



Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry




Message from President

MCCI ECONOMY WATCH

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The high-frequency indicators are showing positive momentum inspite of global unrest. India's GDP growth accelerates to 8.4% in the third quarter of 2023-24. This will make India a brighter spot in the global economy. A significant contributor to this is the country's export performance. Exports registered the fastest growth in 20 months led by engineering goods. We can expect a strong growth trajectory in the presence of a dynamic policy environment of the government and promising macroeconomic indicators in the coming days.

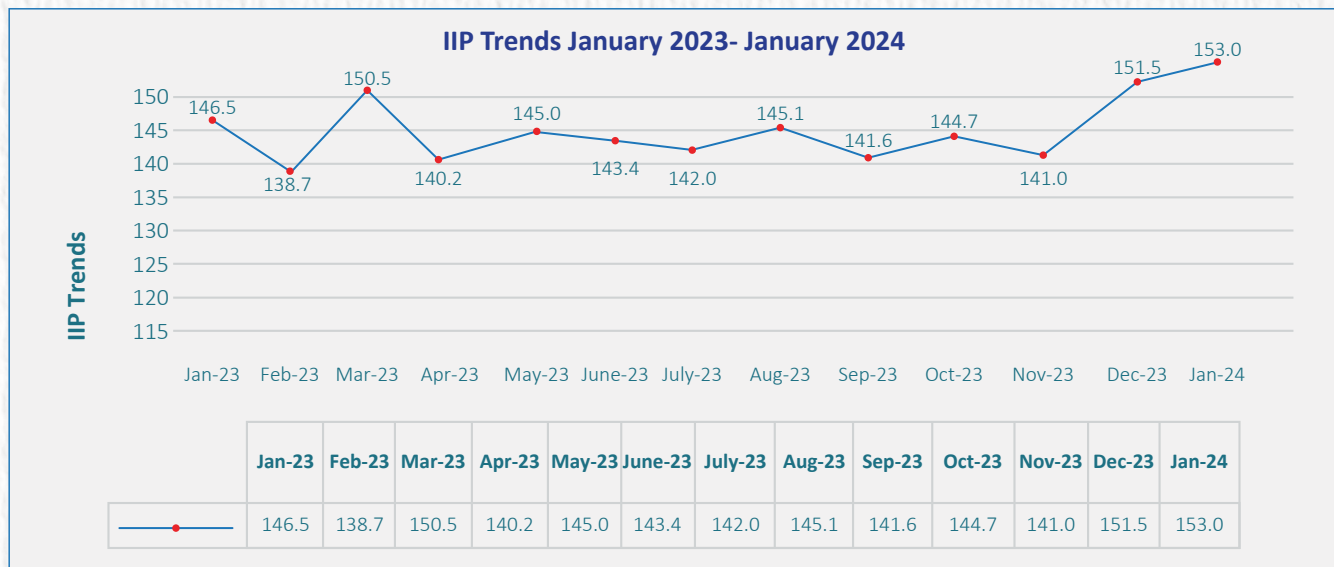

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- Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) in Services registered at 60.6 in February 2024, highlighting a contraction from 61.8 registered in January 2024
- Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) in Manufacturing witnessed an expansion from 56.5 in January 2024 to 56.90 in February 2024
- As of March 8, 2024, reserve money stood at INR. 45,41,491 crores
- As of March 8, 2024, currency in circulation (CiC) registered at INR 34,92,565 crores
- India's overall export increased by 14.19% to USD 73.55 billion in February 2024 as against USD 64.41 billion in the same month of last year
- CPI for all consumers decreased by 0.01% in February 2024

● Index of Industrial Production

1. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) witnessed a growth of 3.8% in January 2024 from December 2023
2. Growth rate in Manufacturing decreased by 3.2% in January 2024 compared to 3.9% in December 2023. However, Electricity and Mining witnessed higher growth at 5.6% and 5.9% respectively compared to the previous month.

