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India's FY26 growth to be above 6.8% driven by GST, tax relief

India is expected to record economic growth above 6.8% in the current financial year, supported by stronger consumption following recent tax reductions, including GST rate cuts and income-tax relief. Earlier projections had placed growth in the 6.3–6.8% range, but recent trends now indicate greater comfort in achieving a number clearly above the upper end of that band. Officials note that earlier concerns about hitting the lower range have eased, with current indicators showing steady momentum. India posted strong GDP expansion in the first quarter of the year, driven by solid performance across key sectors and overall improvement in demand conditions. The country continues to be among the fastest-growing major economies globally. Growth could receive an additional push if an ongoing bilateral trade agreement under discussion is finalised, which may create further positive sentiment and opportunities. Authorities remain optimistic but will review upcoming data before revising the outlook higher.

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-s-fy26-growth-to-be-above-6-8-driven-by-gst-tax-relief-cea-125110701042_1.html

Top Story 2

India, EU narrow gaps on FTA terms

India has made notable progress in its ongoing Free Trade Agreement negotiations with a major regional bloc, with both sides significantly narrowing their differences in the latest round of discussions. The talks covered multiple chapters, including goods, services, investment, trade rules, and sustainable development. According to an official update, negotiators reached common ground on several areas, creating a clearer path toward concluding the agreement within the targeted timeline. Senior officials reviewed key areas of focus and agreed to accelerate efforts to ensure the pact remains balanced, growth-oriented, and supportive of long-term development goals. India highlighted the importance of clarity, predictability, and smooth implementation of evolving regulatory frameworks to support businesses on both sides. Going forward, the negotiation format will involve continuous engagement at the chief negotiator level and intensified political-level dialogue to bridge remaining gaps. Alongside the main pact, separate discussions on broader cooperation frameworks are also underway, reflecting strong momentum toward a comprehensive outcome.

Economy

India-US BTA to receive a positive update by November end:

India is increasingly positioning itself as a major force in the global economy, supported by its large consumer base and strong innovation capabilities. This growing influence is making India a central hub that others are compelled to engage with, rather than India being pressured to choose sides. Discussions on a new bilateral trade agreement with a major partner are progressing, and an announcement is expected soon. India continues to attract consistent foreign investment, with global firms expanding their operations in the country, reinforcing confidence in its long-term potential. Despite external pressures related to geopolitical and trade issues, India remains resilient. The global environment has become uncertain, with trade and investment flows slowing worldwide, but India's economic appeal continues to stand out. The country's ability to draw investors and maintain steady growth amid worldwide volatility underscores its role as a stabilising pole in the shifting global order.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-india-us-bta-to-receive-a-positive-update-by-november-endnbspnitinbspceo-4035580/>

Market

RBI chief Sanjay Malhotra says removal of acquisition financing curbs on banks will aid real economy

The removal of restrictions on banks for acquisition financing is expected to support India's real economy. Recently, the central bank allowed banks to fund acquisitions and increased limits on certain lending activities as part of broader efforts to encourage credit growth. These steps are designed to balance opportunity with safety by introducing guardrails such as capping bank funding at 70% of a deal's value and maintaining checks on debt-equity ratios. Speaking at a banking forum, the central bank head emphasized that regulators cannot replace board-level judgment, especially in a diverse market like India where every transaction differs. Institutions must have the flexibility to take decisions based on individual merit rather than follow a uniform rulebook. He also highlighted that supervisory measures act as effective safeguards, helping curb excessive growth and strengthen the overall banking system. Adequate tools, including risk weights and provisioning norms, remain available to manage emerging risks.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/rbi-chief-sanjay-malhotra-says-removal-of-acquisition-financing-curbs-on-banks-will-aid-real-economy/articleshow/125150690.cms?from=mdr>

Finance

FDI compliance must for foreign loans in realty, RBI Governor

A senior regulatory official clarified that the recent relaxation allowing access to offshore loans applies strictly to projects in India that adhere to established FDI rules. The updated framework is designed to support genuine development activity and is not intended for speculative transactions or short-term gain. The official emphasized that the objective is to ensure that external borrowing contributes to productive and transparent growth within the sector, rather than fueling excessive risk-taking. By linking eligibility to compliance standards, the approach aims to promote responsible financing and safeguard the stability of India's financial system. The clarification reinforces that offshore borrowing should align with long-term project needs and maintain adherence to regulatory expectations. This balanced stance seeks to encourage investment while ensuring that lending channels are not misused, ultimately supporting more disciplined capital flows and contributing to sustainable economic progress in India.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/rbi-guv-sanjay-malhotra-backs-acquisition-finance-for-banks-clarifies-on-external-commercial-borrowing-for-real-estate/articleshow/125153219.cms?from=mdr>

Investment

India's Techno Digital plans to invest \$1bn to fund expansion of its data center capacity.

A leading company in India plans to significantly expand its data infrastructure, aiming to reach 250MW of capacity within the next few years. As part of this vision, it is working on a network of interconnected edge facilities built on optical fiber routes in partnership with a major government-owned broadband provider. The goal is to set up around 100 such edge locations in the next few years to strengthen nationwide digital access. The organisation, a newly launched player in the domestic data ecosystem, has already commissioned a large facility in a major southern city and has additional projects under development in eastern and northern regions. India continues to emerge as a strong growth market for data capacity, with most live facilities concentrated in major urban hubs. However, only a small portion of the country's total planned capacity is currently operational, while the majority remains under construction or in early development stages.

<https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/indias-techno-digital-plans-to-invest-1bn-for-data-center-capacity/>

Metric	6-Nov-2025 Rate	7-Nov-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹88.5569	₹88.6653	+0.1084 ₹
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	—