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PSBs clock 9% rise in profit to ₹15,306 crore in April-June
Source: @TransformingIndia|Twitter

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POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

PM Modi urged states to draw a timeline for timely implementation of NEP, focus on promoting trade, tourism and technology and increase GST collection

**PM pushes states to boost GST collection at NITI governing council meet**

Business Standard, August 7, 2022

PM Modi urges for modernising the farm sector by using technology so that India can become self-sufficient and a global leader in the agriculture sector

**PM Modi wants India to become self-sufficient, global leader in farm sector**

The Financial Express, August 7, 2022

Rice production for 2022-23 crop year is expected to decline due to severe deficiency of monsoon rainfall in the eastern regions

**Rice output in 2022-23 seen down 8% on year**

The Financial Express, August 8, 2022

Capital expenditure of twenty states decline by 9% to ₹55,0057 crore in the June quarter, Y-o-Y

**Capex by states slow in Q1 amid delayed market borrowings**

The Financial Express, August 8, 2022

Government aims to monetise infrastructure assets in FY 23

**Infra assets worth over ₹1.62 lakh crore to be monetised this fiscal: Finance ministry**

The Economic Times, August 8, 2022

Directorate General of Trade Remedies recommends imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of cutting tool from China, for five years, to protect the domestic industry from cheap inbound shipments

**Commerce ministry recommends anti-dumping duty on Chinese cutting tool**

Business Standard, August 8, 2022

India seeks to restrict Chinese smartphone makers from selling devices cheaper than ₹12,000 ($150) aimed at preventing Chinese giants from entering the lower segments of the mobile market

**India seeks to block Chinese firms from sub-₹12,000 phone market: Report**

Business Standard, August 8, 2022

Centre is considering to enhance financial outlay for MGNREGA due to increase in work demand
Rural jobs scheme outlay may be hiked by ₹15,000 crore
The Economic Times, August 8, 2022

Borrowing cost of states increase this week
States’ borrowing cost rises 11 bps to 7.84 per cent
The Economic Times, August 8, 2022

First Multi-modal Logistics Park under the Bharatmala programme in Chennai to be awarded this month
Multi-modal Logistics Park in Chennai to be awarded in August
The Economic Times, August 8, 2022

Reserve Bank of India initiates measures to promote the rupee as a preferred currency for international trade settlement and to boost exports
RBI promoting rupee as preferred currency for global trade: FM
The Financial Express, August 9, 2022

Guarantees given by the Centre to central public sector enterprises constituted 2.32% of GDP by end of FY20
Centre’s guarantees to CPSEs and other agencies at ₹4.67 trillion by FY20
The Financial Express, August 9, 2022

Government seeks to tighten rules on exports of wheat flour and other related products to keep domestic supplies steady and prices under control
Government tightens rules on wheat product exports
The Financial Express, August 9, 2022

CEA V Ananta Nageswaran urged the private sector to invest more in technology and research and development, and pay the MSME suppliers on time to help the economy
Private sector should invest in technology, boost R&D to help economy: CEA
Business Standard, August 9, 2022

India enjoys the confidence of the world today with developed countries being keen to sign trade deals, says Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal
The world sees India as an engine of economic growth: Shri PiyushGoyal
PIB, August 9, 2022

Wide gap between Budget estimates and revised estimates of fertiliser subsidy since 2020-21 led to delayed payment of subsidies to companies, adversely impacting financial performance of the sector
House panel critical of under-estimates of fertiliser subsidy
The Financial Express, August 10, 2022

Robust decarbonisation plans are essential to ensure clean energy transitions of Indian power sector
More emissions reduction targets will help Indian fossil fuel giants: IEEFA
Business Standard, August 10, 2022

RBI firms up a regulatory framework to support orderly growth of credit delivery through digital lending
RBI releases regulatory framework for digital lending
The Economic Times, August 10, 2022

Government of India releases two instalments of tax devolution to facilitate capital and development expenditure of states
Centre releases 2 instalments of tax devolution to state governments amounting to ₹1.16 lakh crore
The Economic Times, August 10, 2022

India to start supplying petrol with 20 per cent ethanol from April next year and is expected to ramp up supplies as it looks forward to lowering import dependence
India to start supplying petrol with 20% ethanol from April 2023: Puri
Business Standard, August 10, 2022

Poll freebies increase taxpayers’ burden, prevent the country from becoming self-reliant and block investments in new technologies, says PM Modi
Freebies a burden on taxpayers: PM Modi
The Financial Express, August 11, 2022

Domestic airlines allowed to price tickets freely as government removed restrictions on ticket prices imposed due to Covid-19 pandemic
Domestic airlines get a boost as Centre lifts cap on ticket prices
Business Standard, August 11, 2022

