NSE Cogencis

Macroeconomic Expectations Survey Report

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Findings of Cogencis Macroeconomic Expectations Survey – June 2026

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Economists expect MPC to hold repo rate at 5.25% with 13:3 majority
- 'Neutral' policy stance to continue; minority turns 'Hawkish'
- Q4 FY26 GDP growth forecast at 7.20%; FY26 full year median at 7.50%
- CPI inflation to inch up to 4.00% in May 2026; FY27 projected at 5.00%
- Core Inflation to rise to 3.80% in May 2026; FY27 anchored at 4.63%
- 10-year-G-sec yield projected to hover around 7.05% in June 2026
- INR expected to depreciate further to 95.88 against USD in June 2026

MPC seen to hold rates; hawkish undercurrent builds

The latest round of NSE Cogencis Macroeconomic Expectations Survey points to a firm consensus in favour of a status quo on the policy repo rate at June 2026 MPC meeting. Of the 16 economists who participated in the survey, 13 expect the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to keep the Repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, while 3 expect a higher rate, reflecting a growing hawkish undercurrent amid the sharp spike in energy prices and firming inflation. The MPC last altered the repo rate in December 2025, delivering 25 basis points (bps) cut to bring the rate to 5.25%, completing a cumulative easing of 125 basis points since February 2025.

While the majority anticipated the policy stance to remain 'Neutral', 3 respondents expect MPC to adopt a 'Hawkish' stance, and one expects it to turn 'Accommodative'.

Q4 FY26 GDP growth seen moderating from recent highs

India's real GDP growth for Q4 FY26 is estimated at a median of 7.20% by economists who participated in the NSE Cogencis Macroeconomic Expectations Survey, with projections ranging between 6.00% and 7.70%. This moderation is seen largely base effect driven, with underlying economic conditions remaining broadly healthy. Most projections cluster around the median, reflecting a shared view on the pace of activity in the final quarter of the fiscal year.

The median GVA growth estimate for Q4 FY26 is 7.30% with individual forecasting ranging between 6.00% and 8.80%.

FY27 growth seen moderating to 6.7% amid global risks

Economists expect India's GDP growth to moderate in FY27 amid global headwinds and heightened geopolitical tensions. The median growth forecast stands at 6.70% with estimates ranging from below 5.90% to 7.10%. Prolonged geopolitical conflicts are likely to keep commodity prices, particularly of crude oil, volatile while also weighing on global trade and investor sentiment. However, resilient domestic consumption and continued government capital expenditure are likely to provide support to India's GDP growth. The country is likely to retain the title of fastest growing major economies despite a sequential slowdown in growth.

INDICATOR	Q4 FY26			FY26			FY27		
	Min	Median	Max	Min	Median	Max	Min	Median	Max
GDP at constant prices (%)	6.00	7.20	7.70	6.50	7.50	7.70	5.90	6.70	7.10
GVA at constant prices (%)	6.00	7.30	8.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

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Inflation picks up; approaches RBI target

Consumer price inflation rose to 3.48% in April 2026. Economists expect the momentum to sustain, projecting headline inflation for May 2026 in the range of 3.80% to 4.60%. The median estimate at 4.00%, aligning with RBI's medium term inflation target of 4.00%. Core inflation for May 2026 is projected in the range of 3.40% to 4.40% with median at 3.80% suggesting that underlying price patterns are also gradually firming up.

FY27 Inflation outlook shifts higher

Economists expect FY27 inflation to stay above RBI's 4.00% target throughout FY27, with the median CPI projection 5.00% and estimates ranging from 4.70% and 5.70%. Core CPI for FY27 is projected at a median of 4.63% with individual forecast ranging from 3.80% to 5.90%, suggesting that underlying price pressures are expected to firm up through the year. Nevertheless, all projections remain with the upper limit of RBI's inflation tolerance band range of 2-6%.

On the wholesale front, however, WPI inflation is projected to rise to 8.50% in May 2026. The projections range between 7.80% and 10.00%.

INDICATOR	MAY-26			FY27		
	Min	Median	Max	Min	Median	Max
CPI (%)	3.80	4.00	4.60	4.70	5.00	5.70
Core CPI (%)	3.40	3.80	4.40	3.80	4.63	5.90
WPI (%)	7.80	8.50	10.00	NA	NA	NA

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G-sec Yield seen steady in June

The 10 year-G-sec-yield is expected to hold steady in June 2026 with the median projection of NSE Cogencis Macroeconomic Expectations Survey being 7.05%. With Global bond yields remaining firm amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and domestic inflation expectation edging higher, yields have seen upward pressure in recent months. Most estimates are clustered in 6.90%-7.25% band. This narrow spread suggests that participants are not expecting a sharp directional move in the near term.

INDICATOR	JUN-26		
	Min	Median	Max
10Y G-Sec Yield (%)	6.90	7.05	7.25
USD/INR	93.00	95.88	97.25

Rupee expected to remain under pressure in June

The Indian Rupee has been under pressure through the early months of FY27, weighed down by elevated crude oil import costs, FPI outflows from domestic capital markets and a stronger US dollar. The currency has weekend to its lowest levels in recent months. Survey participants remain tilted towards further depreciation, with projections for June 2026 ranging between 93.00 and 97.25 per USD and the median at 95.88.

