



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 Economy to improve, cost of funds may rise

India's economy is set to witness improvement in the overall conditions, owing to growth of external financial linkages, ample funds and pickup in the domestic economic activity, according to a survey.

Inflation/Recession

2 GST unlikely to push up inflation

Lower rates lead to concerns over shortfall in government revenue, say economists

On Friday, the goods and service tax (GST) Council finalised the tax rates to be levied on services under the new indirect tax regime. This comes after the council had finalised the tax rates for 1,200 goods the day before.

3 Will Inflation Moderate?

GST Council does well, but questions remain

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, the apex decision making body for the new federal indirect tax system, held a two day summit meeting in Srinagar, at which most tax rates under the new regime were decided.

Public Finance Taxes And Duties

4 GST Council finalises rates for services

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Friday finalised tax rates for all services, except lottery, under the new indirect tax regime to be rolled out from July 1.

5 GST to boost India's export growth, says Sitharaman

Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said Goods and Services Tax (GST) will boost the country's export growth and that the GST regime has a fast-track process for refund of duties and taxes to exporters.

CEMENT INDUSTRY

New Projects/Expansions/Diversification

7 Shree Cement to enter eastern India with two projects worth Rs 500 cr each

After gaining a strong foothold in the northern parts of India, where it is the largest player, Shree Cement is hoping to capture a large slice of the pie in the eastern part of the country, which has scant reserves of limestone deposits, the key ingredient for making cement.



8 Jaypee, UltraTech Cement looking to seal Rs.16,189 crore deal by July

The Aditya Birla group's Ultratech Cement Ltd's Rs.16,189 crore acquisition of the cement business of Jaiprakash Associates Ltd is expected to be completed soon, a top group executive said in an interview.

Smart Cities

9 Most smart cities not smart enough, says govt study

Many of the top 20 cities that got selected last January under the government's ambitious smart city project lag in basic infrastructure, governance and socio-economic indicators, a government study has found.

TRANSPORT

Highways/Roads/Bridges

10 Nagpur-Mumbai Expressway: Rs 46,000-crore project tailor made for select contractors; complaint to PMO

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis's flagship infrastructure project, the Rs 46,000-crore Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway, has landed in a fresh controversy.

11 Centre to convert Jal Marg Vikas Project into an economic corridor

After the initial bid to make the 1,380-km stretch of the Ganga river from Varanasi to Kolkata navigable round the year, the Centre is now focussing on converting the Rs.5,369-crore, World Bank-aided Jal Marg Vikash Project into an economic corridor.

12 Asia-Africa Growth Corridor: Vision document focusses on inclusivity

A vision document on the Indo-Japan initiative of the Asia Africa Growth Corridor (AAGC) lays down the framework for social and economic connectivity between the two regions in a more inclusive and sustainable manner.

13 Environment ministry planning to ease coastal regulation norms

The environment ministry is planning to revamp India's coastal regulation norms, a move that could open up India's 7,500 km-long coastline for developmental activities. Environmentalists say that the proposed norms would have serious implications for the marine environment and are weaker compared with the current Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) notification, 2011.



Inland Waterways & Irrigation Canals

14 Water transport project along Mumbai coast hits environmental hurdle

The much-awaited water transport project along Mumbai's west coast has hit an environmental hurdle.

15 PM launches new projects in Kutch, Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said Gujarat's Kandla Port in will soon be connected with Chabahar port in Iran, which is being developed with India's participation, to boost India's international trade.

16 Port development key to nation's economic prowess, says PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed the hope that Kandla port in Gujarat's Kutch district and Chabahar port in Iran will script a new development cooperation in the region.

LABOUR

General

17 Port workers plan strike against move to repeal Act

The Water Transport Workers' Federation of India intends to go on a nation-wide strike in major ports shortly against the Shipping Ministry's move to repeal the Major Port Trust Act, 1963, and to facilitate this with the Major Port Authority Bill, 2016.

18 INTUC flays move to lower employer contribution to EPF

Congress-backed INTUC has opposed the Centre's move to reduce employers' contribution to provident fund from 12 per cent of basis wages per month.

Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads (CC1– CC12)

19 Tenders – Housing (T13 – 18)

A1 Articles/Interviews (A1 – A4)

F1 Financial Results (F1 – F6)
