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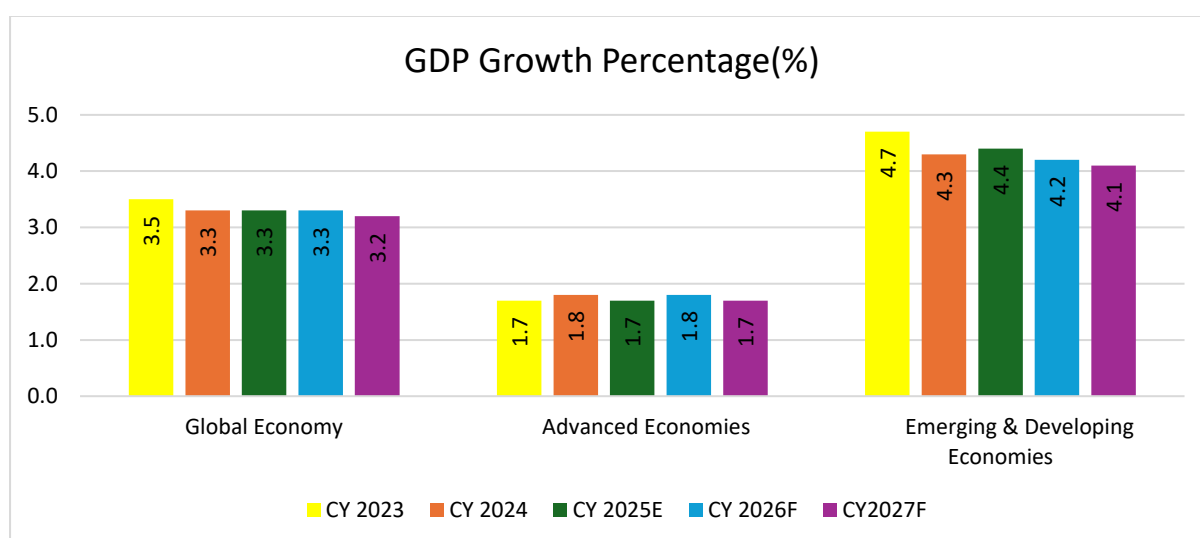
Abbreviation Table

Abbreviation	Full Form	Abbreviation	Full Form
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	GVA	Gross Value Added
CPI	Consumer Price Index	PFCE	Private Final Consumption Expenditure
RBI	Reserve Bank of India	NSO	National Statistical Office
GOI	Government of India	FY	Financial Year
CY	Calendar Year	USD	United States Dollar
CAGR	Compound Annual Growth Rate	MSMEs	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
WEO	World Economic Outlook	G 7	Group of Seven (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States)
IS	Indian Standards	ISO	International Organization for Standardization
FE	First Estimates	FRE	First Revised Estimates
PE	Provisional Estimate	SAE	Second Advance Estimate
PFCE	Private Final Consumption Expenditure	PLFS	Periodic Labour force Survey
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity	PMI	Purchasing Managers Index
PVC	Polyvinyl Chloride	CPVC	Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride
HDPE	High-Density Polyethylene	LDPE	Low-Density Polyethylene
NIP	National Infrastructure Pipeline	PCR	Post Consumer recycled
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning	PE	Polyethylene

1. Global Economic Outlook

As per the IMF's World Economic Outlook (WEO) published in January 2026, global growth is projected to remain resilient at 3.3 percent in 2026 and at 3.2 percent in 2027.

Global headline inflation is expected to decline from an estimated 4.1 percent in 2025 to 3.8 percent in 2026 and further to 3.4 percent in 2027. The inflation projections are also broadly unchanged from those in October and envisage inflation returning to target more gradually in the United States than in other large economies.



Note: E = Estimates, F = Forecast

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook January 2026

Note: Advanced Economies and Emerging & Developing Economies are as per the classification of the World Economic Outlook (WEO). This classification is not based on strict criteria, economic or otherwise, and it has evolved over time. It comprises of 40 countries under the Advanced Economies including the G7 (the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, the United Kingdom, and Canada) and selected countries from the Euro Zone (Germany, Italy, France etc.). The group of emerging market and developing economies (156) includes all those that are not classified as Advanced Economies (India, China, Brazil, Malaysia etc.)

Growth in advanced economies is projected to be 1.8 percent in 2026 and 1.7 percent in 2027. In the United States, the economy is projected to expand by 2.4 percent in 2026, supported by fiscal policy and a lower policy rate, while the impact of higher trade barriers also gradually wanes. This 0.3 percentage point upward revision from the October forecast reflects a stronger-than expected GDP outturn in the third quarter of 2025, a rebound in activity in the

first quarter of 2026 compared with that in the fourth quarter of 2025 following the end of the federal government shutdown, and the associated carryover.

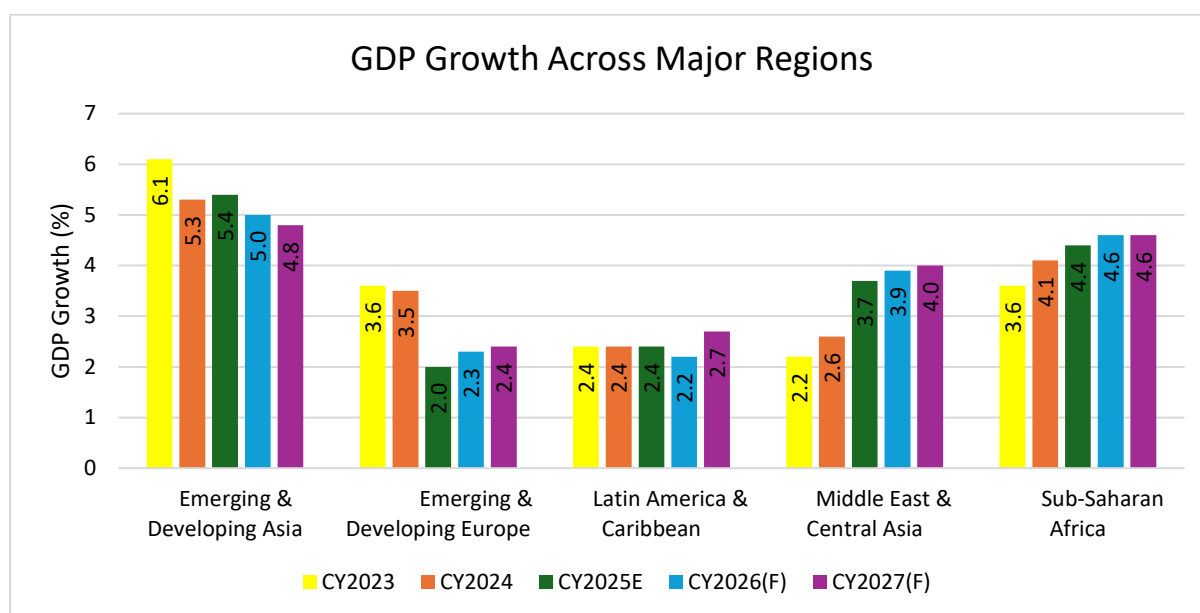
In emerging market and developing economies, growth is expected to continue to hover just above 4.0 percent in 2026 and 2027. Relative to the projection in October, growth in 2025 for China is revised upward by 0.2 percentage point to 5.0 percent. The revision reflects stimulus measures and additional policy bank lending for investment. Growth for 2026 is also revised upward by 0.3 percentage point to 4.5 percent, reflecting the lower US effective tariff rates on Chinese goods due to the yearlong trade truce agreed to in November and stimulus measures that are assumed to be implemented over two years. The economy's growth rate is expected to decelerate to 4.0 percent in 2027 as structural headwinds assert themselves.

In India, growth is revised upward by 0.7 percentage point to 7.3 percent for 2025, reflecting the better-than expected outturn in the third quarter of the year and strong momentum in the fourth quarter. Growth is projected to moderate to 6.4 percent in 2026 and 2027 as cyclical and temporary factors wane.

In the Middle East and Central Asia, growth is projected to accelerate from 3.7 percent in 2025 to 3.9 percent in 2026 and to 4.0 percent in 2027, supported by higher oil output, resilient local demand, and ongoing reforms. Growth is also expected to accelerate in sub-Saharan Africa, from 4.4 percent in 2025 to 4.6 percent in 2026 and 2027, supported by macroeconomic stabilization and reform efforts in key economies. In Latin America and the Caribbean, growth is projected to moderate to 2.2 percent in 2026 and bounce to 2.7 percent in 2027 as countries in the region approach potential from different cyclical positions. In emerging and developing Europe, a sharp slowdown in 2025 to a growth rate of 2.0 percent is expected to reverse, with economies in the region expanding at an average rate of 2.3 percent in 2026 and 2.4 percent in 2027. In most regions, the rebound also reflects the fading effect of shifting trade policies

1.1 GDP Growth Across Major Regions

GDP growth across major global regions—including Europe, Latin America & the Caribbean, Middle East & Central Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa—continues to display varied trajectories. The global outlook presents a mixed scenario, with emerging economies continuing to outperform advanced economies.



Note: E = Estimates, F = Forecast

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook January, 2026 update

In Emerging and Developing Asia, growth is projected to moderate from 5.4% in CY 2025 to 5.0% in CY 2026 and further projected at 4.8% during CY 2027. India's expected growth in 2025 has been uplifted at 7.3% in CY 2025, supported by resilient rural consumption and sustained infrastructure investments, up from 6.5% in CY2024. The growth estimate for 2026 and 2027 is kept at 6.4%. In contrast, China's growth is estimated at 5.0% in CY2025, and to further decelerate at 4.5% in 2026 and 4.0% in 2027.

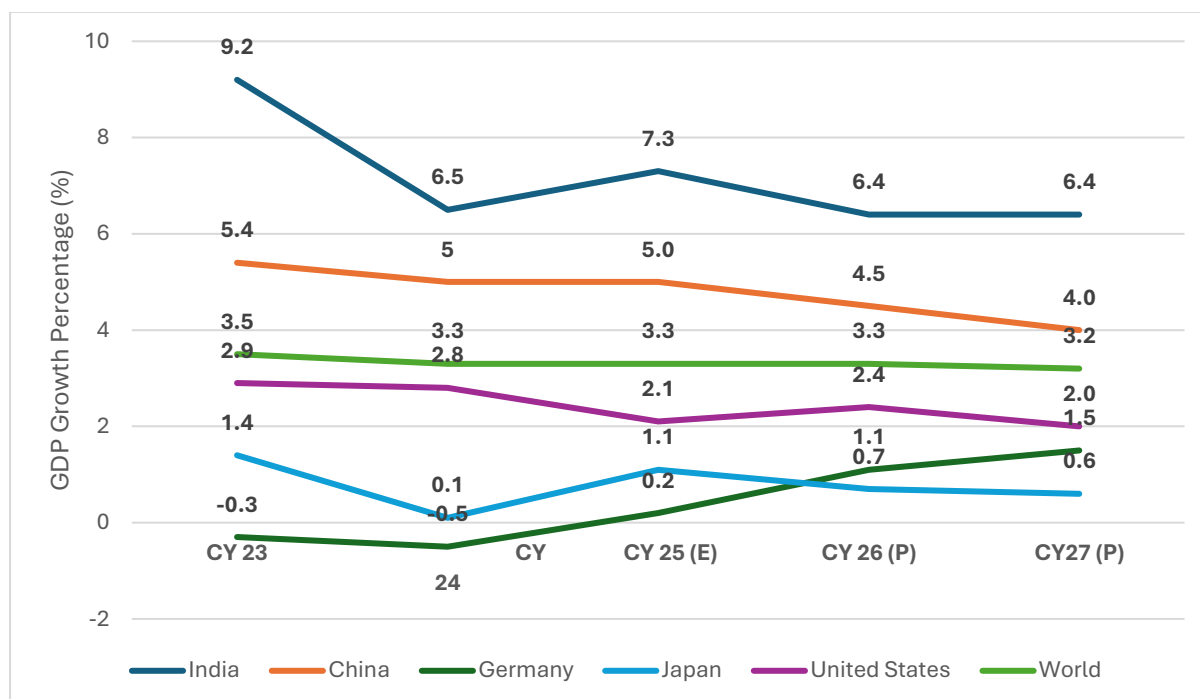
Sub-Saharan Africa is projected to grow at 4.4% in CY 2025, increased from 4.1% in CY 2024, with growth is expected to accelerate further at 4.6% in CY 2026. This gradual improvement is being supported by better weather conditions and more efficient supply chain operations.

In the Middle East and Central Asia, the economy is forecasted to expand from 3.7% in CY 2025 to 3.9% in CY 2026, and further at around 4.0% in CY 2027, driven by stabilization in oil production and ongoing economic reforms.

For Latin America and the Caribbean, the economy is expected to slow from 2.4% in CY 2025, to 2.2% in CY2026, but increase again at 2.7% in CY 2027 reflecting stable yet subdued economic momentum supported by stronger macroeconomic management across key economies.

Emerging and Developing Europe remains subdued, with growth estimated at 2.0% in CY 2025, down from 3.5% in CY 2024, expected to rise modestly to 2.3% in CY 2026 and further at 2.4% in 2027. However, the recent Greenland issue and tariff imposition by the US President has posed fresh challenges for the region. The region continues to face structural manufacturing challenges, particularly in major economies like Germany.

India and Top 4 Global Economies GDP Growth Forecast



Note: E = Estimates, P = Projections

Source: IMF World Economic Outlook January, 2026 update

Overall, while global growth is expected to remain steady at 3.3% in CY 2025~CY2026 and at 3.2% in CY2027, regional disparities persist, influenced by a combination of domestic challenges, external geopolitical tensions, and fluctuating commodity prices.

2. India's Macroeconomic Scenario

2.1 Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Real GDP has been estimated to grow by 7.6% in FY 2025–26, while nominal GDP has recorded a growth of 8.6%. These growth rates have been revised upward from their respective First Advance Estimates computed using the previous base year (2011–12), as per the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) in its press release on the Second Advance Estimates of GDP (base year 2022–23) dated February 27, 2026.

India's Economic Growth Momentum Remains Strong - Surpassed USD 4 Trillion.

In June 2025, India became the fourth-largest economy in the world and retained its position as the fastest-growing major economy. The country is projected to become the world's third largest economy by 2030, with an estimated GDP of USD 7.3 trillion.

Source: PIB, Press Release - India Becoming an Economic Powerhouse posted on June 16, 2025

India achieved a significant milestone by overtaking Japan to become the *third most powerful nation in the Asia-Pacific region*, as per the Asia Power Index 2024. India's overall score rose to 39.1, reflecting a 2.8-point increase from the previous year, driven by growing influence across economic, military, and diplomatic dimensions.

Source: PIB, Press Release - India becomes 3rd Most Powerful Nation in Asia, Surpasses Japan in Asia Power Index posted on September 24, 2024.

Key factors behind India's rise include its strong economic performance, expanding and youthful workforce, and increasing strategic engagement across the region. India's Economic Capability improved significantly, supported by its position as the world's third-largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP). Additionally, a notable increase in its Future Resources score highlights the demographic advantage that is expected to sustain its growth trajectory in the coming years.

2.2 Gross Value Added (GVA)

According to the Second Advance Estimate of GDP for 2025-26 by MOSPI, Govt. of India (GoI), Real GVA is estimated at INR 294.40 lakh crore in the year 2025-26, against INR 273.36 lakh crore in FY 2024-25, registering a growth rate of 7.7% as compared to 7.3% growth rate in 2024-25. Nominal GVA is estimated to attain a level of INR 313.61 lakh crore during FY 2025-26, against INR 288.54 lakh crore in 2024-25, showing a growth rate of 8.7%. (MOSPI, Press Release, 27 February 2026).

Major Highlights:

- Real GDP has been estimated to grow by 7.6% in FY 2025-26. Nominal GDP has witnessed a growth of 8.6%. These growth rates are revised upward from their respective First Advance Estimates computed using previous Base Year (2011-12).
- Overall Economic performance in FY 2025-26 is primarily on account of robust Real growth observed in Second Quarter (8.4%) and Third Quarter (7.8%).
- The Economy has exhibited sustained performance, recording Real GDP growth rates of 7.2% and 7.1% respectively during FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25.
- Nominal GDP has registered 11.0% and 9.7% growth rates during FY 2023–24 and FY 2024–25 respectively.
- Manufacturing sector has been the major driver in contributing to the resilient performance of the economy in consecutive 3 financial years after rebasing. This sector has attained double digit growth rates in FY 2023-24 and FY 2025-26.
- Secondary and Tertiary sectors have boosted the performance of the economy by registering above 9.0% growth rate in FY 2025-26.
- 'Trade, Repair, Hotels, Transport, Communication & Services related to Broadcasting, Storage' sector has attained a growth rate of 10.1% at Constant Prices in FY 2025-26.
- On the Consumption side, both the Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE) and Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) have exhibited more than 7.0% growth rate in FY 2025-26.

Source: MOSPI, Press Release, 27 February 2026, Govt. of India (GoI).

2.3 Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The GOI published on 12 Feb'26, the retail inflation data for January 2026 with the new base year of 2024, whereas the Headline inflation has increased for the month of January 2026 over January 2025 is 2.75%. Also, Year-on-year inflation rate with base year 2024 for the month of February 2026 over February 2025 is increased to 3.21%(Provisional).