Outlook

India's macroeconomic environment has shifted considerably since the start of FY27, with rising yet benign inflation levels seen through much of FY26, despite elevated global energy prices and ongoing geopolitical tensions in West Asia. The MPC, which held the repo rate unchanged at 5.25% at its April 2026 meeting with a unanimous vote, is expected to maintain the status quo at the June 2026 meeting as well. The 'Neutral' stance gives the committee room to move in either direction, but a discernible hawkish undercurrent reflects growing expectations that policy tightening could follow sooner or later.

On inflation, survey participants project FY27 CPI at a median of 5.00%, higher than RBI's own forecast of 4.6% that was revised upward in the April meeting. This suggest that economists see greater inflationary pressures ahead than the central banks' baseline. The FY26 average CPI of approximately 3.40% now appears to be a thing of the past, with headline inflation already approaching the RBI's 4% target in May 2026 and expected to stay above it throughout the year. Core inflation firming up to a median of 4.63% for FY27 further reinforces the view that price pressures are broadening and are not limited to the volatile food and energy components alone.

On growth, FY26 ended on a strong note with full year GDP estimated at 7.50%, driven by robust private consumption and resilient services activity. The survey's FY27 median of 6.70% points to a moderation ahead, broadly in line with the RBI's April forecast of 6.9% and is largely seen as a cyclical normalisation after two strong years.

In financial markets, the rupee is expected to remain under pressure with the survey median at 95.88 per USD for June, while G-sec yields are seen holding firm at median of 7.05%, reflecting the upward shift in the inflation trajectory. The June 2026 MPC meeting and its accompanying guidance will be a key signpost for markets through the remainder of FY27.

Forecast for Policy Stance and Inflation

Organisation	Economist	Repo Rate Jun' 26	Policy Stances Jun' 26	CPI May' 26	CPI FY27	Core CPI May' 26	Core CPI FY27	WPI May' 26
ANZ Banking Group	Dhiraj Nim	5.50	Hawkish	--	5.00	--	--	--
Axis Bank	Neelkanth Mishra	5.25	Neutral	4.00	5.50	4.40	5.90	10.00
CareEdge Ratings	Sarbartho Mukherjee	5.25	Neutral	4.20	4.80	--	--	7.80
Economist Intelligence Unit	Sumedha Dasgupta	5.25	Hawkish	--	--	--	--	--
Motilal Oswal Financial Services	Radhika Piplani	5.25	Neutral	--	5.70	--	--	--
Elara Securities	Garima Kapoor	5.25	Hawkish	4.00	4.90	3.40	3.80	--
HDFC Bank	Sakshi Gupta	5.25	Accommodative	3.90	5.10	3.80	4.65	--
JSW Steel	Mangesh Soman	5.25	Neutral	4.00	4.70	4.30	4.60	8.50
Kotak Securities	Suvodeep Rakshit	5.25	Neutral	4.30	5.00	4.40	4.80	8.80
L&T Finance	Rajni Thakur	5.25	Neutral	3.80	5.20	--	--	--
Mahindra & Mahindra	Minakshi Chakraborty	5.25	Neutral	3.80	4.90	3.70	4.40	8.50
National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development	Sujit Kumar	5.25	Neutral	3.90	5.10	3.80	4.70	8.50
RBL Bank	Anitha Rangan	5.75	Neutral	4.60	5.50	--	--	--
Standard Chartered Bank	Anubhuti Sahay	5.50	Neutral	--	4.90	--	4.80	--
STCI Primary Dealer Limited	Aditya Vyas	5.25	Neutral	3.80	4.90	3.70	4.10	8.50
YES Bank	Indranil Pan	5.25	Neutral	--	4.9-5.2	--	3.8-4.0	--

** The Survey was conducted between May 25 to Jun 1, 2026*

Forecast for Macroeconomy

Organisation	Economist	GDP Q4FY26	GDP FY26	GDP FY27	GVA Q4FY26	USD / INR Jun' 26	10-Year Yield Jun' 26
ANZ Banking Group	Dhiraj Nim	7.00	7.50	6.40	--	--	--
Axis Bank	Neelkanth Mishra	7.30	6.50	7.10	8.80	97.00	7.10
CareEdge Ratings	Sarbartho Mukherjee	6.90	7.50	6.70	--	93.00	6.90
Economist Intelligence Unit	Sumedha Dasgupta	6.80	7.40	6.50	6.40	96.20	7.12
Motilal Oswal Financial Services	Radhika Piplani	7.50	7.60	6.00	7.50	96.00	7.10
Elara Securities	Garima Kapoor	7.20	7.30	6.70	--	96.00	7.05
HDFC Bank	Sakshi Gupta	7.10	7.50	6.80	7.20	95-96.50	6.90-7.10
JSW Steel	Mangesh Soman	7.20	7.50	6.70	7.30	95.00	7.00
Kotak Securities	Suvodeep Rakshit	7.30	7.60	6.10	7.40	95.75	7.15
L&T Finance	Rajni Thakur	--	7.30	6.80	--	--	6.90
Mahindra & Mahindra	Minakshi Chakraborty	7.30	7.60	5.90	7.40	95.25	7.15
National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development	Sujit Kumar	7.20	7.50	6.80	6.50	95.50	7.05
RBL Bank	Anitha Rangan	--	7.40	6.50	--	96.00	7.00
Standard Chartered Bank	Anubhuti Sahay	6.00	7.30	6.40	6.00	94.00	7.20
STCI Primary Dealer Limited	Aditya Vyas	7.20	7.50	6.80	7.30	96.25	7.02
YES Bank	Indranil Pan	7.70	7.70	6.80	7.50	97.00-97.50	7.25

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