

Economics Harbour: Current Affairs

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1. The Corporate Affairs Ministry will unveil its roadmap for implementing the new Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS). It will prescribe the class of companies that will be required to follow the new standards and also the timelines within which they will need to adopt them.

Ind-AS will be converged with the International Financial standards. It will be initially applied to all listed and unlisted companies having a net worth of Rupees 500 crore or more.



2. The collection of four advanced developing countries, BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India and China); has stressed that the global effort to tackle climate change must focus on adapting to climate as well as reducing emissions.



3. World's largest online store Amazon and India's largest listed retailer Future Group have signed a deal to jointly sell goods over the internet. The process would start with apparels.

4. Benefits to India due to low crude oil prices are:

- a. Improve macro-economic indicators like current account, fiscal deficit.
- b. Give a boost to energy firms, tyre makers and consumer companies.
- c. Fall in country's import bill.
- d. Will lower fuel under-recoveries like cost of selling LPG and Kerosene below cost. This would further help reduce the fiscal deficit.



5. Banking sector may turn out to be the biggest casualty of Supreme Court's verdict of coal block allocation:
 - a. If accounts turn NPAs, it will deprive banks of their interest incomes.
 - b. Lenders may have to set aside additional provisioning for losses incurred.

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