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About Indian Economy Growth Rate & Statistics

India's economic journey in recent years has been marked by strong growth and a steady rise in global positioning. The country has advanced significantly, supported by robust domestic demand and effective policy reforms, which have strengthened its role as an attractive hub for investment and capital flows. With a rising nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP), India continues to demonstrate resilience and momentum, showcasing its potential as one of the leading growth engines of the world economy. Projections indicate that GDP is expected to expand further in the coming years, reinforcing India's ability to sustain high growth levels. Increasing employment opportunities, alongside rising private consumption, are expected to drive economic activity, supported by improving consumer confidence. Together, these factors position India for long-term stability, enhanced competitiveness, and a trajectory that underscores its role as a critical player in the global economic landscape.

<https://www.ibef.org/economy/indian-economy-overview>

Top Story 2

India's economic growth at 6.8–7.0% in FY26 Q1; beats RBI estimate:

India's economy recorded a strong growth rate of 6.8%–7.0% in the first quarter of the current fiscal, surpassing the earlier projection of 6.5%. The assessment places real GDP growth at 6.9% and Gross Value Added at 6.5%. The analysis highlights that growth momentum remains steady, supported by underlying structural factors, though overall expansion for the full year is expected at 6.3%, slightly lower than earlier projections of 6.5%. It also notes a narrowing gap between real and nominal GDP growth. This gap, which stood at double digits a few years ago, has now reduced significantly due to unusually low inflation levels. As a result, nominal GDP may slow to about 8% in the quarter, despite real GDP holding firm at around 7%. The report suggests that while India's growth outlook remains resilient, the shrinking gap between real and nominal GDP could mask underlying pressures in momentum.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/indias-economic-growth-at-6-87-0-in-fy26-q1-beats-rbi-estimate-sbi-report/articleshow/123426073.cms>

Economy

SBI research: Strong consumer spending fuels India's economic growth forecast for Q1 FY26 Read more at:

India's economy is projected to grow between 6.8% and 7% in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, supported by strong discretionary spending and demand-led growth. Gross value added is estimated at 6.5%, with the gap between real and nominal growth expected to narrow due to stable inflationary trends. The report notes that the elasticity of government capital expenditure to overall growth has peaked, highlighting the importance of greater private investment to ensure long-term momentum. While public spending continues to play a significant role, muted private investment remains a key challenge that could hinder sustainable expansion. A healthy balance between public and private capital flows will be crucial to sustaining future growth prospects. At the same time, external risks, such as potential trade-related tariffs, may weigh on investment sentiment and overall performance, underscoring the need for policy measures that strengthen resilience and encourage private sector participation.

<https://english.mathrubhumi.com/news/money/sbi-research-strong-consumer-spending-fuels-indias-economic-growth-forecast-for-q1-fy26-cptlnx3v>

Market

RBI gears up for outcome-based regulations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has indicated a gradual shift towards principle and outcome-based regulations, aiming to provide greater operational flexibility to regulated entities while ensuring that expected outcomes are delivered. Unlike rigid rule-based systems, this approach allows institutions to tailor their activities to their unique needs within the regulatory framework. While mature markets often adopt principle-based regulations, even developed economies maintain rule-based measures to protect consumer interests. RBI highlighted that regulators face increasing complexity in designing frameworks, making forward-looking and adaptive strategies essential to address emerging risks and ensure resilience. A proactive regulatory mindset is required to build a system that remains both resilient and adaptable in a dynamic environment. Embracing innovation, leveraging data, and harnessing technology were emphasized as critical enablers to enhance regulatory efficiency, improve supervision, conduct horizon risk scanning, and strengthen overall effectiveness in India's evolving financial ecosystem.

<https://www.thehansindia.com/business/rbi-gears-up-for-outcome-based-regulations-998896>

Finance

Indian govt raises Rs 1.42 lakh cr via asset monetization till FY25

The government has raised over Rs 1.42 lakh crore through various modes of asset monetization up to FY25, with a projected contribution of Rs 30,000 crore for the current fiscal. Highway assets are monetized through methods such as Toll Operate & Transfer, Infrastructure Investment Trust, and securitization. In addition, a pilot programme for the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims has already benefited nearly 5,000 individuals since its launch, and the scheme has now been extended nationwide. It provides coverage of up to Rs 1.5 lakh per victim for a maximum of seven days of treatment at designated hospitals. Progress has also been made in affixing High Security Registration Plates across millions of vehicles, along with advancements in vehicle scrapping through Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities. The combined efforts in asset monetisation, road safety, and healthcare support are aimed at strengthening infrastructure, improving welfare, and driving sustainable growth in India.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/indian-govt-raises-rs-1-42-lakh-cr-via-asset-monetisation-till-fy25/articleshow/123430736.cms?from=mdr>

Taxation

Good news for salaried taxpayers: Limits for these two tax-free perquisites raised substantially in Finance Act, 2025

A recent notification has revised the income threshold limits for calculating tax-free perquisites in salary income. These changes, effective from April 1, 2025 (AY 2026-27), were introduced through amendments to the Income-tax Rules, 1962. Earlier, the exemption limits stood at ₹50,000 for specified employees and ₹2 lakh for overseas medical treatment. With the new rules, these thresholds have been significantly raised to ₹4 lakh for specified employees and ₹8 lakh for overseas medical treatment. Importantly, the ₹4 lakh and ₹8 lakh figures refer to the salary or gross total income threshold of employees, which determines eligibility for certain benefits or amenities to be excluded from perquisite taxation. These amounts do not represent the actual value of the benefits themselves. This move is expected to provide substantial relief to salaried individuals, reduce their tax burden, and enhance disposable income, making it a positive step for employees across India.

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/money/news/good-news-for-salaried-taxpayers-limits-for-these-two-tax-free-perquisites-raised-substantially-in-finance-act-2025/ar-AA1KVjrf?cvid=44af6a0b1a634a36aa0339b6b5d022ab&ocid=delldhp>

Metric	19-Aug-2025 Value	21-Aug-2025 Value	Change	Metric	19-Aug-2025 Value	21-Aug-2025 Value	Change
USDINR	86.96	87.29	+0.33 ₹	NIFTY 50	24980.65	25083	+102.35 pts (≈+0.41%)
EURINR			—	BSE Sense	81644.39	82000	+355.61 pts (≈+0.44%)
GBPINR			—				
JPYINR			—				