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The Economic Times, June 20, 2020

India looking for alternative sources to import Active Pharmaceutical **Ingredients** 

Galwan clash: Government looks beyond China to source APIs amid Covid-19 crisis

Business Standard, June 20, 2020

India puts restrictions on investments in pension funds from neighbouring countries

Finance Minister proposes restrictions on foreign investment in pension funds from China

The Hindu BusinessLine, June 20, 2020

Centre extends insurance cover for healthcare professionals combating COVID-19

Government extends Rs 50 lakh insurance scheme for healthcare providers till September

The Economic Times, June 20, 2020

Government initiates measures to boost domestic manufacturing and prevent surge of cheap imports

Government seeks product details to curb low quality imports from China: Sources

Business Standard, June 21, 2020

Prime Minister Modi discusses ways to boost local manufacturing and exports Higher exports, attracting investment focus areas for PM

The Economic Times, June 22, 2020

Centre to tighten regulatory noose on pharmaceutical imports Government to curb pharma imports from China The Economic Times, June 23, 2020



Banks provide loans to MSME sector under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme

Rs 3-lakh-crore aid for MSMEs: Banks disburse Rs 32,895-crore loans, says FM Nirmala Sitharaman

Financial Express, June 23, 2020

Import-substitution model will not work for India says Chief Economic Advisor

Shutting India's doors to other countries will not help: CEA

The Economic Times, June 24, 2020

Centre makes it mandatory for e-commerce firms to specify 'country of origin'

Government wants 'origin of products' displayed, calls e-commerce firms for meet

Business Standard, June 24, 2020

Centre incentivises private participation in the dairy sector Cabinet okays Rs 15,000 crore animal husbandry infrastructure fund The Hindu BusinessLine, June 24, 2020

Cooperative banks come under direct supervision of RBI Government decides to bring cooperative banks under RBI through an ordinance

Livemint, June 24, 2020

Government allows private sector participation in space activities Cabinet approves participation of private sector in space activities Business Standard, June 24, 2020

Union Cabinet approves an interest subvention scheme to eligible borrowers under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

Government to provide 2% interest subsidy to 'Shishu' borrowers under Mudra Yojana

The Hindu, June 24, 2020

Government's commitment towards structural reforms would help in building on green shoots in the economy says FM

FinMin: Government taking structural reforms to support green shoots in economy

The Indian Express, June 24, 2020



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The Hindu BusinessLine, June 24, 2020

Prime Minister launches new scheme to generate employment opportunities for migrant workers

PM Modi, CM Yogi Adityanath launch Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Abhiyan: Key points

The Times of India, June 26, 2020

Government to offer a one-time loan restructuring plan to non-MSMEs Centre looking at one-time loan rejig plan for non-MSME businesses The Hindu BusinessLine, June 25, 2020

Time to make Public Distribution System effective That foodgrain stocks lie in public godowns while people are going hungry is a scandal

The Indian Express, June 26, 2020



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Unlock 1.0 fails to improve business for retailers Malls see 77% degrowth in 1st half of June, consumer sentiment low: Report Business Standard, June 22, 2020

India's economic recovery more likely to be 'U' or 'W' shaped India's economic recovery more likely to be 'U' or 'W' shaped and not 'V': Analysts

The Economic Times, June 22, 2020

India will become middle-income economy by 2030 says Rajiv Kumar India will transform into middle-income economy by 2030: NITI Aayog VC Business Standard, June 22, 2020

Fighting the crises and mobilisation of resources is need of the hour Offloading excess foodgrain stocks through open market operations will generate much-needed resources for government The Indian Express, June 22, 2020

Chief Economic Advisor expects V-shaped recovery of the economy if Covid-19 vaccine is found

India's top adviser sees V-shaped recovery if virus is contained The Economic Times, June 23, 2020

Crude steel output declines in May for the third straight month India's crude steel output falls 39 per cent to 5.8 MT in May The Hindu BusinessLine, June 23, 2020

India's per capita income is likely to fall by 5.4% in FY21 due to Covid-19: SBI Covid-19 to dent India's FY21 per capita income by 5.4%: SBI report Business Standard, June 23, 2020

Construction workers receive assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer during lockdown

Covid-19 lockdown: 20 mn construction workers got Rs 4957 cr aid, says govt Business Standard, June 23, 2020

