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POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Ministry of Finance initiates budget-making exercise for FY22
Finance Ministry initiates budget-making exercise for FY22
The Economic Times, October 3, 2020

PM Modi inaugurates Atal Tunnel at Rohtang at an altitude of above 3,000 meters
World’s longest tunnel opened in Himachal Pradesh
The Hindu, October 3, 2020

Structural reforms undertaken by the Centre to strengthen India’s economic fundamentals
Reforms undertaken to contain COVID-19 impact to ensure long-term sustained growth: FinMin report
The Financial Express, October 4, 2020

Industrial Relations Code Bill 2020 notifies conversion of permanent jobs into fixed-term contracts
Firms can now convert permanent jobs into fixed-term contracts
Business Standard, October 5, 2020

Compensation cess of Rs 20,000 crore to be disbursed to states
42nd GST meet: Rs 20,000 crore Compensation cess collected this year to be disbursed to all states tonight
The Economic Times, October 5, 2020

GST council gives nod to increased borrowing limit to the states
GST Council approves increased borrowing limit of Rs 1.1 lakh crore under option 1
The Economic Times, October 5, 2020

Several states resist Centre’s decision on the issue of GST compensation
Opposition states object as Centre favours Option 1 at GST Council meet
Business Standard, October 6, 2020

Centre reconstitutes Monetary Policy Committee of RBI
Government nominates Ashima Goyal, Jayanth Verma, Shashank Bhide as new members of MPC
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 6, 2020
PM Modi inaugurates RAISE 2020, a global AI summit
Prime Minister inaugurates RAISE 2020 - a Mega Virtual Summit on Artificial Intelligence
Press Information Bureau, October 5, 2020

Need to protect the world against weaponization of Artificial Intelligence, says PM
Artificial intelligence can bring opportunities, but protect it from interference in human intelligence: PM Modi
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 6, 2020

PM Modi urges India to become a global hub in Artificial Intelligence
India set to become global AI hub through tech-based skilling: PM Modi
Business Standard, October 6, 2020

Opposition to farm reforms undermines the benefits of competitive markets, says CEA
Of vested interests and a discredited economic model: CEA Subramanian’s take on current farm upheaval
The Economic Times, October 6, 2020

National Startup Awards 2020 announced to recognize and reward outstanding startups
Declaration of Results of National Startup Awards 2020
Press Information Bureau, October 6, 2020

Centre lifts curbs on export of N-95 masks to promote outbound shipment
Government removes export curbs on N-95 masks
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 6, 2020

Government’s initiative to boost production in the electronics sector
16 PLI projects get nod in Rs 10.5-trillion electronics manufacturing push
Business Standard, October 7, 2020

Centre recognises need for further stimulus to enhance demand, says Principal Economic Advisor
India Recognises Need for Further Stimulus at an Appropriate Time: Sanjeev Sanyal
BloombergQuint, October 7, 2020
Economic stimulus should continue to revive the economy, says Pronab Sen

Stimulus to revive economy should continue for three years, says Pronab Sen

BloombergQuint, October 7, 2020

M Rajeshwar Rao appointed as fourth deputy governor of RBI

Government names RBI executive director M Rajeshwar Rao as fourth deputy governor

Business Standard, October 7, 2020

Former RBI Governor warns against protectionism in the name of Atmanirbhar Bharat

Atmanirbhar Bharat should not lead to protectionism, says Raghuram Rajan

The Indian Express, October 8, 2020

Government to provide investment clearances to Chinese auto major

India may lift barrier to let Great Wall Motors drive in

The Hindu BusinessLine, October 8, 2020

Need to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, says Suresh Prabhu

Need to address Paris accord friction to achieve climate goals: Suresh Prabhu

The Financial Express, October 9, 2020

RBI keeps repo rate and reverse repo rate unchanged

Repo rate unchanged at 4%; GDP to contract by 9.5% in current FY: RBI governor

The Times of India, October 9, 2020

Central Bank announces fresh measures to push economic activity

RBI sees economy shrinking 9.5% this fiscal, announces fresh measures to arrest the downtrend

