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# NATIONAL

## ₹2,000 Notes To Be Withdrawn, Will Remain Valid

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The central bank has said it will withdraw ₹ 2,000 notes from circulation and people can exchange or deposit them in their bank accounts by September 30. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) 19 regional offices and other banks will start taking ₹2,000 notes for exchange with lower denomination one from May 23. They will remain legal tender, the RBI said. The RBI has told all banks to stop issuing ₹ 2,000 notes immediately.

**Source: NDTV**

# TRADE

## Exports to EU worth to be impacted by EU's deforestation regulation

**Date: 18 May 2023**

India's exports of products like coffee, leather hides and paperboard worth USD 1.3 billion annually to the European Union will get impacted due to the deforestation regulation adopted by the EU earlier this week, a report by economic think tank GTRI said on Thursday. The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that the EU-DR appears to prioritise protecting its own agricultural sector and promoting exports, making imports more difficult as it is a trade barrier disguised as a green measure.



**Source: The Economic Times**

## ECONOMY

**India remains a bright spot, economy expected to grow 6.7% in 2024**

**Date: 17 May 2023**



India's economy is expected to grow by 6.7% in the calendar year 2024, supported by resilient domestic demand, according to a UN report which said higher interest rates and weaker external demand will continue to weigh on investment and exports this year for the country. Inflation in India is expected to decelerate to 5.5% in 2023 as global commodity prices moderate and slower currency depreciation reduces imported inflation.

**Source: The Indian Express**

## MSMEs

**70% MSMEs Believe UPI Drives More Sales For Them**

**Date: 19 May 2023**

70% of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) believe more than half of their retail sales will be via UPI, found Neolnsights study titled 'Decoding Digital Payments: A Retailer Perspective', recently released by NeoGrowth, an MSME-focused digital lender in India. The study indicates that retailers are increasingly favouring digital transactions, with UPI being their preferred mode due to the convenience it offers to customers and the speed of payment receipt for retailers.



**Source: News18**

# ENERGY

## Govt orders industry to set targets for energy transition

**Date: 16 May 2023**



Union New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh has directed the industry to set targets under the Green Open Access Rules 2022, in a bid to accelerate the country's renewable energy programmes. The rules pertain to the generation, promotion, purchase and consumption of green energy including through waste-to-energy plants. It also enables a simplified procedure for the open access to green power. Open access permits a consumer to purchase power from a source of his/her choice.

**Source: Mint**

# PHARMACEUTICAL

## Pharma companies ask to exempt cheap drugs from price control

**Date: 18 May 2023**

The pharmaceutical industry has sought an exemption from ceiling price for all low-priced formulations up to Rs 5 per unit. In a meeting held on Tuesday, the sector lobby groups also asked the government for exemption from implementation of trade margin rationalisation (TMR) on formulations which are priced below Rs 10 per unit, while it agreed to the implementation of TMR in a phased manner, said people aware of the matter.



**Source: The Economic Times**

# News from International Publications

## EU urged to halt on imports of Indian fuels made with Russian oil

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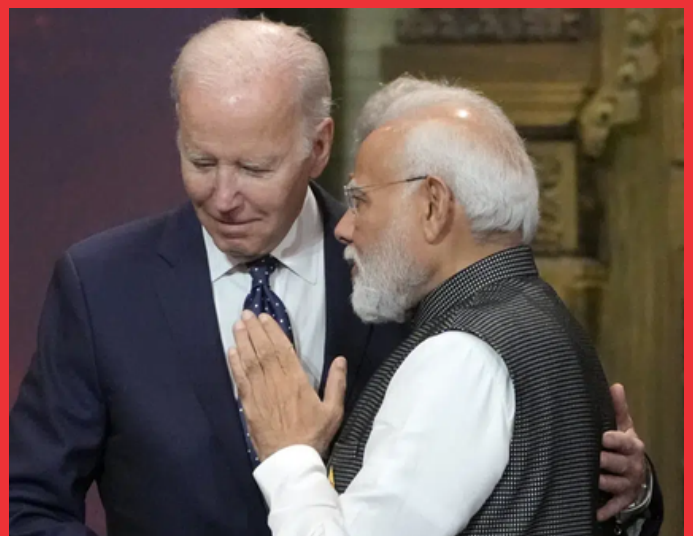
The EU should crack down on India reselling Russian oil as refined fuels including diesel into Europe, the bloc’s chief diplomat has said, as western nations move to tighten sanctions on Moscow’s energy sector. Josep Borrell, the EU’s high representative for foreign policy, told the Financial Times that Brussels was aware that Indian refiners were buying large volumes of Russian crude oil before processing it into fuels for sale in Europe, saying for the first time the EU should act to stop it.

**Source: Financial Times**

## Biden and Modi set to deepen their bonds

**Date: 16 May 2023**

President Joe Biden has made it a mission for the U.S. to build friendships overseas — and the next few weeks will offer a vivid demonstration of the importance he’s placing on a relationship with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two are both scheduled to attend this week’s Group of Seven summit in Japan, a subsequent gathering of Pacific island leaders in Papua New Guinea, and a later meeting of Indo-Pacific leaders in Australia.



**Source: Khaleej Times**

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## G7 host Japan seeks unity on threat from China

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Leaders of the G7 gather in Japan this weekend amid global fears of a US debt default, deepening division over energy policy and no end in sight for the war in Ukraine. But for Japanese prime minister Fumio Kishida, the top challenge for the annual summit of advanced economies will be whether it can project a unified G7 response to China's military ambitions and its use of "economic coercion" as US Treasury secretary Janet Yellen described it last week.

Source: Financial Times

## Gold prices set to increase further

Date: 16 May 2023

The economic fallout of the US failing to raise the debt ceiling and defaulting on its financial responsibilities will see the dollar coming under increased pressure, providing a tailwind to gold prices. The US may default as soon as June 1, causing a global economic catastrophe, if the limit is not raised by Congress before then. Precious metals analysts believe that if the US government runs out of cash to pay its bills, gold is likely to benefit, and its prices could climb immediately to \$2,100.



Source: Khaleej Times