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Economy

India's GDP growth to slow down to 6.2% in FY26

Kotak Bank anticipates India's GDP growth to decelerate to 6.2% in FY26 due to the impact of US tariffs, creating economic uncertainty. High-frequency indicators reveal a softening in economic activity, mirrored by a slowdown in credit growth. Despite this, India's economy demonstrated resilience in FY25, supported by strong fundamentals and proactive policies, with inflation trending favorably.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/indias-gdp-growth-to-slow-down-to-6-2-in-fy26-says-kotak-bank-chairman/articleshow/123096109.cms

Over 40 mn women get maternity aid under PMMVY; drive till Aug 15: WCD

Over 4 crore women across India have received at least one installment of maternity benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY), with total disbursements crossing ₹19,028 crore, the Ministry of Women and Child Development said on Monday. The ministry, in a statement , called it a reflection of the government's "sustained commitment to maternal and child health" as it announced the extension of a special registration drive under the scheme till August 15.
https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/over-40-mn-women-get-maternity-aid-under-pmmvy-drive-till-aug-15-wcd-125080400890_1.html

Finance

Banking system liquidity surplus reaches ₹4.09 trillion amid govt spending

Despite the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auctions, net liquidity in the banking system stood at a surplus of ₹4.09 trillion on Sunday, the highest since July 3, on the back of government spending, according to the latest RBI data. The surplus liquidity has kept the overnight weighted average call rate below the repo rate of 5.50 per cent, and overnight tri-party repo rate below the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate of 5.25 per cent.
https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/banking-system-liquidity-surplus-4-trillion-government-spending-125080401364_1.html

Bank credit raised by India Inc drops to 22% in Q1FY26, shows data

The incremental share of bank credit in overall resources being raised by corporations dropped substantially from 44.6 per cent in the financial year 2023 (FY24) to 31.3 per cent in FY25, and further to 22 per cent in Q1FY26, according to a report by SBI Research. During this time, resources from the debt capital market through corporate bonds and commercial papers (CPs) went up significantly.
https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/bank-credit-raised-by-india-inc-drops-to-22-in-q1fy26-shows-data-125080401674_1.html

NBFCs to benefit from RBI cuts but competition to keep margins in check

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) cumulative 100 basis points of rate cut since February 2025, will gradually bring down rates on bank loans and domestic bonds, key funding sources for NBFCs, Moody's Ratings said. However, stiff competition in the housing loans and loans against property segment will impact margins for these loans because a sizable proportion of these loans have floating rates.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/nbfcs-to-benefit-from-rbi-cuts-but-competition-to-keep-margins-in-check/articleshow/123099168.cms

ARCs gear up operations towards acquiring and resolving stressed retail loans

With stress in lenders' corporate loan book coming down, asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) are gearing up their operations towards acquiring and resolving stressed retail loans. This move is in anticipation of the ripple effect that sour loans in the unsecured personal loan portfolio can have on the secured loan book. Hari Hara Mishra, CEO, Association of ARCs in India (AARCI), said: "ARCs are looking forward to new opportunities in the retail segment, with 21 out of 27 ARCs already handling retail NPAs (non-performing assets).
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/arcs-gear-up-operations-towards-acquiring-and-resolving-stressed-retail-loans/article69893734.ece

Sebi plans to ease related-party transaction rules for big companies

In a revamp of related-party transaction (RPT) norms, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) on Monday proposed linking materiality thresholds of such transactions to a listed company's turnover, a move that is expected to benefit bigger firms more. The proposed changes may reduce the number of RPTs requiring shareholders' approval by around 60 per cent for the top 100 listed companies, according to a back-test conducted by the securities regulator.
https://www.business-standard.com/markets/news/sebi-eases-rpt-rules-for-big-firms-125080401397_1.html

Parl panel suggests regional fintech clusters on lines of GIFT City

The Standing Committee on Finance has asked the government to explore region-specific models for new International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) and develop similar models in other major metro cities to integrate India into the global financial services landscape. "While maintaining focus on GIFT City as the core hub, the government may consider establishing satellite financial innovation zones or fintech clusters in other major cities to foster inclusive growth, create talent pools and attract diverse investors all contributing to the goals of Viksit Bharat," the standing committee chaired by Bhartruhari Mahtab recommended.
https://www.business-standard.com/economy/news/parl-panel-asks-govt-to-set-up-more-ifscs-in-the-country-125080401322_1.html

