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Economy

Domestic growth drivers and overall macroeconomic fundamentals remain useful buffers: RBI

Domestic growth drivers and overall macroeconomic fundamentals of India remain useful buffers amid the challenging global environment marked by geopolitical risks and uncertain global financial outlook, according to RBI's latest monthly bulletin. The Indian economy continues to maintain the resilience in economic activities as evident from high-frequency indicators, said RBI officials in their "State of the Economy" report published in the bulletin.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/domestic-growth-drivers-and-overall-macroeconomic-fundamentals-remain-useful-buffers-rbi-bulletin/article71743389.ece

Credit card spends overtake ATM withdrawals for the first time in October

In October 2026, monthly credit card spending in India exceeded ATM cash withdrawals, marking a significant shift. The total credit card transactions were 6,833 lakh, while ATM withdrawals were 4,204 lakh. This change represents a remarkable drop in the reliance on cash since November 2019. Credit card spending has increased drastically since then, quadrupling its monthly value.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/credit-card-spending-surpasses-atm-withdrawals-for-the-first-time-in-indias-history/articleshow/136161918.cms

Finance

SEBI simplifies KYC norms, streamlines investor onboarding

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Wednesday announced a series of measures to simplify client onboarding and reduce duplication in the know-your-customer (KYC) process by centralising common supplementary KYC information with KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs). Under the revised framework, investors will no longer be required to furnish common supplementary KYC details separately to each intermediary, as the information will be maintained centrally in the KRA system. The move is aimed at reducing paperwork, streamlining account opening and improving the portability of KYC records across market intermediaries.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/sebi-simplifies-kyc-norms-streamlines-investor-onboarding/article71743649.ece

Balance sheet debt acknowledgement can extend IBC limitation period

The Supreme Court ruled that acknowledging a debt in balance sheets can extend the limitation period for insolvency petitions. The case involved Kalpataru Cold Storage, which recognized a debt in its financial statements. The ruling clarified that financial statements are binding acknowledgements that reset the limitation clock for debts. This decision was made despite the initial default occurring in 2013, which raised questions on time limits.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/supreme-court-balance-sheet-debt-acknowledgement-can-extend-ibc-limitation-period/articleshow/136179209.cms

RBI remains net buyer of dollars for fourth straight month, purchases $6.94 billion in September

The Reserve Bank of India was a net buyer in the foreign exchange market for the fourth consecutive month in September, reflecting likely interventions, swap maturities and absorption of capital inflows. The central bank bought a net $6.94 billion, with gross purchases of $82.18 billion and sales of $75.25 billion, according to data released on Wednesday in its monthly bulletin. It had purchased a net amount of $43.26 billion in August.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/forex/rbi-remains-net-buyer-of-dollars-for-fourth-straight-month-purchases-694-billion-in-september/article71742724.ece

Indian investment in foreign capital hit $2 billion in H1FY27

Indian investments in global capital markets crossed $2 billion in the first half of FY27, according to outward remittance data in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) September 2026 bulletin. Investments in foreign equity and debt totalled $2.6 billion in FY26, indicating a sharp pick-up in overseas investments in the current fiscal. Indians invested $336.3 million in foreign equity and debt in September 2026, up 30.6 per cent from $257.5 million in the year-ago period. The amount was 13 per cent higher than the $321.53 million invested in August, after declining 6 per cent from the previous month.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indian-investment-in-foreign-capital-hit-2-billion-in-h1fy26/article71743668.ece

RBI accepts only 60% of planned 91-day Treasury bill borrowing

The Reserve Bank of India accepted a smaller-than-planned amount at its auction of the ultra-short 91-day treasury bills, a move traders said may have been intended to prevent a sharper rise in the cut-off yields.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/rbi-accepts-only-60-of-planned-91-day-treasury-bill-borrowing/article71742356.ece

