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Indian Economy & Policy

Forget oil and gas, a bigger Iran war risk is shaping up

Global attention is on the Strait of Hormuz due to the Iran conflict. Beyond oil, a fertilizer supply shock looms. This could disrupt agriculture, leading to food shortages and price hikes. India faces increased import costs and subsidy burdens. The impact on food security and inflation is a significant concern for the coming months and years.

Women in Indian Agriculture: From participation to systemic leadership

Women's roles in production, processing, and knowledge transmission are increasingly recognized, driving efforts to empower them as leaders and innovators. Strengthening women's access to resources and institutions is vital for resilient and inclusive agri-food systems.

Indian Politics & Governance

LPG price hikes: Opposition targets government, questions government’s claim of adequate stock

The prices of domestic LPG and commercial cylinders were hiked by a steep ₹60 and ₹114.5, following an increase follows a rise in global energy prices because of the West Asia conflict. The price increase is effective from March 7

International Women’s Day: Meet a few certified women snake rescuers from Kerala

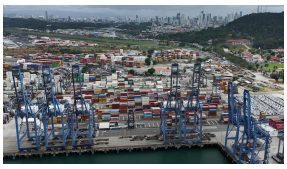
SARPA, an initiative of the Department of Forests, Government of Kerala, has been training volunteers to rescue snakes. Among these are 140-odd women; as International Women’s Day falls on March 8 we speak to some of them

Geopolitics (India Focus)

‘Approached from a point of humanity,’ Jaishankar on why India let Iran warship dock in Kochi

Jaishankar, flagging social media debates over the incident, called for people to ‘understand the reality of the Indian Ocean’

Hong Kong firm seeks $2 billion over Panama's takeover of 2 key canal ports



Panama's government last week seized control of the Balboa and Cristobal ports on each end of the Panama Canal, a crucial waterway for maritime trade

Indian Stock Market & IPOs

Women account for only 5% of CEOs in India’s listed companies: Primeinfobase report

Women remain significantly underrepresented in leadership roles at India’s listed companies despite improvements in boardroom diversity. A Primeinfobase report shows women hold only 5% of CEO or MD positions and just 10% of executive directorships, highlighting persistent structural barriers and a widening gender gap in senior corporate leadership and pay.

Coforge, Persistent Systems among 10 stocks that have fallen most in 2026. Do you own any?

Several stocks on the BSE 200 index have seen sharp declines at the start of CY2026 as volatility grips markets. Technology and new-age companies dominate the list of laggards. Coforge, LTIMindtree and Persistent Systems lead the fall, reflecting pressure on IT stocks amid global uncertainty and concerns around rapid advances in artificial intelligence.

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)

Sinner, Sabalenka make dominant starts in quest for first Indian Wells titles

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.

‘India has pressure of 1.5 billion people, they’ve already lost a final in Ahmedabad’: Shoaib Akhtar on India facing home pressure against New Zealand

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