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India Economic & Markets Newsletter — 1 January 2026

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Top 25 Indian Economic & Financial Headlines

1. India overtakes Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy in nominal GDP terms.
2. RBI says Indian economy remains resilient amid global slowdown risks.
3. Indian equity markets end 2025 with double-digit annual gains despite volatility.
4. Government launches ₹4,531 crore Market Access Support scheme for exporters and MSMEs.
5. Indian rupee records worst annual fall in three years, enters 2026 under pressure.
6. RBI stress tests show Indian banks healthiest in a decade with strong capital buffers.
7. Fiscal deficit at 62% of annual target due to continued infrastructure push.
8. PE-VC investments in India steady at \$33 billion in CY2025 led by BFSI and technology.
9. India's IPO pipeline set for robust 2026 after strong market participation.
10. Steel safeguard duties boost domestic producers and metal stocks.
11. EU carbon border tax raises concerns for Indian steel and aluminium exporters.
12. India's exports to the US rise despite global trade uncertainties.
13. Employment-linked incentive schemes expected to generate 35 million jobs.
14. Small savings interest rates remain unchanged for the upcoming quarter.
15. Foreign portfolio investor outflows persist but offset by strong DII inflows.
16. India's electronics manufacturing accelerates under PLI scheme.
17. IBC recoveries cross ₹4 lakh crore improving banking asset quality.
18. Credit growth remains strong across retail and MSME segments.

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19. IndiaAI mission expected to significantly boost long-term GDP growth.
20. Capital expenditure continues to support long-term economic expansion.
21. Gold and silver see renewed interest amid global uncertainty.
22. Energy transition investments gain pace across renewable sectors.
23. Indian real estate sees stable demand across key metros.
24. RBI maintains cautious stance amid inflation and growth balance.
25. India poised for selective outperformance among emerging markets in 2026.

Final View from the Desk of Dr. Aditya Vijay Kashyap

As we step into 2026, India's economic story continues to stand out in a challenging global landscape. Surpassing Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy marks a structural milestone reflecting India's sustained growth momentum, domestic demand strength, and reform-led resilience.

The Indian banking system remains a pillar of stability, supported by strong capitalization and improving asset quality. Capital markets, while exposed to global volatility and foreign fund outflows, continue to demonstrate depth and maturity with robust domestic participation and a healthy IPO pipeline.

However, challenges persist. Currency volatility, evolving global trade barriers, and fiscal discipline will require careful policy calibration. Strategic focus on exports, manufacturing, technology adoption, and employment generation will be critical to sustaining long-term growth.

Overall, the outlook for India in 2026 remains cautiously optimistic. With disciplined policymaking, continued reforms, and prudent risk management, India is well positioned to navigate global headwinds and reinforce its role as a key global growth engine.

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