Nuclear industry

Many countries with nuclear power programmes have become vulnerable to the effects of an accident. In the case of the severe nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Japan in 2011, the accident led to a significant rise in the cost of nuclear power worldwide. This has made nuclear power less competitive in many countries, and has led to a review of nuclear policies in many countries, including India.

Several countries have announced plans to phase out nuclear power or are reconsidering their nuclear policies in light of the Fukushima disaster. Some countries, such as Germany and Switzerland, have decided to phase out nuclear power entirely. Other countries, such as France, have decided to continue with nuclear power but with increased safety measures.

In India, the government has announced a review of its nuclear policy in light of the Fukushima disaster, and has established a committee to review the safety of nuclear plants in the country. The committee is expected to submit its report by the end of 2012.

Government bowls sector a surprise googly

The auto industry

Carmakers are encouraged by the way the state government delivers on its promises, writes James Fontaine.

Despite the economic downturn in the country, the auto industry in India has continued to grow. This growth has been driven by a number of factors, including the government's efforts to encourage investment in the sector.

The government has announced a number of measures to support the auto industry, including tax incentives, increased import duties, and support for research and development. These measures have helped to boost investment in the sector and have led to increased production and exports.

In addition, the government has announced a number of measures to promote the use of electric vehicles. These measures include tax incentives for electric vehicle buyers, and the development of charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.

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Tata Nano

How the poor man's car lost its way

The Tata Nano was launched in 2008 with much fanfare. It was hoped that the low-cost, fuel-efficient car would help to reduce India's dependence on imported vehicles, and would help to expand the market for small cars in India.

However, the Tata Nano has not lived up to its promise. The car was plagued by technical problems, and sales have been slow.

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