



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 Industrial tax collections up 39.1%

The Centres indirect tax collections grew 39.1 per cent, the fastest pace in three months, in July on robust pickup in excise duty mop-up, data released by the ministry of finance showed on Tuesday.

1 India Inc's confidence in Modi govt waning: NCAER

India Inc's confidence of the Narendra Modi government might be waning, according to a survey by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). The 93rd round of the survey, conducted in June 2015, also showed companies as being less optimistic about their business.

2 India to see stable growth: OECD

India is expected to witness "stable growth momentum" while mixed trends are anticipated in other major developing and developed countries, Paris-based think tank OECD said today.

Inflation/Recession

3 CPI at record low of 3.78% in July; June IIP rises 3.8%

Retail inflation un-expectedly hit a record low of 3.78% in July as food inflation plunged, while industrial production rose 3.8% in June against 2.5% in the previous month, presenting a feel-good factor for policy makers.

Public Finance Taxes And Duties

3 Foreign investor interest exists but not as much as a year ago: Cyril Shroff

A top mergers & acquisitions lawyer said that while foreign investors in India are not as optimistic as a year ago, there are still evaluating opportunities in varied sectors such as infrastructure, manufacturing, defence, healthcare and the renewable energy space.

4 Govts must stick to fiscal discipline, says Jaitley

Finance minister Arun Jaitley on Sunday underlined the need for fiscal consolidation, saying the failure in efficient expenditure management on part of governments could lead to Greece-like situations.

5 Govt scraps LBT for petrol, diesel dealers in state, prices to drop

The state government has decided to exempt petrol and diesel dealers from the local body tax (LBT). This means petrol and diesel prices will drop by Rs.1.50 to Rs.3.50 a litre in 25 municipal corporations. But the exemption will not make any difference for Mumbai residents.



INDUSTRY

Industrial Growth & Production

5 CII welcomes States' convergence on development

States are fast converging on the theme of development and are looking to compete with each other, Rajshree Pathy, Chairperson, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Southern Region, said here.

6 CII-Ascon Survey sights green shoots in economy

The economy is showing signs of a turnaround, albeit moderately, on the back of continued policy actions, implementation and enhanced business and consumer confidence, says a CII Ascon survey that tracks the growth of industrial and services sectors.

6 Industrial output grows 3.8% in June, most in four months

Industrial production in June rose 3.8 percent over a year ago – the highest rate in four months – mainly pushed by the manufacturing sector. A recovery in the mining and electricity sectors, though, remained elusive, showed official data released on Wednesday (12.08.2015).

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Growth/Marketing/Demand/Takeover

8 Dalmia Cement ventures into Maharashtra

Dalmia Bharat Cement launched its superior grade cement in the Maharashtra, market. The company has commenced operations at its Greenfield cement plant in Belgaum, Karnataka. Spread over 380 acre, with a total capacity of 2.5 mtpa, the over Rs.1,300 crore plant will cater to the needs of the customers in Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Financing/Public Issues/Shares

8 India Cements Q1 net at `40 cr

India Cements Ltd, on Wednesday (12.08.2015) reported a better-than-expected net profit for the quarter ended 30 June, helped by higher cement prices. The Chennai-based cement maker made a net profit of `40 crore in the three months, compared with a net loss of `3 crore a year earlier.

9 Housing & Building Construction

Fadnavis paves the way for policy to encourage more smart cities in state

Aiming at developing multiple smart cities in the state, the chief minister on Thursday (13.08.2015) approved the proposal to review the special township policy. The state government will make changes to the policy so that it is more attuned to the Smart City concept of the Centre, which got Devendra Fadnavis go



ahead in a meeting of the urban development department.

ENERGY/FUEL/POWER

9 Coal

US 2015 coal production at lowest level since 1987: EIA

10 US coal production is expected to total an estimated 921.5 million st in 2015, down 7.5% from 2014 and the lowest total since 1987, a coal analyst for the Energy Information Administration said Tuesday.

Govt okays 10% CIL disinvestment, may rake in `24,000 cr

11 The government on Wednesday (12.08.2015) cleared a 10% stake sale in Coal India Ltd through a public offering, which is likely to fetch the exchequer `24,000 crore. A 10% stake sale in Coal India, which currently has a market capitalization of `2.34 lakh crore, will likely fetch the government at least a third its disinvestment target of `68,000 crore for 2015-16.

Jaypee Cement wins Majra mine in Maharashtra

11 The last block of the third round of coal mine auction went to Jaypee Cement, a subsidiary of Jaypee Associates. Jaypee Cement won the Majra mine in Maharashtra for `1,230 per tonne. The extractable reserves of the mine are 14.92 tonne and the floor price at which bidding started was `800 per tonne.

Power Projects/Generation/Distribution/Tariff

Centre invites smart-grid project proposals

12 As part of the National Smart Grid Mission roll out, the Centre has invited all State governments to submit proposals for at least two projects each. The proposals should include nominations for smart cities.

TRANSPORT

Railways

Railways Ministry signs four MoUs to save power, improve efficiency

12 Four memoranda of understanding (MoUs) were signed between the Ministries of Railways, Power and New & Renewable Energy for energy conservation, transmission and to pus~ of solar energy, here on Wednesday.

Highways/Roads/Bridges

Investor-friendly Contracts Likely for 8 Expressways

The government is set to pack new contracts to build expressways with investor-friendly clauses as it seeks to bring private sector interest back to a sector that can set the path for economic recovery. Authorities are working on a model concession agreement under World Bank assistance for eight



expressway projects that the government plans to award, a senior transport ministry official said.

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Inland Waterways & Irrigation Canals

Major lacunae in minor irrigation work: CAG

Idle investment on incomplete works, delays due to land disputes, violation of established quality controls, time and cost overruns, shortfall in creation of irrigation potential and under-utilization of created irrigation potential.

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Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads (CC1– CC14)

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Tenders – Housing (T15 – T18)

F1

Tenders – Canal Lining (T19)

Financial Results (F1 – F16)
