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## Top 1

Indian economy projected to grow by 8% in FY25.

India's economic outlook for the fiscal year 2025 appears promising with a projected growth rate of 8%. This optimistic forecast reflects the resilience and potential of one of the world's fastest-growing major economies. Several factors contribute to this anticipated growth, including robust domestic consumption, ongoing structural reforms, and increasing investments across various sectors. The recovery from the challenges posed by the global pandemic has been instrumental in setting the stage for accelerated growth. Government policies focusing on infrastructure development, digital transformation, and enhancing ease of doing business have created a conducive environment for economic expansion. Additionally, India's demographic dividend, with a young and aspirational population, continues to drive consumption and innovation. Key sectors such as information technology, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, and services are expected to play pivotal roles in driving growth momentum. Improved agricultural productivity and a revival in exports further bolster the economic outlook. However, challenges such as inflationary pressures, global economic uncertainties, and environmental concerns remain pertinent. Mitigating these challenges while sustaining inclusive growth will be crucial for India's economic trajectory in the coming years. Overall, the projected 8% growth rate for FY25 underscores India's potential to emerge as a resilient economic powerhouse on the global stage, driven by proactive policies and dynamic economic fundamentals.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/indian-economy-projected-to-grow-by-8-in-fy25-cii-president-sanjiv-puri-101718534189209.html>

## TOP 2

### RBI 's new overseas investment regulations.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced progressive new regulations governing overseas investments, aimed at fostering enhanced flexibility and efficiency for Indian investors. These measures include easing restrictions on the amount Indian individuals and entities can invest abroad, thereby facilitating greater diversification of investment portfolios and opportunities for international exposure. The revised regulations by the RBI also emphasize prudent risk management practices, ensuring that Indian investors can capitalize on global investment prospects while maintaining financial stability. This initiative is expected to stimulate economic growth by encouraging outbound investments that contribute to knowledge exchange, technology transfer, and market expansion. Moreover, the updated guidelines reflect RBI's commitment to aligning India's financial regulations with global standards, promoting transparency and accountability in overseas investments. By providing clearer pathways and streamlined processes, the RBI aims to enhance investor confidence and facilitate smoother transactions across international borders. Overall, these new overseas investment regulations are poised to empower Indian investors with greater autonomy and flexibility in managing their global investment strategies, thereby fostering a more robust and resilient economy in alignment with global economic trends.

## India sees fastest jump in digital payments in APAC

India, China, as well as the Asia-Pacific region, has seen the popularity of online payment methods for e-commerce soar. Traditional payment methods like cash and bank transfers are getting displaced, as per a report. While China led the way in alternative payments in 2023, India was a close second. According to a report by data analytics and consulting company, GlobalData, India has seen the fastest jump in alternative payment share in the APAC region from 20.4 per cent in 2018 to 58.1 per cent in 2023, which propelled it to the second place. “This significant uptake of alternative payment solutions can be attributed to the widespread usage of mobile wallets, largely driven by UPI, which facilitates mobile payments in real-time simply by scanning QR codes,” the report added. In APAC, alternative payments are the most popular payment tools for e-commerce payments, thanks to the availability of mobile and digital wallets.

<https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/economy/story/upi-qr-codes-mobile-wallets-india-sees-fastest-jump-in-digital-payments-in-apac-433513-2024-06-17>

## ECONOMY

### India to become sixth country to have deep sea mission.

In a groundbreaking leap for scientific exploration, India is poised to join an elite league as the sixth nation to embark on a deep-sea mission. With its sights set on unveiling the mysteries of the ocean's depths, the nation's scientific community is gearing up for an ambitious Elebotrate mission. Amidst a flurry of anticipation and excitement, Indian scientists and engineers are preparing state-of-the-art technology to delve into the uncharted realms of the ocean floor. The Elebotrate, a marvel of modern engineering, promises to revolutionize our understanding of marine ecosystems and unearth invaluable insights into the Earth's history. The mission symbolizes India's unwavering commitment to pushing the boundaries of scientific exploration and technological innovation. As the nation gears up to launch its deep-sea endeavor, anticipation is high for the discoveries that await beneath the waves. From uncovering new species to mapping underwater geology, the Elebotrate mission holds the potential to rewrite the textbooks on marine science. With global interest piqued, India's foray into deep-sea exploration marks a significant milestone in humanity's quest to unravel the secrets of our planet. As the sixth country to undertake such a mission, India not only joins a select group of pioneers but also underscores its role as a leader in advancing our understanding of the oceans that cover our world.

## Finance

### **India to become 3rd largest economy**

India is set to become the world's third-largest economy in the next few years. Presently, India is the fifth largest economy with an estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of 3.7 trillion US Dollars for the financial year 2023-24. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has projected the country's GDP growth at 8 per cent for this year. The newly elected President of the has said that within a few years, India will undoubtedly be among the world's top three economies. He has highlighted several factors contributing towards the economic growth of the country. These are as follows: A better-than-expected monsoon could lead to improved agricultural output, which would help moderate food inflation, currently a bit tricky. The global trade, which was in negative territory last year, is expected to grow by more than 2 per cent this year. These near-term positive factors could propel the economy to an 8 per cent growth rate instead of the anticipated 7 per cent.

## Taxation

### Centre authorizes release of Rs 1.39 lakh crore tax devolution to states for June

In a significant move aimed at bolstering state finances and supporting economic growth, the central government has authorized the release of Rs 1.39 lakh crore as tax devolution to states for the month of June. This decision underscores the government's commitment to ensuring financial stability and empowering states to meet their developmental objectives effectively. The release of these funds will provide states with the necessary resources to strengthen infrastructure, healthcare, education, and other critical sectors. It comes at a crucial time when states are navigating challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic recovery and revitalizing their economies. The timely disbursement of tax devolution reflects the central government's proactive approach in fostering cooperative federalism and empowering states with fiscal autonomy. By enhancing liquidity at the state level, this initiative is expected to stimulate local economies, create employment opportunities, and improve the overall quality of life for citizens across the country. Furthermore, the move is set to promote balanced regional development and facilitate inclusive growth, aligning with the government's vision of building a robust and resilient economy. Overall, the authorization of Rs 1.39 lakh crore tax devolution stands as a testament to India's commitment to collaborative governance and sustainable development across all states.

Currency	Rate (Rs)	Change	Index	Change	
USDINR	83.534	-0.017	NIFTY 50	23,465.60	66.7
EURINR	89	0.0287	BSE Sensex	76,992.77	181.88
GBPINR	105.935	-0.054			
JPYINR	53.0513	-0.0281			