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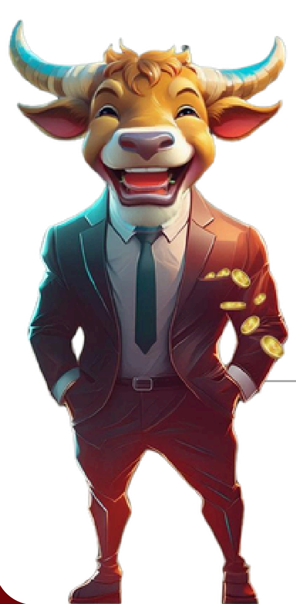

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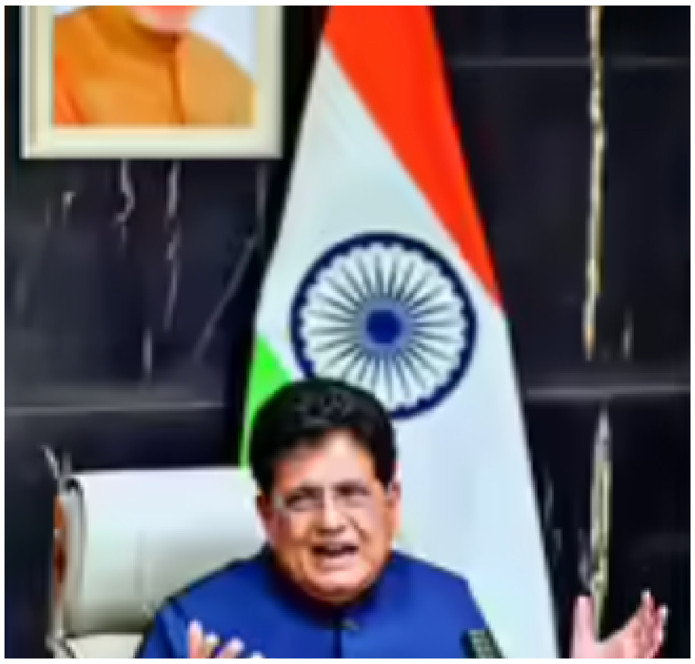
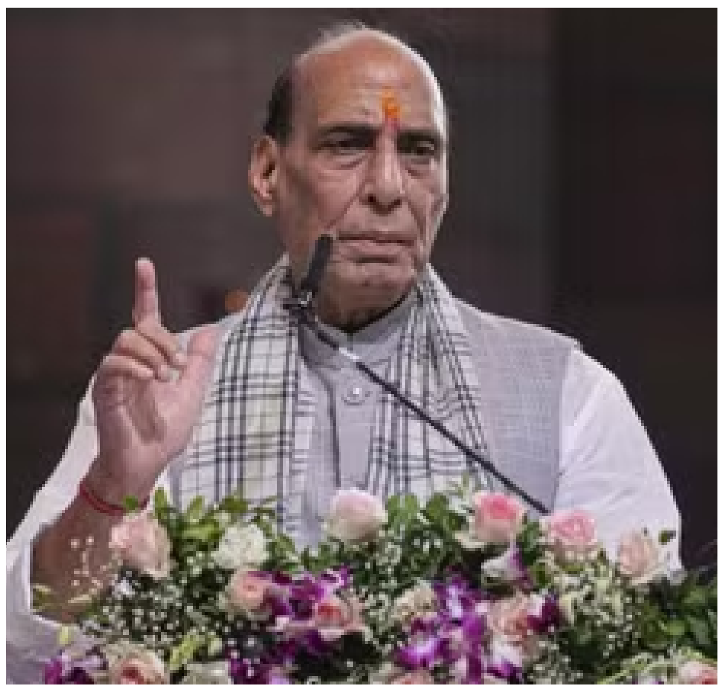
INDIA CAN INCREASE SEAFOOD EXPORTS TO $30 BILLION IN FIVE YEARS: PIYUSH GOYAL