IIP trends from January 2023 to January 2024 are given in the following figure:



Source: MOSPI

● Inflation

1. India's retail inflation (CPI) stood at 5.09% in February 2024 as compared to 5.10% in January 2024
2. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) stood at 0.20% in February 2024 as compared to -0.33% in January 2024

● Foreign Trade:

1. India's merchandise exports stood at USD 41.40 billion in February 2024 as compared to USD 37.01 billion in February 2023, registering a positive growth rate of 11.86%
2. India's service export stood at USD 32.15 billion in February 2024, an increase of 17.34% over USD 27.40 billion in February 2023
3. Non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports were USD 29.97 billion in February 2024 as compared to USD 25.57 billion in February 2023, registering a positive growth rate of 17.21%
4. India's merchandise import stood at USD 60.11 billion in February 2024 with a positive growth rate of 12.19% over USD 53.58 billion in February 2023
5. India's service import stood at USD 15.39 billion in February 2024, an increase of 2.81% over USD 14.97 billion in February 2023

Overall Trade (Merchandise & Service) in February 2024			
	Value in US\$ Billion		Growth
	February 2024	February 2023	
Export	73.55	64.41	14.19
Import	75.50	68.56	10.12
Deficit	-1.95	-4.15	

● Banking & Financial Indicators

a. Banking:

Indicators	Outstanding (in Cr.) as on February 23, 2024	% Variation over Fortnight	% Variation over Year
Total Bank Credit	162,07,362	0.4	15.5
Food Credit	40,502		
Non- Food Credit	161,66,861		
Aggregate Deposit	202,04,873	-	10.1
Broad Money (M3)	244,93,645	0.1	9.5

Source: RBI

b. Banking Rates:

Indicators	Actual Rates as of March 15, 2024
Cash Reserve Ratio	4.50
Statutory Liquidity Ratio	18.00
Policy Repo Rate	6.50
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	3.35
Bank Rate	6.75

Source: RBI

● Equity Market

a. Global Stock Indices:

Global Stock Indices witnessed mixed trends over the last week.

Global Stock Indices	Closing Value (in \$) as of March 15, 2024	Change (%) from last closing value
NYSE: DJIA	38,714.77	-0.49
FTSE 100	7,727.42	-0.20
Nikkei 225	38,707.64	-0.26
S & P/ ASX 200	7,670.30	-0.56
KOSPI	2,666.84	-0.91
Nasdaq 100	15,973.17	-0.96
S & P 500	5,117.09	-0.65
Hang Seng Index	16,720.89	-1.42

Source: Yahoo Finance

b. Indian Stock Indices:

Indian Stock Market Indices witnessed positive trends over the past week.

Indian Stock Indices	Closing Value (in \$) as on March 15, 2024	Change (%) from the last closing value
BSE Sensex	72,643.43	-0.62
BSE Sensex 50	23,089.53	-0.60
NIFTY 50	22,023.35	-0.56
NIFTY100	22,623.70	-0.57

Source: BSE, NSE

c. BSE Sectoral Indices:

BSE Sectoral Indices witnessed mixed trends over the last week.

BSE Indices	Closing Value (in \$) as of March 15, 2024	Change (%) from the last closing value
Auto Index	46,319.82	-1.74
Bankex	52,832.61	-0.50
Capital Goods	56,820.05	-1.25
Consumer Durables	50,559.14	-0.22
Energy	11,556.13	-1.95
Finance	10,139.79	-0.32
FMCG	19,384.42	0.02
Health Care	33,910.35	-0.82
Metal Index	26,535.70	-0.67
Oil & Gas Index	26,886.33	-2.24
Power Index	6,373.04	-0.72
Teck Index	17,026.17	-0.16

Source: BSE

d. Global Stock Exchange Future:

Global Future Indices witnessed mixed trends over the last week.

Future Indices	Closing Value (in \$) as on 15 March, 2024	Change (%) from the last closing value
Russell 2000 Futures	2,063.30	0.31
Nasdaq Futures	17,896.50	-0.71
S & P Futures	5,116.25	-0.73
Dow Futures	38,702.00	-0.54

