



## Our News Your Views

### India Financial & Economic Newsletter

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#### Top 25 Financial News Headlines

1. Fitch Raises India's FY26 Growth Forecast to 7.5%

Ratings agency Fitch upgraded India's economic growth outlook citing strong domestic demand and resilient investment activity despite global uncertainties.

2. Retail Inflation Remains Below RBI Target at 3.21%

India's retail inflation rose slightly in February but stayed below the Reserve Bank of India's 4% target, giving policymakers room to support growth.

3. West Asia Conflict Triggers Volatility in Indian Markets

Escalating geopolitical tensions and rising oil prices have led to sharp volatility in Indian equities and investor sentiment.

4. War-Driven Global Selloff Wipes Billions Off Indian Market Cap

Market capitalisation across Indian equities declined significantly amid global risk-off sentiment linked to geopolitical conflict.

5. RBI Expected to Maintain Liquidity to Stabilise Interest Rates

The central bank is likely to deploy liquidity tools such as open market operations and currency swaps to stabilise short-term rates.

6. Manufacturing and Infrastructure Investments Continue to Drive Growth

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Large-scale infrastructure spending and a revival in private sector investments are strengthening India's medium-term economic outlook.

#### 7. EV Market in India Expands Despite Global Slowdown

Government incentives and domestic demand continue to support India's electric vehicle industry even as global EV investments moderate.

#### 8. India-US Talks Progress on Critical Minerals Partnership

Negotiations between India and the United States are progressing toward a strategic partnership for supply chains in critical minerals.

#### 9. Advance Tax Compliance Drives Revenue Stability

Government data suggests improved compliance in advance tax payments, strengthening fiscal balances.

#### 10. India Gains Advantage from Russian Oil Supply Adjustments

Energy trade dynamics may allow India to secure discounted crude supplies, although global price volatility remains a risk.

#### 11. Private Equity Investors Reassess Valuations in Indian Startups

Global LPs are evaluating high valuations in India's startup ecosystem amid tighter funding conditions.

#### 12. IPO Pipeline Strengthens as Multiple Companies Prepare Listings

Several Indian firms are preparing public offerings, reflecting investor confidence and capital market depth.

#### 13. Rupee Faces Pressure from Global Dollar Strength

The Indian rupee has weakened amid strong US economic data and global capital flows toward dollar assets.

#### 14. Government Push for LPG Reform and Energy Efficiency

Authorities are encouraging households with piped gas connections to transition away from LPG cylinders.

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### 15. Aluminium Import Surge Prompts Regulatory Response

Rising aluminium imports have led policymakers to consider quality control measures to protect domestic industry.

### 16. Digital Payment Expansion Raises Cybersecurity Focus

The RBI is exploring mechanisms to compensate customers in small-value digital fraud cases to enhance trust in payments.

### 17. Infrastructure Projects Worth Trillions Near Completion

Large industrial and infrastructure projects nearing completion are expected to boost industrial output in the coming quarters.

### 18. Global Oil Price Volatility Poses Inflation Risks

Rising crude oil prices due to geopolitical tensions could increase imported inflation pressures.

### 19. Investment Cycle Strengthens with Renewable Energy Projects

Major renewable energy investments are contributing to the next phase of India's industrial growth.

### 20. Financial Sector Reforms Continue to Deepen Capital Markets

Ongoing regulatory reforms are strengthening transparency and resilience in financial institutions.

### 21. Tax Policy Discussions Include Joint Filing Proposal

Policy discussions include optional joint tax filing for married couples to simplify compliance.

### 22. Stock Market Analysts Highlight Key Stocks to Watch

Market experts recommend focusing on sectors such as banking, capital goods, and infrastructure.

### 23. Manufacturing Capacity Expansion Accelerates

India's industrial sector continues to expand capacity driven by production-linked incentives and domestic demand.

### 24. Domestic Consumption Remains Core Growth Driver

Strong consumer spending and urban demand continue to support economic momentum.

### 25. India Positioned as Fastest Growing Major Economy

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Despite global economic uncertainty, India continues to maintain one of the strongest growth trajectories among major economies.

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The current economic landscape for India reflects a combination of resilience and strategic opportunity. Despite global uncertainties including geopolitical tensions and commodity price volatility, India's macro-economic fundamentals remain strong. Sustained domestic demand, expanding infrastructure investment, and a rapidly digitising financial ecosystem are positioning the country for continued high growth.

In the medium term, policymakers must balance inflation management, energy security, and fiscal prudence while accelerating structural reforms. The global reconfiguration of supply chains offers India a unique chance to strengthen manufacturing, technology, and renewable energy leadership. If these reforms remain consistent, India can consolidate its role as the world's fastest growing major economy and move steadily towards the vision of a developed economy by 2047.



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