



## Our News Your Views

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#### 1. India pushes PSU banks & insurers toward cost optimization and EV transition

India's Finance Ministry has instructed state-owned banks and insurance institutions to reduce discretionary spending, adopt digital meetings, and gradually shift official fleets toward electric vehicles. The move reflects a broader push for fiscal prudence and sustainability amid volatile global economic conditions.

#### 2. Sensex and Nifty witness heavy volatility amid global uncertainty

Indian equity benchmarks corrected sharply as rising crude prices, a weak rupee, and concerns over inflation impacted investor sentiment. Investors remain cautious about foreign fund outflows and geopolitical risks.

#### 3. Rupee touches fresh lows against the US Dollar

Pressure on India's currency intensified due to elevated crude oil prices and risk-off global sentiment. Currency analysts expect RBI intervention and tighter liquidity monitoring to stabilize the rupee.

#### 4. Crude oil above \$110 creates inflation fears globally

Energy prices surged due to continuing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, increasing pressure on import-dependent economies such as India, Japan, and parts of Europe.

#### 5. India's infrastructure push continues under Budget 2026

The government's focus on railways, semiconductor manufacturing, logistics corridors, and strategic minerals continues to drive optimism for long-term economic expansion.

#### 6. Foreign institutional investors continue selective selling in Indian equities

Global funds remain cautious on emerging markets due to high US yields and currency fluctuations, though domestic institutional investors continue supporting Indian markets.

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## 7. India's banking sector faces rising fraud concerns

Recent banking data highlighted fraud cases exceeding ₹36,000 crore in nine months, reinforcing the need for stronger cyber-security and compliance frameworks.

## 8. Technology and AI sectors remain resilient despite market correction

Indian IT and AI-linked businesses continue attracting investor interest as enterprises accelerate digital transformation and automation spending.

## 9. Global bond yields rise on inflation concerns

Rising yields in the US and Europe reflect fears of persistent inflation and expectations that central banks may keep interest rates elevated for longer.

## 10. IMF upgrades UK growth forecast

The IMF slightly improved its UK growth outlook while urging continued fiscal discipline and reforms to manage debt and inflationary pressures.

## 11. US markets remain cautious amid geopolitical tensions

Wall Street indices experienced volatility as investors monitored Middle East developments, inflation data, and Federal Reserve policy expectations.

## 12. China focuses on manufacturing and export competitiveness

Chinese authorities continue emphasizing advanced manufacturing and export-led recovery strategies to support economic growth.

## 13. India's semiconductor mission gains momentum

Government incentives and global partnerships are encouraging investments in semiconductor manufacturing and electronics ecosystems.

## 14. Gold demand remains strong despite higher import duties

Indian investors continue allocating toward gold as a hedge against inflation and global uncertainty.

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## 15. Global AI investment race intensifies

Large corporations and sovereign funds worldwide are accelerating investments in artificial intelligence, cloud infrastructure, and data centers.

## 16. Indian startups focus on profitability over aggressive expansion

Venture capital funding trends indicate greater emphasis on sustainable business models and operational efficiency.

## 17. Renewable energy investments rise across Asia

Governments and private players continue expanding solar, hydrogen, and EV ecosystems to reduce long-term dependence on fossil fuels.

## 18. Real estate sector sees mixed momentum

Premium housing demand remains resilient in metro cities while affordability concerns continue in middle-income housing segments.

## 19. Commodity markets remain highly volatile

Industrial metals, crude oil, and agricultural commodities continue witnessing price swings due to geopolitical and supply-chain concerns.

## 20. India strengthens manufacturing ambitions under 'Make in India'

Manufacturing-led growth remains a strategic pillar for India as policymakers focus on export competitiveness and domestic production.

## 21. Financial markets closely track global central bank decisions

Investors worldwide remain focused on interest-rate guidance from the US Federal Reserve, ECB, and other major central banks.

## 22. Digital payments ecosystem in India expands further

UPI adoption, fintech innovation, and digital banking penetration continue strengthening India's financial inclusion story.

## 23. Cybersecurity spending rises across financial institutions

Banking and financial institutions are increasing investments in cybersecurity infrastructure to counter digital fraud and data breaches.

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## 24. Global recession risks remain under watch

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Analysts continue debating recession probabilities amid high debt levels, elevated inflation, and slower global trade growth.

## 25. India positioned as a long-term growth destination

Despite near-term volatility, India continues attracting strategic investors due to demographics, consumption growth, infrastructure expansion, and policy reforms.

### Final Views from the Desk of Dr Aditya Vijay Kashyap

India continues to stand at a critical yet promising economic crossroads. While global inflation, geopolitical tensions, volatile commodity prices, and currency fluctuations may create short-term uncertainty, India's structural growth story remains intact.

The coming decade will belong to economies that successfully combine technology, infrastructure, manufacturing, and human capital. India is steadily building strength across these pillars through policy reforms, digital innovation, renewable energy expansion, and strategic global partnerships.

Investors and businesses should remain disciplined, diversified, and forward-looking. Volatility should be viewed not merely as a risk, but also as an opportunity for strategic positioning.

The future belongs to nations and institutions that focus on resilience, adaptability, and long-term value creation.

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