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1 ECONOMY, TRADE & BUSINESS *10 indices*

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1. Global Economic Prospects **World Bank** *11 Jun 2026 · Twice a year*	The World Bank's forecast of how fast the world and each region will grow. No country ranking.	Key finding: World growth cut to 2.5% for 2026; South Asia 6.3%.	**▲ 6.6% growth (FY27)** Raised from 6.5% in Jan 2026. Still the fastest-growing major economy.
2. World Economic Outlook **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** *13 Oct 2026 · Twice a year*	IMF's forecast of world and country growth. No ranking.	Key finding: World growth 3.1% in 2026 and 3.4% in 2027.	**▲ 7.0% growth (FY27)** Raised by 0.6 points from July 2026. Fastest-growing major economy.
3. World Investment Report 2026 **UNCTAD (UN)** *7 Jul 2026 · Annual*	How much foreign direct investment (FDI) flows between countries. World FDI rose 6% to $1.6 trillion in 2025.	Leaders: USA is the largest recipient ($277 bn); China is 4th.	**▲ 11th for FDI inflows** $38.9 bn (+44%); up from 13th. Outward FDI: 18th.
4. Logistics Performance Index (LPI) **World Bank** *2023 · Latest edition · Every 2–3 years*	How smoothly goods move across borders: customs, transport, tracking and delivery time. 139 countries.	Top 3: Singapore, Finland, then a tie (Denmark, Germany, Netherlands, Switzerland).	**▲ 38 / 139** Up from 44th in 2018.
5. Ease of Doing Business **World Bank** *Discontinued in 2021*	An old ranking of how easy it is to start and run a business. Stopped after data irregularities; successor is B-READY.	Status: No new rankings are published.	**63rd (last, 2020)** Up from 142nd in 2014.

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6. World Competitiveness Ranking 2026 **IMD Business School, Lausanne** *18 Jun 2026 · Annual*	How well an economy helps its businesses succeed (economy, government, business, infrastructure). 70 economies.	Top 3: Singapore, Hong Kong, Switzerland.	**▼ 44 / 70** Down from 41st in 2025.
7. Global Innovation Index 2026 **WIPO (UN agency)** *Oct 2026 · 19th edition*	How innovative each economy is, using about 80 indicators. 139 economies.	Top 3: Switzerland (16th year), Sweden, USA.	**● 38 / 139** Same as 2025. No. 1 in ICT services exports and No. 1 among lower-middle-income economies.
8. Travel & Tourism Development Index 2026 **World Economic Forum (WEF)** *25 Sep 2026 · Every 2 years*	How good a country's conditions are for growing tourism (not a count of tourists). 110 economies.	Top 3: Japan, USA, Spain.	**▲ 31 / 110** Up from 39th in 2024.
9. Consumer Price Index (new series) **MoSPI (National Statistics Office)** *Base 2024 = 100 · Monthly · Latest: 12 Oct 2026*	How fast retail prices are rising. The new series replaced the 2012 base in Feb 2026; food now has a smaller weight (36.75% vs 45.86%).	—	**5.54% (Sep 2026)** Up from 4.83% in Aug; the highest in the new series. Food inflation: 7.74%.
10. Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) **MoSPI (National Statistics Office)** *Monthly · Latest: Sep 2026*	Official jobs data for people aged 15+.	Key finding: Female labour force participation 34.6%; urban unemployment 6.9%, rural 4.2%.	**▲ 5.0% unemployment** Sep 2026; down from 5.2% a year earlier.

2 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, POVERTY & SOCIETY *10 indices*

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11. Human Development Report 2025 (HDI) **UNDP** *May 2025 · Annual*	A country's overall well-being: long life, education and income. 193 countries.	Top 3: Iceland (0.972), Norway and Switzerland (tied, 0.970).	**▲ 130 / 193** HDI 0.685 ('medium' group); up from 133rd.
12. Gender Inequality Index (GII) **UNDP** *In HDR 2025 · 2023 data*	Gaps between women and men in health, empowerment and jobs. A lower score means more equality.	Top 3: Denmark (0.003), Norway, Sweden.	**▲ 102nd** Score 0.403; up from 108th.

