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A key driver of India's economic ambitions

AI-led clearances, integrated logistics parks, and a national e-marketplace are set to significantly enhance India's global competitiveness. In today's dynamic trade landscape, logistics efficiency plays a critical role in supporting investment, trade, and supply chain integration. India's logistics sector is undergoing a major transformation, fueled by increased capital investment in infrastructure, digitalization of services, and progressive regulatory reforms. This momentum is vital for streamlining the inward flow of raw materials to manufacturing hubs and the outward distribution of finished goods to domestic and global markets. As logistics systems become increasingly tech-driven, there will be a sharp rise in demand for a digitally skilled workforce across transport, warehousing, customs, and technology platforms. This evolution opens exciting avenues for start-ups and IT providers focused on automation, data analytics, and supply chain visibility, positioning India as a more agile and competitive player in the global economy.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/opinion/a-key-driver-of-indias-economic-ambitions/3850540/>

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India as bright spot amid global slowdown

In contrast, the global outlook remains subdued amid rising trade tensions, policy uncertainty, and a decline in cross-border investments. Global economic growth is now projected to slow to 2.4 percent in 2025, down from 2.9 percent in 2024, and 0.4 percentage points below, January forecast, the report states. Amid global headwinds, India stands out not just for its headline growth figures but for the depth and breadth of its progress, from buoyant capital markets and robust manufacturing to record-breaking exports and a fast-expanding sector. These gains are rooted in sound policy choices, strong domestic demand and growing global confidence in India's economic trajectory.

India's capital markets have played a key role in driving economic growth. By channeling domestic savings into investments, they have strengthened the financial system. The stock market hit record highs. It outperformed many emerging markets despite geopolitical tensions and domestic uncertainties.

<https://www.socialnews.xyz/2025/05/18/un-report-sees-india-as-bright-spot-amid-global-slowdown/>

Digitization

India's digital economy projected to reach \$1 trillion by 2025 end

India's digital economy is projected to reach \$1 trillion by the end of 2025, yet this figure only scratches the surface of the profound transformation underway as connected living reshapes sectors from healthcare and agriculture to education and transportation. The country's telecommunications infrastructure has evolved beyond mere communication to become the neural network of society, driven by an invisible mesh of networks enabling seamless connectivity. By March 2025, telecom operators had deployed an impressive 4.78 lakh 5G Base Transceiver Stations, contributing to a total of 30 lakh BTSs across technologies. However, the true innovation lies not in the hardware, but in what it enables—a continuous, self-healing web of communication powering millions of intelligent devices. In healthcare, this has revolutionized patient care, with IoT-enabled medical devices transmitting vital signs to AI systems that detect anomalies well before they become critical. High-definition telemedicine now connects rural populations with specialist care, overcoming longstanding barriers to access.

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Economy

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised its draft guidelines for investments by regulated entities (REs) in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) to strengthen oversight and mitigate potential risks. Under the proposed rules, an individual RE's contribution to a single AIF scheme will be capped at 10%, while collective investments by multiple REs in the same scheme will be limited to 15%. Investments up to 5% of a scheme's corpus will not attract additional restrictions. However, if an RE invests more than 5% and the AIF has downstream debt exposure to a borrower connected to that RE—excluding equity shares and certain convertible instruments—the RE will be required to make a 100% provision for its proportionate exposure. These measures aim to enhance transparency, promote prudent investment practices, and reduce the risk of indirect exposure to stressed assets through AIFs.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/rbi-revises-rules-for-investment-in-alternative-investment-funds-10016529/>

Finance

India's strong economic growth in Q1 FY23 helped it surpass the UK to become the world's fifth-largest economy, rebounding strongly from the COVID-19 impact. For FY25, nominal GDP is estimated at ₹33.10 lakh crore (US\$ 3.8 trillion), a 9.9% increase from ₹30.12 lakh crore (US\$ 3.5 trillion) in FY24. This growth is driven by strong domestic demand, robust investments, and continued government focus on capital expenditure. Exports in FY25 reached ₹37.31 lakh crore (US\$ 433.56 billion), led by engineering goods, petroleum products, and electronics. Rising employment and private consumption, supported by positive consumer sentiment, are expected to further drive growth. With its resilient economy, India has emerged as the fastest-growing major economy globally and is on track to become one of the world's top three economic powers in the next 10–15 years, backed by a strong democratic framework and strategic global partnerships.

<https://www.ibef.org/economy/indian-economy-overview>

Taxation

India's economy is projected to grow at 6.9% in the January–March quarter of FY25, according to rating agency ICRA, with official figures expected from the National Statistics Office (NSO) on May 30. This growth marks an improvement from 6.2% in the previous quarter but remains below the NSO's estimated 7.6% for the same period. Despite external challenges, the Indian economy is expected to register an overall growth of 6.5% in FY25, as highlighted by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance. The DEA's Monthly Economic Review attributes this performance to strong output in agriculture and the services sector on the supply side. On the demand side, rising consumption along with steady growth in core merchandise and services exports have played a significant role. These indicators reflect India's economic resilience and underline its steady momentum in navigating global headwinds while maintaining healthy domestic growth.

<https://www.zeebiz.com/economy-infra/news-indias-q4-gdp-to-grow-69-lower-than-nsos-estimates-of-76-icra-363028>

Currency	Rate (₹)	Change from May 19	Index	Value	Change
USDINR	85.4	-0.09	NIFTY 50	24,683.90	-261.55
EURINR	95.93	0.03	BSE Sensex	81,186.44	-872.98
GBPINR	114.25	0.2			
JPYINR	0.593	0.004			