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“Building a positive attitude begins with having confidence in yourself.”

When we look around the globe, the Indian economy is doing very best: SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara

The AQR led to the surfacing of a huge chunk of bad loans, Khara told The Indian Express in an interview. “It (AQR) did a good job. It could help banks to ensure that whatever was required to be provided for, it should be provided for.” After Indian banks wrote off a huge amount of bad loans — more than Rs 10 lakh crore — in the last five years, lending by banks has become much better and much more informed, with different banks at different stages strengthening their risk management and underwriting practices, said the SBI Chairman. The State Bank of India (SBI) is now prepared to fund asset growth of Rs 7 lakh crore, having ploughed back Rs 65,000 crore of profit into capital over the last two years, said Dinesh Kumar Khara, the Chairman of India’s largest bank.

Source: [Indian Express, Dec 19, 2023](#)

Govt may scale down capital infusion in OMCs

Capital infusion in state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) may turn out to be much less than the budget estimate (BE) of Rs 35,000 crore in the current financial year. This is because robust profits in the first half on the back of subdued crude oil prices enabled these firms to partly offset the losses incurred in the previous quarters, sources told FE. “There is no clarity as of now on how much capital will be infused in the OMCs, but it will be only a part (of the budget estimate),” an official said. A final decision, however, might also factor in the likely cut in retail petrol and diesel prices by OMCs ahead of general elections in April-May, sources said.

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Small enterprises’ dominance in workforce employed impedes large scale productivity, job creation: Arvind Panagariya

The dominance of small enterprises in industry and services sectors in terms of the percentage of the workforce employed and the relative absence of medium and large enterprises as employers impedes the creation of high-productivity and high-wage jobs on a large scale, said Economist and former NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya. Addressing the 18th C.D. Deshmukh Memorial Lecture last week in Mumbai hosted by the Reserve Bank of India, Panagariya, a Professor at Columbia University said the current employment pattern (with the majority workforce in small enterprises) translates into low productivity for most workers.

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India a ‘star performer’; projected to contribute over 16% to global growth: IMF

India emerged as one of the “star performers”, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Monday, further adding that it is projected to contribute more than 16 per cent to global growth. India has been growing at a robust rate, said IMF, but pointed out to the global headwinds the economy is facing. Nada Choueiri, the Mission of India at IMF told news agency PTI, “What we have been observing for quite some time now is that India has been growing at a very robust rate. It's one of the star performers when it comes to real growth when you look at peer countries. It's one of the fastest growing large emerging markets and it's contributing, in our current projections, more than 16 per cent of global growth this year.”

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