Govt pushes financial inclusion as banks open 559 mn Jan Dhan accounts

The government is committed to deepening financial inclusion and ensuring that access to basic banking services leads to meaningful participation in the formal financial system, including access to credit, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in the Lok Sabha on Monday. The launch of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) in August 2014 marked a significant step in banking the unbanked by facilitating the opening of basic savings bank deposit accounts, with associated features, such as RuPay debit cards and an in-built overdraft facility, he said. As of date, over 55.90 crore accounts have been opened under the PMJDY, he said in a written reply.
https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/govt-pushes-financial-inclusion-as-banks-open-559-mn-jan-dhan-accounts-125080400986_1.html

Promoters' holding in private companies plunges to 8-year low

The promoters' holding in private sector companies has plunged to eight-year low as of June quarter to 40.58 per cent against 40.81 per cent logged in the March quarter as they were net seller of stakes worth ₹54,732 crore. The previous low was in September quarter of 2017 when the share of promoters holding of private companies touched 40.19 per cent, as per primeinfobase.com, an initiative of PRIME Database Group.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/promoters-holding-in-private-companies-plunge-to-8-year-low/article69894098.ece

Industry

NITI Aayog lays out a blueprint to fast-track EV adoption in India

NITI Aayog has recommended a shift in India's electric vehicle (EV) strategy from incentives to mandates and disincentives, targeting high-impact segments like buses and trucks. In its report, the think tank proposed a national EV policy with clear targets, phased mandates, blended finance for commercial EVs, and R&D scaling to cut battery costs and reduce import dependency.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/renewables/niti-aayog-lays-out-a-blueprint-to-fast-track-ev-adoption-in-india/articleshow/123095721.cms

Industrial electronics vital to India's $500 bn manufacturing goal: ICEA

India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) on Monday underlined the need for focusing on industrial and infrastructure electronics to achieve the $500 billion electronics manufacturing target by 2030-31. The future of India's electronics industry lies not only in the manufacturing of products, but equally in the manufacturing of goods that will automate factories, cities, and transportation networks, the industry body said in a release. Accordingly, ICEA said industrial electronics must be front and centre of India's electronics growth strategy.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/industrial-electronics-vital-to-india-s-500-bn-manufacturing-goal-icea-125080401094_1.html

India's ad market crossed ₹1 lakh crore mark in FY25: Crisil Intelligence

India's advertising market crossed the ₹1 lakh crore mark in FY25, with digital advertising's share pegged at 45-46 per cent, according to a report released by Crisil Intelligence. Over the past five fiscal years, the ad industry has been growing at a CAGR of 6-7 per cent, and digital advertising has been the fastest-growing segment. "This fiscal, the gap between traditional and digital media is expected to widen, with the latter likely to grow 9-11 per cent while traditional media flatlines. This signals an ongoing transformation in how India has been consuming content," the report noted.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indias-ad-market-crossed-1-lakh-crore-mark-in-fy25-crisil-intelligence/article69894044.ece

Cement prices hold firm despite monsoon; companies eye price hikes

Early onset of monsoon has pushed average cement prices up by 6 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) pan India in July, to ₹374-375/bag. Prices remained flattish, down 0.5 per cent on a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis. Cement makers, banking on a pick up in demand post monsoon and higher pet coke prices, could eye a ₹10-20 hike per bag.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/cement-prices-hold-firm-despite-monsoon-companies-eye-price-hikes/article69893738.ece

India operations performance in June quarter a mixed bag for international consumer companies

The June quarter and first half of CY2025 proved to be a mixed bag for India operations of leading international consumer product companies. For some international FMCG companies, India operations posted strong growth, however others flagged softer demand trends. Unseasonal rains and shorter summer also posed challenges for growth of summer-centric categories such as beverages during the June quarter.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/india-operations-performance-in-june-quarter-a-mixed-bag-for-international-consumer-companies/article69892613.ece

Agriculture

Surplus rain helps Indian farmers to complete kharif sowing in 85% of normal area

Helped by more than 6 per cent surplus rain during June-July, farmers have covered 85 per cent of the normal kharif area of about 1,097 lakh hectares (lh), potentially helping them to have a normal yield due to timely planting. However, the possibility of excess rain during the pre-harvest period of September could pose a threat to the standing crops. The sowing area during the week ended August 1 was more than 103 lh against 90 lh a year ago. In the previous week, farmers had planted the crops on 121 lh area.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/surplus-rain-helps-indian-farmers-to-complete-kharif-sowing-in-85-of-normal-area/article69894132.ece

