

South Asia's Economic Pulse: Latest Financial Updates on Inflation, Growth, a

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1. According to recent reports, what was India's inflation rate in May 2026?

- A) 3.48 percent
- B) 3.93 percent**
- C) 4.00 percent
- D) 4.10 percent

2. What is the projected GDP growth rate for Bangladesh in FY2024/25 (July 2024 to June 2025)?

- A) 5.4 percent
- B) 4.1 percent**
- C) 3.8 percent
- D) 3.3 percent

3. As of June 2026, what is the State Bank of Pakistan's benchmark policy rate (Reverse Repo Rate)?

- A) 11.50% p.a.**
- B) 12.50% p.a.
- C) 10.50% p.a.
- D) 14.00% p.a.

4. In the first eleven months of Nepal's fiscal year (July 17, 2025, to June 14, 2026), which sector attracted the most foreign direct investment by committed value?

- A) Information Technology
- B) Energy
- C) Agriculture and Forestry**
- D) Services

5. What was the projected growth rate for Bhutan's real GDP in FY2024/25, according to a World Bank update in April 2026?

- A) 6.4 percent
- B) 7.1 percent
- C) 8.1 percent**
- D) 5.2 percent

6. Maldives recorded its strongest tourism performance in 2025, with projected travel receipts expected to exceed what amount?

- A) USD 5.0 billion
- B) USD 5.4 billion**
- C) USD 6.0 billion
- D) USD 4.8 billion

7. As of July 10, 2026, what is the approximate USD/LKR (Sri Lankan Rupee) exchange rate?

- A) 326.76
- B) 333.18
- C) 335.4250**
- D) 340.8686

8. According to a report on July 1, 2026, how much has been raised in equity funding rounds across South Asia in 2026 (up to June)?

- A) \$9.95 billion
- B) \$9.91 billion**
- C) \$11.7 billion
- D) \$631 billion

9. The Pakistani rupee has lost over 60% of its value against the US dollar in the past how many years?

- A) Three
- B) Five**
- C) Ten
- D) Fifteen

10. What is India's projected inflation rate for the year 2026, according to Trading Economics global macro models?

- A) 3.93 percent
- B) 4.00 percent**
- C) 4.10 percent
- D) 4.20 percent

11. In FY2024/25, growth in the South Asia region (excluding India) is estimated to have picked up to what percentage, mainly reflecting recoveries in Pakistan and Sri Lanka?

- A) 3.9 percent**
- B) 4.0 percent
- C) 6.0 percent
- D) 6.2 percent

12. As of July 10, 2026, what is the approximate USD/INR (Indian Rupee) exchange rate?

- A) 93.42
- B) 94.79
- C) 95.5130**
- D) 99.82

13. Which of the following countries is set to graduate from the group of least developed countries and join the group of developing countries in November 2026?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan
- C) Bangladesh**
- D) Sri Lanka

14. Bhutan's real GDP grew rapidly at 8.1 percent in FY24/25, driven by hydropower expansion and a recovery in which other sector?

- A) Agriculture
- B) Manufacturing
- C) Services**
- D) Textiles

15. What was the projected GDP growth rate for Bangladesh in FY2025/26, according to the World Bank in April 2026?

- A) 4.1 percent
- B) 5.4 percent**
- C) 3.8 percent
- D) 3.3 percent

16. In the first nine months of Nepal's current fiscal year (mid-July to mid-April), which sector attracted the highest investment value in terms of FDI commitments?

- A) Information Technology
- B) Agriculture**
- C) Tourism
- D) Manufacturing

17. According to a report on July 10, 2026, India's retail inflation in June was likely to climb to what percentage?

- A) 3.9 percent
- B) 4.0 percent
- C) 4.2 percent**
- D) 4.4 percent

18. Bhutan's inflation softened to 2.6 percent in FY24/25, primarily due to lower inflation in which category?

- A) Fuel
- B) Services
- C) Food**
- D) Manufacturing