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In agri-inputs, government should free private sector from unnecessary controls and regulation

The Indian Express, July 20, 2020

PMO suggests a special lifeline to support asset management companies Lifeline for MFs: PMO suggests steps for resolution of stressed assets Business Standard, July 20, 2020

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Consumer Protection Act, 2019 comes into force from today, covers ecommerce too

Livemint, July 20, 2020

Commerce and Industry Ministry initiates probe into imports of yarn from

India begins anti-subsidy probe on Chinese export of select yarn The Hindu BusinessLine, July 21, 2020

E-commerce firms to declare country of origin to facilitate consumers to make informed decisions

Government makes it a must for e-commerce platforms to display country of origin

Business Standard, July 21, 2020

Centre to facilitate Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission by amending Mining and Minerals Development Act

Cabinet to consider changes in Mining Act

The Hindu BusinessLine, July 22, 2020



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<u>Prime Minister lays foundation stone for Rs 3,054-crore Manipur water supply project</u>

The Hindu, July 23, 2020

Northeast has potential to become India's growth engine PM Modi says northeast has potential to become India's growth engine The Financial Express, July 23, 2020

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Business Standard, July 23, 2020

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Government's booster dose for Indian pharma industry to become selfreliant; 3 mega bulk drug parks likely soon

The Financial Express, July 23, 2020

Centre identifies seven key areas to facilitate technology-driven solutions in post-COVID world

Covid-19: Government ready with plan for tech-driven transformation in 7 key areas

The Economic Times, July 23, 2020

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Raghuram Rajan says no free money: Govt fundraising using RBI, banks' liquidity comes at a cost

The Financial Express, July 23, 2020

Centre contemplates on next stimulus package after Covid-19 vaccine Next fiscal push may come after Covid-19 vaccine: CEA The Times of India, July 23, 2020

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Business Standard, July 23, 2020



Government amends General Financial Rules 2017 imposing restrictions on public procurement from bidders of countries that share a land border with India

Government tightens bidding regulations for border countries (read China) The Indian Express, July 24, 2020

Centre asks BIS to prescribe standards for imported goods, in line with international norms for quality

Government asks BIS to prescribe standards for imported goods to curb nonessential Chinese imports

The Economic Times, July 24, 2020

FM conducts meeting to review the capital expenditure in current fiscal via video-conference

FM Sitharaman holds second review meet on capex spending of CPSEs Business Standard, July 24, 2020



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Auto-market recovers as employees start receiving incentives in post Covid-19 times

No salary cut during lockdown, carmakers hand out pay hikes and promotions to workers

The Economic Times, July 20, 2020

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India should focus on food security, use its rural population to battle COVID-19: American economist Richard Wolff

Financial Express, July 20, 2020

Rural India provides a bright spot in steel consumption during the pandemic Covid-19 casts a new light on steel as rural India provides some succour Business Standard, July 20, 2020

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The Economic Times, July 21, 2020

India to miss its budget estimates owing to the COVID-19 pandemic Government likely to miss its Budget targets for the current fiscal due to Pandemic: Official

The Economic Times, July 23, 2020



Urban employment shows upward trend in July 2020 Urban employment shoots up to 35% last week despite intermittent local lockdowns: CMIE

The Economic Times, July 23, 2020

Government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission is all about building on the country's existing strengths, says Piyush Goyal India has the potential to become the factory of the world: Piyush Goyal The Hindu BusinessLine, July 23, 2020

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The Financial Express, July 23, 2020

Indian economy to make a V-shaped recovery in the next financial year says Finance Secretary

Indian economy could revive sooner than we expect, says Finance Secretary The Economic Times, July 24, 2020



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

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The Financial Express, July 17, 2020

Surge in US FDI reflects growing confidence of American firms US FDI to India crosses USD 40 bn: US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum The Economic Times, July 18, 2020

Southern African Customs Union and India revive trade agreement to deepen economic engagement

India revives initiative for Preferential Trade Agreement with Southern African Customs Union

The Economic Times, July 18, 2020

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The Economic Times, July 19, 2020

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FTAs have not served Indian economy well in capacity building: Jaishankar Business Standard, July 20, 2020

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Business Standard, July 20, 2020

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The Hindu BusinessLine, July 21, 2020

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The Economic Times, July 22, 2020

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The Indian Express, July 22, 2020

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20 sectors identified where India can become supplier to the world: Piyush Goyal

The Economic Times, July 23, 2020

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The Economic Times, July 24, 2020

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Seize the deal

The Indian Express, July 24, 2020



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The Times of India, July 17, 2020

G20 Action Plan should remain relevant and effective amid the COVID-19 pandemic, says FM

G20 Action Plan expression of collective commitment to fight COVID-19: Nirmala Sitharaman

The Financial Express, July 18, 2020

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The Economic Times, July 22, 2020

India and US have intensified intelligence and military collaboration China common worry, India and US step up military, intel ties The Indian Express, July 22, 2020

Prime Minister delivers keynote address at India Ideas Summit PM delivers keynote address at India Ideas Summit PM official website, July 22, 2020

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PM Modi invites US firms to invest in India; says US-India ties can help world recover from pandemic

The Financial Express, July 22, 2020

India has attracted more than 20 billion dollars foreign investments during the pandemic, says PM Modi

There has never been a better time to invest in India: PM Modi

The Hindu BusinessLine, July 22, 2020



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India can attract global supply chains away from China: Mike Pompeo The Financial Express, July 22, 2020

US proposes to aid India in addressing its most serious developmental challenges through innovative finance tools

<u>US to help India in addressing its developmental challenges: Official</u> The Financial Express, July 24, 2020

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<u>India needs more economic reforms to ensure growth, attract investment:</u>
<u>IMF</u>

Business Standard, July 24, 2020



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