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13. Global Gender Gap Report 2026 **World Economic Forum (WEF)** *Sep 2026 · Annual (20th edition)*	How close women and men are to equality in the economy, education, health and politics. 145 countries.	Top 3: Iceland (93% parity), Finland, Norway. Last: Chad.	**• 131 / 145** Parity 64.5%; rank unchanged. Best: education (96.6% parity); weakest: political empowerment (24.5%).
14. Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2026 **UNDP (with OPHI, Oxford)**	Poverty beyond income: health, education and living standards. 108 countries. No country ranking.	Key finding: 1.2 billion people (18.9%) are poor, the first rise since 2010.	**• 16.4% poor** Based on 2019–21 data (no newer India survey). Was 55.1% in 2005–06.
15. National Multidimensional Poverty Index **NITI Aayog** *NITI Aayog–UNDP paper, 2024 · Latest estimate*	India's own poverty measure, using 12 indicators of health, education and living standards.	—	**▲ 11.28% poor** In 2022–23, down from 29.17% in 2013–14. About 24.8 crore people left poverty.
16. World Happiness Report 2026 **UN SDSN** *Mar 2026 · With Oxford & Gallup*	How people rate their own lives (3-year average, 2023–25). 147 countries.	Top 3: Finland (9th year running), Iceland, Denmark. Last: Afghanistan.	**▲ 116 / 147** Score 4.536; up from 118th. Nepal is 99th, Pakistan 104th.
17. Sustainable Development Report 2026 (SDG Index) **UN SDSN** *Jul 2026 · 11th edition*	Progress of each country on the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. 167 countries.	Top 3: Finland, Sweden, Denmark.	**▲ 94 / 167** Score 68.3, India's best ever (99th last year).
18. SDG India Index 2023–24 **NITI Aayog** *Jul 2024 · 4th edition · Latest*	How each state is doing on 16 UN goals, scored 0–100 (113 indicators).	Top states: Kerala and Uttarakhand (79 each), then Tamil Nadu. Lowest: Bihar (57).	**▲ 71 / 100** Up from 66 in 2020–21 and 57 in 2018.
19. World Migration Report 2026 **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** *May 2026 · Every 2 years*	Global trends in migration and remittances (money migrants send home).	Top receivers: India, Mexico, Philippines.	**No. 1 in remittances** $137.7 billion in 2024. Largest diaspora: over 3 crore people.
20. State of World Population 2025 **UN Population Fund (UNFPA)** *Jun 2025 · Annual*	Population trends. 2025 theme: 'The Real Fertility Crisis'.	Key finding: India is the world's most populous country.	**146.39 crore people** Fertility rate 1.9, below the replacement level of 2.1.

3 HEALTH, HUNGER & NUTRITION *6 indices*

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21. Global TB Report 2025 **WHO** *Nov 2025 · Annual*	How many people fall ill with or die from tuberculosis. In 2024: 10.7 million cases, 1.23 million deaths.	Highest burden: India (25%), Indonesia (10%), Philippines (6.8%).	**Highest burden** India's TB cases fell 21% in 2015–24 (world: 12%). It has 32% of world drug-resistant TB.
22. World Malaria Report 2025 **WHO** *4 Dec 2025 · Annual*	Malaria cases and deaths worldwide. In 2024: 282 million cases, 610,000 deaths.	Highest burden: Nigeria, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda (over half of world cases).	**▲ Out of high-burden group** India left WHO's 'High Burden to High Impact' list in 2024; cases and deaths fell about 69% in 2017–23.
23. Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2026 **Welthungerhilfe, IFHV & Helvetas** *14 Oct 2026 · Annual*	Hunger level from undernourishment and child stunting, wasting and deaths. Score 0 (best) to 100. 122 countries.	Top: No clear top 3; many countries share the top ranks with scores below 5.	**▲ 100 / 122** Score 24.1 ('serious'); up from 102nd. Child wasting is 19%.
24. SOFI 2026 (Food Security & Nutrition) **FAO with IFAD, UNICEF, WFP & WHO** *Jul 2026 · Annual*	Hunger worldwide; tracks SDG 2 (Zero Hunger).	Key finding: 645 million people hungry (7.8%) in 2025; 2.69 billion cannot afford a healthy diet.	**▲ 9.3% undernourished** Down from 13.9% in 2021.
25. National Family Health Survey (NFHS-6) **Ministry of Health; IIPS, Mumbai** *2023–24 data · Released 2026*	Health and nutrition data for every state and district.	Key finding: Child stunting 29.3% (was 35.5%); hospital births 90.6%.	**● Fertility rate 2.0** Below replacement level (2.1). Women with bank accounts: 89%.
26. State Food Safety Index (SFSI) **FSSAI (Ministry of Health)** *6th Edition (2023–24)*	Food safety performance of states across 5 parameters.	Top (large states): Kerala, Tamil Nadu, J&K	**State-level index** Drives compliance, testing and consumer awareness.

