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Economy

FII, DII data: FIIs sold shares worth Rs 79 Cr, DIIs sold shares worth Rs 1372 Cr on December 6, Wednesday

Foreign institutional investors (FII) offloaded shares worth net Rs 79.88 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DII) added shares worth net Rs 1,372.18 crore on December 6, 2023, according to the provisional data available on the NSE. For the month till December 6, 2023, FIIs sold shares worth net Rs 8,806.45 crore while DIIs bought shares worth net Rs 6,218.23 crore. In the month of November, FIIs added shares worth net Rs 5,795.05 crore while DIIs added equities worth net Rs 12,762.14 crore.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/market/fii-dii-data-fpis-sold-shares-worth-rs-79-cr-diis-sold-shares-worth-rs-1372-cr-on-december-6-wednesday-3330241/>

Banking and Finance

Indian banks' profit to rise; China economy a worry: Moody's report

Indian banks' profits will rise next year due to lower provisioning expenses and robust growth in retail segments, said a report by Moody's Investors Service on Wednesday. In Asia Pacific, banks' profitability is expected to stabilise as they recover from the impact of the coronavirus and their net interest margin remains steady, said the report. Stability is supported by central banks pausing rate hikes and maintaining stable provisioning expenses.

https://www.business-standard.com/industry/banking/indian-banks-set-to-witness-rise-in-profitability-shows-moody-s-report-123120600560_1.html

Small ticket personal loans remain a concern for industry: Incred Finance

Small Ticket Personal Loans (STPLs), which include loans with a value of less than Rs 25,000, remain a cause of concern for the industry on the back of heightened risk associated with these, Incred Finance said on Wednesday. Incred Finance, a Mumbai-based Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), said traditional personal loans, which have larger ticket sizes compared to STPLs, undergo strict underwriting leading to improved risk performance.

https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/small-ticket-personal-loans-remain-a-concern-for-industry-incred-finance-123120600960_1.html

Industry

Wide stakeholder consultations needed to frame national e-comm policy: Govt

E-commerce is an emerging and dynamic sector and wide stakeholder consultations are required for formulation of a national policy on the sector, Parliament was informed on Wednesday. Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha that a draft e-commerce policy was placed in public domain on February 23, 2019 for public consultations.

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/wide-stakeholder-consultations-needed-to-frame-national-e-comm-policy-govt-123120600675_1.html

Govt likely to mandate e-invoice for B2C transactions in 2-3 years

The government is likely to make it mandatory for businesses to issue electronic or e-invoice for B2C transactions in the next 2-3 years, an official said on Wednesday. Currently, businesses with a turnover of Rs 5 crore and above are required to generate e-invoice for their Business to Business (B2B) sales and purchases.

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/govt-likely-to-mandate-e-invoice-for-b2c-transactions-in-2-3-years-123120600380_1.html

Steel PLI has enabled investment of Rs 10,730 crore till now

The domestic steel industry has invested Rs 10,730 crore out of the total committed Rs 29,531 crore under the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the sector as on September 2023. Responding to a query in the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Steel, Faggan Singh Kulaste said that a Grievance Redressal Mechanism has been constituted to address the challenges and concerns arising out of the PLI scheme implementation at any stage.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/steel/steel-pli-has-enabled-investment-of-rs-10730-crore-till-now/articleshow/105786050.cms>

Auto retail sales grow by 18% in Nov; 2-wheeler, passenger vehicles reach all-time high

The Federation of Automobiles Dealers Associations (FADA) on Wednesday said that the auto sales in November grew by 18 per cent annually with a historic sale of 28.54 vehicles, surpassing March 2020 record of 25.69 vehicles. The apex body also said that the record sales come amid the industry's transition to BS-6 from BS-4 emission norms. The FADA President, Manish Raj Singhaniya noted that November 2023 witnessed a strong surge in the PV category, primarily fuelled by Deepawali and the launch of new and appealing models along with improved supply chain channels.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/auto/auto-news/auto-retail-sales-grow-by-18-in-nov-2-wheeler-passenger-vehicles-reach-all-time-high/articleshow/105771675.cms>

Over Rs 5,000 crore subsidy leads to sale of 11.53 lakh EVs under FAME India scheme

The ministry of heavy industries (MHI) has disbursed subsidies amounting to Rs 5,228 crore to electric vehicle (EV) manufacturers for the sale of 11,53,079 electric vehicles until December 1, 2023, as part of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME India Phase II) Scheme, said Minister of State for Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar, in a reply in the Lok Sabha. The FAME India Phase II Scheme, which started on April 1, 2019, with a budgetary support of Rs 10,000 crore for a five-year period, is designed to boost the electrification of public and shared transportation.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/renewables/over-rs-5000-crore-subsidy-leads-to-sale-of-11-53-lakh-evs-under-fame-india-scheme/articleshow/105784440.cms>

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https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/govt-likely-to-mandate-e-invoice-for-b2c-transactions-in-2-3-years-123120600380_1.html

Domestic electronics manufacturing up four-fold to Rs 8.22 lakh crore in FY23: MoS IT

Domestic electronics manufacturing increased over 4-fold to Rs 8.22 lakh crore in the last 10 years, Parliament was informed on Wednesday. Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar informed the Lok Sabha that India has now reached a stage where 99.2 per cent of mobile handsets being used in the country are manufactured domestically, and from being an importer in the segment, the country has now become an exporter.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/electronics/domestic-electronics-manufacturing-up-four-fold-to-rs-8-22-lakh-crore-in-fy23-mos-it/articleshow/105787590.cms>

Agriculture

India plans to discourage ethanol production to prioritise sugar: Report

India is planning to discourage the diversion of sugar for ethanol production as part of efforts to ensure sufficient supplies of the sweetener in the local market, government and trade sources said on Wednesday. Lower diversion for ethanol will help the world's second biggest sugar producer in increasing output of the sweetener, which is expected to fall because of below normal rainfall in key growing states.

