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Economy, Industry and Policy

Government should support both job-creating and frontier industries-EAC-PM chairman Dev: The government should support job-creating labour-intensive sectors as well as frontier industries in the coming years, and support to them should be well-designed, linked to clear goals, and reviewed regularly, S Mahendra Dev, chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), said on Thursday. *[The Economic Times]*

Goyal says India-US trade deal will show farmers' interests are protected: Goyal also defended the government's decision to withdraw from the China-backed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), saying that joining the free trade bloc would have sounded the death knell for India's manufacturing ambitions. *[Mint]*

CEA calls for export-linked support for Indian manufacturers to boost competitiveness: Speaking at a national conference, Nageswaran highlighted rising imports, persistent supply disruptions and the need to strengthen domestic industrial capabilities. *[Business Line]*

FCNR(B) a strong insurance policy, but repayment risks loom-Uday Kotak: At the Business Standard BFSI Insight Summit 2026, Uday Kotak said the FCNR(B) scheme had given India three to five years to strengthen its macroeconomic and financial position. *[Business Standard]*

Indian economy may sustain expansion through FY27, says Finance Ministry's monthly economic review: Strong industrial activity, resilient services and domestic credit growth are supporting economic momentum, even as policymakers confront inflation and external uncertainties. *[Business Line]*

Ten rules for external sector stress: There is considerable stress in the Indian external sector. Policymakers see information that we, as external persons, do not. From the outside, it is not useful to comment on the minutiae of tactical policy moves. *[Business Standard]*

For first time, ASUSE has questions about issues faced by females in operating, managing their establishments: ASUSE, being conducted since 2021-22, presents employment and gross value added, provides livelihoods to many people and supports economic activity through its linkages with the incorporated sector. *[Business Line]*

Govt needs to incentivise domestic solar production as China eyes curbs on tech exports-Solex Chairman: If domestic cell capacity does not come up on time, the result could be a supply crunch for solar modules, project delays and pressure on tariffs, Solex Chairman Chetan Shah says. *[Business Line]*

Indian economy anchored by solid macroeconomic fundamentals and policy interventions-RBI bulletin: While the global economy is currently passing through a rough phase with multiple shocks, the Indian economy has been anchored by solid macroeconomic fundamentals and policy interventions to cushion downside risks, according to the 'State of the Economy' report in RBI's latest monthly bulletin. *[Business Line]*

Banks make slow progress in financial inclusion schemes, private lenders trail state-run peers: Private lenders trail state-run banks in Mudra disbursements, Vishwakarma loan sanctions and SVANidhi claims processing, raising questions over timely support for small businesses and informal workers. *[Mint]*

Industrial credit growth nears 20%, signals private capex revival; Shaktikanta Das urges banks to fund strategic sectors: Shaktikanta Das said nearly 20% industrial credit growth in July signals an early revival in private capex. He urged banks to fund infrastructure, semiconductors and defence manufacturing, while flagging household debt and municipal financing needs.

India's growth momentum stays resilient despite global headwinds-RBI Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta: Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Poonam Gupta indicated that India's real GDP growth fell short due to external shocks. She highlighted that India has managed over 7 percent growth despite challenging circumstances in recent years. Additionally, Gupta expressed confidence that improved global conditions could enhance growth by another percentage point. *[The Economic Times]*

Cabinet hikes Dearness Allowance by 3% with Rs 10,000 crore allocation; check key announcements: The Union Cabinet approved significant development schemes totaling Rs 29,267 crores aimed at various sectors. This includes a Rs 10,016 crore allocation for Dearness Allowance for Central government employees coinciding with Diwali. *[The Economic Times]*

GST clarification on foreign investor brokerage offers sentiment boost, analysts say: The Indian government has clarified that brokerage paid by overseas clients may qualify as an export service. This could help foreign investors avoid the 18% goods and services tax on brokerage fees. Analysts suggest this clarification is sentimentally positive amid significant foreign outflows from Indian stocks. *[The Economic Times]*

Resist temptation to defend ₹ at any cost-Raghuram Rajan cautions India against excessive use of forex reserves: Raghuram Rajan said India should avoid aggressively defending the rupee amid the current depreciation spree, stressing that a weaker rupee could only benefit India. The former RBI Governor cautioned against excessive use of foreign exchange reserves to maintain a specific exchange rate level. *[The Economic Times]*

Govt seeks investor and expert views on LTCG and STT as it reviews capital market levies amid FPI exodus: The government has initiated a reassessment of long-term capital gains tax and securities transaction tax. Stakeholders, including investors and tax experts, have been consulted for their views. The debate has gained momentum due to significant outflows of foreign portfolio investments. *[The Economic Times]*

