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### India's economic growth, financial markets muddied by US trade deal woes

India's economy and financial markets are sending mixed signals about growth, complicating policymaker efforts amid high US tariffs. GDP likely expanded over 7% in the last quarter, while inflation remains at a record low under 1%, largely due to falling food prices. The currency has weakened to historic lows, even as equity markets surge. Imports rose following tax cuts, but exports have declined, reflecting tariff pressures. Growth is largely supported by government investment, which has surged sharply, while private investment remains sluggish. Consumption grew strongly but below overall GDP growth, indicating room for improvement. Goods and services tax reductions ahead of the festive season gave a short-term boost, with vehicle sales and tax collections rising. Economists note that while consumption is positive, it could be stronger. The conflicting signals—from robust GDP and equities to weak exports and subdued private investment—highlight uneven growth and uncertainty about sustainability.

[https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-s-economic-growth-financial-markets-muddied-by-us-trade-deal-woes-125112800109\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-s-economic-growth-financial-markets-muddied-by-us-trade-deal-woes-125112800109_1.html)

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### India's Q2 GDP growth likely stayed firm on strong domestic demand

India's economy likely remained resilient in the July–September quarter, driven by strong consumer demand, public investment, and a front-loading of production and exports ahead of higher U.S. tariffs. GDP is estimated to have grown around 7.3% year-on-year, with gross value added expanding roughly 7.15%, keeping India among the fastest-growing major economies. Growth was supported by robust private consumption, government spending, and festive-season inventory build-up. Export activity temporarily surged as businesses sought to beat tariff increases, while private capital investment showed signs of moderation due to global uncertainty. Economists caution that growth may ease in the second half of the fiscal year because of high base effects, slower private investment, and the ongoing impact of tariffs. Subdued inflation has helped maintain real purchasing power but constrained nominal growth, affecting tax collections and corporate earnings. Overall, strong domestic demand and steady government expenditure are expected to sustain growth through the remainder of the fiscal year.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/indias-q2-gdp-growth-likely-stayed-firm-on-strong-domestic-demand/articleshow/125627273.cms?from=mdr>

## **Economy**

### **Economy enters H2 on stable footing: Finance ministry**

India's economy enters the second half of FY26 on a stable footing, supported by well-contained inflation, resilient domestic demand, and accommodative policy measures. Despite global uncertainties, including shifting trade policies, geopolitical tensions, and financial market volatility, sustained public capital expenditure, firm rural and urban demand, and stable inflation expectations underpin growth. Independent assessments indicate Q2 GDP likely expanded 7.0–7.5%, reflecting continued strength in underlying economic activity. This stable foundation positions India to navigate emerging risks, preserve growth momentum, and maintain macroeconomic resilience through the remainder of the fiscal year.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/economy-enters-h2-on-stable-footing-finance-ministry/articleshow/125627283.cms>

## **Market**

### **RBI expected to cut rates to 5.25% on December 5**

The Reserve Bank of India is expected to cut its key interest rate by 25 basis points to 5.25% in early December, with most economists projecting the rate to remain at this level through 2026. Consumer inflation fell sharply to a record low of 0.25% in October, aided by declining food prices and tax reductions on consumer goods, providing the central bank room to support consumption despite pressure on the rupee, which recently hit a historic low against the dollar. The RBI has maintained rates since August following cumulative cuts earlier in the year. Around 80% of economists in a recent poll anticipate this reduction, while the remainder expect no change. With inflation expected to remain subdued, the case for easing is strengthened. This rate cut comes even as the economy likely grew 7.3% in the July–September quarter, supporting continued growth and potentially bolstering consumption, investment, and financial market sentiment.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/rbi-expected-to-cut-rates-to-5-25-on-december-5-reuters-poll/articleshow/125616069.cms?from=mdr>

## Finance

### Finance Ministry, RBI working on portal to help citizens claim unclaimed assets

The Finance Ministry is working with the Reserve Bank of India to develop a **unified portal** that will allow savers and retail investors to claim all unclaimed assets across various categories, including bank deposits, pension funds, shares, and dividends. The integrated platform aims to consolidate existing systems across regulators, making it easier for citizens to locate and recover idle funds. Currently, separate portals exist for different asset classes, but awareness gaps have left a substantial amount of money unclaimed. The unified portal is expected to enhance **convenience, transparency, and trust** in the financial system by providing a single access point for all unclaimed assets. It will streamline procedures, reduce complexity, and ensure faster recovery of funds. The initiative is part of a broader effort to strengthen financial inclusion and digital governance, allowing citizens to exercise their rights over dormant assets efficiently. By centralizing asset claims, the portal is expected to boost household financial security and support responsible management of savings.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/finance-ministry-rbi-working-on-portal-to-help-citizens-claim-unclaimed-assets-dfs-secretary/article70330180.ece>

## Taxation

### Income Tax department identifies cases of non-disclosure of foreign assets in ITRs

The Income Tax department has identified high-risk cases where individuals have not disclosed foreign assets in their income tax returns for the current assessment year. Targeted taxpayers will be notified via SMS and email, urging them to file revised returns by year-end to avoid penalties. Last year, a similar initiative led to thousands of taxpayers voluntarily revising their returns, disclosing significant foreign assets and income. The department uses information from international agreements and data-sharing frameworks to detect discrepancies and guide taxpayers toward compliance. The campaign aims to ensure accurate reporting of foreign assets and income, reinforcing statutory obligations under the relevant tax laws. By encouraging timely disclosure, the initiative promotes transparency, strengthens tax compliance, and helps reduce revenue leakage. It also builds confidence in India's regulatory system, supporting the integrity of the financial ecosystem and improving overall governance in taxation. This step reflects proactive measures to enhance voluntary compliance and accountability.

<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/income-tax-department-identifies-cases-of-non-disclosure-of-foreign-assets-in-itrs/article70329849.ece>

Metric	26-Nov-2025 Rate	27-Nov-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹88.80	₹89.2942	+0.4942 ₹
EURINR	₹103.4472	₹103.6128	+0.1656 ₹
GBPINR	Data NA	₹118.4166	—
JPYINR	0.5705 per 1 JPY	0.5720 per 1 JPY	+0.0015 ₹
NIFTY 50	26,205.30	26,215.55	+10.25 pts
BSE Sensex	85,609.51	85,720.38	+110.87 pts

