

FDI inflows to India surged 73% to \$47 bn in 2025: UN

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

United Nations, 23 January

The FDI inflows to India in 2025 surged by 73 per cent to \$47 billion, mainly due to large investments in services and manufacturing, supported by policies aimed at integrating the country into global supply chains, the UN said.

The Global Investment Trends Monitor, released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), stated on Thursday that the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows to China declined for the third consecutive year, falling by 8 per cent to an estimated \$107.5 billion.

“FDI inflows to India surged by 73 per cent to \$47 billion, mainly due to large investments in services including finance, IT, and R&D as well as manufacturing, supported by policies aimed at integrating India into global supply chains,”

UNCTAD said. It added that global foreign direct investment reached an estimated \$1.6 trillion in 2025, a 14 per cent increase. Cross-border M&A activity declined by 22 per cent to \$132 billion. While M&A sales decreased across most industries, they rose sharply in semiconductors and telecom, it said. The report added that the total value of international project finance increased by 7 per cent to \$218 billion, while the number of projects declined by only 5 per cent.

India was among the top 10 major recipients of data centre investments in 2025, it said, adding that foreign investment in data centres is concentrated in a handful of countries. France, ranked number 1, the United States (2) and the Republic of Korea (3) led as host countries, while emerging markets such as Brazil (4), India (7), and Malaysia (9) also attracted major projects.

“Total greenfield investment in data centres surpassed \$270 billion, representing more than one-fifth of all investment projects. The leading host countries for these investments were France, the US, and the Republic of Korea. Notably, emerging markets such as Brazil, Thailand, India, and Malaysia also ranked among the top ten hosts of data centre projects,” it said.