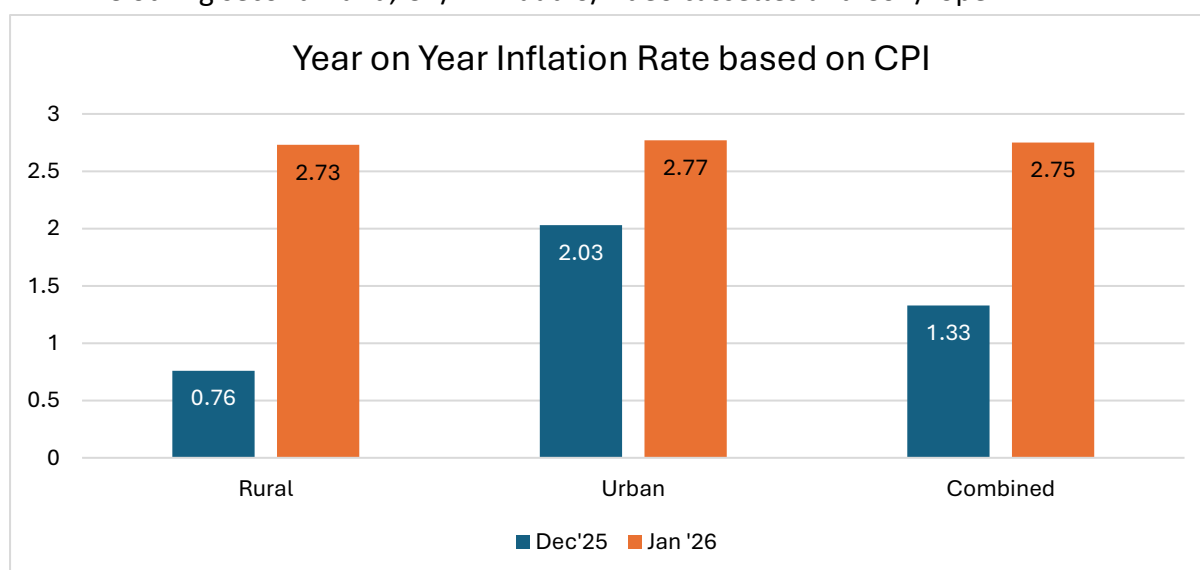
At the all-India level, the number of weighted items has increased from 299 to 358 in CPI 2024. Within this:

- Goods items are increased from 259 to 308
- Services items are increased from 40 to 50

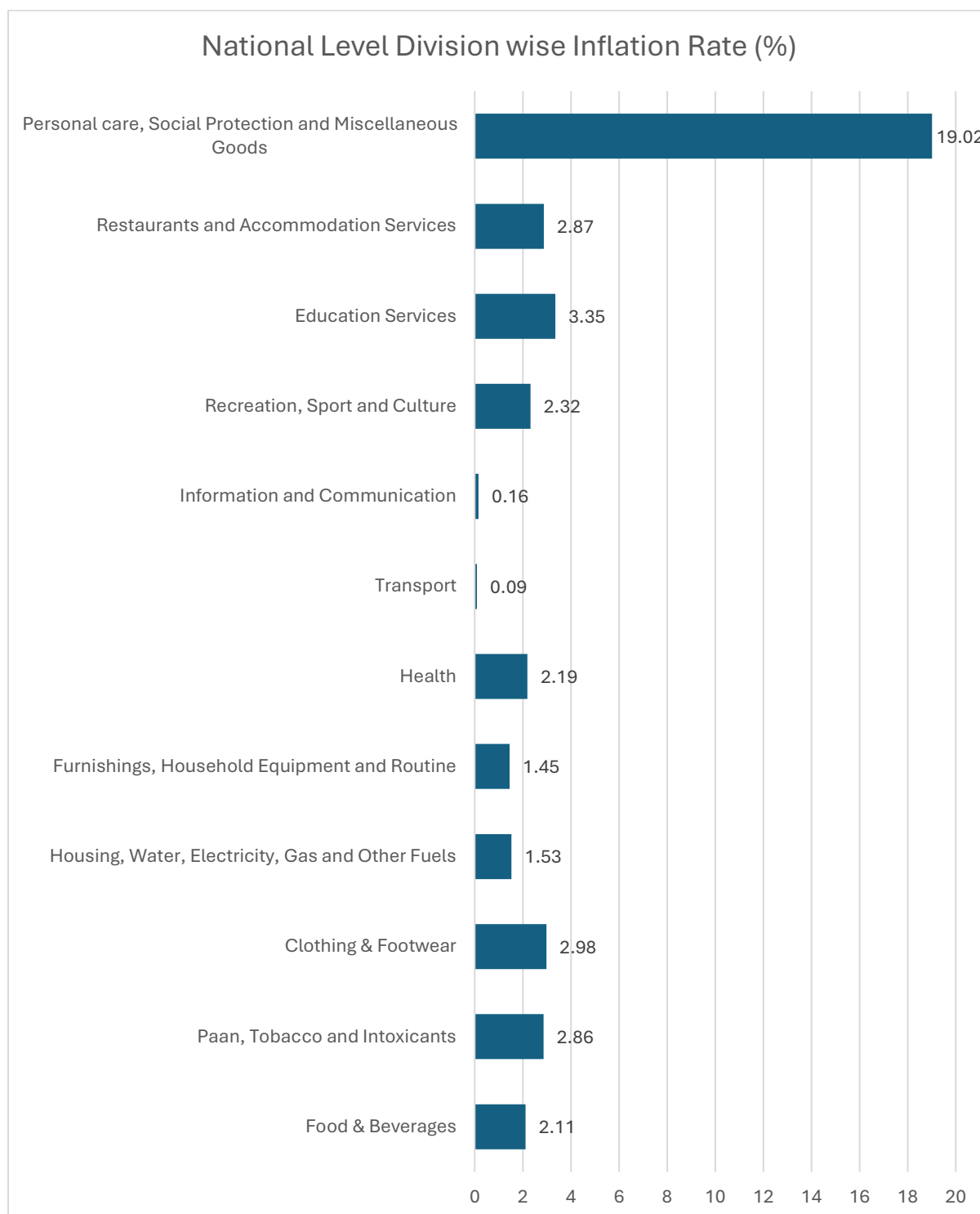
This expansion strengthens the representation of the services sector, which has assumed greater importance in household expenditure over time.

What's New:

- Base revised from 2012 to 2024 using Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023-24.
- 12 Divisions in place of 6 Groups in accordance to Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose (COICOP) 2018.
- Release of All India and State level Item indices for rural, urban and combined sectors
- New Additions: Rural housing, Online media service provider/Streaming services, value added dairy products, Barley & its product, Pen-drive & External Hard disk, Attendant, Babysitter and Exercise equipment.
- Items Removed: VCR/VCD/DVD player and hiring charges, Radio, Tape recorder, Clothing second-hand, CD/DVD audio/video cassettes and Coir/rope.



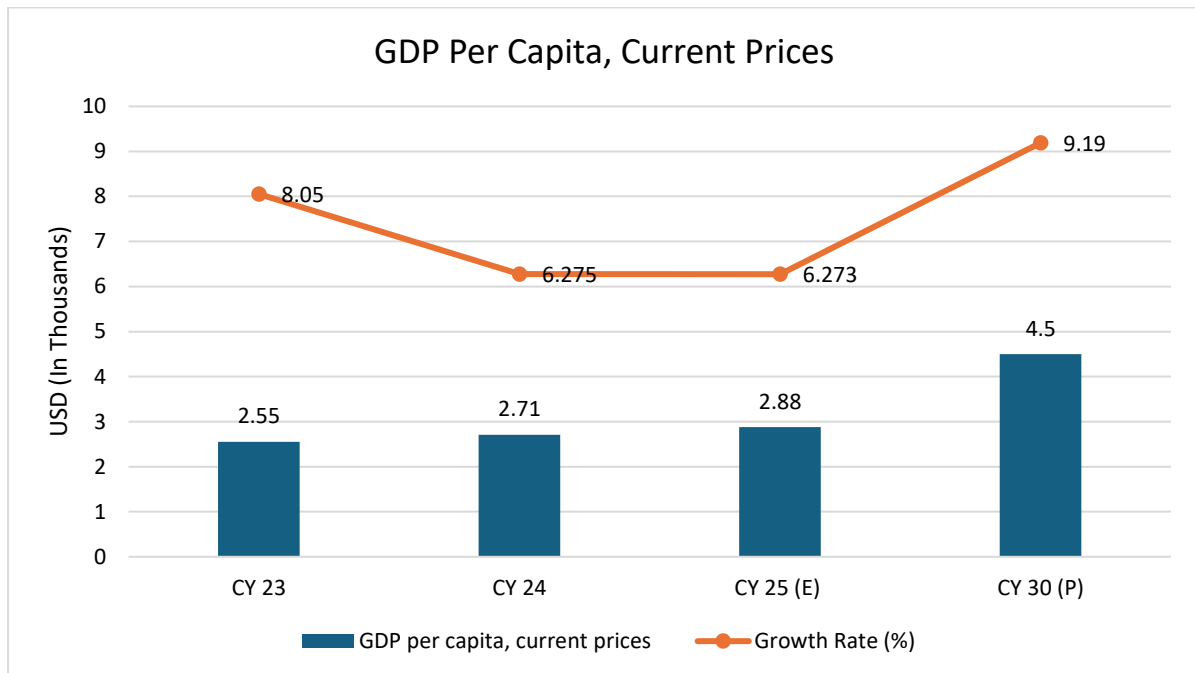
Source: MOSPI, GOI



Source - MOSPI

2.4 India Per Capita GDP Forecast

Per capita GDP growth for India is estimated at 9.19 % CAGR between CY2025-CY2030. Increased individual incomes are expected to create additional discretionary spending, which may be beneficial for the sector.



Note: E = Estimated, P = Projected

Source: IMF Data Mapper, World Economic Outlook April 2025, India, GDP Per Capita

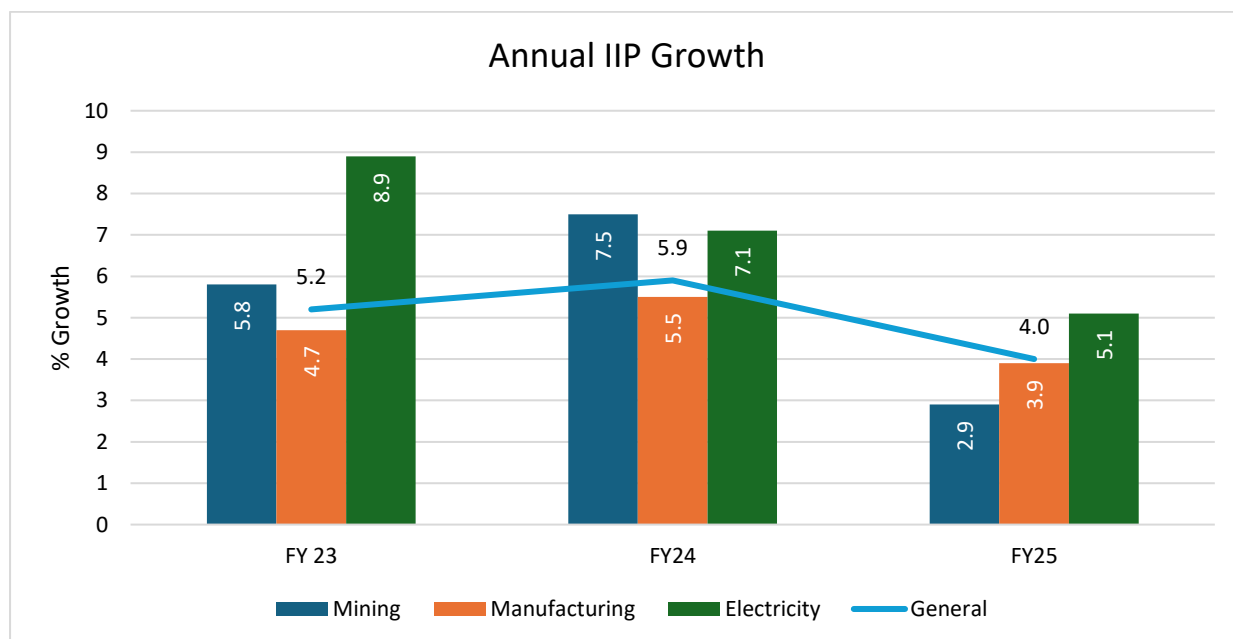
2.5 Index of Industrial Production (IIP) Growth Trends:

As per the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), the industrial sector grew by 4.0% in FY 2025, moderating from 5.9% in FY 2024 and 5.2% in FY 2023. This deceleration in overall IIP growth in FY 2025 reflects a softening of industrial momentum amidst global headwinds and tighter financial conditions.

Among key components:

- **Manufacturing** (which holds a 77.6% weight in IIP) registered a slower growth of 3.9% in FY 2025, compared to 5.5% in FY 2024 and 4.7% in FY 2023.
- **Mining** growth also moderated sharply to 2.9% in FY 2025 from 7.5% in FY 2024 and 5.8% in FY 2023.
- **Electricity** growth remained relatively stable at 5.1% in FY 2025, slightly down from 7.1% in FY 2024 and significantly lower than 8.9% in FY 2023.

This slowdown indicates tightening domestic demand and spillover effects from a weaker global industrial cycle.



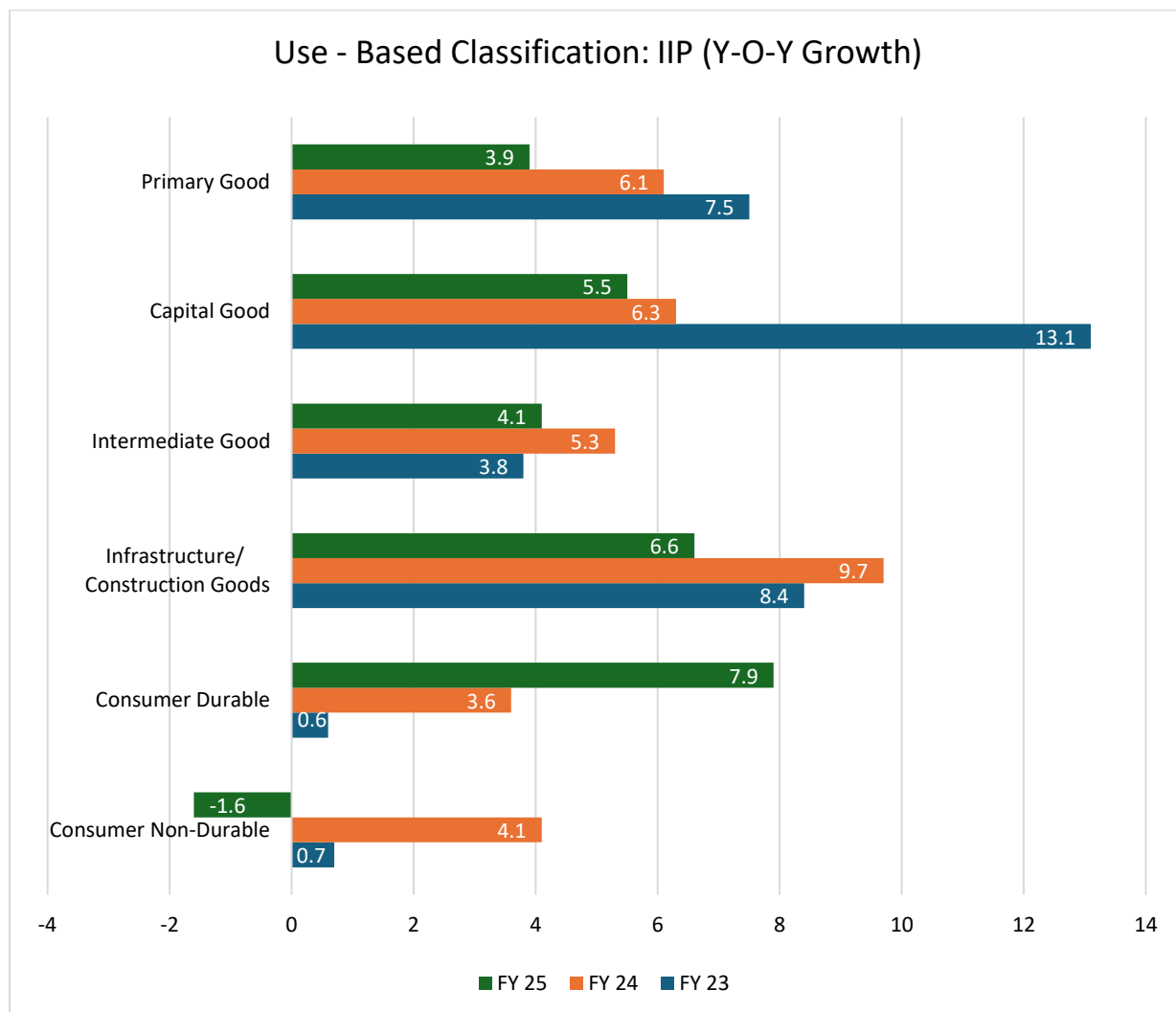
Source: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI)

Latest IIP data in Oct'25 remains a tad low amid less activity during festival times

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) slows a tad at 0.4% during Oct'25 due to less working days available amid festivals. The growth rates of the three sectors, Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity for the month of October 2025 are (-) 1.8 percent, 1.8 percent and (-) 6.9 percent respectively. Lower demand in October 2025 and subsequent decline in electricity generation was driven by extended rainfall season and comfortable ambient temperature across multiple States/UTs.

Source: Quick Estimate of Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index for the Month of October 2025, MOSPI, December 01, 2025, Release

Use-Based Classification Trends:



Source: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI)

According to the use-based classification:

- Capital Goods segment growth slowed to 5.5% in FY 2025, down from a high of 13.1% in FY 2023 and 6.3% in FY 2024, indicating a reduction in investment momentum.
- Primary Goods also witnessed slower growth at 3.9%, compared to 6.1% in FY 2024 and 7.5% in FY 2023.
- Intermediate Goods rebounded modestly to 4.1% in FY 2025, up from 3.8% in FY 2023, although still lower than 5.3% in FY 2024.
- Infrastructure/Construction Goods slowed to 6.6% in FY 2025 from 9.7% in FY 2024 and 8.4% in FY 2023, pointing to softening construction and infrastructure activity.
- Consumer Durables grew significantly by 7.9%, rebounding from 3.6% in FY 2024 and 0.6% in FY 2023, indicating improved demand in consumer electronics and appliances.

- In contrast, Consumer Non-Durables contracted by 1.6% in FY 2025, reversing the 4.1% growth in FY 2024, likely reflecting subdued rural and essential goods demand.

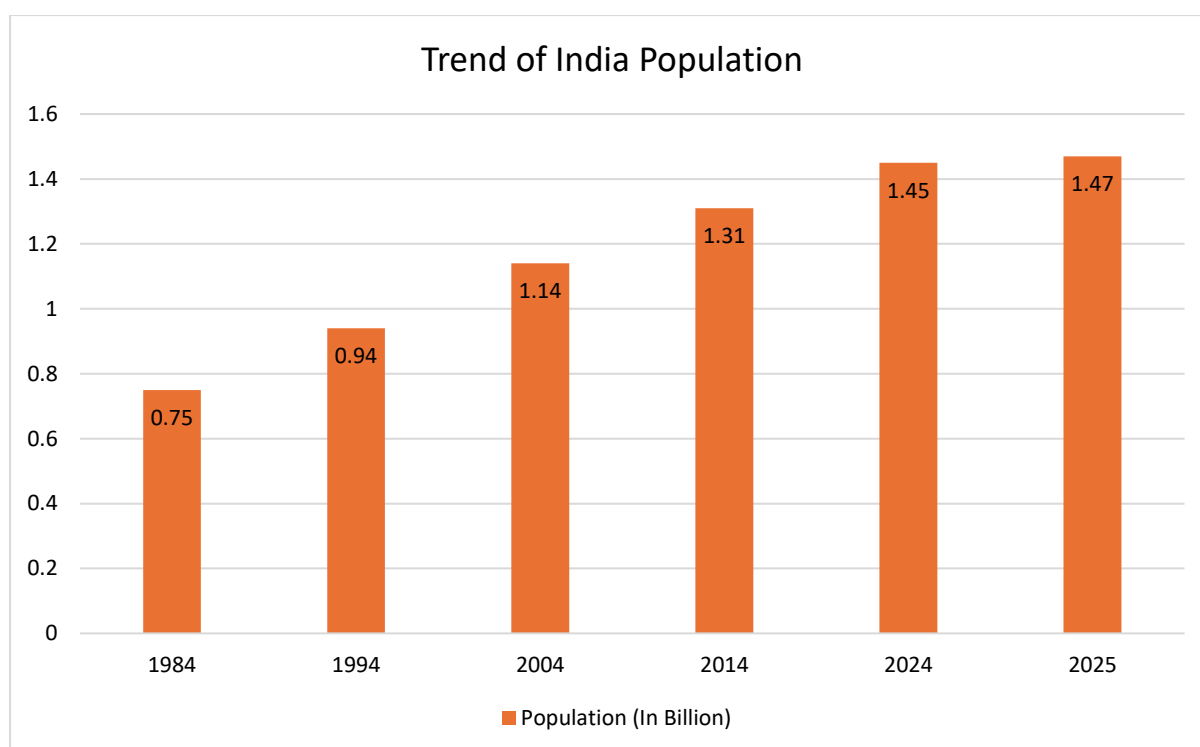
The divergence in growth across segments suggests an uneven industrial recovery in FY 2025. While certain consumer categories have rebounded, investment-related and primary sectors remain under pressure.

