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India Set to Surpass Global Competitors Amid Worldwide Growth Slowdown

Global economic growth is anticipated to slow down in the coming months, with significant deceleration expected in major economies. A recent report highlights that while these economies face challenges, India is poised to emerge as the fastest-growing major economy. The report indicates a projected slowdown, while India's manufacturing sector continues to show strong performance, setting it apart from its global counterparts. India's economy is expected to maintain its growth momentum despite the global downturn. The figures indicate a positive trajectory for the manufacturing sector, which is a key driver of economic resilience. While some high-frequency indicators show mixed signals, the overall macroeconomic outlook for India remains robust. Factors such as a favorable monsoon forecast are likely to enhance rural demand and improve inflation, providing a much-needed boost to the agricultural sector. This combination of strong manufacturing performance and supportive agricultural conditions positions India favorably amid global economic challenges.

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Top Story 2

RBI issues Reserve Bank of India (Digital Lending) Directions, 2025

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued Reserve Bank of India (Digital Lending) Directions, 2025. Reserve Bank of India has from time to time issued various directions and circulars on digital lending by Regulated Entities (REs). As part of the efforts to consolidate various regulatory instructions and streamline them, consolidated directions on the subject have been prepared and issued as the Reserve Bank of India (Digital Lending) Directions, 2025. Further, instructions on two key aspects have also been included as part of these Directions for the first time. These include Instructions on Digital Lending Transparency in Aggregation of Loan Products from Multiple Lenders and Instructions regarding operationalization of the Public Directory of Digital Lending Apps (DLAs) as announced in the Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies dated August 08, 2024. The list of DLAs is being made available on the website for the limited purpose of aiding the customers in verifying the claim of a DLAs association with a RE. Here are the major guidelines set by the central bank.

https://www.business-standard.com/markets/capital-market-news/rbi-issues-reserve-bank-of-india-digital-lending-directions-2025-125050900538_1.html

Digitization

Digital Transformation And Corporate Governance In India

Global corporate governance is changing due to digital transformation, which offers stakeholders, businesses, and regulatory bodies both opportunities and challenges. Using a comparative analysis of frameworks and best practices from developed countries, this study looks at how corporate governance is affected by digital transformation in India. By concentrating on topics like board composition, risk management, accountability, and transparency, the study pinpoints particular ways that India can improve its governance frameworks by learning from and applying the experiences of developed nations. By thoroughly examining industry reports and regulatory frameworks, this study offers research scholars valuable insights to improve their work. The results will help guide tactics for successfully utilizing digital transformation while mitigating associated risks, ultimately improving the corporate governance environment in India. This approach is expected to boost India's competitiveness and appeal to investors on a global scale. Digital transformation involves incorporating digital technologies across all aspects of a company, fundamentally changing how organizations operate and deliver value to customers.

Investment

India Becomes APAC's #2 In Investment Destinations

After two years of contraction, private equity and venture capital (PE-VC) investments in India recovered, rebounding close to 9% y-o-y to record USD 43 billion, according to a joint report. The report said that the resurgence was driven primarily by VC and growth investments, while PE dealmaking held steady. VC and growth investments surged by approximately 40 per cent, clocking 14 billion, driven by a sharp increase in deal volumes. The number of VC deals rose from 880 in 2023 to 1,270 in 2024, with a 2x jump in consumer tech funding to approximately USD 6 billion. In contrast, however, PE investments remained steady at USD 29 billion, as funds contended with higher valuations driven by buoyant public markets. Furthermore, India became the Asia-Pacific region's second-largest PE-VC destination with a 20 per cent share of total investment, displaying growing investor confidence in the country's macroeconomic stability.

Economy

Co-op Strategies key to India's economic growth

A high-level national roundtable on the theme “Cooperative Economic Framework through Cooperative Institutions and Economic Sectors” was held at the ICAR–National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research in New Delhi. The session began with a moment of silence and prayers in remembrance of the civilians who lost their lives in the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam. The event saw participation from leading experts, policymakers, and professionals from the cooperative sector across the country. The initiative was praised who emphasized the importance of strong systems in production, productivity, quality, and marketing for the success and prosperity of any sector. He stressed the need for cooperation, training, and well-structured projects to accelerate the overall economic development of the nation. Sanghani further lauded the cooperative movement's role in promoting rural development, social equity, and inclusive strategies. He described the national roundtable as a commendable effort to strengthen the foundation of India's cooperative economy through meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

<https://www.indiancooperative.com/featured/round-table-co-op-strategies-key-to-indias-economic-growth-say-experts/>

Finance

Global growth set to decline; India relatively better placed

Global economic growth is expected to decelerate in the coming months, with major economies. However, India is expected to remain relatively resilient amid this global trend, according to a report. The report noted that the US economy is projected to slow down, while China's growth could reduce. However, India it said is expected to maintain its position as the fastest-growing major economy. One of the key indicators of India's economic strength is its robust manufacturing activity. The report mentioned that the country's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) numbers continue to show strong momentum, setting it apart from many of its global peers. Despite mixed signals from high-frequency indicators, India's macroeconomic outlook remains healthy. While credit growth and government spending have been somewhat subdued, other positive developments are supporting the economy. Notably, a favourable monsoon forecast is expected to boost rural demand and improve the inflation outlook, which could provide timely support to the agricultural sector.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/business/global-growth-set-to-decline-india-relatively-better-placed-kotak/>

Currency	Rate (Rs)	Change		Index	Change
USDINR	85.504	-0.5302	NIFTY 50	23,983.30	-290.5
EURINR	96.24	0.355	BSE Sensex	80,746.78	-891.73
GBPINR	113.3247	-0.6453			
JPYINR	0.5886	-0.0015			