



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 'Improving Indicators Show Economy Turning Around'

NITI Aayog vice chairman Arvind Panagariya has brushed aside the perception in some quarters that not much has changed under the BJP led NDA government, saying the economy has certainly turned around, with both inflation and the current account deficit down, fiscal deficit under control and economy registered a growth of 7.4% last year.

1 India poised for better economic growth: OECD

Paris-based think tank DECO today said India's economic expansion continues to firm up even as growth is easing in the neighbouring China. The projection comes on a day when the country's credit rating outlook has been upgraded to 'positive' by global agency Moody's.

Inflation/Recession

2 Morgan Stanley sees long period of high growth, low inflation

Predicting an average sub-5 per cent inflation this year, Morgan Stanley has said India is in for a long period of higher sustainable growth and lower prices. "We are more constructive on inflation outlook and we expect the retail price index to decelerate to 4.75 per cent by this December against the consensus estimate of 5.8 per cent.

3 Softening WPI Inflation not to Impact Roads Cos

A softening wholesale price index (WPI) in the past one year would not have a material impact on roads companies whose toll rates are linked to WPI movement Lower bitumen costs, which constitute a significant part of the construction cost, along with improved road traffic would make up for a lower toll hike.

INDUSTRY

Industrial Growth & Production

3 India Inc's credit quality recovery to be slow in FY16: CRISIL

The credit quality of Indian companies is expected to improve only gradually in this financial year. It will be restricted to those with lower leverage and healthy profitability according to rating agency CRISIL.

4 Smart Cities May be Developed Around Kandla and Paradip Ports

Kandla and Paradip, home to two major port trusts, are going to join the 'smart cities' bandwagon as the shipping ministry wants to kick-start development of smart cities around major ports with the two cities on the basis of the land banks of its ports.



5 **Modi: Small business drive economy, not large companies**

Reaching out to small businessmen, including vegetable sellers, milkmen, weavers, artisans and newspaper vendors, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said it is their small units that drive the Indian economy in reality, and not the large companies.

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Housing & Building Construction

5 **Property rates rose by 7% in 2014, 0.3% in 2013**

Residential property prices in Mumbai increased by only 7% last year and a negligible 0.3% in 2013, said a report released on Monday (06.04.2015). The eastern suburbs from Kurla to Mulund saw an increase of 6% in 2014 and 5% in 2013 as land was still available to launch new projects. South Mumbai and the western suburbs between Malad and Borivli recorded similar Increases.

ENERGY, FUEL & POWER

Coal

6 **CIL misses production target for FY15 by 3%**

Coal India missed the production target for financial year 2014-15 by 3% recording an output of 494.23 million tonne. The company's output target was 507 million tonne for the fiscal, Coal India said in a filing to the BSE.

Power Projects, Generation, Distribution & Tariff

7 **NTPC aims to double capacity to 90,000 mw in 10 years**

Country's largest power producer NTPC will more than double its current installed capacity to 90,000 MW in the next ten years, its chairman and managing director Arup Roy Choudhury has said. At present, the company generates 44,398 MW of power from all sources of energy. Out of this, 12,115 MW or 27% of the total was added in the last four and a half years.

7 **AP to add over 1,000 MW wind energy projects this fiscal**

Andhra Pradesh expects to add over 1,000 MW of wind energy projects and 300 MW of solar photovoltaic power capacity during 2015-16. The State has added 285 MW of wind energy capacity last fiscal, taking the installed capacity to 1,080 MW.

TRANSPORT

Highways/Roads/Bridges

8 **Concrete road takes shape outside Elphinstone station**

Thousands of office-goers using Elphinstone station have something to cheer about. Western Railway has begun cementing the approach road on the western side of the station, which after Years of neglect had become tough to walk on.



9 'Govt Planning Easy Exit to Push Investment in Roads'

Roads and Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari has said the government is considering a road project exit mechanism –a long-standing demand of highway developers to spur investment in the sector. Such a move could help unlock capital in the road sector, which has witnessed a slump for the last five-six years.

9 New, Regional Players Emerge Winners for Road Projects

With several major infrastructure companies going through financial stress and many bidding conservatively for road-building projects, new and regional players are grabbing a large share of orders awarded by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

10 Rajasthan launches road show to attract investment of `2 lakh crore

The Rajasthan government has launched a drive across India and in some foreign countries, to attract industry into the State, and has a target of clinching investments to the tune of `2 lakh crore through the initiative. The State is also inviting participation in the Resurgent Rajasthan partnership summit slated to be held in Jaipur on November 19 and 2.

Inland Waterways & Irrigation Canals

11 State aims to complete 41 dams in 2 yrs

To irrigate more land in the state, water resources department will focus its priorities on almost finished projects and try to operationalise them in another two years by 'laying the last mile'. The department has prepared a list of 82 dams which have a minimal work left until completion, and plans to take up works on half of these in this fiscal.

LABOUR

General

11 Now, an app to track labour law violations

Factories using child labour beware, there is now an App that can be used by inspectors to click pictures of any violation of law on the premises, upload it and report it to the authorities concerned. The App, called LISA, developed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and US Department of Labour, is already being used by about 400 ILO-trained labour inspectors in neighbouring Sri Lanka.

MISCELLANEOUS

12 Odisha leads in building community toilets, Gujarat in household segment

Odisha is the leader in construction of community toilets while Gujarat is ahead of other states in building household toilets, according to urban development ministry data. As per the data, 2,70,069 household toilets were constructed across the country during the last financial year, out of which Gujarat accounted for 60% with 1,65,376 toilets.



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Smart cities are the future: Venkaiah Naidu

Smart cities are not show pieces, but the future of the country, as growing urbanisation is a fact of life, according to Union Urban Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu. He was speaking here on Wednesday at a seminar on the future of Visakhapatnam as a smart city organised by the Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Visakha Smart City Forum.

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