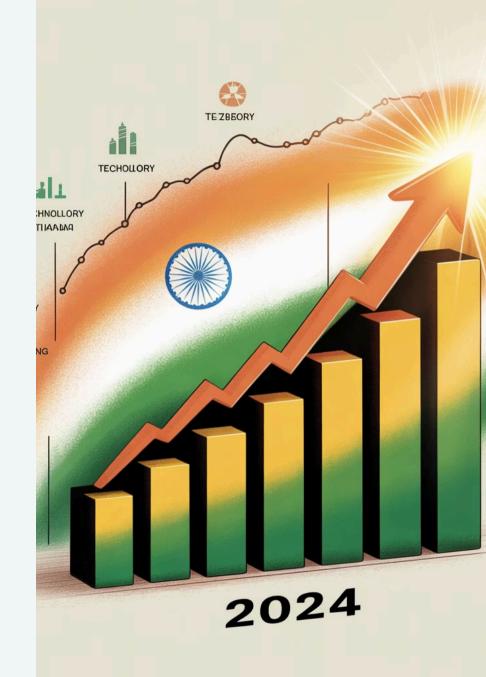
### India's GDP Growth: Slowing Yet Resilient

India's economic growth slowed to 6.5% in 2024-25, the lowest since the pandemic. Despite this slowdown, Q4 saw accelerated growth of 7.4%.

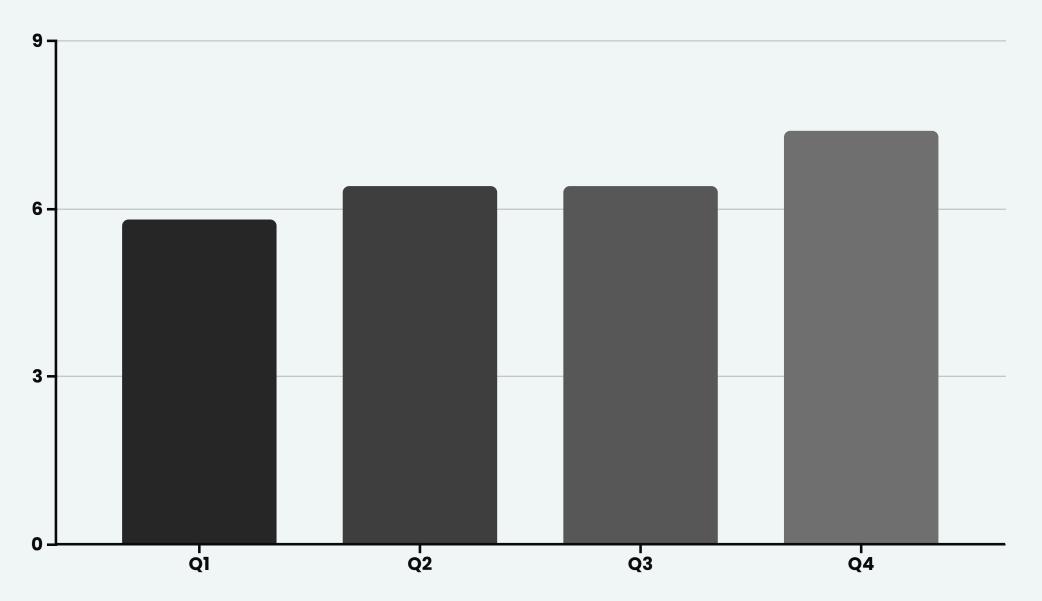
The Chief Economic Advisor emphasized India's strong performance in a "growth-scarce" global environment.

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### **Quarterly Performance**



Q4 showed the strongest performance at 7.4%, up from 6.4% in Q3. However, this was still below the 8.4% growth seen in Q4 of the previous year.