Nabard promotes 6,215 farmer producer organisations, says FM Sitharaman

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has promoted the formation of 6,215 FPOs till date under various schemes, Parliament was informed on Monday. The major support provided to Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) includes formation of FPOs, capacity building, credit facilitation and market linkage support, financial literacy, etc, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in Lok Sabha. In addition, she said, Nabard, in partnership with Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), has conducted FPO Melas (TARANG-celebrating Collectivisation) at 50 locations across 24 states/UTs to demonstrate the products of FPOs/OFPOs to enable the marketing & branding of FPO products.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/agriculture/nabard-promotes-6-215-farmer-producer-organisations-says-fm-sitharaman-125080400827_1.html

India's marine fish landings down 2% in 2024 at 3.47 million tonnes: CMFRI

India's marine fish landings registered a 2 per cent decline at 3.47 million tonnes in 2024 compared with the previous year, according to a study by ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) . Gujarat retained the top spot with 7.54 lakh tonnes, followed by Tamil Nadu (6.79 lakh tonnes) and Kerala (6.10 lakh tonnes). The annual marine fish landing estimates showed Indian mackerel as the most landed resource in the country at 2.63 lakh tonnes, followed by oil sardine at 2.41 lakh tonnes.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/indias-marine-fish-catch-dips-2-in-2024-gujarat-leads-landings/article69892509.ece

India's tea production dips 9 % to 133.5 million kg in June: Tea board data

India's tea production dipped 9 per cent to 133.5 million kg in June as compared to the same month of the previous year, according to official data. In June 2024, the country had produced 146.72 million kg of tea, according to data released by the Tea Board. The decline in production was caused by adverse weather conditions and pest attacks, said the Indian Tea Association. Production in North India, comprising West Bengal and Assam, declined to 112.51 million kg in June. It was 121.52 million kg in June last year. Production in South India during June also declined to 20.99 million kg, as against 25.20 million kg in the same month of 2024.
https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/india-s-tea-production-dips-9-to-133-5-million-kg-in-june-tea-board-data-125080400630_1.html

Infrastructure

India reports 65% jump in Grade A green-certified office buildings

India has reported a 65% jump in overall Grade A green- certified office stock across the top 7 cities since 2019 as developers are increasingly constructing LEED, IGBC or GRIHA certified stock to stay in sync with the demand. According to Anarock data, about 530 million sq ft of Grade A office stock in the top 7 cities out of the total Grade A office stock of 865 million sq ft is green certified as of H1 2025 across cities.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/services/property-/-cstruction/india-reports-65-jump-in-grade-a-green-certified-office-buildings/articleshow/123093949.cms

Retail real estate sees higher leasing in H1 2025, driven by stable demand

A strong retailer sentiment and rising retail consumption, supported by robust macroeconomic fundamentals, have led to a resurgence in the Indian retail real estate segment's leasing patterns, according to industry executives. This positive sentiment is reflected in the uptake in leasing volume, which rose 21 per cent to 4.5 million square feet (msf) in the first half of calendar year 2025 (H1 2025), up from 3.7 msf in the same period last year, according to Cushman & Wakefield.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/retail-real-estate-higher-leasing-h1-2025-vs-2024-125080101429_1.html

Energy

NCAER suggests ₹14K cr annual green grant for states to meet RE target

In a bid to meet the Union government's target of 500 gigawatt (Gw) of installed capacity in renewable energy by 2030, the 16th Finance Commission needs to provide an average yearly green grant of nearly ₹14,000 crore to all states over the next five years, a recent working paper by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) shows. The paper notes that public investment must lead the way in developing the renewable energy sector, as these projects often "face higher investment risks due to high capital costs, emerging technologies, and long payback periods, apart from being hampered by the poor financial health of distribution companies and payment delays.
https://www.business-standard.com/finance/news/provide-rs-14000-crore-green-grants-states-re-targets-ncaer-125080401355_1.html

India set to ease entry of private firms into nuclear power generation

The government is working on rules that could open up nuclear power generation to private companies. It's a move that is aimed at strengthening India's clean energy goals under the Viksit Bharat 2047 plan, according to a report by The Economic Times. The Centre is considering specific eligibility criteria for private players keen to run nuclear power plants. These discussions include possible changes to key laws, including the Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, the news report said. Both Acts were originally designed to support only state-led nuclear expansion.
https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/india-nuclear-energy-private-sector-entry-viksit-bharat-2047-125080400174_1.html

After stable thermal coal imports in June, shipments to weaken in July-September

India's thermal coal imports were relatively stable in June 2025 as imported coal-based (ICB) plants procured higher quantities of the dry fuel, despite unseasonal rains dousing power demand amidst record inventory levels at plant heads. However, global real-time data and analytics provider Kpler said that even as imports during June were slightly higher on an annual basis, the outlook is "weak".
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/after-stable-thermal-coal-imports-in-june-shipments-to-weaken-in-july-september/article69892448.ece

