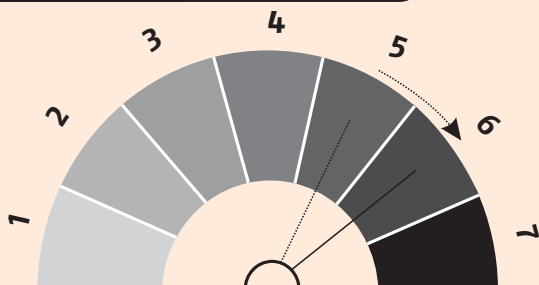


Indian economy's animal spirits move to the right

ANIMAL-SPIRITS TRACKER



Sources: Bloomberg, S&P Global, RBI, Commerce Ministry, CMIE

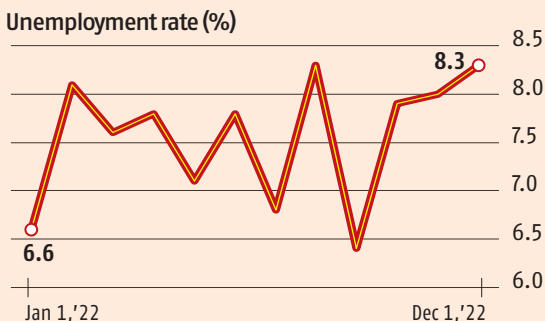
Note: Bloomberg's animal spirits barometer uses a three-month weighted average to smooth out volatility in single-month readings

Economy picked up speed in December as business conditions improved, marking a rebound that had showed signs of a slowdown in November. The needle indicating so-called animal spirits moved right after holding steady for five straight months — indicating stronger overall economic activity as 2022 drew to a close. **BLOOMBERG**



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EMPLOYMENT



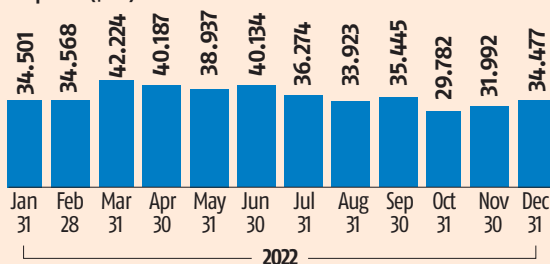
Source: CMIE

India's unemployment rate climbed to a 16-month high of 8.3 per cent as job creation failed to keep pace with a growing workforce.

THE CHANGE IN NUMBERS

EXPORTS

Exports (\$bn)

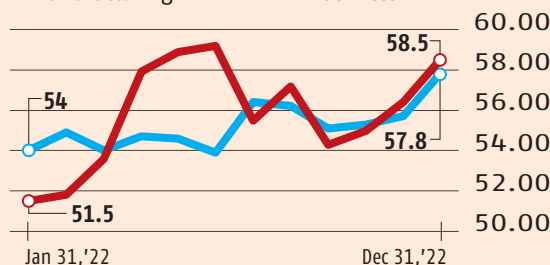


Exports fell 12.2% in December YoY, but at \$34.5 billion, were still at a three-month high in value terms, data by the ministry showed. Exports remain competitive despite global woes, commerce secretary has said

BUSINESS ACTIVITY

■ Manufacturing PMI

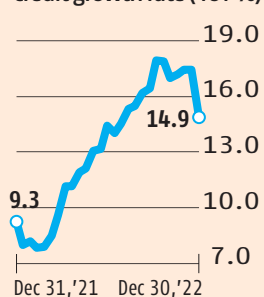
■ Services PMI



A purchasing managers' survey reflected robust activity in manufacturing and services in December. The index rose to an 11-year high. Output rose sharply. New orders in manufacturing climbed the fastest since February 2021

CONSUMER ACTIVITY

Credit growth rate (YoY%)



GST collection (₹ trillion)



Liquidity in the banking system tightened, and bank credit slowed to 14.9 per cent in December, from 17.2 per cent in November. Goods and services tax collection, which helps measure consumption in the economy, rose 15 per cent