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INDIA'S POWER SHORTAGE REDUCED TO LESS THAN 1%: R.K. SINGH

Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh, revealed that India has made substantial strides in reducing its power shortage, decreasing it from around 4.5 percent in 2014 to less than 1 per cent.

Speaking at an industry event in New Delhi on January 18, 2024, the minister emphasised that India is well on its way to surpass its initial target, aiming to achieve 65 per cent of its power capacity from non-fossil-fuel sources by 2030, a notable increase from the original goal of 40 per cent.

Singh also highlighted improvements in rural and urban power availability, with rural areas now enjoying approximately 21 hours of electricity daily and urban areas 23.8 hours.



The new target is set at an ambitious

65 percent by 2030. Addressing the financial aspects, Singh shared that the total investment in the past nine years is around 17 lakh crores, with an additional 17.5 lakh crores in capacity under construction.

Singh concluded by reaffirming India's commitment to reducing emissions, enhancing energy efficiency, and playing a leading role in the global energy transition.

Source: knnindia





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INDIA'S FOREX RESERVES REACHED USD 618 BILLION: RBI

India's foreign exchange reserves marked an increase of USD 1.634 billion, reaching USD 618.9 billion for the week ended January 12, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday.





In contrast, the preceding week witnessed a decline, with overall reserves falling sharply by USD 5.89 billion to USD 617.3 billion.

Despite reaching an all-time high of USD 645 billion in October 2021, India's forex reserves faced challenges as the central bank utilized them to safeguard the rupee amid global pressures

The latest data reveals a positive shift, with foreign currency assets, a crucial component, rising by USD 1.859 billion to USD 548.508 billion.

Expressed in dollar terms, these assets consider the impact of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound, and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

However, gold reserves experienced a decline of USD 242 million, totalling USD 47.247 billion during the reported week, according to the RBI. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) witnessed an increase of USD 12 million, reaching USD 18.31 billion, as per the reports.

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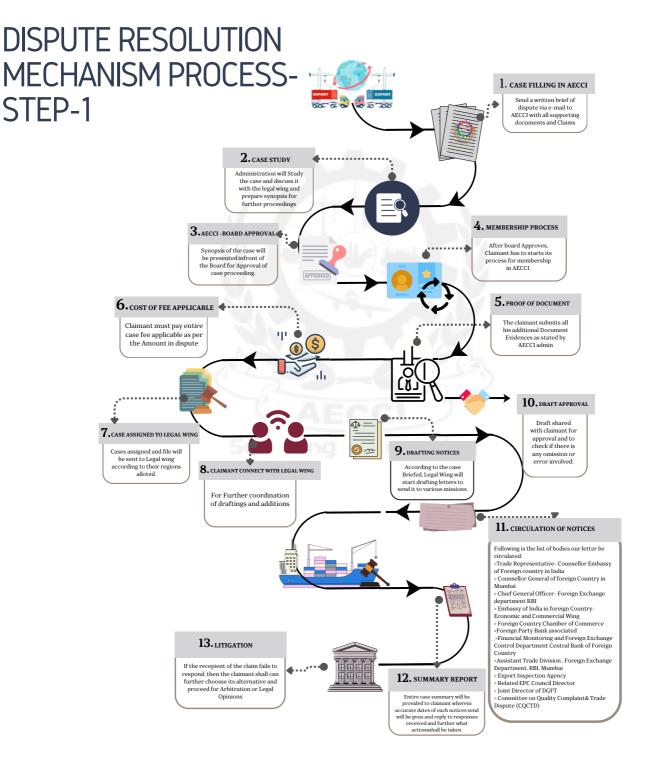
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Legal Updates

District court rules that it cannot compel arbitration where parties contracted to arbitrate pursuant to now-defunct DIFC LCIA Rules

Plaintiff Baker Hughes Saudi Arabia Co. Ltd. ("Baker Hughes") contracted with Dynamic Industries Saudi Arabia, Ltd. (and other related Dynamic Industries entities named in the case as Defendants (collectively, "Dynamic")) to supply materials, products, and services for an energy project Dynamic was working on in Saudi Arabia. The parties' contract required that disputes, if not otherwise resolved, "shall be referred by either Party to and finally resolved by arbitration under the Arbitration Rules of the DIFC LCIA (the 'Rules') from time to time in force

The DIFC LCIA—the Dubai International Financial Center London Court of International Arbitration—was an arbitration center located in Dubai that applied international rules for arbitration based on those used in the London Court of International Arbitration. However, on September 20, 2021, Dubai enacted "Decree 34 of 2021 Concerning the Dubai International Arbitration Centre," in which it abolished the DIFC LCIA and replaced it with the Dubai International Arbitration Centre ("DIAC").

Thereafter, Baker Hughes filed suit against Dynamic in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, in New Orleans, alleging damages of \$1.355 million for unpaid services. Dynamic moved to dismiss the claims on the ground of forum non conveniens, and in the alternative, moved to compel arbitration. In opposition, Baker Hughes argued that the arbitration provision was unenforceable, because the selected forum, the DIFC LCIA, no longer existed.

Dynamic argued that, nevertheless, Baker Hughes should be compelled to arbitrate its claims in the DIAC, since the abolition decree not only transferred the assets, rights, and obligations of the DIFC LCIA to the DIAC, but also expressly stated that DIFC-LCIA arbitration agreements remained valid. The court found, however, that neither it nor the Dubai government had the authority to unilaterally change the arbitration forum agreed to by the parties.



