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an interaction with

***P Chidambaram, Minister of Finance, Government of India
Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and
Chief Ministers of some of the progressive States of India***

Thursday, May 4, 2006, 12: 00 noon – 5:00 pm

Venue: Hall no 5 & 6, Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC)

**Asian Development Bank
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India today is the world's largest and fastest growing free market democracy. In a robust demonstration of nascent strengths, the Indian economy, after growing at 8.5 per cent and 7.5 per cent in the two previous years, is projected to grow at 8.1 per cent during 2005-06. Growth of GDP at constant prices in excess of 8.0 per cent has been achieved by the economy in only five years of recorded history, and two out of these five years are in the last three years. The current growth momentum is not just a gift of the cyclical upturn but reflects the buoyancy unleashed by structural changes in the economy. Currently India's growth is being powered by India's industrial output, which generates a quarter of GDP, and jobs being created in booming technology and back-office services. India's capital markets strongly reflect the growth. More than 100 Indian companies now have a \$1 billion market cap and India's market cap is over \$500 billion. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) pumped in \$10.67 billion in 2005 on top of \$9.2 billion in 2004. India's savings rate (29 per cent) has edged close to the ASEAN average of 30 per cent, and recent media reports claim that another 3-4 per cent increase in the savings rate could easily add one percentage point to the GDP growth on a sustained basis. The emergence of India's consumer class has been no less astonishing. Today, there is general consensus that India has a consuming class of close to 300 million people, a market equal to that of EU.

The makers of dynamic India offer you insights on the change underway in India and what makes India now an even more exciting business partner. **Mr P Chidambaram**, one of the pioneers of reforms in India, articulates the vision for India and more importantly, what it means for you. **Chief Ministers** of the new emergent growth corridors talk to you of the success of Indian states and the way forward. **Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia**, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, addresses the investor concerns on infrastructure and shares the Government's ambitious plans for infrastructure development. And a panel of **foreign and Indian investors** tells you why it makes increasing business sense to be in India and how they are leveraging the India advantage.

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