SEBI proposes up to 80% early payout for FPOs in commodity derivatives

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Wednesday proposed allowing Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) to receive up to 80 per cent of the value of their sale transactions on commodity derivatives exchanges up to 30 days before contract expiry, in a move aimed at easing their working capital constraints.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/commodities/sebi-proposes-up-to-80-early-payout-for-fpos-in-commodity-derivatives/article71742300.ece

Rising dependence of NBFCs on bank borrowings needs to be monitored on an ongoing basis: RBI bulletin

Rising dependence of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) on bank borrowings needs to be monitored on an ongoing basis in view of possible systemic concerns, making diversification of their funding profile imperative, according to RBI's latest monthly bulletin. Further, the rapid pace of expansion and potential risks arising from fluctuations in gold prices underscores the importance of prudent credit assessment, monitoring of multiple loans and adherence to prescribed loan to value requirements
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/rising-dependence-of-nbfcson-bank-borrowings-needs-to-be-monitored-on-an-ongoing-basis-rbi-bulletin/article71743514.ece

Accretion to FCNR(B) deposits hits the slow lane in Sept 2026

Foreign currency non-resident (bank) (FCNR(B)) deposit accretion in the banking system has hit the slow lane in September after copious inflows aggregating $133 billion during the June 8 to August 31, 2026, period under the RBI's limited period US dollar-rupee forex swap facility.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/accretion-to-fcnrbdeposits-hits-the-slow-lane-in-sept-2026/article71743120.ece

Industry

Government plans time-bound resolution of challenges to arbitration awards

The government is proposing further amendments to ensure time-bound resolution of challenges to arbitral awards and execution of decrees, Union Law Secretary Rajiv Mani said on Wednesday. Addressing an ICA-SCC Arbitration Institute conclave on India-EU trade and cross-border commerce here, Mani said the proposed changes would strengthen the country's commercial dispute-resolution framework.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/government-plans-time-bound-resolution-of-challenges-to-arbitration-awards/article71743513.ece

India aluminium body urges stable policy, higher import duties ahead of annual budget

The Aluminium Association of India has requested government support ahead of the fiscal 2028 budget announcement. They proposed raising customs duties on primary aluminium and downstream products to curb rising imports. Key producers like Hindalco Industries and Vedanta are increasing investments in new capacity for future growth.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/metals-mining/india-aluminium-body-urges-stable-policy-higher-import-duties-ahead-of-annual-budget/articleshow/136128922.cms

India's MSME registrations cross 10-crore mark, women-led enterprises account for 37.8%

Registrations of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) on the Udyam Registration Portal and Udyam Assist Platform have crossed the 10-crore mark, reflecting the growing formalisation of the sector, the MSME Ministry said on Wednesday.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indias-msme-registrations-cross-10-crore-mark-women-led-enterprises-account-for-378/article71742296.ece

FSSAI directs States to step up inspections of packaged drinking water brands

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has directed states to step up surveillance and enforcement in the packaged drinking water space. According to sources, State food safety commissioners and regional directors have been asked to direct food safety officers to conduct regular inspections and risk-based sampling of packaged drinking water and mineral water brands.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/fssai-directs-states-to-step-up-inspections-of-packaged-drinking-water-brands/article71743630.ece

India’s active companies rise 12% to 2.1 million, fastest growth in a decade

The PLI Scheme for the Automobile and Auto Component Industry has disbursed Rs 4,385.28 crore in the current financial year. Cumulative disbursements under this scheme have reached Rs 6,771.64 crore since its inception. Approved applicants reported investments surpassing the target by achieving Rs 52,806 crore by September 2026. The scheme has generated 77,755 employment opportunities and facilitated incremental sales of Rs 82,993 crore.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/auto/auto-news/pli-auto-scheme-records-rs-4385-cr-incentive-disbursement-in-current-fiscal-govt/articleshow/136160980.cms

PLI Auto Scheme records Rs 4,385 cr incentive disbursement in current fiscal: Govt

