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The eight core sectors had expanded 18.1% on an annual basis in the previous month
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POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Government expenditure on Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana crossed ₹3.16 trillion since April 2020

Government’s spend on free ration scheme at ₹3.16 trillion
The Financial Express, July 23, 2022

As India committed to an ambitious 500 gigawatt (GW) of RE by 2030 at the Glasgow COP26 climate summit, states are expected to meet a quarter of their energy demand from renewable energy sources under the new ‘Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO)’ mandate

States to meet 25% of their energy needs from renewable energy sources
Business Standard, July 24, 2022

FM Sitharaman lauds Finance Ministry for achieving the highest-ever revenue collection of over ₹14 lakh crore in the last fiscal

Trust-based taxation system resulting in improved collections: FM Nirmala Sitharaman
The Economic Times, July 24, 2022

Government to introduce a new draft Bill on the Development of Enterprise and Services Hub (DESH) to facilitate more investments in SEZs

SEZs in new avatar: Units to get slew of tax and other sops
The Financial Express, July 25, 2022

Elevated global prices of fertilisers and natural gas force the government to consider revising the budget estimate (BE) for fertiliser subsidy in the current fiscal year by around 140%

Fertilizer subsidy to hit all-time high of ₹2.5 trillion in FY23
The Financial Express, July 25, 2022

Covid-19 impact: MSMEs owe pending dues worth ₹10.7 trillion at the end of 2021 due to delays in payments from private customers, government departments and public sector undertakings

After Covid setback, MSMEs owed ₹10.7 trillion in pending dues: Report
Business Standard, July 25, 2022

Gross new enrolments with Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) rose to 1.49 crore in 2021-22, from 1.15 crore in 2020-21, reveal NSO

ESIC scheme adds 14.93 lakh new members in May
The Economic Times, July 25, 2022
Direct tax collection stood at ₹354,569.74 in Q1 of FY23 from ₹250,881.08 crore in the same quarter last year

Direct tax collection rises over 41% to ₹3.54 lakh crore in Q1 of this fiscal

Live mint, July 25, 2022

India is on the right path to become a USD 30 trillion economy on the back of strong GDP growth

Indian economy on track to touch USD 30 trillion in next 30 years: Piyush Goyal

Live mint, July 25, 2022

RBI is justified in using foreign exchange reserves to smooth out volatility in the rupee's moves against the dollar and maintain overall macro-stability

RBI 'correct' to use FX reserves to tackle rupee volatility: Economic adviser

Business Standard, July 25, 2022

Interest paid on public debt increases in FY 2021-22

Interest payment by government rises 3.1% of GDP to ₹7.31 trillion in FY22

Business Standard, July 25, 2022

Government to provide incentive under PLI scheme for drones and drone components spread over three financial years starting 2021-22

Central Government is providing an incentive of ₹120 crore under PLI scheme

PIB, July 25, 2022

Centre plans to repeal the existing 80-year old Coffee Act and propose a new "Coffee (Promotion and Development) Bill, 2022" to modernise the functioning of the Coffee Board of India and promote development of the Indian coffee industry

Government plans to scrap 80-year-old Coffee Act, bring Bill to promote industry

Business Standard, July 26, 2022

Ministry of Food Processing Industries to implement a centrally sponsored "PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme" to provide financial, technical and business support for setting up / upgradation of micro food processing enterprises

Vocal for local in food processing sector

PIB, July 26, 2022
Global factors depreciate Indian rupee against the US dollar, though it has strengthened against the British Pound in 2022

Rupee has strengthened against British pound this year: FM Sitharaman
Business Standard, July 26, 2022

Local wheat prices increase by 12 per cent amid strong demand and dwindling supply

India wheat prices jump to record high, limit scope for government-to-government deals
The Economic Times, July 27, 2022

GoI initiates the process for conducting the quinquennial Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) this month

Government initiates work on consumer spending survey
The Hindu, July 27, 2022

Telangana government to rejoin Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, effective kharif 2022

After Andhra Pradesh, Telangana too rejoins crop insurance scheme
The Financial Express, July 28, 2022

GoI gives nod to a four-year turnaround plan to help BSNL de-stress its balance sheet, improve landline network, and launch 4G service

Union Cabinet approves BSNL revival plan worth ₹1.64 trillion
Business Standard, July 28, 2022

India initiates probe on alleged circumvention of anti-dumping duty imposed on High Tenacity Polyester Yarn imported from China, based on an application filed by Reliance Industries Limited

DGTR probes circumvention of anti-dumping duty on HTPY import from China
The Economic Times, July 28, 2022

Total imports from China increased from 2017-18 to 2021-22

India’s imports from China increased 29 per cent in 5 years: Centre in Parliament
The Economic Times, July 28, 2022
Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched the eleventh agricultural census to collect data on various parameters.

