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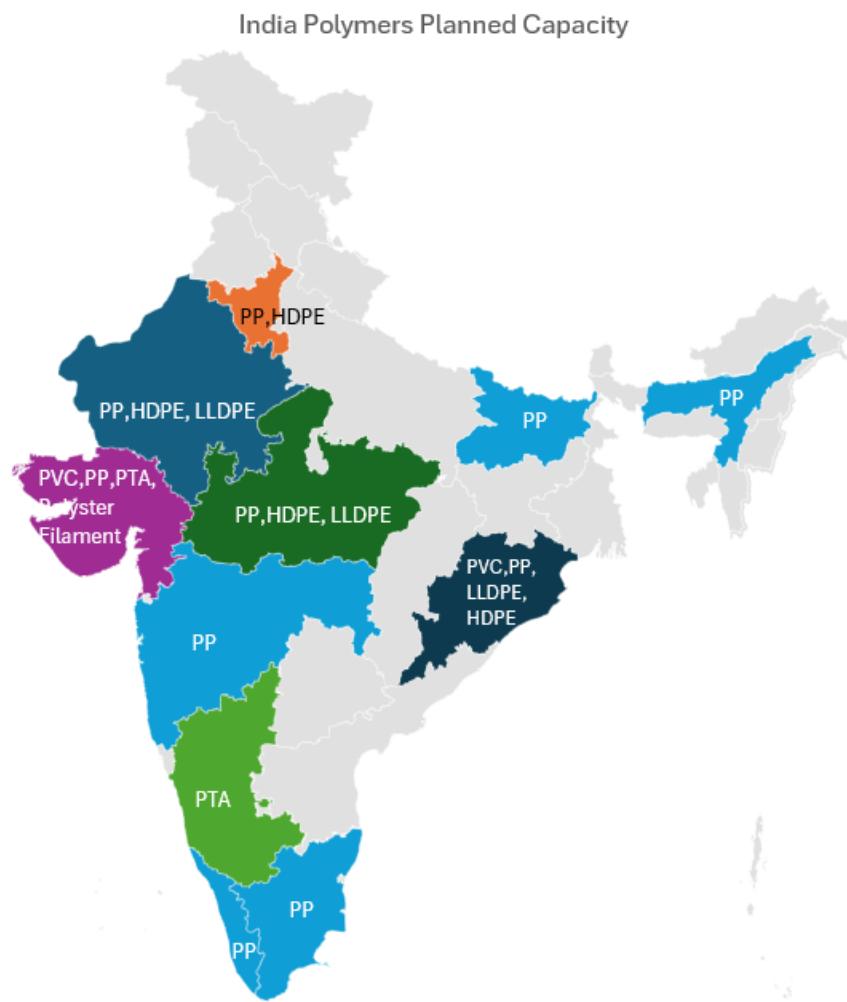
India's Polymer Boom: Capacity Expansion & Rising Demand Set to Reshape Market by 2030

India is poised for a significant expansion in polymer capacity, supported by robust export growth and steadily rising domestic demand. Polymer consumption is expected to increase through 2026-30, driven by key end-use sectors such as packaging, infrastructure, consumer durables (white goods), automotive, healthcare, toys, and others.

Despite this growth, India continues to depend on imports for nearly half of its polymer requirements, spurring more than \$5 million in planned investments throughout 2026-30. Over this period, total planned polymer capacity additions are estimated at around 20.2 million tonnes, covering major products including PP, LLDPE, LDPE, HDPE, and related grades.

Supportive policy measures such as Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIRs), Plastic Parks, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) frameworks, and incentives for sustainable and green materials are accelerating circularity and enhancing the long-term viability of these investments. By 2030, India is expected to witness a meaningful rise in exports of polymers, fibres, and key intermediates, reinforcing its position in the global petrochemicals market.

See the map below displaying India polymers planned capacity 2026-30:





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