

## Top Story 1

### India's economy beats expectations with 6.5% growth in FY25

The economy demonstrated strong resilience, with real GDP expanding by 7.4% in the final quarter, resulting in an impressive full-year growth rate of 6.5%. This performance surpassed expectations, highlighting robust economic momentum. On the fiscal front, the deficit was maintained at 4.8% of GDP, supported by substantial corporate tax revenues and disciplined expenditure management. Capital expenditure exceeded ₹10.5 trillion, reflecting a significant boost in both central and state-level investments during the second half of the year. In terms of monetary policy, the policy rate was reduced by 50 basis points, along with a phased reduction in the cash reserve requirement, enhancing liquidity in the banking system. The currency maintained stability, reinforcing investor confidence despite global fluctuations. Looking ahead, the economic outlook remains positive with expectations of moderate inflation, steady growth, and sustained investment activity. These developments collectively signal a strong and well-managed economic environment, paving the way for continued progress.

<https://indbiz.gov.in/indias-economy-beats-expectations-with-6-5-growth-in-fy25/>

## Top Story 2

### India-EU FTA by year-end

Efforts are underway to finalize a free trade agreement (FTA) between two major economic regions by the end of the year. Talks have gained momentum, with multiple negotiation rounds conducted in quick succession. The agreement covers 23 chapters, out of which five have been completed. Officials noted that both parties are actively working toward convergence on key issues to close the agreement soon. The discussions also include a comprehensive investment protection pact and a framework for recognizing geographical indications. The recent acceleration in dialogue reflects strong mutual interest in enhancing economic cooperation. Meanwhile, an earlier-announced FTA with another major partner has completed negotiations and is undergoing legal documentation and review. The process is expected to conclude within the standard post-negotiation timeline. The broader objective is to strengthen trade, improve investment flows, and support long-term economic collaboration through transparent and stable policy frameworks, reinforcing ease of doing business and sustainable development.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-india-eu-fta-by-year-end-says-pm-modi-3882153/>

## Market

### As EU's green trade rules kick in, India works policy shifts

As a major trade agreement nears finalization, government bodies are actively working on updating domestic regulations to align with a series of upcoming international "green" trade norms. These new environmental standards are expected to impact multiple sectors, including agricultural exports and the import of recyclable materials. In anticipation of these changes, key departments are revising policies and preparing implementation mechanisms to ensure compliance. The aim is to avoid trade disruptions while maintaining market access and competitiveness. This regulatory shift focuses on promoting sustainable trade practices and environmental responsibility, covering areas such as packaging standards, product traceability, and waste management. The coordinated response across ministries reflects a strategic effort to align national trade frameworks with evolving global expectations. These proactive adjustments will not only protect existing trade relationships but also enhance credibility and sustainability in international markets, paving the way for resilient, future-ready trade practices.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/as-eus-green-trade-rules-kick-in-india-works-policy-shifts/articleshow/121892635.cms?from=mdr>

## Investment

### Indian bond yields, swap rates ease after dovish comments from RBI chief

Government bond yields and overnight index swap (OIS) rates eased in early trading, following dovish commentary from the central bank's leadership. The softer tone helped ease market concerns over the future direction of interest rates. The benchmark 10-year bond yield dropped slightly compared to its previous close, reflecting improved investor sentiment. Although the shift in policy stance does not suggest an immediate reversal in the interest rate cycle, market participants responded positively, leading to increased buying interest. Recently, the central bank reduced its policy rate by a larger-than-expected margin but adopted a neutral stance, prompting speculation that the rate-cutting phase might be nearing its end. Traders noted that the commentary has encouraged bullish sentiment in the bond market. Meanwhile, OIS rates across key tenures, including the one-year, two-year, and five-year segments, saw moderate declines, indicating expectations of a stable or supportive monetary policy environment ahead.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/bonds/indian-bond-yields-swap-rates-ease-after-dovish-comments-from-rbi-chief/articleshow/121899675.cms?from=md>

## Economy

## India's wealth management landscape is evolving

As the economy grows and private wealth surges, the focus is shifting from pure wealth creation to structured and purposeful management. Investors, entrepreneurs, and family businesses are increasingly rethinking how they preserve, transition, and deploy capital. The sharp rise in high-net-worth and ultra-high-net-worth individuals, particularly from technology, fintech, and startup backgrounds, is driving demand for more sophisticated financial solutions. A growing number of first-generation wealth creators are seeking guidance on estate structuring, succession planning, and long-term stewardship. Advisors are witnessing a shift in mindset—from chasing short-term gains to embracing sustainable, purpose-led strategies. The new wealth holders are focused on governance, legacy planning, and clarity in their financial decisions. This marks a significant transformation in the financial landscape, where the emphasis is not only on building assets but also on ensuring they are well-managed and aligned with long-term goals. The wealth management sector is evolving into a mature, advisory-led ecosystem.

<https://www.cnbctv18.com/personal-finance/how-india-wealth-management-landscape-is-evolving-financial-planning-strategies-19621978.htm/amp>

## Digitalization

### India and Cyprus Committed to Deepening Strategic Partnership

During official talks at the Presidential Palace, leaders engaged in discussions marked by ceremonial honours and gestures reflecting deep diplomatic ties. They reaffirmed shared democratic values, mutual respect for sovereignty, and territorial integrity. Strong condemnation of recent terror incidents and continued support for the global fight against terrorism were acknowledged, with both sides agreeing to strengthen cooperation on security matters. The meeting covered a wide range of collaboration areas including trade, investment, science, culture, fintech, start-ups, defence, digitalization, AI, connectivity, and mobility. A five-year roadmap was proposed to guide strategic partnership. Plans were set to initiate cyber and maritime security dialogues and establish real-time mechanisms for information exchange on terrorism and transnational crimes. Key agreements included a bilateral defence cooperation programme and the formation of a joint business and investment council. An MoU was signed for an academic partnership, and both leaders emphasized the importance of multilateralism and institutional reforms, extending invitations for future high-level visits.

<https://www.knskashmir.com/india-and-cyprus-committed-to-deepening-strategic-partnership--pm-modi-195819>

Currency ▾	17-Jun-2025 Rate ▾	Change (11-17 Jun) ▾	Index ▾	17-Jun-2025 Value ▾	Change (11-17 Jun)2 ▾
USDINR	86.06	0.6058	NIFTY 50	24846.8	-294.15
EURINR	97.71	0.1458	BSE Sensex	81474.38	-1038.86
GBPINR	116.01	0.7836			
JPYINR	59.32	0.43			