States

Data Focus: PM SVANidhi scheme for street vendors gets a good response; MP and UP lead in disbursals

Launched in June 2020, the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme was a timely intervention aimed at supporting one of the most vulnerable yet vital sections of India's urban economy — street vendors. Conceived in the wake of the Covd-19 pandemic, the scheme promised collateral-free working capital loans to help vendors revive their livelihoods. Over the years, the scheme has shown remarkable scale, speed, and efficiency — but the data also reveals gaps that demand attention. According to official data accessed from the PM SVANidhi portal, the scheme has received over 1.14 crore loan applications to date. Of these, 98.06 lakh loans have been sanctioned, and 96.08 lakh loans have been successfully disbursed. This translates to a disbursement rate of nearly 98 per cent.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/data-stories/data-focus/data-focus-pm-svanidhi-scheme-for-street-vendors-gets-a-good-response-mp-and-up-lead-in-disbursals/article69893009.ece

Andhra Pradesh CM sets ₹3.47 lakh target for per capita income in FY26

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has set a target of achieving a per capita income of Rs ₹3.47 lakh by the 2025–26 financial year. In a review meeting with the officials of the Department of Planning in Amaravati on Monday, the Chief Minister directed the officials to draw up a strategy to increase per capita income to ₹5.42 lakh. The per capita income of Andhra Pradesh for 2024-25 is estimated at ₹2,68,653, higher than the national average of ₹2,00,162, as per the State Government data.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh-cm-sets-347-lakh-target-for-per-capita-income-in-fy26/article69893225.ece

Vietnamese auto major VinFast inaugurates EV assembly unit in Thoothukudi

Vietnamese electric vehicle major VinFast on Monday officially inaugurated its electric vehicle (EV) assembly plant at Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu. The plant is set to see an investment to the tune of ₹16,000 crore in phases. The plant was inaugurated by Tamil Nadu chief minister M K Stalin. VinFast Tamil Nadu is the company's third operational plant and the fifth project in its global manufacturing network. The company is planning to develop Thoothukudi as an export hub, as "EV capital of South Asia", said a top executive.
https://www.business-standard.com/companies/news/vinfast-inaugurates-ev-plant-in-tamil-nadu-eyes-south-asia-export-hub-125080400337_1.html

External

Trump's tariff hike may slash Indian exports to US by 30% to $60.6 billion, warns GTRI

A new 25% import duty imposed by the US could slash India's exports to America by 30%, potentially reducing them to $60.6 billion. Garment, jewellery, and shrimp exports are expected to be hit hard, disadvantaging India against competitors with lower tariffs or free trade deals. To counter this, GTRI suggests reviving the Interest Equalisation Scheme and strategic trade agreements.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/trumps-tariff-hike-may-slash-indian-exports-to-us-by-30-to-60-6-billion-warns-gtri/articleshow/123095600.cms

Govt working on measures to insulate exporters from Trump tariff: Official

The government is working on certain support measures for exporters in sectors like textiles and chemicals to insulate them from the impact of the Trump tariff, an official said on Monday. US President Donald Trump has announced an additional 25 per cent import duty on Indian goods entering America from August 7. The official said that the commerce ministry has held meetings with several export sectors, including steel, food processing, engineering, marine, and agriculture, to understand issues they may face due to high tariffs.
https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/govt-working-on-measures-to-insulate-exporters-from-trump-tariff-official-125080400703_1.html

India-US to hold next round of talks on trade deal from August 25: Report

India and the United States are back at the table for negotiation. Officials from Indian and the United States' negotiation team are to hold another round of meetings from August 25-29, as per a PTI report. This is the sixth round of negotiation between India and the United States to finalise a trade deal. The latest meeting comes after India and the US failed to finalise a deal before the August 1 deadline and the imposition of a 25 per cent tariff on Indian exports by the United States.
https://www.financialexpress.com/policy/economy-india-us-to-hold-next-round-of-talks-on-trade-deal-from-august-25-report-3936117/

India's palm oil imports drop 10% in July as soyoil hits 3-year high

India's palm oil imports experienced a decrease in July due to canceled contracts, while soyoil shipments surged to a three-year high, driven by competitive pricing and the resolution of delayed shipments. Despite a dip in sunflower oil imports, overall edible oil imports rose, fueled by increased demand ahead of the festive season.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/indias-palm-oil-imports-drop-10-in-july-as-soyoil-hits-3-year-high/articleshow/123091153.cms