# **Top Story 1**

## Economy to grow at 6.5% despite trade uncertainties

The economy is expected to grow at 6.5% in the current financial year, despite ongoing geopolitical tensions and trade policy uncertainties. Growth is anticipated to be driven by low inflation, supported by a favorable monsoon and a benign interest rate environment resulting from recent rate cuts. Although global headwinds persist, including geopolitical shocks and trade-related disruptions, the domestic economy remains resilient and continues to lead among large global economies. High-frequency indicators for the first two months of the fiscal year suggest a stable performance across key sectors. The projected 6.5% growth is seen as achievable even amid global challenges. The country's medium-term outlook appears strong, backed by sound fiscal management and policy continuity. With a stable macroeconomic foundation, ongoing structural reforms, and strong domestic demand, the nation is well-positioned to sustain its growth momentum and navigate external uncertainties effectively.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/economy-to-grow-at-6-5-despite-trade-uncertainties-eac-pm/articleshow/122550447.cms

## **Top Story 2**

# India economy likely to grow at 6.5% in FY26 despite geo-political tensions

India's economy is expected to grow at 6.5% in the current financial year, reflecting strong resilience despite global challenges such as geopolitical tensions and trade policy uncertainties. Domestic growth is anticipated to be supported by low inflation, aided by favorable monsoon conditions and a supportive interest rate environment. High-frequency indicators from the early months of the fiscal year show steady performance across sectors. The outlook for medium-term growth remains robust, backed by sound fiscal management and rising government capital expenditure, which is expected to stimulate further expansion in private consumption. While global foreign direct investment (FDI) is growing slowly, India has recorded a 14% rise in FDI inflows. However, a moderation in net FDI was observed due to increased outward FDI and repatriation. Overall, the economy continues to stand out as one of the most dynamic globally, with strong fundamentals and an optimistic investment climate driving future growth.

https://upstox.com/news/business-news/economy/india-economy-likely-to-grow-at-6-5-in-fy-26-despite-geo-political-tensions-eac-pm-chairman/article-178149/

# **Economy**

# India's Path To Becoming One of the World's Largest Economies

India has maintained an average economic growth rate above 6 percent for the past three decades, with an even stronger rebound in recent years. This rapid expansion has significantly reduced poverty, raised household incomes, and reinforced the country's position as a key global economic player. Unlike the traditional development path followed by many nations that relied heavily on industrial expansion before transitioning to a service-led economy, India has moved directly from an agrarian base to a thriving service sector. This unique trajectory highlights the flexibility and resilience of its economy. With aspirations to become a fully developed nation by its independence centenary, the country must now focus on sustaining this momentum in a world increasingly shaped by geopolitical fragmentation and economic shocks. Its journey offers valuable lessons for other emerging economies facing similar transitions. Maintaining macroeconomic stability, investing in infrastructure, and fostering inclusive growth will be critical to securing long-term prosperity and resilience.

https://econofact.org/indias-path-to-becoming-one-of-the-worlds-largest-economies

#### **Finance**

# Need to increase set up rate of GCCs in India; making the country attractive to bring in balance 50% of Fortune 500 comp

India is focusing on enhancing its appeal to the remaining Fortune 500 companies that have yet to establish Global Capability Centers (GCCs) in the country. At a recent business summit, it was emphasized that a streamlined and institutionally governed mechanism is essential to enable GCCs to operate seamlessly across all regions. The need for a top-down approach was highlighted, ensuring that policy energy and administrative support permeate from central to state levels, empowering more regions to attract GCC investments. Reports suggest that one new GCC was being launched every week recently, and similar momentum is expected to continue. Nearly 50% of Fortune 500 companies have already set up their GCCs in the country, and the goal is to increase this number significantly. Particularly in the field of engineering research and development, GCCs have expanded 1.3 times faster than the overall GCC sector in the past five years, signaling strong growth potential.

https://www.livemint.com/economy/gccs-india-fortune-500-companies-nirmala-sitharaman-11752506596269.html

#### Investment

## HNIs pumps Rs 74,000 crore into Indian real estate via AIFs in FY25

Wealthy investors are increasingly shifting from direct property ownership to structured investments through alternative investment routes, with warehousing infrastructure emerging as a key focus area. High-net-worth individuals, ultra-high-net-worth individuals, and family offices have collectively channeled substantial capital into the real estate market through structured investment vehicles. This strategic transition reflects a broader trend towards formalized and regulated investment avenues that offer diversification, better governance, and improved returns. Warehousing and logistics infrastructure are gaining prominence due to rising demand driven by e-commerce growth, supply chain optimization, and industrial expansion. This shift signals growing investor confidence in long-term infrastructure and real estate assets, particularly those aligned with the needs of a digital and consumption-driven economy. The formalization of such investment strategies is also contributing to greater transparency and efficiency within the sector. Overall, this trend highlights a maturing investment landscape that is evolving in alignment with modern economic and infrastructure demands.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/expert-view/hnis-pumps-rs-74000-crore-into-indian-real-estate-via-aifs-in-fy25-warehousing-leads-ramandeep-sassi-of-welspun-one/articleshow/122432760.cms?from=mdr

# Digitalization

### **Judiciary Adopts Digitalization**

India's judiciary is undergoing a significant transformation through the digitalization of court proceedings. This shift aims to improve transparency, reduce delays, and make justice delivery more efficient and accessible. By adopting digital tools such as e-filing, virtual hearings, online case status tracking, and digital document management, the judicial system is streamlining operations and reducing dependency on physical paperwork. These initiatives are particularly impactful in remote and underserved regions, where access to legal services has historically been limited. The move also helps decongest courts, speed up case resolutions, and ease the burden on legal professionals and litigants alike. Integrating technology into judicial processes aligns with broader governance reforms that emphasize efficiency, accountability, and citizen-centric service delivery. The digitalization effort reflects a broader national strategy to modernize public institutions, enhance trust in the legal system, and ensure timely and equitable justice for all stakeholders in the system.

https://www.undp.org/liberia/press-releases/judiciary-adopts-digitalization-court-cases

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| GBPINR |   | 120.25         | 120.55           | 0.3      |            |                 |                  |         |
| JPYINR |   | 60.5           | 60.6             | 0.1      |            |                 |                  |         |