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GOVERNMENT WITHDRAWS EXPORT DUTY ON STEEL: Govt has restored the status quo prevailing prior to 22nd May, 2022 and withdrawn the export duty on iron ores lumps & Fines below 58% Fe content, iron ore pellets and the specified steel products including pig iron. The import duty concessions on Anthracite / PCI coal, coking coal, coke & semi coke and ferronickel have also been withdrawn. In May, 2022, in the wake of a sharp and steady rise in prices of steel and in order to augment the availability both of finished steel as well as raw materials or intermediates required for steel manufacture, Government took several tariff measures. W.e.f 22nd May, 2022, export duty on iron ore lumps with more than 58% Fe content was raised from 30% to 50% ad valorem; export duty of 50% was imposed on iron ore with Fe content below 58%; export duty of 45% was imposed on iron ore pellets; export duty of 15% ad valorem was imposed on different forms of alloy and non-alloy steel including pig iron and import duty exemptions were given to Anthracite / PCI coal, coking coal, coke & semi coke and ferronickel.

(PiB, Govt. of India)

RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE – ‘HISTORIC’ ORDERS WITH BOEING, AIRBUS

SOON: AIR INDIA: Air India will place ‘historic’ orders with Boeing, Airbus and engine manufacturers for latest generation aircraft that will power Air India’s medium and long-term growth, CEO and MD Campbell Wilson said Saturday. Speaking at an event hosted by the JRD Tata Memorial Trust in Mumbai, Wilson said, “At the risk of gross understatement, the investment will be substantial.” Wilson also said the airline will increase its market share to at least 30% in domestic and international routes.

(Financial Express)

IMF CHIEF SAYS TRADE DIVIDE COULD COST GLOBAL ECONOMY \$1.4

TRILLION: The rise of trade barriers against China and other countries over the past year could cost the global economy \$1.4 trillion, on top of the severe damage being done by the war in Ukraine, the head of the International Monetary Fund said. “What I am hoping to see is some reversals in policy blocks towards China and globally,” Kristalina Georgieva told Bloomberg Television’s Stephen Engle in an interview in Bangkok on Saturday. “The world is going to lose 1.5% of gross domestic product just because of division that may split us into two trading blocs. This is \$1.4 trillion.” For Asia, the potential loss could be twice as bad, or more than 3% of GDP, because the region is more integrated into the global value chain, Georgieva said on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation’s economic leaders gathering this week.

(Economic Times)

DEMAT ACCOUNTS UP 41% TO 10.4 CRORE IN OCTOBER: The number of demat accounts rose to 10.4 crore in October, 41 % higher from a year earlier, on attractive returns from the equity markets, even as incremental additions of such accounts have been on a declining trend



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for the past few months. According analysis by Motilal Oswal Financial Services.
(Economic Times)

COP27 ENDS WITH HISTORIC COMPENSATION FUND; LITTLE PROGRESS ON

OTHER ISSUES: While the UN climate summit in Egypt concluded with a landmark decision to establish a fund to address loss and damage, the outcome on other crucial issues such as India's call for phasedown of all fossil fuels reflected little progress when compared to the deal struck a year ago in Scotland. India termed COP27 "historic" for securing an agreement on establishing a fund to address loss and damage due to climate change-induced disasters, saying "the world has waited far too long for this".

(Economic Times)

NPCI IN TALKS WITH RBI ON VOLUME CAP DEADLINE:

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which runs the UPI digital pipeline, is in talks with the Reserve Bank on implementation of its proposed December 31 deadline for limiting the volume cap of players to 30 per cent. At present, there is no volume cap. So, two players Google Pay and PhonePe account for a market share of about 80 per cent. NPCI in November 2022 had proposed a 30 per cent volume cap for third-party app providers (TPAP) in a bid to avoid concentration risk. In this regard, sources said, a meeting was convened to comprehensively look at all aspects. Besides NPCI officials, senior officials of the finance ministry and RBI also participated in this.

(Business Today)

EPFO ADDS 16.82 LAKH NET SUBSCRIBERS IN SEPTEMBER:

Retirement fund body EPFO added 16.82 lakh subscribers on a net basis in September 2022, the labour ministry said in a release on Sunday. Year-on-year comparison of payroll data reflects a 9.14 per cent increase in net membership addition in September, 2022 compared to the corresponding month during last year in 2021, the ministry said.

(Business Today)

CBI FILES CHARGESHEET IN RS 22,000 CRORE ABG SHIPYARD LOAN FRAUD

CASE: The Centre Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a chargesheet in Rs 22,000 crore loan fraud case against ABG Shipyard and 24 others including its CMD and other officials.

