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The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® for India Increased in October

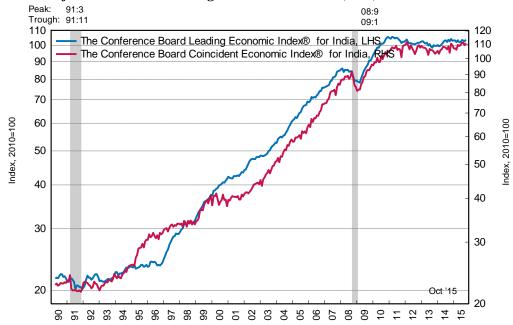
Mumbai, November 24, 2015...**The Conference Board Leading Economic Index**[®] (LEI) for India increased 1.2 percent in October to 103.7 (2010 = 100), following a 0.6 percent decline in September and a 0.3 percent decline in August. All LEI components made positive contributors to the index in October.

"The Leading Economic Index for India increased in October on the back of widespread strengths among its components," said Jing Sima, Senior Economist at The Conference Board. "Despite the gain, the six-month growth in the LEI has been moving sideways since mid-2015, providing little evidence that India's pace of economic expansion will gain much momentum in the coming months."

The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index[®] (CEI) for India, which measures current economic activity, increased 1.5 percent in October to 110.6 (2010 = 100), following a 1.8 percent decline in September and a 0.4 percent increase in August. Car sales: passenger vehicle and industrial production* increased in October.

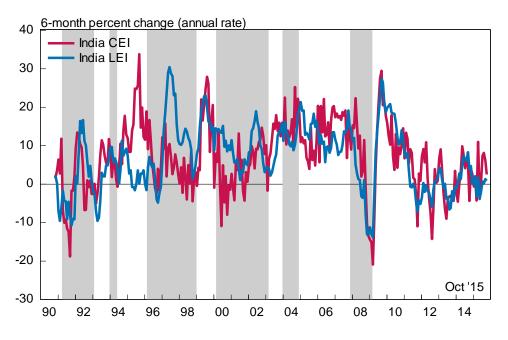
^{*} October figure is based on The Conference Board estimates

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for India increased in October



Note: The shaded area denotes business cycle recession. The peaks and troughs have been determined by The Conference Board based on the CEI and real GDP for India.

The six-month change in the LEI for India remains slightly positive



Note: The shaded area denotes growth cycle chronologies as determined by The Conference Board based on deviations from trend in an index consisting of the components of The Conference Board CEI for India and real GDP.

The Conference Board LEI for India aggregates eight economic indicators that measure economic activity in India. Each of the LEI components has proven accurate on its own. Aggregating individual indicators into a composite index filters out so-called "noise" to show underlying trends more clearly.

About The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for India

The Conference Board Leading Economic Index[®] for India was launched in September 2013. Plotted back to April 1990, this index has successfully signaled turning points in the economic cycles of India. The Conference Board also produces LEIs for Australia, Brazil, China, the Euro Area, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The eight components of **The Conference Board Leading Economic Index**[®] (LEI) for India include:

Interest Rate Spread (10-Year Government Bond minus 91-Day Treasury Bill) (RBI)

Stock Prices: SENSEX Average (Bombay Stock Exchange Limited)

Real effective exchange rate index, 36 countries (RBI)

Real Money Supply: M3 Bank Credit to Commercial Sector (RBI) Merchandise Exports, f.o.b. (Ministry of Commerce and Industry) Cargo Handled: Domestic and International (Airport Authority of India)

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IP: Capital Goods (Central Statistical Organization)
PMI: Services Business Activity (HSBC/Markit)

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Summary Table of Composite Economic Indexes

	2015						6- month	
	Aug		Sep		Oct		Apr to Oct	
Leading Economic Index	103.1	r	102.5		103.7	p		
Percent Change	-0.3	r	-0.6	r	1.2	p	0.4	
Diffusion	50.0		37.5		100.0		75.0	
Coincident Economic								
Index	111.0	r	109.0	r	110.6	p		
Percent Change	0.4	r	-1.8	r	1.5	p	1.2	
Diffusion	33.3		.0		66.7		66.7	

n.a. Not available p Preliminary r Revised Indexes equal 100 in 2010

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