

ROBUST ECONOMY

GDP growth has averaged
8.1% over the last 3 years
and **9.1%** in the first six months of 2006
GDP growth was **8.9%** in April - June 2006
with **13.2%** growth in services
and **11.3%** in manufacturing

Exports grew **32.4%** and
imports **24%** in April - June 2006

400 million strong middle class driving
consumer market northward with a **5 fold rise**
in **disposable income** over the last decade

Inflation has been kept at manageable levels:
4.56 % in the week ended Sep 16, 2006

Foreign exchange reserves of over
US\$ 166 billion for week ended Sep 22, 2006

Falling trend in **fiscal deficit**:
9.9% of GDP in 2001-02
to **6.5%** in 2006-07

Improvement in External Debt/GDP Ratio:
30% in 1995
to **15%** in 2006

FDI inflows increased **37%**
to touch **US\$ 7.75 billion** in 2005-06

Over **800** registered **FII**s brought
in **US\$ 11 billion** in 2005

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