The latest growth rates of IIP as per Use-based classification in October 2025 over October 2024 are (-)0.6 percent in Primary goods, 2.4 percent in Capital goods, 0.9 percent in Intermediate goods, 7.1 percent in Infrastructure/ Construction Goods, (-) 0.5 percent in Consumer durables and (-)4.4 percent in Consumer non-durables. Based on use-based classification, top three positive contributors to the growth of IIP for the month of October 2025 are Infrastructure/ construction goods, Intermediate goods and Capital goods.

2.6 Overview on Key Demographic Parameters

2.6.1 Population Growth

India's economic trajectory and consumption dynamics are closely tied to its demographic shifts. India's population expanded from approximately 0.75 billion in 1984 to 1.45 billion in 2024 and is further reached around 1.47 billion in 2025, consolidating its position as the world's most populous nation. This sustained growth underlines the emergence of a vast labour force and consumer base, which is essential for driving long-term economic growth, supporting rising consumption demand, and strengthening the country's overall economic potential.



Source: World Bank Database. Population Data 2025 - Worldometer, Infomerics Analytics & Research

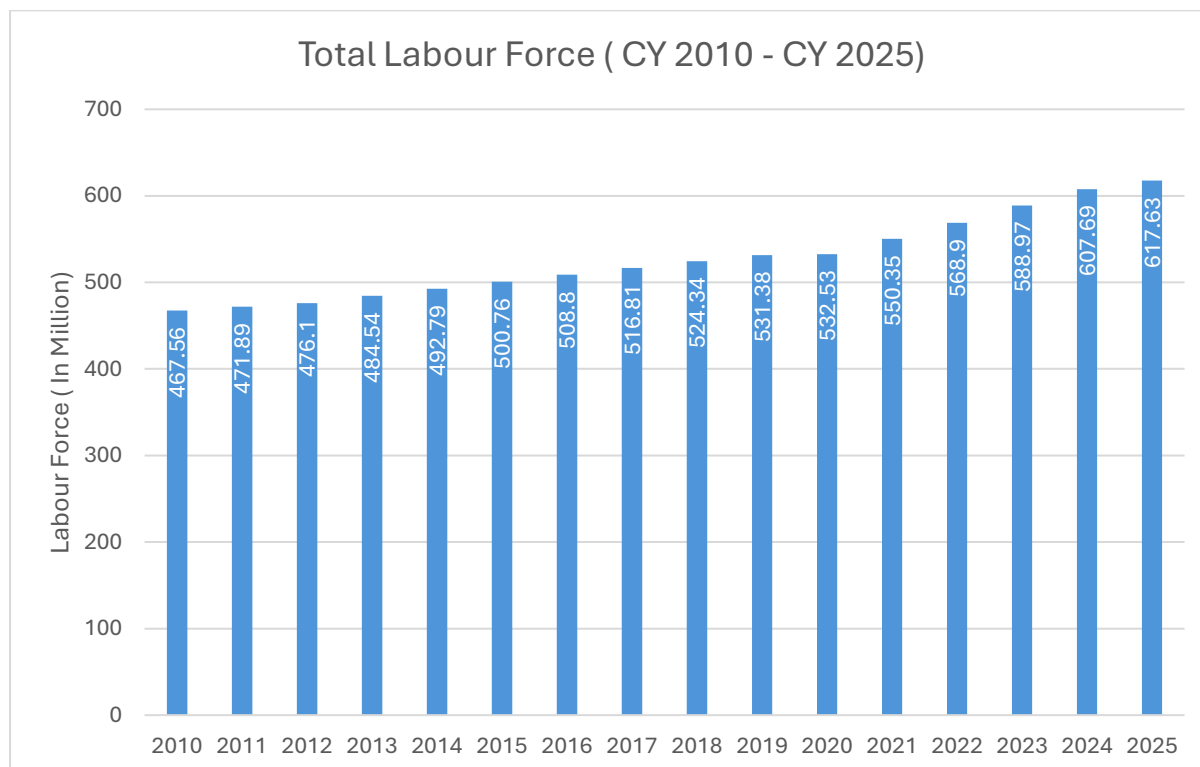
2.6.2 Labour Force in India

India's labour force has experienced steady growth over the past decade. In 2010, the total labour force was approximately 467.56 million. By 2025, this number had increased to 617.63 million.

This upward trend underscores the expanding working-age population, improving labour force participation, and gradual recovery in employment post the pandemic period. The sharp increase observed after 2020 highlights the rebound in economic activity and rising workforce engagement across sectors. However, it also emphasizes the need for sustained job creation to effectively absorb the growing labour pool.

The labour force participation rate (LFPR) has also witnessed variations over time due to changing socio-economic conditions, including urbanization, education levels, and sectoral employment shifts.

These trends highlight the importance of implementing policies that not only generate employment opportunities but also improve job quality, productivity, and inclusivity across key sectors of the economy.

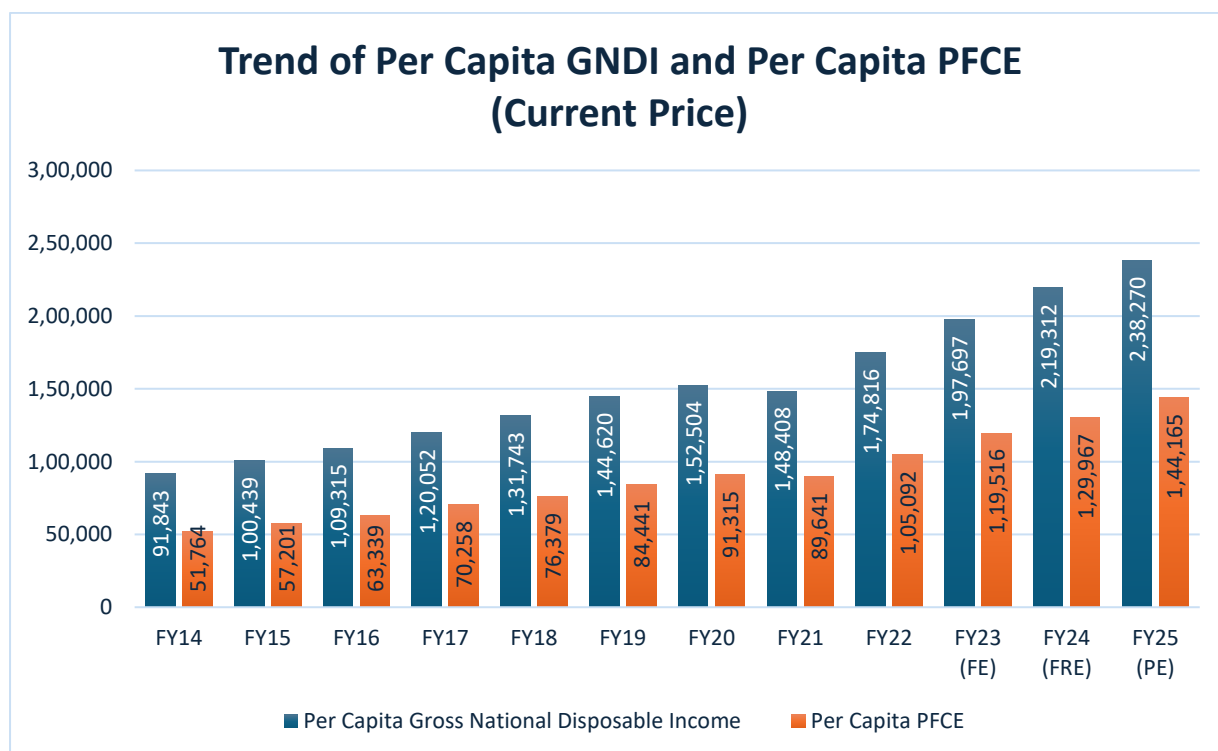


Source: World Bank Database

2.6.4 Disposable Income and Consumer Spending

Gross National Disposable Income (GNDI) represents the total income available to a nation's residents for consumption and saving after accounting for income transfers with the rest of the world. In FY24, Per capita GNDI grew by 10.9%, followed by a moderate growth of 8.6% in FY25. This steady increase indicates that households and businesses had more income at their disposal, which is critical for supporting both consumption and savings—key components of economic resilience and expansion.

The rise in GNDI has translated into higher consumer spending, as reflected in the growth of Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE), which measures the total value of goods and services consumed by households. Per Capita PFCE grew by 8.7% in FY24 and further accelerated to 10.9% in FY25, highlighting strong consumer confidence and robust domestic demand.



Note: Data mentioned is in INR, FE – Final Estimates, FRE – First Revised Estimates, PE – Provisional Estimate

Source: PIB, *Provisional estimates of GDP 2024-25 released on May 30th, 2025*

2.7 Union Budget FY26-27 Highlights

The Union Budget FY 2026–27, presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, introduces a comprehensive set of measures aimed at stimulating economic growth, enhancing infrastructure, and fostering inclusive development. With a focus on sectors such as agriculture, MSMEs, infrastructure, innovation, and exports, the budget seeks to create a conducive environment for sustained economic expansion.

- **Capital Expenditure and Infrastructure Development**

In FY2026-27, the Union Budget has increased the public capex towards to INR 12.2 lakh crore from the previous INR 11.21 lakh crore (3.1% of GDP) which was earmarked in FY 2025–26. To strengthen the confidence of private developers regarding risks during infrastructure development and construction phase, the budget proposed to set up an Infrastructure Risk Guarantee Fund to provide prudently calibrated partial credit guarantees to lenders.

- **Support for MSMEs**

Recognizing the pivotal role of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India's economic landscape, the budget introduced a three-pronged approach to support the sector. The budget introduced a dedicated INR 10,000 crore SME Growth Fund as well as proposed to top up the Self-Reliant India Fund set up in 2021, with INR 2,000 crore to continue support to micro enterprises and maintain their access to risk capital. With TReDS, more than INR 7 lakh crore has been made available to MSMEs. To leverage its full potential, the budget further proposed four measures: (i) mandate TReDS as the transaction settlement platform for all purchases from MSMEs by CPSEs, serving as a benchmark for other corporates; (ii) introduce a credit guarantee support mechanism through CGTMSE for invoice discounting on TReDS platform; (iii) link GeM with TReDS for sharing information with financiers about government purchases from MSMEs, encouraging cheaper and quicker financing; (iv) introduce TReDS receivables as asset-backed securities, helping develop a secondary market, enhancing liquidity and settlement of transactions. Moreover, Government will facilitate Professional Institutions such as ICAI, ICSI, ICMAI to design short-term, modular courses and practical tools to develop a cadre of 'Corporate Mitras', especially in Tier-II and Tier-III towns, which will help MSMEs meet compliance requirements at affordable costs.

- **Establishment of dedicated Rare Earth Corridors**

A Scheme for Rare Earth Permanent Magnets was launched in November 2025. In line with that, the budget proposed to support the mineral-rich States of Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to establish dedicated Rare Earth Corridors to promote mining, processing, research and manufacturing.

- **Integrated Programme for the Textile Sector**

The following Schemes have been announced:

- (a) The National Fibre Scheme for self-reliance in natural fibres such as silk, wool and jute, man-made fibres, and new-age fibres.
- (b) Textile Expansion and Employment Scheme to modernise traditional clusters with capital support for machinery, technology upgradation and common testing and certification centres.
- (c) A National Handloom and Handicraft programme to integrate and strengthen existing schemes and ensure targeted support for weavers and artisans.
- (d) Tex-Eco Initiative to promote globally competitive and sustainable textiles and apparels.
- (e) Samarth 2.0 to modernize and upgrade the textile skilling ecosystem through collaboration with industry and academic institutions.

- **Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS)**

Aligning with the roadmap launched in December 2025, CCUS technologies at scale will achieve higher readiness levels in end-use applications across five industrial sectors, including, power, steel, cement, refineries and chemicals. An outlay of INR 20,000 crore is proposed over the next 5 years.

- **Municipal Bonds**

To encourage the issuance of municipal bonds of higher value by large cities, the budget proposed an incentive of INR 100 crore for a single bond issuance 10 of more than INR 1000 crore. The current scheme under AMRUT which incentivises issuances up to INR 200 crore, will also continue to support smaller and medium towns.

- **Ease of Doing Business**

Individual Persons Resident Outside India (PROI) will be permitted to invest in equity instruments of listed Indian companies through the Portfolio Investment Scheme. It is also proposed to increase the investment limit for an individual PROI under this scheme from 5% to 10%, with an overall investment limit for all individual PROIs to 24%, from the current 10%.

- **Hubs for Medical Value Tourism**

To promote India as a hub for medical tourism services, the budget proposed to launch a Scheme to support States in establishing five Regional Medical Hubs, in partnership with the private sector. These Hubs will serve as integrated healthcare complexes that combine medical, educational and research facilities. They will have AYUSH Centres, Medical Value Tourism Facilitation Centres and infrastructure for diagnostics, post-care and rehabilitation. These Hubs will provide diverse job opportunities for health professionals including doctors and AHPs.

- **Agriculture Related Schemes**

To diversify farm outputs, increase productivity, enhance farmers' incomes, and create new employment opportunities, the budget announced support schemes related to high value crops such as coconut, sandalwood, cocoa and cashew in coastal areas. Agar trees in Northeast and nuts such as, almonds, walnuts and pine nuts in hilly regions will also be supported. India is the world's largest producer of coconuts.

About 30 million people, including nearly 10 million farmers, depend on coconuts for their livelihood. To further enhance competitiveness in coconut production, the Budget proposed a Coconut Promotion Scheme to increase production and enhance productivity through various interventions including replacing old and non-productive trees with new saplings/plants/varieties in major coconut growing States. A dedicated programme is proposed for Indian cashew and cocoa to make India self-reliant in raw cashew and cocoa production and processing, enhance export competitiveness and transform Indian Cashew and Indian Cocoa into premium global brands by 2030.

Further, the Central Government will partner with State Governments to promote focused cultivation and post-harvest processing to restore the glory of the Indian Sandalwood ecosystem. To rejuvenate old, low-yielding orchards and expand high-density cultivation of walnuts, almonds and pine nuts, the budget announced to support a dedicated programme to enhance farmer incomes and in bringing value addition by engaging youth.

The Union Budget FY 2026–27 presents a balanced approach to economic growth by addressing immediate consumption needs and laying the foundation for long-term sustainability. Through targeted investments in infrastructure, support for MSMEs, and sector-specific initiatives, the budget aims to foster an inclusive and resilient economy. These measures are expected to create new opportunities for financial institutions, as the growing demand for investment products will provide avenues for expansion and innovation in the financial services sector.

3. Industry Overview – Plastic Pipes & Fittings Industry

3.1 Introduction

As the world undergoes rapid urbanisation, infrastructure expansion, and climate-resilient development, the global plastic pipes and fittings industry has emerged as a cornerstone of modern water, sanitation, and utility networks. This industry encompasses the production and distribution of thermoplastic piping systems, primarily made from materials such as PVC, CPVC, HDPE, PPR, LDPE, and composite polymers, tailored for diverse applications including potable water supply, drainage, irrigation, gas distribution, telecom ducting, and industrial fluid conveyance.

Globally, the industry has shifted from traditional cast iron, steel, and concrete piping systems toward plastic alternatives due to their corrosion resistance, lightweight properties, low installation and maintenance costs, and extended service life. This transformation has been particularly prominent in regions like North America, Europe, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East, where stringent environmental regulations, water conservation mandates, and infrastructure modernisation programs have created consistent demand for high-performance plastic piping systems.

The market has also evolved in response to growing concerns around sustainability, water loss reduction, and safe chemical transport, prompting manufacturers to invest in lead-free, UV-resistant, antimicrobial, and recyclable piping materials. Increasingly, product innovation is being driven by performance standards such as ASTM, ISO, EN, and NSF, ensuring global interoperability and reliability. Additionally, the rise of smart piping systems—integrated with sensors for leak detection, pressure monitoring, and remote diagnostics—is beginning to shape the future of water and utility infrastructure in advanced economies.

While traditional use-cases like agricultural irrigation and urban plumbing continue to anchor demand in developing markets, new frontiers are emerging across industrial applications (chemical transport, slurry movement), renewable energy (geothermal piping), and green building construction. The industry has become more integrated, with major players offering end-to-end solutions, from extrusion and compounding to system design, installation training, and post-installation services.

The global market is led by established players, many of which operate through local subsidiaries, joint ventures, and dealer networks in over 100 countries. These companies are focused on expanding capacity, enhancing material R&D, and developing circular economy models through recycling initiatives and post-consumer resin usage.

E-commerce platforms, DIY chains like Home Depot and Lowe’s, and large-scale B2B procurement channels have enhanced accessibility to certified piping systems across both developed and emerging regions. Manufacturers are also increasingly aligning with global sustainability frameworks such as the UN SDGs, LEED building codes, and ESG compliance, positioning plastic piping solutions as both cost-effective and environmentally compatible infrastructure assets.

Geopolitical trends—such as the reshoring of manufacturing in North America, infrastructure stimulus in China, and water security programs across Africa—are further reinforcing demand for scalable and robust piping networks. Simultaneously, regulatory mandates around plastic waste management, green procurement, and lifecycle assessment are pushing global players to adopt closed-loop manufacturing models and invest in recyclable or bio-based piping materials.

In essence, while plastic pipes and fittings remain one of the most indispensable components of modern infrastructure, the global industry is increasingly defined by its adaptability to sustainability goals, smart technologies, and precision engineering standards. Companies that integrate advanced material science, global supply chain capabilities, and value-added service delivery will lead the charge in creating the next generation of safe, efficient, and future-ready piping ecosystems.