In its first chargesheet in the matter, the agency has mentioned that the accused bought real estates with the money across the country. The CBI in its probe has established the transactions of Rs 5000 crore made through various channel. The complainant - State Bank of India, in its complaint had alleged that the accused had cheated the consortium of 28 banks, led by ICICI bank, causing fraud of Rs 22,842 crore.

(Business Standard)

OUTWARD REMITTANCES UNDER LRS JUMPS 50% IN H1:

Outward remittances under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) of the RBI surged almost 50



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per cent in the April-September period of the current financial year as compared to the same period of the previous year. According to the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India, resident Indians remitted \$13.4 billion during the period as compared to \$8.9 billion in the previous financial year. Travel-related remittances were the highest in the July-September period followed by maintenance of close relatives, the data showed.

(Business Standard)

FLOWS INTO NRI DEPOSITS IMPROVE TO \$2.78 BILLION IN APRIL-SEPTEMBER:

The flow of money into non-resident Indian (NRI) deposits improved to \$2.78 billion in April-September this year, over \$1.74 billion in April-September 2021, showing the effect of sops like easing limits on interest rate. However, the streak of decline in outstanding NRI deposits continued in the six months of 2022-23. They fell to \$133.6 billion in September, from \$139 billion in March and \$141.55 billion a year ago. They also shrunk from \$134.68 billion in August, revealed the RBI data.

(Business Standard)

GOVT LIKELY TO REMOVE PENAL OFFENCES COVERED UNDER IPC FROM GST

LAW: The government is considering to remove the penal offences which are already covered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) from the GST Act to make it more taxpayer-friendly, an official said. Once approved by the GST Council, the Finance Ministry will propose amendments to the GST law, which could be taken up in the upcoming winter session of Parliament next month. "Law committee has finalised the changes in Section 132 of the GST Act as part of the exercise to decriminalise the law," the official told PTI. The offences that are similar to those covered under the Indian Penal Code would be removed from GST law, the official added.

(Business Standard)

PUNJAB & SIND BANK EYES RS 1,100 CRORE PROFIT AMID BAD LOANS

RESOLUTION: State-owned Punjab & Sind Bank expects to clock a net profit of around Rs 1,100 crore in the current financial year on the back of resolution of bad loans. The bank has given a NPA recovery guidance of Rs 2,000 crore for the ongoing fiscal, Punjab & Sind Bank Managing Director Swarup Kumar Saha told PTI in an interaction. During the first half of the fiscal, the bank earned a profit of Rs 483 crore as against Rs 392 crore in the same period a year ago.

(Business Standard)

FPIs INVEST RS 30,385 CRORE IN INDIAN EQUITIES IN NOVEMBER SO FAR:

Foreign investors have been aggressively buying Indian equities in November, investing Rs 30,385 crore this month so far, on stabilisation in rupee and resilience of the domestic economy compared to global counterparts. According to data with the depositories, FPIs invested a net sum of Rs 30,385 crore in equities during November 1-18. This came following a net outflow of just Rs 8 crore last month and Rs 7,624 crore in September.

(Business Standard)



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FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY/CONCEPTS

CROWD FUNDING

- ❖ Crowd-funding is a concept popular in the West; is seeing traction in India too for raising funds for medical, professional, personal, educational, creative causes/projects.
- ❖ Under Crowd-funding, projects or a venture is financed by a group of individuals instead of professional parties like banks, venture capitalists or business angels.
- ❖ Crowd funding makes use of the easy accessibility of vast networks of people through social media and crowd funding websites to bring investors and entrepreneurs together, with the potential to increase entrepreneurship by expanding the pool of investors beyond the traditional circle of owners, relatives, and venture capitalists.
- ❖ Crowd funding allows investors to select from hundreds of projects and invest as little as \$10.
- ❖ Crowd-funding; which is an appealing choice of fundraising for start-ups, occurs without any intermediary and entrepreneurs tap the crowd by raising the money directly from individuals.
- ❖ In fact, the US in April 2012 enacted a specific legislation; Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act (JOBS) , that allowed for crowd-funding.



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RBI KEY RATES

Repo Rate: 5.90%
SDF: 5.65%
MSF & Bank Rate: 6.15%
CRR: 4.50%
SLR: 18.00%
Fixed Reverse Repo: 3.35%

FOREX (FBIL 1.30 PM)

INR / 1 USD : 81.6975
INR / 1 GBP : 97.2271
INR / 1 EUR : 84.7078
INR /100 JPY: 58.4200

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 61663.48 (-87.12)
NIFTY : 18307.70 (-36.20)
Bnk NIFTY: 42437.45 (-20.65)

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