

# South Asia Tech Pulse: AI, E-commerce Boom, and Green Energy Milestones

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**1. In Pakistan, what was the total equity funding raised by startups in 2025, and how does it compare to 2024?**

- A) \$36.6 million, a 63% increase from 2024**
- B) \$22.5 million, a 10% decrease from 2024
- C) \$58 million, a significant increase from 2024
- D) \$15 million, marking a new low

**2. What is the projected market volume for e-commerce in Bangladesh by 2029?**

- A) US\$15,407.3 million**
- B) US\$5.2 billion
- C) US\$7 billion
- D) US\$10 million

**3. Which renewable energy source powers a significant portion of Sri Lanka's electricity generation, reaching 70% in June 2025?**

- A) Solar and wind power**
- B) Large and mini-hydro power
- C) Biomass energy
- D) Geothermal energy

**4. In India, what is the projected contribution of the digital economy to the GDP by 2029-30?**

- A) Approximately 20%**
- B) Around 11.7%
- C) Less than 5%
- D) Exactly 15%

**5. Which sector dominated funding in Pakistan's startup ecosystem in Q2 2025, attracting \$52 million?**

- A) Fintech**
- B) Healthtech
- C) Edtech
- D) E-commerce

**6. What was a primary reason cited for the failure of 68% of online businesses in Bangladesh between 2023 and 2025?**

**A) Inventory mismanagement**

- B) High marketing costs
- C) Lack of skilled labor
- D) Poor website design

**7. Sri Lanka achieved its 2030 renewable energy target ahead of schedule in certain months of which year?**

**A) 2025**

- B) 2024
- C) 2026
- D) 2030

**8. As of October 2025, what was the estimated share of AI-related job postings in South Asia, and how did demand for AI skills grow compared to non-AI listings?**

**A) 6.5% of all listings, with demand growing 75% faster**

- B) 2.9% of all listings, with demand growing 20% faster
- C) 10% of all listings, with demand growing 100% faster
- D) 5% of all listings, with demand growing 50% faster

**9. What is the projected size of India's e-commerce market by 2030?**

**A) US\$350 billion**

- B) US\$222.5 billion
- C) US\$107.7 billion
- D) US\$500 million

**10. In Pakistan, which sector, besides fintech, emerged as the second most attractive for startup funding?**

**A) Health-tech**

- B) Edtech
- C) Agri-tech
- D) E-commerce

**11. According to the Bangladesh E-Commerce Association (BECA), what was the estimated size of Bangladesh's e-commerce market in 2025?**

**A) \$5.2 billion**

- B) \$7 billion
- C) \$3 billion
- D) \$1 billion

**12. What is Sri Lanka's long-term goal for carbon neutrality?**

**A) By 2050**

B) By 2030

C) By 2040

D) By 2060

**13. India's digital economy exhibited a growth rate of what percentage between 2014 and 2019, and how many times faster was this than the overall Indian economy?**

**A) 15.6%, 2.4 times faster**

B) 10%, 1.5 times faster

C) 20%, 3 times faster

D) 8%, 2 times faster

**14. What is a significant challenge for Pakistani startups in accessing growth-stage funding, potentially hindering the emergence of unicorns?**

**A) Limited domestic investment in later stages**

B) Lack of international investor interest

C) Over-reliance on seed funding

D) Insufficient government support

**15. In Bangladesh's e-commerce context, what payment method remains popular despite the rise of digital financial services?**

**A) Cash-on-delivery**

B) Credit cards

C) Mobile financial services

D) International credit cards

**16. What is the primary focus of Sri Lanka's Renewable Energy Resource Development Plan 2021-2026?**

**A) Implementation of large-scale renewable energy projects**

B) Development of small-scale hydropower

C) Research into geothermal energy

D) Interconnection with neighboring countries

**17. What initiative is India pursuing to open new avenues for research, manufacturing, and innovation-led growth in the semiconductor industry?**

**A) India Semiconductor Mission**

B) Digital India Programme

C) Startup India

D) Make in India

**18. What is the projected capacity of offshore wind power in Sri Lanka?**

A) 4,000 MW

B) 150 MW

C) 6,700 MW

**D) 56 GW**