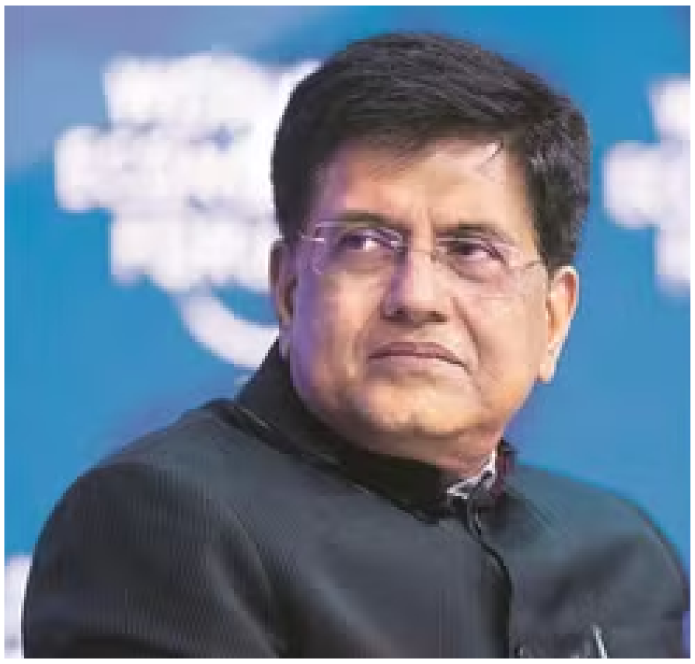
Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said India can increase its seafood exports from the current level of about $8.5 billion to $30 billion within the next five years. The government plans to achieve this by promoting value-added, ready-to-eat, branded seafood products and strengthening processing infrastructure. India's seafood exports have already reached a record high, led by frozen shrimp exports. The initiative aims to boost foreign exchange earnings, create jobs for fisherfolk, and strengthen India's position in the global seafood market.

'INDIA REMAINS WORLD'S FASTEST-GROWING MAJOR ECONOMY: RAJNATH SINGH'

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that India continues to be the world's fastest-growing major economy, highlighting the country's strong economic performance despite global uncertainties. He attributed this growth to economic reforms, infrastructure development, rising investments, and policy stability. Recent GDP data showed India's economy growing by around 7.8%, outperforming most major economies. The government believes this momentum will strengthen employment, attract global investors, and support India's goal of becoming a leading global economic power.



INDIA, US MAY EXECUTE 1ST PHASE OF BILATERAL TRADE PACT BY MID JULY: GOYAL



India and the United States are close to finalizing the first phase of their bilateral trade agreement, which is expected to be signed by mid-July 2026. Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said most major issues have been resolved, and the deal will provide India with preferential access to the U.S. market over competing countries. A high-level U.S. delegation is also expected to visit India later this month to finalize remaining details, strengthening trade and economic ties between the two nations.

INDIA'S GDP GROWS 7.8% IN Q4 FY26 DESPITE ONGOING WEST ASIA CRISIS

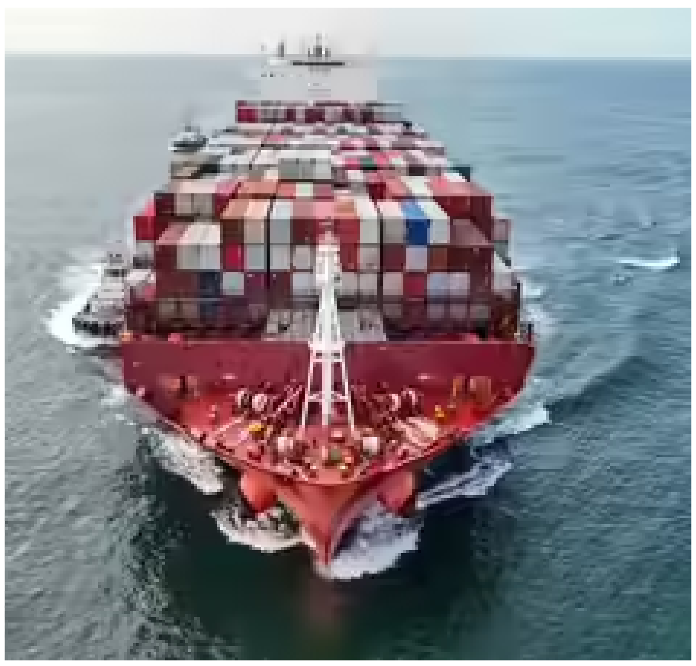
India's economy grew by 7.8% in the fourth quarter of FY26, exceeding expectations despite geopolitical tensions and the ongoing West Asia crisis. Strong domestic demand, private investment, agriculture, and construction activity supported growth, taking full-year GDP growth to 7.7%. The data highlights the resilience of the Indian economy amid global uncertainties. However, economists caution that rising oil prices, inflation, geopolitical risks, and weather-related disruptions could pose challenges to sustaining this growth momentum in FY27.