India’s number of active companies rose 12 per cent year-on-year to about 2.1 million in June 2026, the fastest pace in a decade, as new company registrations surged 37 per cent in FY26, according to a special report by Axis Capital dated November 18. About 248,000 new companies were added in FY26, and paid-up capital stood at ₹68.6 lakh crore.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/indias-active-companies-rise-12-to-21-million-fastest-growth-in-a-decade/article71742457.ece

Agriculture

At 26.5 million tonnes, ISMA pegs India’s sugar output lower than government’s estimate

The Indian Sugar & Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA), in its first estimate, has pegged sugar production for the 2026-27 season (October-September) at 26.5 million tonnes (mt), in contrast to the government’s assessment of 27.5-28.5 mt. The estimate is against 27.97 mt produced last season. The assessment took into consideration

monthly satellite imagery indicating acreage from July to November, field surveys, feedback from sugar mills and farmers, rainfall patterns, crop conditions, irrigation availability, ongoing crushing trends, and estimated cane yield and sugar recovery, ISMA said in a statement.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/at-265-million-tonnes-isma-pegs-indias-sugar-output-lower-than-governments-estimate/article71743065.ece

Infrastructure

Cabinet approves ₹2,014-crore greenfield airport at Silchar

Union Cabinet approved an ₹11,000 crore scheme for the enhancement of the construction and infrastructure equipment manufacturing ecosystem in the country. Development of the second container terminal at Kamarajar Port for ₹4,288.26 crore also got a nod.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/cabinet-clears-rs-11000-crore-push-for-construction-equipment-manufacturing-rs-4288-crore-kamarajar-port-expansion/articleshow/136171592.cms

Cabinet clears Rs 11,000 crore push for construction equipment manufacturing, Rs 4,288 crore Kamarajar Port expansion

The Union Cabinet has approved an Rs 11,000 crore scheme to boost domestic manufacturing of construction and infrastructure equipment, alongside a Rs 4,288.26 crore second container terminal at Kamarajar Port. It also cleared Prudential Corporation Holdings' proposed FDI of up to Rs 11,500 crore in Bharti Life Insurance.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/cabinet-clears-rs-11000-crore-push-for-construction-equipment-manufacturing-rs-4288-crore-kamarajar-port-expansion/articleshow/136171592.cms?from=mdr

Energy

Power Ministry proposes mandatory battery storage for rooftop solar above 10KW

The Power Ministry has proposed that residential rooftop solar power installations above 10 kilowatt (kW) to mandatorily install battery energy storage systems in a bid to store surplus power for evening hours, which also helps with grid stability. The Ministry has proposed amendments to the Electricity (Rights of Consumer) Rules, which is proposed to come into force with effect from April 1, 2027. Stakeholders have been asked to share their responses on the proposed amendments by December 23, 2026.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/power-ministry-proposes-mandatory-battery-storage-for-rooftop-solar-above-10kw/article71743314.ece

Coal ministry sets timelines for mining plan approvals, speeds up closure refunds

The coal ministry has established new guidelines aimed at simplifying the approval process for mining plans. Timelines have been set for scrutiny and approval stages to expedite operationalization of mines. The reimbursement period for mine closure expenses will now be just one month after claim submission. Other significant changes include increased flexibility in preparing mining plans and recognition of underground coal gasification.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/metals-mining/coal-ministry-sets-timelines-for-mining-plan-approvals-speeds-up-closure-refunds/articleshow/136112788.cms

Non-coal mining projects spread up to 500 hectares now to be appraised at state level

New regulations will allow environmental clearance for non-coal mining projects up to 500 hectares at the state level. This decision is expected to further decentralise the environment clearance process for these projects. State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities will be responsible for granting the clearances, enhancing efficiency. The change follows a draft notification issued earlier this year, highlighting the experience of state bodies.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/indl-goods/svs/metals-mining/non-coal-mining-projects-spread-up-to-500-hectares-now-to-be-appraised-at-state-level/articleshow/136070257.cms

