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India’s Manufacturing Activity Continues to Expand
Improvement for 8 Straight Months

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GST collection crossed Rs 1.30 lakh crore mark for the 5th time- Source: @PIB_India|Twitter

India’s manufacturing activities expand in Feb as output, new orders rise amid favourable demand: PMI – Source: @TransformingIndia|Twitter

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POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Government approves changes to India’s foreign direct investment (FDI) policy to allow global investors to participate in the initial public offering of Life Insurance Corporation of India
Cabinet nod for changes in FDI policy ahead of LIC IPO
The Hindu, February 26, 2022

Government approves offering of dry-fuel by coal companies, including state-owned CIL, through a common e-auction window
Union Cabinet approves offering of coal via common e-auction window
Business Standard, February 27, 2022

Commerce Ministry mandates regulations for exporters to promote ease of doing business for the trading community
Government to accept RCMC application from exporters via online mode only
The Economic Times, February 27, 2022

443 infrastructure projects, each entailing investment of ₹150 crore or more, have been hit by cost overruns totalling more than ₹4.45 lakh crore
443 infrastructure projects show cost overruns of Rs 4.45 lakh crore
The Economic Times, February 27, 2022

Government to initiate measures to increase income of small and marginal farmers
Government promoting setting up FPOs to boost income of small farmers, says Farm Minister Narendra Tomar
The Financial Express, February 28, 2022

PM Gati Shakti initiative to help in developing modern infrastructure in the country through better coordination and monitoring
PM Gati Shakti to play big role in development of modern infra: PM
Business Standard, February 28, 2022

Government is worried over the impact of Russia-Ukraine crisis on India’s exports
India gauging impact of Ukraine conflict on its foreign trade: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
The Financial Express, March 1, 2022
Gross GST revenue collected in the month of February 2022 is ₹1,33,026 crore

GST collection in February crosses ₹1.30-lakh crore mark for 5th time
Live mint, March 1, 2022

Government projects a decline in farm sector growth despite a bumper kharif harvest
Farm sector projected to grow at 2.6% in Q3FY22, down from 4.1% a year ago
Business Standard, March 1, 2022

RBI imposes penalty on 3 cooperative banks due to deficiencies in regulatory compliances
RBI imposes penalty on 3 cooperative banks
The Economic Times, March 1, 2022

DPIIT launches the third edition of the National Startup Awards
Government invites applications for National Startup Awards 2022 across 17 sectors and 7 special categories
PIB, March 1, 2022

DGTR recommends imposition of anti-dumping duty on imports of melamine, from the EU, Japan, Qatar and the UAE, to protect the domestic industry from cheap inbound shipments
Commerce Ministry recommends anti-dumping duty on melamine from four countries
The Financial Express, March 1, 2022

PM Modi addresses a webinar on ‘Technology-enabled Development’, urges for self-reliance in technology-related sectors
PM Modi bats for self-reliance in technology sector
The Financial Express, March 2, 2022

Niti Aayog to develop a National Gender Index to measure the progress and identify the persisting gaps in gender equality
NITI Aayog working on index to identify gaps in gender equality
Business Standard, March 2, 2022

Union government amends the 2002 Flag code of India
Centre approves manufacture and import of machine-made polyester national flags
The Economic Times, March 2, 2022
Disruptive business models are stimulating inclusive growth in agriculture and rural finance

**Disruptive business models are stimulating agriculture: Report**
The Economic Times, March 2, 2022

E-bill system is launched to bring in broader transparency and expedite the process of payments

**FM launches e-Bill processing system to bring transparency and expedite process of payments**
Live mint, March 2, 2022

Government is prepared and is assessing the impact on the economy

**Government studying impact of financial sanctions on Russia: Anantha Nageswaran**
The Financial Express, March 3, 2022

Russia-Ukraine conflict may prompt RBI to re-think its policy normalisation schedule

**Ukraine war, oil prices may force RBI to re-think rate hike cycle: Analysts**
Business Standard, March 3, 2022

Lower supplies of components triggered by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war to impact automobile industry

**War Casualty: Russia-Ukraine crisis to dent India's auto sector**
Business Standard, March 3, 2022

RBI launches next round of households surveys to capture inflation expectations and consumer confidence

**RBI launches surveys to gather inputs for monetary policy**
The Financial Express, March 3, 2022

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal assures government support to startups through better incubation centres in the new and emerging smaller towns and cities