INDIA'S RISING EXPORT CHAMPION FACES A CRITICAL CREDIBILITY TEST

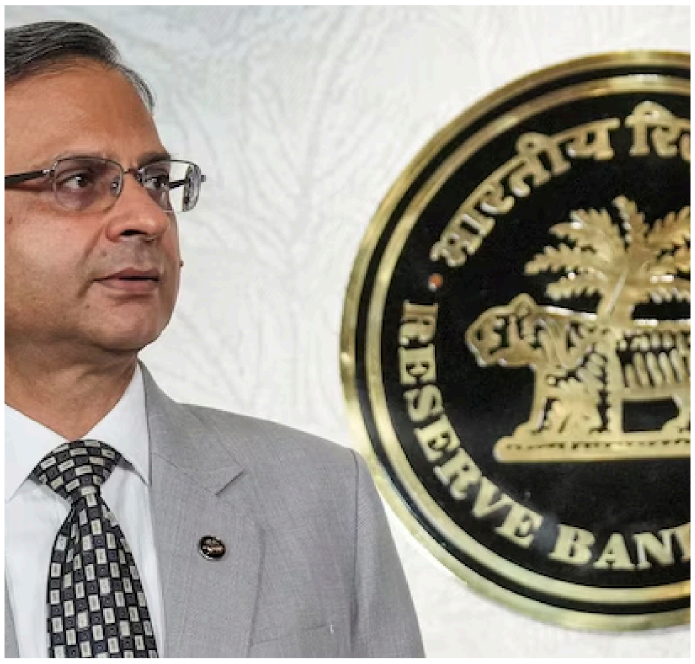
The article highlights that India's seafood export industry has become a major export success story, achieving record earnings and expanding into new markets. However, its growth ambitions face a serious challenge as several shipments, especially shrimp exports, have been rejected overseas due to banned antibiotic residues. The report stresses that while India aims to raise seafood exports to $30 billion in five years, maintaining strict quality standards and global trust is essential for sustaining long-term export growth.

MAKE IN INDIA CUTS IMPORT DEPENDENCE DESPITE GLOBAL SHOCKS

A Bank of Baroda report states that the Make in India initiative is reducing India's dependence on imports in key sectors despite global economic disruptions. Increased domestic manufacturing, government incentives, and supply-chain improvements have strengthened self-reliance in areas such as electronics, chemicals, and machinery. The report suggests that these efforts are improving industrial competitiveness, supporting economic growth, and making India less vulnerable to external shocks and trade disruptions.



