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World Bank cuts India's FY27 GDP forecast to 6.3%, sees reform 'urgency'

The global financial institution revised its growth forecast for India, projecting a 6.5% expansion for the current fiscal and a slight moderation to 6.3% for the following year. The adjustment reflects external risks such as higher tariffs but also acknowledges the country's stronger-than-expected economic performance in recent quarters. The institution highlighted a renewed sense of urgency within the government to accelerate structural reforms, particularly in areas like deregulation, labor market flexibility, and trade facilitation. Recent policy measures—including tax rationalization and adjustments to indirect taxation—are seen as steps to boost domestic consumption and enhance the ease of doing business. Additional rounds of reforms are expected, supported by various committees and task forces working toward economic and social transformation. Overall, while growth projections remain robust, sustaining momentum will depend on effective implementation of these reforms and continued resilience in the face of global challenges.

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India expected to remain world's fastest-growing major economy

India is projected to remain the world's fastest-growing major economy, supported by strong consumption, better agricultural output, and rising rural incomes. A recent development report highlights that while regional growth remains robust, potential challenges such as global uncertainty, policy shifts, and the growing impact of artificial intelligence could influence future performance. The findings suggest that greater trade openness and careful tariff reductions could attract investment, spur manufacturing, and create more jobs. Additionally, the growing influence of AI presents both challenges and opportunities—while some jobs may face disruption, demand for AI-related skills is rising significantly, offering higher wages. The report emphasizes that proactive reforms, skill development, and digital adaptation are key to maintaining momentum. Overall, India's economic outlook remains strong, positioning it as a leading growth engine amid evolving global and technological changes.

<https://www.chinimandi.com/india-expected-to-remain-worlds-fastest-growing-major-economy-world-bank/>

Economy

World Bank raises India growth estimate for FY26, cuts for FY27 on Trump tariffs

The global financial institution revised its growth outlook for India, raising the projection for the current financial year to 6.5% following stronger-than-expected performance in the first quarter. However, the forecast for the following year has been trimmed to 6.3% due to the impact of higher tariffs on exports. Despite external pressures, India remains the fastest-growing major economy, supported by strong private consumption, robust investment, and better-than-expected agricultural output and rural wage growth. Ongoing reforms to the tax structure, including simplification and reduction in tax brackets, are expected to boost overall economic activity. Investment continues to be driven by public infrastructure initiatives, steady credit expansion, and an accommodative monetary policy. While certain urban sectors show moderation, resilient rural income and domestic demand continue to underpin growth momentum. The update highlights both the resilience of India's economy and the need to navigate global trade challenges effectively.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-world-bank-raises-india-growth-estimate-for-fy26-cuts-for-fy27-on-trump-tariffs-4001630/>

Market

World Bank Upgrades India's FY26 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.5%

The latest economic outlook projects India's growth to remain strong, with the GDP forecast revised upward to 6.5% for the upcoming financial year. This improvement reflects continued strength in domestic demand and resilient consumer spending, highlighting the economy's robust momentum. However, the projection for the following year has been slightly reduced to 6.3% due to the impact of higher export tariffs imposed by a major trading partner. Despite these external pressures, India is expected to maintain its position as the fastest-growing major economy, supported by steady consumption patterns, expanding infrastructure, and ongoing policy reforms. The outlook suggests that sustained efforts to enhance trade efficiency, encourage investment, and promote inclusive development will be essential to keep growth on track. Overall, the forecast underscores India's economic resilience and its strong potential for long-term expansion, even amid evolving global challenges.

<https://boldnewsonline.com/world-bank-upgrades-indias-fy26-gdp-growth-forecast-to-6-5/>

Investment

Best time to invest and innovate in India'

India has showcased remarkable growth in its telecom and digital technology sectors during the 9th edition of a major technology congress. The rapid expansion of the event reflects the strength of the nation's vision for self-reliance and technological advancement. Once struggling with basic connectivity, India now has extensive 5G network coverage, demonstrating how innovation and modern infrastructure are driving the country's digital revolution. The government emphasized accelerating efforts in manufacturing mobiles, semiconductors, and electronics, highlighting this as an ideal time to invest, innovate, and produce domestically. Policy reforms and improvements in ease of doing business have made India a favorable investment destination, attracting industries, innovators, and startups. Rationalization of tax rates has made essential items more affordable, signaling a commitment to consumer and industry-friendly policies. Affordable and accessible wireless data has further strengthened digital inclusion, reinforcing India's position as a global hub for technology, innovation, and economic growth.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/modi-inaugurates-india-mobile-congress-2025-at-delhis-yashobhoomi/articleshow/124378439.cms?from=mdr>

Taxation

Digital Rupee Coming Soon: India Plans Sovereign-Backed Alternative To Cryptocurrencies

India will soon launch a central bank-backed digital currency to enable faster, paperless, and transparent transactions. The government emphasized that this sovereign-backed digital currency is distinct from private cryptocurrencies, which are not encouraged unless asset-backed. While unregulated digital assets are not banned, they are heavily taxed to discourage speculative trading, with a 30% income tax and 1% TDS on transactions above a set threshold, ensuring traceability. These measures have led to much of crypto trading moving offshore. The proposed digital rupee is expected to function like stablecoins, maintaining value stability while leveraging blockchain technology for transparency and verification. The initiative aims to simplify transactions, reduce paper usage, and offer quicker settlement compared to traditional banking systems. India's approach highlights a cautious yet forward-looking stance on digital finance, embracing innovative technologies like blockchain while protecting the financial system from unregulated risks, ensuring safer and more efficient digital payments for individuals and businesses.

<https://newsable.asianetnews.com/markets/digital-rupee-coming-soon-india-plans-sovereign-backed-alternative-to-cryptocurrencies-articleshow-gf6uydz>

Metric	8-Oct-2025 Rate	9-Oct-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹88.7772	₹88.7772	0.0000 ₹
EURINR	₹102.7738	₹102.7738	0.0000 ₹
GBPINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
JPYINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
NIFTY 50	25,046.15	25,181.80	+135.65 pts
BSE Sensex	81,773.66	82,271.10	+497.44 pts