**Government to support Startups through better incubation centres in smaller towns: Shri Goyal**
PIB, March 3, 2022

PM Modi addresses a webinar on 'energy for sustainable growth', stressed on the need for energy transition for India

**PM Modi calls for private investments in sustainable energy**
Live mint, March 4, 2022
Ample availability of renewable energy power gives India an inherent advantage, says PM Modi at a post-Budget webinar on ‘Energy for Sustainable Growth’

India can be global hub of green hydrogen, says PM Narendra Modi

Business Standard, March 4, 2022

PM Modi and Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal urge industry to support domestic manufacturing and to aim at boosting India’s share in global trade to 10 per cent

PM Modi, Piyush Goyal to industry: Cut imports, support local manufacturing

The Indian Express, March 4, 2022

Two new transmission lines to help Mumbai source cheaper and cleaner power

Two new corridors to help Mumbai source cheaper power

The Financial Express, March 4, 2022

Global industry bodies express concern upon the proposed Data Protection Bill

Data protection bill: Parliamentary panel’s recommendations to hit India biz environment, FDI flows, say global industry bodies

The Economic Times, March 4, 2022

India’s recovery rate is currently at 98.65%

COVID-19 UPDATE

PIB, March 5, 2022
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Non-food credit growth declines in February, Y-o-Y

Non-food credit growth slips below 8% in first fortnight of February
The Financial Express, February 26, 2022

Subscriptions to the two key social security funds — EPFO and ESIC surge reflecting rise in formalisation of jobs

Formalisation of jobs gathers pace as Covid disruptions ebb
The Financial Express, February 28, 2022

Housing prices across eight major cities in India rise partially due to the rise in the rates of construction materials like cement and steel

Housing prices rise by 3%-7% in 8 cities, including Mumbai, Delhi: Report
Business Standard, February 28, 2022

Aggregate sales of manufacturing companies recorded a growth in the third quarter of 2021-22 on an annual basis

Sales of manufacturing cos grow 27.3 per cent in December quarter: RBI data
The Economic Times, February 28, 2022

Retail inflation for industrial workers rises in January, Y-o-Y

Retail inflation for industrial workers rises to 5.84% in January
The Economic Times, February 28, 2022

Credit growth to industry increases in January, Y-o-Y

Credit growth to industry rises to 6.4% in January 2022 from 0.7% in January 2021
InShorts, February 28, 2022

GDP growth slows in Q3 of FY 2021-22

India’s GDP growth slows to 5.4% in Q3, estimated to rise 8.9% in FY22
Business Standard, February 28, 2022

Power consumption growth remains subdued reflecting impact of local restrictions imposed by the states due to the third wave of COVID-19

Power consumption grows 2.2 per cent to 105.54 billion units in February
The Economic Times, March 1, 2022
Fiscal deficit is 58.9% in April-January of FY22, compared with 66.8% in April-January of FY21

Fiscal deficit at 58.9% of revised annual target till January
The Financial Express, March 1, 2022

Growth in eight-industry, core sector output dips reflecting mild effect of Omicron-induced region-specific lockdowns

India's core sector growth moderates to 3.7% in January: Government data
Business Standard, March 1, 2022

Private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) for the current fiscal year is projected to be 59.3 percent of GDP, a slight improvement over First Advance Estimates projections

Household consumption up: below pre-Covid level: FY22 GDP estimates
Business Standard, March 1, 2022

Daily e-way bills for the week ended February 27 is 8% higher

Daily e-way bills at highest level in February
The Financial Express, March 1, 2022

Number of employed youth in the age group of 15-29 years' declines

Number of employed youth falls 30% in 6 years
The Financial Express, March 1, 2022

UPI payments register a marginal decline in volume and value terms in February

UPI logs 4.52 billion transactions worth ₹8.26 trillion in February, lower than January
Business Standard, March 1, 2022

Manufacturing PMI is at 54.9 in February 2022

India's manufacturing activities expand in Feb as output, new orders rise amid favourable demand: PMI
The Economic Times, March 2, 2022

India’s unemployment rate rises to 8.1% in February

Unemployment rate up again, at 6-month high in February
The Financial Express, March 2, 2022
YouTube creator ecosystem contributes considerable economic value for the Indian market

YouTube creators contributed ₹6,800 crores to Indian economy in 2020
Business Standard, March 3, 2022

