



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 India's economy likely to grow 8% next fiscal: Fitch

The country's economy is likely to clock growth of 8 per cent in the next financial year and 8.3 per cent in 2016-17, says a report. "India is the only BRIC country where growth will accelerate to 8 per cent in FY16 and 8.3 per cent in FY17, based on revised data series," Fitch said in its report on Global Economic Outlook.

1 India will grow at 7.8% in FY16 & 8.2% in FY17, surpass China, says ADB

Indian economy will grow 7.8% in FY16 to lead Asia's growth as China slows down, before accelerating further to 8.2% in FY17, said Asian Development Bank on Tuesday.

Inflation/Recession

2 Inflation down, but the two indices tell different stories

Sharmilla Dar, a government schoolteacher in east Delhi, is irritated about a sudden surge in vegetable prices in the last week after they had cooled considerably since a year ago. "Why can't the government keep things affordable?" she asks.

Public Finance And Duties

2 CM: Maha Budget Will Boost Rural Infrastructure

Describing the maiden budget of the new NJP-led government in Maharashtra as "daring", Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said it will boost rural infrastructure in the state.

INDUSTRY

Infrastructure Projects Financing

3 FM promises to step up public funding to boost infrastructure

Concerned over slow growth of manufacturing sector, finance minister Arun Jaitley on Wednesday promised to step up public spending on Infrastructure, ease entry barriers for overseas investors and push Goods and Services Tax (GST) to boost economic expansion.

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Growth/Marketing/Demand/Takeover

4 Revival in economy will boost cement demand: ACC

ACC expects a modest recovery in the economy this year to have a positive impact on infrastructure, housing and construction sectors, thus increasing the demand for cement.



Housing & Building Construction

4 Affordable housing a long way off

'Affordable housing' aims at making sue of residential real estate in urban areas at cheaper rates, to bring it within reach of those in lower and limited income range.

ENERGY, FUEL & POWER

Coal

5 CIL's production target for FY16 to be fixed at 550 MT

The government is likely to set production target of 550 million tonne (MT) for Coal India for next financial year even as it is likely to miss the goal for the current fiscal.

5 Acche din for mining sector

Those despairing of the legislative logjam in recent months have reason to rejoice. While the land Bill continues to be stuck, the government has got three key pieces of legislation through – on insurance, coal mining as well as one for other minerals.

TRANSPORT

Highways/Roads/Bridges

6 ADB lends India \$300 million to improve road connectivity

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will lend \$300 million to India for improving regional road connectivity. India on Thursday signed an agreement with ADB for developing 500 km of roads under this programme, along the north Bengal-north eastern region (NER) the government said in a statement.

7 MSRDC will take up projects in other states

The Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation Ltd (MSRDC) is all set to build flyovers and roads in other states in the country, and even outside India.

Inland Waterways & Irrigation Canals

8 Bill on converting 101 rivers to inland waterways soon

Union Minister for Shipping, Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has expressed hope that the government's ambitious target to convert 101 rivers across the nation into waterways would get a parliamentary nod during the current Budget session of Parliament.

8 Govt to Bring 101 Waterways under National Network

Clearing the decks for port development and water transport, the Cabinet on Wednesday approved inclusion of 101 inland waterways to the national waterways network and gave in-principle nod to the Sagarmala project.



9 Legislation for more national waterways approved

The Union Cabinet, on Wednesday, approved enactment of a Central legislation for declaring 101 additional inland waterways as National Waterways (NW) for navigation. This is aimed at creating a logistic supply chain with intermodal - rail, road and waterways - connectivity. At present, the country has just five National Waterways.

9 Gadkari Gets Cracking on Nat'l Waterways Plan

The government will seek Parliament's approval to declare 101 rivers as part of the national waterways network in the ongoing Budget session, following the Cabinet nod to the proposal on Wednesday.

LABOUR

General

10 Labour ministry won't scrap medical colleges

Eight months after it dismissed the running of medical colleges under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) as a "huge mistake"; the labour ministry has decided not to pull the plug on them.

MISCELLANEOUS

11 India overtakes US to be third biggest steel producer

India has overtaken the US to become the third-largest steel producer in the world with a production of 1456 million tonnes (mt) in first two months of the year.

11 FinMin yet to approve allocation for foreign trade policy

The Finance Ministry is yet to approve allocation for foreign trade policy (FTP) for the coming fiscal even as exporters, battling a global demand crunch, are pitching for a timely announcement.

12 'Urban homes bigger polluters than industry'

**Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads
(CC1– CC10)**

13 Tenders – Housing (T11 – T13)

14 Tenders – Canal Lining (T14 – T18)