Union Cabinet approved continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) till December, 2024 which is aimed at providing pucca houses to all eligible urban beneficiaries
Union Cabinet approves extension of PMAY-Urban till Dec 2024
The Economic Times, August 11, 2022
Business-friendly policies of India and its plethora of talent, makes it the best place for investment in the technology and start-up sectors

**India best place to invest in tech, startups: Global CEOs**
The Hindustan Times, August 11, 2022

India to be the fastest growing economy despite expectations of rising inflation, widening trade deficit and a declining rupee

**No chance of recession, India to be fastest growing economy this year: Report**
Business Standard, August 11, 2022

Concerns about prospective increase in inflation or current account deficit continue to prevail amid a moderation in global commodity prices and normal monsoon showers in India

**Concerns about inflation, current account deficit easing: Source**
The Financial Express, August 12, 2022

India holds the target of recognising more than 80 start-ups per day

**India holds world's highest rate of recognising start-ups per day**
Business Standard, August 12, 2022

Oil Ministry revert to an old policy of primarily supplying domestically produced gas for city gas operations

**Government to divert gas from industries after CNG, piped gas prices jump 70%**
Business Standard, August 12, 2022

Home Minister Amit Shah urges setting up additional primary agriculture credit societies to achieve target of providing agri-finance worth ₹10 lakh crore through cooperatives

**Amit Shah pitches for setting up PACS in every panchayat to boost agri-finance**
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022

Indian financial institutions are not keen to align Russia's payment messaging system with the Indian messaging platform

**Local banks not keen on plan to align payment messaging system with Russia**
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022

Department of Expenditure releases additional payment as a one-time settlement to pay for works sanctioned under Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission

**Finmin clears ₹807 crore as one-time settlement for Rurban Mission**
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022
Government eases work from home norms for units located in Special Economic Zones

**Government relaxes SEZ WFH norms**
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022

Weekly Positivity Rate is 4.79%

**COVID-19 UPDATE**
PIB, August 13, 2022
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economists expect economy to grow in double digits in Q1 of current financial year, supported by strong revival in consumption and recovery in the services sector, and a low base.

Economists expect India’s Q1 GDP growth at 12.5-15% Live mint, August 8, 2022

Financial deficit of power distribution companies widens because of declining profitability of discoms

Financial deficit of power distribution sector at highest ever: PFC Business Standard, August 8, 2022

Median inflation perception of households moderate by 80 basis points to 9.3 per cent in July 2022

Latest RBI survey shows household inflation expectations eased 80 bps Business Standard, August 8, 2022

Growth in job postings remain flat at 1 per cent in July due to fears of global recession and inflation

Job demand stays flat in July amidst fears of global recession: Report Business Standard, August 8, 2022

Demand for MSME loans register an increase

MSME loan demand touches 1.6 times the pre pandemic levels: Report The Economic Times, August 8, 2022

Consumer inflation is expected to moderate in July as households’ perception on inflation for the current period moderated by 80 basis points

Households expect moderation in inflation The Economic Times, August 8, 2022

Demand for fuel increased in July suggesting that the economy is poised for a strong bounce back in consumption and continued momentum for the services sector

India’s July fuel demand rises 6.1% year-on-year Live mint, August 9, 2022

All the 12 public sector banks earn a cumulative profit of about ₹15,306 crore, registering annual growth of 9.2 per cent

PSBs clock 9% rise in profit to ₹15,306 crore in April-June The Economic Times, August 9, 2022
Wheat stocks held by the Food Corporation of India dipped to 26.6 million tonne (MT) at the beginning of this month due to a drop in procurement in the current rabi season.

Wheat stocks plunge to 15-year low
The Financial Express, August 10, 2022

India is expected to be the fastest-growing Asian economy in 2022-23, GDP to average 7 per cent during this period- strongest among the largest economies.

India's GDP to contribute 22% to global growth, says Morgan Stanley
Business Standard, August 10, 2022

Non-food credit growth of banks increases, Y-o-Y as of the fortnight ended July 29.

Banks’ non-food credit growth jumps to 15%
The Financial Express, August 11, 2022

HSBC expects headline inflation to fall from 6.9% in FY23 to 5.5% in FY24 amid lower food prices; core inflation to be a concern as the economy remains vulnerable to external shocks.

Softening food prices to cool inflation but elevated core remains a concern: HSBC report
The Economic Times, August 11, 2022

Overall coal production increases by 11.37% to 60.42 million ton during July 2022 as compared to 54.25 MT in July 2021.

Total coal production goes up by 11.37 % to 60.42 million ton in July
PIB, August 11, 2022

Retail inflation is expected at less than 5 per cent in March 2023.

Inflation trajectory may be benign going forward, says SBI report
Business Standard, August 11, 2022

Automobile sales across all categories (passenger and utility vehicles) to the domestic market register an increase in July.

July auto sales rise 10% YoY as chip availability improves: SIAM
Business Standard, August 12, 2022

Industrial growth declines to 12.3 per cent in June from 19.6 per cent in May 2022.

