

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