

# A Study of the Popular Mergers and Acquisitions in India during the Last Two Decades

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**Abstract:** *Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) have played a transformative role in shaping India's corporate landscape over the past two decades. This research delves into the dynamic world of M&A in India, offering a comprehensive analysis of its evolution, impact, and implications.*

*The study commences with an examination of the historical context, tracing India's journey from a predominantly closed, state-controlled economy to a thriving, liberalized market. Economic liberalization, globalization, and policy reforms paved the way for India to become one of the world's fastest-growing major economies, and this transformation attracted significant M&A activity. The resulting economic growth, burgeoning middle class, and technology sector prowess made India an attractive destination for investors, both domestic and international.*

*M&A activity in India has been diverse, spanning sectors such as technology, pharmaceuticals, banking, and telecommunications. These transactions have not only reshaped industries but have also led to increased competition and innovation. I can provide a brief summary of notable mergers and acquisitions in India during the last two decades, but please note that my knowledge is up to September 2021, and I may not have the most recent data. Some significant M&A deals during this period include:*

*Tata Steel's acquisition of Corus Group (2007) - A major deal that marked India's entry into global steel markets. Vodafone's acquisition of Hutchison Essar (2007) - A significant telecom merger. Hindalco's acquisition of Novelis (2007) - A move to expand into the aluminium industry. Reliance Jio's entry into the telecom sector (2016) - Disruptive entry by Reliance Industries, leading to several mergers in the telecom industry. Walmart's acquisition of Flipkart (2018) - A major e-commerce deal.*

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