



## ECONOMY

### Economic Growth/Reforms

#### 1 Economy to gain momentum in second half of FY17: Assocham

The economy is expected to fare better in the second half of the current financial year, backed by a likely rise in sales and improved capacity utilisation, though fresh investments and jobs creation might be a concern, according to a report from the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham).

#### 1 Govt starts review of foreign trade policy

The government has started the review process for the ongoing five-year foreign trade policy (FIP). It expects to come up with its mid-term review of the policy sometime next year as promised.

### Public Finance Taxes And Duties

#### 2 India Plans New Duty Cut Formula to Reduce Trade Deficit with China

In a move to contain its rising trade deficit with China, India is mulling ways to reduce further onslaught of Chinese goods entering the local market by reducing and delaying duty concessions to China.

#### 2 GST: Centre, States review options on dual control, cess

Ahead of the crucial two-day meeting of the GST Council from Thursday, the Centre and States are trying to work out alternative options to sort out the contentious issues of administrative control and rates of tax.

#### 3 Uncertainty ahead of GST council meeting casts new doubts over roll-out of unified tax on 1 April

Growing unease among states over some of the actions of the Union government has cast an air of uncertainty around the crucial fourth meeting of the goods and services tax (GST) council.

#### 4 Amit Mitra asks centre to come clean on GST

In another signal of the growing trust deficit between the states and the centre on implementation of the goods and services tax (GST), West Bengal finance minister Amit Mitra has accused the Union government of concealing crucial information on the service taxpayer base from states.

#### 6 One nation, many taxes

The rate structure finalised by the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Thursday is not what was believed to be 'one nation, one tax'.



## INDUSTRY

### Industrial Growth & Production

#### 7 Manufacturing PMI hits 22-month high in October

Growth in India's manufacturing activity touched a 22-month high in October, with a stronger rise in new orders and output, showed the widely tracked Nikkei India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

## CEMENT INDUSTRY

### Growth/Marketing/Demand/Takeover

#### 7 Cementing a revolution

*A viable, sustainable alternative to cement lowers greenhouse gas emissions during the production process*

As a \$2-trillion-plus economy growing at above 7 percent a year, India has a gargantuan appetite for a variety of commodities. As borne out by the construction boom that is manifest across the country, it is also the world's second-largest manufacturer and consumer of cement, next only to China.

### Housing & Building Construction

#### 9 Bengal may pare reserve price of township projects by 20%

The West Bengal state government is set to reduce the reserve price for the township development projects it proposes to launch in partnership with private companies.

#### 10 Maha to build 29,000 homes for cops

Maharashtra government will construct 29,000 houses for police officials and personnel and invite a bid for it after elections to local governing bodies next year are over, state Revenue Minister Chandrakant Patil said today.

## ENERGY/FUEL/POWER

### Coal

#### 10 Coal India production falls on monsoon effect

Chasing a one billion-tonne production mark by 2020, Coal India Ltd ended the first seven months of the current fiscal with a drop in production and offtake.

#### 11 CIL's coal supply to power sector dips 3% in April-September

State run miner CIL's coal supply to power sector declined by 2.9% to 184.9 million tonnes (MT) in the first six months of the current fiscal even as demand for the fossil fuel has started picking up.



## TRANSPORT

### Railways

#### 11 Freight corridor land cost increases 75%

The dedicated railway freight corridor has finally managed to award all contracts for the Dadri-Mumbai link over 11 years after the flagship infrastructure project was announced.

### Highways/Roads/Bridges

#### 12 BMC divides Coastal Road project into two phases

In order to find a way around the long-standing delays in acquiring environmental clearances for the civic body's ambitious Coastal Road project, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has submitted a revised plan dividing the entire project into two parts.

#### 13 BMC seeks partial nod for coastal road

Realizing the difficulty in obtaining environment clearance for its ambitious 29.22 km Mumbai coastal road project, BMC has split the project into two and plans to obtain clearances separately.

## LABOUR

### General

#### 14 Govt proposes annual surveys on employment, labour force

The government has proposed to come out with annual surveys that would give it estimation of labour and workforce and unemployment rates nation-wide, according to Chief Statistician of India, TCA Anant.

#### 15 EPFO gets cracking on non-compliance

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will soon restrict companies from paying the provident fund (PF) dues of new employees if the employers fail to obtain universal account numbers (UAN) and e-verify them in advance.

## MISCELLANEOUS

#### 16 Auto sector leads state's mega project investments

The auto and engineering sectors dominate mega project investments in Maharashtra, with auto clearly the leader, shows data from the state industries department.

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