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India to remain fastest-growing major economy in 2025-26: RBI

India is expected to retain its position as the fastest-growing major economy, supported by multiple domestic growth drivers. A steady recovery in private consumption, improving household demand, and rising confidence among consumers and businesses are strengthening overall economic momentum. Financial conditions are easing, while strong balance sheets across lenders and businesses are enabling higher credit flow and investment activity. Continued public spending on infrastructure and asset creation remains a key pillar of growth, creating multiplier effects across the economy and crowding in private investment. Productive sectors are likely to see stronger momentum due to improving demand conditions, higher capacity utilization, and sustained optimism. Policy initiatives aimed at broadening the production base and encouraging domestic value creation are expected to reinforce long-term growth prospects. With stable macroeconomic fundamentals, healthier financial institutions, and consistent policy support, India's growth outlook remains resilient. These factors together position the economy to sustain high growth, strengthen domestic capabilities, and navigate global uncertainties while maintaining its leadership among major economies.

<https://www.newsonair.gov.in/india-to-remain-fastest-growing-major-economy-in-2025-26-rbi/>

Top Story 2

Business year-ender 2025: Top 7 market trends that shaped India's economy this year

India's economy in the recent period has been shaped by a combination of strong macro fundamentals and structural reforms. Robust infrastructure spending continued to act as a key growth driver, supporting employment, logistics efficiency, and industrial expansion. Private consumption rebounded strongly, aided by tax relief, lower inflation, and improved household purchasing power. Manufacturing gained momentum as policy incentives encouraged capacity expansion, higher utilisation, and stronger domestic supply chains. The digital economy emerged as a major pillar of growth, with rapid adoption of e-commerce, digital payments, and technology-led services deepening formalisation and productivity. Inflation cooled sharply, falling well below the comfort range, creating space for supportive monetary conditions to stimulate growth. Capital markets also reflected domestic confidence, with strong fundraising activity and high participation from retail and institutional investors, even as headline indices showed moderate returns. Overall, these trends highlight a resilient, consumption-led and investment-supported growth model, positioning India among the fastest-growing major economies with improving stability and long-term potential.

<https://www.wionews.com/photos/business-year-ender-2025-top-7-market-trends-that-shaped-india-s-economy-this-year-1766324086265/1766324086272>

Economy

Bharat on track to become 3rd largest economy by 2027, USD 30 trillion by 2047

India is projected to become the world's **third-largest economy by around 2027**, driven by sustained growth momentum, structural reforms, and rising global engagement, according to recent government statements. Leaders have highlighted that long-term policy efforts and economic transformation are supporting this ascent from its current position as the fourth largest economy. indiashippingnews.com+1 Looking further ahead, India aims to grow its economy to around **USD 30 trillion by 2047**, a milestone associated with its goal of becoming a fully developed nation on the centenary of independence. This vision reflects expectations of decades of investment in infrastructure, human capital, technology, and manufacturing, alongside demographic advantages and productivity gains. India Strategic+1 These projections are supported by past growth performance and optimism about future structural reforms, although reaching such ambitious targets will depend on maintaining high growth rates and addressing economic challenges. Overall, the narrative underscores India's expanding role in the global economy and its long-term development aspirations.

<https://indiashippingnews.com/bharat-on-track-to-become-3rd-largest-economy-by-2027-usd-30-trillion-by-2047-piyush-goyal-at-whef/>

Market

RBI may cut repo rate by 25 bps to 5% in February policy meet: Union Bank report

India's central bank may further reduce the benchmark policy rate by **25 basis points**, bringing it down to **5 per cent**, as easing inflation and supportive policy signals create space for additional monetary accommodation. Analysts believe there is room for one final rate cut, either in the early or later part of the next financial year, supported by subdued underlying price pressures and stable macroeconomic conditions. Adjusting inflation estimates for the temporary impact of higher gold prices suggests that headline inflation is even more moderate, strengthening the case for easing. However, the timing of any final rate reduction remains uncertain. Upcoming revisions to key economic indicators, including inflation and growth measurement frameworks, may prompt policymakers to adopt a cautious, wait-and-watch approach before taking further action. Earlier rate cuts were introduced following a comprehensive assessment of growth prospects and inflation trends, aimed at supporting economic momentum. Overall, a possible additional rate cut would help lower borrowing costs, encourage investment and consumption, and support India's growth outlook while maintaining price stability.

<https://www.awazthevoice.in/business-news/rbi-may-cut-repo-rate-by-bps-to-in-february-policy-meet-union-bank-report-46184.html>

Finance

2025: Foreign Investors Make Big Deals in India's Financial Sector

India has witnessed a strong surge in foreign investment activity, reflecting growing global confidence in the country's economic and institutional strength. During the year, foreign investors significantly increased their participation through large equity investments and consolidation activity, with transaction values more than doubling compared to the previous period. Several overseas institutions acquired sizeable minority stakes in leading Indian entities, marking some of the largest foreign capital inflows seen recently. These investments have helped strengthen balance sheets, improve capital adequacy, and enhance long-term growth potential. Equity markets responded positively, with several Indian stocks delivering strong gains and attracting renewed investor interest. Market analysts view the inflow of global capital as a vote of confidence in India's regulatory framework, governance standards, and growth prospects. Overall, the sustained rise in foreign participation highlights India's increasing attractiveness as a destination for long-term capital, supporting financial stability, boosting market sentiment, and reinforcing India's position as a resilient and investable economy amid global uncertainties.

<https://www.goodreturns.in/news/2025-foreign-investors-make-big-deals-in-india-s-financial-sector-1477282.html>

Investment

Investing in lands in India

An individual investor in India purchased a parcel of land on the outskirts of a major city with the expectation of long-term capital appreciation and a peaceful future use. Like many retail investors, the purchase was driven by optimism around rising land values and the belief that real estate would deliver strong, stable returns over time. However, the investment took an unexpected turn when ownership-related complications surfaced. What followed was a prolonged legal dispute involving multiple claimants, official surveys, and court proceedings. The matter remained unresolved for years due to overlapping records, procedural delays, and repeated legal interventions. During this extended period, the investor neither gained possession nor saw any financial appreciation from the asset. The experience highlights the risks associated with land investments in India, particularly issues related to title clarity, documentation, and dispute resolution. It underscores the importance of thorough due diligence, legal verification, and risk assessment before investing in immovable property.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/invest/investing-in-lands-in-india-from-getting-a-clean-title-to-right-timing-how-to-make-the-most-of-it/articleshow/126087551.cms?from=mdr>

Metric	19-Dec-2025 Rate	22-Dec-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹89.577	Data NA	—
EURINR	₹105.47	₹105.00	-0.47 ₹
GBPINR	₹120.4066	₹120.00	-0.4066 ₹
JPYINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
NIFTY 50	Data NA	25,966.40	—
BSE Sensex	Data NA	84,929.36	—

