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1. Economic Survey: Meaning, Importance and Highlights



The Economic Survey is a major annual document which reviews the state of the Indian economy. This survey is presented in the Parliament a day before the presentation of the budget. However, the Constitution neither obliges the government to present the Economic Survey nor is the government bound to go along with its recommendations. It is entirely left to the government to accept or reject the suggestions made in the Economic Survey. Economic Survey is an annual report released by the Ministry of Finance. It is an account of the economic progress and performance of the country in the last one year. All the main statistics related to the economy are presented in the Economic Survey. It includes key components of the economy such as inflation, infrastructure, A detailed description of trends in key sectors such as agriculture and foreign exchange reserves is given. Along with this, the economic survey tells about the economic challenges facing the country. It is prepared by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, under the supervision of the Chief Economic Adviser. The first Economic Survey of the country was introduced in 1950-51. Before 1964, it used to be a part of the budget, but it was separated and started being released a day before the budget. Since then till now this tradition is going on. It is divided into two parts. In the first, a complete description of the present economic condition of the country is given. second part health, poverty, Focuses on various issues like climate change and human development index. Surveys provide key inputs that influence the budget making process. Considering the fact that it provides a detailed analysis of the economic development of the previous financial year, it sets the context for the budget. The survey was delinked from the budget in the year 1964 and circulated in advance so as to provide context to the budget. Thus it helps in better understanding of the budget proposals.

2. Murali Vijay retires from international cricket



Indian opener Murali Vijay has retired from international cricket to pursue new opportunities in the 'world of cricket and the business side of it'. In his 14-year international career, Vijay represented India in 61 Tests, 17 ODIs and nine T20 Internationals. In 2008, he was selected in the Indian XI for the first time in place of Gautam Gambhir for the final Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy played in Nagpur. Vijay last represented India in the Perth Test in December 2018. He played his last Ranji Trophy match for Tamil Nadu in December 2019. Vijay played his last professional match in IPL 2020 against Delhi Capitals. A classical opener with strong technique and willingness to leave the ball, Vijay made headlines during India's tour of England in 2014. Vijay scored 38 in 105 innings in his Test career. Scored 3982 runs at an average of 28. He scored 12 centuries and 15 half-centuries, with his best score being 167 against Australia in Hyderabad in 2013. Vijay said in a statement: "I am excited to announce that I will be looking for new opportunities in the world of cricket and the business side of it, where I will also continue to participate in the sport I love and create new and exciting opportunities for myself. Challenge myself in a different environment. I believe this is the next step in my journey as a cricketer and I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life." Where I will also continue to participate in the sport I love and challenge myself in new and different environments. I believe this is the next step in my journey as a cricketer and I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life." Where I will also continue to participate in the sport I love and challenge myself in new and different environments. I believe this is the next step in my journey as a cricketer and I am looking forward to a new chapter in my life."

3. Ministry will maintain 1000 monuments with private industries

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The central government will soon launch a new version of the Smarak Mitra scheme, under which the culture ministry will partner with private industries to maintain 1,000 monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and organize activities including light and sound shows. Union Culture Secretary Govind Mohan informed that light and sound shows will be organized at the monuments under the scheme. "We aim to sign MoUs with partners for 500 sites under the Smarak Mitra scheme by August 15," he said. The Smarak Mitra scheme was launched by the Ministry of Tourism a few years back which involves adoption of a site for maintenance of monuments and other related activities. He said that the revised Smarak Mitra scheme would be launched soon along with the website. This scheme will be based on CSR model.

4. Woxsen University launches Project Aspiration for girls in Telangana



Woxsen University has launched Project Aspiration in line with its strong belief of developing its ecosystem and empowering the community around the campus. Woxsen University envisages the project for the aspiring girls of classes IX-XII, Telangana Model School and Junior College. Under Project Aspiration, students are selected by the school principal to participate in a "Train the Trainer" workshop, set to begin in December 2022. Project Aspiration's training program was led by graduate students from Woxsen University and Dr. Kakoli Sen, Dean of the School of Business, and Dr. Advised by Shubhendhu Patnaik. The training program will last for

