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7.1%

the revised GDP growth forecast for 2026–27.

What to know, in 60 seconds each

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RBI raises interest rates by 25 bps and shifts to calibrated tightening

Why in news: The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) raised interest rates by 25 bps and shifted its stance to 'calibrated tightening' to combat rising inflation.

REMEMBER

- Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) — the body responsible for setting interest rates and policy stance.
- Calibrated Tightening — the new policy stance adopted by the RBI to combat inflation.
- 7.1% — the revised GDP growth forecast for 2026–27.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the limitations of monetary policy in controlling inflation driven by supply-side shocks like crude oil prices and monsoon-related food shortages.

USE: Monetary Policy Committee Calibrated Tightening

Supply-side Inflation Inflation Expectations

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133039

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ECI caps Form 7 submissions to prevent bulk voter name deletions

Why in news: The Election Commission of India (ECI) capped Form 7 submissions to prevent the bulk deletion of voter names during the Special Intensive Revision.

REMEMBER

- Form 7: The specific form used for the deletion of names from the electoral roll.
- Election Commission of India (ECI): The body overseeing the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls.
- Cap: Individual electors limited to 10 applications during claims and objections and 5 per month during continuous updation.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the measures taken by the Election Commission of India to ensure the integrity of electoral rolls against potential political manipulation.

USE: Electoral Integrity Disenfranchisement

Administrative Safeguards Special Intensive Revision

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133540

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Navanethem Pillay awarded 2026 Nobel Peace Prize for UN inquiry oversight

Why in news: The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize to South African judge Navanethem Pillay for her work in international law and overseeing a UN inquiry into the Gaza situation.

REMEMBER

- Navanethem Pillay — South African judge and current judge at the International Court of Justice
- International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda — body where Pillay previously served
- Norwegian Nobel Committee — body responsible for awarding the Nobel Peace Prize

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the role of international judicial bodies and UN inquiries in upholding international law and addressing allegations of genocide in modern conflicts.

USE: International Law Genocide Judicial Oversight

Human Rights

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133529

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Supreme Court upholds strike down of 34% Backward Classes reservation

Why in news: The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal by the Andhra Pradesh government, upholding a High Court ruling that struck down a 34% reservation for Backward Classes in local bodies.

REMEMBER

- 50% reservation ceiling — the limit beyond which the State must provide empirical data to justify a breach.
- Supreme Court — upheld the High Court ruling against the Andhra Pradesh government's reservation attempt.
- Justices Dipankar Datta and Sheel Nagu — the bench that dismissed the appeal.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the constitutional validity of exceeding the 50% reservation ceiling and the necessity of empirical data in justifying affirmative action for Backward Classes.

USE: Affirmative Action Reservation Ceiling Empirical Data

Judicial Review

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133537

US suspends Microsoft, Infosys, TCS from labor program over fraud

Why in news: US Vice President JD Vance and Labour Secretary Keith Sonderling announced the suspension of several tech firms from the Permanent Labour Certification programme over alleged fraud.

REMEMBER

- Permanent Labour Certification programme: A US program for tech firms to certify the need for foreign workers.
- JD Vance: Vice President of the United States
- Keith Sonderling: US Labour Secretary

MAINS ANGLE Discuss the implications of US labor certification policies on the Indian IT workforce and the broader dynamics of bilateral labor migration.

USE: Labor Certification Green Card Backlog

Bilateral Migration Regulatory Compliance

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133299

Japan plans 10 trillion yen investment in India over 10 years

Why in news: Japan announced a plan to invest 10 trillion yen (approx. \$100 billion) in India over the next 10 years to bolster manufacturing and energy security.

REMEMBER

- 10 trillion yen (approx. \$100 billion) — Japan's planned investment in India over 10 years
- \$48 billion — Japan's investment in India between 2000 and 2025
- \$98 billion — Japan's investment in China between 2000 and 2025

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how deepening bilateral investment from Japan can enhance India's manufacturing capabilities and energy security goals.

USE: Foreign Direct Investment Energy Security

Manufacturing Hub Bilateral Trade

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133366

Indian Navy to commission Mangrol, third indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare craft, in Mumbai

Why in news: The Indian Navy is set to commission the Mangrol, its third indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, in Mumbai to bolster coastal defense capabilities.

REMEMBER

- Mangrol: The third indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft to be commissioned by the Indian Navy.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL): The entity responsible for building the Mangrol craft.
- The Mangrol craft features over 80% indigenous content under the Make in India initiative.

MAINS ANGLE Discuss how the 'Make in India' initiative in the defence sector contributes to India's strategic autonomy and maritime security.

