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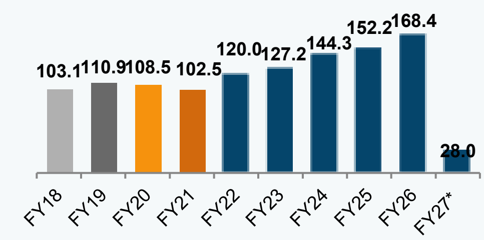
INDIA BRAND EQUITY FOUNDATION

May 2026

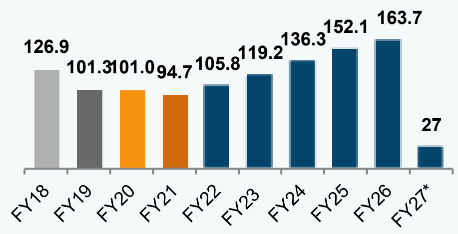
STEEL

MARKET SIZE

Total Crude Steel Production (million tonnes)

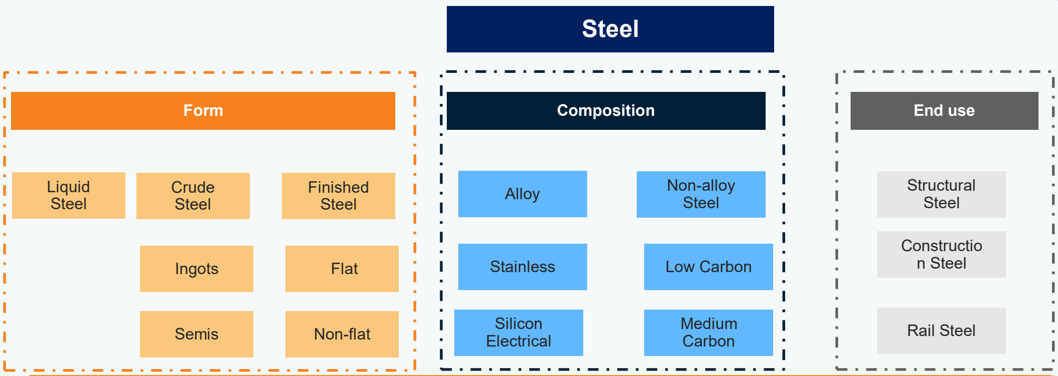


Consumption of finished steel (million tonnes)



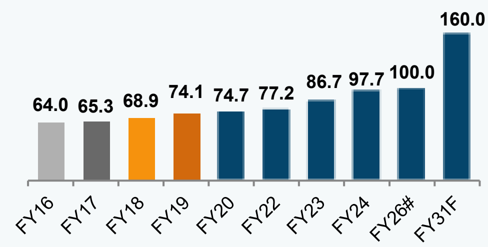
Note: *- Until May 2026

SECTOR COMPOSITION

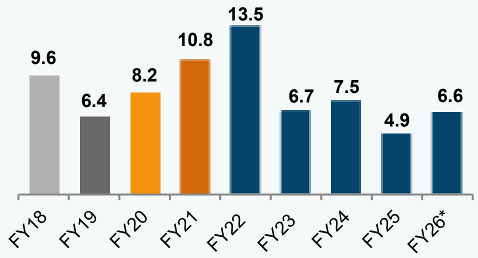


KEY TRENDS

Per-capita Consumption of Steel (in Kgs)



Finished Steel Export (million tonnes)



Note: F - Forecasted, * -Provisional, # Till May 2026

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- Steel Research and Technology Mission of India (SRTMI)
- Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme
- National Steel Policy 2017

ADVANTAGE INDIA

- **Robust demand:** In FY26, finished steel production stood at 160.90 MT, While finished steel consumption reached 163.7 MT, reflecting a 7.6% increase in domestic consumption.
- **Competitive advantage:** As of April 2025, India has huge iron ore reserves and can produce 700 MT per year and has the potential to be the second largest producer of iron ore globally. Easy availability of low-cost manpower and presence of abundant iron ore reserves make India competitive in the global set up. India is home to fifth-highest reserves of iron ore in the world.
- **Policy support:** In February 2026, the Government of India signed MoUs with 55 companies for 85 projects under the PLI Scheme 1.2 for specialty steel, with a committed investment of Rs. 11,887 crore (US$ 1.34 billion). The projects are expected to create downstream steel capacity of 8.70 million tonnes, strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities.
- **Increasing investments:** According to KPMG India, on May 8, 2026, India's steel sector crossed 200 MTPA capacity and is progressing towards the 300 MTPA target by 2030, with strong investment momentum driving large-scale expansion.