

Introducing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Data in GeoCreDe

While the word discusses economic recovery at WEF, back home the importance of concerted efforts to boost investments cannot be overemphasised. The efforts are needed both by central and the state governments. The Atmanirbhar Bharat programme supported by policy measures such as Production-linked Incentive scheme announced for 14 key sectors (with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crores) is one example which as shown positive results in the last year.

However, as Akara team has highlighted in different posts, it is important to understand and act with a focus on regional economic activities is the need of the hour. Akara's GeoCreDe (<https://www.geocrede.com>) database brings data at the district and town level economic performance including the banking credit at district level based on RBI data releases. Given that the data is provided with GIS based visuals, policymakers, researchers, and market professionals can make data-driven understanding and decisions in their respective domains.

The latest data point that Akara team has added in GeoCreDe is the data on **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** at the district level. India has, for quite a few years, been a leading destination of FDI. The argument has been that FDI's impact is at best trickle down in nature. But the recent trends in FDI as we visualise the district level data, is quite telling and we could expect a dispersed positive impact across the country's landscape.

Presented below is a map of FDI in various districts of India. It is important to note that there is a considerable spread across the country which Researchers at Akara able to track and present.

Image: Total Credit Outstanding as on Q3 2021-22 and FDI Equity Inflows for the year 2021-22

