

Economics Harbour: Current Affairs

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1. Nobel Prize Winner in Economics, 2014 was awarded to Jean Tirole for his work on market power and regulation with the help of “Game Theory” techniques. His work has helped the policymakers understand how to deal with industries dominated by a few dominant companies.



2. Government is set to formulate a unified bill namely “Small Factories (Regulation of Employment and other Conditions of Service) Act, 2014. This Act will be applicable to manufacturing units employing less than 40 workers. The government believes that this will ensure that the workers employed in small factories are no longer deprived of their basic rights.



3. Consumer inflation fell sharply to 6.46% in September, 2014 as compared to 7.8% in August, 2013.

Reason: Sharp decline in vegetables inflation and the base effect of high inflation last year.

4. Retail inflation in vegetables eased to 8.59% in September, 2014 from 15.1% in August, 2014.



5. India’s Global Hunger Index rank improves and moves up to 55th position in 2014 from 63rd rank in 2013.

Reason: Progress made in addressing underweight in children.

The country’s score is better than Pakistan (57th) and Bangladesh (57th), but is still behind Nepal (44th) and Sri Lanka (39th).



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