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## POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Mandatory requirement of 1% cash payment of GST liability comes into effect from January 1

[About 45K entities to come under mandatory 1% cash payment of GST liability ambit](#)

The Financial Express, December 26, 2020

Centre asks its agencies to reduce regulatory compliance burden for industry  
[Ministries, departments asked to relook laws to ease regulatory compliance burden for industry: Official](#)

The Economic Times, December 27, 2020

Trading community urges for withdrawal of certain provisions of new GST notification

[Traders urge Finance minister, GST council to modify new GST notification](#)

Business Standard, December 27, 2020

CII proposes a roadmap to boost export competitiveness and encourage domestic manufacturing

[Budget 2021-22: CII suggests graded road map towards competitive import tariffs](#)

The Economic Times, December 28, 2020

Covid-19 pandemic lends a blow to Centre's initiatives to raise funds

[Government divestment in 2020 drops 37% on covid blow](#)

Livemint, December 28, 2020

Finance Ministry releases Rs 6,000 crore as GST compensation to states

[Centre releases 9th instalment of GST compensation payment](#)

The Financial Express, December 29, 2020

PM Modi inaugurates country's first fully automated Metro

[Launching driverless train, PM hails move to 'smart systems'](#)

The Indian Express, December 29, 2020

Banks must gear up to meet new challenges to undo the measures taken up in view of Covid-19

[RBI says Banks need to prepare for challenges after unwinding of Covid-related measures](#)

BloombergQuint, December 29, 2020

Process of policy making should maintain a balance between interest of producers and consumers

[To help farmers, right approach is through Farmer Producer Organisations, not APMC mandis](#)

The Indian Express, December 30, 2020

Calendar year 2020 to be best remembered for the major shifts caused in the banking sector

[From loan moratorium to digitisation, 2020 saw major shifts in banking](#)

Business Standard, December 30, 2020

Temporary suspension of international flights extended till January 31, 2021

[India extends ban on international flights till Jan 31](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine, December 30, 2020

Government approves modified scheme for extending interest subvention for ethanol production

[Cabinet approves scheme for increasing ethanol production](#)

Livemint, December 30, 2020

Union Cabinet approves export of Akash Missile System to boost domestic defence manufacturing

[Cabinet Approves Export of Akash Missile System and Creates a Committee for faster Approval of Exports](#)

Press Information Bureau, December 30, 2020

Government approves proposals of DPIIT for construction of various trunk infrastructure components

[Cabinet approves Industrial Corridor nodes at Krishnapatnam and Tumakuru under CBIC](#)

Press Information Bureau, December 30, 2020

Centre approves funding of infra projects to lay foundation for a strong economic recovery

[Cabinet gives green signal for ₹12,000 crores infra projects](#)

Livemint, December 31, 2020

Top rated firms account for a majority share of funds disbursed to NBFCs

[RBI liquidity: Top-rated firms get 88% of funds disbursed to NBFCs under TLTRO](#)

The Financial Express, December 31, 2020

PM Modi asks all states to achieve Ayushman Bharat mission targets

[States told to strive for 100% enrolment in Ayushman Bharat](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine, December 30, 2020

India has emerged as the nerve centre of global health, says PM Modi

['Have to strengthen India's role in health care in 2021': PM Modi's top quotes at AIIMS Rajkot event](#)

The Hindustan Times, December 31, 2020

Last day of the year is to remember India's doctors, health and frontline COVID warriors

[Last day of year is to remember India's frontline Covid warriors: PM Modi](#)

Business Standard, December 31, 2020

Centre to extend benefits under Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products scheme with effect from January 1

[Remission of duties and taxes on exported products scheme to come into effect from January 1](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine, December 31, 2020

Union Budget 2021-22 to steer the course for economic recovery

[Union Budget 2021 to set course for economic pick up after COVID carnage](#)

The Economic Times, January 1, 2021

PM lays foundation stone of Light House Projects aimed at identifying innovative technologies

['Strengthens cooperative federalism': PM Modi lays foundation stone of Light House Projects](#)

The Hindustan Times, January 1, 2021

## ECONOMIC TRENDS

Centre allows Rajasthan to borrow additional amount following its success in implementation of ease of doing business reforms

[FinMin allows Rajasthan to borrow Rs 2,731 crore more post ease of doing business reform](#)

The Economic Times, December 26, 2020

Rural-urban inflation converges over time exhibiting a long-term relationship

[Divergences in rural, urban inflation do not persist for long: RBI paper](#)

The Economic Times, December 27, 2020

India to regain its position as the fifth-largest economy by 2025

[India to become 3rd largest economy by 2030: Report](#)

The Times of India, December 27, 2020

Market capitalisation of family-owned businesses register an uptick in post pandemic period

[Share of family-owned firms in total market capitalisation rises to 64.5%](#)

Business Standard, December 28, 2020

RBI working paper defends 4% inflation target

[Maintaining 4 per cent inflation appropriate for India: RBI paper](#)

Livemint, December 28, 2020

Push in the rural economy, stronger federalism and a huge consumption base are essential for economic revival, says D Subbarao

[Post Covid-19, India can bet on 3 positives for economic revival, says Former RBI Governor D Subbarao](#)