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-plans-to-discourage-ethanol-production-to-prioritise-sugar-report-123120601182_1.html

Infrastructure

Airline industry projected to record \$25.7 billion net profit in 2024: IATA

The airline industry is projected to register a net profit of USD 25.7 billion in 2024 as more normal growth is expected in both passenger and cargo segments, global grouping IATA said on Wednesday. For 2023, the net profit is estimated at USD 23.3 billion, significantly higher than the USD 9.8 billion projected by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in June this year.

https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/airline-industry-projected-to-record-25-7-billion-net-profit-in-2024-iata-123120600599_1.html

Total expenditure under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase I at Rs 4.10 lakh cr: Nitin Gadkari

A total expenditure of Rs 4.10 lakh crore has been made under Bharatmala Pariyojana Phase I (BPP-I) as on October 31, 2023, and the difference in actual project cost and normative cost is due to increase in cost of raw material and land acquisition, Parliament was informed on Wednesday. In a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has made observation about the increase in cost of Phase I of the pariyojana.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/infrastructure/total-expenditure-under-bharatmala-pariyojana-phase-i-at-rs-4-10-lakh-cr-nitin-gadkari/articleshow/105786183.cms>

Energy

No immediate hike in domestic coal prices despite global spiral

Coal India Ltd is not looking to revise prices of coal as of now despite a widening of the gap between the domestic and international prices of the fuel, an official source told FE. The state-run company's decision to refrain from seeking higher margins at this juncture augurs well for the power sector and consumers of electricity, and may also tend to have stabilising effect on fuel inflation. "The revision of prices is not on the card as of now. Everything has to be taken into consideration like electricity prices and the economy before we consider revising prices," the source said.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/business/industry-no-immediate-hike-in-domestic-coal-prices-despite-global-spiral-3328889/>

India needs high economic growth to invest in energy transition: CEA

India requires high economic growth to invest in energy transition, Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran on Wednesday said, observing that the country needs time to move away from coal to renewable energy. Addressing an event here, India is well ahead of other G20 countries in meeting the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) target. "(India) needs high economic growth to invest in energy transition... We basically need the time to move away from coal towards other fossil fuels, and later on towards other renewable energy," he said.

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-needs-high-economic-growth-to-invest-in-energy-transition-cea-123120600949_1.html

States

Bihar govt to provide up to Rs 1.25 lakh, 75% tax relief to promote EVs

The Bihar government will provide up to Rs 1.25 lakh on the purchase of the first 1,000 electric four-wheelers for personal use. Alongside, the government will also provide up to 75 per cent relief on the payment of Motor Vehicle Tax. To this end, the Bihar government on Tuesday, December 5 approved the Bihar Electric Vehicle (EV) Policy-2023 to achieve 15 per cent EVs in all vehicle registrations in the state by 2028, a PTI report said, citing a senior government official. The decision was taken in the state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. The additional Chief Secretary of the Bihar government, S Siddharth spoke with the members of the press and said, "The main objective of the scheme is to encourage faster adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles by the people by offering incentives on the purchase of electric vehicles and also by establishing a necessary charging infrastructure. The scheme will help address the issue of environmental pollution and fuel security".

https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/bihar-govt-to-provide-up-to-rs-1-25-lakh-75-tax-relief-to-promote-evs-123120600654_1.html

Healthcare

India to extend its global presence on pharmaceutical market with BRICS plus membership

The VIII International Conference "Antimonopoly Policy: Science, Practice, Education" held on November 30th – Dec 1st at the Skolkovo Innovation Center in Moscow was the last meeting of the BRICS countries before turning into BRICS plus next year when new members will join the organization. The conference focused on the implementation of the constitutional principles of protection of competition both in legislation and in enforcement practices on pharmaceutical market.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/healthcare/biotech/pharmaceuticals/india-to-extend-its-global-presence-on-pharmaceutical-market-with-brics-plus-membership/articleshow/105780876.cms>

External

MEP imposed on Basmati to curb illegal export of white rice

The Centre has imposed minimum export price (MEP) for Basmati rice not with an intention to restrict exports but in view of "credible field reports" that non-Basmati white rice was being exported under the HS code of Basmati rice, Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel told the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. In order to control illegal exports of non-Basmati rice, the Government, on August 26, issued directions to the Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to register contracts for Basmati exports only with the value of \$1,200 a tonne and above. After extensive stakeholders' consultations, the Government has decided to reduce the base price for registration of contracts by APEDA to \$950 a tonne, with effect from October 26," she said in a written reply

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/mep-imposed-on-basmati-to-curb-illegal-export-of-white-rice/article67610753.ece>

Export-linked e-tailing may get FDI support

The government is learnt to have resolved to allow foreign direct investment (FDI) in inventory-based models of e-commerce, subject to the rider that these will be solely aimed at export markets. According to an official source, while the key ministries of finance and commerce & industry have come to a common position this regard, the two have also identified a few potential impediments in the implementation of the proposed policy and are exploring ways to address them.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-fdi-floodgates-may-open-for-export-linked-e-tailing-3328951/>