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# ECONOMY

**By 2047, India's GDP will be USD 20 trillion**

**Date: 01 July 2023**



Dr Bibek Debroy, Chairperson, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, said there are certain trajectories and transitions that will help India grow economically by 2047. He said, "In 2047, our per capita income will reach 10,000 US dollars. Which is low when compared to other developed nations, but for India it will be a significant jump." Today the per capita income is around 2,300 US dollars. Debroy said the population of Below Poverty Level (BPL) families will fall significantly.

**Source: India Today**

# AUTOMOBILE

**India produces 2.7 cr vehicles, valued at USD 108 bn in FY23**

**Date: 28 June 2023**

The Indian automobile industry produced a whopping 2.7 crore vehicles across segments and types, worth around USD 108-billion (INR 8.7-lakh crore) in FY23, with passenger vehicle segment accounting for 57% at INR 5-lakh crore in the total value, a report said. Also, in the total 2.7 lakh crore vehicles churned out last fiscal, the commercial vehicle segment, which includes small 4-wheel carrier with less than 2-ton capacity to large tractor trailers and specialty vehicles like tippers, share stood at 10-lakh vehicles, generating a value of INR 1.7-lakh crore.



**Source: ET Auto**

# CEMENT

## Cement firms to see strong demand growth in 1QFY24

Date: 30 June 2023



A combination of increased government spending on public infrastructure projects along with increased private capital expenditure is expected to drive demand growth for cement companies in 1QFY24, say brokerages. According to a report by Nirmal Bang, the cement segment is expected to see a 12% growth along with an increase in EBITDA/T by Rs.150-250/T. The domestic broker noted that ongoing major inter-state highway construction projects along with the several under construction rapid transits will keep the demand growth buoyant.

Source: Money Control

# TRADE

## Gold imports from UAE fall despite pact

Date: 29 June 2023

Gold shipments from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have nearly halved from the previous year to a two-decade low in the year ended 31 March 2023 despite the concessional duty offered under the bilateral comprehensive trade pact that came into force in May last year. Under the India-UAE free-trade pact, a concessional tariff is applicable on the first 120 tonnes of gold imports in the first year, referred to as the tariff rate quota (TRQ).



Source: Mint

# TELECOM

## India-US tech pact sets stage for Jio to export 5G stack

**Date: 30 June 2023**



On the back of the recent Indo-US tech agreements, Reliance Jio is looking at exporting its 'made-in-India' end-to-end 5G stack and radio, according to people aware of the matter. Once the export of telecom stack starts, it would open another revenue stream for the company. India and US have entered into agreements on areas like creating secure and trusted telecommunications, resilient supply chains, enabling global digital inclusion, and open RAN trials, which will help local telecom solutions providers to establish their foothold in other countries.

**Source: Financial Express**

# MSMEs

## Ensure affordable credit to MSMEs to achieve \$1 tn exports target

**Date: 29 June 2023**

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has asked banks to ensure enhanced and affordable credit to MSMEs to achieve the target of \$1 trillion in merchandise exports by 2030. He gave these directions during a meeting called to discuss the issue of increasing the availability of export credit to the MSME exporters. The meeting was attended by top officials of 21 banks including the State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank, Canara Bank, Union Bank of India and Bank of India India among others.



**Source: Zee Business**

# News from International Publications

## Interest rates will keep rising, central banks warn

**Date: 29 June 2023**



The world's top central bank chiefs have signalled their readiness to increase interest rates further and keep them high, as they warned that tight labour markets are still pushing up wages and prices. The heads of the US Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England warned at a conference in Sintra, Portugal, that more action might be needed to bring inflation down towards targets of about 2%, despite some economists' predictions that further rate rises could trigger a recession or financial crisis.

**Source: Financial Times**

## Brussels rejects US offer to end steel tariffs

**Date: 29 June 2023**

The EU has rebuffed a proposed US solution to end tariffs on steel and aluminium, heightening fears of a renewed transatlantic trade dispute. The two sides paused a tariff war over measures imposed in 2021 by Donald Trump, then US president, but must find a binding deal on a new "green steel" club by October. But the EU believes the US's proposed solution is likely to breach World Trade Organization rules because it discriminates in favour of domestic producers, according to officials with knowledge of the situation.



**Source: Financial Times**

# News from International Publications

## Dubai real estate continues to lure Indian investors

**Date: 27 June 2023**



Dubai, in particular, remains an attractive destination for investors and high-net-worth individuals (HNWIs) from across the globe. And Indians investors top the list. The net migration rate for India in 2023 stands at -0.329 per 1000 population, showing a 3.8% decline from 2022. Several deep-pocketed HNWIs have traditionally been investing in overseas markets. An uncertain Indian market has made them look at some of the already developed countries where the sector was regularised decades back.

**Source: Khaleej Times**

## Sri Lanka commits to \$42bn domestic debt restructuring

**Date: 21 June 2023**

Sri Lanka’s cabinet has approved a proposal to restructure the bankrupt country’s domestic debts of \$42bn, a decision that the government says is necessary to comply with the terms of its IMF bailout. The south Asian nation, which defaulted on its foreign debt last year, secured a \$3bn, four-year lending programme with the fund in March and is in negotiations with creditors including China, India and Japan to restructure its foreign debts, amounting to another \$42bn as of the end of 2022.

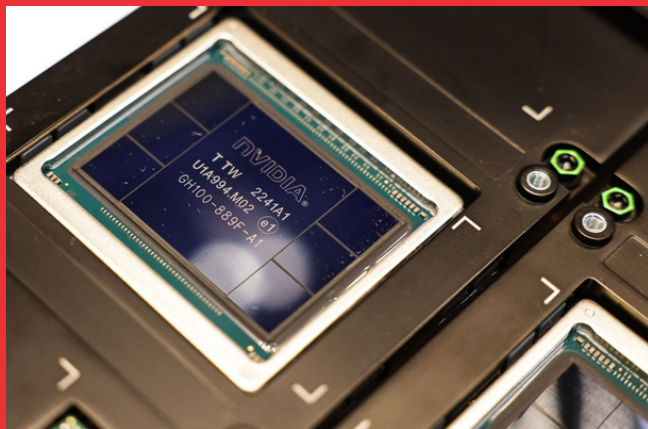


**Source: Financial Times**

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## US weighs tighter chip export controls

Date: 27 June 2023



The Biden administration is contemplating new export controls on chips for artificial intelligence, as Washington increases its efforts to make it harder for China to obtain technology with military applications. The US commerce department is preparing to update export controls introduced last October in ways that could make it harder for companies such as Nvidia and Advanced Micro Devices to sell advanced chips to China, according to three people familiar with the situation.

Source: Financial Times

## Germany hit by ‘alarming’ data on foreign investment

Date: 27 June 2023

Germany's ability to attract business investment suffered an “alarming” decline last year, when more than €135bn of foreign direct investment flowed out of the country and only €10.5bn came in, according to a leading economic institute. The Cologne-based German Economic Institute (GEI) said the gap between outbound investments by German companies and business investment into the country in 2022 was the largest on record, based on data from the OECD.



Source: Financial Times