

## **ABSTRACT**

Using the National Level data from India, this paper examines the size of the hidden economy in India. Our analysis has shown an increasing trend of the size of the hidden economy over the years, varying from 16.4% (1981-82) to about 54.8% (2010-11). Given that India has enjoyed democracy for more than sixty years, it is interesting to compare the size of her hidden economy. Our paper also demonstrates the importance of mass media, political and institutional factors and government actions in order to curb the size of the hidden economy.