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India to remain fastest growing major economy with 6.5% growth in FY26: IMF - The Economic Times

India is expected to remain the fastest-growing major economy, with prospects of even better performance ahead. Supported by a strong monsoon, the agriculture sector is anticipated to contribute positively, enhancing the overall growth trajectory. The country recorded a GDP growth of 7.4% in the fourth quarter of the financial year, leading to an annual growth rate of 6.5%, driven by strong performance in agriculture, construction, and services. The momentum is projected to continue, reflecting resilient economic fundamentals. Market deepening is also becoming evident, with benefits reaching both retailers and ordinary citizens. Additionally, domestic production capabilities, especially in strategic sectors, are strengthening India's self-reliance and contributing to export growth. The ability to source locally for national requirements is marking a significant shift, showcasing the growing maturity and potential of the domestic economy. Overall, India is demonstrating strong and inclusive growth, setting a solid foundation for sustained long-term development.

<https://assamtribune.com/national/maha-dycm-ajit-pawar-presents-supplementary-demands-worth-rs-5750971-crore-1582958>

Top Story 2

Clauses on critical minerals to be part of FTA ambits

India has launched a strategic initiative to secure essential resources for modern manufacturing through its National Critical Minerals Mission. With a targeted investment plan extending to 2030-31, the mission aims to strengthen the exploration, overseas acquisition, processing, and recycling of critical minerals. As part of this strategy, India will actively pursue the inclusion of critical minerals provisions in existing and future bilateral and Free Trade Agreements. It also seeks to establish dedicated Critical Minerals Partnership Agreements with mineral-rich nations. To support this ecosystem, the mission will introduce fiscal measures such as tax credits and soft loans to encourage exploration by junior mining companies. Additional financial mechanisms will be designed to lower investor risk and ensure sufficient capital flow into the sector. This approach underscores India's commitment to self-reliance and positioning as a key player in the global supply chain for emerging technologies, including energy, mobility, and digital infrastructure.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-clauses-on-critical-minerals-to-be-part-of-fta-ambits-3896970/>

Economy

SBI at 70: A legacy institution that mirrors India's economic rise

India's largest public sector bank marks a major milestone as it completes 70 years of dedicated service. This institution traces its roots back over two centuries, evolving through various phases of transformation before assuming its current form through a legislative mandate. It was created with a national vision to extend banking access to underserved and rural regions and meet the credit needs of the broader population. Over the decades, the bank has played a pivotal role in driving financial inclusion, supporting development initiatives, and serving as a trusted partner for individuals, businesses, and the government alike. Its growth reflects India's broader economic progress and transformation, making it a key pillar of the financial ecosystem. As it enters a new decade, the institution continues to embody resilience, trust, and commitment to inclusive growth. On this significant occasion, we celebrate its legacy and contribution to the nation's journey. Happy 70th anniversary to this iconic Indian institution.

https://www.business-standard.com/opinion/columns/sbi-at-70-a-legacy-institution-that-mirrors-india-s-economic-rise-125062900455_1.html

Finance

Over 72% growth in India's overseas financial assets was due to investment, currency & deposits: RBI

India has witnessed a strong increase in its overseas financial assets during the recent financial year, primarily driven by higher overseas direct investments, currency and deposits, and reserve assets. Over 72% of the total growth in India's foreign financial assets came from these three components, with reserve assets alone accounting for more than half the rise. Currency and deposits, along with direct investments, also contributed significantly to the overall expansion of assets held by Indian residents abroad. The data indicates that the increase in India's overseas financial assets outpaced the growth in foreign-owned assets within the country, resulting in a decline in net claims of non-residents. Additionally, the ratio of India's international financial assets to international financial liabilities improved notably, pointing to a stronger external financial position. Overall, the report reflects a healthy improvement in the international investment position, supported by sustained asset creation abroad and a moderate rise in liabilities.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/business/over-72-growth-in-indias-overseas-financial-assets-was-due-to-investment-currency-deposits-rbi/>

Investment

Over 72% growth in India’s overseas financial assets was due to investment, currency & deposits: RBI

India witnessed a significant rise in its overseas financial assets during the last financial year, primarily driven by increased overseas direct investments, currency and deposits, and reserve assets. Over 72% of the growth in foreign financial assets was attributed to these three components, with reserve assets alone accounting for more than half of the increase. Currency and deposits, along with direct investments, also made a notable contribution. Total external financial assets grew by over \$100 billion, while external financial liabilities rose moderately by around \$74 billion. This led to a decline in net claims of non-residents on India, signaling a stronger external position. On the liability side, inward direct investments and loans played a dominant role, together making up more than three-fourths of the increase. The overall data reflects a healthy improvement in India’s international investment position, marked by robust asset creation abroad and controlled growth in liabilities.

<https://www.chinimandi.com/over-72-growth-in-indias-overseas-financial-assets-was-due-to-investment-currency-deposits-rbi/>

Digitalization

How Digitalizing Compliance is Driving India’s ‘Ease of Doing Business’ Agenda

In the evolving growth story of India, entrepreneurship plays a pivotal role. Historically, regulatory compliance posed significant challenges, often delaying or derailing business aspirations. However, a shift is underway. With the rapid adoption of digitalization, India is transforming its compliance ecosystem, making it more accessible and efficient for businesses to start and scale. Establishing a legal identity through streamlined company registration is now quicker and more transparent. Digital platforms and e-governance initiatives have turned compliance into a real-time, continuous process. Automated systems help businesses track their compliance status, receive timely alerts, and correct issues proactively, reducing both penalties and administrative burdens. This is especially beneficial for small enterprises and startups, allowing them to manage obligations using digital tools and expert services rather than maintaining large compliance teams. Ultimately, these changes free up resources for innovation and expansion, driving inclusive economic growth and strengthening India’s business environment.

<https://observervoice.com/how-digitalizing-compliance-is-driving-indias-ease-of-doing-business-agenda-128754/>

Metric	27th June 2025	30th June 2025	Change	Metric2	27th June 20253	30th June 20254	Change5
USDINR	85.89	86.01	0.12	NIFTY 50	25625	25710	85
EURINR	98.55	98.72	0.17	BSE Sensex	84045.2	84320.55	275.35
GBPINR	117.65	117.95	0.3				
JPYINR	59.68	59.75	0.07				