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[Janata curfew, economic task force: Modi scales up coronavirus fight](#)

Business Standard, March 20, 2020

COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force to be set up

[Economy infected: Task force has a prescription, concerns mount over delay](#)

The Indian Express, March 20, 2020

Technology-driven solutions to combat COVID-19 the need of hour: PM Modi

[PM Modi asks for tech driven solutions from people to fight COVID-19](#)

The Economic Times, March 17, 2020

Unemployment benefits to organized sector workers amid the COVID-19 pandemic

[India to offer unemployment benefits to workers affected by coronavirus](#)

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Government of India bans exports of personal protection equipments with immediate effect

[Centre prohibits export of all ventilators, surgical masks, raw materials](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine, March 19, 2020

Cabinet approves new merchandise export scheme

[MEIS scheme to be withdrawn in phases; new scheme to reimburse export levies gets nod](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine, March 14, 2020

New initiative to boost renewable energy projects

[Now RE developers' letter of comfort from PFC, REC, IREDA at par with bank guarantee](#)

The Economic Times, March 15, 2020

GST on mobile phones hiked from April 1

[Mobile phones to get costlier as GST rate hiked to 18% from 12%](#)

Business Standard, March 15, 2020

Guillotine is applied to draw funds from the Consolidated Fund of India

[Lok Sabha passes Appropriation Bill](#)

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Government of India's initiatives to build cold-chain infrastructure

[37 mega food parks and 297 integrated cold chain projects sanctioned under PMKSY](#)

The Economic Times, March 17, 2020

Government's initiatives to maintain liquidity in financial sector

[RBI announces OMO purchase of Rs 10,000-crore government dated securities](#)

Business Standard, March 18, 2020

Security and privacy of Aadhar data is ensured

[Aadhaar Cards issued to over 90% population of India as of Feb 2020: Government](#)

Business Standard, March 19, 2020

Taxpayers to settle tax disputes on digital platform

[Taxpayers can now file declarations under 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme](#)

The Economic Times, March 20, 2020

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Combat against COVID 19 pandemic could flatten economic cost curve

[COVID: Flattening the \(economic cost\) curve](#)

Business Standard, March 18, 2020

Telemedicine and on-line consultation to increase due to COVID-19

[Telemedicine takes spotlight in season of flu](#)

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Economists declare impending global recession due to COVID-19

[Coronavirus fear: Morgan Stanley, Goldman declare global recession underway](#)

Business Standard, March 18, 2020

Hike in excise on petroleum to generate more revenue

[Excise duty on petrol and diesel hiked by Rs 3 a litre](#)

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WPI eases to 2.26 per cent in February from 3.1 per cent in January

[Wholesale inflation eases to 2.26 per cent in February on cheaper food articles, vegetables](#)

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[Direct tax collection contracts in April-February period, at 8.13 lakh crore](#)

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Electricity consumption contracts amid the Coronavirus outbreak

[Corona impact: Power demand dips again, down 3.6% in first half of March](#)

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Private equity and venture capital investments register decline in February 2020

[PE/VC investments in February slip to a 24-month low of \\$1.7 bn: Report](#)
Business Standard, March 17, 2020

Fall in demand of perishable vegetables lowers price

[Prices of agricultural commodities drop 20% post COVID-19 outbreak](#)
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Low demand of fuel in economic activities results in fall in prices

[Coronavirus impact: India's fuel demand drops 11 per cent in March](#)
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Telecom sector registers increase in employment during FY19 and FY 20

[Telecom sector created 76,359 jobs in two years: Sanjay Dhotre](#)
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NABARD's financial support to rural infrastructure

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Exports show uptick after six months of contraction

[Exports register 2.9% growth in February, recover after 6 months of contraction](#)

Business Standard, March 14, 2020

Garment export association seek financial support from the government

[Exporters seek financial package to offset impact of COVID-19](#)

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Increased global demand for API amid the Coronavirus outbreak

[Exporters line up for restricted Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients license](#)

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Exporters in India reeling under the Coronavirus

[Exporters hard hit by impact of coronavirus on global trade, seek urgent relief from government](#)

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COVID-19 impact: India's steel exports fall 8% Y-o-Y

[India's February steel exports fall for first time in 8 months](#)

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COVID-19 impacts exports of refined sugar

[Domestic and export prices of sugar fall due to Covid-19 scare](#)

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi calls on leaders of SAARC countries to tackle outbreak of COVID-19

[PM Modi leads SAARC meet, member nations start work on regional strategy to tackle coronavirus | 10 takeaways](#)

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India's initiatives to tackle COVID-19 with neighboring nations

[Over \\$1-million aid disbursed to Saarc nations amid coronavirus spread: MEA](#)

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Global initiative to maintain liquidity in economies amid COVID-19 impact

[Policymakers slash rates, pump liquidity to boost panic-hit global markets](#)

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