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❖ *Ministry of Finance*

Highlights: Economic Survey 2025-26 (January 29, 2026)

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman tabled the Economic Survey 2025-26 in Parliament. The highlights of the Economic Survey are as follows.

State of the Economy

1. The global environment remains fragile, with growth holding up better than expected but risks elevated amid intensifying geopolitical tensions, trade fragmentation and financial vulnerabilities. The impact of these shocks may still surface with a lag.
2. Against this backdrop, India's performance stands out. **The First Advance Estimates place FY26 real GDP growth at 7.4 per cent and GVA growth at 7.3 per cent, reaffirming India's status as the fastest-growing major economy for the fourth consecutive year.**
3. **Private Final Consumption Expenditure grew by 7.0 per cent in FY26, reaching 61.5 per cent of GDP**, the highest since 2012 (FY23 also recorded 61.5 per cent share). This growth is supported by low inflation, stable employment, and increasing real purchasing power. Strong agricultural performance has bolstered rural consumption, while improvements in urban consumption, aided by tax rationalisation, indicate broad-based demand momentum.
4. Investment activity strengthened in FY26, with **Gross Fixed Capital Formation growing by 7.8 per cent and its share remaining steady at 30 per cent of GDP**. This momentum was buoyed by sustained public capital expenditure and a revival in private investment activity, as evident from corporate announcements.
5. On the supply side, services remain the main driver of growth. In the first half of FY26, the Gross Value Added (GVA) for services increased by 9.3 per cent, with an estimated 9.1 per cent growth for the entire fiscal year. This trend indicates a broad-based expansion across the sector.

Fiscal Developments: Anchoring Stability through Credible Consolidation

1. The government's prudent fiscal management has strengthened credibility and reinforced confidence in India's macroeconomic and fiscal framework. This led to three sovereign credit rating upgrades in 2025 - by Morningstar DBRS, S&P Global Ratings, and Rating and Investment Information (R&I), Inc.

For details:

<https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/01/791a71ebde47d93b67560f7394be2fec.pdf>

2. Centre's revenue receipts strengthened from an average of about 8.5 per cent of GDP in FY16–FY20 to 9.2% of GDP in FY25 (PA). This improvement was driven by buoyant non-corporate tax collections, which rose from about 2.4 per cent of GDP pre-pandemic to around 3.3 per cent post-pandemic.
3. The direct tax base expanded steadily, with income tax returns filed increasing from 6.9 crore in FY22 to 9.2 crore in FY25. Higher return filings reflect improved compliance, greater use of technology in tax administration, and a growing number of individuals entering the tax net as their incomes rise.
4. Gross GST collections during April–December 2025 stood at ₹17.4 lakh crore, registering a year-on-year growth of 6.7 per cent. GST revenue growth is broadly aligned with prevailing nominal GDP growth conditions. In parallel, high-frequency indicators suggest robust transaction volumes, with cumulative e-way bill volumes during April–December 2025 growing by 21 per cent YoY.
5. The effective capital expenditure of the Central government rose from an average of 2.7 per cent of GDP in the pre-pandemic period to about 3.9 per cent post-pandemic, and to a higher 4 per cent of GDP in FY25.
6. Through Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure (SASCI), the Centre has incentivised States to maintain capital spending at around 2.4 per cent of GDP in FY25.
7. The combined fiscal deficit of State Governments stayed broadly stable at around 2.8 per cent of GDP in the post-pandemic period, similar to pre-pandemic levels, but has edged up in recent years to 3.2 per cent in FY25, reflecting emerging pressures on State finances.
8. India reduced its general government debt-to-GDP ratio by about 7.1 percentage points since 2020, even while maintaining high public investment.

For details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2219907®=3&lang=1>

❖ Business and Economy

Union Civil Aviation Minister outlines bold vision for India's aerospace future at Wings India 2026 (January 30, 2026)

At the Wings India 2026 summit held at Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport, Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu outlined a bold vision for the nation's aerospace future. Addressing the assembly on January 29, he emphasised that India's ambitions have evolved beyond being a primary consumer of aviation services. The Minister declared a national commitment to transforming India into a comprehensive hub for aircraft design, manufacturing, financing, and maintenance, addressing a long-standing industrial bottleneck. Minister Naidu highlighted that a thriving aviation sector requires a supportive ecosystem rather than isolated efforts. He pointed to India's young demographic and massive middle class as the primary engines driving this demand. While acknowledging historical challenges in domestic production, he noted significant recent strides in indigenous manufacturing, suggesting that the international community now views India as a viable global manufacturing base.

For detail: <https://www.newsoneair.gov.in/union-civil-aviation-minister-outlines-bold-vision-for-indias-aerospace-future-at-wings-india-2026/>

❖ ESG Update

Microsoft: AI-powered precision irrigation- Helping farmers save water

In Chile, one of the world's most water-stressed regions, Microsoft partnered with Kilimo to deploy AI-powered precision irrigation systems. By integrating crop soil moisture tests, satellite data, local weather data, and agronomy advisory, Kilimo provides farmers with tailored irrigation schedules. To date, this technology has been implemented across 440 hectares of farmland in Chile's Maipo Basin, saving an estimated 1.5 million cubic meters over three years, benefitting 11 farmers. These efforts also reduce agricultural runoff and carbon emissions while improving natural pest control and crop yields.