FSDC stresses on vigilance, reforms amid global uncertainty & AI boom: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman led an important session of the Financial Stability and Development Council, focusing on maintaining financial stability amidst looming geopolitical tensions and fluctuating global bond yields. *[The Economic Times]*

Evidence must to invoke GST fraud-Govt: The CBIC issues clarifications on GST reforms including registration, exports, dispute resolution, fraud evidence requirements, multiple ISD registrations, and alignment with RBI rules to improve GST process clarity and dispute management. *[Financial Express]*



Foreign Investment

India's net FDI inflows rise to $13.8 billion in April-August FY27-RBI: Net FDI inflows increased from $9.6 billion a year ago, supported by higher gross inward investment and a slowdown in outward FDI, according to Reserve Bank of India data. *[Business Standard]*

European carmakers explore India manufacturing as German firms plan investments: German companies have announced $7.4 billion in investments in India over two and a half years, with further opportunities emerging across sectors. *[Business Line]*

Japan vows Rs 8-10 L-cr India investments-Delegation pitches infra, manufacturing push: A 32-member Japanese delegation led by JCCI and Mitsubishi adviser Ken Kobayashi plans investments of Rs 8-10 lakh crore in India's infrastructure and manufacturing sectors, seeking faster project clearances and skilled manpower. *[Financial Express]*

Govt may ease FDI paperwork for entities with up to 10% LBC ownership: The government is considering easing paperwork for certain foreign investors under revised FDI norms, while advancing import substitution plans and allocating funds to support startups. *[Business Standard]*

DHL bets on India growth, prefers organic expansion over acquisitions: Logistics major is willing to take higher investment risks in India, with pharmaceutical, electric vehicle and semiconductor supply chains expected to drive future demand. *[Business Standard]*



Trade Policy and Competitiveness

German firms see India as manufacturing, R&D hub, not just market-Goyal: Piyush Goyal said German companies, including Siemens Healthcare, Volkswagen and Skoda, see India as a partner for manufacturing, research and innovation. Around 2,000 German firms operate in India. *[Business Standard]*

China's proposed export curbs threaten India's solar cell manufacturing plans: Industry experts are urging domestic technology development and international partnerships as India assesses potential disruptions to solar manufacturing and investment. *[Business Line]*

US trade deal will protect all sensitive Indian interests-Piyush Goyal: The commerce minister said Indians would celebrate the agreement once its details are public, as negotiations continue following changes in the US tariff landscape. *[Business Standard]*

India, Mexico formally begin preferential trade agreement negotiations: The proposed agreement will cover market access, rules of origin, customs procedures and trade remedies as India looks to deepen its trade footprint in Latin America. *[Business Standard]*



Corporate Governance

Chandrasekaran, Noel in focus ahead of Tata Steel, Tata Sons board meets: Amid turbulence in the country's largest business group, the next few weeks could unfold significant developments. Following the stormy Tata Sons board meeting on September 17, the directors of the holding company of the conglomerate are likely to meet in November, perhaps in the second half of the month. *[Business Standard]*

TVS Motor Company moves to unbundle mobility, consumer finance business: TVS Motor's board has approved the demerger of its consumer finance business into Harita ARC and the merger of TVS Motor Services with the parent company to unlock shareholder value. *[Business Standard]*

Succession, transition a challenge for founder CEOs-Joydeep Sengupta: At the Business Standard BFSI Insight Summit 2026, McKinsey's Sengupta said that founders must balance long-term ambition, take calculated risks, and plan succession to ensure business continuity. *[Business Standard]*

Does a company have a guilty mind?: There is an old English saying about corporations — they have no soul to damn and no body to kick. The enforcement of criminal punishments against corporations has raised significant questions relating to implementation. *[Business Line]*

Tata Motors secures Iveco takeover as 87.81% shareholders back €3.91-billion deal: Tata Motors has secured the decisive shareholder backing for its €3.91-billion takeover of Italian truckmaker Iveco after investors representing 87.81 per cent of its equity accepted the offer on Monday, overcoming minority shareholder resistance and clearing the biggest hurdle in its 15-month pursuit. *[Business Line]*



MSMEs and Start-ups

Govt to bear 'expensive' certification costs for micro, small exporters under EPM-Piyush Goyal: Urges existing and new exporters across product categories and sectors to approach the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) for certification support, saying the government would cover the entire cost. *[Business Line]*

How the government can help deep-tech startups reach their full potential: The government has taken concrete steps to address funding gaps for deep-tech, but to help startups flourish it needs to go a step further. State procurement must recognize the untested nature of deep-tech products and facilitate validation for market adoption. Here's how. *[Mint]*

MSME business confidence improves despite rising input costs, manufacturing sentiment strongest-SIDBI: The SIDBI MSME Outlook Survey Round 8 (July-September 2026) highlights growing optimism among MSMEs about future business prospects. *[Business Line]*

