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Economy

Private capital expenditure announcements fall 81% in Q1 FY25: CMIE

India's private sector appears to have turned tentative in the April-June quarter (Q1), announcing new investment projects worth ₹4.1 trillion, marking an 81.35 per cent decline over the ₹21.7 trillion worth of outlays in the previous quarter, according to data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). On a year-on-year basis, the Q1FY26 private capex tally was up about 42 per cent, albeit on a low base, as fresh capex plans by India Inc had slipped to a 14-quarter low of ₹2.85 trillion in Q1FY25. This year's Q1 capex numbers are the second weakest since December 2020, and mark the second sharpest quarter-on-quarter decline in 15 years.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/private-capex-announcement-down-81-percent-in-q1-cmie-125070101421_1.html

Govt approves ₹1-trillion RDI scheme to boost private-sector innovation

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a ₹1-trillion corpus for the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme, aiming to spur private-sector investment in strategic and high-growth sectors through long-term, low-cost funding. "Recognising the critical role that the private sector plays in driving innovation and commercialising research, the RDI Scheme aims to provide long-term financing or refinancing with long tenors at low or nil interest rates," the government said in a statement.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/govt-approves-1-trillion-rdi-scheme-boost-private-research-innovation-125070100847_1.html

Cabinet okays ₹99,000 cr employment linked incentive scheme for 35 mn jobs

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme aimed at supporting job creation, improving employability, and strengthening social security across sectors, with a specific focus on manufacturing. The scheme, which was announced as part of the Union Budget 2024-25, aims to incentivise the generation of over 35 million jobs between August 2025 to July 2027, with a spending of ₹99,446 crore. Of the total beneficiaries, around 19 million employees are expected to be first-time employees entering the formal workforce, according to a Union Cabinet statement.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/cabinet-employment-linked-incentive-eli-scheme-2025-benefits-125070100885_1.html

4.5% more households demand work under MGNREGA in June, shows data

Households demanding work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) saw a 4.5 per cent jump in June, when compared to the same month last year. Around 27.59 million households had sought work under the scheme in June this year, while the number was 26.39 million in June 2024, data sourced from the website on July 1 showed.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/agriculture/4-5-more-households-demand-work-under-mgnrega-in-june-shows-data-125070101054_1.html

Report card for 90 CPSEs likely in October

The government plans to assess the performance of 90 Central Public Sector Enterprises in 2024-25. This evaluation will commence in October after audited accounts are available. The aim is to identify areas for improvement and necessary course corrections. Capital spending by large CPSEs exceeded targets in 2024-25. The government is finalizing targets for CPSEs for the current fiscal year.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/report-card-for-90-cpses-likely-in-october/articleshow/122191057.cms

Finance

New project finance norms: Banks seek exemption for smaller loans

Commercial banks are planning to make a representation to the finance ministry and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to seek an exclusion for smaller projects, particularly those undertaken by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), from the new project finance norms that prescribe a higher general provisioning for lenders during the construction phase. Lenders are pitching for a threshold of ₹100 crore of aggregate exposure for the higher provisioning norms to kick in.
https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/new-project-finance-norms-banks-seek-exemption-for-smaller-loans-125070200009_1.html

Net GST receipt growth slipped sharply to 3.3% in June: Govt data

Growth in net Goods and Services Tax (GST) receipts in June slumped sharply to 3.3 per cent from a robust 20.4 per cent rise in May with collections totaling ₹1.59 trillion, according to data released by the Finance Ministry on Tuesday. Sequentially, net GST revenues fell by 8.09 per cent in June compared to ₹1.73 trillion collected in May. However, net GST collections have still risen 10.7 per cent in the first quarter (Q1) of 2025-26, reaching ₹5.42 trillion, with gross collections rising nearly 12 per cent to ₹6.22 trillion.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/net-gst-receipt-growth-slipped-sharply-to-3-3-in-june-govt-data-125070101603_1.html

Indian scheduled commercial banks' gross NPA ratio at 15-year low

The Indian scheduled commercial banks' (SCBs') asset quality continues to improve, with gross and net non-performing asset (NPA) ratios at a multi-year low, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) latest Financial Stability report. While overall gross NPAs were lower at 2.3 per cent (of gross advances) as of March 31, 2025, compared to 2.8 per cent a year ago, public-sector banks saw a sharp reduction from 3.7 per cent in March 2024 to 2.8 per cent in March 2025. Private-sector banks' gross NPA ratio was stable at 2.8 per cent, while foreign banks declined to 0.9 per cent from 1.2 per cent.
https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/indian-scheduled-commercial-banks-gross-npa-ratio-at-15-year-low-125070101394_1.html

