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India is witnessing fastest growth in economic terms and is poised to become one of the largest economic power by 2050. The estimated growth rate, for India in the next decade is about 8%. This offers immense opportunities to the business enterprises to focus on Indian model of innovation and to evolve strategies to contribute to the growth of India.

The economic expansion in India is expected to impact the manufacturing sector: 50% of the population in India is expected to be less than 28 years, making India the youngest country. The Government of India has laid emphasis on "Make in India" program which is expected to provide employment opportunities to the burgeoning youth population. The growing global competition demands focus on productivity and creativity through technology. The employable work force needs to be aligned to these technology demands.

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