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Economy seen to have grown at 7%-7.5%

Official estimates for India's second-quarter national accounts will soon be released, ahead of the central bank's upcoming policy meeting. The central bank has projected growth at 7.5% for the quarter and may adjust its full-year outlook as the effects of tax reforms become clearer. Previous data showed slower expansion in the same quarter last year. Analysts suggest that private consumption remained steady, though exports were affected by external trade pressures. Some agencies estimate growth at above 7%, driven by rising real incomes and resilient domestic demand. Strong performance in services and improved goods output supported overall momentum. Others project growth closer to 7%, noting moderation in some sectors despite a pick-up in industrial activity. A slower rise in government spending may temper headline numbers, but festive-season inventory stocking and recent tax rationalisation are expected to lift manufacturing. Another research assessment places growth between 7.5% and 8%, supported by strong investment, improving rural demand and easing inflation.

<https://www.businesstoday.in/latest/economy/story/q2fy26-gdp-economy-seen-to-have-grown-at-7-75-502815-2025-11-19>

Top Story 2

India will remain the fastest-growing major economy despite US tariff hikes

A recent economic assessment indicates that India is expected to remain the fastest-growing major economy over the next few years, with growth projected at around 6.5%. The outlook highlights strong infrastructure investment, steady domestic consumer demand, and increased diversification in external trade as key drivers. Despite facing higher tariffs in some markets, India has successfully redirected exports, helping maintain overall momentum. The report notes that monetary policy has supported stability, with interest rates kept steady as inflation remains controlled and growth robust. Strong capital inflows have also helped cushion external shocks and maintain liquidity. However, it points out that private sector confidence for large-scale investments is still developing. Globally, growth is expected to remain steady but uneven, with advanced regions expanding modestly and emerging ones growing faster. Growth in several major economies is projected to ease, while India is expected to maintain a comparatively stronger trajectory.

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/India/good-news-for-india-moody-s-says-india-will-remain-the-fastest-growing-major-economy-despite-us-tariff-hikes/ar-AA1QmKDA?ocid=finance-verthp-feeds&apiversion=v2&domshim=1&noservercache=1&noservertelemetry=1&batchservertelemetry=1&renderwebcomponents=1&wcseo=1>

Economy

India, Israel to expedite FTA plan, boost economic ties

India is preparing for a major high-level visit aimed at strengthening economic and strategic cooperation. A large international business delegation recently engaged with India, signalling growing global interest in deeper partnerships. The upcoming visit highlights the shared commitment to expand collaboration in trade, technology, investment and innovation. Bilateral trade has declined over the past few years, largely due to global disruptions, with India's exports and imports falling sharply. Key product categories traditionally exchanged between the two sides have seen reduced movement, reflecting the broader slowdown. During the visit, senior leaders will hold discussions focused on rebuilding trade momentum, enhancing investment flows, and promoting cooperation in priority areas such as technology, water solutions, advanced manufacturing and new-age innovation. A business forum and CEOs' meeting will bring together top companies and start-ups to explore new opportunities. India's delegation will also visit major innovation hubs to gain insights into advanced technological ecosystems and potential collaboration avenues.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-india-israel-to-expedite-fta-plan-boost-economic-ties-4049734/>

Market

RBI's government securities holdings jump to 14.2%, says SBI report

A recent assessment indicates that the share of government securities held by the central bank has increased steadily, reflecting a larger role in supporting the bond market. The central bank's holdings have risen notably over the past periods, while the share held by banks has declined and the portion held by insurance entities has remained broadly stable. At the same time, the central government is expected to continue substantial monthly borrowing, with additional issuances by states adding pressure to overall supply. Despite this, bond yields are expected to remain largely stable, moving within a narrow range. The central bank has also been active in the foreign exchange market, using its reserves to manage volatility and prevent excessive speculation. This intervention resulted in a significant withdrawal of liquidity from the banking system. Overall, the trends point to steady market management and balanced conditions in India's financial system.

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/money/topstories/rbi-s-government-securities-holdings-jump-to-14-2-says-sbi-report/ar-AA1QyJe5>

Finance

India's luxury housing boom isn't slowing: JM Financial sees 13–15% CAGR ahead

India's real estate sector is expected to maintain strong momentum, supported by a sustained preference for larger and amenity-rich homes. According to market assessments, the move toward spacious, premium residential properties is not viewed as a temporary post-pandemic shift but as a long-term structural change. This transformation is being driven by evolving lifestyle needs, rising disposable incomes, and growing expectations for better living standards. Analysts project that this trend will support steady annual growth in the residential segment over the next several years, with estimates indicating a solid double-digit expansion. Demand for high-quality homes in well-planned communities is expected to remain robust, contributing to overall sector stability and confidence. The outlook suggests that India's housing market will continue to benefit from strong domestic demand, improved project execution by developers, and increased consumer focus on comfort, space, and modern amenities, reinforcing resilience across the real estate landscape.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/expert-view/indias-luxury-housing-boom-isnt-slowng-jm-financial-sees-1315-cagr-ahead/articleshow/125436206.cms?from=mdr>

Investment

How Investments Are Fuelling The Growth of E-Commerce in India

India's online commerce landscape has evolved through a steady, planned growth journey. It began with early platforms operating in an environment with low internet access and limited trust in digital transactions. Over time, marketplaces laid the foundation for improved digital shopping experiences. The real transformation came when widespread smartphone use and affordable mobile data became common, leading to rapid adoption of mobile-based online shopping. This shift was especially strong in smaller cities, where consumers began accessing products and services directly through their phones. Growth accelerated further with the use of digital payments and e-wallets, supported by national digital initiatives that encouraged online participation. The introduction of a unified tax system simplified operations across states, enabling smoother nationwide expansion. Today, the sector is driven by fast delivery models, rising direct-to-consumer brands, hyper-local services, and highly personalized buying experiences powered by advanced technologies such as AI and data analytics.

<https://www.ibef.org/blogs/how-investments-are-fuelling-the-growth-of-e-commerce-in-india>

Metric	18-Nov-2025 Rate	19-Nov-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹88.6344	₹88.4558	-0.1786 ₹
EURINR	₹102.7828	₹102.5091	-0.2737 ₹
GBPINR	₹116.5844	₹116.3152	-0.2692 ₹
JPYINR	₹57.1500	₹56.92	-0.2300 ₹
NIFTY 50	Data NA	26,051.70	—
BSE Sensex	Data NA	85,164.71	—