

## Top Story 1

### India becomes world's 5th largest economy

India has become the world's fifth-largest economy and is poised to become one of the top three economies by 2027, according to Gita Gopinath, Deputy Managing Director of the IMF. Despite challenging global macroeconomic conditions, India's economy is expected to maintain its growth trajectory. The IMF has revised its economic growth forecast for India to 7 percent for this fiscal year, up from the 6.8 percent projected in April. This significant upgrade reflects the robust performance of the Indian economy, driven primarily by strong public investment. As reported by IANS, a partner of TV BRICS, India's solid economic foundation and strategic investments are positioning the country for continued success on the global stage.

## Top Story 2

### **Net foreign direct investment rises to \$6.9 billion in Q1, shows RBI data**

Net foreign direct investment (FDI) during the April-June period of the current financial year was \$6.9 billion, compared to \$4.7 billion in the year-ago period, the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India showed. The increase was due to an improvement in gross inward FDI, which grew by 26.4 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to \$22.5 billion during Q1 of 2024-25. Manufacturing, financial services, communication services, computer services, and electricity and other energy sectors accounted for about 80 per cent of the gross FDI inflows. "With around 75 per cent of the flows, the major source countries were Singapore, Mauritius, the Netherlands, the US, and Belgium," RBI's state of the economy report said. Net FDI flow dropped sharply to \$9.8 billion in FY24, from \$28 billion in the previous year. In FY22, net FDI flows into the country were \$38.6 billion.

## **Economy: -**

### **India, Africa should target \$200 bn trade in next 7 years**

There is a huge potential to increase economic cooperation between India and Africa as both regions can look at doubling two-way trade to USD 200 billion in the next seven years, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday. Speaking at CII's India-Africa business conclave, Goyal said the main sectors where businesses of the two sides can collaborate include agriculture, pharmaceuticals, mining, tourism, auto, critical minerals, and renewable energy. "I would like to suggest six areas for collaboration and cooperation as a way forward to take this relationship to the next level," he said, adding, "can we look at doubling our trade. So far we have only a few African countries who trade with India". He said as many as 33 countries do not participate in the duty free tariff preference (DFTP) scheme of India. "Can we look at getting more and more countries to enjoy the fruits of this partnership and set a benchmark to double this trade number from USD 100 billion to USD 200 billion between India and Africa. I think we should look at doing that in seven years," said.

## **Digitalization: -**

### **India's UPI And Malaysia's PayNet A New Era Of Seamless Cross-Border Payments**

India is preparing to integrate its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with Malaysia's PayNet, a significant development announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a joint press conference with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim. This strategic collaboration underscores the strengthening ties between the two nations, aiming to facilitate seamless cross-border transactions and enhance financial connectivity. The integration of these payment systems is expected to benefit millions of users in both countries, making financial transactions more efficient and accessible. This initiative aligns with India's broader objective of extending the reach of its instant payment network beyond its borders, establishing UPI as a global standard for digital payments. By linking UPI with PayNet, India is not only expanding its technological footprint but also fostering closer economic cooperation with Malaysia. The move is anticipated to drive innovation in the financial sector, encouraging other countries to consider similar collaborations and adopt India's robust payment infrastructure.

## **Finance: -**

### **Budget Balances Fiscal Prudence, Growth: RBI Paper**

The Union Budget strikes the "right balance" between fiscal prudence and macro stability, and strengthens the medium-term growth outlook, a paper by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) staffers said recently. The document presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on July 2024 aims to further strengthen the macroeconomic stability and harness the potential in different sectors of the economy, the paper by Aayushi Khandelwal, Harshita Yadav and others published in the central bank's monthly bulletin said. "Overall, the Union Budget 2024-25 strikes the right balance between fiscal prudence and macroeconomic stability which should strengthen the medium-term growth outlook," the paper, which does not represent the institutional views, said. The document aims at providing a "boost to growth and job creation while pursuing fiscal consolidation", it added.

## Investment: -

### India-Africa are exploring rupee trade, to improve commerce

The Chairman of the CII Africa Committee and Chairman of TATA International Ltd. emphasized the growing need for innovative financial strategies to overcome challenges in India-Africa trade at the 19th edition of the CII India-Africa Business Conclave in New Delhi. He particularly highlighted the concept of Rupee trade as a potential solution, stating, "To address these challenges, we are exploring the concept of Rupee trade." They underlined the importance of building mutual trust between financial institutions in India and Africa, stressing that this would pave the way for broader private-sector participation. "Our goal is to build mutual trust between our (India and Africa) financial institutions and expand private sector participation, thereby facilitating the implementation of innovative financial solutions," he added. Tata further articulated India's long-term vision of strengthening its economic partnerships within multilateral frameworks like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). He pointed out that maintaining and enhancing these partnerships would help solidify India's role as a "Biswabandu" or "Friend of the World," a position India aspires to uphold on the global stage.

Currency	Rate (Rs)	Change	Index	Change	
USDINR	83.937	0.047	NIFTY 50	24,811.50	41.3
EURINR	94	-0.031	BSE Sensex	81,053.19	147.89
GBPINR	110.129	0.293			
JPYINR	57.6137	-0.1034			