3.2 Product Classification within the Plastic Pipes & Fittings segment

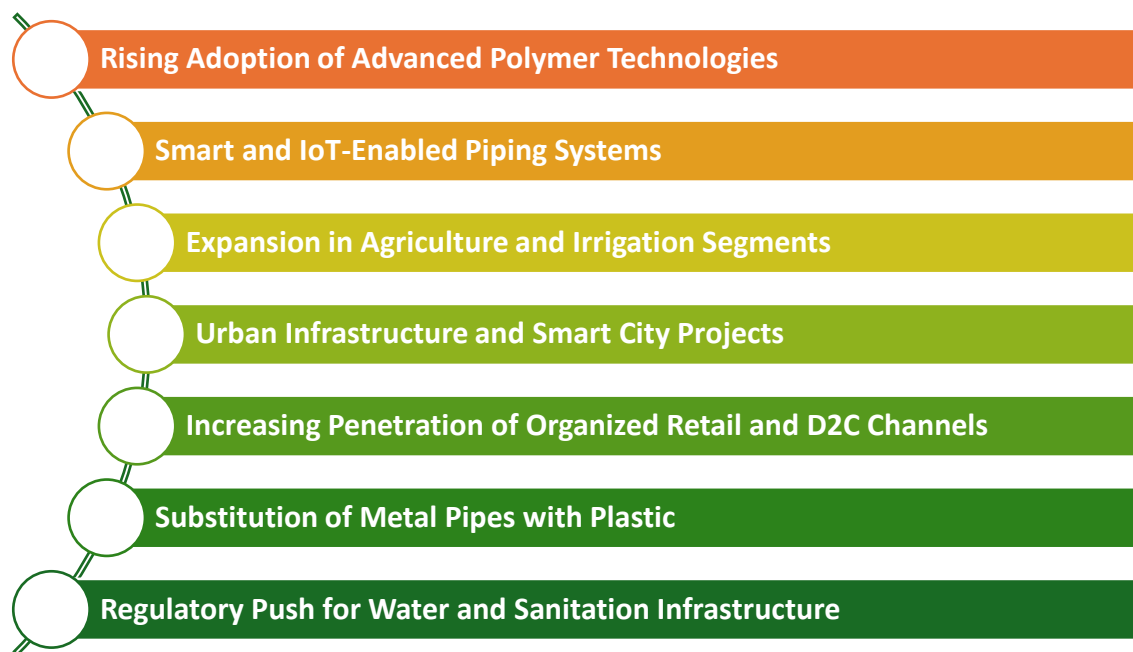
Segmentation Category	Segment	Details / Key Applications
By Material Type	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	Includes uPVC and CPVC pipes; used in plumbing, drainage, water supply, and irrigation applications due to durability and corrosion resistance.
	Polyethylene (PE)	Includes HDPE, LDPE, LLDPE, and MDPE; used in irrigation systems, gas pipelines, sewage networks, and telecom ducting owing to flexibility and chemical resistance.
	Polypropylene (PP)	Includes PPR and PP-H; used in hot and cold water systems and industrial piping applications due to high temperature resistance.
	Others	Includes ABS, PB, and multilayer/composite pipes; used in specialized or niche applications requiring enhanced performance characteristics.

By Application	Water Supply	Distribution of potable water across residential, commercial, and municipal systems.
	Sewage & Drainage	Wastewater management systems, including sewer networks and stormwater drainage.
	Agricultural Irrigation	Drip and sprinkler irrigation systems, borewell piping, and groundwater extraction.
	Telecom & Electrical Conduits	Protective ducting for optical fiber cables and electrical wiring.
	Industrial Applications	Fluid transfer, chemical transport, and process piping across industries.
	Rainwater Harvesting	Water collection, storage, and conservation systems.
By End-Use Sector	Residential	Plumbing and sanitation systems in homes and housing complexes.
	Commercial & Institutional	Usage in commercial buildings, malls, hospitals, and institutional facilities.
	Agriculture	Farmland irrigation systems and groundwater extraction infrastructure.
	Industrial	Manufacturing plants, chemical industries, and processing facilities.
	Municipal / Public Infrastructure	Government-led water supply, sewage, and sanitation projects.
By Distribution Channel	Offline	Includes retail/dealer networks, direct B2B or institutional sales, modern trade outlets, and OEM supply channels; constitutes the dominant distribution mode, particularly in infrastructure and rural markets.
	Online	Includes e-commerce platforms and direct-to-consumer (D2C) company portals; an emerging channel driven by increasing digital adoption, primarily in urban and semi-urban markets.

3.3 Emerging Materials and Composites Impacting the Market

- **Multilayer Composite Pipes** - These pipes combine layers of polymers with metal (usually aluminium) to provide enhanced mechanical strength, flexibility, and barrier properties. Their superior performance in thermal insulation and corrosion resistance makes them ideal for heating systems and solar thermal applications. Market penetration is growing, especially in Europe and North America, supported by government subsidies for energy-efficient buildings.
- **Bio-based and Recycled Polymers** - In response to global plastic waste concerns and carbon footprint reduction targets, manufacturers are investing in bio-based plastics (e.g., PLA blends) and post-consumer recycled (PCR) resin incorporation. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and EU Circular Economy Action Plan encourage circular plastic manufacturing, which is slowly influencing piping industry material choices.
- **High-Performance Engineering Plastics** - Though niche, materials like PVDF (Polyvinylidene Fluoride) and ETFE (Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene) are used in specialized industrial piping where extreme chemical and temperature resistance is required.

3.4 Key Market Trends



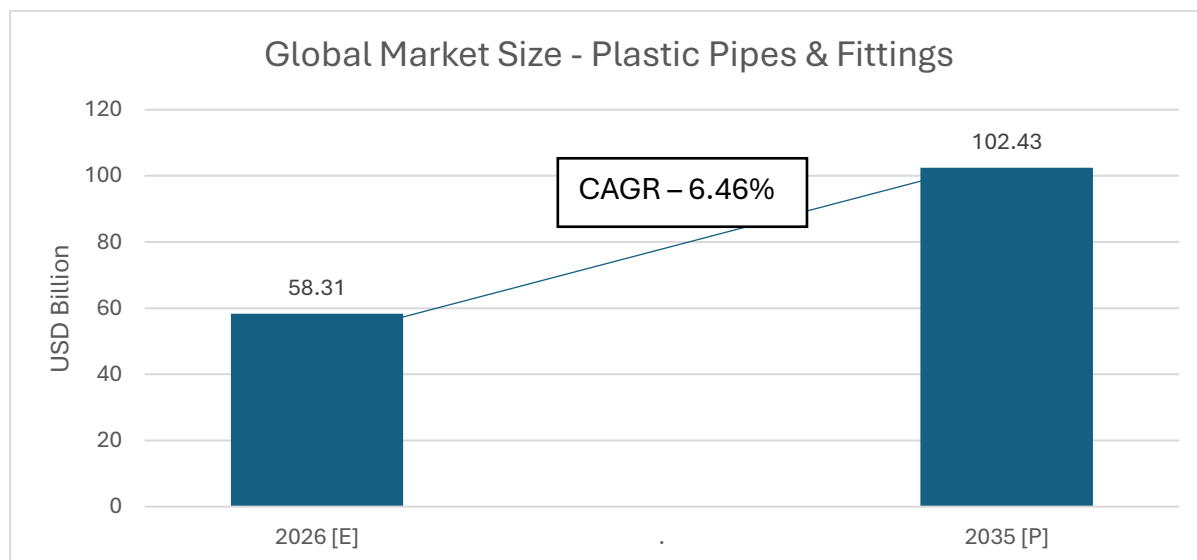
- Rising Adoption of Advanced Polymer Technologies** - The Indian plastic pipes market is increasingly shifting toward advanced polymer technologies such as UV-resistant materials, antimicrobial additives, and cross-linked polyethylene (PEX). These innovations offer enhanced durability, safety, and resistance to environmental stress, making them ideal for applications in agriculture, potable water systems, healthcare, and hot water plumbing. Driven by growing awareness of product longevity, regulatory focus on hygiene and water safety, and demand for high-performance materials, manufacturers are investing in R&D to develop specialized polymer blends. This trend is opening new market opportunities in sectors like industrial piping and gas distribution while boosting global competitiveness.
- Smart and IoT-Enabled Piping Systems** - There is a growing integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies into piping networks. Smart plastic pipes equipped with sensors can detect leaks, pressure fluctuations, and flow irregularities in real time. These are gaining traction in industrial plants, municipal water supply systems, and smart city infrastructure, where proactive maintenance and data-driven monitoring are becoming essential.
- Expansion in Agriculture and Irrigation Segments** - Plastic pipes are increasingly used in micro-irrigation, sprinkler systems, and drip irrigation, replacing traditional methods due to better water efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Government schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) are further driving growth, especially in water-scarce regions.

- **Urban Infrastructure and Smart City Projects** - Massive investments in urban infrastructure under programs like AMRUT, Jal Jeevan Mission, and Smart Cities Mission are pushing the demand for plastic pipes in water distribution, drainage, sewerage, and sanitation networks. Plastic's corrosion resistance, ease of installation, and cost benefits make it the preferred material for new infrastructure development in both emerging and developed economies.
- **Increasing Penetration of Organized Retail and D2C Channels** - Earlier dominated by unorganized local players, the industry is seeing a strong shift toward organized retail, branded outlets, and online platforms. Companies are now directly reaching customers via D2C websites, marketplaces, and modern trade formats. This improves product accessibility and enhances trust through warranties, certifications, and after-sales service.
- **Substitution of Metal Pipes with Plastic** - There is an industry-wide trend of replacing metal pipes (e.g., steel, copper, cast iron) with plastic alternatives due to plastic's non-corrosive, lightweight, and cost-effective nature. In sectors such as construction, municipal water management, and industrial fluid transport, plastic pipes are also easier to install and maintain, reducing lifecycle costs.
- **Regulatory Push for Water and Sanitation Infrastructure** - Governments across the world, particularly in India, are driving demand through schemes like Swachh Bharat Mission, Jal Jeevan Mission, and the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP). These initiatives require extensive deployment of plastic pipes for safe drinking water, sanitation, and urban waste management, offering consistent and large-scale demand for manufacturers.

3.5 Global Market Size and Growth

Global Plastic Pipes & Fittings Market Size and Forecast

The Global Plastic Pipes & Fittings market size is estimated at USD 58.31 billion in 2026 and is projected to grow USD 102.43 billion by 2035, exhibiting a CAGR of 6.46% from 2026 to 2035.



Source – Infomerics Analytics & Research

This growth is largely driven by increasing demand for plastic pipes in urban water distribution, agricultural irrigation, industrial fluid transport, and sewage management systems. The industry is benefiting from trends such as the replacement of traditional metal pipes, rapid urbanization, and rising infrastructure investments across emerging economies. Moreover, technological advancements, the adoption of eco-friendly and antimicrobial materials, and regulatory support for sanitation and drinking water projects are further propelling global demand.

Overall, the projections underscore strong industry fundamentals and the rising preference for plastic piping solutions across diverse applications worldwide.

Regional Insights

- **Asia Pacific** – It dominates the global plastic pipes market, propelled by rapid urbanization, rising population, and large-scale infrastructure development across countries like China, India, and Southeast Asian nations. The region is witnessing surging demand for plastic pipes in residential construction, water supply networks, sewage systems, and agricultural irrigation, owing to their cost-effectiveness, lightweight properties, and corrosion resistance. Government initiatives such as India's Jal Jeevan Mission, smart city programs

and China's Belt and Road infrastructure push are significantly boosting the installation of plastic piping systems. Furthermore, increasing adoption of sustainable and recyclable plastic materials, coupled with advancements in polymer technology (e.g., antimicrobial and UV-resistant pipes), is shaping the next generation of piping systems in the region. Public-private partnerships, foreign direct investment, and aggressive capacity expansions by domestic manufacturers are further enhancing regional supply capabilities. As demand for reliable and efficient water management grows, Asia Pacific is expected to maintain its leadership position in the global market over the next decade.

- **North America** - Meanwhile, presents a steady and mature market with a strong emphasis on technological innovation, quality standards, and infrastructure modernization. The U.S. is at the forefront of regional demand, driven by large-scale rehabilitation of aging water infrastructure and increased adoption of energy-efficient and sustainable piping systems. Stringent environmental regulations are encouraging the replacement of metal and concrete pipelines with advanced plastic alternatives such as PEX and multilayer composite pipes. Additionally, the construction of green buildings and sustainable urban development's continues to fuel market demand. Government funding for smart water management systems, along with ongoing R&D into high-performance materials, ensures that North America remains a key region for innovation and growth in the global plastic pipes industry.
- **Europe** - Europe represents a mature and highly regulated market for plastic pipes and fittings, with Germany, France, the UK, and Italy being the primary contributors. The market is driven by the renovation of aging water and sewer infrastructure, strict environmental regulations, and the region's push toward a circular economy. The European Union's climate commitments under the EU Green Deal are prompting the replacement of traditional materials with recyclable and energy-efficient plastic solutions. High-quality, long-life piping products are in demand for applications in district heating, underfloor heating, and stormwater drainage systems. The market is characterized by technological advancement, with a strong focus on bio-based pipes, multilayer composites, and digitally integrated piping systems. Sustainability, product innovation, and compliance with EU directives remain key drivers shaping the industry's future in the region.
- **Middle East & Africa (MEA)** - The Middle East and Africa are experiencing rapid growth in the plastic pipes and fittings sector, largely driven by urban infrastructure expansion, agriculture irrigation needs, and desalination plant installations. In the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE, plastic piping systems are in high demand for mega urban projects like NEOM City and Dubai Smart City, with emphasis on durability, lightweight design, and corrosion resistance. North African nations and Sub-Saharan Africa are investing heavily in basic water and sanitation infrastructure, often supported by international development agencies. HDPE and PP-R pipes are gaining

popularity due to their strength and suitability for extreme climate conditions. While the region faces challenges related to import dependency and logistical costs; there is a growing trend toward local production units and public-private partnerships to meet rising infrastructure needs.

4. Indian Plastic Pipes & Fittings Industry

4.1 Overview of the Plastic Pipes & Fittings Industry in India

The Plastic Pipes & Fittings Industry is a critical component of the global building materials and infrastructure sector, offering efficient solutions for fluid transportation across residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial applications. This industry encompasses a wide array of piping systems and fittings manufactured primarily from synthetic polymers such as Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE), Polypropylene (PP), and other engineering-grade plastics. These materials are chosen for their versatility, lightweight nature, corrosion resistance, ease of installation, and long service life compared to traditional materials like metal or concrete.

Traditionally, the market was largely fragmented with regional and unorganised players catering to basic water transportation and agricultural irrigation needs. However, the sector has undergone a transformation with increasing consolidation, brand penetration, and product standardisation. Today, it includes an organised and growing ecosystem of manufacturers offering technologically advanced piping systems designed to meet rigorous performance, hygiene, and sustainability standards. Plastic pipes and fittings are now used not just for drinking water supply and irrigation, but also in complex applications such as sewerage, HVAC systems, industrial effluent handling, gas distribution, and cable conduits.

Among the key materials, PVC remains the most widely used due to its cost-efficiency and ease of manufacturing, particularly in water supply and sewerage systems. HDPE is gaining prominence in pressure pipe applications, while PP and PPR are preferred in hot water plumbing, chemical transportation, and industrial piping due to their thermal and chemical resistance. The market has also seen a gradual shift toward multilayer composite pipes and systems with antimicrobial or UV-resistant coatings, reflecting rising demand for performance-enhancing innovations.

As environmental awareness grows, there is an increasing push for recyclable materials, green building compliance, and energy-efficient production methods. This has led to investments in research and development aimed at producing more durable, eco-friendly, and high-performance piping systems. The plastic pipes and fittings industry continue to evolve in response to urbanisation, climate change resilience, government initiatives in water and sanitation, and global infrastructure investment trends, positioning it as a pivotal enabler of sustainable development and smart utility networks.

MDPE Pipes

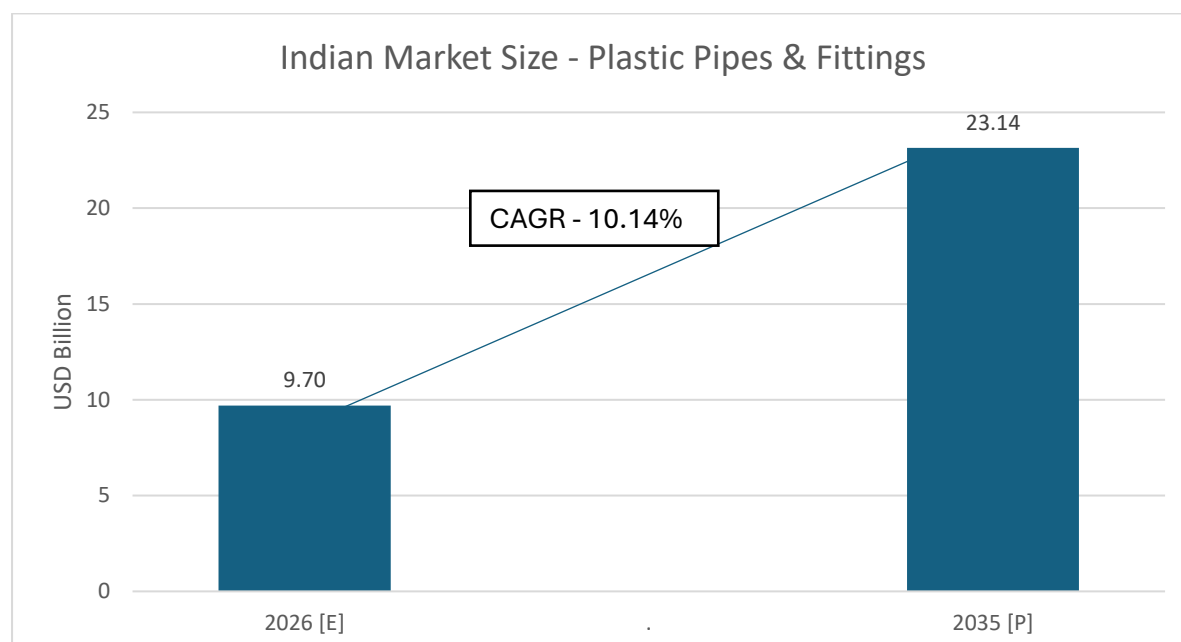
MDPE stands for Medium-Density Polyethylene. It is a type of thermoplastic made from the polymerization of ethylene, which is derived from petroleum. MDPE is characterized by its medium density, which falls between low density polyethylene (LDPE) and high-density polyethylene (HDPE). This unique density gives MDPE its distinct properties, making it suitable for a variety of applications. MDPE pipes are widely utilized in gas distribution networks due to their durability, flexibility, and resistance to corrosion. They play a crucial role in natural gas supply, where their ability to withstand pressure and resist chemical degradation ensures the safe and efficient transport of gas over long distances. In addition, the growing focus on renewable energy has expanded their use in biogas applications, where MDPE pipes are employed to transport gas derived from organic waste. Their adaptability, cost-effectiveness, and reliability make them a preferred choice for both conventional and renewable gas distribution systems.

Properties

- **Flexibility:** MDPE pipes are more flexible than HDPE, allowing them to bend without breaking. This makes installation easier, especially in tight or uneven spaces.
- **Chemical Resistance:** They have strong resistance to a wide range of chemicals, enabling safe transport of different fluids without risk of degradation.
- **Low Temperature Resistance:** MDPE pipes can perform well even in low temperatures, making them suitable for cold water and outdoor applications.
- **Lightweight:** Being lighter than traditional materials such as metal, MDPE pipes are easier to transport, handle, and install, reducing labor and cost.

4.2 India Plastic Pipes & Fittings Market Size and Forecast

The Indian Plastic tubes, Pipe & Fittings & Sheets market is estimated at USD 9.70 billion in 2026 and is projected to grow USD 23.14 billion in 2035 exhibiting a CAGR of 10.14% during the forecast period.



