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Indian Economy & Policy

West Asia conflict could lift India's inflation, hit GDP growth: Economists

Geopolitical tensions in West Asia are likely to keep crude oil prices high. This could increase India's inflation by up to 20 basis points in FY27. Economists suggest fuel retailers might absorb some costs, limiting immediate consumer price hikes. Higher oil prices may also affect economic growth and widen the current account deficit.



Artificial intelligence in Indian agriculture: The bus India cannot afford to miss

India is stepping into the future of farming with the integration of artificial intelligence. New initiatives such as AgriStack and Bharat VISTAAR are on the horizon, designed to offer customised guidance to farmers facing the challenges of unpredictable climates and variable market trends.



Indian Politics & Governance

204 of 238 Indian cities did not meet air quality standards: CREA

Ghaziabad was the most polluted city, recording an average PM2.5 concentration of 172 g/m³, followed by Noida (166 g/m³), and Delhi (163 g/m³), as per CREA, a Finland-based independent research group.



Fadnavis presents ₹7.69 lakh crore Maharashtra Budget, loan waiver for farmers

The Budget proposes a ninefold growth of the agricultural economy, aiming to raise the sector's GDP from \$55 billion to \$500 billion by 2047. The State's revenue receipts are estimated at around ₹6.56 lakh crore, resulting in a revenue deficit of about ₹40,500 crore.



Geopolitics (India Focus)

Israel-Iran war LIVE: Trump demands unconditional surrender of Iran; IRGC warns of 'prolonged war'

Iranian Ship IRIS Lavan, crew, docked at Kochi days before IRIS Dena incident, says government sources; two days ago, Iranian warship IRIS Dena, returning from International Fleet Review in Visakhapatnam, was torpedoed by a U.S. submarine off Sri Lanka's coast, killing 83 people

Sri Lanka evacuates crew of second Iranian ship near its waters

Response on humanitarian grounds while island maintains neutral foreign policy, President Dissanayake said in a televised address.



Indian Stock Market & IPOs

US Stocks: US retail sales decline as consumer pullback deepens

US retail sales declined by 0.2 percent in January, according to delayed government data released on Friday, missing some analysts' expectations amid persistent concerns that consumption in the world's biggest economy is slowing.



SAT gives partial relief to Kotak AMC in Sebi case on fixed maturity plan payouts

The Securities Appellate Tribunal granted partial relief to Kotak Mahindra AMC in the fixed maturity plan case by setting aside Sebi's fee disgorgement order but upheld monetary penalties. The ruling relates to delayed investor payouts linked to recoveries from underlying investments.



Marketing, Brands & Consumer Trends

Planning an FD? Check latest interest rates of SBI, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and other top lenders in India

Fixed deposits provide guaranteed returns with higher interest rates than savings accounts, appealing to risk-averse investors. Here's a comparison between the major banks in India.



Scammed? RBI will pay you back, but only once in a lifetime

RBI has proposed a one-time policy to reimburse victims of small-value digital fraud, even in cases of customer negligence. The cost-sharing model between the central bank and lenders seeks to bolster digital trust.



Sports (Business & Governance)

The Auqib Nabi supremacy: what worked in Ranji — and will it in Tests?

The 29-year-old seam-and-swing bowler was irresistible in Jammu & Kashmir's maiden triumph in India's premier domestic cricket tournament. There is a growing

clamour for him to be included in the national team. Are his methods robust enough to hold up at the highest level? And does he have the temperament to handle the pressure of top-flight competition?



Indian Open Throws | Lohakare the favourite in javelin; Toor and Samardeep to fight for shot put honours

The Athletics Federation of India has decided not to consider performances in the event for Commonwealth or Asian Games selections



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