

## Top Story 1

### Indian Economy Growth Rate & Statistics

India's economic journey has been marked by remarkable growth and a steady rise on the global stage. The country has advanced to become the fourth largest economy, reflecting strong domestic demand and policy reforms that position it as a key destination for global capital. With a nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of US\$ 3.78 trillion, India is projected to reach US\$ 5 trillion in the coming years and is on course to further climb the global rankings. Rising employment and increasing private consumption, supported by positive consumer sentiment, are expected to sustain growth momentum. Real GDP for FY25 is estimated at US\$ 2.20 trillion, showing a growth rate of 6.5% from the previous year. Trade has played a significant role, with exports continuing to strengthen the economy. Additionally, Foreign Direct Investment has seen a notable rise, with inflows increasing by 15%, further boosting India's growth trajectory.

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

## Top Story 2

### India's private sector economy records fastest growth, PMI Index rises to 65.2

India's private sector economy recorded its fastest expansion, with a key output index rising sharply to its highest level since data collection began. Both manufacturing and services showed accelerated growth, with services leading the momentum and registering a record high in business activity. Manufacturing also indicated faster improvements in operating conditions, reaching its strongest pace in over a decade. Hiring activity continued to rise for the 27th consecutive month, with services driving stronger job creation that outweighed a slight slowdown in manufacturing. Inflationary pressures, however, intensified as input costs increased due to higher wages and raw material expenses. Businesses responded by raising output charges at the sharpest pace in more than 12 years, supported by strong demand that allowed firms to pass on rising costs. International demand added further momentum, with new export business expanding at the fastest pace since records began, highlighting India's robust economic resilience.

<https://asianews.network/indias-private-sector-economy-records-fastest-growth-pmi-index-rises-to-65-2/>

## Economy

### India's 'blue economy' strategy merges sustainability, regional security

India is positioning its "blue economy" as both a development strategy and a diplomatic tool in the strategic waters of the Indian Ocean. Through sustainable maritime practices, advanced marine technologies, and infrastructure investments, India is fostering cooperation with neighboring states while reinforcing its broader regional ambitions. The approach is guided by a vision to enhance maritime security partnerships, boost economic connectivity, and support the growth of smaller coastal nations. India's evolving defense diplomacy, alongside advancements in naval capabilities, reflects its strategic recalibration amid regional tensions. Domestically, efforts are focused on modernizing fisheries, expanding aquaculture, and driving investment in renewable energy and tourism, all aligned with global sustainability goals. The integration of technologies such as solar-powered vessels and AI-driven ocean monitoring further strengthens these initiatives. By promoting smart blue economy policies, India aims to balance industrial growth with ecosystem protection, positioning itself as a leader in sustainable maritime development.

<https://ipdefenseforum.com/2025/08/indias-blue-economy-strategy-merges-sustainability-regional-security/>

## Market

### RBI reports \$1.4 billion jump in India's forex reserves to \$695 billion

India's foreign exchange reserves recorded an increase of \$1.488 billion, reaching \$695.106 billion. In the previous week, the reserves had seen a rise of \$4.747 billion, taking the total to \$693.618 billion. The latest data highlights that foreign currency assets, a key component of the reserves, grew by \$1.924 billion, touching \$585.903 billion. These assets reflect not only holdings in major global currencies but also the impact of appreciation in units such as the euro, pound, and yen. However, gold reserves witnessed a decline of \$493 million, standing at \$85.667 billion. Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) showed a marginal increase of \$41 million, taking the total to \$18.782 billion. Additionally, the reserve position with the International Monetary Fund improved by \$15 million, reaching \$4.754 billion. This steady rise in reserves strengthens India's financial stability and provides a cushion against global economic uncertainties.

<https://english.mathrubhumi.com/news/india/india-forex-reserves-increase-rbi-data-august-2025-mhqtslx>

Finance

e-Passport launches in India: How to apply, who can apply, key benefits and more

The Government has introduced the e-passport facility, allowing citizens in India to apply for a next-generation travel document. Initially launched as a pilot program, the service is currently available at select passport offices, with plans to expand gradually to more centers across the country. The e-passport can be distinguished by a gold emblem printed beneath the title on the front cover, setting it apart from traditional passports. This advanced version integrates both physical and digital security features. It includes an embedded RFID chip and antenna that securely store personal information along with biometric data such as fingerprints and a digital photograph. While it is not a replacement for the standard passport, the e-passport is designed to enhance security, improve transparency, and simplify the process of international travel. By combining modern technology with convenience, it aims to provide citizens with a safer and more efficient travel experience .

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Digitalization

Digitalization & Connectivity Drive Transformation in Indian CV Operations

Connectivity and telematics are redefining fleet operations by moving them from manual and reactive processes to predictive and intelligent systems. With real-time insights into location, driver behavior, and vehicle health, telematics enhances decision-making and operational efficiency. Artificial intelligence further strengthens this by enabling predictive maintenance, route optimization, and cost modeling. India is rapidly emerging as a significant market for connected telematics, supported by government mandates, the introduction of GPS-based tolling, and increasing awareness of digital benefits. A strong technology ecosystem is fueling this shift, helping fleets overcome challenges of limited visibility, siloed operations, and inefficiencies. Digital adoption improves asset utilization, reduces downtime, and optimizes costs. While mature markets lead adoption, India and other emerging regions show strong potential. As connectivity becomes mainstream, telematics is evolving into a strategic enabler, supporting new business models and enhanced services while driving efficiency, safety, and profitability.

<https://www.motorindiaonline.in/digitalization-connectivity-drive-transformation-in-indian-cv-operations/>

Metric	20-Aug-2025 Value	22-Aug-2025 Value	Change	Metric	20-Aug-2025 Value	22-Aug-2025 Value	Change
USDINR	87.06	87.455	+0.3950 ₹	NIFTY 50	25050.55	24870.1	-180.45 pts (≈-0.72%)
EURINR			—	BSE Sense	81857.58	81306.85	-550.73 pts (≈-0.67%)
GBPINR			—				
JPYINR			—				