

countries. The 2004 levels indicate less than 3 per cent of total American investment in India, despite the fact that India is considered the top retail destination in the latest A T Keamey's 2005 Global Retail Development Index (GRDI)<sup>18</sup>. However, this trend is likely to change with growing interest in India steadily translating into a better percentage of FDI when compared to the approval to investments ratio of 14.87 per cent in 1991 to 24.52 per cent in 2004.<sup>19</sup> (See Table 8)

(k) The advantage in terms of manpower surplus in the working age group and more specifically of an English speaking, technically qualified workforce will not only spearhead India's services sector but also its manufacturing, outsourcing and offshore trade. They also have the potential to fill in these slots in the international market.

(l) India's emergence as a knowledge power is in US interest as it is India, which has the socio-economic capability and geo-strategic congruence to assist the United States to remain ahead of China in its quest to remain the pre-eminent power in the world.

The threat of containment for both India and the United States is emerging as one of the most important concerns. However, it needs to be noted and emphasised that this threat is as much if not more from "economic containment" as it is from "strategic containment". The threat of this form of containment will not be through weapons and conventional armies but from adoption of the rules of globalisation, knowledge, infrastructure development, free trade area treaties and armies of economic warriors.

## References

1. Dominic Wilson and Roopa Purushothaman, *Goldman Sachs Global Economics Paper No. 99*, 1 October 2003.
2. "Underpowering", *The Economic Times*, 24 September 2005.
3. Ibid.
4. See *BRIC Layers*, Issue No: 05/03, 1 March 2005 at <https://portal.gs.com>.

- 5 *Times of India*, 12 July 2005.
- 6 Ibid.
7. Ashley J. Tellis, *India as a New Global Power: An Action Agenda for the United States*, (Washington D.C. : Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2005).
8. Indian Embassy, Washington. (<http://www.indianembassy.org/Economy/economy.htm>)
9. "The Next Big Wave", *The Economist*, 17 December 2005, p 53.
10. Ibid, p 54.
11. Indian Embassy, n. 8.
12. *Times of India*, 16 July 2005.
13. A T Kearney; *2005 Global Retailers Development Index (GRDI)* quoted in CNN Money, Saturday, 9 July 2005.
14. Ibid.
15. Thomas L. Friedman, *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Globalized World in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (London : Allen Lane, 2005), p 137.
- 16 Ibid, *China Business Weekly*, 29 November 2004, pp. 137-138.
17. *Times of India*, 16 July 2005.
18. A.T. Kearney, n. 13.
- 19 Indian Embassy, Washington, n. 8.

## ADDRESS UPDATE

**ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO INTIMATE  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS ON OCCURENCE,  
INCLUDING TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL**