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Indian Economy & Policy

West Asia conflict threatens India's \$11.8 billion agri exports: GTRI

India's agricultural exports to West Asia are under serious threat due to escalating regional conflicts. The turmoil is thwarting shipping routes and skyrocketing insurance costs, putting a staggering \$11.8 billion in food products on the line. Key exports, including rice, bananas, and spices, are especially at risk, creating a climate of anxiety for Indian farmers and food processors.



India got best trade deal with US among competing nations; both share powerful relationship: Piyush Goyal

India has secured the best trade deal with the United States. Minister Piyush Goyal stated this at the Raisina Dialogue 2026. He highlighted the strong relationship between the two nations. The deal provides India preferential access over competitors. This partnership extends beyond trade to critical minerals and defense. The agreement framework has been finalized.



Indian Politics & Governance

Maharashtra Government inks MoU with Finnish firms to develop Sassoon Dock

Sassoon Dock records an average annual fish production of 50,000 to 60,000 metric tonnes, making it a priority for the Maharashtra government, State Fisheries Minister Nitesh Rane said



Since 2017, cases of SCs denied access to public spaces on the rise with lion's share in U.P.

From the latest available set of crime data in the NCRB's 2023 Crime in India report, there were 180 reported cases of SCs being denied access to public spaces under the Prevention of Atrocities (SC/ST) Act across the country. Of these, 173 cases were reported in U.P. alone

Geopolitics (India Focus)

Iran-Israel War: Lulu Group brings 80,000 kg of fresh food to UAE from India on Etihad Airways' cargo flights



'India purchases oil from wherever most competitive': Govt clears stand after US 'allows' Russia



Indian Stock Market & IPOs

Dalal Street Week Ahead: Defensive, stock-specific approach advised to protect gains

Indian markets experienced a sharp downturn this week, with the Nifty closing significantly lower and testing a crucial 100-week moving average support. Rising volatility and weakening market breadth signal caution for investors. While some sectors like Infrastructure and Pharma show relative strength, others are under pressure, suggesting a defensive approach is advised.



Explained: Why BlackRock stock tanked 7% after curbing withdrawals from flagship fund

BlackRock shares fell sharply after the asset manager restricted withdrawals from its flagship private credit fund, HLEND, following a surge in redemption requests.

The move has intensified concerns about liquidity risks in the fast-growing private credit industry, even as investors shift towards safer assets amid global economic and geopolitical uncertainty.



Marketing, Brands & Consumer Trends

Indian refiners are buying both sanctioned and non-sanctioned Russian oil following US waiver

On Friday, US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said Washington would allow a 30-day waiver for Indian refiners to purchase Russian oil stranded at sea, offering temporary relief amid global supply concerns.



SBI rolls out \$500 million social loan programme for women empowerment

State Bank of India has launched a USD 500 million syndicated social term loan focused on women empowerment, marking a significant step in ESG financing.



Sports (Business & Governance)

G.M.C. Balayogi Hockey Ground receives a facelift ahead of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Qualifiers

The State government has also received approval to establish an international-level hockey academy at the complex



Japan thrash India 11-0 in Women's Asian Cup: A scoreline that was never going to be any different



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