BloombergQuint, December 29, 2020

Steel companies urge for temporary ban on exports of iron ore to improve domestic supply and reduce prices

[Steel companies blame high cost of iron ore for price hike](#)

The Hindu BusinessLine, December 29, 2020

States incur more dent from market during the first nine months of current fiscal

[Borrowing 43% more in first 9 months, states fall deeper into debt trap](#)

The Economic Times, December 29, 2020

Auto and consumer appliance companies announce price hikes due to supply-side constraints

[Rising cost of raw materials spells troubles in 2021](#)

Livemint, December 30, 2020

Retail payments register an uptick

[Online boost: Retail payments pick up 20%](#)

The Financial Express, December 30, 2020

Onion prices rise following Centre's decision to revoke ban on exports

[Onion prices shoot up 28 percent after government announces easing on export ban](#)

The Economic Times, December 30, 2020

Government to open fiscal floodgates to facilitate economic recovery

[India plans spending boost to counter Covid impact](#)

BloombergQuint, December 31, 2020

Ministry of Finance gives nod to 8.5% interest for EPFO subscribers

[Finance Ministry okays 8.5% on PF deposits for 2019-20](#)

The Economic Times, December 31, 2020

Retail inflation for industrial workers reduces to 5.27% in November compared to 5.91% in October 2020

[Retail inflation for industrial workers eases to 5.27% in November](#)

Business Standard, December 31, 2020

Unemployment rate in urban areas registers an increase during Jan-Mar 2020

[Urban jobless rate rises to 9.1% in Jan-Mar from 7.9% in Oct-Dec '19](#)

The Indian Express, January 1, 2021

All-India Housing Price Index growth moderates to 1.1% in Q2 compared to Q1 of 2019-20

[Housing price index growth moderates, varies widely among major cities](#)

Business Standard, January 1, 2021

India's core sector output shrinks in November 2020

[Eight core industries' output contracts 2.6% in November](#)

The Economic Times, January 1, 2021



India's April-November fiscal deficit rises to Rs 10.75 lakh crore

[India's April-November fiscal deficit tops 135% of full-year target](#)

The Economic Times, January 1, 2021

GST collection for December 2020 is Rs 1,15,174 crore, 12% higher, Y-o-Y

[GST Revenue collection for December 2020 recorded all time high since implementation of GST](#)

Press Information Bureau, January 1, 2020

## TRADE AND INVESTMENT

EU-UK trade deal raises prospects of India-UK FTA

[Brexit trade pact raises chances of India-UK FTA](#)

The Financial Express, December 26, 2020

Low demand and container shortage to reduce seafood exports by 20% this fiscal

[Dip in demand from China, fewer containers hit seafood exports](#)

The Financial Express, December 26, 2020

India and Australia cementing ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership

[India-Australia ties become comprehensive strategic partnership in pandemic-riddled 2020 as China looks on](#)

The Economic Times, December 27, 2020

Exports of non-basmati rice register an uptick during April - November 2020, Y-o-Y

[Non-Basmati rice exports up 123%](#)

The Economic Times, December 28, 2020

Central government allows export of all varieties of onion with effect from January 1, 2021

[Government lifts ban on onion export, permits trade of all varieties from Jan 1](#)

Business Standard, December 28, 2020

It is business as usual for Indian companies as they remain unaffected post Brexit

[Business as usual for Indian IT, pharma companies post-Brexit: Key industry veterans](#)

The Financial Express, December 28, 2020

India initiates anti-subsidy investigation for imports of aluminium product from Malaysia

[India starts probe into alleged exports subsidisation of aluminium item by Malaysia](#)

The Financial Express, December 29, 2020

Centre defers need to obtain certificate to ship rice to EU

[India defers certificate requirement for rice export to European countries till July](#)

The Financial Express, December 29, 2020

FPI inflows continue to rise in Indian market

[Markets: FPIs continue to buy, December flows to hit \\$7 billion](#)

The Financial Express, December 30, 2020

Government developing an import monitoring system to facilitate imports

[Import monitoring system being built for several sectors: Commerce Ministry](#)

Business Standard, December 30, 2020

Current account surplus narrows in Q2 of FY21

[Q2: Current account surplus moderates to \\$15.5 billion](#)

The Indian Express, December 31, 2020

Fall in prices helps to rise exports of spices

[Spices exports seen picking up as prices fall](#)

The Economic Times, December 31, 2020

FDI equity inflow registers an uptick during April-October 2020

[FDI equity inflow up 21% to \\$35.3 billion in April-October: DPIIT](#)

The Hindu, December 31, 2020

India's monthly crude oil production in 2020 is less than 2019

[India's crude oil production tapers, delaying cut in import dependence](#)

Business Standard, January 1, 2021

## INTERNATIONAL SCENE

Indian economy likely to be most resilient in the post pandemic period  
[Indian economy could be 'most resilient' in subregion in long term: UN](#)  
Business Standard, December 29, 2020

Union Cabinet approves opening of Indian Missions in three countries  
[Cabinet approves Opening of 3 Indian Missions in Estonia, Paraguay and Dominican Republic](#)  
PM Modi website, December 30, 2020

India-US cooperation on energy and strategic relations may become crucial with 'Team Biden'  
[What 'Team Biden' means for India's energy and strategic relations with US](#)  
Business Standard, January 1, 2021



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