

DAILY NEWS MONITOR: 9 JUNE 2022

1. RBI raises repo rate by 50 bps to tame prices; pegs FY23 GDP growth at 7.2%

Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))

The six-member Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 8 June unanimously decided to increase the policy repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.9 per cent while raising the inflation forecast by 100 bps to 6.7 per cent for this fiscal year, giving rise to expectations of further monetary tightening in the coming months. The second hike in the repo rate in a month will lead to an increase in lending rates, causing borrowers to feel the pinch of higher equated monthly instalments. The RBI kept its growth forecast unchanged at 7.2 per cent for FY23.

2. India's Serum Institute to make Novavax's Covid vaccine for US market

Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))

US major Novavax has said its Covid-19 vaccine (NVX-CoV2373) for adults — to be used in the US following an approval from the USFDA — would be manufactured by its Indian partner Serum Institute of India (SII). According to Reuters, Novavax's Chief Medical Officer Filip Dubovsky said on Tuesday that all vaccines being distributed commercially across the world "are being made in a single facility by our partners (the Serum Institute in India — SII) that includes the vaccines which are being deployed around the world as well as the ones that will be initially deployed in the US". The company has indicated in the first quarter earnings call that it has reached a major milestone in its pathway to an emergency use authorisation from the US Food and Drugs Administration (USFDA), and a Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) meeting is set for June 7, following "successful completion" of an inspection of the manufacturing site at SII.

3. India may allow 1.2 million tons of wheat to be exported: Report

Source: Hindustan Times ([Link](#))

India could soon allow traders to ship out around 1.2 million tonnes of wheat as it seeks to clear cargoes stuck at ports since last month's sudden ban of exports of the grain, government and trade sources said on Wednesday. But even after New Delhi's permission to export that much, about 500,000 tonnes of wheat could remain sitting at ports, as some traders have failed to secure export permits, the sources with knowledge of the matter told Reuters. New Delhi banned wheat exports in a surprise move on May 14, but said it would allow overseas shipments backed by already issued letters of credit (LCs) and to countries that request supplies "to meet their food security needs".

4. Cabinet nod for India-UAE pact on industrial cooperation

Source: The Economic Times ([Link](#))

The Union Cabinet on 8 June approved a proposal for the signing a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the United Arab Emirates on cooperation in the field of industries and advanced technologies. The MoU aims to strengthen the supply chain resilience of industries and cooperation in renewable & energy efficiency, health and life sciences, space systems, Artificial Intelligence, and Industry 4.0 Enabling Technologies between the two countries. The implementation of MoU may lead to increase in research and innovation in all areas of mutual cooperation, particularly in the areas of Renewable Energy, Artificial Intelligence, Industry Enabling technologies and Health and Life science," the government said in a statement.