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# ECONOMY

## India's economy grew faster at 5.1% in Q4

**Date: 26 May 2023**



India's economy likely grew better than expected in the March quarter of FY23, which could push full fiscal year growth higher than January's 7% first advance estimate. An ET poll of 20 economists pegged growth in the January-March period in the 4.1-5.7% range with the median at 5.1%, higher than the 4.4% recorded in the preceding quarter. "In Q4 FY23, the strength in domestic consumption demand is supporting the growth," said Rajani Sinha, chief economist, CareEdge.

**Source: The Economic Times**

# TRADE

## India challenges WTO panel ruling on ICT import duties

**Date: 26 May 2023**

India has appealed against a ruling of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) trade dispute settlement panel which stated that the country's import duties on certain information and technology products are inconsistent with the global trade norms. The dispute panel of WTO on April 17 said in its report that import duties imposed by India on certain information and technology products violate global trading norms.



**Source: The Telegraph**



## MSMEs

### Govt to integrate MSME Global Mart with ONDC

**Date: 24 May 2023**



The government is working on integrating the B2B platform, MSME Global Mart, into the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) to bolster small businesses, said Narayan Rane, Union minister for micro, small and medium enterprises. He said the government aims to increase the share of MSMEs' contribution to the GDP to 40% from 30% now. Rane said that the government is focusing on nurturing high-growth industries that can become the driving force of the economy.

**Source: Mint**

## STEEL

### India's steel demand to grow at 7.5% in FY24

**Date: 26 May 2023**

Domestic steel demand in the current financial year is expected to grow at 7.5% to reach 128.85 million tonnes (MT), according to the Indian Steel Association (ISA). India's total steel demand was at 119.86 (MT) in FY23, ISA notified. "Driven by a strong momentum in Infrastructure spending and sustained growth in urban consumption, steel demand in India will continue to expand by 8-9 million tons each year in the next two financial years." ISA said in a statement on May 26.



**Source: Moneycontrol**



# FDI

## Global uncertainty casts shadow on India's FDI inflows in FY24

**Date: 25 May 2023**



Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India moderated in Financial Year 2022-23 (FY23) and will likely stay under pressure in FY24, said economists and analysts, citing global uncertainty and tight liquidity. Gross inward FDI flows declined 16.3% year-on-year to \$71.0 billion in 2022-23, according to data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Net FDI fell too: to \$28.0 billion in 2022-23 from \$38.6 billion a year ago, mainly due to moderation in gross inflows and increased repatriation.

**Source: Business Standard**

# BANKING

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

**Date: 25 May 2023**

S&P Global Ratings today said Indian banking sector profitability will stabilise at a healthy level, and asset quality will continue to improve. A strong recovery is underway in the Indian banking sector, and lenders have just reported their best results in a decade, S&P Global Ratings said. It expects the sector profitability to stabilise at a healthy level, and that banks' asset quality will continue to improve.



**Source: NDTV**



# PHARMACEUTICAL

## Govt orders industry to set targets for energy transition

**Date: 25 May 2023**



The Indian government has made it compulsory for cough syrup makers to get samples tested before exporting their products. Starting 1 June, these companies will have to get a certificate of analysis from a government-approved laboratory. The rule change comes after some Indian-made cough syrups were linked to deaths in The Gambia and Uzbekistan. The controversies had cast a pall over India's pharmaceutical industry, which makes a third of the world's medicines.

**Source: BBC**

# ENERGY

## India has 172 GW renewable energy capacity

**Date: 24 May 2023**

India has already achieved renewable energy capacity of 172 GW and another 129 MW is under implementation, a top official said. New & Renewable Energy Secretary B S Bhalla mentioned about the capacity during a review meeting with States/UTs on the progress of renewable energy schemes and capacities. According to him, the total installed capacity would be 301 GW, which leaves approximately 200 GW capacity to be added in order to achieve the target of 500 GW capacity from non-fossil fuels.



