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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

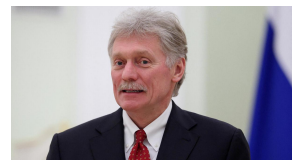
India is stepping into the future of farming with the integration of artificial intelligence. New initiatives such as AgriStack and Bharat VISTAAR are on the horizon, designed to offer customised guidance to farmers facing the challenges of unpredictable climates and variable market trends.



Indian Politics & Governance

Russia will not disclose data on its crude export to India: Kremlin

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov's comments came hours after U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said that Washington has issued a temporary 30-day waiver to allow Indian refiners to purchase Russian oil



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Geopolitics (India Focus)

Nepal election: Balendra Shah's RSP wins 18 seats, leads in 99

The election is being closely watched by India, which hopes for a stable government in the politically fragile Himalayan nation to take forward the developmental partnership between the two sides



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Indian Stock Market & IPOs

As negative listings galore, 5 companies to launch IPOs worth Rs 6,500 crore next week

India's primary market gears up for a busy week with five IPOs aiming to raise over Rs 6,578 crore, led by Raajmarg Infra Investment Trust's Rs 6,000 crore offering. Despite the influx, investor sentiment remains cautious due to recent weak listings and muted grey market premiums, signaling a challenging period for new issuances.



Oil prices surge amid Middle East conflict: How Indian oil stocks performed last week?

Brent crude futures rose to the highest since July 2024 at \$87.66 a barrel, recording a 20% weekly rise—the largest since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Qatar's energy minister Saad al-Kaabi told the Financial Times that global oil prices could surge to as high as \$150 a barrel if the conflict in the Middle East intensifies and disrupts energy supplies from the Gulf.



Marketing, Brands & Consumer Trends

Bank holidays: Are banks closed today and tomorrow on 7-8 March for the weekend? Check full RBI calendar here

The RBI has listed a total of 18 public holidays for all banks in March 2026 for public and private lenders across India. This also includes the weekend holidays for second Saturday, fourth Saturday, and all Sundays this month.



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.



Sports (Business & Governance)

Sabalenka opens Indian Wells bid with dominant win

Sabalenka and men's world number two Jannik Sinner headlined the day's play as seeded players swung into action after enjoying first-round byes.



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?



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