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India Maintains Strong FDI Position Despite Global Decline, Emerging as a Top Choice for Foreign Investors

As per the World Investment Report 2023 released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India continues to solidify its position as a favoured destination for foreign investors.

Despite a global decline in FDI, India maintained its eighth position in terms of FDI inflows. In 2022, FDI flows into India increased by 10 percent to reach \$49 billion, positioning the country as the third largest host for announced greenfield projects and the second largest for international project finance deals.

Furthermore, Outward investment by Indian MNEs fell by 16 per cent to \$15 billion. However, greenfield

project announcements by Indian MNEs more than tripled to \$42 billion.

UNCTAD's analysis indicates that after a sharp decline in 2020 and a strong rebound in 2021, global FDI experienced a 12 percent decrease in 2022, amounting to \$1.3 trillion.

Significantly, developing countries have captured a substantial share of global FDI, reaching an all-time high of over 70 percent. The FDI share of developing countries experienced a notable 4 percent increase, amounting to a remarkable \$916 billion. In the Asian region, a handful of nations, including China (including Hong Kong), Singapore, India, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), emerged as key destinations for FDI inflows, accounting for approximately 80 percent of the total investments in the region.

For details, please refer the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Investment Report 2023 as per link below:

https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/wir2023_en.pdf

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