The current pandemic necessitates exceptional policy interventions Monetary policy for exceptional times Business Standard, June 24, 2020



India needs to further cut interest rates and widen fiscal deficit amid COVID-19 pandemic

Uncommon solution needed to fight unusual crisis: JP Morgan economist shares mantra to save economy

Financial Express, June 24, 2020

Unemployment rate declines to 8.5 per cent in third week of June Unemployment rate plunges, back to pre-lockdown level Financial Express, June 24, 2020

COVID-19 impact: Aggressive fiscal policy is need of the hour Challenge to economic recovery: Govt curbing expenditure to create headroom for dovetailing stimulus package The Indian Express, June 25, 2020

Government increases coconut minimum support price as a relief to farmers Coconut growers to now earn more as govt hikes MSP in relief to farmers Financial Express, June 24, 2020

NCAER predicts marginal growth of Indian economy in FY21 India is expected to grow at 1.3% in the current fiscal: NCAER Report The Economic Times, June 25, 2020

India has little choice but to focus on manufacturing given the slump in services sector

India looks inward to save economy as crisis bites The Economic Times, June 25, 2020

India needs to do more to reinvigorate the economy View: India's economy is ailing from more than Covid-19 The Economic Times, June 26, 2020



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Exports of tea decline to 240 million kg in FY20 Tea exports dip by 5.6 per cent in last fiscal The Economic Times, June 21, 2020

Foreign Portfolio Investments surge amid increasing liquidity and higher risk appetite

FPIs invest Rs 17,985 crore in June so far Financial Express, June 21, 2020

India could redirect source-market for electronic goods away from China India can source electronic goods from markets other than China: WTC Business Standard, June 22, 2020

Major ports volumes decline by 23 per cent in May 20 Y-o-Y Covid effect? Major ports volumes at lowest since Feb 2015 Financial Express, June 22, 2020

Economic retaliation with China to be taken selectively says T N C Rajagopalan

'Take actions on trade with China on selective basis' Business Standard, June 22, 2020

India appreciates continued supply chains between India and Saudi Arabia during pandemic

India-Saudi supply chains maintained even during Covid-19: Jaishankar Business Standard, June 22, 2020

Trade deficit with China narrows to \$48.7 billion in FY20 India's trade deficit with China at 5-year low The Economic Times, June 23, 2020



Aluminium association urges Centre to implement remission of duties and taxes on export products to combat Chinese exports

Aluminium association urges government to remit export duties and taxes under RoDTEP scheme

The Economic Times, June 24, 2020

Future of international trade looms dark amid COVID-19 pandemic More dark clouds over trade

Business Standard, June 24, 2020

India-China conflict: India's trade deficit with Hong Kong rises Imports from Hong Kong on the rise as trade gap with China narrows Business Standard, June 25, 2020

Tougher norms on import of Chinese items aimed at pushing for local manufacturing

Stopping imports from China: 370 items may face scrutiny, get difficult to import

Financial Express, June 25, 2020

Firms look for other international markets as steel exports to China become difficult

Steel exports to China see transient surge, local firms eye other export markets Financial Express, June 25, 2020

Government raises import duty on solar modules substantially to reduce import dependence

Import duty on solar modules to rise to 40% in a year

The Economic Times, June 25, 2020

Centre maintains intense scrutiny on Chinese imports 100% physical check of imports: Non-Chinese companies like Apple may be exempt

The Economic Times, June 26, 2020



#### INTERNATIONAL SCENE

India initiates probe on dumping activities from China, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand

<u>India initiates probe into alleged dumping of aluminium foil from 4 nations</u> Financial Express, June 23, 2020

Hong Kong emerges as sixth largest import partner of India in FY20 Rising imports from Hong Kong: A new worry for India
The Economic Times, June 24, 2020

Government imposes anti-dumping duty to curtail cheap imports

<u>India impose anti-dumping duty on imports of certain kind of steel from China, Vietnam, South Korea</u>

The Indian Express, June 24, 2020

International Monetary Fund predicts Indian economy to contract by 4.5 per cent

IMF projects sharp contraction of 4.5% in Indian economy in 2020; a historic low

The Economic Times, June 25, 2020

Custom authorities in China and Hong Kong detain consignments from India Indian exporters raise concerns of tit-for-tat measures by Chinese side Business Standard, June 26, 2020



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