

1. **Wheat Sown in 3.67 Lakh Hectares More than Last Year :**

- Wheat has been shown in 295.30 lakh hectare against 291.63 lakh hectare last year on this date, which is 3.67 lakh hectare higher than the area sown during the corresponding period last year. Higher coverage has been reported from Madhya Pradesh (6.02 lakh hectare), Rajasthan (3.11 lakh hectare) and Jharkhand (0.65 lakh hectare).
- Pulses have been sown in 145.86 lakh hectare as against 146.76 lakh hectare last year. Significantly, higher area has been reported in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat and Bihar under gram, which is a dominant pulse crop of rabi season.
- Total area under oilseeds cultivation is reported to be 84.35 lakh hectare against 93.15 lakh hectare last year. Higher area has been reported under oilseed crops in Tamil Nadu (1.04 lakh hectare), Jharkhand (0.63 lakh hectare), Uttar Pradesh (0.51 lakh hectare), Gujarat (0.37 lakh hectare), and Assam (0.21 lakh hectare).

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, 28 January 2012

2. **Price Indices :** Reference Period: Week/Month

Category	Base Year	Month / Week				Annual Inflation
		Previous	Index	Current	Index	
WPI Primary Articles	2004-05	07 Jan-12	199.1	14 Jan-12	199.1	1.89%
Food Articles Index	Do	07 Jan-12	190.9	14 Jan-12	191.4	-1.03%
CPI(Ind.Wkr)	2001	Oct-11	198	Nov-11	199	9.34%
CPI(AL)	1986-87	Nov-11	621	Dec-11	618	8.95%
CPI(RL)	1986-87	Nov-11	621	Dec-11	619	9.14%

Source : Ministry of Commerce & Industry, 28 Jan'2012 & Ministry of Labour, 20 Jan'2012

3. **Money Market :** Ref. Period 28 January 2012

Bank rate	6.0	Base rate	10.0 -10.75
Repo Rate	8.50	S L R	24.0
Reverse Repo Rate	7.50	Savings Rate	4.0
C R R	5.50	Deposit Rate	8.50-9.25

Source : Reserve Bank of India

Source: the financials .com On US \$ (%)	Date>	27 Jan	26 Jan	Previous Week 20 Jan'12	Previous Month 28 Dec'11	Previous Year 27 Jan' 11
	Libor>	0.141	0.141	0.144	0.149	0.236

4. **Foreign Exchange Rate (Rs) :**

Category	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	% Ch.
US \$	50.24	49.97	50.12	NA	49.63	-1.21
Euro	64.79	65.09	65.13	NA	65.05	0.40

Source : RBI

5. **Stock Exchange Indices :**

Category	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	% Change
BSE	16752	16996	17077	NA	17234	1.4
Nifty	5046	5127	5158	NA	5205	3.5

Source : BSE,NSE

6. Crude Oil Price: US\$/Barrel :

Date>	20 Jan	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	Weekly Average
Price>	111.37	111.78	111.49	110.71	111.26	111.31

7. Gold & Silver Prices (Rs) :

Date>	23 Jan	24 Jan	25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	%Ch(week)
Gold(22crt/10gm)	26265	26435	26255	NA	26835	2.17
Silver Bar(kg)	52900	55000	54500	NA	56000	5.86

Kolkata Rates, VAT Extra

8 . IMF Marks Down Global Growth Forecast, Sees Risk on Rise :

IMF Growth Projections(%)->	Projections				Difference from September 2011 WEO Projections	
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2012	2013
World Output	5.2	3.8	3.3	3.9	-0.7	-0.6
Advanced Economies	3.2	1.6	1.2	1.9	-0.7	-0.5
United States	3.0	1.8	1.8	2.2	0.0	-0.3
Euro Area	1.9	1.6	-0.5	0.8	-1.6	-0.7
Japan	4.4	-0.9	1.7	1.6	-0.6	-0.4
United Kingdom	2.1	0.9	0.6	2.0	-1.0	-0.4
Russia	4.0	4.1	3.3	3.5	-0.8	-0.5
China	10.4	9.2	8.2	8.8	-0.8	-0.7
India	9.9	7.4	7.0	7.3	-0.5	-0.8
Brazil	7.5	2.9	3.0	4.0	-0.6	-0.2
European Union	2.0	1.6	-0.1	1.2	-1.5	-0.7
World Trade Volume (goods and services)	12.7	6.9	3.8	5.4	-2.0	-1.0

With intensifying strains in the Euro area weighing on the global outlook, the International Monetary Fund has sharply cut its forecast for world growth this year, saying prospects have dimmed and risks to financial stability have increased.

- ❖ IMF says global recovery expected to stall, risks to intensify Euro area expected to fall into mild recession, rest of world to slow
- ❖ Comprehensive package needed to restore financial stability
- ❖ Countries should avoid too rapid tightening of fiscal policy

Source : IMF
24 January.2012