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Blue economy to be the new engine of India's growth

India's blue economy is emerging as a significant driver of national growth, offering major opportunities in energy security, food systems, and strategic development. Despite a long coastline and a vast ocean zone, much of India's marine potential remains underutilized. A large share of the country's resource base lies in the ocean, yet its economic contribution is still limited. Upcoming national initiatives aim to expand ocean research and tap resources such as minerals, metals, fisheries, and marine biodiversity, while supporting clean-energy options including offshore wind, ocean-based solar, tidal, wave, and thermal energy. There is also an increasing need to address climate and environmental challenges like coastal erosion, marine heat waves, cyclones, pollution, and marine waste. Advanced mapping, modern technology, and greater private participation are seen as essential for sustainable ocean management. The blue economy is expected to strengthen areas such as marine transport, deep-sea exploration, biotechnology, and resource discovery, shaping India's long-term economic and ecological future.

<https://ddnews.gov.in/en/blue-economy-to-be-the-new-engine-of-indias-growth-jitendra-singh-at-iisf/>

Top Story 2

India's Economy Shows Remarkable Resilience

India's recent growth indicators highlight a resilient and steadily expanding economy, supported by strong domestic fundamentals. The latest GDP data shows sustained momentum, with significant quarterly expansion driven by robust consumption, investment activity, and rising productivity across key sectors. Despite global uncertainties, India's economic environment has remained stable, reflecting confidence in structural reforms, fiscal management, and policy continuity. The steady rise in output suggests that domestic demand continues to act as a major growth engine, helping the country absorb external shocks and maintain upward economic momentum. Strong financial stability, improved business sentiment, and ongoing infrastructure development have further strengthened overall performance. India's ability to sustain high growth in a challenging global landscape underscores its expanding economic potential and long-term prospects. These trends collectively point toward a positive outlook, reinforcing India's position as one of the world's most resilient and promising growth stories.

<https://www.ndtv.com/video/india-s-economy-shows-remarkable-resilience-imf-s-harald-finger-1032065>

Economy

India's Digital Economy Growing Twice as Fast as Overall Economy:

India's digital economy is growing at nearly twice the pace of the overall economy, according to a recent study. The digital sector, which once contributed a small share to national output, has expanded rapidly over the years and continues to accelerate as digital adoption deepens across the country. The rising talent pool across different regions is adding momentum, supported by institutions that focus on digital training and skill development. Cybersecurity has been identified as a strategic priority, with an emphasis on developing indigenous capabilities rather than depending on external technologies. New facilities and training centers are strengthening India's preparedness in this critical area. Entrepreneurship and innovation remain key drivers of this growth. Startups are encouraged to play a larger role in job creation, with initiatives aimed at improving digital infrastructure and supporting private investment. Several new digital platforms and programmes have been launched to enhance learning, service delivery and technological participation across India.

<https://telecomtalk.info/india-digital-economy-growing-twice-fast-gdp/1002420/>

Market

RBI cuts repo rate by 25 bps to 5.25% amid robust GDP growth, record-low inflation

The central bank reduced the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25 per cent after completing its latest monetary policy review. The committee conducted a comprehensive evaluation of evolving economic conditions and unanimously decided to implement the rate cut immediately. This move comes at a time when India's macroeconomic indicators remain strong, supported by solid GDP growth and exceptionally low inflation. Recent data showed India's retail inflation falling to a record low, while GDP expansion in the previous quarter remained robust, reflecting healthy domestic demand and financial stability. The earlier policy review had kept the repo rate unchanged, but with inflation easing further and growth momentum holding firm, the committee opted for a calibrated reduction to encourage liquidity and sustain economic activity. The rate cut is expected to support credit flow, strengthen consumption and investment trends, and maintain overall economic resilience as India continues on a stable growth trajectory.

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Finance

India hosts Global South meet on public finance, explores creation of PFM Forum

India hosted a seminar to share its Public Financial Management practices with several Global South nations. The event brought together diplomats and experts for discussions on treasury reforms, fund-flow systems, audit frameworks and public expenditure management. Delegates showed strong interest in India's digital and treasury architecture, reflecting common fiscal challenges across developing economies. Speakers highlighted India's macro-fiscal reforms and emphasized the importance of strong financial management systems for effective policy implementation. The role of digital platforms—especially real-time fund-flow monitoring tools—was underscored for improving fiscal discipline and supporting growth-led capital spending. India's integration of digital payments and direct benefit transfer mechanisms was noted for reducing leakages and ensuring efficient delivery of welfare benefits. Technical teams presented reforms in taxation, procurement, digital public infrastructure and audit systems, with partner nations expressing interest in adopting similar models. The seminar also supported the idea of creating a PFM Forum for continued cooperation and shared capacity building across the Global South.

Investment

India First: Investment Performance Verification Framework

India has introduced a standard framework for verifying investment performance, becoming the first to implement such a system. The initiative features a platform designed to independently validate past risk and return claims made by registered market participants. This move addresses a major concern in financial markets, where unverified performance claims can mislead investors and distort decision-making. The new mechanism allows registered intermediaries to present their past returns through a transparent and standardized process, offering investors reliable data they can trust. The framework links an approved verification agency with a recognized data center, both responsible for independently assessing performance using uniform methodologies. It also prohibits selective time periods that could present a biased picture and includes oversight to ensure integrity. Initially, the system will cover registered advisors, analysts, and entities offering automated trading services. Stakeholders involved in building the platform expect it to create long-term opportunities as adoption grows.

<https://money.rediff.com/news/market/india-first-investment-performance-verification-framework/38281620251208>

Metric	8-Dec-2025 Rate	9-Dec-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹90.1300	₹90.1352	+0.0052 ₹
EURINR	₹104.9000	₹105.00	+0.1000 ₹
GBPINR	₹120.0900	₹120.0966	+0.0066 ₹
JPYINR	0.5795 per 1 JPY	₹57.80 (per 100)	—
NIFTY 50	25,960.55	25,844.20	-116.35 pts
BSE Sensex	85,102.69	84,764.21	-338.48 pts