**Source: Moneycontrol**



# News from International Publications

## Germany unnerved by plunge in exports to China

Date: 25 May 2023



A double-digit drop in German exports to China has rattled Europe's biggest economy, triggering debate over why its vast manufacturing sector has fallen behind rivals benefiting from a rebound in Chinese demand. The 11.3% drop in Germany's China exports in the first 4 months of the year on the same period a year ago highlights a unique set of challenges for Europe's industrial powerhouse, economists say.

Source: Financial Times

## High inflation swells UK budget deficit in April

Date: 23 May 2023

Britain borrowed more than expected in April, as high inflation pushed the government's debt interest bill to a new record for the month, even before expected tax cuts by Finance Minister Jeremy Hunt ahead of the next election. Public-sector net borrowing, excluding state-owned banks, rose in April to £25.56 billion (\$42.7 billion) – almost £12 billion more than in April 2022, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said. A Reuters poll of economists had pointed to public sector net borrowing, excluding state-owned banks, of £19.75 billion.



Source: The Business Times



# News from International Publications

## U.S. and China See Fragile Opportunity to Repair Ties

Date: 24 May 2023



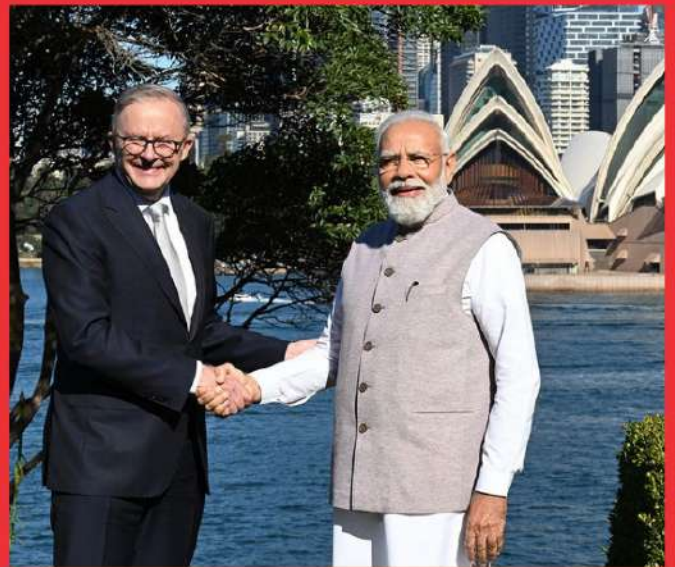
U.S.-China relations, after months of recrimination, are entering a new phase likely to determine whether the two powers are able to restore high-level exchanges derailed by a Chinese balloon this year. A first barometer of the chance for success is a dinner planned for in Washington, where Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo plans to sit down with her Chinese counterpart, Wang Wentao. It will be the first cabinet-level meeting in Washington between the two countries during the Biden administration.

Source: Wall Street Journal

## PM Modi strikes new agreements on migration in Australia

Date: 25 May 2023

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi struck new agreements Wednesday with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese on migration and green hydrogen, in Sydney. Modi was welcomed by around 20,000 cheering fans, many chanting "Modi," at a Sydney stadium for his second visit to Australia as India's leader. The Indian diaspora accounts for only 3% of Australia's population but is the nation's fastest growing ethnic minority. Modi described the diaspora as the real strength in the growing bilateral relationship.



Source: Khaleej Times



# News from International Publications

**China faces decades-long growth 'plateau', says EU Chamber head**

**Date: 24 May 2023**



China's economic prospects are flat for the next two decades, requiring Beijing to tackle some deep-rooted problems to improve its growth outlook, according to the outgoing head of the European Union (EU) Chamber of Commerce in China. Growth in the world's second-largest economy is expected to return to pre-pandemic rates of close to 6% this year, although that is largely due to a weak base in 2022. Beyond this year, economists expect growth to slow to 5% or lower.

**Source: The Business Times**

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