Source – Infomerics Analytics & Research

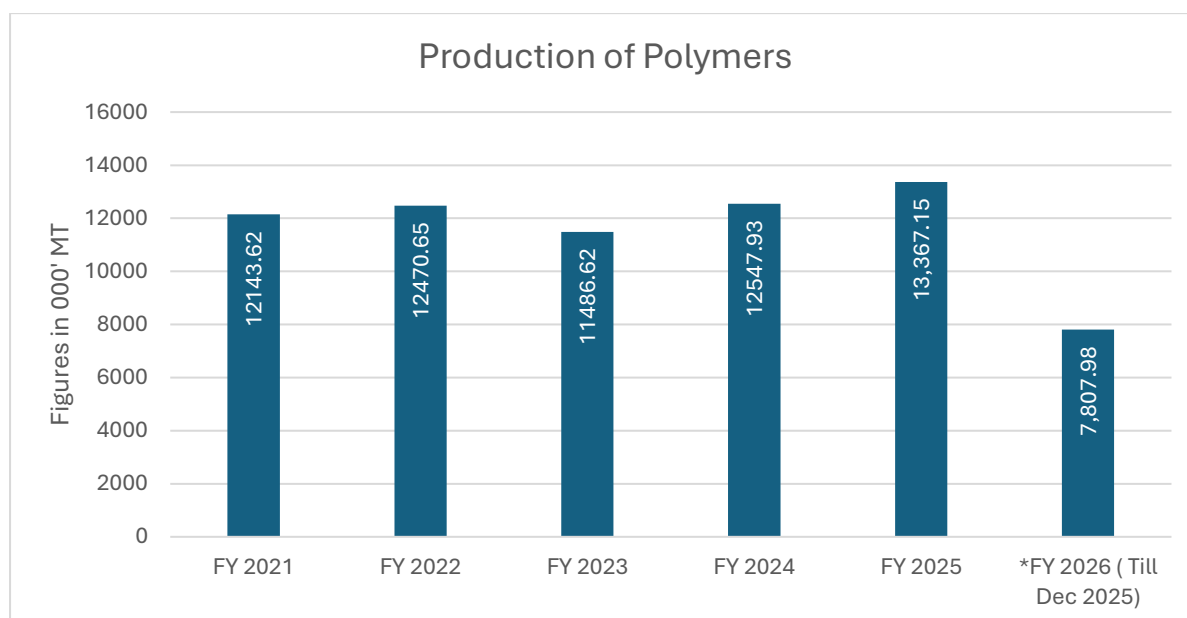
One of the key growth drivers is the increasing demand from agriculture, infrastructure, and urban development sectors. Government-backed schemes such as Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, and Smart Cities Mission have significantly boosted the adoption of plastic piping solutions in water supply, sanitation, and irrigation networks. Plastic pipes are increasingly being preferred over traditional metal alternatives due to their corrosion resistance, durability, ease of installation, and lower lifecycle costs.

Additionally, the rising pace of urbanization and industrialization has accelerated the need for efficient water and wastewater management systems, further driving market expansion. The construction of affordable housing, real estate projects, and rural infrastructure also contributes to the growing demand for plastic sheets and fittings.

Technological advancements in material science and extrusion processes have enhanced product performance and cost-efficiency, enabling greater penetration into high-performance segments such as industrial processing, solar energy, and drainage solutions. Furthermore, organized players are investing in capacity expansion, product innovation, and branding to tap into the market's untapped potential in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. In essence, the Indian plastic tubes, pipes and sheets industry is on a strong growth path, driven by policy support, infrastructure investment, material innovation, and rising end-user awareness. The long-term

outlook remains favourable, with the market emerging as a critical component in India's broader infrastructure and sustainability narrative.

4.3 Production of Polymers



Source – Data from FY 2021–FY 2025 has been sourced from the Annual Reports 2025-26 published by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals.

*Data for FY 2026 (till December 2025) has been derived from the Monthly Production Reports released by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals.

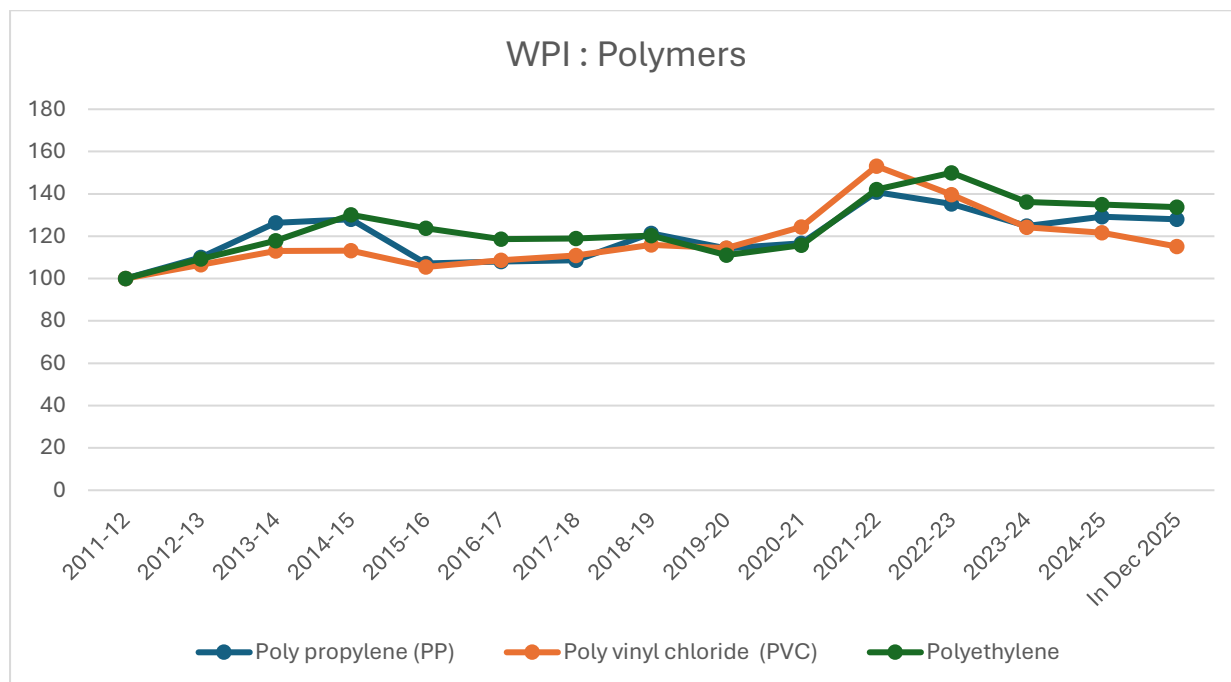
Polymer production in India has demonstrated a resilient yet moderately cyclical trend over the period from FY 2021 to FY 2025. Production increased from 12,143.62 ('000 MT) in FY 2021 to 12,470.65 ('000 MT) in FY 2022, reflecting recovery in industrial activity and demand following the pandemic. This was followed by a decline to 11,486.62 ('000 MT) in FY 2023, likely due to normalization of demand, inventory corrections, and global supply chain adjustments.

The sector exhibited strong resilience, with production rising to 12,547.93 ('000 MT) in FY 2024, supported by recovery in key end-use industries such as packaging, infrastructure, automotive and consumer goods. This positive momentum further accelerated in FY 2025, with production reaching its highest level at 13,367.15 ('000 MT) during the period, reflecting robust domestic demand, improved capacity utilization, and strengthening supply chain dynamics. Subsequently, production FY 2026 (till December 2025) stood at 7,807.98 ('000 MT), indicating a steady growth & continued momentum in line with the strong performance observed in FY 2025, subject to demand conditions in the remaining months.

Overall, while the industry experienced a brief dip in FY 2023, the recovery thereafter and sustained high production levels suggest that the polymer sector remains fundamentally

strong, demand-driven, and resilient, supported by its widespread use across industries such as packaging, infrastructure, automotive and consumer goods.

4.4 WPI of Polymers: Base Year 2011-12



Source – CMIE, MOSPI

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) trends for key polymers—Polypropylene (PP), Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), and Polyethylene (PE)—reflect a dynamic pricing environment shaped by global crude oil fluctuations, supply chain constraints, and evolving domestic demand. Over the past decade, all three polymers have witnessed periods of significant price escalation, particularly between FY 2020–21 and FY 2021–22, where PVC and PP recorded steep increases driven by post-pandemic recovery, global supply disruptions, and heightened infrastructure activity.

These elevated price levels began to moderate by FY 2023–24, with PVC showing the sharpest decline, likely due to normalization in raw material availability and easing construction input costs. This moderating trend is also reflected in the latest available data point for December 2025, wherein PVC declined further to 115.2, while Polypropylene (PP) stood at 128, indicating relative softening compared to recent financial year levels. Polyethylene (PE), however, remained relatively stable at 133.8, supported by its diversified end-use demand across packaging and agriculture.

Overall, the WPI variations highlight the sensitivity of polymer pricing to external macroeconomic factors, particularly crude oil price movements and global supply dynamics. This underscores the importance of pricing stability for downstream industries such as plastic pipes and fittings, which remain heavily reliant on polymer raw materials for production.

4.5 Plastic Sheets

The Plastic Sheets Industry plays a vital role in the broader plastics manufacturing and processing landscape, serving a wide array of applications across packaging, construction, automotive, agriculture, signage, furniture, and industrial sectors. Plastic sheets are flat, semi-finished products made through extrusion or calendaring processes using thermoplastic polymers such as Polypropylene (PP), High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE), High Impact Polystyrene (HIPS), Acrylic, and PET-G. Their appeal lies in attributes like lightweight construction, durability, chemical resistance, ease of fabrication, and adaptability for cutting, welding, and thermoforming.

Traditionally dominated by basic utility sheets for insulation, protective layering, and packaging, the industry has rapidly transformed with advancements in polymer engineering and customer-specific innovations. Today's plastic sheets come in solid, corrugated, hollow, foamed, and multi-layered formats tailored for precise mechanical, thermal, optical, or chemical performance. These products are now indispensable in producing signage boards, false ceilings, panels, partitions, medical equipment, machine guards, and transport containers.

Among material categories, HDPE sheets are preferred in industrial and chemical environments due to their moisture and impact resistance. PP solid and hollow sheets are valued for their high stiffness, low weight, and recyclability, making them popular for packaging and logistics. HIPS sheets are extensively used in food packaging and display units. PVC sheets, both rigid and flexible, are widely adopted in the construction and advertising sectors for wall panels, display boards, and insulation materials.

Polyethylene (PE) Sheets - Properties

PE sheets are characterized by their flexibility, chemical resistance (to acids, alkalis, and solvents), and good low-temperature toughness. They are also known for their weatherability and ability to be processed easily.

Types:

Different types of PE sheets exist, including high-density polyethylene (HDPE) and low-density polyethylene (LDPE), each offering slightly different properties to suit specific needs.

Polypropylene (PP) Sheets - Properties

PP sheets offer high chemical resistance, excellent impact strength, good thermal stability, and moisture resistance. They are also lightweight and recyclable.

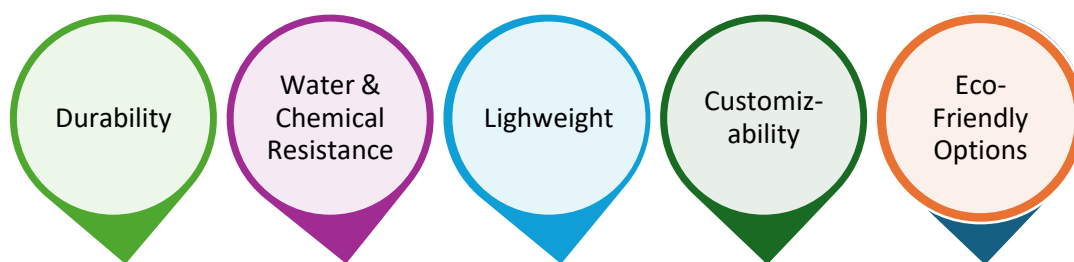
High Impact Polystyrene (HIPS) Sheets – Properties

HIPS sheets combine good impact resistance with dimensional stability, a smooth surface finish, and ease of processing. They are also relatively low in cost.

PP Bubble Guard Sheets

Polypropylene (PP) Bubble Guard Sheets are specialized protective packaging materials widely used across industrial and consumer sectors. They consist of flexible polypropylene sheets embedded with air-filled bubbles arranged in a uniform pattern. These air bubbles act as shock absorbers, providing effective cushioning against mechanical impacts during storage, handling, and transportation.

Key Characteristics



- **Durability:** PP Bubble Guard Sheets are resistant to tearing, punctures, and compression. Their tensile strength allows them to withstand repeated handling and pressure without compromising the protective layer, ensuring goods remain intact throughout the supply chain.
- **Water and Chemical Resistance:** Being made of polypropylene, the sheets are inherently water-resistant and impervious to many chemicals. This makes them suitable for protecting products from moisture, humidity, and accidental spillage during transit.
- **Lightweight Nature:** Despite their durability, PP Bubble Guard Sheets are extremely lightweight. This reduces overall shipping costs while ensuring robust protection, a critical factor in logistics and e-commerce applications.
- **Customizability:** The sheets can be manufactured in different thicknesses (ranging from 2 mm to 30 mm) and bubble sizes to meet the varying protection requirements of different products. They can also be cut or laminated to specific dimensions, enabling seamless integration into diverse packaging solutions.

- **Eco-Friendly Options:** Certain PP Bubble Guard Sheets are made from recyclable polypropylene, aligning with increasing sustainability requirements and corporate responsibility goals.

Applications Across Industries

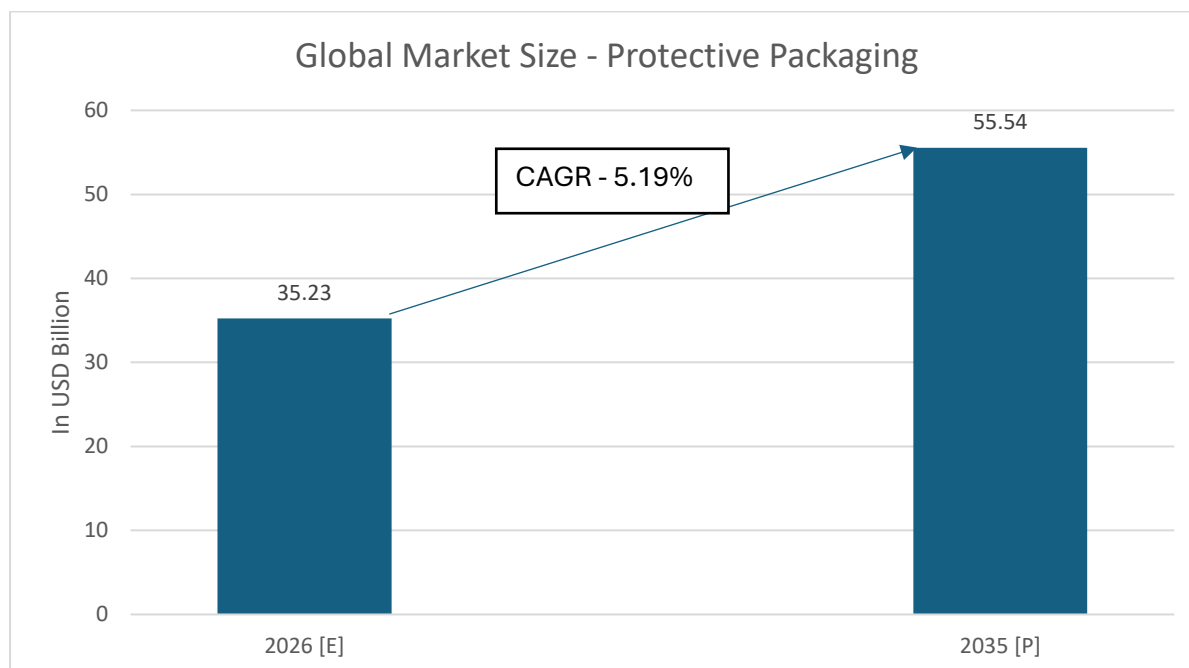
PP Bubble Guard Sheets have versatile applications across multiple industrial and consumer segments due to their protective characteristics.

- **Electronics:** The sheets are widely used to package sensitive electronic devices such as smartphones, laptops, tablets, and printed circuit boards. The air-filled bubbles absorb shocks and prevent scratches, static damage, and breakage during handling or shipping.
- **Automotive:** Automotive components, such as bumpers, dashboards, and other fragile parts, are packaged using these sheets to prevent dents, scratches, or deformation. Their lightweight nature reduces shipping costs for bulky components.
- **Consumer Goods:** Fragile items like glassware, ceramics, mirrors, furniture, and home appliances are packaged with PP Bubble Guard Sheets to ensure safe delivery to end consumers.
- **Industrial Equipment:** Heavy machinery, tools, and delicate industrial instruments require protective cushioning during storage and transport, which these sheets provide effectively.
- **Construction and Interiors:** Used as protective floor and wall covering during construction or interior renovation works, they prevent scratches, dents, and contamination of surfaces.
- **Advertising and Signage:** Lightweight and durable, PP Bubble Guard Sheets are also used for making display boards, signage, and exhibition panels, providing protection and rigidity.

The flexibility in sheet size, thickness, and bubble configuration allows them to be adapted for virtually any protective requirement, from small consumer electronics to large industrial components.

Market Size

The demand for PP Bubble Guard Sheets is closely linked to the growth of the global protective packaging market, which was estimated at approximately USD 35.23 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach USD 55.54 billion by 2035, growing at a CAGR of 5.19% from 2026 to 2035.



Source – Infomerics Analytics & Research

Key Demand Drivers

- **Construction and Real Estate Growth** – Rapid urbanization, residential and commercial infrastructure projects, and renovation activities are driving demand for floor and surface protection solutions.
- **Industrial and Manufacturing Expansion** – Growing manufacturing hubs in states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka require durable protective materials for packaging, handling, and storage of goods.
- **E-commerce and Logistics Growth** – Rising e-commerce penetration and the need for safe transport of goods have increased adoption of PP Bubble Guard Sheets for packaging and cushioning.
- **Cost-Effectiveness and Reusability** – PP Bubble Guard Sheets are lightweight, durable, and reusable, offering a cost-efficient alternative to other protective materials.
- **Awareness of Damage Prevention** – Increasing focus on minimizing material and product damage during storage, handling, and transportation boosts the use of protective sheets.

- **Sustainability Trends** – Growing preference for recyclable and eco-friendly materials encourages the adoption of PP-based protective sheets over non-recyclable alternatives.