three weeks during which the girls will be exposed to various aspects of the future. This will help them learn how to develop SMART goals and work towards achieving them. Professors from various schools of Voxen briefed the students about various career opportunities and higher education. Project Aspiration team has organized various debates and discussed important social issues to open young minds. Following completion of the workshop, students apply their learning in role-play and simulation activities. Along with empowering girls from marginalized sections of the society, the project also strengthens the project management skills of the MBA students. Students apply their learning in role-play and simulation activities. Along with empowering girls from marginalized sections of the society, the project also strengthens the project management skills of the MBA students. Students apply their learning in role-play and simulation activities. Along with empowering girls from marginalized sections of the society, the project also strengthens the project management skills of the MBA students. Students apply their learning in role-play and simulation activities. Along with empowering girls from marginalized sections of the society, the project also strengthens the project management skills of the MBA students. Students apply their learning in role-play and simulation activities. Along with empowering girls from marginalized sections of the society, the project also strengthens the project management skills of the MBA students. Students apply their learning in role-play and simulation activities. Along with empowering girls from marginalized sections of the society, the project also strengthens the project management skills of the MBA students.

5. NMDC ropes in champion boxer Nikhat Zareen as its brand ambassador



National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) has announced India's star female boxer Nikhat Zareen as its brand ambassador. For this, NMDC has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Nikhat. World boxing champion and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games gold medalist Nikhat Zareen will represent NMDC as its brand ambassador. Nikhat was inducted

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into the Sports Authority of India (SAI) in Visakhapatnam in 2009 to train under Dronacharya awardee IV Rao. On 19 May 2022, Zareen won the gold medal in the 52 kg category at the Women's World Championship. Zareen has become the fifth Indian woman boxer to win a gold medal in the World Championships. Zareen won the third gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022. Nikhat Zareen also won the gold medal at the 2011 AIBA Women's Youth and Junior World Boxing Championships held in Antalya. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) is India's largest iron ore exporter and producer. It was established in the year 1958. NMDC produces over 35 million tonnes of iron ore from three mechanized mines in Chhattisgarh and Karnataka. It was established under the ownership of the Government of India. Its headquarter is located in Hyderabad, Telangana.

6. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates National Logistics Portal



The Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal recently inaugurated the 'National Logistics Portal (Maritime)'. According to an official statement, the purpose of this single window portal is to reduce the logistics cost. The National Logistics Portal (NLP) will be a single window for all business processes in the logistics sector spread across the country, the statement said. It will also include an e-marketplace along with all modes of transport in waterways, road and air. The implementation of NLP was launched in 2021 and the first phase involved the development of NLP Marine. The activities of NLP Maritime are classified into four distinct verticals – carriers, cargo, banking and finance and regulatory bodies, and participating government agencies (PGAs), the statement said. On this occasion, Sonowal said that NLP Marine is an open platform,

7. Big change in stock market, T+1 settlement system implemented



A major change has come into force in the stock market in the country from today. T + 1 (T + 1 settlement) settlement has been implemented from today. Initially, the scope of this system has been kept up to a few stocks only. Later on, all other shares will come under its ambit. This T + 1 settlement system will be applicable to the share deals of both the important indices of the stock market, NSE and BSE. Till now all the stocks in Indian markets were settled till T+2 and henceforth it will be converted into T+1 settlement. Talking in simple words, it can be said that the transaction in shares will be done faster than before. With this, the transaction of shares or money will be settled quickly. With the implementation of this new process, India will join the ranks of leading countries in providing the world's fastest and most transparent stock market. The system that was running till now was called T+2 settlement, that is, if an investor bought a share today, then these shares were reflected in his demat account in the next 48 hours. It used to take 48 hours i.e. two days. Means two days which is called T-2 settlement. The same happens in the sale of shares, in which the sale money was reflected in the demat account within 48 hours. Earlier, there was a practice of T+3 settlement, in which shares or money were transferred to the investor's demat account in even longer time.

8. Amrit Udyan will open for the public



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Amrit Udyan located at Rashtrapati Bhavan will be opened for the common people from 31st January i.e. from today. President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Udyan Utsav 2023. Rashtrapati Bhavan has issued a statement saying that Amrit Udyan will be open to the public from January 31 to March 26, where people can roam here from 10 am to 4 pm. Along with this, it was also told that the garden will open from March 28 to March 31 for specific categories of people. Under this, it will be open for farmers on March 28, for Divyang on March 29, for army and paramilitary forces and policemen on March 30 and for women and tribal women of self-help groups on March 31. Let us tell you that during the tenure of the previous presidents, gardens like Herbal-1, Herbal-2, Tactile Garden, Bonsai Garden and Arogya Vanam were developed here. The central government had changed the name of the historic Mughal Garden to Amrit Udyan. This garden is opened to the public once a year.