IIP growth decelerates to 12.3 percent YoY in June
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022
Consumer price based inflation eased to 6.71 percent in July on an annual basis, from 7.01 percent in June

*Retail inflation eases to 6.71% in July, stays above RBI's tolerance band*

The Economic Times, August 12, 2022

Tax collections from corporates increase during the first four months of this fiscal

*Corporate tax collection soars 34% between April and July: I-T department*

Business Standard, August 12, 2022

Acreage under paddy continues to be almost 15 per cent less than the same period last year

*Kharif paddy sowing almost 15% lesser than last year, shows data*

Business Standard, August 12, 2022
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Export of APEDA products increased to USD 7408 million in April-June 2022 from USD 5663 million over the same period of the last fiscal

India's agricultural, processed food product exports up by 31%
Deccan Herald, August 6, 2022

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal urged exporters to study FTAs signed by India and identify areas of competitive edge to boost exports

Harness FTAs to boost exports: Goyal to industry
The Financial Express, August 6, 2022

Exports of basmati rice increase during April-June 2022-23

Basmati rice exports up 26 per cent in Q1 to USD 1.15 billion
The Economic Times, August 7, 2022

Profitability of cargo shipping carriers decline in the current quarter due to fall in freight rates

Shipping lines face margin pressure as freight falls steeply
The Financial Express, August 8, 2022

Imports of Russian crude drop by 5% to 917,000 barrels per day

India’s Russian refined product imports treble
The Economic Times, August 8, 2022

Trade deficit with the UAE widened to $3.92 billion in the May-June period from $980 million the year earlier

India’s trade gap with UAE widens as oil imports rise
Live mint, August 9, 2022

Investments by private equity and venture capital funds into Indian entities decline in July, amid global headwinds of tightening liquidity and rising inflation

PE/VC investments plummet by 69% in July to $3 billion, says report
Business Standard, August 10, 2022

India’s exports of plastics, stone, machinery and mechanical appliances to the EU will no longer be eligible for low or zero-duty concessions from January, 2023

EU to end duty benefits for 1,800 goods under Generalised Tariff Preference Scheme
The Economic Times, August 10, 2022
Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal assures that negotiations between India and the UK for a free trade agreement (FTA) are moving at a fast pace amid concerns that the evolving political situation in Britain may slow down the pace of talks.

**Free trade talks with UK moving at fast pace, says Goyal**
The Financial Express, August 10, 2022

India and UK conclude fifth round of talks for India-UK FTA and discussed upon a detailed draft treaty text in 85 separate sessions covering 15 policy areas.

**India and UK conclude fifth round of talks for India-UK Free Trade Agreement**
PIB, August 11, 2022

India is expected to submit its master negotiating text to the EU during the next round of negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement.

**India, EU to hold next round of FTA talks in early October**
The Financial Express, August 11, 2022

Trade between India and the UK is expected to double by 2030 driven by the proposed free trade pact, investment in technology, diversification of global supply chains and ease of doing business.

**India-UK trade likely to double by 2030: Grant Thornton-CII report**
Business Standard, August 11, 2022

Federal Councillor of Switzerland, Ueli Maurer pitched for fast completion of negotiations for a proposed free trade agreement between India and the European Free Trade Association.

**Switzerland seeks fast conclusion of India FTA talks**
The Financial Express, August 11, 2022

India is planning to invest in Sri Lanka through both private and public firms to further interconnect the Lankan economy and the Indian economy.

**India plans investments across sectors to strengthen link with Sri Lankan economy**
The Economic Times, August 11, 2022

Palm oil imports decline 10%, M-o-M as refiners ramp up purchases of soyoil.

**India's palm oil imports fall in July as soyoil jumps to record high**
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022
Imports of edible oil increase in July amid a fall in global prices of palm, soyabean and sunflower oils

Edible oil imports rise 31 per cent to 12.05 lakh tonnes in July
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022

Merchandise exports stood at $36.27 billion in July, compared to $35.51 billion in June 2022

India’s exports rise by 2.14% to $36.27 billion in July
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022

India’s overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in July 2022 are estimated to be USD 61.18 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 11.51 per cent, Y-o-Y

INDIA’S FOREIGN TRADE: July 2022
PIB, August 12, 2022

Exports of seafood products register an increase in Q1 ended June 2022

India’s seafood exports rise 15% to $1.99 billion in June quarter: Official
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022

Foreign exchange reserves contracted by USD 897 million to USD 572.978 billion in the week that ended August 5

India’s foreign exchange reserves fall by USD 897 million in a week
The Economic Times, August 12, 2022
INTERNATIONAL SCENE

Number of Indian visitors to Dubai rose more than twofold during January-June 2022 compared to the year-ago period

Indian visitors to Dubai more than double to 858,000 in Jan-Jun 2022

Business Standard, August 9, 2022