





S&P GLOBAL RATINGS UPGRADES INDIA TO 'BBB' WITH STABLE OUTLOOK

- S&P Global Ratings has upgraded India's long-term sovereign credit rating to 'BBB' from 'BBB-'
- The sovereign rating upgrade by S&P is significant for two key reasons. One, it
 came after a gap of nearly two decades; and two, it has meaningful
 implications for the Indian economy.
- The short-term rating has also been raised to 'A-2' from 'A-3'.
- The agency said India's prioritisation of fiscal consolidation, along with its strong infrastructure investment push, reflects a clear political commitment to sustainable public finances.
- It expects strong economic fundamentals to continue driving growth over the next two to three years, supported by more effective monetary policy in anchoring inflation expectations.
- The stable outlook assumes continued policy stability and high infrastructure investment, coupled with cautious fiscal and monetary measures aimed at easing India's elevated debt and interest burden.
- S&P noted that India's buoyant growth and improved monetary policy framework have strengthened its credit metrics. Real GDP growth averaged
 8.8% between FY2022 and FY2024, the fastest in the Asia-Pacific and is projected to average 6.8% annually over the next three years.