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FOOD PRICES DRIVE OCTOBER CPI INFLATION TO 6.2%

Retail inflation rises to 14-month high, hopes of rate cut next month recede

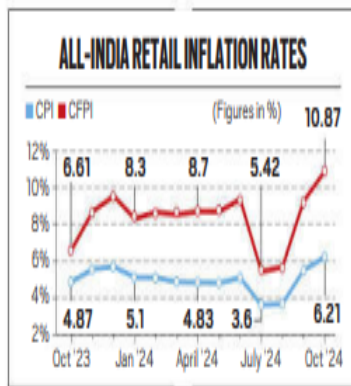
Manufacturing, mining and power help factory output improve to 3.1% in Sept from contraction of 0.1% in Aug

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RETAIL INFLATION rate surged to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent in October with a sharp rise in prices of food items, especially fruits, vegetables, meat and fish, and oils and fats, data released Tuesday by the National

Statistical Office (NSO) showed. Food inflation, based on the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), shot up to a double-digit level of 10.87 per cent in October — a 15-month high — from 9.24 per cent in September and 6.61 per cent in the year-ago period.

Separately released data by the NSO showed India's factory output, as measured by the



Food inflation has risen to double digits after a gap of 14 months for the first time since July 2023, the NSO statement showed — it was released at 4 pm for the first time after the advancement of the data releases from 5.30 pm.

With the October print, the headline retail inflation rate, based on Consumer Price Index (Combined), has again breached the 4 per cent mark in the 4+/-2 per cent band of RBI's medium-term inflation target for the second consecutive month.

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Index of Industrial Production (IIP), improved to 3.1 per cent in September from a contraction of 0.1 per cent in August, mainly due to pickup in manufacturing, mining and electricity sectors.

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- Region-wise split for inflation data showed that rural inflation rose to 6.68 per cent in October from 5.87 per cent in September, while urban inflation increased to 5.62 per cent from 5.05 per cent.

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MHA nod to form 1st all-woman CISF reserve battalion

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THE MINISTRY of Home Affairs (MHA) has approved establishment of a first-ever all-woman CISF battalion comprising more than 1,000 personnel.

An MHA official said the decision has been taken keeping in mind the burgeoning duties of the force in VIP security, airports and other vital installations.

"The unit will be raised from within the sanctioned manpower of the force of about two lakh personnel. The MHA issued a sanction order on Monday approving an exclusive women unit called reserve battalion in the force with a total strength of 1,025 personnel led by a senior commandant-rank officer," the official said.

A CISF spokesperson said preparations for the early recruitment, training and selection of location for stationing the new reserve battalion has been initiated. "The training is being specially designed to create an elite

at present and they have a mix of both men and women personnel. Women personnel constitute over seven per cent of the CISF.

"CISF has been a preferred choice for women who wish to serve the nation in the Central Armed Police Force. The addition of a Mahila battalion would encourage more aspiring young women across the country to join CISF. It will give a new identity to women in CISF," the spokesperson said.

The force has a huge interface with women commuters and visitors at facilities like the 68 civil airports it guards, the Delhi Metro and historical monuments like the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort. It already has female personnel deployed at these duty locations.

Apart from these installations, the 1969-raised CISF provides a counter-terrorist security cover to a number of facilities in the nuclear and aerospace domain apart from those in the private sector like the Infosys offices in Bengaluru and Pune, Reliance

- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday (November 12, 2024) approved the first all-women battalion of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
- Presently, there are 7% women personnel in the CISF, which has a total strength of 1.77 lakh personnel. A battalion comprises around 1,000 personnel.
- The CISF has started preparations for the early recruitment, training and selection of location for the headquarters of the new Battalion. The training is being specially designed to create an elite battalion capable of performing multifarious role as commandos in VIP security and also security of airports, Delhi Metro and Railways," the CISF said.
- The proposal for creation of an all-women battalion in the CISF was initiated in pursuance of the direction of Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the occasion of 53rd CISF Day function.

