



ECONOMY

Economic Growth/Reforms

1 India may be third-largest economy after 2030: Study

India could become the world's third-largest economy after 2030 and its ascension could see France and Italy kicked out of the exclusive G8 group or its membership increased to 10 to accommodate India and Brazil, according to a new study.

1 India Likely to Grow at 7-7.5% in 2016: Kaushik Basu

The Indian economy is expected to grow at 7 to 7.5% in 2016. World Bank chief economist Kaushik Basu said today. "Roughly it is in a ballpark of the kind of figure.

1 Centre may stick to deficit targets for 2016-17: Jaitley

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has indicated that the Centre is yet to take a call on deferring fiscal consolidation goals to spur growth in 2016-17, as proposed in the Mid-Year Economic Review.

Public Finance Taxes And Duties

2 Jaitley promises more funds for infrastructure, irrigation in 2016

Rolling out GST, rationalizing direct taxes and ensuring further ease of doing business will be at the top of his agenda in the New Year, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said today. He also promised more money into physical and social infrastructure in 2016.

CEMENT INDUSTRY

Growth/Marketing/Demand/Takeover

3 Cement: Outlook may remain weak for 3-4 quarters

Dealer checks and management meetings recently undertaken by brokerages indicate the current trends in cement demand and prices across a majority of markets ill the country remain weak. In fact, things could remain subdued for quite some time.

New Projects/Expansions/Diversification

4 R-Infra deal to sell cement units expected before December end

Billionaire Anil Ambani's Reliance Infrastructure Ltd is seeking to sell its cement assets for an enterprise value of about ₹5,000 crore in a deal expected to be announced by the yearend, people familiar with the matter said. The company is in talks with cement makers as well as private equity firms including Blackstone Group LP and Carlyle Group LP, the people said, asking not to be identified because the talks are private.



5 Nod to Jaypee to Expand Limestone Mining in AP

Jaypee Cement has received the green nod for expansion of limestone mining capacity from 3.47 MTPA to 6 MTPA in Andhra Pradesh, entailing an investment of 95 crore.

Packaging

5 Volatile jute prices trigger closure of 14 mills

The surge in price of raw jute has led to closure of 14 mills in West Bengal, those without adequate working capital. An estimated 70,000 workers are out of employment.

Housing & Building Construction

Smart Cities

6 After 100 smart cities, 132 smart villages planned

After a hundred smart cities this Year, it could be 132 smart villages in the next financial year. The academia that has come together under the umbrella created by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has initiated the process of identifying the villages and designing workable solutions to develop these villages into smart communities. The project will get funding in the next fiscal year.

TRANSPORT

Railways

7 Rail freight volume tumbles in November

The last time freight traffic growth fell into negative territory was in October 2013, when volumes were down almost 2% from a year ago, data from Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) shows.

Highways/Roads/Bridges

7 Feasibility study of Thane creek bridge, three more projects soon

The feasibility study for four crucial projects –elevated road on Thane Ghodbunder Road, Thane Creek Bridge at Vashi, widening of Wakan-Pali-Khopoli Road and widening of Bhiwandi-Kalyan-Shil Road –will be carried out soon.

8 NHAI: work has begun on Eastern Peripheral Expressway

The construction work on the ₹5,763-crore eastern peripheral Expressways has begun as the government has set a deadline of 400 days to complete the project, which will help in decongesting the traffic in the national capital.

9 After 2 decades, T.N. village gets decent road

For the residents of Chinnakumarapalayam located nearly 20 km from Mettupalayam town in the district, going to work, high school, or to a grocery shop, means travelling to the nearest town which is nearly seven km away.



MISCELLANEOUS

9 **When The Ideas Of India Clashed**

After a turbulent 2015, Modi government must deliver on growth and governance in 2016

If 2014 was the year of the Modi wave, then 2015 was the year when the promise and hope of that unprecedented electoral triumph came face to face with the grim realities of governance in Delhi, the emergence of new political challenges, and the gap between promise and delivery.

**Tenders – Cement Concrete Roads
(CC1– CC10)**

11 **Tenders – Housing
(T11 – T12)**

11 **Tenders – Canal Lining
(T13 – T16)**
