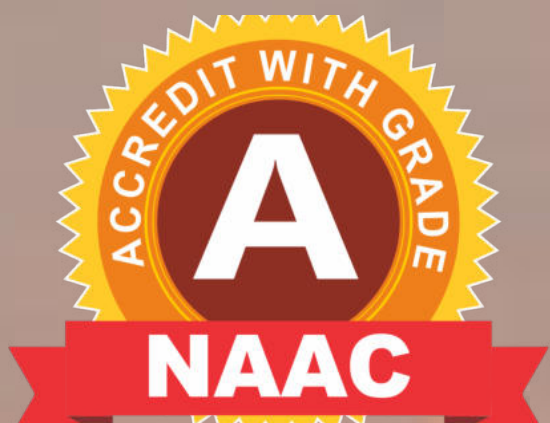




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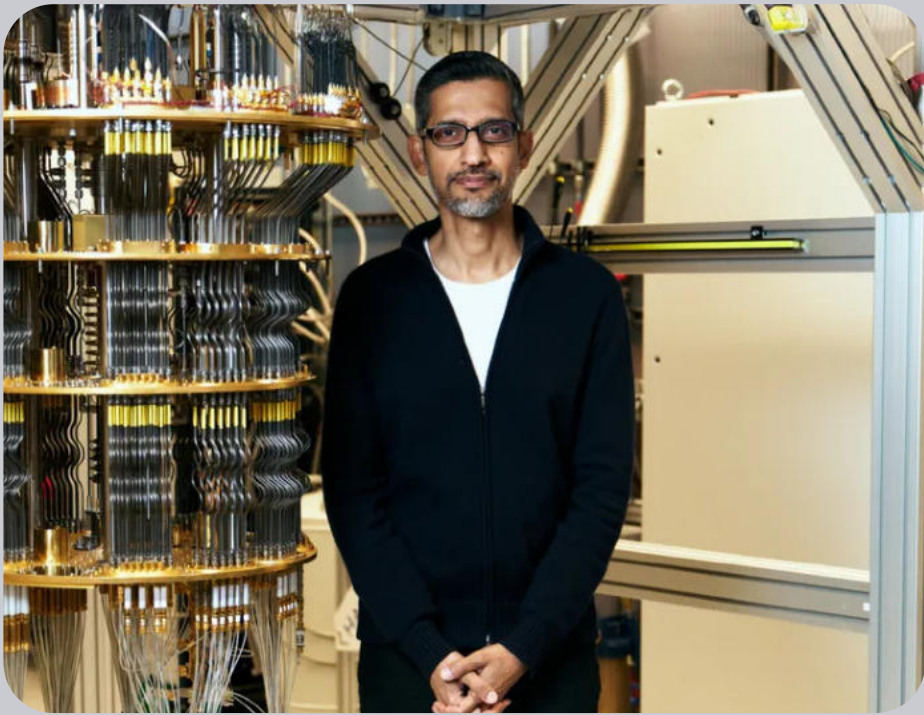
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TOP NEWS HEADLINES

Google quantum computer outperforms supercomputers by 13,000 times :

Google announced a landmark quantum computing breakthrough Tuesday, unveiling an algorithm that outperforms the world's fastest supercomputers by 13,000 times while successfully revealing molecular structures for potential applications in drug discovery and materials science. The company's "Quantum Echoes" algorithm, published in the journal Nature, represents the first verifiable quantum advantage in history—meaning other quantum computers can independently confirm the results.



Google blog, The Quantum Echoes algorithm breakthrough; October 21, 2025

Infosys promoters skip ₹18,000 crore buyback:

Infosys promoters and their family members, including co-founder Nandan Nilekani and Sudha Murty, have decided not to participate in the company's ₹18,000 crore share buyback program, the IT major announced in a regulatory filing today. The promoters collectively hold 13.05% of the company's equity as of the buyback announcement date, making their decision significant for other shareholders who may see increased acceptance ratios.



Business Standard October 21, 2025



The 2025 Nobel Prize for Economics has been awarded to Joel Mokyr: Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt for their work explaining how innovation can drive sustained economic growth. Mokyr, an economic historian at Northwestern University in the US, won half the prize for his work explaining why growth took off in a sustained way only from the Enlightenment onwards.

Nobel Prize Official Site 2025

India inflation likely slipped back below RBI target range in September:

BENGALURU, - India's consumer inflation rate likely eased back below the lower end of the RBI's 2-6% target range to 1.70% last month on persistent cooling in food prices, according to economists polled by Reuters.

The Times of India October 9, 2025

India-U.S. to increase energy trade in coming years: Commerce Minister Goyal says in New York: India expects to increase its energy trade with the U.S. in the coming years, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said, adding that India's energy security would have a "high element" of U.S. involvement going ahead. Speaking at an event organised by the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) in New York, Mr. Goyal also said that the two countries would be working closely on nuclear power.

The Hindu October 12, 2025



Rupee rises 2 paise to 88.75 against U.S. dollar in early trade: Rupee is expected to remain in the range of 88.50 to 89.00 for the day as inflows on account of IPOs remain tepid with subscriptions being completed only on the last day,” the Head of Treasury and Executive Director, Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, said.