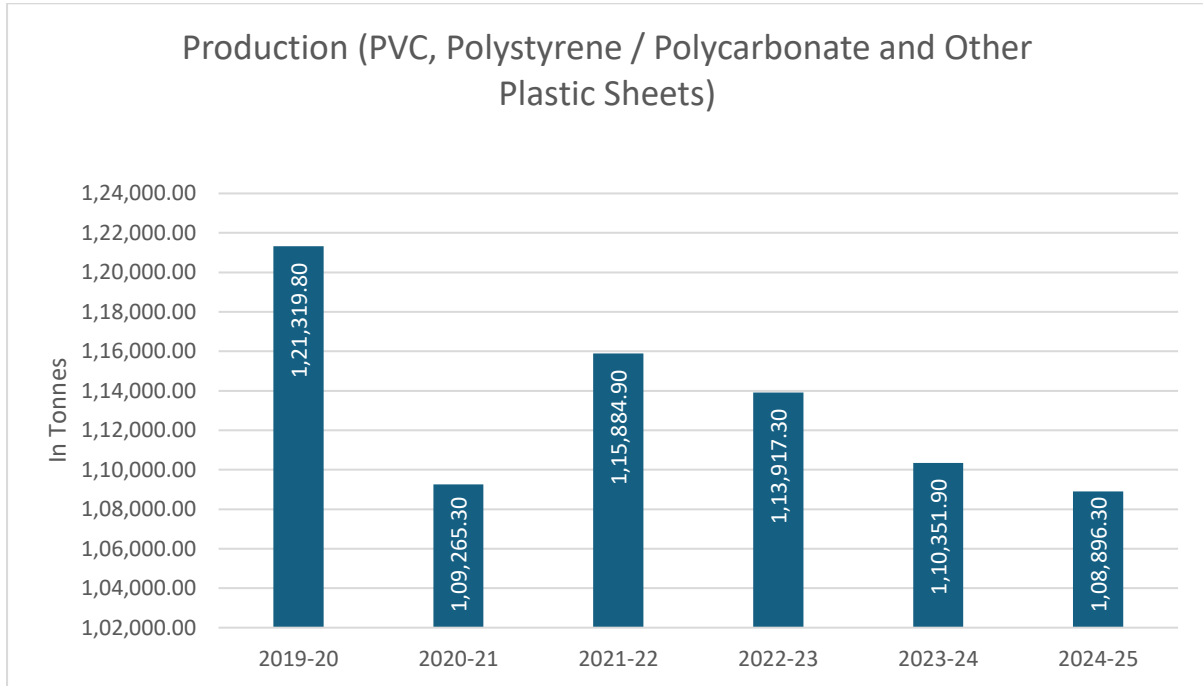
Regional Demand for PP Bubble Guard Sheets

In India, the demand for PP Bubble Guard Sheets is experiencing significant growth, driven by the expansion of construction, logistics, and manufacturing sectors. Key regions contributing to this demand include:

- **Gujarat:** As a major industrial hub, Gujarat sees extensive use of Bubble Guard Sheets in packaging and floor protection during construction and renovation activities.
- **Maharashtra:** With its thriving real estate and infrastructure projects, Maharashtra's demand for protective packaging materials, including Bubble Guard Sheets, is on the rise.
- **Tamil Nadu and Karnataka:** These states, known for their industrial and manufacturing sectors, utilize Bubble Guard Sheets extensively for product packaging and protection during transit.

The versatility, durability, and cost-effectiveness of PP Bubble Guard Sheets make them a preferred choice across various industries, contributing to their growing demand in these regions.

4.5.1 Production of (PVC, Polystyrene / Polycarbonate and Other Plastic Sheets)



Source - CMIE

The production of PVC, Polystyrene, Polycarbonate, and other plastic sheets—has shown a gradual decline from 1,21,319.8 tonnes in 2019–20 to 1,08,896.3 tonnes in 2024–25. After a sharp drop in 2020–21 due to pandemic-related disruptions, recovery remained limited, with volumes consistently staying below pre-COVID levels. This trend suggests a combination of factors such as weakening demand in traditional sectors, increasing competition from alternative materials, and a shift toward value-added or sustainable sheet products. The data reflects an industry undergoing structural adjustment, moving from volume-based growth to more specialized, innovation-driven offerings.

4.5.2 Trade Dynamics

1. Plates & Sheets of Polyethylene

Metric	CY 24	CY 25	Growth (%)
Exports (\$. Million)	189.34	199.85	+5.55% 
Imports (\$. Million)	422.85	620.72	+46.79% 

Net Trade Deficit – \$ 420.87 Million in CY 2025

Top Export Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Export Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
USA	34.01	17.02%
UK	25.40	12.71%
Spain	13.75	6.88%
South Africa	10.09	5.05%
U Arab Emts	7.58	3.79%
Others	109.02	54.55%
Total	199.85	100.00%

✦ USA continue to be the largest destinations, accounting ~17.02% of India's Polyethylene sheets exports.

Source – Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Top Import Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Import Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
Vietnam	165.75	26.70%
China	158.76	25.58%
Thailand	137.04	22.08%
USA	40.30	6.49%
Korea	26.96	4.34%
Others	91.91	14.81%
Total	620.72	100.00%

✦ India heavily relies on China for imports, accounting 26.70% of Polyethylene Sheets total imports.

In CY25, exports of polyethylene plates and sheets recorded a moderate growth of 5.55% to USD 199.85 million, indicating steady but relatively slower expansion in global demand. The United States remained the largest export destination, accounting for 17.02% of total exports, followed by the United Kingdom and Spain, reflecting continued demand from developed markets. A significant 54.55% share of exports was directed towards other countries, highlighting a diversified export base.

On the import front, imports surged sharply by 46.79% to USD 620.72 million, significantly outpacing export growth and leading to a widened net trade deficit of USD 420.87 million. Vietnam emerged as the largest import source with a 26.70% share, followed closely by China (25.58%) and Thailand (22.08%), indicating a high concentration of imports from Asian manufacturing hubs.

Overall, the trade dynamics suggest that while India continues to maintain a stable export presence in polyethylene sheets, it remains significantly import-dependent, particularly for cost-competitive and specialized products. The sharp rise in imports relative to exports underscores the need for strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities and enhancing value-added production to reduce reliance on imports and improve the trade balance.

2. Plates & Sheets of Polypropylene

Metric	CY 24	CY 25	Growth (%)
Exports (\$. Million)	401.26	363.77	-9.34 %
Imports (\$. Million)	123.27	175.48	+42.35%

Net Trade Surplus – \$ 188.29 Million in CY 2025

Top Export Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Export Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
USA	51.49	14.15%
UK	25.24	6.94%
U Arab Emts	21.64	5.95%
Mexico	20.14	5.54%
Germany	11.53	3.17%
Others	233.73	64.25%
Total	363.77	100.00%

Top Import Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Import Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
China	80.58	45.92%
Germany	11.82	6.74%
Japan	11.72	6.68%
Malaysia	10.72	6.11%
Thailand	10.53	6.00%
Others	50.11	28.56%
Total	175.48	100.00%

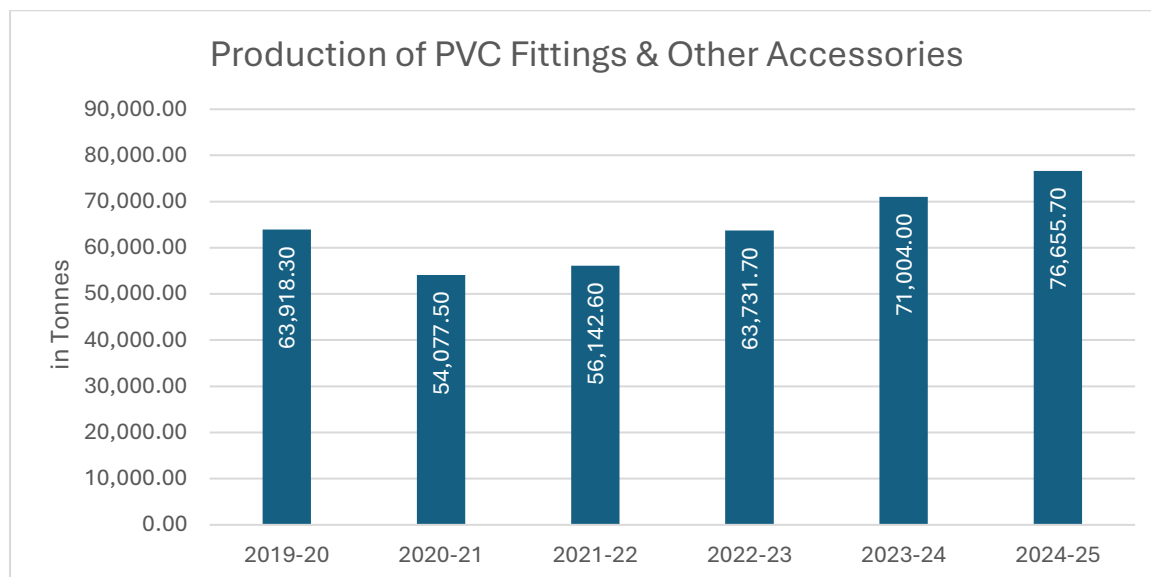
Source – Ministry of Commerce and Industry

In CY25, exports of polypropylene plates and sheets declined by 9.34% to USD 363.77 million, indicating a moderation in global demand or increased competitive pressures in key export markets. The United States remained the largest export destination, accounting for 14.15% of total exports, followed by the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, and Mexico. A substantial 64.25% share of exports was directed towards other markets, reflecting a well-diversified export base.

On the import side, imports increased sharply by 42.35% to USD 175.48 million, suggesting rising domestic demand for specialized or cost-competitive polypropylene sheets. China dominated imports with a significant 45.92% share, followed by Germany and Japan, indicating a relatively concentrated sourcing pattern.

Overall, despite the decline in exports and surge in imports, India continued to maintain a strong net trade surplus of USD 188.29 million in this segment. However, the contrasting trends highlight emerging pressures on export performance alongside increasing reliance on imports, underscoring the need for strengthening domestic value-added manufacturing and competitiveness.

4.6 Production of PVC fittings & Other Accessories



Source - CMIE

The production trend of PVC Fittings and Other Accessories over the period from 2019-20 to 2024-25 demonstrates a resilient and steadily growing industry. Following a temporary decline in 2020-21—attributable to pandemic-induced disruptions and weakened construction activity—the sector rebounded strongly in the subsequent years. Improved demand from infrastructure projects, increased emphasis on sanitation and piped water supply, and the gradual revival of real estate have all contributed to the recovery.

The rising production figures reflect growing reliance on PVC fittings due to their durability, cost-effectiveness, and resistance to corrosion. The increase also suggests enhanced manufacturing capacities, adoption of modern machinery, and greater domestic consumption, especially in rural and semi-urban regions. Overall, the upward trajectory in production highlights the sector's alignment with broader national priorities like affordable housing, smart cities, and water infrastructure development, reinforcing PVC's position as a preferred material in plumbing and civil applications.

4.6.1 Tubes, Pipes and Hoses of Polypropylene

Metric	CY 24	CY 25	Growth (%)
Exports (\$. Million)	4.11	6.43	+56.45%
Imports (\$. Million)	5.28	4.30	-18.55%

Net Trade Surplus – \$ 2.13 Million in CY 2025

Top Export Destinations (CY25)

Country	Export Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
USA	1.78	27.68%
Ireland	1.51	23.48%
Denmark	0.90	14.00%
Nigeria	0.41	6.38%
Maldives	0.28	4.35%
Others	1.55	24.11%
Total	6.43	100.00%

Top Import Destinations (CY25)

Country	Import Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
China	2.18	50.70%
Germany	0.60	13.95%
Israel	0.57	13.26%
Italy	0.21	4.88%
Austria	0.16	3.72%
Others	0.58	13.49%
Total	4.30	100.00%

Source – Ministry of Commerce & Industry

In CY25, exports of polypropylene tubes, pipes and hoses witnessed strong growth of 56.45% to USD 6.43 million, indicating a sharp increase in global demand and improved export penetration by Indian manufacturers. The United States emerged as the largest export destination, accounting for 27.68% of total exports, followed by Ireland (23.48%) and Denmark (14.00%), highlighting a concentration of exports in developed markets.

On the import side, imports declined by 18.55% to USD 4.30 million, suggesting reduced dependence on foreign suppliers or improved domestic availability. China remained the dominant import source with a significant 50.70% share, followed by Germany and Israel, indicating a high concentration of imports from a few key countries.

Overall, while the trade balance improved due to rising exports and declining imports, India continued to maintain a net trade surplus of USD 2.13 million in this segment. The trends reflect strengthening export performance alongside gradual import substitution, though reliance on select international suppliers persists.

4.6.2 Tubes, Pipes and Hoses of PVC

Metric	CY 24	CY 25	Growth (%)
Exports (\$. Million)	84.71	89.58	+5.75 %
Imports (\$. Million)	7.67	9.41	+22.59%

Net Trade Surplus – \$ 80.17 Million in CY 2025

Top Export Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Export Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
U Arab Emts	6.68	7.46%
Iraq	6.23	6.95%
Algeria	5.93	6.62%
Tanzania	5.44	6.07%
Oman	4.11	4.59%
Others	61.19	68.31%
Total	89.58	100.00%

Top Import Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Import Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
China	2.22	23.59%
Germany	2.15	22.85%
Malaysia	1.07	11.37%
UK	0.64	6.80%
Nepal	0.57	6.06%
Others	2.76	29.33%
Total	9.41	100.00%

Source – Ministry of Commerce and Industry

In CY25, exports of PVC tubes, pipes, and hoses recorded a steady growth of 5.75% to USD 89.58 million, reflecting stable global demand and continued competitiveness of Indian manufacturers in international markets. Key export destinations included the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Algeria, Tanzania, and Oman, while a significant 68.31% share of exports was distributed across other markets, indicating a well-diversified export base.

On the import side, imports increased by 22.59% to USD 9.41 million, suggesting higher demand for specialized or value-added products from international suppliers. China and Germany were the leading import sources, together accounting for over 46% of total imports, highlighting a moderate concentration in sourcing.

Overall, India maintained a strong net trade surplus of USD 80.17 million in this segment, underscoring its established position as a net exporter of PVC pipes, despite the rise in imports.

4.6.3 Tubes, Pipes and Hoses of Polyethylene rigid

Metric	CY 24	CY 25	Growth (%)
Exports (\$. Million)	27.09	31.80	+17.37%
Imports (\$. Million)	20.96	22.85	+9.04%

Net Trade Surplus – \$ 8.95 Million IN CY 2025

Top Export Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Export Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
Tanzania	5.19	16.32%
Bhutan	3.61	11.35%
Nepal	3.09	9.72%
Saudi Arab	2.43	7.64%
UK	1.29	4.06%
Others	16.19	50.91%
Total	31.80	100.00%

Top Import Destinations (CY 25)

Country	Import Value (\$ Mn)	Share (%)
China	3.98	17.42%
Germany	3.72	16.28%
Italy	3.19	13.96%
Taiwan	1.72	7.53%
Thailand	1.55	6.78%
Others	8.69	38.03%
Total	22.85	100.00%

Source – Ministry of Commerce and Industry

In CY25, exports of rigid polyethylene tubes, pipes, and hoses registered a strong growth of 17.37% to USD 31.80 million, reflecting improving global demand and enhanced export competitiveness of Indian manufacturers. Key export destinations included Tanzania, Bhutan, Nepal, and Saudi Arabia, with Tanzania emerging as the largest market, accounting for 16.32% of total exports. A substantial 50.91% share of exports was directed towards other countries, indicating a diversified export base.

On the import side, imports increased moderately by 9.04% to USD 22.85 million, suggesting stable domestic demand for specialized or higher-grade products. China remained the leading import source with a 17.42% share, followed by Germany and Italy, reflecting a relatively balanced sourcing pattern across key global suppliers.

Overall, India maintained a net trade surplus of USD 8.95 million in this segment, highlighting its position as a net exporter of rigid polyethylene pipes, supported by steady export growth and controlled import expansion.

4.7 Market Trends in Plastic Pipes & Fittings Industry

- ❖ **Technological Advancements and Product Diversification** - Technological advancements and product diversification are key drivers shaping the growth of the Indian plastic pipes market. Innovations in manufacturing, such as enhanced extrusion technologies, have significantly improved the strength, chemical resistance, and longevity of plastic pipes, making them more reliable for diverse applications. To meet the growing demand across sectors like agriculture, construction, and infrastructure, manufacturers are expanding their product offerings, introducing pipes of varying sizes, materials, and functionalities. The increasing preference for PVC and High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipes highlights this trend, with HDPE pipes gaining traction due to their exceptional durability, flexibility, and suitability for both underground and above-ground installations. Additionally, the industry's growing emphasis on sustainability has led to the adoption of eco-friendly materials and production processes, aligning with global environmental initiatives.
- ❖ **Expansion of the 18mm to 110mm Pipe Diameter Segment** - There is growing demand for plastic pipes with diameters between 18mm and 110mm, largely due to their suitability for residential, agricultural, and small commercial uses. These pipes are preferred for plumbing, drainage, and micro-irrigation due to their ease of installation and operational versatility. The surge in urbanization, rural infrastructure development, and government-backed water schemes has significantly boosted this segment. Drip and sprinkler irrigation systems have driven rural demand, helping improve water efficiency in farming. Manufacturers have responded by offering feature-rich pipes in this range—focusing on pressure resistance, flexibility, and chemical durability—at competitive prices. This growth highlights the industry's pivot toward modular, scalable, and cost-effective piping solutions that cater to both modern infrastructure and grassroots development.
- ❖ **Government Initiatives and Infrastructure Development** - The Indian government's ambitious infrastructure initiatives are driving significant growth in the plastic pipes market, with large-scale projects focused on water supply, sanitation, and urban development. The Jal Jeevan Mission, which strives to deliver tap water to every rural household, has significantly boosted the demand for durable and affordable piping solutions, especially PVC pipes, which play a crucial role in water distribution networks. The growing focus on water conservation and management also supports the increasing adoption of plastic pipes in irrigation and municipal projects. These initiatives create a favourable market environment, fostering long-term industry growth through sustained infrastructure investments.

5. Market Dynamics

5.1 Growth Drivers

Driver	1–2 Years	3–4 Years	5–7 Years
1. Government infrastructure schemes (JJM, AMRUT, Smart Cities)	High	High	Moderate
2. Rapid urbanization and rural tap water connectivity	High	High	High
3. Rising demand for micro-irrigation systems under PMKSY	Moderate	High	High
4. Replacement demand from aging GI/metal pipelines	Moderate	High	High
5. Growth in real estate and commercial construction	Moderate	High	Moderate
6. Rising acceptance of HDPE/PPH pipes in industrial applications	Moderate	High	High
7. Shift toward lightweight, corrosion-free plumbing solutions	High	High	High
8. Increase in agricultural automation and smart irrigation	Moderate	High	High
9. Expansion of manufacturing units under Plastics Parks & Make in India	Moderate	High	High
10. Digitization of inventory and contractor-driven procurement channels	Moderate	High	High

- Government Infrastructure Schemes (JJM, AMRUT, Smart Cities)** - India's infrastructure-centric programs such as the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), AMRUT 2.0, and Smart Cities Mission are driving large-scale demand for plastic piping systems, especially HDPE and PVC pipes. These schemes aim to provide piped water supply, sewage systems, and stormwater drainage in both urban and rural areas. In the short to medium term (1–4 years), this is expected to generate robust volume demand. Over the longer term, the impact may

moderate slightly as infrastructure gets built out, but maintenance and replacement needs will sustain a steady base demand.

