Weekly Economic Roundup

FAST FORWARD INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT!
CORE INDUSTRIES RECORDS 7.9% GROWTH IN SEPT 22

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Trends in GST Collection (Rs. In Crore)

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Core industries records 7.9% growth in September 2022- Source: @TransformingIndia
Monthly GST revenues more than ₹1.4 lakh crore for 8 months in a row-Source: @FinMinIndia

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**POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

Government managed to plug “pilferage” by leveraging technology to ensure direct benefit transfer (DBT) to the needy

*Pilferage stopped through DBT: FM Nirmala Sitharaman*

*The Financial Express, October 29, 2022*

Redressal forum meetings are being held to resolve pending grievances and ensure smooth functioning of key infrastructural facilities

*Major ports launch nationwide campaign on grievance redressal*

*Live mint, October 31, 2022*

Government is likely to announce sugar export quota in tranches to ensure domestic availability

*Government to announce sugar export quota for 2022-23 season in phases*

*The Financial Express, October 31, 2022*

Centre’s expenditure is likely to exceed BE in the current fiscal

*Budget spending in FY23 to exceed BE by ₹2 trillion*

*The Financial Express, October 31, 2022*

Finance Ministry advised banks to support those micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) that have adopted certain sustainability standards for manufacturing with a raft of incentives

*Sustainability standards: Finmin urges banks to incentivise MSMEs*

*The Financial Express, October 31, 2022*

Electronics Manufacturing Cluster is developed in Ranjangaon, Maharashtra and is expected to make Maharashtra an electronics hub

*Government announces Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Ranjangaon, Maharashtra with ₹500 crore outlay*

*The Economic Times, October 31, 2022*

Ministry of Railways will roll out projects worth ₹90,000 crore to remove bottlenecks in the movement of freight

*Railways readies ₹90,000 crore projects for freight optimisation*

*Business Standard, October 31, 2022*

GST revenues rose 16.6 per cent to about ₹1.52 lakh crore in October, making it the second highest collection ever

*GST collection at ₹1.52 lakh crore in October, second highest ever*

*The Indian Express, November 1, 2022*

Morgan Stanley reports that India’s GDP will surpass USD 7.5 trillion by 2031 fuelled by offshoring, investment in manufacturing, the energy transition, and the country’s advanced digital infrastructure

*India has conditions in place for an economic boom: Morgan Stanley*

*Business Standard, November 1, 2022*
Union Minister for Petroleum and Gas Hardeep Singh Puri denied the claims of a moral conflict while defending India’s purchase of Russian oil

No moral conflict in importing Russian oil, have responsibility towards consumers: Puri

Live mint, November 1, 2022

E-rupee launched allowing select banks to use it for settling secondary-market transactions in government securities

E-rupee for retail users to be launched this month: RBI Governor

Live mint, November 2, 2022

Ministry of Textiles cleared 20 strategic research projects worth ₹74 crores in the areas of agrotextiles, speciality fibre, smart textiles, active wear textiles, strategic application, protective gear and apparel, sports textiles

Textiles ministry clears 20 strategic projects worth ₹74 crore

Live mint, November 2, 2022

At this time of global economic uncertainty, the whole world is confident that Indian economy’s fundamentals are strong, says PM Modi

New India focusing on bold reforms, big infra & best talent: PM Modi

Business Standard, November 2, 2022

Central government is considering allowing Chinese companies to set up bases in the country with some riders to boost the high-end electronics manufacturing sector in India

India may allow Chinese JVs with Indian companies for electronics manufacturing

Business Standard, November 2, 2022

Union Cabinet approved an increase in rates of ethanol meant to be blended with petrol and advanced the target for selling 20% ethanol blended petrol (EBP) by about five years from the earlier deadline of 2030

Cabinet approves increase in rates of ethanol meant to be blended with petrol

The Hindustan Times, November 2, 2022

Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approves signing of MoU between India and Denmark to strengthen cooperation in the field of water resources development and management; rural water supply; and sewage/wastewater treatment

Cabinet approves signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between India and Denmark on cooperation in the field of Water Resources Development and Management

PIB, November 2, 2022
Government’s proactive steps have led to a situation where India has been hailed as a “bright spot” amid the current global turmoil, said PM Modi

*New India is possible only with big reforms, big infra and big talent: PM*

The Financial Express, November 3, 2022

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved a mechanism for procurement of ethanol by public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) under Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme

*Cabinet okays mechanism for ethanol procurement by public oil companies*

Business Standard, November 3, 2022

Union Minister for Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar launched a portal on National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) for the benefit of the farming community

*Agriculture minister launches portal on national mission on natural farming*

Business Standard, November 3, 2022

MUDRA loans worth ₹20 trillion sanctioned to provide self-employment opportunities to the youth, says PM Modi

