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News from Russia

According to the Russian Economic Ministry the average USD exchange rate will be around 50–60 Rubles in 2015: The ruble will be lower than 60 rubles as predicted earlier. It has strengthened by over 22 rubles, or about 30%, against the U.S. dollar as of mid-April compared to late January. Since then, the ruble has stabilized at 49.5–52.5 rubles against the U.S. currency.

The Russian economy may see a less pronounced contraction in 2015: As per the data released by the Federal State Statistical Service the first quarter data suggesting a 1.9% contraction in GDP gives reasons for a more positive GDP appraisal in 2015. Further, as per Russian Finance Ministry's forecast, inflation has stood at 11% for quite a long time, and final inflation may be close to 10.5% in 2015.

Russia's gross domestic product (GDP) will shrink by 3.5% in 2015,: According to the European Commission Russian economy will start rebounding in 2016, with GDP rising by 0.2%, also confirming its previous estimates. However, according to the Russian government's latest forecast, the economy will fall 2.8% in 2015 but will rise 0.6% in 2016.

Russian finance ministry has decided to boost Reserve Fund by 402 billion rubles: It will be achieved by redirecting the windfall energy revenues to the Reserve Fund, which protects the budget against falls in oil prices. Meanwhile, the National Wealth Fund, designed to secure the country's pension system, has decreased to 3.946 trillion rubles from 4.347 trillion rubles.

Deposit Insurance Agency (DIA) is likely to inject 527 billion ruble OFZ money in 8 banks: The money will be placed within Gazprombank, VTB, Russian Agricultural Bank, Rossiysky Capital and four banks that

were hit by the Western sanctions – Bank Rossiya, SMP Bank, Sobinbank and Russian National Commercial Bank. The funds will be included in the banks' tier 1 capital.

Russia's federal budget deficit amounted to 995.79 billion rubles in January–April, 2015: It was 4.4% of gross domestic product (GDP) as per the Finance Ministry data. Revenue amounted to 4.548 trillion rubles and spending amounted to 5.544 trillion rubles in the period. The Federal Tax Service collected 2.456 trillion rubles for the budget in the period, the Federal Customs Service collected 1.568 trillion rubles, the Federal State Property Management Agency collected 9.3 billion rubles, and other federal agencies collected 514.237 billion rubles.

News from India

India's first Fast Breeder Reactor to generate power: India's first indigenously designed 500 MW prototype fast breeder reactor (PFBR) being setup at Kalpakkam (Tamilnadu) is targeted to generate power during the current fiscal year. The reactor is presently under advanced stage of commissioning. A breeder reactor is one that breeds more material for a nuclear fission reaction than it consumes. Two more such fast breeder reactors of 600 MW capacity each will be constructed at Kalpakkam.

Chandrayaan-2 to take off in 2017: India's second lunar probe, Chandrayaan-2, is planned to be launched in 2017. The Chandrayaan-2, India's second mission to the Moon, has Orbiter, Lander and Rover configuration. It is planned to be launched during 2017-2018 time frame by 3 | P a g e Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. Chandrayaan-2 will be an indigenous mission where the ISRO will develop the lunar Lander. The ISRO will

also be responsible for the Orbiter and Rover as well as the launch by GSLV. Chandrayaan-2 will be an advanced version of the Chandrayaan-1 mission. Chandrayaan-1 launched in 2008 was a successful mission where the spacecraft orbited around the Moon at a height of 100 km from the lunar surface for chemical, mineralogical and photo-geological mapping of the Earth's natural satellite.

India's first satellite-controlled solar power plant established: India's first satellite-controlled solar power plant has come up in Lalpur village of Punjab's Hoshiarpur district. It has been built at a cost of Rs.35 crore and will produce 4.2 MW of electricity. The plant uses the 'Single Axis Tracking East West Tilt Technology', which follows the path of the sun during the day to generate eight percent more units of electricity compared to solar power plants having traditional fixed type structures

India will launch six more satellites: India has planned to launch six satellites during 2015-16. These are two communication satellites GSAT-6 and GSAT-15, three navigation satellites IRNSS-1E, IRNSS-1F and IRNSS-1G, and one space science satellite ASTROSAT. In addition to this, India also plans to launch 13 more satellites belonging to four countries using the Indian Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). As of April 2015, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched 74 satellites. Apart from this, the ISRO has successfully launched 40 foreign satellites belonging to 19 countries and four micro and nano satellites built by students of Indian universities by using PSLV.

