The Economy This Week!

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Mysteriously, banks' provisions under depreciation on investments increased over 208% during the year 2017-18. Digging deep it is revealed that the reason is excess provision forced by RBI resulting in huge losses in the balance sheets.

In yet another blunder, SBI decides that the women who are pregnant 3 months and above will not be given an appointment! This week we also have a detailed report on Private Sector investments in infrastructure, a sector on which the government is betting high.

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RBI and its crucial policy impact on Govt investments

When economy slows down, the norms & policies of the Govt & the central bank must be more flexible in order to facilitate easy recovery. Due to RBI's stringent policies on the Investment portfolio, the affected banks have suffered significantly, aside from the poorly managed NPAs. Currently, regulators are focusing more on inflationary trends & are trying to contain them primarily by manipulating certain key policy rates.

Private Investments in India- A Mapping Report

Several agencies have been releasing regular estimates of the investments required for infrastructure development in India. As per the estimates by Economic Survey for 2017-18, the country would need around $4.5 trillion for its infrastructure by 2040. Global Infrastructure Outlook observes that cumulative figure for India's infrastructure investment gap would be around $526 billion by 2040.

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