



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 **Scrapping Plan panel has been harmful: Manmohan**

Abolishing the Planning Commission has been "harmful for the country" and the government's economic policy is directionless as a result of that move, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Thursday.

1 **Falling investments hurting economy: Rajan**

RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan said India is being hampered by a drop in public and private investments, but held out hope that strong foreign capital flows will help rectify this weakness. Weak capital investment has been a hurdle in India's quest to realise its growth potential and with factories running 30 per cent below capacity, private companies are in no rush to invest in new projects.

1 **Economy poised to grow faster than 7.5%: PM**

Development in India was "gathering speed now" amid the global slowdown and the country was growing at 7.5% with faster growth expected in the coming years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday (22.11.2015).

2 **DIPP Secretary-Govt plans to put 98% sectors for foreign investment under automatic route**

India's growth story has just been, with the country heading in the right direction and a long period of growth seen ahead, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) secretary Amitabh Kant said on Tuesday.

3 **'Failure on Reforms Front may Hamper Investments'**

International rating agency Moody's Investors Service has said potential headwinds loom over Indian companies from a loss of reform momentum and cautioned that failure to implement reforms could hamper investment amid weak global growth.

4 **GDP Growth Seen at 7.3% for July-September: DBS**

India is likely to clock a GDP growth rate of 7.3% for the July-September quarter, DBS said in a research report, adding that the underlying trend in the country is "firming up".

4 **'Corridor development projects will help boost investment into the country'**

Corridor development projects are necessary to create the right eco-system to boost investment in the country, said Atul Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.



INDUSTRY

Industrial Growth & Production

5 Construction equipment industry bets big on Make in India campaign

With 'Make in India' promotion gaining grounds, Indian construction equipment industry is expected to grow to \$5 billion by 2019-20.

5 Too many emission curbs to hit India's competitive power, says Goyal

Ahead of Paris climate talks at the end of this month, Power Minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday said too many restrictions on carbon emission will curb India's competitive strength.

6 States to face greater scrutiny in business reform ranking next year

State governments are set to face greater competition and scrutiny in next year's ease of doing business ranking by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP).

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Growth/Marketing/Demand/takeover

7 Cement prices hiked steeply in AP, Telangana

Cement is dearer by ₹70 a bag in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The prices have been increased in the last couple of weeks despite there being no significant pickup in demand.

New Projects/Expansion/Diversification

8 JSW Cement among bidders for RInfra assets

JSW Cement Ltd and J.K. Lakshmi Cement Ltd are among seven bidders shortlisted for Reliance Infrastructure Ltd's 5.5 million tonne cement assets, an official directly involved in the deal said.

9 ACC plans to set up cement brick units

In a bid to retain its retail rural market share and enhance focus on value-added products, ACC plans to open a series of cement brick-making units in partnership with dealers and social organisations.

Housing & Building Construction

10 Maharashtra to set up housing regulator soon

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has said the Housing Regulatory Authority would be established within a month. The housing regulator will be a quasi-judicial body and delegated with the powers to safeguard the interests of home buyers and resolve disputes relating to the housing sector.



10 Short-listed cities to submit their smart city plans by December 15

The 98 identified mission cities will submit their smart city plans by December 15 for evaluation on credibility, feasibility and citizen engagement, in the second stage of the City Challenge Competition.

11 Smart city: Navi Mumbai civic body plans to raise ₹8,500 cr

The Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) is considering raising ₹8,500 crore funds for the smart city initiative from Municipal bonds and multilateral funding agencies. Commissioner of NMMC, Dinesh Waghmare told *Business Line* that a number of infrastructure projects would be undertaken under the initiative for, which innovative funding strategies have to be devised.

ENERGY, FUEL & POWER

Power Projects, Generation, Distribution & Tariff

11 Dabhol project to resume generation today

Ratnagiri Gas & Power Pvt Ltd (RGPPL), better known in its earlier and controversial name of Dabhol Power Company, is to restart generation from Saturday. It had earlier missed the deadlines of November 19 and 18 for doing so, due to procedural and other issues. RGPPL's board of directors on September 30 had approved de-merger of the company, into one entity for power generation and the other for running a liquefied natural gas terminal.

12 AP set to improve power supply with World Bank loan

Backed by the recently-approved ₹3200-crore World Bank financial assistance, Andhra Pradesh plans to set up dedicated high tension power network to provide 24x7 power supply to industries.

12 Investments Can Renew interest in India's Green Energy: Report

Indian renewable energy presents a profitable growth opportunity for investors even as tariffs are declining, according to a report prepared by consultancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers and renewable energy producer Mytrah Energy.

TRANSPORT

Highways/Roads/Bridges

13 More roads, more markets

Several rural roads are in for a welcome makeover, thanks to the \$273 million loan signed between Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the government recently. And that means benefits for both consumers and traders.

13 2019 new deadline for completion of PMGSY schemes

The government on Tuesday (24.11.2015) reduced the deadline of rural connectivity through all-weather roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana by three years, from 2022 to 2019, and increased annual allocation to states by Rs.5000 crore.



14 Using Waste Plastic for Road Construction Mandatory Now

The government has made it mandatory for road developers to use waste plastic along with bituminous mixes for road construction to overcome the growing problem of disposal of plastic waste in India's urban centres.

14 In 4 months, projects for 272 cities cleared under AMRUT

Four months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), an inter-ministerial apex committee has cleared projects for more than half of the 500 cities identified for the mission. The total investments in these cities will amount to Rs.11,654 crore.

15 Walayar-Vallarpadam NH stretch to be deemed freight corridor

In a major boost to Vallarpadam terminal, the Kerala government has proposed trade-friendly measures at the Walayar check post. A meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary has decided to treat the NH stretch from Walayar to Vallarpadam ICTT as a deemed freight corridor.

LABOUR

General

16 Unions Reject Report, Say Actual Raise is 16%

Trade unions, including RSS-affiliate Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, have slammed the Seventh Pay Commission report, saying the rise in minimum wages does not match inflation over the last 10 years and that the real overall increase in pay was much less than what was proposed.

16 Govt to Study Pay Panel Report in Right Perspective: Minister of State in PMO

The government will be studying the Seventh Central Pay Commission report in “the right perspective”. “There are certain procedures which are followed after submission of report.

**Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads
(CC1– CC14)**

**17 Tenders – Housing
(T15 – T19)**

**18 Tenders – Canal Lining
(T20 – T22)**
