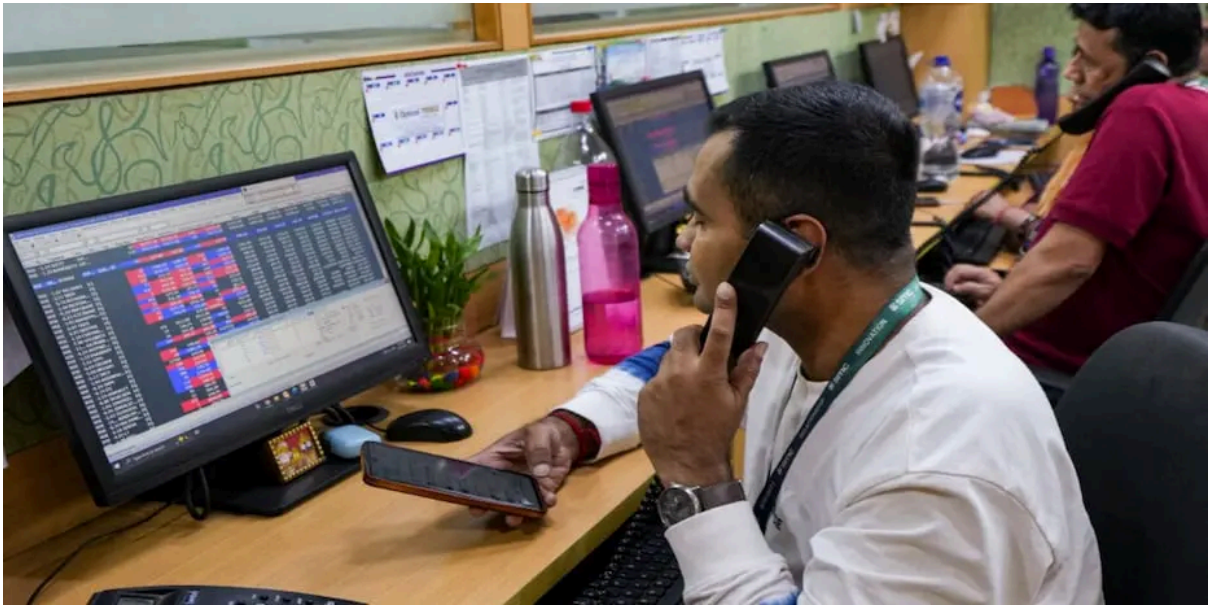


## Economic Survey 2026 highlights: Trade no longer reciprocal, markets no longer neutral, says CEA



**Economic Survey 2026 Live: Economic Survey sees India on stronger footing amid global turmoil, says Amit Gupta**

**Amit Gupta, Partner at Saraf and Partners :**

The Economic Survey 2025-26 portrays a positive narrative on India's trajectory and strong macroeconomic fundamentals in the backdrop of Global political and economic turmoil. Even whilst listing out three possible scenarios that could play out Globally, the Survey pegs India at a better

footing compared to other countries. India's fiscal resilience was also reflected in the upgrade to its sovereign ratings by international agencies. The Survey highlights that India's tripod of tax reforms in the form of reduced corporate tax rates, personal income tax reliefs and radical overhaul of the Goods and Services Tax are delivering results, but sustaining momentum will require continued simplification, further widening of the base, and tighter coordination with states.

The combination of tax relief, improved ease of doing business, sustained public investment, and deliberate shift toward capital formation and human capital investment cumulatively create a favorable environment for India's economy continued growth. However, the road ahead would entail its own set of challenges including Global uncertainties, currency pressures, uneven state finances which would need to be navigated through policy and stronger private sector participation for maintaining this trajectory.

**Economic Survey 2026 Live: Budget 2026 should expand affordable housing GST benefit, ease clearances, says Ramji Subramaniam**

**Ramji Subramaniam, Managing Director, Sowparnika Projects:**

"The real estate sector continues to be a strong pillar of India's growth story. And, we hope that the upcoming Union Budget will introduce progressive measures to improve affordability, liquidity, and long-term demand.

One of the key interventions that we urge the government to consider is extending the 1% GST benefit for affordable housing to homes priced up to INR 65-75 lakh, from the current INR 45 lakh threshold. With land prices in cities rising by 50-75% in recent years and construction costs escalating due to higher raw material prices and a persistent shortage of skilled labour, such a move would reflect current market realities. It would offer relief to first-time homebuyers while allowing developers to focus on making housing accessible for all. We also hope the government considers revising Section 80EEA. Enhancing the price ceiling and extending its validity would further strengthen affordability, especially for first-time buyers. This is likely to convert latent demand into actual home purchases. At the same time, one of the industry's long-standing demands for single-window clearance remains critical. It will help reduce approval timelines, lower holding costs, and ensure timely project delivery. These benefits are ultimately passed on to the homebuyers.

Additionally, rationalisation of GST for under-construction projects would help offset rising input costs and improve project viability. The right policy support can help the sector to continue generating employment, drive infrastructure-backed growth, and support sustainable urban development. Such measures will strengthen investor confidence and accelerate the sector's contribution to the Indian economy.”

## **Economic Survey 2026 Live Updates: Survey released ahead of Union Budget**

Published annually before the Union Budget, the Economic Survey is among the government's most important policy documents. The Union Budget for 2026-27 will be presented on February 1 by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

## **Economic Survey 2026 Live Updates: Economic Survey FY26 to be tabled today**

Good morning and welcome to Moneycontrol. The Economic Survey for FY26 will be presented in Parliament today, Thursday, January 29, during the ongoing Budget Session, which began earlier this week and will continue until April 2.

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