### **Agricultural Sector Shines**

5.4%

4.6%

**Q4 Growth** 

Up from 0.9% in Q4 of previous year

**Full Year** 

Improved from 2.7% in 2023-24

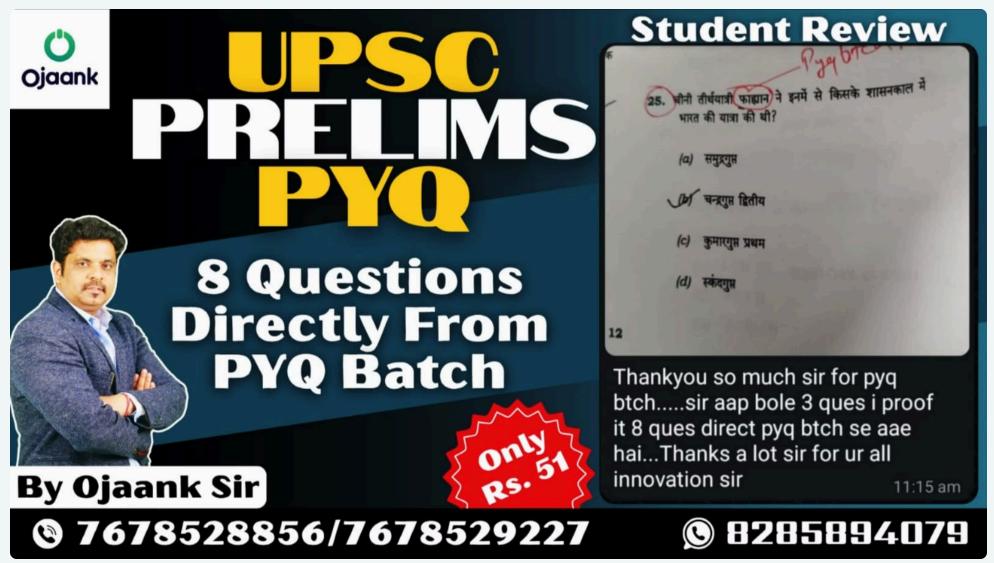
1.9%

**Growth Increase** 

Year-over-year improvement







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# Manufacturing Sector Performance

1 — Q1 FY25

**Moderate growth** 

2 Q2 FY25

Slight improvement

**Q3 FY25** 

**Steady performance** 

4 Q4 FY25

4.8% growth (second fastest quarterly growth)







# **Construction Sector Rebounds**



**Q1 FY25** 

Single-digit growth



**Q2 FY25** 

**Moderate improvement** 



**Q3 FY25** 

**Continued steady growth** 

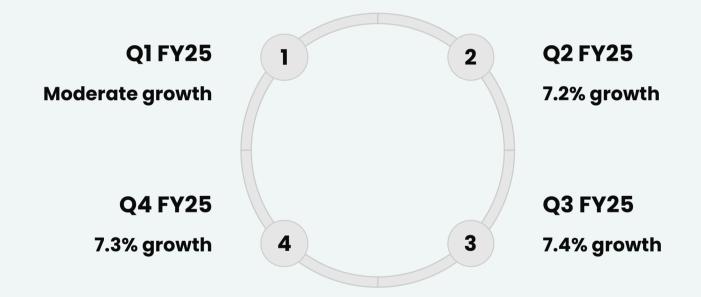


**Q4 FY25** 

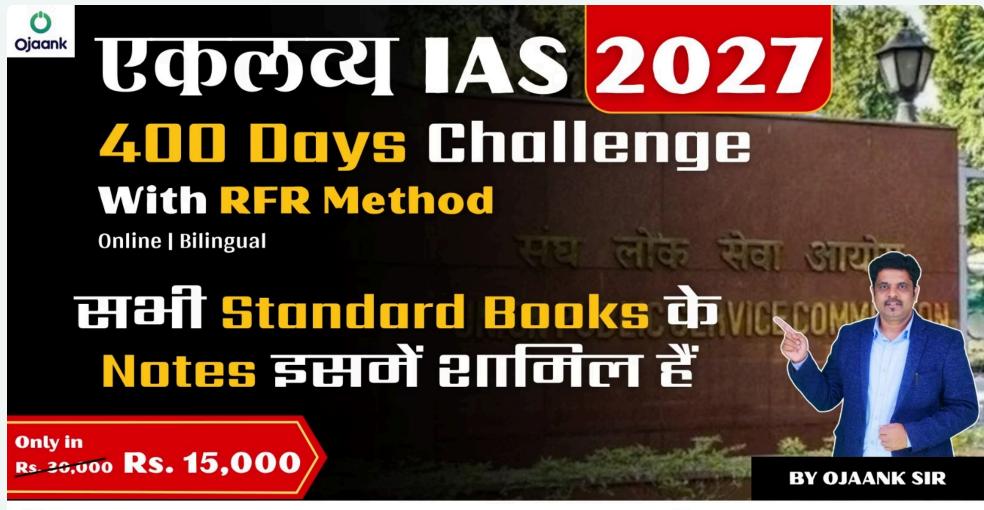
10.8% growth (fastest in the year)



### **Services Sector Stability**







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### **Household Consumption Rises**