India's GDP Growth to outpace China: As per UN report release in May, India is expected to grow by 7.6% in 2015 and 7.7% in 2016, surpassing the China's growth. The latest UN update matches the projections of other international institutions like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund that have also put India's growth rate as the

fastest, and all of whom have also revised the estimates for India upward.

ICICI's K.V. Kamath appointed head of BRICS Bank: Mr K.V. Kamath has been appointed head of the BRICS Development Bank. The Bank is being set up by the group of emerging economies formed by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa and likely to be operationalized within one year. During the last BRICS summit in Brazil, the leaders had agreed to establish a US\$100 billion Development Bank, with its headquarters in Shanghai. As per the agreement, India will preside over the bank's operations for the first six years, followed by five-year terms for Brazil and then Russia.

Bilateral/ Multilateral

Prime Minister's visit to China, Mongolia and South Korea:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited China, Mongolia and South Korea during May 2015. During the visit India and China signed 24 agreements worth over 10 billion dollars covering education, railways, and scientific research. India also signed trade and economic cooperation deals worth \$22bn with China during the PM's visit. Some of the key agreements include Cooperation in Outer Space, Education Exchange, Cooperation in Ocean Sea, Climate Change, Memorandum of Understanding between ICCR and Fudan University for establishment of Centre for Gandhian Studies; and Establishment of Yoga College in Kunming.

India and Mongolia signed 14 agreements during the PM's visit. The agreements signed cover various fields such as Strategic Partnership, Trade, Energy, Taxation etc. It was the first-ever visit to this country by an Indian Prime Minister. Similarly, India and South Korea signed 7 agreements during Prime Minister's visit and agreed to upgrade their ties to 'Special Strategic Partnership' and

deepen cooperation in Defence Sector (Cooperation in Defence Technology and manufacturing of Defence equipment in India). Both the nations agreed to expand cooperation between their armed forces.

Russia plans to engage Indian companies in the development of hydrocarbons deposits on Russia's Arctic shelf: Russia plans to attract Indian companies to the development of the Arctic shelf, Yury Ushakov, aide of President Vladimir Putin, told reporters on May 6, 2015.

Russia's Rosatom's: Deputy CEO Alexander Lokshin told reporters that Rosatom plans to launch the second unit of the Kudankulam nuclear power plant in India in June–August, 2015.

Events/Visits in Russia

President of India visits Russia: At the invitation of President of Russia, President of India visited Russia from 7-11 May, 2015 and participated in the 70th Anniversary of the Victory Day. He was accompanied by Shri Manoj Sinha, Minister of State for Railways and other senior officials, including an academic delegation from leading academic institutions in India.

Ambassador visited the Tomsk and Novosibirsk regions: from 18-22 May 2015 as a part of Embassy's initiative to reach out to the federal regions in Russia. Ambassador was accompanied by embassy officials and a business delegation interested in exploring trade and commercial opportunities in the respective regions. Ambassador paid a visit to the Imperial Energy plant in Tomsk region which is one of the major investments of ONGC Videsh Limited in Russia besides Sakhalin. Ambassador met with the Governors and Mayors of the two regions and also had business meetings with the Chambers of Commerce and interaction

with the students from leading universities in the region.

Events in India

India Warehousing Show (1-3rd July, 2015 at the Pragati Maidan in New Delhi: a 3 day event being held from, India. This event showcases product from Logistics & Transportation industry.

IMTOS(3-5th July, 2015, New Delhi): The India Machine Tools Show with a plethora of machine tools, welding and cutting machines, machine parts and accessories, machine equipments, hydraulic components, automation systems and components, pneumatic components, metal cutting tools and other machines and equipments. The show is a massive platform with its latest collection of products and accessories

IFJAS (10-12 July, 2-15 at Greater Noida): Indian Fashion Jewellery & Accessories Show (IFJAS) will be held in New Delhi for three days. Fashion jewelry, glass bangles, semi precious stones, earrings, necklaces, gemstone jewelry, hair accessories, hand bags, purses and fancy shoes will be some of the products which will be at display in this show.

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Events in Russia

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