- **Rapid Urbanization and Rural Tap Water Connectivity** - India's urban population is expected to reach 600 million by 2030, while initiatives like JJM target 100% rural tap water coverage. This twin demand from urban and rural regions will continue to fuel installation of water distribution networks using lightweight, corrosion-resistant plastic pipes. In all three timeframes—short, medium, and long—urbanization and rural water access remain key structural demand drivers for the plastic piping industry.
- **Rising Demand for Micro-Irrigation Systems under PMKSY** - The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), especially its *Per Drop More Crop* component, is driving the uptake of drip and sprinkler irrigation systems. This creates demand for LDPE, HDPE, and LLDPE pipes, laterals, and fittings. Adoption is gaining momentum due to government subsidies and growing awareness of water conservation among farmers. While the impact is moderate in the short term due to state-wise rollout variability, it is expected to be high over the next 3–7 years as micro-irrigation becomes mainstream.
- **Replacement Demand from Aging GI/Metal Pipelines** - Across municipalities and industrial zones, there is a significant base of aging galvanized iron and cast-iron pipelines that are prone to corrosion and leakage. These are gradually being replaced with HDPE, CPVC, and PPR piping systems that offer higher durability and lower maintenance. In the short term, this replacement trend is growing steadily; in the medium to long term, it is projected to accelerate as governments and industries focus on efficiency and water conservation.
- **Growth in Real Estate and Commercial Construction** - Residential, commercial, and institutional construction remains a core demand driver for plastic plumbing systems. The increase in affordable housing, real estate revival, and hospital and school construction is driving usage of uPVC and CPVC pipes for internal plumbing, drainage, and rainwater harvesting. The impact is already visible in the short term and will continue in the medium term. Over the long term, the trend may moderate slightly as construction cycles stabilize.
- **Rising Acceptance of HDPE/PPH Pipes in Industrial Applications** - Industries such as chemicals, pharmaceuticals, textiles, and food processing are shifting toward high-performance plastic piping systems like HDPE, PPH, and PVDF for their chemical resistance and thermal stability. These pipes are increasingly being used for process water, effluent handling, and compressed air systems. While penetration is currently low, medium- and long-term adoption is expected to rise sharply as industries modernize and shift from metal to engineered plastics.
- **Shift Toward Lightweight, Corrosion-Free Plumbing Solutions** - Installers, plumbers, and contractors increasingly prefer plastic piping systems over metal due to their ease of transport, quick installation, lower leakage rates, and rust-free properties. This shift is reinforced by rising awareness of uPVC and CPVC pipes for hot and cold-water plumbing in buildings. The impact of this transition is high across all timeframes, supported by

training programs, standardization, and growing product availability through dealer networks.

- **Increase in Agricultural Automation and Smart Irrigation** - As farmers embrace automated irrigation systems, there is growing demand for precision-engineered plastic components, including valves, filters, pipe fittings, and distribution laterals. IoT-driven agriculture and solar pump deployments are further accelerating the need for high-quality plastic piping solutions. While the initial adoption may be region-specific, the impact will grow significantly in the medium to long term as agri-tech becomes widespread across India.
- **Expansion of Manufacturing Units under Plastics Parks & Make in India** - Under the Plastics Parks Scheme and the Make in India initiative, numerous polymer processing and extrusion units are being set up in industrial clusters across India. These parks offer infrastructure, shared utilities, and government incentives to plastic pipe and fitting manufacturers. As the installed capacity expands, companies will be better positioned to meet rising domestic and export demand. The impact of this expansion is moderate in the short term but high in the 3–7-year horizon as capacity additions materialize.
- **Digitization of Inventory and Contractor-Driven Procurement Channels** - The adoption of ERP, CRM, and digital ordering platforms is transforming how distributors, project contractors, and institutional buyers procure plastic pipes and fittings. Manufacturers offering digital tools like order tracking, pipe size calculators, and QR-based product authentication are gaining preference. This digital shift improves visibility, speeds up procurement cycles, and enhances trust. While digitalization is evolving slowly in the short term, its impact will rise significantly in the medium to long term, particularly among organized and export-oriented manufacturers.

5.1 Challenges

Restraint	1–2 Years	3–4 Years	5–7 Years
1. Volatile polymer raw material prices (HDPE, PVC, PP)	High	High	Moderate
2. Geopolitical Risks Impacting Supply Chain and Input Costs	High	Moderate	Moderate
3. Regulatory and Compliance Burden (Environmental, BIS Standards)	Moderate	High	High
4. Fragmented Industry Structure and Pricing Pressure from Unorganized Players	High	Moderate	Moderate
5. Infrastructure Execution Delays and Project Approval Bottlenecks	Moderate	High	Moderate
6. Operational Inefficiencies (Logistics, Skilled Labour, Limited Digital Adoption in MSMEs)	High	Moderate	Low

Detailed Overview

- **Volatile Polymer Raw Material Prices (HDPE, PVC, PP)** - Fluctuations in crude oil prices and global supply chain disruptions continue to create volatility in the prices of raw materials such as HDPE, PVC resin, PPH, and additives. This unpredictability significantly impacts the cost structure of manufacturers, especially MSMEs that operate on thin margins. While the situation is acute in the short term (1–2 years), strategic sourcing, domestic petrochemical investments, and recycling technologies may moderate this challenge over time.
- **Geopolitical Risks Impacting Supply Chain and Input Costs** - Ongoing geopolitical tensions involving the United States, Israel and Iran have the potential to disrupt global energy markets and key shipping routes. Such conflicts may lead to spikes in crude oil prices, increased freight and insurance costs, and delays in international shipments, particularly through critical routes such as the Strait of Hormuz. Given the industry's reliance on petrochemical inputs and imported additives, these disruptions can elevate raw material costs and create supply uncertainties. While the impact is typically short- to medium-term, prolonged instability could affect overall cost structures and profitability.
- **Regulatory and Compliance Burden (Environmental and BIS Standards)** - The industry is subject to stringent regulatory requirements, including environmental norms, plastic waste management rules, and quality standards mandated by the Bureau of Indian

Standards. Compliance with these regulations often requires investment in testing, certification, process upgrades, and sustainable manufacturing practices. Additionally, evolving ESG expectations and recycling mandates may further increase compliance costs, particularly for small and medium enterprises. While these measures improve product quality and environmental sustainability, they may impact short-term profitability and operational flexibility.

- **Fragmented Industry Structure and Pricing Pressure from Unorganized Players** - The plastic pipes and fittings market in India remains highly fragmented, with a large number of unorganized and regional players competing alongside established brands. Unorganized players often compete on price by offering lower-cost products, sometimes with inconsistent quality standards. This leads to pricing pressures across the industry, limiting the ability of organized players to fully pass on cost increases. Although the industry is gradually formalizing due to regulatory enforcement and increasing consumer preference for branded products, fragmentation continues to affect margins and market discipline in the near to medium term.
- **Infrastructure Execution Delays and Project Approval Bottlenecks** - A significant portion of demand for plastic pipes is driven by government-led infrastructure projects in water supply, sanitation, and irrigation. However, delays in project execution, funding disbursement, and regulatory approvals can impact demand visibility and order flows for manufacturers. Factors such as administrative inefficiencies, land acquisition issues, and contractor-level delays may lead to uneven demand cycles. While long-term demand remains strong, such delays can affect short-term revenue growth and capacity utilization.
- **Operational Inefficiencies (Logistics, Skilled Labour, and Digital Adoption Gaps)** - The industry faces operational challenges, particularly in rural and semi-urban markets, where logistics infrastructure may be underdeveloped, leading to higher transportation costs and longer delivery timelines. Additionally, there is a shortage of skilled labour in specialized processes such as extrusion, quality control, and equipment maintenance. Limited adoption of digital technologies among MSMEs further restricts efficiency improvements in inventory management, production planning, and supply chain integration. Over time, increasing automation, digitalization, and skill development initiatives are expected to alleviate these constraints.

6. PESTEL Analysis of the Industry

Factor	Key Insights and Implications
Political	• Government initiatives such as <i>Jal Jeevan Mission</i>, <i>AMRUT</i>, <i>Smart Cities Mission</i>, and <i>PM-KUSUM</i> are driving large-scale demand for plastic piping systems in water supply, sanitation, and irrigation. • Support under <i>Atmanirbhar Bharat</i> and <i>Make in India</i> has boosted domestic manufacturing capabilities and reduced dependency on imports. • Anti-dumping duties on imports of PVC resins from select countries (e.g., China, South Korea) protect domestic players from pricing pressures. • Stable regulatory environment under GST promotes seamless inter-state trade of pipes and fittings. • Ongoing geopolitical tensions involving the United States, Israel, and Iran may disrupt global petrochemical supply chains, leading to fluctuations in prices and impacting the cost structure o
Economic	• Rapid urbanisation, real estate growth, and rising disposable income are fuelling demand for modern plumbing, drainage, and sewage systems. • Volatility in raw material prices (PVC, HDPE, PP) impacts margins, especially for unorganised and small-scale manufacturers • Increasing government expenditure on infrastructure and irrigation offers a steady revenue stream. • Rising industrialisation and growth in construction/housing sectors support long-term growth. • Availability of low-cost labour and MSME incentives help in scaling operations and exports.
Social	• Rising awareness of hygiene, clean water access, and sanitation is creating demand for safe and durable piping systems • Preference is shifting toward maintenance-free, corrosion-resistant solutions over conventional GI/metal pipes.

	• Growing rural penetration and use of drip/sprinkler irrigation in agriculture are expanding the industry's customer base. • Aesthetic awareness is influencing the demand for concealed and colour-coordinated plumbing systems in modern homes. • Health and safety concerns are boosting demand for certified, food-grade, and non-toxic plastic pipes.
Technological	• Continuous innovation in material science has led to development of high-strength, lightweight, and longer-life piping solutions. • Adoption of extrusion automation, die tooling advancements, and quality control systems has improved consistency and scalability. • Smart piping systems with leak-detection and pressure-sensing technology are gradually emerging. • Online B2B platforms, ERP integration, and digital dealer networks are streamlining operations and customer servicing. • Use of UV-resistant coatings and antimicrobial inner linings enhances product utility and longevity.
Environmental	• Increasing emphasis on sustainability is pushing manufacturers to use recycled materials and eco-friendly compounds. • Stringent norms on plastic waste management and single-use plastic bans are prompting innovations in recyclability and reusability. • Energy-efficient production methods and zero-discharge manufacturing units are gaining attention. • Rainwater harvesting, waste-water reuse, and green building norms are positively impacting demand for plastic piping infrastructure. • Climate change resilience in water management systems is driving adoption of plastic-based infrastructure.
Legal	• Adherence to BIS standards (e.g., IS 4985 for PVC pipes, IS 14333 for HDPE) is mandatory for quality and safety compliance. • Compliance with CPCB and SPCB regulations is required to monitor emissions and waste handling in production. • Anti-dumping duties and import/export guidelines influence sourcing of raw materials and finished goods.

	• Legal liability related to pipeline failures or product defects has increased, mandating robust quality assurance systems.
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7. Government Initiatives and Policy Support

Although the plastic pipes, fittings, and sheets industry does not fall under a dedicated central policy framework, it significantly benefits from a broad array of government initiatives aimed at enhancing manufacturing competitiveness, MSME development, quality standards, and export promotion. These policies provide crucial support to the sector by improving access to credit, fostering domestic value addition, and facilitating market expansion. Below is a detailed overview of key initiatives and their implications for the industry:

- **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** - The Jal Jeevan Mission, launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti in 2019, aims to provide Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) to every rural household in India by 2024. This mission is a major driver of demand for plastic piping systems, particularly HDPE and PVC pipes, which are essential for transporting potable water across diverse terrain. The mission emphasizes leak-proof, durable, and corrosion-resistant pipelines, making plastic pipes the preferred choice over metal or concrete alternatives. As per government data, the initiative has created substantial opportunities for domestic pipe manufacturers, especially those that meet BIS certification standards. The demand surge under JJM has led to expansion projects among existing manufacturers and the entry of new MSMEs in the plastic pipe segment, significantly boosting rural infrastructure development.
Impact: Boosted demand for pressure pipes, underground pipelines, and leak-proof piping solutions from domestic manufacturers
- **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)** – The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, promotes efficient water use in agriculture through its “Per Drop More Crop” component. The scheme incentivizes the adoption of micro-irrigation systems, including drip and sprinkler irrigation, which heavily rely on LDPE, HDPE, LLDPE pipes, laterals, emitters, and fittings. The Central Government offers financial assistance covering up to 55% of the cost for small/marginal farmers and 45% for others, driving large-scale deployment of plastic-based irrigation networks. This has led to a steady rise in demand for high-performance plastic pipes and fittings that are durable, UV-resistant, and suitable for long-term field use. Pipe manufacturers certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) are given preference in tenders, encouraging standardization and quality enhancement across the sector.
- **Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) & Urban Water Programs** - Under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), the AMRUT 2.0 scheme focuses on improving urban water supply, sewerage networks, and stormwater drainage systems. Plastic piping systems, especially HDPE and PVC pipes, are crucial

components in building these networks due to their high strength, flexibility, and ease of installation. AMRUT's implementation in over 500 cities has resulted in substantial procurement of plastic pipes and fittings for underground water infrastructure. Additionally, related urban initiatives like the Amrit Sarovar Mission and Smart Cities Mission contribute to the growing demand for modern plastic piping systems in sanitation, rainwater harvesting, and urban landscaping. These programs create long-term growth opportunities for plastic pipe manufacturers catering to the municipal infrastructure segment.

- Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016 – Amended in 2022** - The Plastic Waste Management Rules, issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and amended in 2022, establish Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for plastic manufacturers, including those producing pipes and fittings. Under EPR, producers are responsible for the collection, recycling, or safe disposal of plastic waste equivalent to the quantity introduced into the market. For the plastic pipe industry, this means investing in recyclable materials, setting up reverse logistics networks, and engaging with authorized recyclers. While the regulation imposes compliance burdens, it also encourages innovation in eco-friendly piping systems, biodegradable polymer blends, and circular economy models. Many organized manufacturers have embraced sustainable practices and third-party audits to remain competitive and environmentally responsible.
- Plastics Parks Scheme** - Launched by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DoCPC) under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, the Plastics Parks Scheme aims to promote cluster-based development of plastic manufacturing units. The scheme provides up to 50% grant assistance (capped at ₹40 crore) to develop common infrastructure such as testing labs, tool rooms, effluent treatment plants, and skill centres within dedicated parks. Parks have been sanctioned in states like Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Assam, and Jharkhand. For manufacturers of plastic pipes and fittings, these parks offer economies of scale, shared utilities, and reduced setup costs. They also serve as hubs for industry-academia collaboration and supply chain integration. Companies operating within these parks benefit from easy access to skilled labour, logistics, and government facilitation for export compliance and quality certification. (PIB)
- Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Certification Requirements** - The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) plays a crucial role in regulating product quality across the plastic piping industry. BIS has made certification mandatory for various categories of plastic pipes and fittings, including IS 4984 for HDPE pipes, IS 4985 for PVC pipes, and IS 14151 and IS 13488 for sprinkler and drip irrigation components, respectively. Compliance with these standards ensures product safety, durability, and performance under different field conditions. BIS certification is not only a prerequisite for participating in government tenders (e.g., under JJM or PMKSY) but also enhances credibility in the export market. Manufacturers must undergo rigorous testing and regular surveillance to maintain BIS licenses, thus raising the quality benchmark across the industry.

- **Make in India and MSME Support Schemes** - As part of the Make in India initiative, several MSME-focused schemes support plastic pipe manufacturers in scaling operations, modernizing equipment, and accessing finance. These include the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), and Udyam Registration benefits. These initiatives offer collateral-free loans, interest subsidies, and market linkage support, especially for first-generation entrepreneurs and units located in backward regions. Since the plastic piping industry comprises thousands of small and medium-sized enterprises, these schemes play a pivotal role in sustaining production capacity, generating employment, and encouraging the formalization of informal units.

8. Technology and Digital Transformation in the Plastic Pipes & Fittings Industry

The plastic pipes, fittings, and sheets industry in India—once perceived as a commodity-based, low-innovation manufacturing sector—is undergoing a steady transformation, driven by advances in materials science, automation, digitization, and sustainability-driven practices. The shift is enabling manufacturers to deliver higher-quality, more durable products while improving cost efficiency, regulatory compliance, and customer responsiveness. As demand from infrastructure, agriculture, sanitation, and industrial sectors grows, the adoption of new technologies is becoming essential to ensure consistency, competitiveness, and long-term viability.

- 1. Advanced Materials and Product Engineering** – Material science is at the core of technological progress in the plastic piping sector. Manufacturers are increasingly using high-grade polymers such as HDPE100, PPH, CPVC, and uPVC, MDPE enhanced with UV stabilizers, antioxidants, and flame-retardant additives to meet performance needs in water supply, gas distribution, sewage systems, and chemical transport. In sheet production, innovations include twin-wall corrugated sheets, antistatic and flame-retardant boards, and composite polymer sheets. Multi-layer extrusion and co-extrusion technologies are widely used to manufacture pipes with better strength, durability, and leak-proof properties, while adhering to BIS and ISO standards.
- 2. Smart Manufacturing and Process Automation** - Modern manufacturing units are integrating SCADA-based control systems, PLC-driven extrusion lines, automatic cutters, vacuum calibration units, and robotic pipe handlers. These systems improve precision in pipe diameter, wall thickness, and strength. In sheet manufacturing, automated corona treatment, lamination, and die-cutting machines are used to enhance surface finish and printability. These technologies reduce human error, optimize raw material usage, and enable high-volume production. Many manufacturers are also implementing real-time monitoring tools for temperature, pressure, and production speed to ensure consistent product quality.
- 3. ERP and Digital Operations Management** - To manage complex operations across procurement, production, inventory, quality control, and logistics, medium to large enterprises have adopted Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. These systems are integrated with Warehouse Management Systems (WMS) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platforms. Digital dashboards allow real-time tracking of order fulfilment, production efficiency, and raw material levels. The use of data analytics helps in demand forecasting, preventive maintenance planning, and performance benchmarking across multiple plants or product lines.

- 4. Product Tracking and Traceability Tools** - Digital traceability has become essential due to increasing quality expectations and regulatory compliance. Many manufacturers now use QR codes, barcodes, and RFID tags to label pipes and sheets, enabling end-to-end tracking from factory to site. These systems allow contractors, engineers, and inspectors to verify the product's specifications, batch number, test results, and warranty status. Integration with mobile apps and cloud platforms ensures real-time access to product documentation, certifications, and user manuals on-site.
- 5. E-commerce and B2B Sales Platforms** - Although the sector is predominantly B2B, digital transformation in sales is gaining traction. Companies are developing online portals and mobile apps for dealers, contractors, and institutional buyers to place orders, check prices, track shipments, and access product literature. Some players offer digital product configurators, pipe size calculators, and compatibility tools to help clients select the right product based on project specifications. These platforms enhance customer experience and operational transparency.
- 6. R&D and Quality Innovation** - Manufacturers are increasingly investing in in-house R&D labs for developing customized compounds, testing pressure resistance, chemical compatibility, and UV durability of products. Application engineering teams work closely with clients to co-develop piping solutions for infrastructure, irrigation, and industrial usage. Digital simulation tools such as Finite Element Analysis (FEA) and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) are being used to test new product designs and optimize pipe layouts. Continuous feedback from field installations and contractors is used to improve product ergonomics and reduce failure rates.
- 7. Sustainability through Technology** - Environmental concerns and stricter compliance regulations are pushing manufacturers to adopt green technologies. These include recycling systems, energy-efficient extrusion machines, wastewater reuse plants, and infrared ovens for curing. Some factories are transitioning to solar power and using bio-compound stabilizers in lieu of heavy metals. Digital energy meters and emission tracking tools are deployed to monitor environmental impact in real time, aligning with Plastic Waste Management Rules (2022) and EPR mandates. Sustainable packaging (e.g., recycled reels, biodegradable films) is also gaining momentum.
- 8. Government-Backed Digitization and Industry Oversight** - To bring transparency and planning efficiency to the industry, the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals launched the ChemIndia Portal in 2024. Plastic pipe and sheet manufacturers are required to submit monthly data on production, stock, and raw material consumption. This digital oversight supports evidence-based policymaking, helps stabilize input supply chains, and encourages formalization of smaller units. Additionally, BIS certifications, which are now mandatory for many pipe categories, require manufacturers to adopt digital test result documentation and audit submissions for compliance.

