



PULLING OUT A 2014 PROPOSAL

Unorganised Sector Workers may Get IDs

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New Delhi: The government has pulled out a 2014 proposal to provide identification numbers to workers from the unorganised sector after facing all round criticism for not doing much for migrant labour hit hard by the Covid-19 lockdown.

The new 'Unorganised Worker Identification Number' (U-WIN) will be seeded with Aadhaar and have expanded coverage. Besides, it would include other information such as qualifications and skill set of the worker.

A senior labour ministry official will aggressively push the U-WIN project to create a comprehensive database of unorganised workers, including the migrant workers.

"We are evaluating the details to make it all encompassing," the official added. In 2014 the labour ministry had launched a pilot for Unorg-

(U-WIN) in Gujarat, but the project was stalled on the grounds that it was a duplicate

Addressing Data Gaps

Labour ministry to revive U-WIN

U-WIN for Labour

Data to be made more comprehensive

Electronic data to be Aadhaar seeded

Info on migration, skills sets to be added

Coverage to be widened to include all unorganised workers

Data will be fed into NCS portal

How it will help

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Railways Bets on Maruti, Kia to Increase Freight Kitty

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The Indian Railways is betting on increased freight loading by automakers including Maruti Suzuki and South Korea's Kia Motors as the lockdown is eased. During the lockdown, the railways had been in touch with both companies for their transportation requirements, a senior railway ministry official said. One freight train loaded with 100

Back on Track
1 freight train loaded with 100 units of Kia Sedos left from Bengaluru on Sunday.

SW Railw
Iso in touch with TCL for dispatch of TAFE tractors.

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units of Kia Sedos left from Bengaluru on Sunday. The rate for one such train, known as a rake, is about ₹19 lakh.

"We are expecting orders from automakers to stabilise and go up to 10 rakes every month," said RS Saxena, divisional railway manager at Bengaluru.

While the cost of moving SUVs by rail is similar to that by road, rail transportation is faster — rakes from Bengaluru reach New Delhi in three to four days compared with a week by road. Saxena told ET.

REVISED SLOWDOWN

Along with the Jan-Mar and annual FY21 GDP estimates, the statistics office has substantially revised down estimates for previous quarters as well. Kirtika Suneja takes a look.

MAJOR GDP REVISION

	Provisional Estimate	Previous Estimate
Q1	5.2	5.6
Q2	4.4	5.1
Q3	4	4.7
Q4	3.1	4.7
FY	4.2	5

Provisional Estimate released May 29

SHARPER GVA DECLINE

	Provisional Estimate	Previous Estimate
Q1	4.8	5.4
Q2	4.3	4.8
Q3	3.5	4.5
Q4	3	5

Gross value added (GVA) Growth (%)

WHAT THE REVISION SHOWS?

► Pre-Covid slowdown was sharper than estimated

► Chances Q3 & overall growth may be revised down

► Q1 GDP growth was revised up when Q3 estimates were released

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WTO VIRTUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

India for TRIPS Flexibility to Ensure Drugs' Access

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New Delhi: India has pitched for flexibility in global intellectual property rights (IPR) agreements, in order to ensure access to essential medicines and vaccines at affordable rates to all as the world grapples with the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the virtual General Council Meeting of the World Trade Organization on Friday, New Delhi also said there was an "urgent need" to build the digital capacities of developing countries and least developed countries (LDCs) so that they benefit from e-commerce and tele-medicine.

Highlighting its five priorities at the WTO, India called for effective use of flexibilities inherent in the Trade-

Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) to ensure access to essential medicines, treatments and vaccines to all at affordable prices, especially in the context of the Covid-19.

It stressed on building capacities of developing countries and LDCs in areas like digital skills and broadband infrastructure so that the benefits of e-commerce applications are available to all.

ITR Forms for FY20 Notified

New Delhi: The government has notified income tax return forms for FY20 and made it mandatory for entities to file ITR if deposits in a current account exceed ₹1 crore or electricity bill in the fiscal is over ₹1 lakh or spent above ₹2 lakh on foreign travels.—PTI

Clear Priorities

Ensure access to affordable medicine using flexibilities in TRIPS pact

Build e-education, tele-medicine capacities in LDCs, developing countries

Resoliv Date Body package

Ensure food security

Eliminate asymmetries in entitlements in farm pact

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