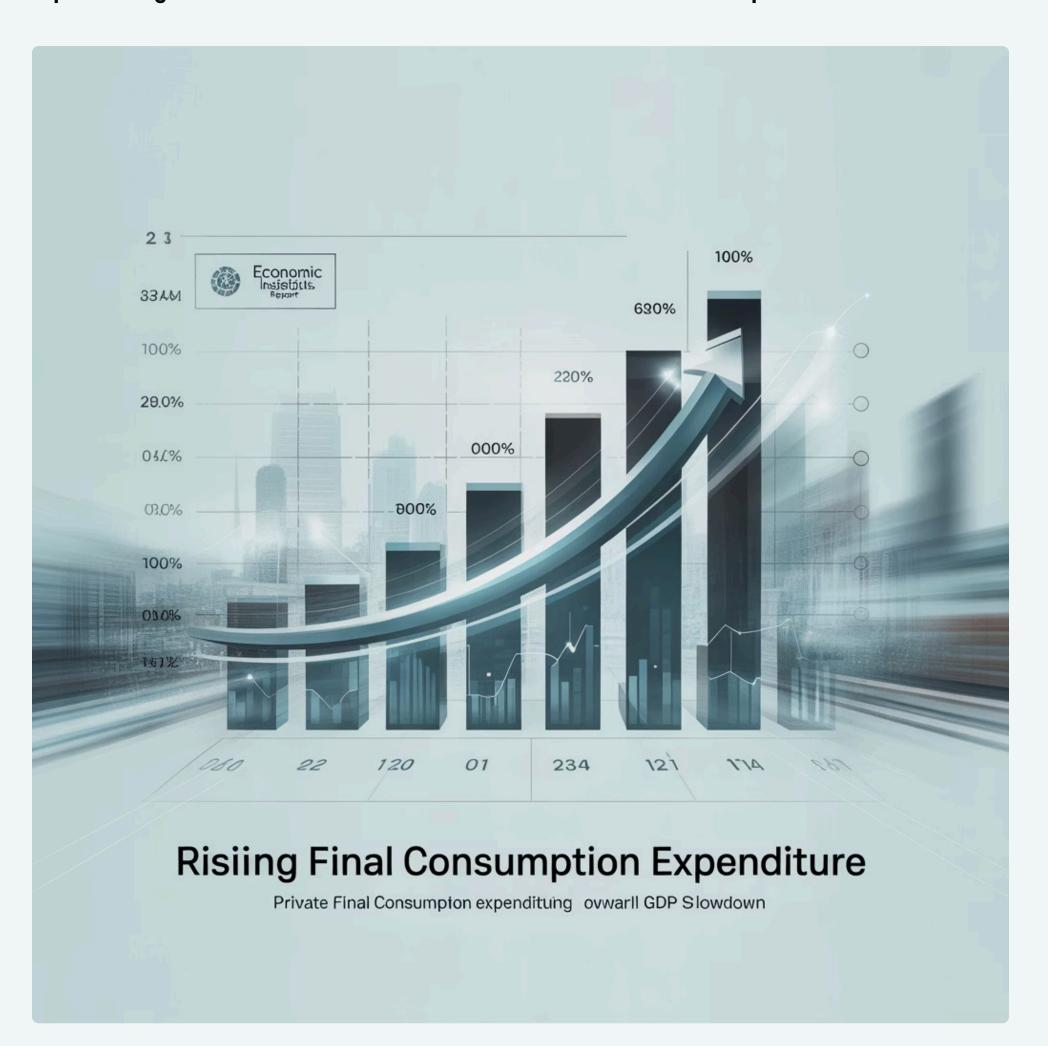
2023-24

2024-25

**Impact** 

Private Final Consumption Expenditure grew at 5.6% PFCE growth accelerated to 7.2%

Stronger consumer spending despite overall GDP slowdown





### **Government Initiatives**

Strategic policy measures driving economic resilience and growth acceleration across key sectors



#### PM-KISAN Scheme

Providing income support to farmers through direct benefit transfers, strengthening the agricultural foundation



### Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme

Boosting domestic manufacturing capabilities with financial incentives across 14 key sectors



#### **National Infrastructure Pipeline**

Comprehensive project pipeline of ₹111 lakh crore investment to enhance infrastructure development



#### **Digital India Initiative**

Accelerating digital transformation and service delivery to strengthen the modern economy

These targeted interventions have helped maintain growth momentum despite global economic headwinds, particularly supporting key sectors like agriculture, manufacturing, and infrastructure development.



### **Demographic Dividend**

India's young population fuels economic growth through productive workforce expansion and innovation potential

#### **Current Demographics**

With over 65% of the population under 35 years of age and a median age of 28.4 years, India possesses the world's largest youth population, creating a substantial labor force advantage projected to last until 2055-56

#### **Key Challenges**

Requires substantial investments in education, skill development, healthcare, and job creation to effectively transform population advantage into economic prosperity

#### **Economic Impact**

This demographic structure could potentially add 2% to the annual GDP growth rate through increased productivity, higher savings rates, enhanced human capital, and greater consumer spending power

#### **Policy Imperatives**

National Education Policy, Skill India Mission, Make in India initiative, and healthcare reforms are critical for maximizing demographic dividend benefits and preventing demographic disaster

Studies suggest that proper utilization of India's demographic dividend could contribute an additional \$4.9 trillion to GDP by 2030, transforming the nation into a global economic powerhouse while simultaneously addressing poverty and inequality challenges





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### **Capital Formation Slows**

Full Year 2024-25

Gross Fixed Capital Formation growth slowed to 7.1% from 8.8% in previous year **Q4 Performance** 

Six-quarter high of 9.4% growth in asset creation

**Economic Implication** 

Slower investment growth despite strong Q4 performance





### **Future Projections**

India's economic trajectory shows promise despite current headwinds. Strategic policy interventions position the nation for sustained growth.



#### **GDP Growth Target**

Economy expected to achieve 6.5-7% growth in FY26 with improved investment climate.



#### **Demographic Advantage**

Youth population to drive \$4.9 trillion GDP addition by 2030 through productivity gains.



#### **Manufacturing Push**

Make in India initiative targets 25% manufacturing share in GDP by 2025.



#### **Global Position**

India poised to become third-largest economy by 2030, surpassing Japan and Germany.



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