Unicorn India Ventures' US expansion aimed at speeding up portfolio growth and exits: Founder Bhaskar Majumdar tells Mint how the VC firm's new US base will connect Indian portfolio companies with American co-investors and buyers while keeping its funding focus firmly on India. *[Mint]*

Indian startups listing younger, AI firms could follow-Accel's Swaroop: Accel partner Prayank Swaroop says Indian startups are listing publicly faster as the venture capital ecosystem matures, but AI firms will need to prove they can sustain growth and profitability. *[Business Standard]*



Employment and Industrial Relations

PLFS to expand coverage of platform workers and unpaid work from January: The NSO plans a separate sampling stratum for digital platform workers and new questions on unpaid household work, caregiving and labour underutilisation in the PLFS from 2027. *[Business Standard]*

India needs a jobs toolkit to arm its youth for the AI-infused economy: As technology raises the bar for entry-level jobs, policy must change gears to equip the next generation of workers with skills necessary to adapt in an artificial intelligence-led world. Here are three aspects for policymakers to consider. *[Mint]*

Govt extends Amnesty Scheme under ESIC for three month till December 31: The 'New Amnesty Scheme 2025', rolled out on October 1, 2025, is a one-time dispute resolution initiative aimed at reducing the backlog of court cases and promoting compliance under the erstwhile Employees' State Insurance Act. Court cases filed up to March 31, 2025 are eligible under this scheme, the ministry said on Thursday. *[The Economic Times]*

IT companies add 16,055 employees in H1FY27, but demand remains weak: Hiring gains reflect fresher intake and selective skills requirements, with experts warning that AI-led shifts and subdued demand continue to weigh on jobs. *[Business Standard]*

Govt plans job survey changes to add unpaid work, improve gig workers data: The revisions come amid a debate over whether official jobs data reflects underemployment and quality of jobs in the world's most populous country, where the headline unemployment stands at 5%. *[Business Line]*



Industrial Finance

Private capex pipeline grows fourfold since 2014, but lending risks rise amid sectoral concentration: India's outstanding private capex pipeline reached ₹99.7 lakh crore in September 2026, nearly 4.1 times its March 2014 level and 39% higher than a year ago, report says. *[Business Line]*

Green financing in India rises to $82 billion, but flows mostly to established sectors: The Landscape of Green Finance in India, now in its fourth edition, maps actual finance flows or disbursements across sources, instruments, sectors, and subsectors for financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24. According to the report, while green finance has increased substantially between 2016-17 and 2023-24, financial flows remain concentrated in established sectors and technologies. *[The Economic Times]*

India's emerging sectors to drive capex, credit demand towards storage, semiconductors: AI, semiconductors and defence is likely to lead the investment pipeline, with indicative public and private investments of around ₹5.9 lakh crore, ₹5.27 lakh crore and ₹5.07 lakh crore, respectively. *[Business Line]*

PHDCCI seeks abolition of LTCG tax on listed equities, lower STCG rate: The industry body has proposed scrapping LTCG tax, cutting STCG tax to 10 per cent or lowering STT, arguing that a lighter tax burden could support investment and retail participation. *[Business Standard]*

EPFO plans to channel 3% of fresh inflows into startups, AIF investments: The proposed framework could enable EPFO to invest through institutions such as the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund and SIDBI's Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0. *[Business Standard]*



Technology and Innovation

Tata Communications to invest $400-450 million in India AI fibre network: The company will build a 10,000-km network with 7.2 petabytes of capacity across key data centre and AI hubs, with meaningful revenue contribution expected from FY28-29. *[Business Standard]*

L&T Tech Services bags five-year Nokia contract to support R&D in India: L&T Technology Services (LTTS) has signed a five-year contract with Nokia to support the Finnish telecom equipment maker's engineering and research and development activities in India, the company said in an exchange filing on Monday. *[Business Standard]*

Smartphone market slump likely to impact Mobile PLI 2.0 applications: The new scheme currently looks specifically to incentivise and support those Indian mobile phone brands with a minimum turnover of ₹10,000 crore in FY26. *[Business Line]*

Limits of satellite internet plan: India is regulating satellite broadband as rural policy. The physics makes it a premium product. Clearances cannot change arithmetic. *[Business Line]*

Indian IT firms poised to benefit from enterprise AI adoption as infrastructure costs rise: Indian information technology (IT) companies are well-positioned to benefit from the growing adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) by enterprises, as rising infrastructure investments and funding requirements increase financial risks for companies building and operating AI computing capacity, according to a research report by Anand Rathi. *[Mint]*



Industrial Infrastructure, Clusters and SEZs

Return of SEZ goods-Welcome relief, unresolved issues: The government's new SEZ rules allow customs duty refunds on goods returned after failed deliveries, but a short deadline and unresolved drawback disputes leave gaps for domestic buyers and exporters. *[Business Standard]*

