

## Top Story 1

# Big Push by Indian Government to support Micro or Small Enterprises – MSEs

With the introduction of amendments to the Income Tax Act, 1961, the Indian Government has introduced legal changes to incentivize prompt payment of dues to Micro or small enterprises (**'MSEs'**) by business enterprises. This is a positive step as it will provide considerable financial support to UAE Companies in India which are MSEs. For the calculation of business income, on which tax is to be charged, expenses incurred for business purposes are deducted. Under the mercantile system of accounting, expenses are recorded when they became due, and not when they are actually paid. With the recent amendments to Section 43B of the Income Tax Act, changes have been introduced to this provision, so that certain deductible expenses will only be recognized in the year they are actually paid, regardless of when the obligation to pay them arose.

## Top Story 2

### India is poised to become third largest economy next

Prior to 2014, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman termed 10 years as a completely 'lost decade' because of the bad policies, massive corruption that persisted, among other factors, that pushed the economy literally down from where it was in 2004. Responding to recent comments made by former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, who had said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi was turning an 'arithmetic inevitability into a guarantee at 'Viksit Bharat Ambassador Campus Dialogue' programme held at GITAM in Visakhapatnam on Monday, the Finance Minister countered, stating, " From the 10th rank in 2014, India's economy has reached the 5th rank in a matter of a decade. Now from the 5th rank, the PM's objective is to get the country placed in the top third rank. There is a constant fight against forces that undermine the people of the country," the Finance Minister retorted.

<https://www.thehansindia.com/news/cities/visakhapatnam/india-is-poised-to-become-third-largest-economy-next-fm-875521>

## **Economy: -**

### India growth may top 7% in FY25: NCAER

The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has suggested that India's economy could grow faster than 7% in the current financial year. Factors such as the projected acceleration in global growth and trade volumes, as well as an expected above-normal monsoon, are seen as positive indicators for India's economic growth. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has also raised India's growth forecast for 2024-25 to 6.8%, up from the earlier projection of 6.5%. Government data shows that the economy grew by 7.6% in FY24. The Indian economy could grow faster than 7% in this financial year, the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) said in its monthly economic review released. "Projected acceleration in both global growth and trade volumes, as well as the forecast of an above-normal monsoon, indicate that the Indian economy can again attain growth rates higher than 7% during the current fiscal year," said NCAER director general Poonam Gupta.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/india-growth-may-top-7-in-fy25-ncaer/articleshow/109703628.cms?from=mdr>

**Finance: -**

## **Indian economy remains in bright spot: Ministry of Finance**

In contrast to the global scenario, the Indian economy continues to exhibit strong economic performance with broad-based growth across sectors, the Ministry of Finance asserted. "The optimism regarding growth prospects is also reflected in consumer and investor perceptions," according to the Monthly Economic Review report of the Department of Economic Affairs under the Finance Ministry. Many international organisations assert India's pivotal role in determining the growth path of Asia in the coming years, the review report said. Reserve Bank of India also, in its latest Monetary Policy Committee meeting, noted the strong growth momentum in the economy and projected real GDP growth for 2024-25 at 7 per cent, driven by a pickup in rural demand and sustained momentum in the manufacturing sector. The International Monetary Fund in its latest report forecasted India's growth at a high of 6.8 per cent in 2024-25 and 6.5 per cent in 2025- 26, based on its assessment of continuing strength in domestic demand and a rising working-age population.

<https://www.sentinelassam.com/more-news/business/indian-economy-remains-in-bright-spot-ministry-of-finance>

## **Digitalization: -**

### **Multinational conglomerate company Payment services announces India's first upgradeable ATM**

Multinational conglomerate company Payment Services has introduced a groundbreaking line of upgradeable Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) in India. These cutting-edge machines are designed to be transformed into Cash Recycling Machines (CRMs) whenever necessary, providing banks with a flexible and efficient solution tailored to their specific requirements and local market conditions. Manufactured under the 'Make in India' initiative, Hitachi boasts this as the country's first upgradeable ATM. With over 76,000 ATMs/CRMs under its management, out of the total 264,000 operating across India, Multinational conglomerate company Payment Services is a significant player in the Indian banking landscape. This innovation reflects Hitachi's commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the Indian banking sector, offering advanced technology solutions that enhance operational efficiency and customer experience. The introduction of upgradeable ATMs marks a significant step towards modernizing India's banking infrastructure and aligning it with global standards.

## Taxation: -

# Indian economy on upward trajectory

The Indian economy's recent performance has been strong, with promising signs for the future, according to the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER). In its April 2024 Monthly Economic Review (MER), the NCAER highlighted several key indicators showing the economy's resilience. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for manufacturing, for example, reached a 16-year high, indicating robust growth. Additionally, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), a leading digital payments system, recorded its highest volume of transactions since its inception in 2016. Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections also saw a significant increase, reaching Rs 1.8 lakh crore in March, the second-highest since its introduction in 2017. Similarly, UPI transactions in March 2024 totaled 13.4 billion, marking a substantial 55.3% year-on-year growth. The NCAER report also highlighted positive global economic forecasts by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), which are expected to benefit the Indian economy in the current year.

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/India/indian-economy-on-upward-trajectory-ncaer/ar-AA1nRHZE>

Currency	Rate (Rs)	Change	Index	Change	
USDINR	83.513	0.072	NIFTY 50	22,745.40	102.90
EURINR	89.305	-0.148	BSE Sensex	74,984.44	311.00
GBPINR	104.605	-0.216			
JPYINR	53.25	-0.1067			