9.Competitive Landscape

The Indian plastic pipes and sheets industry is highly competitive and fragmented, comprising a large number of small- and mid-sized enterprises alongside several established national players. With diverse applications across agriculture, water supply, real estate, industrial processing, and infrastructure, competition is no longer defined merely by price, but by factors such as product quality, distribution reach, technological edge, regulatory compliance, and brand reputation. As the market shifts toward quality-conscious and institutional buyers, manufacturers are under increasing pressure to differentiate and scale responsibly.

9.1 Key Factors Shaping Competition

- **Product Certification and Regulatory Compliance** - In a market increasingly governed by BIS standards, EPR norms, and project-specific technical specifications, companies that maintain strong internal quality control systems and timely certification renewals gain a competitive edge. For instance, participation in government tenders (e.g., under Jal Jeevan Mission) mandates adherence to specific IS codes (e.g., IS 4984 for HDPE pipes, IS 4985 for PVC pipes). Manufacturers capable of navigating complex regulatory environments and investing in certified infrastructure are more likely to be shortlisted for bulk institutional supply contracts and export approvals.
- **Raw Material Sourcing and Cost Efficiency** - Raw material cost, especially for HDPE, PPH, CPVC, and other engineering polymers, constitutes 60–70% of production cost. Firms with long-term procurement contracts, access to bulk polymer import channels, or proximity to domestic petrochemical hubs enjoy cost and lead-time advantages. Additionally, players with in-house compounding capabilities or recycling plants can create customized material grades and reduce input cost volatility—directly influencing margins and competitiveness.
- **Distribution Network and Dealer Strength** - A wide and well-managed dealer/distributor network is critical in the plastic piping industry, particularly for reaching end-users in semi-urban and rural markets. Players with regional warehousing, just-in-time delivery models, and digital platforms for order booking and tracking enjoy higher brand loyalty among plumbers, contractors, and retailers. Moreover, consistent after-sales technical support and training for field applicators often influence repeat business in areas like plumbing, drip irrigation, and ducting.
- **Product Range and Application Versatility** - Firms that offer a diverse product portfolio—including pressure pipes, plumbing systems, corrugated duct pipes, sheets, tanks, and fittings—have a competitive advantage in securing bulk orders and cross-selling to diverse sectors. Versatility in applications across agriculture, housing, infrastructure, telecom, and

industrial use allows companies to buffer cyclical demand fluctuations in any one vertical. Customization options such as UV-stabilized pipes, anti-microbial coatings, and chemical-resistant grades also enhance competitive positioning.

- **Technology Adoption and Process Automation** - Manufacturers investing in automated extrusion lines, online dimensional monitoring, robotic handling systems, and real-time quality testing stand out in terms of product precision, speed, and reliability. Technology also drives raw material optimization, energy savings, and zero-waste production, which not only reduce costs but also support environmental compliance. SCADA, ERP, and IoT-enabled inventory systems are increasingly being used by large players to enable scale, traceability, and integration across functions.
- **Tender Access and Institutional Business** - A large portion of high-volume pipe demand in India is driven by government infrastructure programs, such as JJM, AMRUT, Smart Cities, and PMKSY. Companies that meet tender pre-qualification criteria, including minimum turnover, installed capacity, and quality certifications, are well-placed to win these contracts. Ability to manufacture as per tender-specific material specifications and supply within tight timelines is a major competitive factor in institutional and EPC business segments.
- **Brand Reputation and Field Performance** - Brand reputation—especially in the agriculture and building materials segments—is built over time through field-tested durability, post-sales support, and consistency in product supply. Firms that have been operational for decades and are known for leak-proof fittings, long product life, and strong service networks often enjoy premium positioning and dealer loyalty. Additionally, customer testimonials and certification records significantly influence selection for private projects and exports.

9.2 Competitive Strategies

As India's plastic pipes and sheets market matures and diversifies, companies are moving beyond traditional scale-based competition to adopt differentiated, capability-driven strategies. With demand rising across agriculture, infrastructure, industrial, and real estate segments, players are competing not just on price, but on product innovation, certification compliance, distribution depth, and technological integration. Below are the key competitive strategies employed by leading and emerging players in the sector:

- **Product Differentiation Through Application Specialization** - Companies are increasingly tailoring their product lines to specific end-use applications such as drip irrigation, underground cable ducting, chemical transport, and rainwater harvesting systems. Specialization in materials—such as CPVC for hot water plumbing, HDPE for pressure pipes, or PPH sheets for industrial tanks and MDPE for Gas Distribution—enables firms to build application expertise and capture premium demand. This approach improves brand positioning, especially in the institutional and OEM segments.
- **Investment in BIS-Compliant and High-Capacity Infrastructure** - To serve institutional buyers and government projects, manufacturers are investing in BIS-certified manufacturing lines, automated testing labs, and high-capacity extrusion facilities. Ensuring compliance with Indian and international standards (e.g., IS 4984, ISO 4427) not only opens up tender participation but also allows manufacturers to command higher ASPs (average selling prices) in quality-sensitive markets. Dedicated plants for corrugated pipes, foam sheets, or multi-layer variants are also emerging as a strategic focus.
- **Digital-First Operations and Inventory Intelligence** - Larger and tech-forward players are embedding ERP-integrated inventory systems, dealer ordering apps, digital QR-based warranty systems, and AI-driven demand planning tools into their operations. This technology backbone enables real-time visibility, optimized stock movement, and data-driven decisions across production, warehousing, and dispatch. Companies also use digital tools to streamline order cycles, track quality metrics, and engage with dealers and contractors more efficiently.
- **Exclusive Distribution Tie-Ups and Dealer Loyalty Programs** - Firms are increasingly creating exclusive regional or national dealer networks, backed by target-based incentive programs, branding kits, and joint promotional campaigns. Such arrangements help maintain price discipline and ensure reliable product availability. Exclusive tie-ups with real estate developers, irrigation contractors, and municipal bodies are also being pursued to ensure stable volumes and longer-term business visibility.
- **Strategic Penetration in Infrastructure and Government Projects** - Manufacturers are building dedicated business verticals to focus on high-value infrastructure projects under JJM, AMRUT, PMKSY, and Smart Cities. These teams ensure technical documentation,

third-party test reports, and timely logistics support are aligned with project requirements. Firms that align with EPC contractors and state water boards are often able to generate bulk volumes and long-term orders that buffer against retail market volatility.

- **Backward Integration and In-House Compounding** - To manage raw material volatility and create proprietary formulations, several players are backward integrating into PVC compounding, masterbatch production, and additive mixing. This not only reduces input costs but allows for customization based on climate, soil, or application conditions. In-house compounding is especially important for sheets and specialty pipes used in signage, tanks, or corrosive environments.
- **Geographic Expansion Through Regional Warehousing** - To enhance delivery efficiency and reduce freight costs, many manufacturers are investing in zonal warehouses, satellite depots, and multi-modal transport hubs. These regional logistics centres support just-in-time delivery to retail markets and large projects. This strategy also helps in optimizing working capital and reducing dealer dependence on buffer stocks, particularly in remote, high-growth markets.

9.3 Barriers to Entry

The plastic pipes, fittings, and sheets industry in India presents a combination of capital-intensive, regulatory, operational, and reputational barriers that limit easy entry for new players. While low-end product manufacturing may appear accessible, scaling sustainably in quality-driven and institutional segments requires significant investments in infrastructure, certifications, distribution, and brand equity. The following are the key structural and operational barriers faced by new entrants:

- **High Capital Investment in Plant & Machinery** - Setting up a competitive manufacturing unit for plastic pipes and sheets requires substantial capital outlay. This includes high-speed twin-screw extruders, automatic batching systems, die heads, Molds, vacuum tanks, and downstream handling equipment. In addition, costs related to testing labs, tool rooms, quality inspection systems, and utilities (power, water, compressed air) further raise the initial investment threshold. For fittings, additional tooling and injection moulding machines are also required. These upfront and recurring expenses act as a strong deterrent for small or under-capitalized entrants.
- **Regulatory and Certification Complexity** - To participate in institutional tenders or supply to quality-conscious private buyers, manufacturers must comply with a wide range of BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards) norms—such as IS 4984, IS 13592, IS 15778, among others. Additionally, certifications under the CPWD, Jal Jeevan Mission, or AMRUT schemes are mandatory for government project participation. Meeting these standards requires frequent testing, inspection audits, and maintaining product traceability—a barrier that discourages unorganized or inexperienced players.
- **Raw Material Volatility and Procurement Challenges** - The industry is highly sensitive to fluctuations in the prices of polyethylene (HDPE, LDPE), polypropylene, PVC resin, and additives. Established players often mitigate this with bulk procurement contracts, domestic tie-ups with petrochemical giants, and in-house compounding. New entrants without such procurement capabilities or hedging strategies face exposure to raw material price shocks, affecting profitability and supply consistency.
- **Need for Strong Dealer and Institutional Networks** - Distribution is a critical success factor in this industry, especially in semi-urban, rural, and project-driven markets. Established players operate through deep-rooted dealer networks, channel finance programs, and regional stocking points. New entrants struggle to build similar market reach, especially without logistics capabilities, credit support to dealers, or brand visibility. Institutional buyers and EPC contractors also prefer long-standing vendors with proven reliability.
- **Quality Differentiation and Warranty Risk** - Customers—especially in infrastructure, agriculture, and real estate—now demand leak-proof, UV-resistant, corrosion-proof piping systems with multi-year warranties. Meeting these expectations requires robust in-process quality control, automated production, and certified raw materials. New entrants

often lack the technical expertise or resources to ensure such quality consistently, increasing the risk of product failure, returns, or legal disputes.

- **Technical Workforce and Skilled Labor Shortage** - The plastic extrusion and sheet manufacturing process involves precise temperature, speed, and pressure control, requiring trained technicians. Maintenance of high-end machinery, Mold design, and quality testing also depend on experienced personnel. For newer entrants, attracting and retaining such talent without prior industry reputation is challenging—especially in regions outside industrial clusters like Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Tamil Nadu.

9.4 Consolidation Trends

The Indian plastic pipes and sheets industry—traditionally fragmented with a large number of unorganized, regionally confined manufacturers—is undergoing a gradual but notable phase of consolidation. With increasing regulatory oversight, demand for certified quality, and competitive pressure from organized brands, the market is shifting toward structured, integrated, and professionally managed players. Consolidation is not only reshaping supply dynamics but also transforming how players approach scale, efficiency, and channel engagement.

- **Increasing Regulatory Compliance and Quality Expectations** - The tightening of BIS regulations, increased surveillance under environmental mandates (e.g., EPR compliance), and government procurement standards (such as under Jal Jeevan Mission) are creating significant barriers for non-compliant and small-scale manufacturers. As certification and quality tracking become essential, many smaller players find it unviable to continue independently. This is pushing them toward mergers with larger, compliant firms or exiting the market altogether, accelerating sector formalization.
- **Capital-Intensive Technology and Infrastructure Requirements** - Modern manufacturing of plastic pipes and sheets now involves automated extrusion lines, robotic handling, ERP integration, and quality testing labs. These upgrades require significant capital investment. Small and mid-sized firms often struggle to fund such infrastructure independently, making strategic mergers or acquisitions a logical path to modernization. Larger players are actively acquiring regional firms to gain access to installed capacity and upgrade production systems.
- **Channel Consolidation and Pan-India Dealer Expansion** - Institutional buyers, EPC contractors, and large retailers increasingly prefer working with companies that have national reach, consistent product quality, and service reliability. To meet this demand, many mid-sized players are consolidating dealer networks, forging exclusive partnerships, or merging with local brands in underserved regions. This strategy not only strengthens geographic reach but also enables companies to offer better credit terms, faster deliveries, and brand uniformity across markets.
- **Entry of Corporate Houses and Private Equity Players** - Large business groups and private equity (PE) investors are recognizing the sector's long-term potential, especially in segments like infrastructure-grade HDPE pipes, water management solutions, and industrial polymer sheets. Backed by funding, these players are acquiring regional brands, integrating production and distribution, and bringing corporate governance to what was historically a cottage-style sector. This trend is helping to institutionalize the industry and improve investor confidence.
- **Strategic Mergers to Optimize Supply Chain and Input Costs** - Given the industry's dependence on raw materials like HDPE, PVC resin, and masterbatches, scale is critical for

bulk procurement advantages and backward integration. Larger firms that consolidate regional units enjoy better negotiation power, smoother logistics, and more efficient inventory management. These benefits translate into lower working capital needs and improved margins, which are crucial in a price-sensitive market.

9.5 Key Industry Players

The following companies have been selected for the competitive landscape as they are comparable based on their product portfolio, market positioning, and distribution strength.

1. Jain Irrigation Systems

Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, with its Corporate Mission "Leave this world better than you found it" is a diversified entity with turnover more than one billion US dollars. They have a global presence with 33 manufacturing bases spread over four continents. The products are supplied to 126+ countries with able assistance from 11,000+ dealers and distributors worldwide. They have reached to over 10 million farmers.

Jain Irrigation is also the largest manufacturer of plastic pipes in India covering a wide range of pipes and fittings. They annually process over 500,000 MT of various polymers. They extrude pipe/sheet and inject the Molds of PVC, PE, PP & CPVC along with other engineering polymers like Polycarbonate, Polyamide, PBT, ABS etc.

Key products – Micro & Mini Sprinklers, PVC pipes & Fittings, PE Pipes, PP Piping and others.

2. Sangir Plastics Private Limited

Sangir Plastics Private Limited., established in 1982 and headquartered in Mumbai, is a leading Indian manufacturer and exporter of thermoplastic piping systems and polymer sheets. With over four decades of experience, the company specializes in producing HDPE, PP/PPH, and PVDF pipes and fittings, as well as a wide range of sheets such as HDPE, PP, PVC, and ABS. Sangir's products are exported to over 40 different countries on 5 continents. Products are widely used in diverse applications handling a range of fluids, gases, and slurries at temperatures between -40°C to 140°C.

The manufacturing units are spread over 500,000 sq. ft. conveniently located in Vapi, Gujarat & Jaipur, Rajasthan in Western India.

9.6 Company Positioning – Shree TNB Polymers Limited

The company started its journey from inception of its first partnership unit "Noble" Polymers in the year 1995 followed by other partnership unit. "Tirupati" Plastic industries in the year 2000. and partnership unit "Balaji" Polymers commenced the production in 2004.

TNB" has an enterprising team of working directors and a dedicated workforce. It is equipped with well-planned infrastructures as well as modern production facilities and an in-house quality testing laboratory to meet all the required parameters of ISI, ISO, DIN standards.

TNB" Group has catered to the requirements of the industrial sector for various polymer product applications by displaying an unrelenting commitment to the quality and creating a pool of satisfied customers across the globe. Now the team of experts delivers the best value to the customers within deadlines, to ensure efficient service, effective quality, and customer satisfaction along with a reasonable cost. "TNB" promises to deliver energy-efficient and eco-friendly products. The lab also helps conduct various quality tests as per international Standards. This helps them to maintain superior quality and to ensure the trouble-free performance of products. The company follows ISO certification guidelines of 9001:2015 & 14001:2015.

BIS LICENCE

- ISO 4427 (HDPE Pipe)
- IS 13488:2008 (Emitting Pipes)
- IS 12786: 1989 (Laterals Pipes).
- IS 14151 (Part-2): 2008 (Sprinkler QAC Pipes)
- IS 4984:2016 (PE Pipes for Water Supply)
- IS 14333:2022 (HDPE Pipes for Sewerage)

Shree TNB exports products like HDPE pipes, PP sheets, and flute boards to regions including the Middle East, Africa, and Australia under the Make in India initiative. Known for its customized engineering solutions, competitive pricing, and a customer-centric focus, Shree TNB Polymers maintains distribution networks across major metros such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, M.P, U.P. Its product range has gained trust across industrial sectors—such as chemical, desalination, infrastructure, and electroplating—with major corporate clients like Tata Group, Reliance, L&T, Atul Ltd., Aarti Industries, and others backing its quality performance

9.7 Swot Analysis

Strengths	Weakness
❖ Diversified Product Portfolio: Offers HDPE/PP pipes, PP sheets, and flute boards under established brands like <i>Noble</i>, <i>Tirupati</i>, and <i>Wellpack</i>, catering to multiple industries. ❖ Strong Quality Certifications: Holds ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004, and IS/ISO 4427:2007, showcasing adherence to global standards. ❖ Reputed Clientele: Serves industry leaders like Adani, GNFC, Deepak Nitrite, Cadila, and Atul Industries, reflecting trust and reliability. ❖ Positive Employee Culture: Rated 5.0/5 on Ambition Box for skill development, stability, and work-life balance.	❖ High Import Dependency: Significant reliance on imported raw materials, making it vulnerable to currency fluctuations and global supply risks. ❖ Fragmented Supply Chain: Limited vertical integration may affect cost optimization and operational efficiency. ❖ High Import Dependency: Significant reliance on imported raw materials, making it vulnerable to currency fluctuations and global supply risks.

Opportunities	Threats
❖ Rising Domestic Demand: Growth in construction, agriculture, and infrastructure is boosting the need for high-quality plastic piping and sheets. ❖ Sustainability Trends: Increasing demand for recyclable, lightweight, and eco-friendly plastics opens avenues in bio-resins and closed-loop systems. ❖ Backward Integration & Innovation: Investing in in-house compounding and recycled polymer facilities can reduce dependence and enhance margins.	❖ Raw Material Volatility: Global price shifts for resins and polymers may disrupt cost structures. ❖ High Industry Fragmentation: Price undercutting by small, unorganized players in domestic markets may pressure margins. ❖ Regulatory & ESG Pressure: Evolving norms around plastic usage, recycling, and environmental compliance may increase cost of compliance. ❖ Geopolitical Risks: Ongoing tensions involving the United States, Israel and Iran may lead to volatility in crude oil prices, supply chain disruptions, and increased logistics costs, potentially impacting raw material availability and margins.

10.Future Outlook

India's plastic pipes and fittings industry is expected to witness sustained growth over the medium to long term, driven by strong linkages with infrastructure development, agriculture, real estate, and industrial expansion, supported by continued policy impetus. The industry's diversified application base across water supply, sanitation, irrigation, and industrial usage is likely to support rising domestic demand, while increasing global acceptance of Indian products may further enhance export opportunities.

Notwithstanding these positive fundamentals, geopolitical tensions involving the United States, Israel, and Iran may lead to volatility in crude oil prices and potential disruptions in global supply chains. Given the dependence on petrochemical-derived raw materials such as PVC, polyethylene, and polypropylene, such developments may result in fluctuations in input costs and logistical challenges in the near term. However, the overall impact is expected to remain manageable, supported by diversified sourcing, expanding domestic petrochemical capacity, and resilient demand conditions.

Government initiatives focused on infrastructure development and water management are expected to remain key growth enablers. Programs such as Jal Jeevan Mission, AMRUT 2.0, and the Smart Cities Mission are anticipated to drive investments in water supply and sanitation infrastructure, while the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) is likely to support demand through increased adoption of micro-irrigation systems.

Over the long term, increasing urbanisation, rising income levels, and the growing need for efficient water management solutions across both urban and rural areas are expected to underpin demand. Additionally, expansion in real estate construction, higher investments in sanitation and wastewater infrastructure, and increasing preference for branded, quality-certified products are likely to accelerate sector formalisation and support sustained volume growth.

Overall, the industry is well-positioned to achieve long-term growth, underpinned by strong domestic fundamentals and expanding opportunities in global markets.