Bloomberg ; October 14, 2025

RBI Moves to Boost Rupee Internationalisation:

RBI announced measures to promote Rupee use in cross-border trade. Banks can now lend in INR to non-residents from Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra also proposed setting transparent reference rates for major partner currencies to facilitate INR-based transactions.



Vision IAS
October 3, 2025

India’s Services Sector Growth Moderates in September:

India’s services sector growth eased in September 2025 as demand softened slightly. The HSBC India Services PMI fell to 60.9 from August’s 62.9, indicating slower—but still strong—expansion in business activity, supported by resilient demand and cost-control efforts.

Financial Express; October 6, 2025

U.S.-China Tariff Battle Resurfaces:

The U.S.-China trade war flared again in mid-October, with China imposing sanctions on U.S. subsidiaries of Korean firms and restricting rare earth exports. The U.S. responded with threats of 100% tariffs on Chinese imports, rattling global markets.

Reuters
October 13, 2025

WTO Report: AI to Boost Global Trade by 40% by 2040:

A new World Trade Organization (WTO) report forecasts that artificial intelligence could increase global trade in goods and services by up to 40% by 2040, driven by productivity gains and lower trade costs. However, it cautions that without inclusive policies, AI could widen existing global economic disparities.



Reuters ; October 18, 2025



RBI permits banks to grant working capital loans to manufacturers using gold as raw material:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed banks to provide need-based working capital loans to manufacturers using gold as a raw material, a facility previously limited to jewellers. Banks are generally prohibited from lending for the purchase of gold/silver in any form, or lending against the security of primary gold/silver. As per the RBI (Lending Against Gold and Silver Collateral) (1st Amendment) Directions, 2025, issued on September 29, this move broadens access to gold-backed credit.

Taxmann blog ; October 6, 2025

STUDENT BLOG

India in 2025: Are We Heading Toward a Recession or Just a Slowdown?

A recession happens when the overall economy stops growing, businesses earn less, people lose jobs, and spending falls. In simpler terms, it’s when the economy “takes a step back” for several months or years. Economists usually define a recession as two straight quarters of negative economic growth, but other signs such as weaker industrial output, shrinking investment, and rising unemployment also point toward one.

Warning Signs/Indicators Economists Watch:

Before a recession hits, several economic indicators begin flashing red:

- **Slower GDP growth:** A dip in national output often indicates weakening business activity.
- **Unemployment rise:** When companies reduce hiring or announce layoffs, it reflects lower confidence in future sales.
- **Inflation and interest rates:** Persistent high inflation can trigger tighter monetary policy, slowing investment and spending.
- **Falling consumer spending:** If households cut back on discretionary expenses, businesses feel the strain.
- **Declining exports and industrial orders:** Drop in manufacturing activity often leads to wider economic weakness.
- **Stock market volatility:** Investor fear and uncertainty can magnify downturn pressures by reducing wealth and confidence.

India’s economy in 2025 is showing mixed signals. Globally, fears of a slowdown are high, particularly in the U.S. and Europe, where recession risks remain significant. According to current data, India’s GDP growth rate stands between 6.3% and 6.8%⁽¹⁾, positioning it among the fastest-growing major economies. India’s strong services and manufacturing PMI, both well above the 50 mark indicating growth⁽²⁾, confirm that business activity remains robust. Inflation has also moderated to around 4%⁽³⁾, and the fiscal deficit has narrowed to an estimated 4.4%⁽⁴⁾ for FY25.

However, key challenges remain:

- **Global trade headwinds:** U.S. tariff hikes and geopolitical tensions have impacted India’s exports, particularly in textiles, steel, and pharma sectors.
- **Rising oil prices:** As an energy importer, India’s import bill could increase, putting pressure on currency and inflation.
- **Private investment slowdown:** While government capital expenditure is rising, private sector spending is showing caution.

How It Affects Ordinary People:

Even without a full recession, an economic slowdown can subtly change daily life: jobs become harder to find, salaries grow more slowly, and living costs can feel higher if inflation reignites. Students entering the job market may face more competition, and families could become cautious with spending.

1. IBEF report confirming 6.3–6.8% FY26 range from Economic Survey 2025
2. Manufacturing PMI: Rose to 58.4 in October 2025 (S&P Global / Trading Economics)
3. Government of India CPI release (MOSPI, Aug 2025) indicating inflation at 4.00% (provisional)
4. Union Budget 2025–26 analysis (PRS India) reported fiscal deficit targeted at 4.4% of GDP



