



Core Sector Output Falls by 5.2%

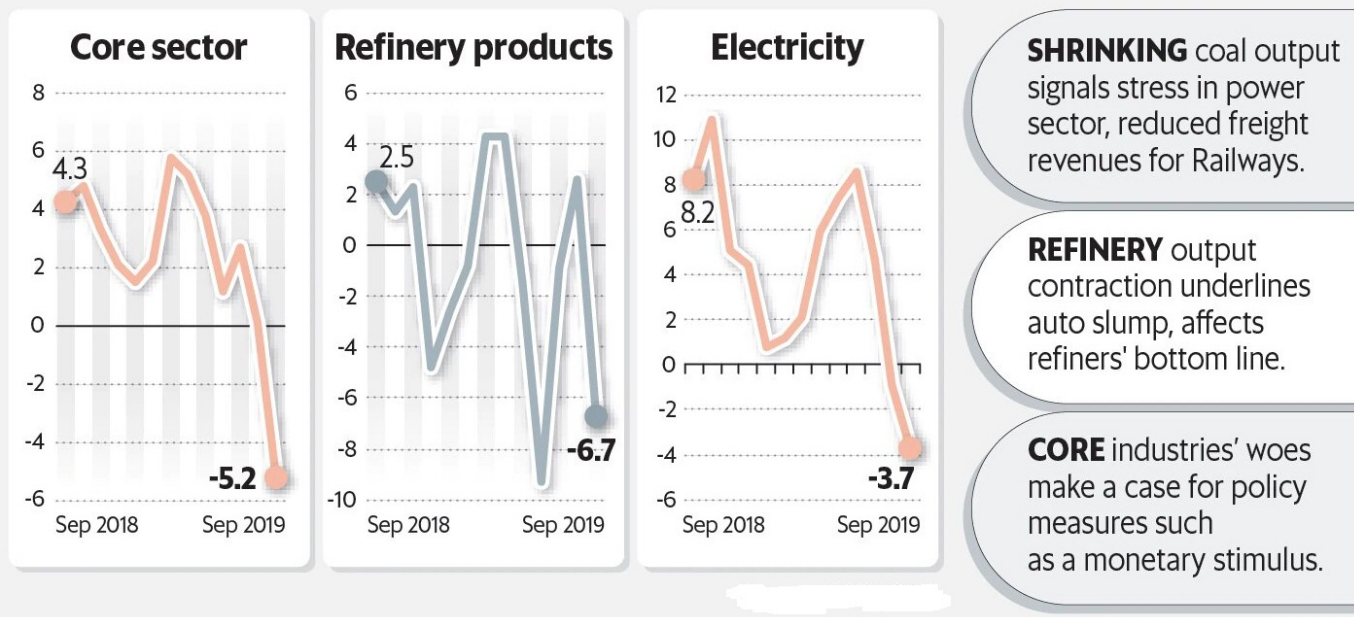
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Why in News?

The output of eight **Core Infrastructure Industries** has **contracted by 5.2%** in **September (2019)**, indicating the **severity of the economic slowdown**.

CORE SHOCK

Production of key primary sources of energy like crude oil and coal as well as refined petroleum products and electricity took a beating in September.



- Except for fertilizers (output improved by 5.4% in September), the other seven infrastructure industries experienced a contraction.

The **coal sector** is the **worst performer** on account of an extended monsoon, a surge in renewable energy supply and labour issues at state-run Coal India Ltd.

- The eight Core Industries in decreasing order of their weightage: **Refinery Products> Electricity> Steel> Coal> Crude Oil> Natural Gas> Cement> Fertilizers.**

Industry

Weight (In percentage)

Petroleum & Refinery production	28.04
Electricity generation	19.85
Steel production	17.92
Coal production	10.33
Crude Oil production	8.98
Natural Gas production	6.88
Cement production	5.37
Fertilizers production	2.63

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