States

AP revenue rises 18.7% to ₹74,342 crore so far this fiscal

Andhra Pradesh's revenue collections, including special margin, rose 18.7 per cent to ₹74,342 crore so far in the current financial year, an increase of ₹11,738 crore over the corresponding period last year. Against the annual revenue target of ₹1,27,506 crore, the State achieved 58 per cent of the target as of November 23, officials informed Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu during a review of revenue-generating departments at Amaravati on Wednesday.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/ap-revenue-rises-187-to-74342-crore-so-far-this-fiscal/article71743271.ece

Telangana to introduce 'single window' system to clear poultry farms at village level

The poultry sector will be recognised as a priority area with policies aimed at long-term solutions. The Telangana Government has announced that it would soon introduce a single-window system to establish poultry farms in gram panchayats Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Poultry India Expo 2026 here on Wednesday, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said existing policies should be revised periodically to align with industry requirements.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/national/telangana-to-introduce-single-window-system-to-clear-poultry-farms-at-village-level/article71743049.ece

Healthcare

Private health care providers seek ₹1 lakh cr financing window, tax breaks for preventive screening

Private corporate healthcare providers have sought a ₹1 lakh crore dedicated financing window to expand healthcare infrastructure, along with tax incentives for preventive health screenings and greater government support for medical technology innovation, as part of their pre-Budget recommendations for the Budget 2027–28.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/private-health-care-providers-seek-1-lakh-cr-financing-window-tax-breaks-for-preventive-screening/article71742208.ece

External

Tariff Turmoil: US links lower 17% tariff for India to reciprocal trade deal, proposes up to 25% otherwise

The United States on Wednesday proposed a slew of fresh tariffs on 17 countries including India that could reset the negotiating table for the India-US trade deal. The US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer proposed that tariffs on Indian goods under Section 301 investigation on excess capacity could be 17 per cent if the two countries conclude a reciprocal trade pact, but rise up to 25 per cent in the absence of an agreement.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/tariff-turmoil-us-links-lower-17-tariff-for-india-to-reciprocal-trade-deal-proposes-up-to-25-otherwise/article71743699.ece

US trade concerns should be addressed through BTA, USTR notice 'under examination': Commerce Ministry

India has said that trade-related concerns raised by the United States should be addressed through ongoing negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), as the government examines a fresh notice issued by the US Trade Representative (USTR) proposing tariffs of up to 25 per cent on Indian goods over alleged structural excess capacity in manufacturing.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/us-trade-concerns-should-be-addressed-through-bta-ustr-notice-under-examination-commerce-ministry/article71745135.ece

India to host Indian Ocean Rim Association Council of Ministers meeting on Nov 27

India will host the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) 25th Council of Ministers meeting on November 27 with an emphasis on reviewing regional cooperation frameworks and identifying new areas of collaboration, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Wednesday. This will be preceded by the 29th Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) meeting on November 25-26 in New Delhi.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/india-to-host-indian-ocean-rim-association-council-of-ministers-meeting-on-nov-27/article71745059.ece

India puts UK investment treaty talks on back burner over tax, arbitration differences

India does not plan to aggressively pursue a bilateral investment treaty with Britain in the near term, as differences over taxation and access to international arbitration continue to stall negotiations, two senior government officials said. India's reluctance comes as it seeks to negotiate investment treaties alongside trade agreements with major partners, including the European Union and Canada, to provide reciprocal protection to investors and boost confidence in cross-border investments.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/india-puts-uk-investment-treaty-talks-on-back-burner-over-tax-arbitration-differences/article71742753.ece

India and Netherlands looking at boosting cooperation in clean energy, shipbuilding: MEA

India and the Netherlands are enhancing cooperation in several sectors including shipping and green hydrogen. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Dutch counterpart Tom Berendsen met to discuss strengthening bilateral relations. They reviewed ongoing engagements across areas such as trade, technology, and maritime development. Both sides emphasized the significance of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement for economic growth.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-and-netherlands-looking-at-boosting-cooperation-in-clean-energy-shipbuilding-mea/articleshow/136134712.cms