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Centre notifies new Water Act rules

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THE UNION Environment Ministry Monday notified new rules for holding inquiry and imposing penalties for violations of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act. The new Rules – Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Manner of Holding Inquiry and Imposition of Penalty) rules, 2024, will come into effect immediately.

The Rules come after the amendments made to the Water Act earlier this year, wherein offences and violations of the Act were decriminalised, replacing them with penalties instead.

The amendments had also allowed the Centre to appoint officers to adjudicate offences, violations and determine penalties.

"The Central Pollution Control Board, State Pollution Control Boards, Pollution Control Committees and Integrated

Regional Offices of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in their respective jurisdictions, through their authorized Officers, or any other persons, may file a complaint ...to the adjudicating officer regarding any contravention committed under sections 41, 41A, 42, 43, 44, 45A and 48 of the Act," the new Rules state.

These sections relate to contravention of norms on releasing industrial effluents and pollutants.

According to the Rules, the adjudication officer has powers to issue notice to persons against whom complaints have been filed. An adjudication officer has to be a person not below the rank of a joint secretary or secretary to the state government. The adjudication officer then considers the explanation provided and if needed, holds an inquiry. The alleged violator could defend themselves or through a legal representative. The process has to be completed within 6 months from issuance of notice, the Rules state.

- The Union Environment Ministry has notified new rules for holding inquiries and imposing penalties under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, effective immediately. These new rules replace criminal offences with penalties and follow recent amendments to the Act.
- Key Points: New Rules: Named Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) (Manner of Holding Inquiry and Imposition of Penalty) rules, 2024.
 - Background: Offences decriminalized, penalties introduced, and 'white' category industries exempted from prior permissions.
 - Adjudication: Centre can appoint officers to adjudicate and determine penalties for violations. Complaints can be filed by various pollution control boards and committees.
 - Process: Adjudication officers (ranked joint secretary or above) issue notices, consider explanations, and possibly hold inquiries. The process must be completed within six months.

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Study: India's fossil-based CO2 emissions to spike 4.6% in 2024

Global emissions pegged at record 37.4 billion tonnes

NIKHIL GHANEKAR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 12

INDIA'S CARBON dioxide (CO2) emissions from burning fossil fuels are expected to rise 4.6% in 2024, the highest among major economies, according to a Global Carbon Project study. Last year, it was 8.2%.

Globally, fossil-based CO2 emissions are set to touch a record high of 37.4 billion tonnes this year, a rise of 0.8% from 2023, the study said, adding that at this rate there was "a 50% chance global warming will exceed 1.5 degree Celsius (°C) consistently in about six years".

"The impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly dramatic, yet we still see no sign that burning of fossil fuels has peaked," said Professor Pierre Friedlingstein, of Exeter's Global Systems Institute, who led the study.

According to the study, released at COP29 in Baku, India's carbon emissions are projected to

rise with an increase in emissions from coal (4.5%), oil (3.6%), natural gas (11.8%, but from a low base) and cement (4%).

"The Indian economy continues to grow strongly, with significant infrastructure development and increases in power demand that outstrip the solid growth in new renewables," said the study.

Compared with India, China's emissions are projected to rise by 0.2% in 2024 while that of the United States and the European Union by 0.6% and 3.8%, respectively. India's contribution to global CO2 emissions stands at 8% while China, the US and EU contribute 32%, 13% and 7%, respectively. Said the study: "Coal emissions (41% of global emissions) are projected to increase 0.2%, with increases in India, China, and the Rest of the World in aggregate, and decreases in the European Union and the USA." The Global Carbon Project and Global Carbon Budget annual research is done by a team of scientists at more than 80 institutions around the world, including the University of Exeter

and the University of East Anglia in the UK; the CICERO Center for International Climate Research in Norway; Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich and Alfred-Wefener-Institut in Germany.

