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Despite 'economic selfishness': PM Modi hails India's 7.8% GDP growth;

India has recorded an impressive **7.8% GDP growth** in the first quarter, surpassing expectations and defying global economic challenges. Highlighting resilience, the leadership noted that this achievement came despite obstacles created by “economic selfishness” across the world. With this momentum, India’s journey toward becoming the world’s third-largest economy appears to be accelerating. Drawing a contrast between past and present, it was emphasized that while resources shaped the last century, the true power of this century lies in technology and innovation. Small yet powerful advancements, such as chips, are set to drive global progress at remarkable speed. Confidence was expressed that even though India entered late into certain sectors, it is now unstoppable, backed by global trust and partnerships. The message was clear: India is not only securing strong growth today but also positioning itself as a driver of transformational change in the future.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/despite-economic-selfishness-pm-modi-hails-7-8-gdp-growth-vows-india-will-be-3rd-largest-economy/articleshow/123649294.cms>

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India to be third largest economy soon,

The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India highlighted that India is on track to become the world’s third-largest economy, emphasizing the significant role of financial inclusion in this growth journey. He credited the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana as a key enabler, noting how it has empowered citizens by bringing millions into the formal banking system. The initiative, launched over a decade ago in collaboration with banks, created a strong foundation for inclusive development and economic resilience. Through this program, access to financial services expanded rapidly, fostering savings, credit availability, and overall economic participation across regions. He further observed that these efforts have not only strengthened the banking system but also supported India’s broader developmental aspirations. Today, India stands among the leading global economies, and with continued focus on reforms and inclusivity, it is steadily moving toward becoming the third-largest economy in the world.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/india-to-be-third-largest-economy-soon-says-rbi-governor-women-jan-dhan-scheme-lauded-for-growth-push/articleshow/123604056.cms>

Economy

India's GDP growth likely to stay strong in Q2FY26, say economists

India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth has surged to its highest level in several quarters, reaching 7.8 percent in the April–June period. Economists expect this momentum to continue well into the second quarter, supported by favorable statistical factors. The combination of a low base and subdued deflator is likely to push the headline growth figure upward again. External challenges, including tariff-related headwinds, are projected to have a delayed impact, becoming more visible only after September. In its recent assessment, the central bank indicated a “slight uptick” in growth for the second quarter, reflecting its confidence in the economy's resilience. Strong domestic demand and supportive monetary conditions are further reinforcing this trend. While uncertainties remain in the global environment, the overall outlook for India's growth in the near term remains positive, with experts highlighting the importance of monitoring both real and nominal indicators for a balanced perspective.

https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/low-deflator-and-base-effect-is-likely-to-boost-headline-figure-for-gdp-125090101254_1.html

Market

India Q1 current account swings to \$2.4 bln deficit on wider trade gap, RBI data shows

India's current account recorded a deficit in the April–June quarter, driven by a wider merchandise trade shortfall. The deficit stood at \$2.4 billion, or 0.2% of GDP, compared with \$8.6 billion, or 0.9% of GDP, in the same quarter a year earlier. The merchandise trade gap increased to \$68.5 billion from \$63.8 billion. Strong export performance and health services receipts helped cushion the impact of the larger trade gap. Net services receipts rose to \$47.9 billion from \$39.7 billion a year earlier, with notable growth in business and computer services. While the improvement in services and remittances supported external balances, risks remain on the horizon. Analysts caution that tariff pressures and weakness in certain sectors could push the current account deficit higher in the coming quarters, potentially crossing 1.2% of GDP for the fiscal year. Overall, India's external position remains stable, supported by resilient services exports and steady inflows.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/india/india-q1-current-account-swings-24-bln-deficit-wider-trade-gap-rbi-data-shows-2025-09-01/>

Taxation

GST Collections Jump 6.5% In August, Touch Rs 1.86 Lakh Crore

India’s Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections rose to ₹1.86 lakh crore in August, marking a 6.5 percent increase compared to the previous month. On a year-on-year basis, domestic revenues grew by 6.6 percent, while revenues from imports saw a slight decline of 1.2 percent. Net GST revenue stood at ₹1.67 lakh crore, reflecting a 10.7 percent rise over the same period last year. The increase comes ahead of the upcoming GST Council meeting, where discussions are expected on rate rationalization, cess, insurance taxation, and the possibility of moving towards a simplified two-slab structure. The government has indicated plans to introduce next-generation GST reforms, aiming to provide substantial tax relief to individuals and extend benefits to small and medium enterprises. While these reforms have received broad support, stakeholders have emphasized the importance of safeguards to prevent profiteering and ensure that reduced tax rates translate into real benefits for consumers.

<https://www.thedailyjagran.com/business/gst-collections-jump-65-in-august-touch-rs-186-lakh-crore-10264100>

Digitalization

India Data Center Colocation Market to Surpass USD 5.54 Billion by 2030 with Occupancy Rates Exceeding 90%

India’s data center colocation market is expanding rapidly, driven by rising digitalization and the growing demand for high-megawatt campuses. Facilities exceeding 100 MW are being developed, reflecting strong momentum in large-scale infrastructure growth. With occupancy rates projected to surpass 90% in the coming years, India is emerging as one of the fastest-growing hubs in the region. A landmark campus in Navi Mumbai, spanning multiple buildings and powered significantly by renewable energy, highlights the shift toward sustainability and advanced, AI-enabled operations. This evolution demonstrates how the market is embracing efficiency, resilience, and innovation. Growing investments are further expected to accelerate cloud adoption, create employment opportunities, and strengthen India’s digital economy. These developments underscore the country’s transformation into a leading destination for large-scale, energy-efficient, and technology-driven data centers, positioning India as a key hub in the global digital infrastructure landscape

Metric	1-Sep-2025 Close	2-Sep-2025 Close	Change	Metric	1-Sep-2025 Close	2-Sep-2025 Close	Change
USDINR	₹88.00 (approx)	₹87.96 (close)	−₹0.04 (rupee slightly strengthened) 5paisa.comcompoundsterlinglive.com+11reuters.com+11finance.yahoo.com+11	NIFTY 50	24,625.05	24,625.05 (close)	No change (data indicates same value or stable from prior session) livemint.comfinance.yahoo.com
EURINR	—	—	—	BSE Sensex	80,364.49	80,364.49 (close)	No change (same closing value) livemint.com5paisa.com
GBPINR	—	—	—				
JPYINR	—	—	—				