

## **Daily Economic News Summary: 12 May 2015**

### **1. KV Kamath named BRICS Bank President**

Source: **The Daily Pioneer** ([Link](#))

After holding top posts like Non-Executive Chairman of country's largest private sector bank ICICI Bank and Non-Executive Chairperson of IT bellwether Infosys, eminent banker KV Kamath added another feather in his cap. Kamath will head as the President of \$100-billion BRICS Bank which will provide infrastructure loans to emerging nations, rivalling multilateral lenders such as World Bank and IMF. As per the agreement, Kamath will be the first President of the bank.

### **2. Global banks try to muscle into India's start-up boom**

Source: **Live Mint** ([Link](#))

Global investment banks are scrambling to get a piece of the action from India's booming technology start-ups, having missed out on the initial flurry of deal-making to their better-connected but much smaller domestic rivals.

Banks including Goldman Sachs Group Inc, Citigroup Inc. and Morgan Stanley are looking to hire more bankers in India and are now regularly attending "bake-offs" to pitch for advisory roles on deals, according to several banking industry sources.

Foreign money has been pouring into India's fast-growing e-commerce sector, with investors ranging from Japan's Softbank Corp. to Singapore's Temasek Holdings and GIC Private Ltd piling in.

### **3. Big hopes for Indian railways in PM Narendra Modi's China visit**

Source: **Financial Express** ([Link](#))

Beijing has been pushing India to accelerate work on a multi-billion dollar rail link from New Delhi to Chennai ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to China this week, as the Asian giants put economic ties before regional rivalries.

China, which is conducting a feasibility study into a \$36 billion bullet train project from the capital in the north to Chennai in the south, has asked for work to begin on a pilot project covering part of the route, officials said.

The two sides have also agreed to speed up implementation of a shorter high-speed rail corridor from Chennai to Bengaluru, as China seeks to cash in on Modi's vision of modernizing a creaking train system that 25 million people use daily.

#### **4. Car sales grow at 18.14% in April, fastest in 30 months**

Source: **The Daily Pioneer** ([Link](#))

Car sales rose by 18.14 per cent in April, the fastest rate of growth in 30 months, as the auto industry continued its journey on the road to recovery riding on improved consumer sentiments, new models and favorable fuel prices.

As per the data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), domestic passenger car sales in April stood at 1, 59,548 units compared with 1, 35,054 in the same month of 2014.

#### **5. IT infra spending to grow 3.3% at \$2.02 BN in 2015: Gartner**

Source: **The Daily Pioneer** ([Link](#))

Global consultancy firm Gartner today said IT infrastructure spending in the country will rise 3.3 per cent to \$ 2.02 billion this year, mainly driven by data centre modernization initiatives.

The IT infrastructure market includes server, storage and networking equipment. Commenting on the figures, Gartner research director Naveen Mishra said, "*The domestic infrastructure market will witness investments primarily fuelled by data centre modernization initiatives to drive uninterrupted and better quality of service.*"

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