11th agriculture census: Government to use smartphones, tablets for data collection
Business Standard, July 28, 2022

India and Uzbekistan must increase cooperation in seven emerging areas to boost economic ties, says Minister of Commerce Piyush Goyal at the 13th session of India-Uzbekistan Inter Governmental Commission.

Cooperation in digital payments, space, agri, pharma sectors to boost India-Uzbekistan ties: Piyush Goyal
The Economic Times, July 28, 2022

Collaboration for higher economic growth, jobs creation, education reforms and crop diversification to likely be the key agenda of the first physical meeting of the Governing Council of the Niti Aayog on August 7 after two years.

Growth tops agenda of Niti Aayog governing body meet on August 7
The Financial Express, July 29, 2022

Government to construct silos at 80 locations across the country under PPP mode, giving a boost to food grain storage infrastructure.

Plans afoot to build 3.4-mt silos under PPP mode
The Financial Express, July 29, 2022

Government of India is expected to allow additional exports of sugar in the 2021-22 season due to higher than anticipated domestic production.

Centre likely to allow 1.2 MT additional sugar exports this season
Business Standard, July 29, 2022

GoI sets a target to operationalise 100 airports by 2024 subject to availability of supporting infrastructure such as land, statutory approvals.

Government sets target to operationalise 100 airports by 2024
The Economic Times, July 29, 2022

Registering a sustained growth in bioeconomy from $44 billion in 2019 to 80.1 billion in 2021, India is now targeting to achieve $300 billion in bioeconomy.

India targets $300 billion worth bioeconomy by 2030
The Economic Times, July 29, 2022
Ministry of Heavy Industries signs contracts with Reliance New Energy Limited, Ola Electric Mobility Private Limited and Rajesh Exports Limited for Advanced Chemistry Cell ACC Battery Storage
Heavy Industries Ministry signs contracts with three companies for battery manufacturing incentives
The Economic Times, July 29, 2022

GeM has achieved total procurement value of ₹2,70,384 crore since its inception in 2016
GeM achieves total procurement value of ₹2,70,384 Crore
PIB, July 29, 2022

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched India's first International Bullion Exchange in Gandhinagar aimed to standardize the gold pricing in India
PM Modi launches India’s first International bullion exchange in Gujarat
Live mint, July 29, 2022

Oppo to make investments in phases over a period of five years under project 'Vihaan' to "strengthen" the "local supply chain" network for smartphones
Oppo to invest $60 million in Indian SMEs to boost local smartphone supply chain
Live mint, July 29, 2022

Weekly Positivity Rate is 4.92%
COVID-19 UPDATE
PIB, July 29, 2022
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Indian equity markets recorded their best weekly performance during the session till Friday, supported by renewed buying
Indian stocks record best week since February 2021 on buying in banking, return of foreign funds
The Economic Times, July 24, 2022

Distribution of rainfall is uneven across the country, posing a threat to foodgrain production, further worsening inflation outlook
India sees uneven distribution of rainfall, may affect foodgrain production
The Economic Times, July 25, 2022

Cost of borrowings of states registers a marginal decline
States borrowing cost slips to 7.90%
The Economic Times, July 26, 2022

Probability of recession for several other Asian economies remains unchanged with India having zero probability of slipping into recession
India has zero probability of slipping into recession, says survey
The Economic Times, July 26, 2022

Electric vehicle sales in India are expected to cross 9 million units by 2027, while also creating more than 10 million direct and 50 million indirect jobs by 2030
EV industry may create 50 million indirect jobs by 2030: IVCA-EY-Induslaw report
Business Standard, July 28, 2022

Global gold demand declines by 8% in the second quarter compared to the same period in 2021, led by sharp fall in purchases by investors
Sharp fall in purchases pulls global gold demand down by 8% in Q2
Business Standard, July 28, 2022

Uneven distribution of rainfall, led by low production pose a threat to increasing prices of cereals
Cereal prices rise due to low stocks, high demand amid patchy rains
Business Standard, July 28, 2022

WGC expects higher inflation due to a rise in gold prices and falling demand
Inflation, price rise could dent India’s gold demand in July-Dec: WGC
The Economic Times, July 28, 2022

Uneven distribution of rainfall poses a threat to foodgrain production, further worsening inflation outlook.
Revenues of the Indian poultry industry register an increase driven by higher realization and steady volume.

India’s poultry industry revenue drives up by over 30% to ₹2,500 billion
The Economic Times, July 28, 2022

Power requirement, grew 14.7% in April on an all-India basis, resulting in a deficit of 2%.

Power deficit comes down from 2% in April to 0.6% in June
The Hindu, July 28, 2022

Apple doubles revenues as it shipped over 1.2 million iPhones in India during the second quarter, an increase of 94% year-on-year (YoY).

Apple’s India revenue almost doubles in June 2022 quarter
The Times of India, July 29, 2022

Volumes of fast-moving consumer goods grew 4% in the 12 months ended 31 May, down from 7% in the year-ago period due to a moderation in demand for products.