Yogya Ramchandani
BBA-3rd Year

Economical & Financial Indicators - October 2025

Indicator:	Latest Value / Trend:	Remarks / Insight:
GDP Growth Rate (India)	6.8% (FY26 Projection)	RBI revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2025–26 upwards to 6.8% from earlier estimate of 6.5%.
CPI Inflation Rate	2.1% (August 2025)	Headline inflation showed significant moderation, dropping to 2.1% in August 2025.
Repo Rate (RBI)	5.50%	RBI kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.50% in its October 2025 review.
Sensex & Nifty	Sensex ↑ 1.0% - Nifty ↑ 1.0% (October)	Markets showed positive movement in October, reflecting investor optimism.
USD–INR Exchange Rate	88.36 (Average October 2025)	The exchange rate fluctuated between 87.74 and 88.87 during October 2025.
PMI – Manufacturing	56.9 (October 2025)	Indicates continued expansion in business activity.
Exports & Imports	Exports: \$220.12 bn - Imports: \$375.11 bn (Apr–Sep 2025)	Merchandise trade deficit widened due to higher imports.
Crude Oil (Brent)	\$61.50 per barrel (October 2025)	Prices fell to a five-month low amid concerns about a global crude oil surplus.
Unemployment Rate (India)	6.9% (September 2025, CMIE)	Slight rise observed, with urban employment picking up.

The table provides a snapshot of key Indian economic indicators as of October 2025. It highlights a projected GDP growth rate of 6.8% for FY26, moderation in CPI inflation to 2.1%, and a stable RBI repo rate at 5.50%. Other data points include positive trends in Sensex and Nifty, a USD-INR exchange rate averaging 88.36, and a manufacturing PMI of 56.9. The exports and imports figures reflect a widening trade deficit, while the unemployment rate stands at 6.9% (CMIE, September 2025).

Campus News



IIMR Indore organized Pre-Diwali celebration “Utsav-The Festival of Lights” on October 17, 2025

The event graced by Hon’ble Group Advisor Shri Arun S. Bhatnagar and Principal Dr. Suyash Jhawar, filled the atmosphere with enthusiasm and zeal. Coordinated by Dr. Supriya Goutam and Dr. Preeti Patidar, with student coordinators Bhumika Nagpal and Aditya Roy, the event featured with colorful Rangoli competition, graceful dance performances, and Best Dress contest.

Garba-Raas Mahotsav organized on September 30, 2025

The event held at the Central Ground of the IIST campus, celebrated the festival of Navratri. During the celebration, students and faculty enthusiastically participated in Garba performances and competed for prizes such as "Best Garba Dancer" and "Best Garba Dress." The event served as a vibrant cultural celebration aimed at fostering a sense of Indian culture among students, faculty, and staff.



SIP/MRP Presentations for MBA III semester students

The MBA III semester students at IIMR recently participated in the Summer Internship Project (SIP) and Major Research Project (MRP) presentations. This event was a culmination of the students' hands-on learning experiences and research work conducted over their internship period. The presentations provided a platform for students to showcase their practical knowledge and analytical skills gained from their corporate and research assignments. Faculty members judged the presentations, providing valuable feedback and insights to the students.



The Indore Institute of Management & Research (IIMR) launched its first newsletter, "Utkarsh," on October 8, 2025. The monthly publication, which covers business and campus news, was unveiled by Hon'ble Group Advisor Shri Arun S. Bhatnagar. During the event, certificates were also awarded to students for the institute's events; 'Pragyan-Topic Presentation Competition' and 'Pratibimb-Celebration of Heritage and Innovation in Management Education'.

IIMR in association with IIST and IIP organized a special social gathering for its faculty and staff members to celebrate the festival of Diwali with enthusiasm and unity. Teachers and staff actively participated in the performances, creating an atmosphere of joy and togetherness. The event highlighted the vibrant spirit of the institution and reinforced bonds among colleagues, making the occasion both memorable and meaningful. The event concluded with a grand lunch offered by Hon'ble Group Advisor sir.



Prominent Placements of IIMR

Harshal Chouhan, MBA (Batch: 2024- 26) is selected as an Investment Analyst Trainee in Confluence Research.

Poonam Shukla, MBA (Batch: 2024-26) is selected as an HR executive in AirVincible Pvt.Ltd.

Shikha Mina, MBA (Batch: 2024-26) is selected as (M&E) Officer in Aadhaarstambh Education.

Ankit Sharma, MBA (Batch: 2024-26) is selected as (M&E) Officer in Aadhaarstambh Education.

Mohammad Aman, MBA (Batch: 2024-26) is selected as Finance Trainee in Herbal Deck Pvt. Ltd.

Sanika Nimje, BBA (Batch: 2023-26) is selected as Management Trainee in Naviotech Solution Pvt. Ltd.

Faculty Achievements

Prof. Mayank Jain participated and completed AICTE-ATAL Faculty Development Program (FDP) on “Reimagining Business Education for Industry-5.0; Pedagogies, Skills & Sustainability”.

Dr. Sunita Khurana attended a One-Week Faculty Development Program (online) on “Enhancing the Teaching Experience of B-School Faculty with AI”, organized by Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS).

Dr. Supriya Gautam successfully completed the AICTE-ATAL Faculty Development Program on “Leveraging Digital Communication and Marketing Strategies to evaluate Consumer Service.”

Prof. Mayank Jain attended a One-Week Faculty Development Program (online) on “Enhancing the Teaching Experience of B-School Faculty with AI”, organized by Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS).

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