*Loans worth ₹20 trillion disbursed under MUDRA scheme, says PM Modi*

Business Standard, November 3, 2022

Parliamentary Standing Committee recommends setting up a new set of regulators at different levels for regulating the Medical Devices industry expected to help manufacturers and reduce the time required to start a manufacturing unit

*Parliamentary panel recommends setting up regulators for medical devices*

Business Standard, November 3, 2022

Union Ministry of Coal launched a new round of coal mine auction for commercial purposes with the largest-ever basket of 141 mines

*CoalMin launches largest-ever commercial coal auction of 141 mines*

Business Standard, November 3, 2022

DGFT to soon notify norms for permitting exporters to avail incentives under the foreign trade policy

*DGFT to soon notify norms for export sops on rupee receipts*

The Economic Times, November 3, 2022

India offers policy stability, transparency & consultative process of governance to incubate investment, says FM Nirmala Sitharaman while urging businesses to make investments in the energy sector

*FM Nirmala Sitharaman calls for greater investment in energy resources*

The Financial Express, November 4, 2022
Finance Ministry grants extension to DGTR till November 14 to complete the ongoing probe against alleged dumping of solar cells from China, Thailand and Vietnam

DGTR gets extension for completion of anti-dumping probe on solar cell imports from China, Thailand, Vietnam

The Economic Times, November 4, 2022

By selling office and electronic scrap through the nationwide Special Swachhata Campaign to promote cleanliness, Centre earned a revenue of ₹364.53 crores

Centre earns ₹364.53 crore revenue in October by selling office scrap

The Economic Times, November 4, 2022

RBI’s gold reserves continue to rise in the current financial year. Reserves are at 785.35 metric tonnes of gold at end-September 2022

RBI’s gold reserves rise further, up nearly 25 tonnes so far this year

Business Standard, November 4, 2022
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Nearly 104 lakh MT paddy procured from marketing yards in Punjab
*Over 10 million MT paddy procured in Punjab, 5.2 million MT from Haryana*
Business Standard, October 29, 2022

Fiscal deficit widens to ₹6.20 lakh crore during April-September
*India’s April-September fiscal deficit widens on-year to 37.3% of FY23 aim*
The Economic Times, October 31, 2022

Retail inflation for industrial workers rose in September due to higher prices of certain food items
*Retail inflation rises to 6.49 per cent, food inflation at 7.76 per cent for industrial workers in September*
The Economic Times, October 31, 2022

Non-food bank credit increased 17% in September 2022, compared with 6.8% Y-o-Y
*Non-food bank credit grows 17% in September*
The Economic Times, October 31, 2022

Procurement of paddy rose till October of the current 2022-23 kharif marketing year especially from Punjab, Haryana and Tamil Nadu
*Government’s paddy procurement up 12 per cent at 170.53 lakh tonnes till October*
The Economic Times, November 1, 2022

Manufacturing PMI rose to 55.3 in October from September's 55.1
*India's factory activity picks up speed, hiring at 33-month high*
Live mint, November 1, 2022

Eight core infrastructure industries grew 7.9% in September, against a revised rate of 4.1% in the previous month
*Core infra sector grows 7.9% in September*
The Financial Express, November 1, 2022

According to Chief Economic Advisor, India’s economic growth in the next fiscal will likely exceed the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) projection of 6.1%, supported by enhanced capital formation
*FY24 growth to beat IMF’s 6.1% forecast: CEA*
The Financial Express, November 1, 2022

Prices of Aviation turbine fuel prices are hiked by 4.2%
*ATF price hiked 4.2%, commercial LPG rates cut by ₹115.5 in Delhi*
Business Standard, November 1, 2022
Total value of UPI transaction stood at more than ₹12.11 lakh crore in October from ₹11.16 lakh crore in September

UPI transactions grow 7.7 per cent to 730 crore in October

The Economic Times, November 1, 2022

Freight Earnings increases by 17% for first seven months of this financial year 2022-23, Y-o-Y

Railways earns ₹92345 Crores from Freight loading till October 2022 in current financial year

PIB, November 1, 2022

Unemployment rate rose to 7.77% in October, from a four-year low of 6.43% in September

Unemployment rate up at 7.7% in October: CMIE

The Financial Express, November 2, 2022

Demand from consumers led to a rapid V-shaped recovery with double-digit growth in the warehousing sector

Warehousing biz grows 45% in first 9 months of 2022 amid headwinds: Experts

Business Standard, November 2, 2022

Market borrowing cost for the states remained high with the average yield hitting 7.83 per cent

Market borrowing cost for states remains elevated at 7.83%, says Icra

Business Standard, November 2, 2022

Services PMI gathered pace in October, rose to 55.1 in October from 54.3 in September

India’s services sector recovers growth momentum in October: PMI survey

Live mint, November 3, 2022

As business operations resume, there is increase in the on-time performance (OTP) pecking order

With business back, fight for airlines’ on-time performance heats up

The Financial Express, November 3, 2022

A surge in input prices erode profitability of Indian industries

Soaring commodity prices erode Q2 profits of India Inc.

