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RBI to sync accounting year with the government's fiscal year from 2020-21

[RBI board recommends aligning accounting year with fiscal year 2020-21](#)

The Economic Times, February 15, 2020

New repo rate policy helps RBI to receive Rs 1.94 trillion

[RBI's maiden long-term repo operation receives Rs 1.94-trillion bids](#)

Business Standard, February 17, 2020

Government of India undertakes stringent measures to promote Make in India initiatives

[Government scraps tenders worth Rs 30,000-crore to push Make in India products](#)

Business Standard, February 17, 2020

FM Nirmala Sitharaman addresses interaction with industry and other bodies on key domestic supplies

[Government moves to take on coronavirus challenge, plays down price rise concerns](#)

Business Standard, February 18, 2020

Second phase of Swachh Bharat mission receives cabinet nod

[Cabinet approves second phase of Swachh Bharat mission](#)

Financial Express, February 19, 2020

Government panel suggest restrictions on import of key pharmaceutical drugs

[Coronavirus outbreak: Government panel recommends ban on export of 12 drug formulations, ingredients](#)

BloombergQuint, February 19, 2020

Crop insurance scheme made voluntary rather than mandatory

[Cabinet approves crop cover rejig, dairy sop schemes](#)

The Economic Times, February 20, 2020

A step forward towards cleaner air

[India to switch over to world's cleanest petrol, diesel from April 1](#)

Business Standard, February 20, 2020

Next-gen reforms by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

[Customs to roll out faceless assessment across India](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine, February 20, 2020

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More than 90% of large enterprises file annual return for 2017-18 fiscal

[About 92% of large taxpayers filed annual returns for 2017-18: GSTN](#)

BloombergQuint, February 16, 2020

FPIs pumped Rs. 24,617 crores in first half of February 2020

[FPIs remain net buyer in first half of February, invest Rs 24,617 crore](#)

Financial Express, February 16, 2020

Coronavirus outbreak results in sharp fall of India's Sensex

[India's sensex falls as China shutdowns add to economic woes](#)

Bloomberg, February 18, 2020

Private equity and venture capital investments register unprecedented growth in 2019

[India's 2019 private equity and venture capital investments up 28% at \\$48 billion, make up 1.7% of GDP](#)

Business Standard, February 18, 2020

Government of India releases bi-monthly compensation due to states for October-December 2019

[Centre releases Rs 19,950 crore as GST compensation to states and UTs](#)

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[Exports sink: Trade deficit hits seven month high in January](#)

Financial Express, February 15, 2020

Another corona virus impact: Indian importers face severe shortages of Chinese goods

[Importers of Chinese goods face supply constraints, unable to pay via hawala routes](#)

The Economic Times, February 15, 2020

Y-o-Y basis gold imports decline to 9 per cent during first 10 months of FY 2019-20

[Gold imports plunge 9% to \\$24.64 billion during April-January: Government data](#)

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MMTC's export performance has been commendable in three quarters of FY2019-20

[MMTC's exports increased by 101% during April-December, 2019](#)

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Microsoft plans to expand R & D center in NCR

[Microsoft opens R&D center in Noida, its third in India](#)

The Economic Times, February 17, 2020

Computer hardware export registers a positive growth in 2019 measured by Y-o-Y basis

[India's computer shipments record six-year high in 2019](#)

The Economic Times, February 17, 2020

India keen to discuss bilateral FTA agreement with the US

[India and US delink trade deal from Donald Trump's visit, eye FTA](#)

The Economic Times, February 20, 2020

India to import refined palmolein from Indonesia

[India allots import licenses for 1.1 million tonnes of refined palmolein from Indonesia, say sources](#)

Financial Express, February 20, 2020

India seeks removal of non-tariff trade barriers from EU

[India urges European Union to reduce non-tariff barriers on food](#)

The Economic Times, February 21, 2020

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India and Portugal sign pacts for further cooperation and development

[India, Portugal ink seven pacts after Modi-Sousa talks](#)

The Economic Times, February 15, 2020

More harmonized GST rates and better implementation policies could lead to higher collection: IMF

[India's GST collection below potential: IMF team](#)

The Times of India, February 17, 2020

UN Report on child flourishing and sustainability index released

[India ranks 77th on sustainability, 131st in child flourishing index: UN Report](#)

The Hindu, February 20, 2020

World Bank urges India to invest \$100 billion-plus for road safety

[India must invest \\$109 billion in 10 years to halve road fatalities: World Bank](#)

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