UPI transaction volume dips 1.5% in June, after record rise in May

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions dipped 1.5 per cent in June to 18.4 billion, compared to the record 18.68 billion last month. Transaction value declined 4 per cent to Rs 24.04 trillion, compared to Rs 25.14 trillion in May. Transactions in June grew 32 per cent from the year before and their value was up 20 per cent, according to data provided by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on Tuesday. The number of daily transactions increased from 602 million in May to 613 million in June this year. The value of daily transactions fell to Rs 80,131 crore in June, from Rs 81,106 crore in May.
https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/upi-june-2025-transactions-slip-imps-fastag-aeps-npci-data-125070100331_1.html

Finmin launches campaign for saturation of financial inclusion scheme at panchayat, urban local body level

The finance ministry initiated a nationwide campaign on Tuesday to saturate Financial Inclusion (FI) schemes across all gram panchayats (GPs) and urban local bodies (ULBs). The Department of Financial Services (DFS) organized events at 33 locations nationally, with participation from public representatives and state officials. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel virtually attended the event.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/finmin-launches-campaign-for-saturation-of-financial-inclusion-scheme-at-panchayat-urban-local-body-level/articleshow/122187795.cms

Industry

India's iron ore production rises marginally to 53 mmt in April-May

The country's iron ore production rose marginally by 0.6 per cent to 53 million metric tonnes (mmt) in the April-May period of the ongoing financial year. As per provisional data, production of iron ore was 52.7 MMT in the same period of the previous fiscal.The production of manganese ore, bauxite, zinc concentrate and limestone rose in the April-May period of the ongoing fiscal, the mines ministry said in a statement. In the non-ferrous metal sector, primary aluminium production in April-May grew by 1.3 per cent to 7.07 lakh tonnes (LT) from 6.98 LT in the year-ago period.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/india-s-iron-ore-production-rises-marginally-to-53-mmt-in-april-may-125070101028_1.html

MSMEs show strong sustainability gains but lag in governance: SPeX

Dun & Bradstreet, a leading global provider of business decisioning data and analytics, along with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), has released the Sustainability Perception Index (SPeX), for January-March 2025 period.The SPeX, (also known as the 'Green Pulse Indicator') evaluates perception of sustainability of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across three dimensions: willingness, awareness, and implementation.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/msmes-make-strong-sustainability-gains-but-governance-still-not-on-the-radar-sidbi-d-b-spex-125070100741_1.html

PVs experience bumpy H1 ride; wholesales decline 6.4% in June to 320K units

Domestic passenger vehicle (PV) dispatches in the first six months of calendar year 2025 were in the slow lane, with major players like Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL), Tata Motors, and Hyundai Motor India reporting a decline in volumes. Companies like Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) and Škoda Auto India, however, bucked the trend, riding on the buzz created by new launches. In June, overall industry volumes dipped. According to industry estimates, wholesales fell 6.4 per cent to 320,000 units. Retail registrations also declined by 4.4 per cent to 294,000 units during the month, industry insiders said.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/auto/pv-sales-slow-in-h12025-evs-show-resilience-125070101411_1.html

Centre issues guidelines to permit private two-wheelers for bike taxi services

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines 2025, stating that state governments may allow the use of non-transport motorcycles (i.e., private two-wheelers) for carrying passengers via aggregator platforms, if they choose to permit it. As per Clause 23 of the updated guidelines, states can authorise the aggregation of such motorcycles under Section 67(3) of the Motor Vehicles Act, and are also allowed to levy authorisation fees on a daily, weekly, or fortnightly basis.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/centre-issues-guidelines-to-permit-private-two-wheelers-for-bike-taxi-services/article69761189.ece

Passenger vehicle sales in June decline by 6.4% to 3.20 lakh units

Slowdown in demand for small/compact cars and price hikes by companies over the last three months has led to major auto makers including Maruti Suzuki India (MSIL), Hyundai Motor India (HMIL) and Tata Motors reporting decline in sales in June on yearly basis. According to industry sources, passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales (dispatches to dealers) in the domestic market declined by 6.4 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to around 3.20 lakh units in June as compared with 3.42 lakh units in June 2024.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/passenger-vehicle-sales-in-june-decline-by-64-to-320-lakh-units/article69759982.ece