IHS India Services Business Activity Index rose to 51.8 in February from 51.5 in January
Service sector activity edges up in February
Live mint, March 4, 2022

Projected contribution of the microfinance sector to overall GVA to be between 2.7 and 3.5 per cent by 2025-26
Microfinance sector’s contribution to GVA to be 2.7-3.5% by 2025-26: Study
Business Standard, March 4, 2022

Passenger vehicle retail sales decline in February as the companies continued to suffer production loss due to chip shortage
Passenger vehicle retail sales dip 8% in February as chip woes continue: FADA
Business Standard, March 4, 2022
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Shipping liners announce the cancellation of port calls due to conflict between Russia and Ukraine
Shippers stop booking cargo for Russia, Ukraine
The Economic Times, February 27, 2022

India’s crude oil import bill set to double this fiscal ending March 31
India’s oil import bill to top $100 billion in current fiscal
The Economic Times, February 27, 2022

Pace of FPI outflows increases sharply since March 2020
FPIs withdraw net ₹35,506 crores in February 2022, highest since March 2020
InShorts, February 27, 2022

India’s export of electronic goods rose from USD 6600 million in 2013-14 to USD 12,400 million in 2021-22
Exports of Electronic Goods sees a jump of 88% since 2013-14
PIB, February 28, 2022

Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal urges spice industry to aim at doubling exports and improving focus of products
Aspire to double exports to $10 billion in 5 years, Piyush Goyal tells spices industry
The Financial Express, February 28, 2022

Bank of Japan and the RBI signed the amendment and restatement agreement of the bilateral swap agreement
India and Japan renew bilateral swap arrangement of $75 billion
Business Standard, February 28, 2022

Investments in the capital market decline amid the Ukraine crisis
Investments through P-notes decline to ₹87,989 crores in January
Business Standard, March 1, 2022

Exporters fear payment-related challenges amid the Russia-Ukraine crisis
Exporters fear $400 million stuck in Russia as western nations blocks its banks
Business Standard, March 2, 2022
International energy prices to impact macroeconomic indicators and corporate earnings amid the Russia-Ukraine crisis

**Ukraine impact: Crude dependent sectors to take a hit while steel makers may gain bigger share in EU imports**
The Economic Times, March 2, 2022

Export cargoes to CIS are impacted as there is no movement of ships through the Black Sea

**Russia, Ukraine war impacting export cargoes to CIS nations, say exporters**
The Economic Times, March 2, 2022

Merchandise exports increase rise in February, trade deficit widens

**February exports rise 22%, imports jump 35%**
The Financial Express, March 3, 2022

Exporters worried as flow of payments to exporters are disrupted amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis

**Western sanctions on Russia: Indian exporters fear fresh supply woes, payment defaults**
The Financial Express, March 3, 2022

India being an alternative supplier of many minerals is set to benefit from the increased global demand for steel, aluminium and foodgrains

**India to benefit from increased global demand for metals, foodgrains**
Business Standard, March 3, 2022

Indian Agricultural Research Institute in collaboration with a private firm to build a marketplace for trading in carbon credits for farmers in the country

**Indian farmers can now trade in carbon credits to boost income**
Business Standard, March 3, 2022

Sunflower oil imports decline by 54% as shipments from the Black Sea region were hit after Russia invaded Ukraine

**India’s February sunflower oil imports fall as war disrupts shipments**
Business Standard, March 4, 2022

Comprehensive collaboration between India and Japan to provide north-east states access to Bay of Bengal and ASEAN counties leading to socio-economic growth

**Collaboration can boost northeast India’s trade, economy: Japanese envoy**
Business Standard, March 4, 2022
India to examine all possible mechanisms to continue trade with Russia

*India explores payment options for trading with Russia*

The Economic Times, March 4, 2022

Forex reserves decline during the week ended February 25, due to a dip in currency assets

*Forex reserves decline by USD 1.425 billion on a dip in currency assets*

The Economic Times, March 4, 2022
INTERNATIONAL SCENE

India participates at the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly
India is committed to address plastic pollution: India at UNEA
Business Standard, March 1, 2022

Draft resolution submitted by India called for immediate collective voluntary action by countries
Historic resolution on Plastic Pollution adopted by 175 countries at the fifth United Nations Environment Assembly
PIB, March 3, 2022