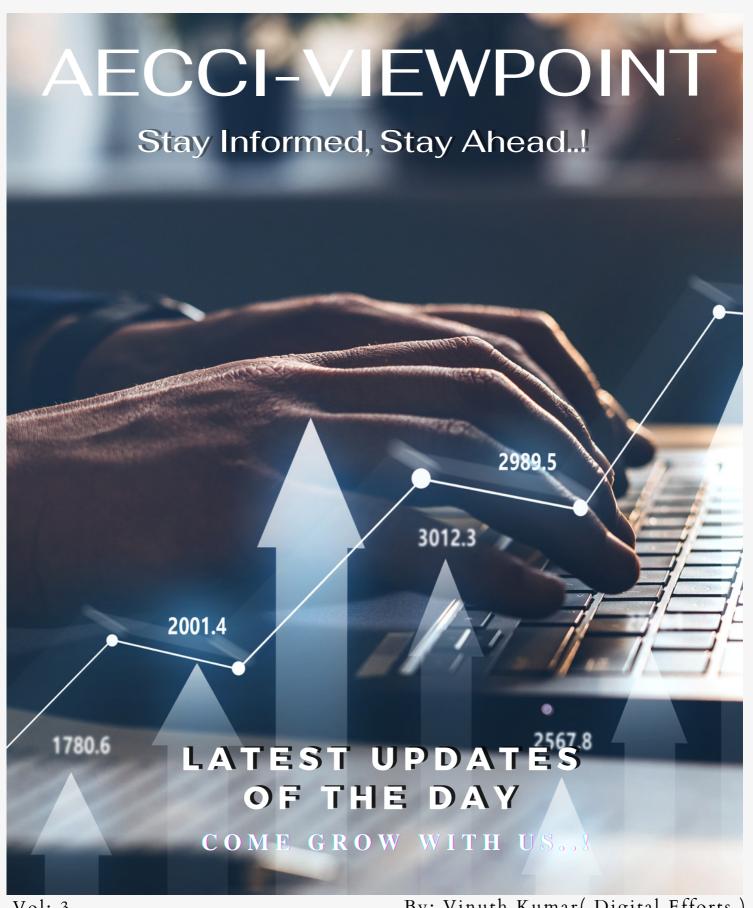


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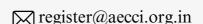
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INDIAN EXPORTERS URGE MYANMAR TO START TRADE SETTLEMENTS USING ₹

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Negotiations on the issue would be finalised by the end of June, Oo was quoted as saying by media reports. Facing shortages of foreign exchange reserves, Myanmar announced last year that it would start accepting Indian rupees, along with the Thai baht and China's renminbi as an official settlement currency to cut its dependence on the US dollar.

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It said PNB approached Myanmar's CB Bank and UAB Bank of

Myanmar to open a vostro account for trade settlements in Indian rupees and kyat, but the Myanmar government wanted to involve other banks in the new mechanism. The Sittwe port in Myanmar, built under a grant assistance from the government of India as part of Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project, was operationalised last month, and it would be dedicated for trade with east India once commercial operations start, Oo added. Indian exporters feel the arrangement is expected to help export of pharmaceutical and manufacturing items from India as well as boost import of pulses, timber and other products from Myanmar.

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FOREIGN TRADE POLICY 2023: A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONALIZING RUPEEE AND BOLSTERING EXPORTS



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Source: Fibre2fashion











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- The domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 151.60 points or 0.25 per cent to end at 61,033.55, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 45.80 points or 0.25 per cent to 18,157.00.



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- > The US, the largest market, imported (2,75,662 million tonnes) of frozen shrimp, followed by China (1,45,743 million tonnes), the European Union (95,377 million tonnes), South East Asia (65,466 million tonnes), Japan (40,975 million tonnes), and the Middle East (31,647 million tonnes).

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"Rupee continued to gain strength as the broader dollar witnessed selling pressure at higher levels. The greenback continued to remain weighed down also ahead of the US mid-term elections results," said Gaurang Somaiya, Forex and Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services. Some market participants suggest a strong chance of Republicans winning a House majority and a tight race for Senate control. "We expect the USD-INR (Spot) to trade sideways and quote in the range of 81.30 and 81.80," Somaiya said.

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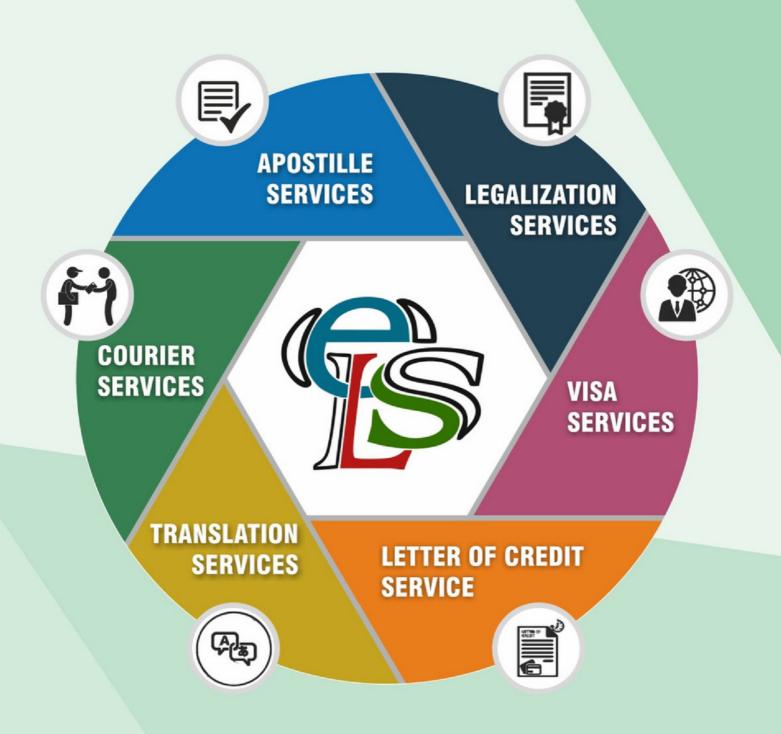
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