QUIZ

1. India has won the Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup title by defeating which country ?

- a) Pakistan
- b) England
- c) Australia
- d) New Zealand

India won the Women's Under-19 T20 World Cup title. Indian women's team defeated England in the final of the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup at Senwes Park, Potchefstroom, South Africa. India Women's Under-19 won by 7 wickets. The Indian women's team has won the World Cup title for the first time at any level.

2. Which country has won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 title recently ?

- a) India
- b) Italy
- c) Germany
- d) Belgium

Germany beat Belgium 5-4 in the penalty shootout to win the Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneswar. This is Germany's third World Cup title. Earlier she has won the World Cup in 2002 and 2006. The Netherlands won the

bronze medal by defeating Australia. Niklas Wellen received the 'Best Player Award', while Vincent Vanash won the 'Best Goalkeeper Award'. Jeremy Hayward received the 'Hero Top Scorer' award.

3. Recently the Chief Minister of which state during the Republic Day speech announced unemployment allowance for the youth from the financial year 2023-24 ?

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced unemployment allowance for the youth from the financial year 2023-24 during the Republic Day speech.

4. How many Grievance Appellate Committees have been set up by the Center on the basis of the amended IT Rules 2021 ?

- a) three
- b) four
- c) five
- d) seven

Recently three Grievance Appellate Committees (GAC) were notified by the Center based on the amended IT Rules 2021. Based on the recently amended Information Technology Rules, 2021 (IT Rules 2021), three complaint appellate committees have been set up by the Center on 28 December. Each committee has three members each. These committees have been formed with the objective of making the internet safe and reliable in the country.

5. In which state, Luminous Power Technologies announced its plans to set up the country's first green energy based solar panel manufacturing factory ?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) West Bengal

Luminous Power Technologies announced its plans to set up the country's first green energy based solar panel manufacturing factory in Uttarakhand. The plant located at Rudrapur is expected to be fully operational

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by the end of 2023. It will produce a range of solar panels with power outputs from 40W to 600W. This will help in enabling solar generation capacity of 500 MW per annum. This solar panel facility is completely robotic and will harness 100 percent of its energy from solar power.

6. Recently the nation celebrated which birth anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai on 28 January 2023 ?

- a) 145th
- b) 150th
- c) 155th
- d) 158th

Lala Lajpat Rai's birth anniversary was celebrated across the country on 28 January. This year the country celebrated his 158th birth anniversary. He was known as "Punjab Kesari", which generally translates as "Punjab da Sher" (Lion of Punjab). He was an extremist from political lineage and was part of the famous trinity of "Lal, Bal and Pal" along with Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Bipin Chandra Pal. He is remembered for his contribution to India's freedom struggle.

7. In which state researchers from Pune have discovered a low - lying basalt plateau in the Western Ghats ?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Karnataka

Researchers from Pune have discovered a low-lying basalt plateau in the Western Ghats of Maharashtra. It is an isolated flat-topped steep hill. This discovery was made from Manjare village. They are laterite bedrock at higher and lower altitudes and basalt bedrock at higher altitudes. But now a low altitude basalt outcrop has been found in Murbad district, about 100 km from Mumbai.

8. Recently the name of Mughal Garden of Rashtrapati Bhavan has been changed to what ?

- a) Amrit Udyan
- b) Ashoka Gardens
- c) Herbal Garden
- d) Amar Udyan

The central government renamed the Mughal Garden at Rashtrapati Bhavan in line with the theme of Amrit Mahotsav. President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated Amrit Udyan on 29 January 2023. It will be open to the public for two months from January 31 to March 26. It is also planned that the garden will be kept open from March 28 to March 31 for viewing by special groups such as farmers and the disabled. It was built by Sir Edward Lutyens.

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When is World Neglected Tropical Disease Day celebrated - **30 January**

Who has won the men 's singles match of Australian Open 2023 - **Novak Djokovic**

Who has won the women's singles match in Australian Open 2023 - **A Sabalenka**

Who has won the Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup - **India**

Which state government has announced imprisonment under a stringent law for men who marry minor girls ? - **Assam state government .**

"ICC Spirit of Cricket Award 2022" has been awarded to - **Asif Sheikh (Nepali cricketer)**

The central government is preparing an International Transshipment Port worth Rs 41,000 crore on Nicobar Island .

Which country has been praised by the World Bank for becoming one of the fastest growing countries from the poorest - **Bangladesh .**

Which ministry has approved 15 R & D projects in key strategic sectors - **Ministry of Textiles .**

Which city has topped in attracting investment in ' Investors Summit 2023 ' in Uttar Pradesh - **Jhansi**