

## Key Data Releases

### Foreign Trade

India's merchandise exports fell year-on-year by 12.2 per cent to USD 34.5 billion in December 2022. POL exports fell by 26.8 per cent to USD 4.9 billion and non-POL exports fell by 9.2 per cent to USD 29.5 billion in December 2022. At USD 58.2 billion in December 2022, India's merchandise imports were 3.5 per cent lower than the year-ago level. POL imports rose by 5.9 per cent to USD 17.5 billion, but non-POL imports fell by seven per cent to USD 40.8 billion in December 2022. Merchandise trade deficit amounted to USD 23.8 billion in December 2022, which was higher than the deficit of USD 21.1 billion recorded in the year-ago month.

India's net earnings from trade in services rose year-on-year by 6.7 per cent to USD 11.8 billion in December 2022. Receipts from service exports rose by 5.2 per cent to USD 27.3 billion, and payments for service imports rose by 4.1 per cent to USD 15.6 billion in December 2022.

### Wholesale Price Index

Wholesale price inflation, measured by the WPI, fell to nearly 5.0 per cent in December 2022 from 5.8 per cent in November 2022. Inflation in the manufactured products group fell to 3.4 per cent in December 2022 from 3.6 per cent in November 2022 and that in the primary articles group dropped to 2.4 per cent from 5.5 per cent. However, inflation in power & fuel prices increased to 18.1 per cent in December 2022 from 17.4 per cent in November 2022.

### Foreign Exchange Reserves

India's foreign exchange reserves increased by USD 10.4 billion to USD 572.0 billion during the week ended 13 January 2023.

## Key Policy Announcements/ Notifications

**Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies) Directions, 2023**

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?id=12439&Mode=0>

**Framework for Disclosures by Fund Management Entities for Environmental, Social or Governance (ESG) Schemes**

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1892049>

## Reports

**State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2022-23, Reserve Bank of India, January 2023**

According to the report, gross fiscal deficit (GFD) of states is budgeted to narrow to 3.4 per cent of GDP in 2022-23 from 4.1 per cent in 2020-21, helped by broad-based economic recovery and higher revenue collections. States' debt is budgeted to ease to 29.5 per cent of GDP in 2022-23 against 31.1 per cent in 2020-21. However, this is higher than the 20 per cent recommended by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Review Committee, 2018, warranting prioritization of debt consolidation. It also pointed out that state's capital outlay-to-GDP ratio is likely to improve to 2.9 per cent in 2022-23 (budget estimate) from 2.3 per cent in 2021-22 (provisional account). The RBI also cautioned that reversion to the old pension scheme by some states could strain state finances in future.

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/AnnualPublications.aspx?head=State%20Finances%20:%20A%20Study%20of%20Budgets>

**India @ 100: Realizing the potential of a USD 26 trillion economy, EY, January 2023**

The report underscores the growth trajectory of the Indian economy that is projected to be the highest for any large economy over the coming decades. It also cites key enablers that will underpin the country's development over the next 25 years that will unleash business opportunities across sectors and will significantly enhance India's global competitiveness. It recommends ensuring macro-economic stability and resilience and continued thrust on reforms, which will be especially relevant in the backdrop of on-going geo-political conflicts, inflationary pressures and slowing global growth.

[https://www.ey.com/en\\_in/news/2023/01/ey-projects-india-to-become-a-us-dollar-26-trillion-economy-by-2047-with-a-six-fold-increase-in-per-capita-income-to-us-dollar-15000](https://www.ey.com/en_in/news/2023/01/ey-projects-india-to-become-a-us-dollar-26-trillion-economy-by-2047-with-a-six-fold-increase-in-per-capita-income-to-us-dollar-15000)

## Forthcoming Data Releases

Cargo Traffic at Major Ports, Indian Ports Association, January 23, 2023\*

Cargo Traffic at Airports, DGCA, January 25, 2023\*

Forex Reserves, Reserve Bank of India, January 27, 2023

\*Expected

### Sources:

Various Press Articles, CMIE, MOSPI, RBI, SEBI, PIB

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