

1. India's Economy Faces an Ominous New Year In 2018

India's economy seems to have recovered from two enormous disruptions-Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision just over a year ago to withdraw 86 percent of the currency in circulation, and the poorly-planned rollout in the middle of 2017 of a new goods-and-services tax.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/indias-economy-faces-an-ominous-new-year-in-2018/articleshow/62409410.cms>

2. GST: Anti-Profitereing Complaint Form Is Expected To Become Simpler

The government is looking at simplifying the anti-profitereing application complaint form to allow the public to file profitereing complaints against firms.

http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/gst-anti-profitereing-complaint-form-is-expected-to-become-simpler-118010800033_1.html

3. Indian IT Gears Up For \$50 Billion Renewals

About 196 IT deals worth more than \$100 million each, and adding up to \$51 billion, are coming up for renewal in 2018. Of these, some 12 are multi-billion-dollar deals, the largest of which is Siemens' \$7.2-billion contract with French IT giant Atos, according to research firm Everest Group.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/ites/indian-it-gears-up-for-50-billion-renewals/articleshow/62409810.cms>

4. Indian Diaspora a Platform for Stronger Ties with ASEAN: Sushma Swaraj

India's dialogue partnership with ASEAN has evolved into a strategic partnership and the Indian diaspora provides a platform for stronger ties with the grouping, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said on Sunday.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/indian-diaspora-a-platform-for-stronger-ties-with-asean-sushma-swaraj/article22390871.ece>

5. Arun Jaitley's Fifth Union Budget

The budget session which is set to begin from 29 January will be Arun Jaitley's fifth Union budget which will be presented on 1 February. And probably the most challenging and important one for the primary steward of the Indian economy.

<http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/wvyUIWS7Ojy3OGh2hSKqiJ/Arun-Jaitleys-fifth-Union-Budget.html>

6. Indian Railways To Equip All 8,500 Stations With Wi-Fi To Boost Digital India

All railway stations -- nearly 8,500 across the country, including those in rural and remote areas - will be equipped with Wi-Fi facilities at an estimated cost of Rs 700 crore (\$110 million). This is a part of digital makeover of rural India to promote e-governance

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/indian-railways-to-equip-all-8-500-stations-with-wi-fi-to-boost-digital-india/story-nViLqD2TIyO8aLkYR003PP.html>

7. 'Farm Growth May be higher than Estimate'

The Agriculture Ministry is hopeful of the sector posting "much higher" gross value added (GVA) growth for 2017-18 than the 2.1 per cent growth estimate put out by the CSO's advance estimates on Friday.

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/todays-paper/farm-growth-may-be-higher-than-estimate/article10018684.ece>

8. How a New Govt Division Plans to Reduce India's Logistics Cost to Less than 10% Of GDP

Last month, India's chief statistician, TCA Anant, called for a meeting of officials of the economy and infrastructure ministries to brainstorm on how to capture logistics as a separate head in calculating India's gross domestic product (GDP).

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/shipping-/-transport/how-new-govt-division-plans-to-reduce-indias-logistics-cost-to-less-than-10-of-gdp/articleshow/62395133.cms>

9. Don't Privatise Air India, Give It 5 Years to Revive, Says Parliamentary Panel

The parliamentary panel says the government should review its decision on Air India privatisation and explore the possibility of 'an alternative to disinvestment'

<http://www.livemint.com/Companies/ZZ24bKtrDawThpcOJ49gJ/Dont-privatise-Air-India-give-it-5-years-to-revive-parlia.html>

10. The Whys and Hows of Public Sector Bank Recapitalization

The government and RBI are not treating the latest Rs2.11 trillion public sector bank recapitalisation plan as a dole, as was in the past

<http://www.livemint.com/Industry/3qTu3MjDuTCrPIpqKnGcrO/The-whys-and-hows-of-public-sector-bank-recapitalisation.html>

11. TRAI's Views on ICT Solutions for Differently-Abled by June

Regulator TRAI will by the middle of this year recommend measures to make telecom and broadcasting services more accessible for the differently-abled, its Chairman R S Sharma has said.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/trais-views-on-ict-solutions-for-differently-abled-by-june/articleshow/62400685.cms>