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Abstracts

The India ALD Precursors market is forecast to grow at a CAGR of 11.4%, reaching USD 66.3 million in 2031 from USD 38.7 million in 2026.

India's ALD precursors market is at an early but rapidly accelerating stage of development, driven by the country's transformative industrial policy agenda, which is simultaneously building semiconductor manufacturing capacity, scaling renewable energy deployment, and electrifying the automotive sector at a pace that is generating structurally new and growing demand for advanced deposition materials. The National Semiconductor Mission, the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, and the PLI Scheme for Semiconductors collectively represent the most ambitious government-led industrial capability-building programme in India's history, and their combined effect is to create a domestic demand base for ALD precursors that did not exist at meaningful scale a decade ago. India's position as one of the world's largest solar energy markets, combined with its rapidly growing EV sector and expanding electronics manufacturing base, provides a multi-sector demand foundation that underpins the market's strong growth trajectory through 2031.

Market Drivers

Semiconductor industry expansion is the most strategically significant and highest-growth demand driver for ALD precursors in India. The National Semiconductor Mission, administered by MeitY, is actively incentivising the establishment of domestic semiconductor fabrication and ATMP (assembly, testing, marking, and packaging) capacity, with approved projects from Tata Electronics, CG Power (in partnership with Renesas), and others advancing toward production. As India's semiconductor manufacturing capability matures and moves toward advanced node production, the

requirement for ALD technology in high-k dielectric gate stack formation, barrier layer deposition, and metal interconnect processing will grow in direct proportion. SemIndia and other domestic semiconductor manufacturers are investing in ALD-capable equipment, creating a nascent but growing domestic precursor consumption base that is expected to expand significantly as fab capacity comes online through the forecast period.

India's solar energy sector provides a second major and near-term demand driver. The National Solar Mission and India's target of 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 are sustaining one of the world's largest and most active solar manufacturing and deployment programmes. ALD's role in depositing precision thin films that improve photovoltaic cell efficiency and durability — including passivation layers, anti-reflection coatings, and barrier films — links India's renewable energy ambition directly to ALD precursor demand. As domestic solar cell and module manufacturing scales under the PLI scheme for solar PV, the domestic requirement for ALD precursors in this application will grow alongside production capacity.

The electrification of India's automotive sector constitutes the third major demand driver. Government incentives under the FAME II scheme and the PLI Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell Batteries are accelerating both EV adoption and domestic battery cell manufacturing, with ALD playing a critical role in improving lithium-ion battery electrode stability, energy density, and safety through precision thin-film coating of anode and cathode materials. The Department of Heavy Industry's promotion of EV and automotive PLI schemes is directly supporting the demand for ALD precursors in energy storage manufacturing. Technological advancement in PE-ALD and Roll-to-Roll ALD, enabling lower-temperature and high-throughput deposition respectively, is expanding the applicability of ALD across India's solar, flexible electronics, and battery manufacturing sectors, further broadening the precursor demand base.

Market Restraints

Import dependency for critical raw materials and finished precursor chemicals is the most significant structural constraint on India's ALD precursor market. High-purity metal-organic compounds, halide-based chemicals, and the specialty metals — hafnium, titanium, aluminium, zirconium — from which they are derived are sourced almost entirely from international suppliers in North America, Europe, China, and Japan. This import reliance creates exposure to global commodity price cycles, trade disruptions, logistical delays, and the stringent quality control challenges associated with transporting chemically sensitive, high-purity materials across long supply chains. For a

market whose end-user industries — semiconductors, solar, and EVs — demand the highest purity standards, any degradation in precursor quality arising from supply chain handling is a critical operational risk.

Pricing volatility in key precursor input materials, particularly hafnium and titanium, creates cost uncertainty for manufacturers and downstream users. Rising global demand for these materials from the semiconductor, aerospace, and energy sectors, combined with geographically concentrated extraction, drives price cycles that directly affect the economics of ALD precursor production and procurement in India. The absence of substantial domestic high-purity chemical manufacturing capability means that supply chain improvements depend primarily on supplier diversification and inventory management rather than upstream integration, limiting the pace at which India can achieve meaningful self-sufficiency in precursor supply.

Technology and Segment Insights

By application, high-k dielectric deposition is the dominant and most rapidly growing segment, anchored by India's semiconductor manufacturing ambitions and the central role of hafnium oxide and related compounds in advanced transistor gate stack fabrication. Barrier layer and surface passivation applications are important secondary segments in both semiconductor and solar manufacturing contexts. Antireflective coatings and moisture barrier and encapsulation applications address solar PV and flexible electronics end-users. Catalysts and nanocoatings represent an emerging segment aligned with India's advanced materials research capabilities.

By technology, Plasma-Enhanced ALD and Thermal ALD are the dominant process variants, with PE-ALD particularly relevant for battery and flexible electronics applications where substrate thermal sensitivity is a constraint. Roll-to-Roll ALD is gaining traction in solar cell manufacturing as Indian PV producers seek higher-throughput deposition solutions. By end-user, electronics and semiconductors is the largest and most strategically prominent segment, followed by solar energy, automotive and EV, energy storage, and telecommunications. Healthcare, aerospace and defence, and other specialised industrial applications represent smaller but growing segments as India's broader advanced manufacturing base develops.

Competitive and Strategic Outlook

The competitive landscape is currently dominated by the Indian operations and distribution networks of global specialty chemicals and industrial gas leaders. Merck

KGaA is actively expanding its production and supply capabilities in India to serve the growing semiconductor and renewable energy sectors, leveraging its global precursor portfolio and application engineering expertise. Linde plc supplies high-purity gases and ALD precursor chemicals to electronics and energy storage manufacturers across India. Air Liquide and Entegris Inc. provide specialised precursor chemistries aligned with specific deposition technology and end-user requirements. Aditya Birla Chemicals is the most prominent domestic chemical company in the competitive landscape, representing India's nascent ambition to develop indigenous ALD precursor production capability and reduce long-term import dependency.

The Indian government's push for domestic manufacturing under the Atmanirbhar Bharat framework is creating policy incentives for both international companies to establish local production and for domestic chemical manufacturers to invest in high-purity specialty chemical capabilities. As India's semiconductor and solar manufacturing base scales through the forecast period, the commercial case for local precursor production will strengthen, potentially reshaping the competitive landscape in the latter part of the forecast window.

Conclusion

India's ALD precursors market is positioned for strong and broad-based growth through 2031, powered by the country's simultaneous transformation across semiconductor manufacturing, renewable energy, and automotive electrification — each of which independently constitutes a significant and growing source of ALD precursor demand. Building domestic manufacturing capability, reducing raw material import dependency, and developing the supply chain infrastructure to support India's emerging semiconductor fabs will be the critical strategic priorities for market participants seeking to capitalise on one of Asia's most dynamic advanced materials demand environments.

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