Cabinet approves National Sports Policy 2025 as the country eyes Olympics bid

The Cabinet on Tuesday approved the National Sports Policy 2025, which focuses on developing the country as a strong contender for excellence in the international sporting events including the 2036 Olympic Games. The policy

focuses on development of the sporting ecosystem for economic and social development while aligning it with the National Education Policy 2020.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/cabinet-approves-national-sports-policy-2025-as-the-country-eyes-olympics-bid/article69760717.ece

E-commerce players slash seller fees for low-ticket items amid margin pressure, volume push

In a bid to boost volumes and retain sellers amid intensifying price-led competition, major e-commerce platforms are revising their commission structures — offering significantly lower or even zero seller fees on low-ticket items. The move comes as e-commerce marketplaces face margin pressure, especially in categories with high return rates and low average order values (AOVs).
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/e-commerce-players-slash-seller-fees-for-low-ticket-items-amid-margin-pressure-volume-push/article69759891.ece

Agriculture

India's rice procurement exceeds 53 million tonnes, up by 1% year-on-year

India's rice procurement for buffer stocks in the nine months until June 2025 was 531.13 lakh tonnes (lt), including over 68 lt of rice from the rabi crop. The current procurement is marginally higher than the 525.48 lt procured a year ago. The procurement is relatively on higher side, since the annual requirement under various schemes including the public distribution system (PDS) is around 410 lt and the buffer norm is 135 lt on July 1. However, the carryover stock with the government was higher than 321 lt as of July 1 and approximately, a similar quantity of unmilled paddy.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/indias-rice-procurement-exceeds-53-million-tonnes-up-by-1-year-on-year/article69760600.ece

Infrastructure

Housing sales to remain steady at 10-12% on luxury demand, low rates

Residential sales across key Indian markets are expected to remain stable at 10 to 12 per cent for the financial year 2025-26 (FY26) due to lower interest rates and increasing premiumisation among buyers, according to a study by research agency Crisil. The report stated that a steady sales growth will be coupled with a 5 to 7 per cent increase in volumes and average prices seeing a 4 to 6 per cent appreciation, driven largely by premium and luxury homes.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/housing-sales-steady-at-10-12-on-low-interest-rates-premiumisation-125070101176_1.html

Energy

Coal Ministry to launch digital module for faster, transparent clearances

In a bid to further digitise the coal sector, the Ministry of Coal will launch a new Exploration Module on the Single Window Clearance System (SWCS) portal on 4 July 2025. Developed by the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDI), the module will enable coal block allottees to submit exploration proposals online, track approvals in real time, and manage compliance documents digitally, the Coal Ministry said in a statement.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/coal-ministry-launch-digital-exploration-module-for-clearances-125070101458_1.html

SECI inks power sale pacts for 60 GW of renewable energy over 14 years

State-owned Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) on Tuesday said it has achieved the milestone of executing over 60 Gigawatts (GW) of power sale agreements of renewable energy (RE) capacity in 14 years. The Power Sale Agreements (PSAs) cover a diverse portfolio of solar, wind, and hybrid energy projects, collectively representing a significant share of India's rising RE capacity, SECI said in a statement.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/seci-inks-power-sale-pacts-for-60-gw-of-renewable-energy-over-14-years-125070100831_1.html

Power consumption dips slightly by 1.5% to 150.04 bn units in June

Power consumption in the country dipped slightly by 1.5 per cent to 150.04 billion units (BU) in June, compared to the year-ago period, mainly due to reduced usage of cooling appliances amid early onset of monsoon. Power consumption was recorded at 152.37 BU in June, 2024, according to official data. Experts believe the early arrival of monsoon affected the power consumption as well as demand in June.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/power-consumption-dips-slightly-by-15-to-15004-bn-units-in-june-125070100636_1.html

India renewable power output grows at fastest pace in three years

India's renewable power output surged by 24.4% in the first half of 2025, marking its fastest growth since 2022, driven by increased wind and solar capacity. Consequently, coal-fired generation declined by nearly 3% amidst slower overall power output growth. India aims for 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030, with grid modernization being crucial for renewable integration.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/renewables/india-renewable-power-output-grows-at-fastest-pace-in-three-years/articleshow/122193850.cms
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Telecom

India should have 10% of 6G patents by 2030, says Chandra Pemmasani

India should aim to generate about 10 per cent of global patents on 6G technology by 2030, Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, said. The minister was speaking at a roadshow organised by the Indian Mobile Congress (IMC) ahead of its flagship event in New Delhi in October. While 5G technology is still in the early stages of deployment in India, 6G — the next-generation technology — is expected to transform the telecommunication landscape in the country with higher speeds, near-zero latency, and massive connectivity. Industry experts believe that commercial 6G services will be available by 2030, though research and development is already underway.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/india-should-aim-10-percent-6g-patents-by-2030-says-pemmasani-125070101261_1.html

