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India's rise to a top-5 economy: The reforms and forces behind 15 years of change

Over the past decade and a half, India has progressed from a mid-ranking global economy to one of the world's five largest, reflecting a sustained expansion in output measured at constant prices. This transformation has been driven by favorable demographics, with a large and expanding working-age population supporting productivity and consumption. Structural reforms have improved efficiency, strengthened public finances, and enhanced transparency, while digitalization has widened access to services and boosted economic participation. Consistent public investment has supported infrastructure creation, helping unlock private investment and improve connectivity across regions. A resilient domestic market has cushioned the economy from external shocks, allowing growth to remain steady even during periods of global uncertainty. Financial inclusion, formalization of economic activity, and a focus on long-term stability have further reinforced confidence among investors and businesses. Together, these forces have reshaped India's growth trajectory, positioning it as a major driver of global economic momentum and laying the foundation for sustained expansion in the years ahead.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/invest/indias-rise-to-a-top-5-economy-the-reforms-and-forces-behind-15-years-of-change/articleshow/125944557.cms?from=mdr>

Top Story 2

India's economy to quadruple to \$16 trillion by 2042

India stands on the brink of a transformative economic phase that could significantly reshape wealth creation over the next two decades. Recent assessments suggest that the country's economy is poised for a fourfold expansion, reflecting a continuation of the strong growth momentum seen over the past several years. This projected rise is anchored in India's expanding domestic market, favorable demographics, rising incomes, and improving productivity. As consumption deepens and savings grow, investment activity is expected to accelerate, creating a virtuous cycle of demand, capital formation, and employment generation. Structural reforms, infrastructure development, and increasing participation in formal economic channels are further strengthening the foundation for long-term growth. The steady shift toward higher-value activities and innovation-led expansion is also likely to support sustained wealth creation. If this trajectory holds, India could emerge as one of the world's largest economies, with broad-based prosperity driven by domestic demand, resilience, and an expanding middle class.

<https://www.newsbytesapp.com/news/business/india-s-economy-to-quadruple-to-16-trillion-by-2042-study/story>

Economy

Indian economy serves 18 pc of world's population as it aims \$5 tn goal

India supports nearly **18 per cent of the world's population** while progressing toward the ambitious goal of becoming a **\$5 trillion economy**, underscoring the scale and responsibility of its growth journey. Development and resource consumption remain closely linked, making innovation critical to sustaining long-term progress. India's development indicators highlight both achievement and opportunity. While average development outcomes have improved steadily, they still trail those of advanced economies, indicating the need for higher per-capita resource availability to bridge the gap. Addressing this challenge will require rapid adoption of innovation, efficiency improvements, and large-scale research initiatives. India's innovation ecosystem is evolving, with stronger emphasis on advanced research and technology-led solutions aligned with the broader vision of a developed nation. Efforts to encourage young innovators and recognise impactful technological contributions reflect a growing commitment to future-ready growth. Overall, this trajectory reinforces India's determination to balance population needs, development goals, and sustainability while strengthening its position in the global economy.

<https://nagalandpost.com/indian-economy-serves-18-pc-of-worlds-population-as-it-aims-5-tn-goal-sood/>

Market

India to Expand its Economy to \$16 Trillion by 2042

India is entering a decisive phase of economic expansion that could reshape long-term wealth creation and growth dynamics. Over the coming years, the pace of economic activity and consumption is expected to accelerate sharply, marking a transition to a higher growth trajectory. Similar to an earlier growth cycle when the economy expanded multiple times over, the next phase is projected to generate a far larger absolute increase in output, creating a stronger wealth effect across households and businesses. This expansion is expected to significantly boost consumption, investment, and corporate earnings as rising incomes translate into higher spending and capital formation. Household savings are also projected to grow substantially, strengthening the foundation for sustained economic development. A growing shift toward formal savings and investment channels will help channel these funds into productive uses, supporting entrepreneurship and infrastructure creation. Overall, this period represents a structural transformation for India, with the potential to elevate living standards, deepen financial participation, and place the economy on a durable and inclusive growth path.

<https://tradeflock.com/india-to-expand-its-economy-redefining-long-term-wealth/>

Finance

Old money rules are broken: 15 financial planners on how investing has changed

Financial planning in India has undergone a quiet yet significant transformation. Strategies that worked a decade or more ago are increasingly inadequate in today’s uncertain and rapidly evolving environment. Investors have become more mature, moving away from the belief that financial advice should be free. There is growing recognition that paying professional fees is justified by the value of unbiased, expert guidance and disciplined decision-making. The idea that there are “no free lunches” in finance is gaining wider acceptance. At the same time, inflation realities have changed sharply. Earlier assumptions of 5–6% inflation no longer hold true. Urban living costs now rise closer to 7–9%, while education and healthcare expenses often grow at over 10% annually. School fees and medical costs have increased dramatically, putting pressure on long-term financial plans. As a result, retirement savings based on outdated assumptions risk falling short. Lower returns from traditional savings instruments further highlight the need for realistic planning, professional advice, and revised financial assumptions to secure long-term financial well-being in India.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/plan/old-money-rules-are-broken-15-financial-planners-on-how-investing-has-changed/editionlist/edition-125945155,artid-125943982.cms?from=mdr>

Taxation

How tax cuts are powering India’s domestic consumption boom

India’s economy is gaining momentum, driven by the latest GST reforms, popularly termed GST 2.0. The revamped framework simplifies the tax system, reduces the burden on consumers, and provides businesses with greater confidence to expand. The move from a multi-slab structure to a cleaner two-rate system—5% for essentials and mass-consumption goods, 18% for most others—enhances transparency, eases compliance, and ensures equity. Households benefit immediately as lower taxes on groceries, medicines, and daily essentials reduce expenses, freeing up resources for education, home improvements, insurance, and long-term planning. Businesses also gain through lower input costs, improved profit margins, and increased capacity to invest in hiring, production, and innovation. GST 2.0 particularly supports small and medium enterprises by simplifying compliance and lowering costs, encouraging growth and employment. While short-term collections may dip, higher consumption, broader formalization, and improved compliance are expected to balance the impact, creating a foundation for sustained, inclusive economic growth and long-term stability.

<https://www.thegoan.net/tg-life-sunday/gst-20-how-tax-cuts-are-powering-india%E2%80%99s-domestic-consumption-boom/140551.html>

Metric	12-Dec-2025 Rate	15-Dec-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹90.528	₹90.650	+0.122 ₹
EURINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
GBPINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
JPYINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
NIFTY 50	Data NA	Data NA	—
BSE Sensex	Data NA	Data NA	—