Source: Global Arbitration News



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- >>>> The government has started trade in the rupee with neighbouring countries, including Nepal and Bhutan, Parliament was informed today.
- >>>> India and the world were dealing with the first tide of Covid-19 and the Prime Minister had announced a countrywide lockdown
- A measure of inflation, fell by 0.3% last month from a year earlier. On Tuesday, official figures showed that China's exports fell by 14.5% in July compared with a year earlier.
- >>>> Global Oil & Gas Exploration & Production. Exports for 2023: \$1,373,8B. The Global Oil and Gas Exploration and Production industry has gone through major turbulence over the five years to 2023.

NEPAL WANTS EASY ACCESS TO INDIAN MARKET TO EXPORT IN BULK AND ON LONG-TERM BASIS

The Nepal government on Friday said it wants to export tomatoes in bulk and on a long-term basis to India but for that, it needs to have easy access to the market and other necessary facilities.

The neighbouring country's plea came a day after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told Parliament that India has started importing tomatoes from Nepal amid a record-high spike in prices in thIndia is importing tomatoes for the first time due to high retail prices which were as high as

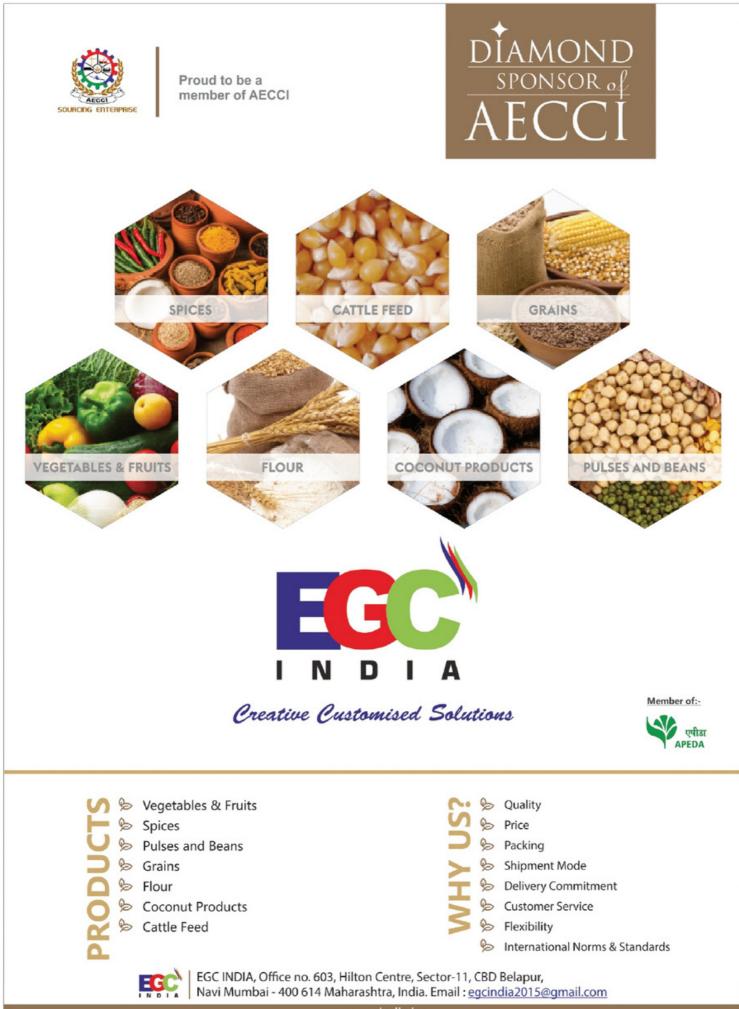


Rs 242 per kg on Friday amid supply disruptions caused by heavy rains. Nepal is desirous to

export vegetables, such as tomatoes, on a long-term basis to India, but for that India has to provide easy access to its market and other necessary facilities, Agriculture Ministry spokesperson Shabnam Shivakoti told PTI here.

started exporting tomatoes to India through official channels a week ago, it is not in big quantities, she said.

Arrangements are yet to be made for large scale export of tomatoes, she added.

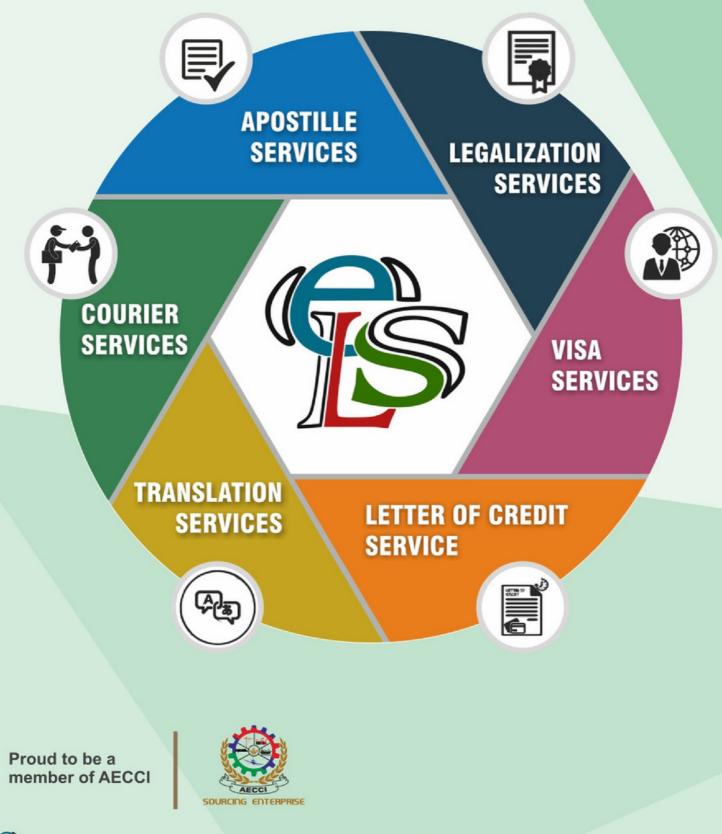


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