



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 GDP to grow 7.4% in FY16: NCAER

India's gross domestic product (GDP) would grow 7.4 per cent in 2015-16, much lower than current official estimates of 8.1-8.5 per cent, the National Council of Applied Economic Research said in its mid-year review of the economy on Saturday.

1 Economic reforms to continue, says Jaitley

Union finance minister Arun Jaitley on Saturday reaffirmed his government's resolve to continue with economic reforms and brushed aside any Opposition plan to block this process, as the ruling NDA coalition geared up to face a hectic winter session of Parliament, where a number of key bills will be put up for approval in both Houses.

2 PM Modi pegs 8% growth for India in 2016, seeks better public investment at G20 meet

Projecting over eight per cent growth for India next year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said public investments need to be enhanced to stimulate growth and asked multilateral development banks to boost their capital to support infrastructure needs of developing countries.

3 Economy hit by more bad news

Even as the Narendra Modi government tries to prop up a sagging economy, the headwinds are rising with the latest bad news coming today on the wholesale price and external trade fronts.

3 India's growth to exceed 7.3% in FY16

India's economic growth is expected to exceed 7.3 per cent in the current financial year and the government would try to convince opposition parties to pass a blocked tax reform, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said on Monday.

4 Why WPI deflation doesn't tell the whole story

Dropping of general wholesale prices in October for a 12th straight month in October masked the fact that some food items - pulses, particularly tur (pigeon pea) and onions - have seen a surge in inflation since November last year.

Inflation/Recession

5 Inflation may head north as Paris attacks raise fear gauge

Diminishing base effect and soaring pulses and onion prices have caused the inflation to rebound over the last few months, but the months ahead could see it climbing up further on Paris terror effect, which is threatening to push up crude oil prices due to geopolitical instability in some parts of the world.



TRADE & COMMERCE

Foreign Trade/Trade Deficit

6 Exports down 17.5% in October

India's exports remained in the negative territory for the 11th month in a row by registering a dip of 17.53 per cent in October to \$ 21.35 billion due to a demand slowdown, while trade deficit showed an improvement.

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Growth/Marketing/Demand/takeover

7 Rajasthan, Gujarat start limestone auction process

Gujarat and Rajasthan will auction a total of eight limestone mines through the e-auction route, according to notifications for the sale of tender documents put out by the state governments. The sale of tender documents is the first step in the auction process, which is followed by the bidding process.

Housing & Building Construction

8 Mangaluru to host meet on 'sustainable smart cities'

Mangaluru City Corporation (MCC) will conduct a two-day conference on 'Sustainable Smart Cities of India' from November 16. The meet is part of its efforts to ensure that Mangaluru is included in the list of first 20 cities chosen for the implementation of Smart City project.

8 BDD chawls plan to be ready by next week

The Maharashtra government is set to finalise next week the long delayed redevelopment of the Bombay Development Directorate (BDD) chawls, developed by the British in the 1920s, across south Mumbai. The largest redevelopment project in the city has been pending for more than a decade.

ENERGY, FUEL & POWER

Coal

9 Coal India Q2 net up 16% at Rs 2,544 crore

Coal India, the world's biggest coal miner, today posted a 16 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 2,543.80 crore for the quarter ended September 30 on the back of higher sales.

9 Govt to relax green rules to speed up coal mining

The environment ministry is diluting its rules governing coal mining projects located on lands adjoining forests in a move that's likely to run into resistance from green activists.



11 Govt plans to auction 8 coal blocks in 4th round

The government plans to auction eight coal blocks with 1,143 million tonnes of reserves to steel and cement firms in the fourth round of coal auctions.

Power Projects, Generation, Distribution & Tariff

11 India pledges to hike renewable energy output to 175Gw by 2022

Pledging to quadruple India's renewable power capacity to 175 gigawatt by 2022 and cut fossil fuel subsidies, Prime Minister Narendra Modi today asked world's top economies to build support systems focused on nations that have the maximum growth potential.

12 Solar price may be 10% below coal power rates by 2020: report

Solar power prices could be 10% lower than coal power prices by 2020 and help revitalize India's energy sector, said a report released on Monday by consulting firm KPMG.

TRANSPORT

Railways

13 Rs 8,000-cr Rly projects in Bihar, Odisha, AP, Chhattisgarh get green signal

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday gave its approval to several railways projects worth about Rs. 8,000 crore in Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Bihar.

Highways/Roads/Bridges

13 Sarlar now bats like shwag on reforms

The government announced a spate of policy changes on Wednesday, maintaining the pace of its hectic reform drive after the Bihar elections. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved a 10% stake sale in Coal India Ltd, an initial public offering at Cochin Shipyard and a five-year interest subsidy scheme to boost sagging exports.

15 Breather to stalled highway projects worth Rs 35,000 cr

The government has allowed the National Highways Authority of India to compensate road developers for delays not attributable to them potentially unlocking investment of nearly Rs 35,000 crore in 34 stalled projects.

16 Highway Ministry can approve projects up to ₹1,000 crore

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its approval to segregate construction cost from that of land acquisition, and pre-construction activities for appraisal and approval of National Highways projects.

NEWS IN BRIEF



**Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads
(CC1– CC13)**

**17 Tenders – Housing
(T14 – T15)**

**F1 Financial Results
(F1 – F10)**
