



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 The World's 20 top economies in 2030

Get ready for a new economic order. In the world 15 years from now, the US will be far less dominant, several emerging markets will catapult into prominence, and some of the largest European economies will be slipping behind.

1 India's fiscal improvements may fail to withstand shock: S&P

India's hard-won fiscal improvements could fail to withstand a financial or commodity shock, ratings agency Standard & Poor's warned on Monday, citing its fiscal weakness which continues to be a drag on its sovereign credit rating profile.

2 Panagariya expects economy to grow at 8-10% for 15 years

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya on Monday expected the economy to grow by 8-10 per cent in the next 15 years, which annually would make it turn into \$8 trillion by then against \$2 trillion at present.

3 India's GDP to reach 8% by 2017: World Bank

The World Bank has predicted a GDP growth rate of 8 per cent for India by 2017 and said that a strong expansion in the country, coupled with favourable oil prices, would accelerate economic growth in South Asia.

3 China growth slowest in six years, more stimulus likely

China grew at its slowest pace in six years at the start of 2015 and weakness in key sectors suggested the world's second-largest economy was still losing momentum, intensifying Beijing's struggle to find the right policy mix to shore up activity.

4 Economy likely to grow 7.8-8.2%: new CII chief

India's GDP growth is expected to be in the range of 7.8-8.2 per cent in the current fiscal, the CII's new President Sumit Mazumder said. India is currently the fastest growing economy in a global environment that is soft, Mazumder said at his first press conference after assuming charge.

Inflation/Recession

5 Retail inflation dips to 5.17% in March

Retail inflation as measured by the consumer price index (CPI) came in lower at 5.17 per cent in March, reinforcing the view that further monetary easing by the RBI is imminent. The latest CPI print was lower than both the February 2015 level of 5.37 per cent and March 2014 level of 8.25 per cent.



INDUSTRY

Industrial Growth & Production

6 Govt to bring out ordinance on sand mining in two months

The state government on Friday announced that it would be coming out with an ordinance on sand mining policy within two months. The information was given to the lower house by revenue minister Eknath Khadse during a discussion on rampant increase in illegal sand mining in recent times.

6 Ministry Eases Green Rules for Industrial Clusters

In another apparent industry-friendly move, the government has simplified the measurement of pollution in industrial clusters. The environment ministry, with the full backing of the states, has tweaked the comprehensive environmental pollution index (CEPI), a composite measurement of air and water pollution and land degradation that is used in 88 industrial clusters.

7 India to set climate change agenda: Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has slammed developed nations for questioning India over global warming despite it having the lowest per capita emission of gases and asserted that India will set the agenda for the Climate Change conference to be held in France in September.

Infrastructure Project Financing

8 'India faces \$110-bn funding gap for urban development'

India needs a "stable policy framework" to bring in private investments for developing urban infrastructure which faces a fund shortage of \$110 billion, says a report released on Monday.

8 Modi woos France with 'Make in India'

France on Friday called India a "bright spot in global economy, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi used his 'Make in India' initiative to invite top French businesses to invest in the country, particularly in the areas of defence and infrastructure.

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Growth/Marketing/Demand/Takeover

9 City port trust allots land for cement plant

Roads in Mumbai may witness a slight dip in congestion and pollution as the Mumbai port Trust expects at least 350 heavy vehicles per day due to shipment of cement by the coastal route from Gujarat.

Financing/Public Issues/Shares

9 ACC Q1 profit down 19%

ACC, an Holcim group company, has reported a 19 per cent drop in March quarter net profit at `310 crore (`383 crore) due to lower production volume.



Sales during the quarter were down 3 per cent at `2,886 crore (`2,967 crore).

10 **Housing & Building Construction**

Maharashtra to set up housing regulatory authority by June

10 The Maharashtra government plans to establish the housing regulatory authority by June-end under the provisions of the Maharashtra Housing (Regulation and Development) Act, 2012.

Low-cost Shivshahi housing scheme likely to be revived

The state government has decided to review and revive the Shivshahi Punarvasan Pralamb to redevelop slums by constructing a large number of housing stock in Mumbai. Housing experts say this move will ease the skyrocketing prices of houses in the city.

ENERGY, FUEL & POWER

11 **Coal**

Coal India to try PPP model

11 In accordance with the Centre's public-private partnership (PPP) model, Coal India (CIL) is finally preparing to float an Expression of Interest (EoI) in a couple of months to award long-term mining contracts to private companies, to boost production.

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Western Coalfields gets approval for 2 projects

Coal India's subsidiary western coalfields Ltd has been accorded environmental clearances for extension of its two coal mining projects in Maharashtra at an estimated investment of about `181 crore.

12 **Power Projects, Generation, Distribution & Tariff**

Power firms staring at losses, demand crisis...

Power companies bagging captive mines are unlikely to resolve the power crisis in the country, as about 75 per cent of power capacity tied to these blocks do not have power purchase agreements (PPA) with any state.

TRANSPORT

13 **Railways**

Railways to E-auction 100 Stations for Redevelopment

Indian Railways is on track to take the e-auction route for the first time for redevelopment of stations through public-private partnership (PPP).

14 **Highways/Roads/Bridges**

Odisha govt proposes inter-State coastal highway

The Odisha Government on Monday proposed a coastal highway connecting Gopalpur in Ganjam district to Digha in West Bengal to ensure efficient rescue



and relief operation during cyclones.

14 **Inland Waterways & Irrigation Canals**

Only 12% potential of state's 70,000 small dams used

They are cynically called build-and-forget projects. At a time when the state faces a fierce drought, the irony is that Maharashtra has nearly 70,000 small irrigation projects worth over 4600 crore –but they are barely used. Only 12% of the irrigation potential they have generated so far is actually utilised, according to Maharashtra's Economic Survey for 2014-15.

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MISCELLANEOUS

18 steel products to come under quality control

The government is set to bring 18 steel products, including hot-rolled (HR) coil and cold-rolled (CR) coil, under an extant quality control order for the sector, taking the number of steel items under it to 33. The objective is to ensure better quality for domestic end use industries and putting brakes on galloping imports of the alloy.

Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads

16 (CC1– CC12)

Tenders – Housing

16 (T13)

Tenders – Canal Lining

(T14 – T15)
