



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 ADB to give \$300 M loan to India

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will extend a loan of \$300 million to India for improving road connectivity and increasing the domestic and regional trade along the North Bengal North Eastern Region (NER).

INDUSTRY

Industrial Growth/Production

1 Cos seek clarity on tax administration in GST roll-out

As the government gears up to implement the nationwide goods and services tax (GST) regime, companies are skeptical on whether they will continue to enjoy the same ease and comfort that they are used to under the tax-paying mechanism large taxpayer unit (LTU).

1 Companies seek easier rules for large taxpayer units, GST clarity

Businesses paying all forms of central taxes under the single window facility called Large Taxpayer Units (LTU) have sought simpler procedures and clarity on whether the scheme would continue to be available once the Goods and Services Tax (GST) comes into force in about a year from now.

Infrastructure Project Financing

2 Govt creating environment conducive to investments: FM

The government is trying to create a conducive environment, both in terms of taxation and ease of doing business, as investments will not come just by opening the doors, finance minister Arun Jaitley said today.

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Growth/Marketing/Demand/Takeover

3 Holcim exits Thai cement unit for Swiss franc 655 million

Holcim, which has majority stake in Indian firms ACC and Ambuja Cement, said it has exited from Thailand based Siam City Cement (SCC) by selling its entire 27.5% stake for CHF 655 million.

Housing & Building Construction

3 Construction costs to go up, low-cost homes distant dream

Even as the state government has been emphasising on providing affordable housing, there seems to be no tangible effort towards achieving this. This was evident in its budget, in which the state has proposed a 5% entry tax on long steel, which is expected to increase the construction cost significantly.



4 State promises 9 lakh low-cost houses in 5 years

The state government on Monday announced an ambitious plan to build nine lakh low-cost homes in the city over the next -five years. It also promised additional floor space index (FSI) for the redevelopment of cessed buildings over the same period.

TRANSPORT

Railway

5 Rail freight on grains, coal, cement to increase from April 1

Aiming to mop up an additional `4,000 crore in goods earning, the Railways will increase its freight rates for several commodities including grains, pulses, urea, coal and cement from April 1 as proposed in the Railway Budget 2015-16.

Highways/Roads/Bridges

5 Govt steps up efforts to attract private capital in roads sector

Stepping up efforts to revive private investment in the roads sector, the roads ministry is now working on two more models for attracting capital.

Inland Waterways & Irrigation Canals

6 Parliament Nod Sought To Convert Rivers To Waterways

Promising to overhaul the five existing National Waterways (NWs) within six months, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari today said Parliament nod will be sought on the Bill to convert 101 rivers across the country into NWs.

7 Govt to raise `30,000 cr for irrigation projects

The state irrigation department has decided to raise Rs.25,000-30,000 crore to complete the pending irrigation projects in Maharashtra. Currently, in the state budget, the department is allotted Rs.7200 crore against a requirement of Rs. 70,000 crore.

7 Japan aid agency commits `1,800 crore to develop Rengali irrigation project

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (OICA) has signed an agreement with the Government of India here on Monday to provide a 33,959 million yen (`1,800 crore approximately) loan to increase irrigated area in Phase 2 of the Rengali Irrigation Project in Odisha.

8 Rengali Irrigation Project in Odisha.

Steps Undertaken to Scale up Shipping Sector, said Minister

The government on Monday said steps such as launch of Sagarmala project, setting up of new ports and a fillip to inland waterways are underway to make Indian shipping sector vibrant.



LABOUR

8 General

Govt plans PF, pension scheme for unorganized sector workers

A retirement fund manager for the organized sector workers until now, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) plans to manage the retirement savings of unorganized workers too, potentially benefiting hundreds of millions of India's poorest.

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MISCELLANEOUS

India ranks 37 out of 102 countries in Open Government Index

India has been ranked 37 out of 102 countries in the Open Government Index that measures the government openness based on the general public's experiences and perceptions.

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Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads (CC1– CC14)

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Tenders – Housing (T15 – T20)

Tenders – Canal Lining (T21)
