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The key motive is to set up a team of international dignitaries for planning and execution of international moves to take Kaziranga University to the next level. This plan covers the strategic period of next 5 years. It sets a high-level agenda for the university to develop capacity ensuring significant contributions towards student development programmes. It paved the path to work effectively with other institutions and organizations, where such partnerships can lead to outstanding research and teaching.

Adding another feather to its cap, Kaziranga University announced its association with IBM to introduce IBM Mentored B Tech(CSE) programme which will give an added advantage to the students in finding gainful employment in MNCs, stated a press release.

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NEW DELHI, MAR 16: India's current account deficit is likely to narrow to 0.7 percent of the GDP in fiscal 2016 from 1.3 percent in FY15 largely owing to low commodity prices, a Nomura report said Wednesday.

According to the Japanese financial services major, the current account deficit is likely to narrow despite sluggish export volumes and rising import volumes.

"For FY16, we expect the current account deficit to narrow to 0.7 percent of GDP from 1.3 percent in FY15 as low commodity prices offset the impact of higher core imports and sluggish exports," Nomura said in a research note.

Meanwhile, falling for

the 15th month in a row, exports dipped 5.66 percent in February to USD 20.73 billion, while, imports declined 5.03 percent to USD 27.28 billion last month.

The trade deficit - difference between imports and exports - USD 6.54 billion in February this year compared with USD 6.74 billion in February last year.

The global brokerage firm said that it indicates recovery in the volume front as export volumes rose 7.7 percent year-on-year in February after falling by an average of 2.8 percent in the past six months.

"Overall, trade data suggest that both export and import volumes have

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picked up, with February contraction in exports and imports price-driven," Nomura said.

Meanwhile, after a sharp rise in January gold imports in February declined 29.49 percent to USD 1.39 billion, which is expected to keep a lid on the country's current account deficit (CAD).

India is one of the largest importers of gold in the world and the country's ports mainly cater to the demand of jewellery industry.

In July-September of the current fiscal, CAD rose to USD 8.2 billion, or 0.7 percent of GDP, from USD 6.1 billion in the April-June quarter. Agencies

China's economy will not suffer

BEIJING, MAR 16: Allaying global concerns over the possibility of China's struggling economy heading for a "hard landing", Premier Li Keqiang said today that the world's second largest economy has the ability to withstand financial risks.

"China's economy will not suffer a hard landing and there are more hopes than difficulties for the world's second largest economy," Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said in his annual press conference here today answering questions over the growing domestic and global concerns over Chi-

Hard landing refers to the state of economy rapidly shifting from growth to slow-growth to flat as it approaches a recession.

"As long as we stay on the course of reform and opening up, China's economy will not suffer a hard landing," Li, 60, who is second in the leadership hierarchy to President Xi Jinping said in his press conference telecast live all over the country.

On the sliding path since 2011 ending about the three decades of double digit growth, China's GDP last year slipped to 6.9 percent with forecasts by IMF and World Bank

the next two years.

Early this month Li in a work report of legislature the National People's Congress (NPC) proposed to cut down the GDP target for the next five-year 6.5 to seven percent. About the status of the economy, Li said global economic growth is sluggish and China has been affected by the weak performance.

China is also going through a transition and some deep-seated problems, which have built up over the years, have become more acute, he said.

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