

## Top Story 1

### **India one of the fastest-growing major economies**

A recent discussion highlighted the strengthening partnership between India and another major global power, emphasizing the need for deeper strategic and economic cooperation to support stability in the Indo-Pacific region. India's rapid economic growth was noted as a key factor driving increased commercial interest, with businesses seeking fair access to the Indian market. Leaders on both sides indicated that an updated trade arrangement could significantly enhance bilateral engagement. Parallel diplomatic consultations in New Delhi focused on advancing the shared strategic agenda announced earlier in the year. Both sides acknowledged steady progress and agreed to accelerate efforts across defence collaboration, trade and investment, technology cooperation, critical minerals, and resilient supply chains. Key initiatives include joint work on emerging technologies, innovation, secure digital infrastructure, and energy-related cooperation. The discussions reaffirmed a shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific and emphasized delivering tangible benefits while supporting India's long-term growth goals.

[https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-one-of-the-fastest-growing-major-economies-says-us-representative-125121100090\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/india-one-of-the-fastest-growing-major-economies-says-us-representative-125121100090_1.html)

## Top Story 2

### **Old economy sectors drive India's investment boom unlike US, position it as an AI hedge**

India's investment boom is increasingly anchored by strong participation from traditional sectors, contrasting with patterns seen in some advanced economies where technology and AI-linked firms dominate capital flows. Investors are allocating capital into infrastructure, energy, consumer goods and manufacturing geographies, reflecting confidence in real-economy demand and demographic-led consumption growth. This diversified investment base provides a potential cushion against rapid cyclical shifts in emerging technologies, positioning the country as a partial hedge amid global enthusiasm for AI and digital disruption. Continued consumer demand, steady urbanisation trends and rising productivity in established industries are helping sustain capital formation even as global investment sentiment wavers. At the same time, rising domestic savings and institutional inflows into fixed-income and equity instruments underscore broad-based confidence among retail and institutional investors. Such investment dynamics may support balanced economic expansion, mitigating concentration risk in any single high-growth segment and enhancing resilience to global cycles in new technologies.

<https://www.chinimandi.com/old-economy-sectors-drive-indias-investment-boom-unlike-us-position-it-as-an-ai-hedge-report/>

## **Economy**

### **India's FY26 growth forecast to 7.2%**

A leading international financial institution has raised its growth forecast for India for the current financial year to 7.2%, up from an earlier estimate of 6.5%. The revision follows stronger-than-expected economic performance in the recent quarter, supported by robust domestic consumption and steady momentum in goods and services activity. According to the assessment, India's economy continues to benefit from stable demand, improving investment sentiment, and ongoing policy support that has strengthened overall economic fundamentals. The update highlights India's resilience amid global uncertainties and reflects confidence in its medium-term growth outlook. The institution noted that rising household spending, expansion in services, and steady progress in infrastructure development are contributing to this positive trend. The revised outlook also suggests that India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies, with solid prospects for continued expansion. The report adds that sustained reforms and a supportive economic environment will be key to maintaining this trajectory.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/adb-lifts-indias-fy26-growth-forecast-to-7-2/articleshow/125896147.cms?from=mdr>

## **Market**

### **Industry bodies welcome RBI's decision to cut policy repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%**

Industry associations broadly welcomed the central bank's move to reduce the key policy interest rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%. Representatives of business chambers and trade bodies said the rate cut should help lower borrowing costs for companies and households, supporting credit demand and investment. They noted that cheaper loans can ease financing costs for expanding operations, boosting capital expenditure and helping sectors sensitive to interest rates. Many groups also pointed to the combination of strong economic growth indicators and subdued price pressures as the right backdrop for monetary easing, which can reinforce demand and consumption. According to their statements, the policy action is expected to improve business confidence and liquidity conditions, encouraging firms to accelerate expansion plans. Overall, industry reactions framed the rate reduction as a timely and supportive step that can sustain economic momentum, particularly in areas where credit availability and cost have been constraints.

<https://www.newsonair.gov.in/industry-bodies-welcome-rbis-decision-to-cut-policy-repo-rate-by-25-basis-points-to-5-25/>

## Finance

### Top 10 Finance Business Ideas to Start in India in 2026

India's financial ecosystem is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by rapid digital adoption, rising entrepreneurial activity, and a growing desire for financial independence. These shifts are changing how people manage, invest, and transact money, making finance-based businesses among the most stable, profitable, and accessible opportunities for new entrepreneurs. Whether for students exploring side ventures, working professionals seeking passive income, or aspiring entrepreneurs aiming for scalable businesses, the finance sector offers diverse options with strong earning potential and relatively low startup costs. Key growth drivers include the rapid expansion of digital payments, rising demand for financial advisors, and the increasing number of micro, small, and medium enterprises requiring financial services. Additionally, a strong interest in wealth creation and the ongoing rise of fintech start-ups are further fueling the sector's expansion. Government initiatives promoting financial inclusion have also contributed to creating new opportunities. These factors collectively position finance-based ventures as highly attractive for ambitious entrepreneurs in the coming years.

<https://www.businessoutreach.in/top-10-finance-business-ideas-to-start-in-india/>

## Taxation

### India's New Income Tax Act, 2025 Notified

India has officially notified the Income Tax Act, 2025, replacing the six-decade-old tax framework. The legislation, passed by Parliament and receiving presidential assent, aims to modernize and streamline the country's direct tax system. The new law is set to take effect from April 1, 2026, unless specified otherwise. The Act incorporates most of the recommendations made by the Select Committee and feedback received from stakeholders, ensuring that the provisions are precise and clearly convey their legal intent. Its primary objectives are to simplify compliance, enhance transparency, and make the tax system more efficient for both individuals and businesses. By updating outdated provisions, the law aims to align taxation with the evolving economic environment, promote ease of doing business, and encourage greater participation in the formal economy. The new framework also seeks to reduce ambiguity and administrative challenges, supporting long-term fiscal stability and fostering an environment conducive to investment and economic growth.

<https://www.india-briefing.com/news/income-tax-act-2025-implementation-guide-39140.html/>

Metric	10-Dec-2025 Rate	11-Dec-2025 Rate	Change
USDINR	₹89.91	Data NA	—
EURINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
GBPINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
JPYINR	Data NA	Data NA	—
NIFTY 50	25,911.00	25,758.00	-153 pts
BSE Sensex	Data NA	84,391.27	—

