Top Story 1

India's economy grew at 7.3% in Q2 on rural and govt spending boost

India's economy continues to grow at a strong pace despite external pressures, with recent estimates suggesting around 7.3 percent expansion in the latest quarter. This momentum is supported by rural demand and government spending, even as private capital expenditure remains subdued. Household consumption, which forms a major part of economic activity, strengthened due to improved rural conditions and better output in key sectors. However, urban demand and private investment show signs of uneven recovery, indicating that growth is not yet broad-based. Government expenditure remains an important pillar, helping counterbalance global uncertainty and reduced foreign investment flows. Some economists note that a very low deflator may make real GDP appear slightly stronger than underlying conditions suggest. While private sector investment is expected to grow at a slower pace due to external challenges, domestic consumption and public capital spending are likely to remain the main drivers of India's economic performance in the near term.

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Top Story 2

India's growth momentum strengthens on festive demand, resilient consumption

India's economy continued to gain momentum, supported by a resurgence in festive spending and firmer demand across both urban and rural regions. Economic activity strengthened despite external pressures, with demand conditions improving as urban consumption revived and rural demand remained steady. Manufacturing and services showed resilience, driven by robust consumption trends linked to the festive period and the positive effects of recent tax reforms. High-frequency indicators pointed to strong expansion in October, reflecting broad-based improvements in production and service-sector activity. Rural consumption played a key stabilising role, supported by favourable seasonal conditions, healthy agricultural performance, and the added boost from tax rate reductions, which helped maintain purchasing power in non-urban areas. Overall, the combination of renewed consumer enthusiasm, supportive tax measures, and steady rural demand contributed to a sustained pick-up in economic momentum across India.

India's growth momentum strengthens on festive demand, resilient consumption: RBI Bulletin - The Economic Times

Economy

Consumption to drive India's growth to 6.5% in FY26, 6.7% in FY27

India’s economy is expected to grow steadily over the next two years, with projections indicating an expansion driven primarily by rising consumption rather than investment. Lower indirect tax rates, reductions in personal taxes and easier borrowing conditions are anticipated to boost household spending, especially among middle-income groups. This shift is likely to strengthen overall demand and support stable growth momentum. Although external challenges, including trade-related pressures, may create temporary headwinds, India’s domestic engine remains strong, supported by resilient rural and urban consumption. Policy measures aimed at improving affordability and increasing disposable income are expected to sustain this trend. While investment activity may grow at a more gradual pace, the underlying economic environment continues to reflect broad-based stability. With consumption emerging as the central pillar of expansion, India is positioned to maintain solid growth, aided by favorable financial conditions and steady demand across key segments of the economy.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/consumption-to-drive-indias-growth-to-6-5-in-fy26-6-7-in-fy27-sp/articleshow/125549251.cms?from=mdr

Market

Indian economy shows signs of a further pick up in momentum, despite global headwinds

Global uncertainty remains elevated, although recent data indicates a slight easing after a prolonged period of rise. Concerns continue around the sharp exuberance in global equity markets, raising questions about its sustainability and potential risks to financial stability. India’s economy showed signs of a further pick-up in momentum despite persistent external headwinds. High-frequency indicators point to strong expansion in both manufacturing and services, supported by festive demand and the positive impact of recent tax reforms. Inflation has moderated to a historic low and stayed well below the target, providing a favourable environment for growth. Financial conditions remained supportive, with an improved flow of resources to the commercial sector compared to the previous year. Overall, the latest data suggests strengthening domestic momentum even as global risks remain.

https://www.business-standard.com/markets/capital-market-news/indian-economy-shows-signs-of-a-further-pick-up-in-momentum-despite-global-headwinds-rbi-bulletin-125112500246_1.html

Finance

[India Approves ₹25,000 Crore Borrowing Push to Strengthen Maritime Finance Institution](https://egov.eletsonline.com/2025/11/india-approves-%E2%82%B925000-crore-borrowing-push-to-strengthen-maritime-finance-institution/)

India has approved a borrowing limit of ₹25,000 crore for a specialised maritime finance institution to strengthen long-term funding within the sector. The move is intended to expand credit support for projects across the maritime value chain. For the current financial year, the organisation plans to raise ₹8,000 crore under the enhanced borrowing mandate. The institution has been created to provide targeted financing for long-duration projects such as ports, connectivity, coastal development, inland waterways and vessel support. Officials note that the maritime sector requires lenders who understand long gestation periods, variable revenue cycles and sector-specific risks. The expanded borrowing capacity is expected to accelerate major infrastructure upgrades, improve connectivity, and encourage private participation in logistics. Estimates indicate that the sector will require significant investment in the coming years for modernisation, capacity expansion and coastal logistics networks. With the approval in place, the institution will begin mobilising funds and extending credit to eligible maritime projects across India.

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Investment

Indian markets hold firm amid global AI turbulence, eyes on India-US trade deal:

Indian equities have continued to demonstrate notable resilience, maintaining stability even as global markets fluctuate. Domestic benchmarks have hovered near key milestone levels, repeatedly approaching new highs before retreating slightly. This steady performance reflects strong underlying fundamentals, healthy liquidity conditions and continued investor confidence. However, questions remain about whether this momentum can be sustained. Valuations are elevated, external risks persist, and shifts in global sentiment could influence capital flows. While domestic demand, corporate earnings and structural reforms provide support, periods of consolidation or short-term corrections cannot be ruled out. Much will depend on the broader economic environment, policy clarity and how global financial conditions evolve in the coming months. For now, the market's firmness suggests underlying strength, but investors remain cautious, assessing whether the current phase represents a stable plateau or the early signs of a potential downward trend.

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Metric	21-Nov-2025 Rate (RBI ref)	25-Nov-2025 Rate (indicative spot)	Change
USDINR	₹88.6402	₹89.20	+0.5598 ₹
EURINR	₹102.3209	₹102.90	+0.5791 ₹
GBPINR	₹116.0791	Data NA (no clean spot)	—
JPYINR	₹56.4200 (per 100 JPY)	Data NA (no reliable 25-Nov ref)	—
NIFTY 50	Data NA	Data NA	—
BSE Sensex	Data NA	Data NA	—