The Economic Times, October 9, 2020

RBI announces ‘On-Tap Targeted Long-Term Repo Operations’ scheme

RBI rolls out new ‘On Tap TLTRO’ scheme worth Rs 1 lakh crore; aims to boost select economic sectors

The Financial Express, October 9, 2020

Real time funds transfer to be available round the clock from December 2020

RTGS to be available 24x7x365 from December 2020

The Economic Times, October 9, 2020
RBI to conduct open market operations in state development loans
In a first, RBI to buy State Government Bonds
BloombergQuint, October 9, 2020

Monetary Policy Committee to focus on economic revival as inflationary spikes ease
MPC to focus on growth, expectation on rate cut back on table
The Economic Times, October 9, 2020

Central Bank broadens the co-origination model to facilitate flow of credit
RBI broadens co-origination model for priority sector lending, all NBFCs can collaborate with banks
The Economic Times, October 9, 2020
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Improved economic indicators to facilitate high growth, says Piyush Goyal
Indicators show that India will bounce back to high growth levels: Piyush Goyal
Livemint, October 3, 2020

Share of green energy in the power sector increases during April-August 2020
Share of renewable energy rises to 26% in Apr-Aug this year: Official
Business Standard, October 4, 2020

CEOs indicate business optimism and gradual rise in expected corporate performance
CEOs indicate business sentiment revival; steady recovery of Indian economy on anvil: CII
The Economic Times, October 4, 2020

Three-wheeler sales decline by 84.86 per cent during April-August 2020 on Y-o-Y basis
Three-wheeler segment hit by Covid impact, low demand
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 5, 2020

Lockdown impact: New investment proposals for creation of new capacities decline
Government’s investment proposals fall to 16-year low in second quarter; manufacturing attracts most funds
The Financial Express, October 5, 2020

Economic recovery may gain momentum during festive season
Finmin report: Economy on recovery path, Covid case load may have peaked
The Financial Express, October 5, 2020

Government decision to cap benefits under Merchandise Export from India Scheme to hit auto and pharma companies
Merchandise Export from India Scheme: Auto, pharma firms to be hit hard by cap on MEIS benefits
The Financial Express, October 5, 2020

Usage of cash and digital transactions increase during pandemic period
Digital payments rise in Covid times, but then so does cash circulation
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 5, 2020
Joseph Stiglitz advocates taxing super-rich in India to raise resources to combat pandemic

**Tax super-rich to raise resources to fight Covid-19: Joseph Stiglitz**
Business Standard, October 5, 2020

Services PMI rises in September from August 2020

**Service activity moves towards recovery, September PMI at 49.8**
The Economic Times, October 6, 2020

Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan is expected to provide employment and other benefits to migrant labours

**Poorest districts with largest number of migrants are ones that need to generate employment**
The Indian Express, October 7, 2020

Sales of greener vehicles rise by 72 per cent in September 2020 on Y-o-Y basis

**Electric two-wheeler market picks up in September**
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 7, 2020

COVID-19 pandemic pushes states into a debt trap

**States’ market borrowings jump 55 pc to Rs 3.75 lakh crore so far this fiscal**
The Financial Express, October 7, 2020

Need to focus on fiscal forbearance and not on fiscal rectitude amid COVID-19 pandemic

**Countries need to focus on fiscal forbearance amid pandemic, says NK Singh**
The Economic Times, October 8, 2020

Combined fiscal deficit of states and centre to exceed mandated level of six per cent

**Combined FY21 fiscal deficit of Centre, states may reach 14%: Rangarajan**
Business Standard, October 9, 2020

Indian economy to register uptick as demand shows gradual increase in various sectors

**The worst is behind us; India’s GDP growth will turn positive in Q4, says Deepak Parekh**
The Economic Times, October 9, 2020

Individual sectors to grow at varying paces depending on sector-specific realities, says RBI Governor

**Likely to see three-speed recovery, says RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das**
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 9, 2020
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Subsidies not a solution to boost India’s exports
Subsidies won’t help boost exports; need to focus on quality, scale to meet USD 1 trillion goal: Piyush Goyal
The Financial Express, October 3, 2020

