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India Economic News

- India's merchandise exports rose by 17.25% in October 2024, marking the fastest growth in 28 months
- Retail inflation has surged to a 14-month high of 6.21% in October 2024, driven primarily by rising food prices, particularly vegetables, which saw a 42.2% increase in prices
- Net direct tax collections have increased by 15.41%, reaching approximately ₹12.11 lakh crore as of November 10, 2024, indicating a robust fiscal performance despite economic challenges
- The Indian rupee has experienced fluctuations, recently closing at an all-time low of 84.43 against the US dollar
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das expressed confidence in India's economic stability amidst global uncertainties. He highlighted the country's strong external sector, robust buffers, and the RBI's proactive measures in navigating challenges geopolitical tensions and inflation
- The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in India witnessed an expansion of 3.1% in September 2024 as against a contraction of 0.1% in August

Global Economic News

- U.S. jobless claims for the week ending November 14th totaled 217K, down from 221K the previous week, while U.S. retail sales increased by 0.4% month-over-month in October, compared to a 0.8% rise in the prior month
- US inflation rose 2.6% in October 2024 from the year ago period, marking the first rise in annual inflation in seven months since March 2024
- Escalating geopolitical tensions, particularly in the Middle East, are raising concerns about their potential impact on global economic stability. Former US Treasury Secretary Larry Summers warned that such conflicts could have adverse effects on the global economy
- Euro hits 2024 lows as Europe's economy faces risk. Germany is facing political turmoil, while the whole EU faces likely trade tensions with the US as Donald Trump prepares to take the reigns

Equity Markets	Last	1 Week	YTD
Nifty	23,532.70	-2.50%	26.96%
Dow Jones	43,444.99	-0.70%	6.48%
S&P 500	5,870.62	-1.32%	12.45%
Nasdaq	18,680.12	-2.24%	9.10%
FTSE 100	8,025.77	-1.22%	3.85%
Nikkei 225	39,376.09	-0.40%	5.12%
Shanghai	3,203.78	-1.05%	10.25%
Commodities	Last	1 Week	YTD
Gold	\$2,589.90	-1.88%	26.08%
Silver	\$30.74	-1.98%	37.24%
Crude Oil WTI	\$67.06	0.04%	10.49%
Currency	Last	1 Week	YTD
USD / INR	84.43	+0.47%	+1.42%
EUR / INR	88.86	-0.99%	-2.12%
Government Bond	Last	1 Week	1 Year
India 10 Year G-Bond	6.935	+1.58%	-4.726
GST Collections	November	October	1 Year
Net Collections (₹ Trillion)	₹1.60	₹1.65	+12.4%

Central Bank and Regulatory Updates

- US Fed Chair Jerome Powell says the Central bank is not rushing to implement interest rate cuts amid strong economy. The Fed policymakers believe inflation is progressing toward a “sustainable path to 2%” that will enable the US central bank to move monetary policy “over time to a more neutral setting” that isn’t meant to slow the economy
- RBI in consultation with the Government of India and SEBI finalized rules for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) whose investments would be reclassified as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) the moment it breaches the 10% stake threshold in an Indian company, under the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019

Sectoral News

- India’s gaming market grew 23% year-on-year by revenue to \$3.8 billion in financial year 2023-24, despite the newly imposed 28% GST on online gaming
- The Indian sports industry is on track to reach USD 130 billion by 2030 at a 14% CAGR, nearly double that of the country's GDP, according to report by Google and Deloitte
- To boost India’s medical device industry, the government launched a Rs 500 crore scheme aimed at strengthening key areas such as manufacturing, skill development, clinical studies, infrastructure, and industry promotion
- The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) said the return of Donald Trump as the next US President will bolster India’s textile and apparel trade with its largest international market

Economic Indicators	Last	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	6.7%	7.8%
Unemployment Rate	7.8%	8.5%
Interest Rate	6.5%	6.5%
Government Debt to GDP	81.59%	82.49%
Consumer Confidence	94.7	93.9
Business Confidence	119	127
HSBC India Mfg PMI (Oct)	57.5	56.5
HSBC India Services PMI (Oct)	58.5	57.7
FX Reserves, USD	675.65B	682.13B
Bank Deposit Growth	11.8%	11.7%
Bank Loan Growth	11.9%	11.5%
Infra Output (YoY) (Sep)	2.0%	-1.8%
Trade Balance (Oct)	-27.14B	-20.78B
WPI Food (YoY) (Oct)	13.54%	11.53%
WPI Fuel (YoY) (Oct)	-5.79%	-4.05%
WPI Inflation (YoY) (Oct)	2.36%	1.84%
WPI Mfg Inflation (YoY) (Oct)	1.50%	1.00%
CPI Inflation (YoY) (Oct)	6.21%	5.49%
Industrial Production (YoY) (Sep)	3.1%	-0.1%
Mfg Output (MoM) (Sep)	3.9%	3 1.0%

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