4 ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE & ENERGY *7 indices*

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27. Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026 **Yale & Columbia universities** *Jul 2026 · Every 2 years*	How well countries protect health, ecosystems and the climate (47 indicators). 177 countries.	Top 3: Estonia (74.79), Luxembourg, United Kingdom. Last: Laos.	**● 176 / 177** Score 22.46; weak on air quality and biodiversity. Method changed in 2024.
28. Climate Change Performance Index 2026 **Germanwatch & partners** *Nov 2025 · Annual · At COP30*	How well countries cut emissions: emissions, renewables, energy use and climate policy. 63 countries + EU.	Top: Ranks 1–3 left empty; Denmark 4th. Last: Saudi Arabia.	**▼ 23rd** Down from 10th; rating fell to 'medium' due to heavy use of coal.
29. Climate Risk Index 2026 **Germanwatch** *Nov 2025 · At COP30*	Countries worst hit by extreme weather (deaths, losses), 1995–2024.	Key finding: All of the 10 worst-hit countries are in the Global South.	**9th most affected** Over 80,000 deaths in about 430 events (1995–2024). 15th for 2024 alone.
30. World Air Quality Report 2025 **IQAir (Switzerland)** *Mar 2026 · Annual*	Average PM2.5 (fine dust) in countries and cities. WHO safe limit: 5 µg/m³.	Most polluted: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Tajikistan. Only 13 countries met the WHO limit.	**▲ 6th most polluted** PM2.5 48.9 µg/m³ (about 10× WHO limit). Delhi is the most polluted capital.
31. Global E-waste Monitor 2024 **ITU & UNITAR** *Mar 2024 · Latest edition*	How much electronic waste the world produces and recycles.	Key finding: 62 million tonnes in 2022; only 22.3% recycled properly.	**3rd largest generator** After China and the USA.
32. Energy Transition Index 2026 **World Economic Forum (WEF)** *Jun 2026 · Annual*	How secure, affordable and clean a country's energy system is, and how ready it is to change. 120 countries.	Top 3: Sweden, Finland, Denmark.	**▲ 70 / 120** Up from 71st in 2025.
33. India State of Forest Report 2023 **Forest Survey of India** *Dec 2024 · Every 2 years*	India's forest and tree cover, measured by satellite.	Largest forest area: Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh.	**▲ 25.17% green cover** Forest alone 21.76%.