FMCG volume growth slowed in May as buyers cut spending
Live mint, July 29, 2022

Growth of eight core infrastructure sectors rose by 12.7% in June from 9.4%, Y-o-Y.

Core sector output rises by 12.7% in June
The Economic Times, July 29, 2022

Fiscal deficit widened from 18.2% to 21.2% during the first three months of the current fiscal, Y-o-Y.

India April-June fiscal deficit widens to 21.2% of FY aim
The Economic Times, July 29, 2022
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

As India and Africa weigh the feasibility of a broad trade and investment agreement, there are three challenges to overcome—infrastructural bottlenecks; language and cultural challenges; and access to finance. **India-Africa trade ties offer huge potential but challenges remain**

The Financial Express, July 23, 2022

India extends LoCs to projects in African nations spread across sectors such as roads, railways, power, ports and shipping, education, telecom, health, and aviation. **India extends 222 LoCs worth $14.07 billion in Africa, 37 LoCs to neighbours**

Business Standard, July 25, 2022

Exports of engineering goods increase to USD 28.96 billion in the April-June quarter of current fiscal, Y-o-Y. **Engineering exports rise 11.8% in Q1 to $28.96 b; newer markets open up**

The Hindu BusinessLine, July 25, 2022

Crude oil imports register an increase in June as refiners continued to bring in discounted Russian fuel to manage elevated global energy prices. **India's June crude oil imports up 21% on demand recovery, Russian discounts**

Business Standard, July 26, 2022

Indian ports record a growth of 11 per cent in traffic during the April-June period of FY 2022-23. **Traffic surge at ports a sign of India's economic revival: Report**

Business Standard, July 27, 2022

Crude sunflower oil imports decline by 23 per cent to 5.70 lakh tonne between February 21 and June 30 of this year. **Russia-Ukraine crisis impact: India's crude sunflower oil imports fall 23 per cent during February-June**

The Economic Times, July 27, 2022

The India (Trade and Investment) All Party Parliamentary Group is created to promote trade, investment and people-to-people ties with India. **New UK parliamentary panel to promote trade, investment ties with India**

The Economic Times, July 27, 2022
Share of crude oil imports from Eurasia including Russia reached a record 18.8% during April-June from 3.4% in the preceding 12 months

*Crude oil flows from Russia erodes Middle East, US share in India market*

Live mint, July 28, 2022

Exports of diesel and petrol decline by 23% and 8% respectively in June to meet soaring domestic demand

*Fuel exports fall in June*

The Economic Times, July 28, 2022

FIEO signs MoU with Rubix Data Sciences to facilitate speedy and cost-effective LEI issuance

*FIEO signs MoU with Rubix Data Sciences for LEI issuance*

The Economic Times, July 28, 2022

FDI in manufacturing sector registers an increase of 76% in FY22 Y-o-Y, with Singapore and the US emerging as top two investors

*Manufacturing sector gets USD 21 billion FDI in FY22*

The Economic Times, July 28, 2022

FDI inflows increase during the previous fiscal as a result of the government's adjustments to its FDI policy

*India receives a record high FDI inflow of ₹6,31,050 crore in FY22*

The Economic Times, July 29, 2022

Share of exports of goods and services in GDP register an increase

*Share of exports of goods and services in GDP increased to 21.4% in 2021-22 from 18.7% in 2020-21*

PIB, July 29, 2022

Foreign exchange reserves deplete during the week ended July 22

*Forex reserves fall by another $1.152 billion*

The Economic Times, July 29, 2022
INTERNATIONAL SCENE

India, Egypt and 90 other nations push for fairer trading systems at the WTO to enhance domestic production amid challenges being experienced by food-importing developing countries and least developed countries. 

India, Egypt, others seek fairer WTO trading system amid food woes
The Economic Times, July 23, 2022

IMF cuts global growth forecasts due to downside risks from Russia’s war in Ukraine, spiking energy and food prices higher
IMF cuts global growth forecasts, warns high inflation threatens recession
The Hindu, July 26, 2022

IMF reduces India’s growth outlook for FY23 to 7.4% from 8.2% forecast in April due to less favourable external conditions and more rapid policy tightening
IMF cuts India’s growth forecast, ups global inflation projection
The Economic Times, July 26, 2022

As India takes over G20 presidency, it is pertinent to note that both its predecessor and successor are developing countries. Indian presidency would need to incorporate concerns of dual development transitions, recognise the priorities of post-pandemic world, and prioritise action on those sectors that are under-capitalised

India to seek consensus on strategy for global recovery, inflation control
The Financial Express, July 27, 2022

IMF warns of deceleration of economic growth amid uncertainty over the global economic scenario
Amid ‘extraordinary’ uncertainty, IMF doesn’t rule out global recession
Business Standard, July 27, 2022