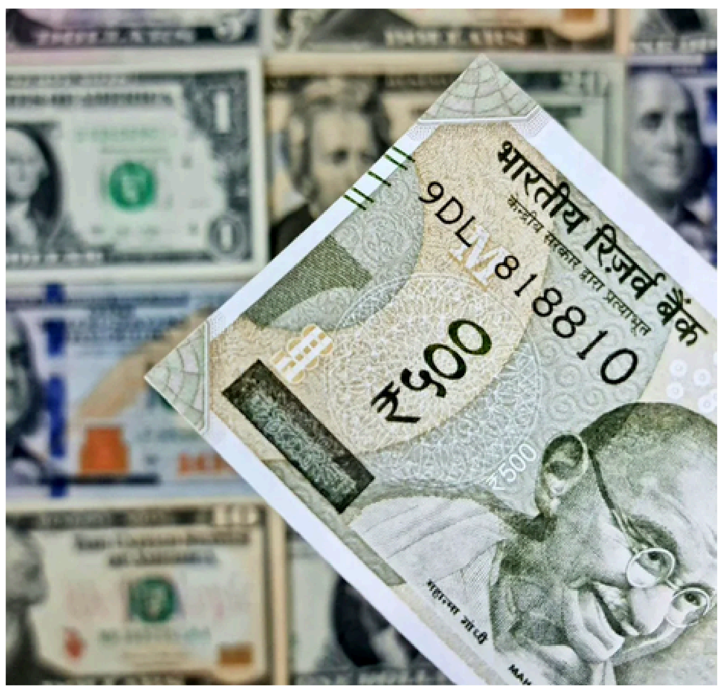
RBI MPC HOLDS REPO RATE AT 5.25% AMID GEOPOLITICAL HEADWINDS



The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee maintained a cautious status quo, keeping the benchmark repo rate unchanged at 5.25% and sticking to its neutral stance. Citing supply chain disruptions and input cost pressures, the RBI upwardly revised its FY27 inflation forecast to 5.1% and trimmed its GDP growth projection down to 6.6% (down from a previous fiscal print of 7.7% in FY26).

RBI UNLEASHES 5 FRAMEWORKS TO ATTRACT DOLLARS & SUPPORT RUPEE

With the rupee facing continuous pressure, the RBI rolled out a comprehensive package of five special financial measures targeted at sucking offshore liquidity back into the domestic system. It introduced enhanced accessibility to domestic bond forwards and swaps, raised institutional investment caps for non-residents, and tightened regulations on domestic banks to prevent unacceptable differential pricing on bulk deposits that stray past standard regulatory liquidity norms.



IMF WARNS OF GLOBAL GROWTH DIVERGENCE IN SHIFTING GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE

The International Monetary Fund's (IMF) latest World Economic Outlook highlighted that while global growth has nudged up slightly to a projected 3.3% for 2026, the economic trajectory is heavily fractured by regional exposures to ongoing conflicts. The report warns that escalating geopolitical tensions are forcing nations to significantly scale up structural defense spending, which threatens to displace critical fiscal buffers and complicate long-term debt sustainability for vulnerable economies.

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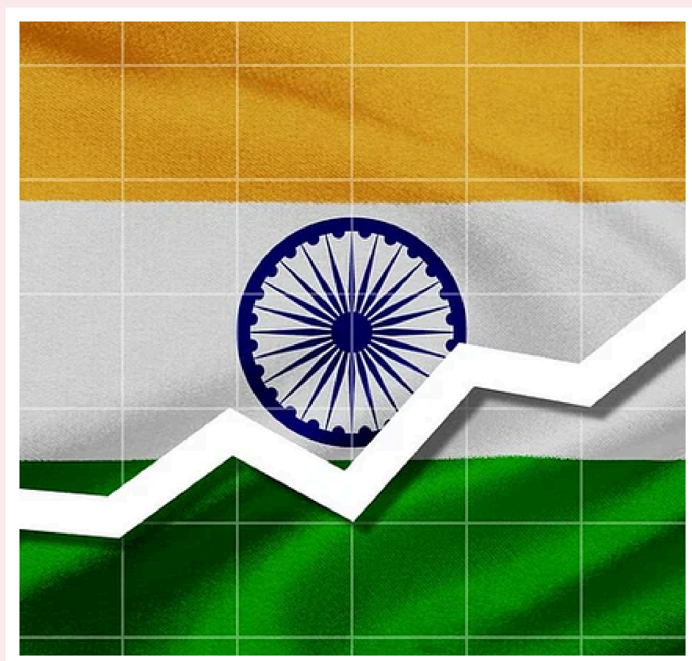
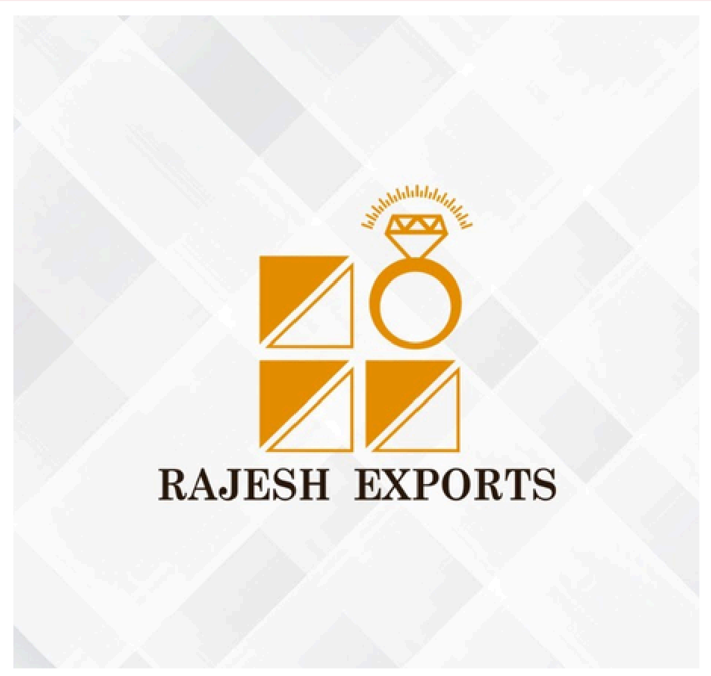
India's economy expanded 7.8 per cent in the March quarter of 2025-26, comfortably surpassing expectations and suggesting that the West Asia crisis had only a limited effect on economic activity, according to provisional national accounts data released on Friday. Economists, however, cautioned that the fallout from the ongoing crisis and the potential impact of El Niño could pose risks to growth in 2026-27.



