,000.

Kant emphasised India's potential to outpace Japan and Germany, projecting it to become the world's third-largest economy by 2027. He predicted India's ascent to the third-largest stock market by the same year's end.

"India has emerged as a resilient powerhouse during the last three quarters and is an oasis of growth. This is a once in a generation economic shift that is taking place, in its economic position, a rare movement," Kant added.

Kant shed light on India's

consistent growth, surpassing 8 per cent in the last three quarters.

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), India is anticipated to contribute about 20 per cent of the world's economic expansion in the next decade.

Discussing India's anticipated growth, Kant suggested transitioning people from agriculture to manufacturing-led smart cities to create better-quality jobs and foster economic development.

"The challenge with India is that 42 per cent of our population is in agriculture. About 18-19 per cent of the GDP is coming from agriculture which is too high as the world average is about 5-6 per cent," added Kant.