In terms of carbon sinks, the study showed that land and oceans combined absorbed around half of the CO2 emitted due to human activity even while facing negative impacts of climate change. Oceans took up 10.5 billion tonnes — or 26% of the total CO2 emissions — on average each year in the past decade. This, even as climate conditions reduced the ocean sink by an estimated 5.9% in the past decade, likely dominated by altered winds that perturb the ocean circulation with a smaller contribution from the reduced solubility of CO2 in warming waters.

El Nino reduced land CO2 sink in 2023 due to warmer temperatures, but it is projected to recover as El Nino ended by the second quarter of 2024. Land and ocean CO2 sinks fluctuate annually due to natural climate variability.

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- **Past Increase:** Last year, the increase was 8.2%.
- **Sources:** Increased emissions from coal (4.5%), oil (3.6%), natural gas (11.8%), and cement (4%).
- **Global Emissions:**
- **Record High:** Fossil-based CO2 emissions to reach 37.4 billion tonnes in 2024, up 0.8% from 2023.
- **Global Warming:** 50% chance global warming will exceed 1.5°C in about six years.
- **Major Contributors:** China (32%), US (13%), EU (7%), and India (8%).

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DRDO carries out maiden test of long range cruise missile

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Tuesday conducted the maiden flight-test of a Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile (LRLACM), with a range of 1,000 km, from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha from a mobile articulated launcher. This is a new variant of *Nirbhay* LRLACM with improved features, officials confirmed.

The Defence Acquisition Council had approved procurement of the LRLACM in July 2020.

The missile has been developed by the Aeronauti-



The Long Range Land Attack Cruise Missile being launched off Odisha. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

cal Development Establishment, Bengaluru.

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India secures position in top 10 countries in Patents, Trademarks, and Industrial Designs: WIPO 2024 Report

India achieved record(15.7%) growth in Patent applications, leading among top 20 origins in 2023

India's Industrial Design applications surge by 36.4%, highlighting manufacturing and creative industry growth

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The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) released the World Intellectual Property Indicators (WIPI) 2024, highlighting significant growth in global IP filings.

India's Highlights:

Top 10 Global Ranking: In patents, trademarks, and industrial designs.

Patent Growth: Fastest growth (+15.7%) among top 20 origins, with 64,480 applications and resident filings at 55.2%.

Industrial Design: 36.4% rise, focusing on Textiles and Accessories, Tools and Machines, Health and Cosmetics.

Trademark Filings: Fourth globally, with a 6.1% increase. Key sectors: Health, Agriculture, and Clothing.

Patent-to-GDP Ratio: Significant growth, indicating scaling IP activity alongside economic expansion.

Global Trends:

Record High Patent Applications: 3.55 million in 2023, a 2.7% rise from 2022.

Major Contributors: China, the United States, Japan, South Korea, and India

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Govt is creating 'Adaptive Defence' in India to deal with emerging challenges:
Raksha Mantri at inaugural Delhi Defence Dialogue

"Adaptive Defence is not merely a strategic choice, but a necessity in today's fast-paced world"

Shri Rajnath Singh calls for adopting a collaborative approach to deal with contemporary problems

"Interconnectedness is as much a blessing as it is a challenge; If our threats are transnational, so should be our solutions"

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- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has voiced Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Government's unwavering resolve to create an 'Adaptive Defence' in the country to counter the challenges posed by the fast-changing world in today's times. He was addressing the inaugural Delhi Defence Dialogue (DDD) organised by Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), on the theme '*Adaptive Defence: Navigating the Changing Landscape of Modern Warfare*', in New Delhi on November 12, 2024.
- Raksha Mantri said that 'Adaptive Defence' is a strategic approach where a nation's military and defence mechanisms continuously evolve to counter emerging threats effectively. "Adaptive Defence' is not merely responding to what has happened but anticipating what could happen, and preparing for it proactively. In essence, it involves cultivating a mindset and capability to adapt, innovate & thrive, even in the face of unpredictable and evolving circumstances.