

## ECONOMY

### ■ RBI Raises Repo Rate by 35 Basis Points

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has hiked the policy repo rate, for a fifth consecutive time, by 35 basis points to 6.25 per cent. This is the fifth hike in the repo rate since May. The Central Bank increased the rate as inflation continues to stay above its tolerance band. The repo rate is the interest rate at which the Central Bank lends money to commercial banks. RBI Governor, Shri. Shaktikanta Das, delivering the Monetary Policy Committee announcements, said that the FY23 real GDP forecast had been lowered to 6.8 per cent, which is 0.1 per cent lower than the revised estimates released by the World Bank recently. In addition, the RBI has maintained a FY23 Consumer Price Index inflation forecast at 6.7 per cent. Shri. Das added that the Rupee remains resilient and stable, but there is a need to focus on orderly evaluation of the exchange rate. He also hailed the Indian economy's performance in the face of global challenges like geo-political tensions and the pandemic, and underlined that it is the fastest growing in Asia this year.