



## ECONOMY

### Public Finance Taxes And Duties

#### 1 Small traders, restaurant owners set to get fresh GST relief

A high-level panel on the goods and services tax (GST) in its meeting on Sunday recommended major changes in the new indirect tax system that may ease the compliance burden for all assesseees and make the composition scheme more attractive.

#### 2 Fiscal Deficit on Recovery Path, Says Ashok Lavasa

India's fiscal deficit, which widened to a record in August, has started to improve and the government is not yet worried by crude oil prices that have climbed above \$60 a barrel.

## INDUSTRY

### Infrastructure Projects Financing

#### 3 331 infrastructure projects see cost overrun of Rs 1.72 lakh crore

As many as 331 infrastructure projects, each worth Rs 150 crore or above, have seen a cost overrun of Rs 1.72 lakh crore because of various reasons including delays, according to a government report.

#### 4 Gadkari invites UAE investors for infra development

Inviting UAE investors to join hands with India and be part of its infrastructure growth story, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari today said two mega initiatives worth `24 lakh crore — Sagarmala and Bharatmala — are going to be game changers.

## CEMENT INDUSTRY

### Growth/Marketing/Demand/Takeover

#### 5 Cement demand remains weak as prices firm up

Cement demand across the country remained weak while prices continued to remain firm as cement companies passed on the incremental production cost to consumers.

## ENERGY/FUEL/POWER

### Coal

#### 6 Auction rules for non-coal minerals being revised to lure more investors

Given the lukewarm response to the auction of non-coal mines, the government is set to make the terms more attractive for investors.

#### 7 Coal, a scarce commodity?

The idea of coal as a scarce commodity seems somewhat preposterous given it remains one of the most abundant mineral resources on the planet, but the coming years may see a deficit in seaborne markets for



the polluting fuel.

## 8 **Power Projects/Generation/Distribution/Tariff**

**As power plants turn super critical, Centre asks Coal India to ramp up supply by 25%**

The government has asked Coal India Ltd (CIL) to increase coal production and supply to thermal power plants which saw acute coal shortage just before Diwali.

## TRANSPORT

## 9 **Highways/Roads/Bridges**

**Bharat Mala: 12 of 44 road corridors across country will pass through Maharashtra**

The ambitious Bharat Mala project, announced by the central government earlier this week, has a lot in store for Maharashtra.

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**Government to infuse massive Rs 7 trn to build 83,677 km of roads over 5 years**

The Narendra Modi government has decided to infuse a massive Rs 6.92 lakh crore over “the next five years” to add 83,677 km to the country’s 1.1-lakh-km highway network.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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**Ease of business: India in top 100**

India will leapfrog 30 places to the 100th position out of 190 countries in the World Bank’s Doing Business Report, high-level sources have confirmed to The Hindu.

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**Centre plans Entrepreneurship Day on Nov 9**

In a bid to give a boost to self-employment, the Centre plans to celebrate a National Entrepreneurship Day. The event, tentatively scheduled for November 9, aims to celebrate self-employment in various forms, including entrepreneurship and start-ups.

13 **Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads  
(CC1– CC12)**

14 **Tenders – Housing  
(T13 – T19)**

**Tenders – Canal Lining  
(T20)**

A1 **Articles/Interviews  
(A1 – A2)**

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