For details:

<https://cdn-dynmedia-1.microsoft.com/is/content/microsoftcorp/microsoft/msc/documents/presentations/CSR/2025-Microsoft-Environmental-Sustainability-Report.pdf#page=01>

❖ Pronouncement

22.01.2026	Avadhut Sathe Trading Academy, Avadhut Dinkar Sathe and Gouri Avadhut Sathe Appellants Vs. Securities and Exchange Board of India Respondent	Securities Appellate Tribunal Appeal No.545 of 2025
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SAT found prima facie violation of SEBI's Investment Advisers Regulations and the Research Analysts Regulations by an Academy, ordering ₹100 Cr deposit.

Brief facts of the case:

This appeal is directed against ex parte interim order cum show cause notice dated December 4, 2025, passed by SEBI issuing various directions. Appellants' pleaded case is, second appellant, Avadhut Dinkar Sathe established an academy in 2008 as a training platform to impart financial knowledge in investment and trading. First appellant is the academy, appellant Nos.2 and 3 are its Directors. The academy has organised popular courses, namely, Eye Opener Seminars, Get Edge Over Others Program (GEO), Pay Attention to Price Action (PAPA), Futures & Options Made Easy (FOME), Get Ultimate Edge (GUE), Advanced Mentorship Programs. In 2025, the academy established a residential training campus known as 'ASTA Gurukul' with residential facility for advance courses.

The crux of SEBI's allegation is, appellants, without obtaining registration, have been providing investment advisory and research analyst services under the guise of their stock market training programmes to a large number of investors. They have been recklessly misleading, soliciting and inducing the investors to deal in the securities market on the basis of their advice. They have collected ₹601 Crores from more than 3.37 Lakh investors.

However, appellant has produced a statement showing have spent ₹316.74 Crores on administrative and operational expenses and invested ₹100 Crores on the fixed assets and do not have any money.

SAT Order:

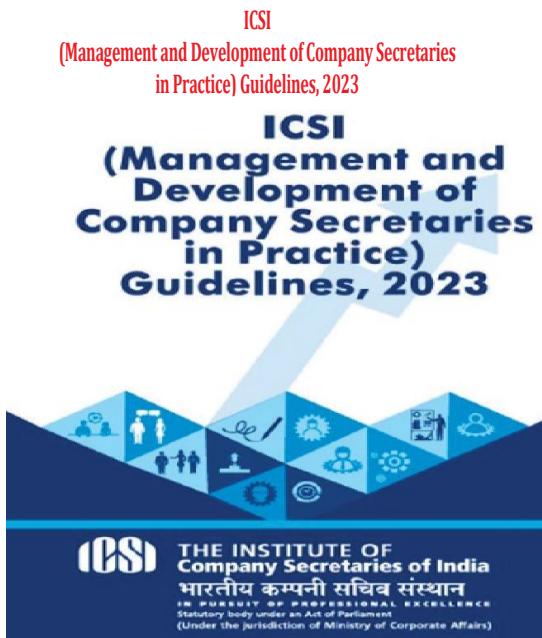
SAT is of the considered opinion that:

- The Investment Advisers Regulations and the Research Analysts Regulations were certainly in force during the period under consideration i.e. 2020 to 2025;
- Testimonials have been uploaded on the YouTube channel even after administrative warning issued by the SEBI;
- SEBI has placed on record the factual matrices of the case and the material seized during the search and seizure operation which also include the testimonials. Thus, SEBI has made out a prima facie case of violation of IA and RA Regulations.

Thus, SAT directed the appellants to deposit a sum of ₹100 Crores in the bank and restraining them from alienating the fixed assets. The appeal is allowed in part.

For details:

<https://satweb.sat.gov.in/view-order/64c072b7c81c025a12462130e310f1acc14cae9c0212c687c6a7cc0a73b7c6a3/40561>



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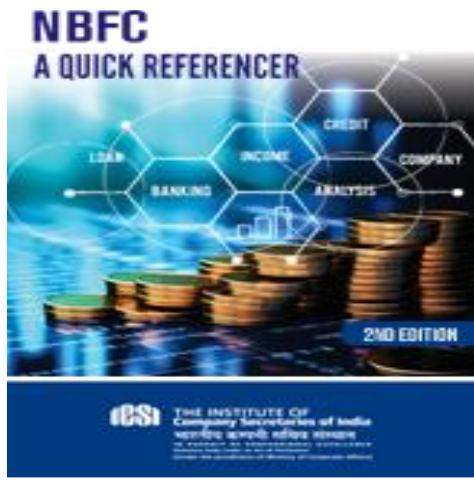
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❖ Market Watch

Stock Market Indices as on 30.01.2026	
S & P BSE Sensex	82269.78 (-0.36%)
Nifty 50	25320.65(-0.39%)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 30.01.2026 (https://m.rbi.org.in//scripts/ReferenceRateArchive.aspx)			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
91.89	109.56	126.38	.59

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