5 GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY & SECURITY *9 indices*

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34. Corruption Perceptions Index 2025 **Transparency International** *Feb 2026 · Annual*	How corrupt each country's public sector is seen to be (0 = very corrupt, 100 = very clean). 182 countries.	Top 3: Denmark (89), Finland (88), Singapore (84). Last: South Sudan and Somalia (9).	**▲ 91 / 182** Score 39 out of 100; up from 96th.
35. World Press Freedom Index 2026 **Reporters Without Borders (RSF)** *30 Apr 2026 · Annual*	How free journalists and media are to work (political, economic, legal, social and safety factors). 180 countries.	Top 3: Norway (10th year), Netherlands, Estonia. Last: Eritrea.	**▼ 157 / 180** Score 31.96 ('very serious'); down from 151st.
36. Democracy Index 2025 **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)** *Apr 2026 · Annual*	Rates democracy on elections, government, participation, culture and civil liberties. 167 countries.	Top: Norway, New Zealand.	**'Flawed democracy'** 41st in the 2024 edition; the 2025 rank is not in EIU's public summary.
37. Rule of Law Index 2025 **World Justice Project** *28 Oct 2025 · Annual*	How well laws are applied and justice works, using 8 factors. 143 countries.	Top 3: Denmark, Norway, Finland.	**▼ 86 / 143** Overall score fell 1.7% from the previous year.
38. Global Peace Index 2026 **Institute for Economics & Peace** *Jun 2026 · Annual (20th edition)*	How peaceful a country is: safety, ongoing conflict and militarisation. 163 countries.	Top 3: Iceland (19th year), New Zealand, Switzerland. Last: Russia.	**▼ 127 / 163** Down from 115th. World peace fell for the 12th year in a row.
39. Global Risks Report 2026 **World Economic Forum (WEF)** *14 Jan 2026 · Annual (21st edition)*	The biggest threats seen by 1,300+ experts over the next 2 and 10 years. No country ranking.	Key finding: Top 2-year risk: geoeconomic confrontation (trade wars, sanctions). Top 10-year risk: extreme weather.	**Cyber insecurity** India's No. 1 risk, then income inequality, weak public services and economic downturn.
40. Global Cybersecurity Index 2024 **ITU (UN telecom agency)** *Sep 2024 · 5th edition*	Commitment to cybersecurity on 5 pillars (legal, technical, etc.). Tiers, not ranks.	Top group: Tier 1 'Role-modelling': 46 countries.	**▲ Tier 1** Role-modelling; score 98.49 out of 100.
41. Henley Passport Index **Henley & Partners** *Oct 2026 (published 9 Oct) · Updated through the year*	How many destinations a passport opens without a prior visa. 199 passports, 227 destinations.	Top: Singapore is No. 1 with access to 193 destinations.	**▲ 84th** 55 destinations (57 last year). Shares the rank with Algeria and Mauritania.

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42. Good Governance Index (GGI) **DARPG (Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions)** *Latest edition 2021*	Administrative performance across 10 governance sectors.	Top (Group A): Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa.	**State-level index** Scores service delivery, justice and efficiency.

6 STATE-LEVEL & EDUCATION INDICES *6 indices*

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43. Investment Friendliness Index 2026 **NITI Aayog** *17 Jul 2026 · 1st edition*	How well each state attracts and supports investment (8 pillars, 84 indicators). 28 states and 8 UTs.	Top 3 states: Gujarat (56.6), Maharashtra (53.7), Tamil Nadu (53.3).	**State-level index** Goa and Odisha complete the top 5. No state scored above 60.
44. Fiscal Health Index 2026 **NITI Aayog** *11 Mar 2026 · 2nd edition · FY 2023–24 data*	How sound each state's finances are: spending quality, revenue, deficits and debt. 18 major states.	Top 3 states: Odisha (73.1), Goa (54.7), Jharkhand (50.5).	**State-level index** Odisha has stayed No. 1 in both editions.
45. Export Preparedness Index (EPI) **NITI Aayog** *4th Edition (2024)*	How ready each state's export ecosystem is: 4 pillars, 70 indicators.	Top: Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka.	**State-level index** Classed as Leaders, Challengers, Aspirers.
46. Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) **Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DPIIT)** *7th Edition (2025)*	Benchmarks states on logistics infrastructure, services and regulation.	Achievers: Include coastal and industrial hubs.	**State-level index** Achievers, Fast Movers, Aspirers.
47. Performance Grading Index (PGI 2.0) **Ministry of Education (DoSE&L)** *Annual (2025–26)*	Grades school education systems: 6 domains, 73 indicators, 1,000 points.	Top: Chandigarh (Uttam-3). No state in the top 3 grades.	**10 grading levels** Highest: Daksh; lowest: Akanshi-3.
48. NIRF Rankings 2025 **Ministry of Education** *4 Sep 2025 · Annual*	Ranks Indian colleges on teaching, research, results and outreach.	Top: IIT Madras (overall), IISc (university), Hindu College.	**Institution ranking** 2026 edition not released yet.

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