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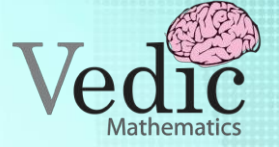
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## Economic & Business

### Economic Forecasts & Investments:

**IMF Growth Forecast:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reaffirmed India's position as the world's fastest-growing major economy by upgrading its economic growth forecast to 6.4% for both fiscal years 2025 and 2026. This upward revision from previous estimates (6.2% for 2025 and 6.3% for 2026 in April) is attributed to factors like reform momentum, robust consumption, and public investment, along with a more benign external environment. (The Economic Times, The Hindu, Times of India, NewsOnAir)

**AIIB Investment Boost:** The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is aiming to significantly increase its financial commitment to India. It plans to raise its exposure from the current \$12 billion to \$16-17 billion over the next two to three years. The focus of these investments will primarily be on critical sectors such as renewable energy, green mobility, affordable housing, and digital infrastructure. AIIB is also keen on ramping up its exposure to the private sector in India from the current \$1.8 billion. (Times of India, Economic Times, AIIB.org)

### Employment & Emerging Sectors:

**Concert Economy Growth:** India's live concert and events industry is rapidly emerging as a significant driver of employment. It is projected to create nearly 12 million temporary jobs by 2030-2032. This growth is expanding beyond major metros to Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, with each major event potentially generating 15,000

to 20,000 short-term roles across various sectors like logistics, security, hospitality, and digital media. A notable 10-15% of these temporary roles are converting into full-time employment, particularly in technical areas. The sector is poised to become a ₹15,000 crore industry. (Business Today, The Hindu, NDTV, Adda247)

### Financial Markets & Business Updates:

**Stock Market Outlook:** Indian markets are anticipated to have a flat to subdued start on July 30, tracking mixed global cues, weaker US stocks, and ongoing caution regarding potential US tariffs on Indian exports. Gift Nifty indicates a muted opening. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) have been net sellers in Indian equities, selling shares worth Rs 4,637 crore on Tuesday and over \$1.61 billion so far this month. (Angel One, India Today)

**NSDL IPO:** The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) is set to open on July 30, with a subscription window extending until August 1. The IPO, a pure offer for sale, aims to raise up to Rs 4,000 crore, valuing the company at around Rs 16,000 crore. (Times of India)

**Brokerage Recommendations:** Several brokerage firms released stock recommendations. JP Morgan maintained an overweight rating on Bharat Electronics, while Morgan Stanley maintained an underweight rating on IndusInd Bank. Citigroup maintained a buy rating on Torrent Pharma, and Macquarie maintained an outperform rating on Adani Green Energy. CLSA initiated coverage on Radico Khaitan with an outperform rating. (Times of India)





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**BASF India Shares Ex-Date:** BASF India shares are trading ex-date on July 30, meaning shareholders registered in the company's books will be eligible for a final dividend of ₹20 per equity share. (Angel One)

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### MCQS

1. What is the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) upgraded economic growth forecast for India for both fiscal years 2025 and 2026?

- A) 6.0%
- B) 6.2%
- C) 6.4%
- D) 6.6%

**Answer:** C) 6.4%

The news states, "The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reaffirmed India's position as the world's fastest-growing major economy by upgrading its economic growth forecast to 6.4% for both fiscal years 2025 and 2026."

2. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) plans to increase its financial commitment to India from \$12 billion to what range over the next two to three years?

- A) \$13-14 billion
- B) \$14-15 billion
- C) \$15-16 billion
- D) \$16-17 billion

**Answer:** D) \$16-17 billion

The news indicates that AIIB "plans to raise its exposure from the current \$12 billion to \$16-17 billion over the next two to three years."

3. By what period is India's live concert and events industry projected to create nearly 12 million temporary jobs?

- A) By 2028-2030
- B) By 2030-2032
- C) By 2032-2034
- D) By 2035-2037

**Answer:** B) By 2030-2032

The news states that the industry "is projected to create nearly 12 million temporary jobs by 2030-2032."







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4. On July 30, 2025, the Initial Public Offering (IPO) of which company is set to open, aiming to raise up to Rs 4,000 crore?

- A) National Stock Exchange (NSE)
- B) Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL)
- C) National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)
- D) Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)

**Answer:** C) National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)

The news mentions, "The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) is set to open on July 30."

5. Which brokerage firm maintained an underweight rating on IndusInd Bank on July 30, 2025?

- A) JP Morgan
- B) Morgan Stanley
- C) Citigroup
- D) Macquarie

**Answer:** B) Morgan Stanley

The news states, "Morgan Stanley maintained an underweight rating on IndusInd Bank."

6. On July 30, 2025, BASF India shares are trading ex-date for what purpose?

- A) Stock split
- B) Bonus share issuance
- C) Final dividend eligibility
- D) Rights issue

**Answer:** C) Final dividend eligibility

The news confirms, "BASF India shares are trading ex-date on July 30, meaning shareholders registered in the company's books will be eligible for a final dividend of ₹20 per equity share."

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