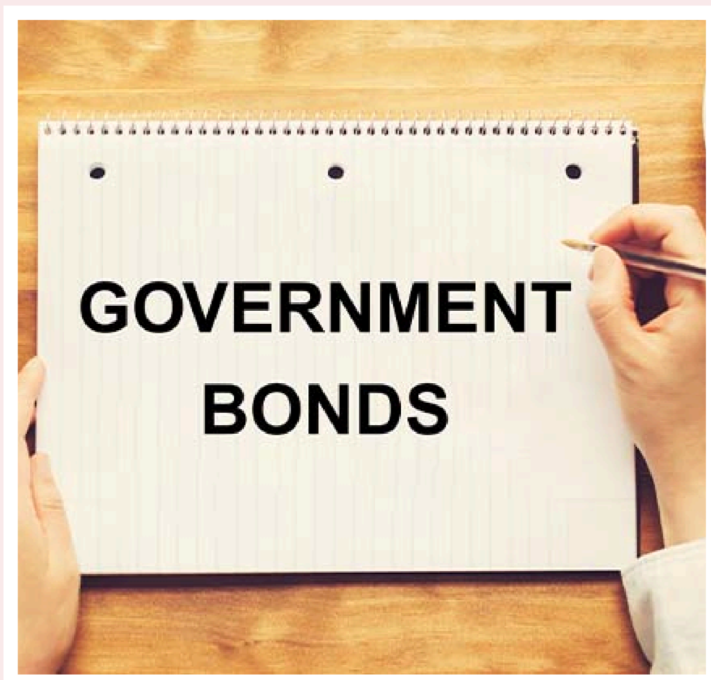
₹12,726 CRORE INVESTOR WEALTH WIPED OUT IN RAJESH EXPORTS GOVERNANCE FAILURE



A deeper dive into the forensic disclosures from SEBI's interim ban order reveals the sheer scale of the balance sheet damage at Rajesh Exports. Beyond the un-reconciled top-line revenues, investigators confirmed that ₹926 crore was diverted from company accounts without any board or audit committee sign-off, with ₹339 crore tracing directly to accounts belonging to the promoter. The governance failure has wiped out an estimated ₹12,726 crore in shareholder wealth over the last six months alone.

TAX RELIEF: CENTRE EXEMPTS FPIS FROM CAPITAL GAINS TAX ON GOVERNMENT BONDS

In a major fiscal move to support the domestic currency and capture stable global capital, the Central Government issued an ordinance exempting foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) from capital gains tax on Government Securities (G-Secs). The move follows escalating pressures on the Indian Rupee due to rising import bills and foreign fund outflows. Analysts expect this tax sweetening, paired with recent global index inclusions, to potentially pull in up to \$50–\$75 billion in fresh dollar inflows, giving the RBI extra ammunition to defend the currency.



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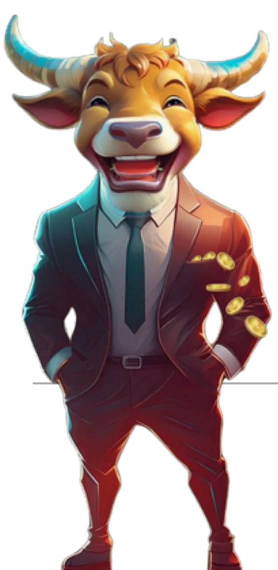

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