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Indian economy shows resilience amidst global turbulence

India's economy continues to show strong resilience, with inflation well below target, creating room for expansionary measures if global risks intensify. GDP growth has accelerated, reflecting robust activity across manufacturing and services. Key indicators such as the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) highlight sustained expansion, with readings signaling increased output, demand, and employment. Global agencies have revised India's growth projections upward, citing strong domestic demand and economic fundamentals. However, resilience does not imply immunity. Export-oriented sectors remain vulnerable to global disruptions, and uncertainty can cause firms to delay investments, shift focus to domestic markets, or adopt more cautious strategies. Smaller enterprises are particularly exposed, and potential ripple effects could impact jobs, supply chains, and local economies. Despite these challenges, India's domestic strength, strategic reforms, and robust consumption base enable the economy to weather global turbulence and reinforce its foundations for sustained growth, while remaining mindful of external vulnerabilities.

<https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/indian-economy-slowdown-resilience-global-economy-10259888/>

Top Story 2

Blue Economy is central to India's growth

India's growth strategy is increasingly focused on combining prosperity, sustainability, and national strength through the Blue Economy. Initiatives are harnessing ocean resources to empower coastal communities, drive innovation, and strengthen India's global maritime leadership. With a vast coastline and an extensive Exclusive Economic Zone, India is building a multi-billion-dollar growth engine through sustainable use of ocean resources, creating jobs, protecting marine ecosystems, and boosting trade efficiency. Programs supporting fisheries, deep-sea exploration, and port modernization are transforming traditional sectors while promoting high-potential emerging areas. Fisheries production has risen significantly, contributing a notable share of global output, with exports growing steadily. Employment targets have been surpassed, and women's participation in activities such as sustainable aquaculture and eco-friendly coastal enterprises has increased, enhancing economic inclusion. Financial assistance and entrepreneurship support further empower women. By integrating ecological sustainability, economic growth, and social inclusivity, India's Blue Economy strategy is reinforcing long-term development, resilience, and equitable opportunities for its population.

<https://ddnews.gov.in/en/blue-economy-is-central-to-indias-growth-pm-modi/>

Economy

India's silver economy: Senior care poised for \$50 billion growth

India is undergoing a significant demographic transformation, with tens of thousands of people turning 60 every day. The population aged 60 and above is projected to reach nearly 350 million by 2050, representing around one-fifth of the nation's total population. This rapid aging, often called the "Silver Tsunami," is driving strong demand for organized senior care services. Currently, the sector is valued at \$10-15 billion, and it is expected to expand to \$30-50 billion over the next decade, reflecting both domestic and global interest. The growing elderly population is creating new opportunities for healthcare, assisted living, and supportive services, while also encouraging innovation and technology adoption in senior care. This demographic shift highlights the need for comprehensive strategies that address the economic, social, and healthcare needs of seniors. By investing in this sector, India can support its aging population, generate employment, and foster inclusive, sustainable growth.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/indias-silver-economy-senior-care-poised-for-50-billion-growth/articleshow/123997109.cms?from=mdr>

Market

DBS Bank India gets RBI nod to collect GST payments

India has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India as an Agency Bank to collect Goods and Services Tax (GST) payments, becoming the only wholly-owned subsidiary in the country with this approval. This allows customers to make GST payments instantly using a digital banking platform, which offers features such as downloading payment advice, real-time transaction tracking, and dedicated client support. In addition to digital platform payments, GST can also be paid via NEFT/RTGS or over the counter at bank branches. This facility enables businesses to consolidate statutory and commercial payments, streamlining GST compliance through a secure and efficient digital system. By integrating GST payments within the platform, enterprises gain real-time visibility, seamless integration, and greater operational efficiency. This development reflects India's ongoing commitment to modernising tax infrastructure, enhancing transparency, and providing intuitive, technology-driven solutions that help businesses manage statutory obligations effectively while promoting digital financial adoption.

<https://www.deccanherald.com/india/dbs-bank-india-gets-rbi-nod-to-collect-gst-payments-3736553>

Finance

Indian financial sector set for 11% credit growth in FY25, says Jefferies analyst

The Indian financial sector has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past two decades, offering investors a diverse range of opportunities beyond traditional banking. The ecosystem now encompasses not only banks but also non-banking financial companies, insurance firms, asset managers, and fintech players, reflecting the sector's broadening scope and sophistication. In earlier years, there were very few listed players in financial services, limiting investor options. Today, the sector provides multiple avenues for investment, catering to varying risk appetites and preferences. Investors increasingly seek selective exposure, aiming to benefit from specific segments rather than owning the entire sector. This evolution has enhanced market depth, increased competition, and promoted innovation in financial products and services. The expansion of the financial ecosystem contributes to economic growth by mobilizing capital, supporting credit expansion, and fostering technological adoption. It also strengthens investor confidence by offering transparency, diverse opportunities, and long-term wealth creation potential.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/indian-financial-sector-set-for-11-credit-growth-in-fy25-says-jefferies-analyst/articleshow/123992603.cms?from=mdr>

Investment

India's sovereign credit rating gets BBB+ upgrade from Japan's Rating & Investment Information

India's long-term sovereign credit rating has been upgraded from 'BBB' to 'BBB+' with a stable outlook, reflecting the country's strong economic fundamentals and growth prospects. This marks the third sovereign rating upgrade in the year, highlighting sustained confidence in India's economic management. The upgrade reflects India's status as one of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies, supported by a favorable demographic dividend, robust domestic demand, and prudent government policies. Fiscal consolidation has progressed through buoyant tax revenues, rationalized subsidies, and a manageable debt level, while government capital expenditure continues to rise. External stability is strengthened by a modest current account deficit, stable surpluses in services and remittances, low external debt, and sufficient foreign exchange reserves. The financial system's risks are assessed as limited. Economic policies focused on attracting investment, improving infrastructure, enhancing the business environment, reducing import dependence, and ensuring economic security have reinforced India's resilience, making the economy well-positioned to sustain growth amidst global uncertainties.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-indias-sovereign-rating-upgraded-to-bbb-stable-by-rating-and-investment-information-rampi-japan-3983033/>

Currency Pair	18-Sep-25	19-Sep-25	Change (₹)	Change (%)	Index	18-Sep-25	19-Sep-25	Change (pts)	Change (%)
USD/INR	88.2052	88.1932	-0.0120	-0.01%	NIFTY 50	25,441.05	25,428.75	-12.30	-0.05%
EUR/INR	103.665	103.48	-0.1850	-0.18%	BSE Sensex	83,108.92	82,946.04	-162.88	-0.20%
GBP/INR	119.5384	119.5513	0.0129	0.01%					
JPY/INR	0.5981	0.596	-0.0021	-0.35%					

