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The core infrastructure grows at 1.3% in December 2019 as against -0.6% in November 2019. The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stood at 133.2 in December, 2019, which increased by 1.3 percent as compared to the index of December, 2018. Its cumulative growth during April to December, 2019-20 was 0.2 per cent.

### December 2019 Fiscal Deficit stands at 132.4% of actuals to BEs

The gross fiscal deficit of the Central government stands at 132.4% of the actuals to budget estimates (BEs) at the end of December 2019 as compared to 112.4% of the actuals to budget estimates in the corresponding period of the previous year. The primary deficit was registered at 1172.1% of the actuals to budget estimates at the end of December 2019 as compared to 578.1% of the actuals to budget estimates during corresponding period of the previous year.

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