Adani Ports' global biz sprints, but home is still where the money is: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone reported strong earnings with a rise in international port revenues. International ports revenue increased 71% year-on-year, while domestic ports revenues still accounted for higher overall earnings. CEO Ashwani Gupta highlighted the balance between domestic and international growth drivers. *[The Economic Times]*

MoSPI report shows Rs 3.22 lakh crore cost overrun in India's ongoing infrastructure projects: Infrastructure projects worth over Rs 150 crore have seen a cumulative cost overrun of approximately Rs 3,21,976 crore. About 1,853 infrastructure projects across 17 ministries were monitored, showing total costs revised to Rs 37,55,803 crore. The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways leads with the most ongoing projects and costs. *[The Economic Times]*

Grid challenges mount as rooftop solar expands; Kerala, Maharashtra explore battery storage: Growing rooftop solar installations in India present grid management challenges, prompting states like Kerala and Maharashtra to explore battery storage solutions and Uttar Pradesh to initiate tenders for government building installations. *[Financial Express]*

Cabinet approves ₹10,000 crore scheme to boost container manufacturing: The scheme will offer financial support to domestic container manufacturers until 2039-40, aiming to cut import dependence, bridge cost gaps and boost annual capacity tenfold to 750,000 TEUs. *[Business Standard]*



Sustainable Industrialisation

Microtek invests over ₹400 crore to accelerate solar business growth: With nearly four decades of power management experience, Microtek's portfolio spans four pillars: power generation, distribution, conditioning and storage. *[Business Standard]*

JSW Energy prospects brighten on new capacity addition: JSW Energy has already commissioned 1.4 GW of RE capacity in the first half of FY27 and plans to add another 1.6 GW in the second half of the financial year. *[Business Line]*

Jakson Solar to invest ₹5,000 crore in 3 GW each of solar cells, ingots and wafers: The company's expansion plans come as India strengthens domestic solar manufacturing requirements and seeks to reduce dependence on imported components. *[Business Line]*

Petronet's ₹1,200-crore biogas JV adds domestic gas as LNG import risks mount: Petronet LNG is stepping up its diversification strategy with a ₹1,200 crore investment in compressed biogas (CBG), marking its entry into domestic renewable gas production even as geopolitical disruptions highlight the risks of relying heavily on imported liquefied natural gas (LNG). *[Business Line]*

Robust battery ecosystem vital for clean energy shift: India's clean energy story has so far been told in terms of gigawatts of solar and wind capacity additions. The next chapter will be told in gigawatt-hours. The ability to store cheap power and release it when it is needed is becoming increasingly important for energy transition. *[Business Line]*

Boost for green energy projects-Maharashtra govt waives 25 pc land transfer fee: Maharashtra announced a waiver for the 25 per cent transfer fee on land for renewable energy projects. This decision aims to alleviate financial pressure on companies and reduce project costs. Companies must use the land exclusively for renewable energy to qualify for this exemption. *[The Economic Times]*

India signs world's largest green hydrogen offtake commitments-MNRE: Twenty-three contracts covering over 550,000 tonnes per annum of green hydrogen equivalent have been signed since 2023, with more than 70 per cent earmarked for exports. *[Business Standard]*



Sectoral News

UP Dairy Development & Milk Products Promotion Policy, 2022-Incentives, eligibility, implementation: The policy is directed mainly at milk processing and value addition rather than conventional dairy farming alone. A farmer keeping cattle for milk production does not automatically qualify unless the project includes an eligible processing, feed, collection, cold-chain or related activity covered by the policy. *[Business Standard]*

Govt amends motor vehicle rules to allow flex-fuel vehicles running on E100: The Road Transport Ministry on Monday notified changes to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, allowing flex-fuel vehicles that can run on up to E100 (nearly pure ethanol). *[Business Standard]*

JK Tyre bets ₹6,110 crore on premium, smart and EV tyres to revive margins: JK Tyre MD Anshuman Singhania plans to more than double the share of premium passenger tyres while expanding into sensor-embedded products, EV applications and fleet services. The ₹6,110-crore investment strategy comes as rising raw-material costs squeeze profitability. *[Business Line]*

Amid supply chain issues, India's strategic mining in critical state: India's mining sector remains underdeveloped due to high import dependence and severe execution bottlenecks. Challenges include land acquisition difficulties, uncoordinated state-level regulations, and environmental concerns related to mining activities. *[The Economic Times]*

Textiles PLI scheme reopens with lower ₹100 crore turnover threshold: The Centre has lowered the minimum turnover requirement from Rs 200 crore to Rs 100 crore and extended the scheme's tenure to FY34 for applicants approved under Round 4. *[Business Standard]*

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