Need to identify sectors competent to be globally competitive, says Piyush Goyal
India has capability to be global player in many sectors: Piyush Goyal
Business Standard, October 3, 2020

India and South Africa propose a waiver from certain provisions of global IPR
India, South Africa seek waiver in global IPR laws for easy access to medical products
The Economic Times, October 4, 2020

China blames India of restrictive trade measures and ban on FDI
China accuses India of discriminatory trade measures during a meeting at the WTO
The Economic Times, October 4, 2020

Directorate General of Trade Remedies to review anti-dumping duty on steel products
Commerce ministry starts probe to review continuation of anti-dumping duty on some steel products from 7 countries
The Economic Times, October 5, 2020

Non-basmati rice exports register an uptick in April-July 2020 on Y-o-Y basis
Non-basmati rice exports from India increases 68% YoY in April-July period
The Economic Times, October 5, 2020

India defends allegation by China in WTO meet
India says China’s complaint against its FDI rules, banning of apps at WTO lacks punch
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 6, 2020

US-China trade war is expected to open new opportunities for the Indian textile industry
Indian textile companies to benefit from US-China trade war
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 6, 2020
Gradual increase in sea freights posing a serious challenge for exporters

Container non-availability, rise in sea freight serious concern: FIEO
The Economic Times, October 7, 2020

Removal of trade barriers between India and EU is essential to move forward

India hopeful of working with EU towards FTA, says Goyal
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 7, 2020

US firms should look at India as next investment destination, says Piyush Goyal
Goyal calls upon US businesses to look at India as next investment destination
The Economic Times, October 8, 2020

India to become global manufacturing hub as the world looks at alternatives away from China
Atmanirbhar Bharat could add $160 billion by 2024 to trade earnings
The Economic Times, October 8, 2020

Trade gap between India and China halves during first five months of current fiscal
Double-digit rise in exports helps India nearly halve trade gap with China
Business Standard, October 8, 2020

Shrimp exports to the US register an uptick in August 2020 on Y-o-Y basis
Indian shrimp exports to US increase 6.6 % to 31,676 tonne in August
The Financial Express, October 9, 2020
INTERNATIONAL SCENE

India working to ramp up relations with neighbouring countries by offering oil refinery in Myanmar
To counter China, India offers Myanmar a $6bn oil refinery
The Times of India, October 6, 2020

WTO revises projections in world trade volume
WTO tempers fall in world trade to 9.2% in 2020 on ‘strong’ June, July
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 6, 2020

Global economy is expected a partial and uneven recovery in 2021, says Kristalina Georgieva
IMF head says global economy facing long climb to recovery
The Financial Express, October 6, 2020

India to beat China in LPG demand in the residential sector
India to overtake China as world’s largest LPG residential market by 2030
The Financial Express, October 6, 2020

Pandemic to push an additional 88 to 115 million people into poverty: World Bank
By 2021, as many as 150 million people likely to be in extreme poverty due to COVID-19: World Bank
The Economic Times, October 7, 2020

India achieves top position in the world as digital transactions double in one year
Digital India: Real-time transactions double in one year; India secures top position in world
The Financial Express, October 7, 2020

India and Japan finalise cyber-security agreement to enhance cooperation on 5G and AI
India, Japan finalise landmark pact to enhance cooperation on 5G tech, AI
Business Standard, October 8, 2020

Unemployment and spread of infectious diseases emerge as biggest risks: World Economic Forum
Unemployment, infectious diseases emerge as top challenges for business leaders: WEF survey
The Financial Express, October 8, 2020
PM Modi invites Canadian investors to put in money in education and agriculture
’Srong’ India story today to become ‘stronger’ tomorrow, says PM
The Hindu BusinessLine, October 8, 2020

India has undertaken structural reforms in key sectors
India has undertaken trinity of reforms in education, labour and agriculture: PM Narendra Modi
Livemint, October 8, 2020

India has provided medicines to 150 countries, says PM Modi
PM Modi: India playing role of pharmacy to the world
The Indian Express, October 9, 2020

World Bank projects decline in Indian economy during FY21
World Bank slashes FY21 GDP estimate, likely to shrink 9.6%
The Indian Express, October 9, 2020