USE: Strategic Autonomy Indigenization Maritime Security

Make in India

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133409

Bangladesh seeks new Ganga Water Sharing Treaty before December 2026 expiry

Why in news: Bangladesh's Water Resources Minister Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee expressed hope for a new Ganga Water Sharing Treaty with India before the current 30-year agreement expires on December 12, 2026.

REMEMBER

- Ganga Water Sharing Treaty — governs water sharing at Farakka Barrage during the lean season (January 1 to May 31).
- Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) — the bilateral mechanism for discussing water cooperation between India and Bangladesh.
- Padma River — the name of the Ganga River upon entering Bangladesh, 22 km downstream from Farakka Barrage.

MAINS ANGLE Examine the significance of transboundary water-sharing agreements in fostering bilateral cooperation and regional stability between India and Bangladesh.

USE: Transboundary water Hydro-diplomacy

Joint Rivers Commission Water security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/133268

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Registrar General directs Andhra Pradesh officials to complete Census 2027 second phase

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Lebanon conflict: Israel's re-intensified attacks resulted in over 9,000 deaths and a projected 6 percent economic contraction by 2026.

US bars Microsoft, Tata, Wipro and 6 others from PERM programme over worker replacement

Ethiopian forces enter Mekelle as TPLF withdraws, ending 2022 Pretoria ceasefire

NEET-UG Exam: Parliamentary Committee recommends transitioning to Computer-Based Test mode to enhance integrity.

Josh team: Cuddalore District Collector launched the Joint Squad for Health to accelerate the Tuberculosis-Free India goal by 2030.

Article 201: Kerala government to request President to reconsider the Private Universities Bill via a resolution.

Kerala welfare projects: Government completed 32 projects including study rooms and Ambedkar villages under a 100-day programme.

Buildings under 24 metres no longer need Fire NOC in Telangana

KPSC recruitment: Karnataka High Court upheld KSAT finding to issue appointment orders despite fraudulent certificates.

Metro station closures: Supreme Court heard arguments regarding the closure of 57 metro stations and barricading ahead of planned protests.

Electoral roll: Supreme Court suggested prioritizing lakhs of West Bengal voter inclusions over 37.05 lakh backlogged appeals.

Taniguchi and Verma discuss protecting trade routes against China at NDTV Indo-Japan Summit

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White dwarfs: Magnetized carbon-oxygen white dwarfs can exceed the 1.4 solar mass Chandrasekhar limit.

Road investment: Hyderabad to host 85th Indian Road Congress to discuss a ₹25,000 crore road investment plan.

Telangana to introduce 10 new generation policies for semiconductors and logistics

Karnataka wins award for 9 GW highest under-construction wind power capacity

Telangana-CRUTI project: DEA approved ₹5,000 crore KfW funding for a ₹7,143 crore sewerage project in Warangal.

GCC growth: India's GCC ecosystem grew to 2,117 centers by FY26, employing 2.36 million people.

Mumbai firecracker ban: Mumbai Police banned firecrackers and laser lights until December 4, 2026, following a Bombay High Court ruling.

IceCube Observatory: Francis Halzen awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics for detecting high-energy cosmic neutrinos.

Road Safety Mission: Tamil Nadu government announces ₹500 crore initiative following 18,449 fatalities in the state.

Trump's PERM suspension may accelerate India as global hub for AI and GCCs

FSSAI issues notices to Dr Reddy's, Nestle Health Science over misleading health claims

5 questions, 5 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

- 1** What is the revised GDP growth forecast for 2026–27 as projected by the RBI?
- (a) 8.2% (b) 7.5%
(c) 6.7% (d) 7.1%
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- 2** Which international judicial body currently has Navanethem Pillay serving as a judge?
- (a) International Court of Justice (b) European Court of Human Rights
(c) World Bank (d) International Criminal Court
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- 3** With reference to the Election Commission of India's measures on electoral rolls, consider the following statements:
1. Individual electors are limited to 15 applications during claims and objections.
 2. Form 7 is the specific form used for the deletion of names from the electoral roll.
 3. The cap of 5 applications per month applies during continuous updation.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 3 only
(c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 3 only
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- 4** What is the reservation ceiling mentioned by the Supreme Court as a limit for the State to justify breaching with empirical data?
- (a) 40% (b) 60%
(c) 50% (d) 33%
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- 5** Which US program is used by tech firms to certify the need for foreign workers?
- (a) Global Talent Initiative (b) Permanent Labour Certification programme
(c) Employment Authorization System (d) H-1B Visa Scheme

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

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Discuss the limitations of monetary policy in controlling inflation driven by supply-side shocks like crude oil prices and monsoon-related food shortages.

USE: Monetary Policy Committee Calibrated Tightening Supply-side Inflation Inflation Expectations GDP Growth Forecast

ANSWERS • 1 (d) 2 (a) 3 (d) 4 (c) 5 (b)



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