States

Chhattisgarh secures ₹1.25 trillion in investments at state industry event

Chhattisgarh received investment proposals of Rs 1.25 trillion in various sectors on Tuesday, boosting the cumulative value of such offers to more than Rs 6.75 trillion over the past 18 months. The latest investment proposals were finalised in the presence of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai at the 'Industry Dialogue 2' event organised by the state Commerce and Industries Department, an official release stated.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/chhattisgarh-secures-1-25-trillion-investments-at-state-industry-event-125070100778_1.html

Union Textiles Ministry approves ₹1,894 crore PM Mitra Park development in TN

In a major boost to the textile industry in Tamil Nadu, the Union Ministry of Textiles has approved ₹1,894 crore development plan for PM Mitra Park in the State. The 1,052-acre integrated Mega Textile Park coming up in Virudhunagar with facilities to attract technical textiles - engineered materials examples medical textiles and automotive textiles designed for their functional properties - processing and integrated units, according to a social media post by the Textiles Ministry.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/union-textiles-ministry-approves-1894-crore-pm-mitra-park-development-in-tn/article69759277.ece

Punjab leads in capacity creation under warehouse infrastructure fund, followed by Telangana

Punjab has completed all 137 sanctioned storage infrastructure projects under NABARD's Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF), creating over 29 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of storage capacity, the highest among all Indian states. As of March 2024, this accounts for nearly 29 per cent of the 99.6 lakh MT total storage capacity under the scheme across the country. Launched in 2013-14, the WIF is a NABARD-managed scheme aimed at expanding storage for

agricultural produce. With a total allocation of ₹9,481 crore, WIF offers low-cost financing to states and cooperatives for building warehouses to reduce post-harvest losses and improve foodgrain management.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/data-stories/data-focus/punjab-leads-in-capacity-creation-under-warehouse-infrastructure-fund-followed-by-telangana/article69759000.ece

External

India-UK FTA, deals negotiated with EU, US to push textiles growth

The India-UK Free Trade Agreement, and the ongoing free trade negotiations with the EU and the US will open new avenues for growth for the textiles sector, Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita has said. "These are high-value, quality-conscious markets, and we are committed to equipping Indian exporters with the right strategy, standards and compliance to seize these opportunities," the Minister said at the inauguration of the 73rd Edition of India International Garment Fair (IIGF) on Tuesday.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-uk-fta-deals-negotiated-with-eu-us-to-push-textiles-growth/article69760581.ece

Critical minerals partnership to be in focus during PM Modi's five-nation tour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will focus on partnerships to harness critical minerals, including rare earth elements, lithium and copper, especially in Argentina, Ghana and Namibia, during his five-nation tour to strengthen India's ties with Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Modi is set to begin his eight-day official trip on July 2 with his visit to Ghana, followed by Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/critical-minerals-partnership-to-be-in-focus-during-pm-modis-five-nation-tour/article69760156.ece

India sends geologists to Zambia to explore copper and cobalt deposits, sources say

India has dispatched a team of geologists to Zambia to explore copper and cobalt deposits, two Indian government sources said, as New Delhi steps up efforts to secure critical mineral supplies essential to its energy transition. The Zambian government this year agreed to allocate 9,000 square km (3,475 square miles) to India for the exploration of cobalt - a key component in batteries for electric vehicles and mobile phones - as well as for scouting copper, which is widely used in power generation, electronics, and construction.The exploration project will last for three years and most of the analysis will be done in laboratories in India, one of the sources said.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/commodities/india-sends-geologists-to-zambia-to-explore-copper-and-cobalt-deposits-sources-say/article69759138.ece

Apr-May finished steel imports fall 27.6% as China, Japan shipments decline

India's finished steel imports fell 27.6 per cent in the first two months of the financial year that started in April, as shipments from China and Japan declined, provisional government data reviewed by Reuters showed on Tuesday. India, the world's second-biggest crude steel producer, imported 0.9 million metric tonnes of finished steel during April-May, the data showed, with shipments from China dropping 47.7 per cent and from Japan falling 65.6 per cent from a year ago.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/apr-may-finished-steel-imports-fall-27-6-as-china-japan-shipments-decline-125070100553_1.html