Live mint, November 3, 2022

Hiring of professionals in the telecom sector improved in the December quarter due to the rollout of 5G services

5G: 90% telecom sector firms may hire professionals in December quarter

Business Standard, November 3, 2022
Demand for gold jewellery was at 380 tonnes in January-September period aided by a strong third quarter, reports World Gold Council

Demand for gold jewellery soars to pre-pandemic level

Live mint, November 4, 2022
TRADE AND INVESTMENT

“We have made a lot of progress in the negotiations, and we continue to work for an agreement that works for both countries” said Foreign Minister James Cleverly
India-UK free trade pact talks made 'lot of progress': Britain's foreign minister
The Economic Times, October 30, 2022

India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member countries are expected to start negotiations for a FTA to boost economic ties between the two regions
India likely to start free trade pact negotiations with GCC next month
Business Standard, October 30, 2022

Import prices of crude and refined palm oil and crude soya oil are raised, following a surge in prices in the global market
India raises base import price of palm oil, leaves gold prices unchanged
The Economic Times, October 31, 2022

India to allow overseas shipment of white and brown rice backed by letters of credit issued before September 9
India allows rice exports backed by already issued letters of credit
Business Standard, November 1, 2022

Share of oil imports from Saudi Arabia decline in India’s oil market coinciding with Russia’s rise
India continues with Russian oil buys, cuts shipments from Saudi
Business Standard, November 1, 2022

Government raised the windfall tax on export of diesel and on jet fuel as refining margins increased in the last fortnight
Windfall tax up on diesel and jet fuel export
The Financial Express, November 2, 2022

Wheat exports more than doubled from USD 630 million to USD 1.48 billion during April-September 2022, Y-o-Y
Wheat export doubles to USD 1.48 billion in April-September
The Economic Times, November 2, 2022

Exports of agricultural and processed food products rose to USD 13771 million in April-September 2022 from USD 11056 million, Y-o-Y
India’s agricultural and processed food products export up by 25% to USD 13771 million in Q2 of the current fiscal (2022-23) compared to the same period last year
PIB, November 2, 2022
Iron ore exports drop to nearly zero and are expected to continue in a similar manner due to higher export taxes and lower demand from China
October iron ore exports 'nearly zero', says mining body official
Business Standard, November 3, 2022

Fall in rupee’s forward premium to the lowest levels are prompting importers to hedge beyond the near term
Plunging Indian rupee forward premiums spur importers to hedge longer
The Economic Times, November 4, 2022

Foreign exchange reserves rose to $531.08 billion during the week ended October 28 due to gains in both foreign currency assets and gold reserves
India’s foreign exchange reserves finally jump by $6.56 billion to snap two weeks of fall
The Economic Times, November 4, 2022

India raised serious concerns on the growing trade deficit and discussed market access issues with ROK
India raises serious concerns over growing trade deficit with Korea
Business Standard, November 4, 2022
INTERNATIONAL SCENE

Global employment growth to deteriorate this quarter due to economic turmoil caused by the Ukraine war and by the impact of tighter monetary policy on consumption

Global employment growth to fall 'significantly' in Q4, says ILO
Business Standard, October 31, 2022

According to Chief Economic Advisor, macroeconomic vulnerabilities, food & energy security across countries and the need for evolving a global strategy to regulate cryptocurrencies will likely feature prominently in the upcoming G20 meetings under India’s presidency

India’s G20 presidency to focus on macro instability, energy security: CEA V Anantha Nageswaran
The Financial Express, November 2, 2022

FM Sitharaman highlighted the need for detailed deliberations on the "spill-over effect" of the global turmoil, caused by actions of a few nations on emerging and low-income economies at the upcoming G20 meetings under India's presidency

FM Nirmala Sitharaman pitches for talks on spill-over effect of rich nations’ steps
The Financial Express, November 2, 2022

Asia Pacific region is facing three main risks: global financial tightening, Ukraine-Russia war, which has raised commodity prices and slowdown in China

Asia Pacific region faces risks from global financial tightening: IMF
Business Standard, November 2, 2022

At the 27th Session of Conference of Parties, India to discuss achieving the goal of $100 billion per year climate financing

India to deliberate on achieving $100 billion per year climate financing in COP27 this year
The Economic Times, November 4, 2022

Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 350 million loan to improve the road connectivity of key economic areas in Maharashtra

ADB clears $350 million loan to improve road connectivity in Maharashtra
Business Standard, November 4, 2022