

BETWEEN THE COVERS

Commodities in freefall and caste in business, looking back and looking ahead, glad tidings and grim readings, business successes and failures, the 26 issues of our third year covered much ground.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY
An early call on things to come. Hard numbers, on-ground evidence and a poll of 90 captains of Indian industry formed the basis of this sector-by-sector review of the economy. The grim prognosis: everyone, from small farmers to large companies, is under pressure.



PE FREEZE

In the aftermath of the global liquidity crunch, almost all limited partners are freezing fresh money flow into PE funds, even going back on commitments. They are also forcing PE funds into distress sales. This could turn out to be the \$3 trillion PE industry's gravest crisis ever.

FARMING 2.0

Indian agriculture is taking baby steps to modernise. Fourteen stories from the fields that capture some of the innovations that are quietly revolutionising the farming world.



AMBANI'S NEXT RIVAL
This one was under the radar until we got to it. A big fight is on the cards between GAIL and Reliance Industries over gas distribution. The veteran tangles with the upstart in an intriguing battle.

PROTECTIONISM
The wave of protectionism sweeping across the globe will harm world trade. India could get caught in the crossfire and see the benefits from years of globalisation come undone.

CASTE CONSCIOUS COMPANIES
Why a handful of companies are bringing dalits, the differently-abled and other marginalised communities into the mainstream.