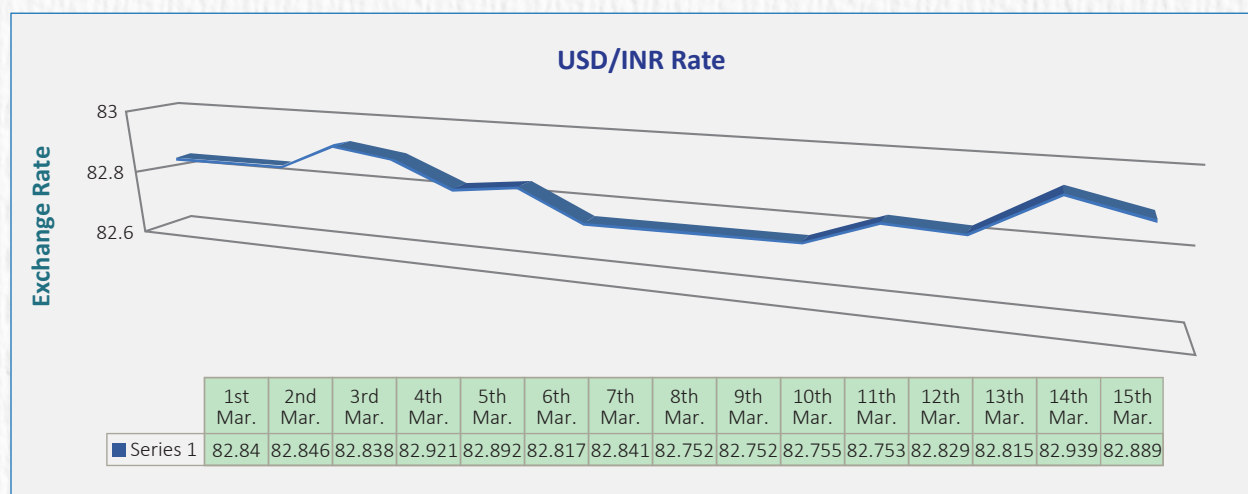
Source: Yahoo Finance



● Currency Market

a. INR Exchange Rate:

- In the period of the first 15 days of March 2024 INR depreciated against the US dollar by 0.059 % to stand at INR 82.889 from 82.84 in March 1, 2024



Source: RBI

b. Foreign Exchange Reserve:

- India's foreign exchange reserve increased by USD 6554 million from USD 616.733 billion to stand at USD 625.626 billion as of March 1, 2024
- Gold reserve increased by USD 569 million while SDR decreased marginally as of March 1, 2024, and stands at USD 18.18 billion
- Reserve Position with IMF was USD 4.79 billion on March 1, 2024

USD Billion	Value as on March 1, 2024	Variation over	
		Week	Fiscal
Total Reserves	625.626	6.554	63.226
Foreign Currency Assets	554.231	6.043	57.145
Gold	48.417	0.569	6.384
SDRs	18.180	-0.017	0.006
Reserve Position in the IMF	4.798	-0.041	-0.309

Source: RBI

● Commodity Future Indices

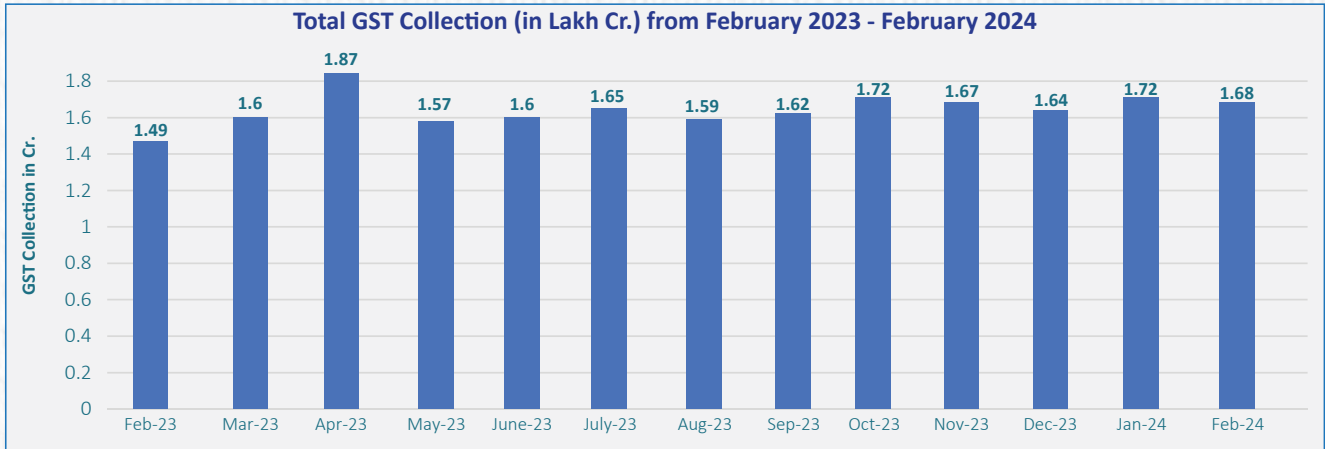
- MCX commodity composite index expanded by 0.18% and the base metal index expanded by 0.55% from the last closing value

Commodity Future Indices (MCX ICOMDEX)	Closing Value as on February 15, 2024	Change from the last closing value (%)
Brent Crude	8,328.65	-0.22
Gold	19,801.84	-0.08
iCOMDEX Composite	13,120.84	0.18
iCOMDEX Base Metals	15,553.48	0.55
Natural Gas	1,0043.73	-2.40

Source: MCX

● Goods and Services Tax (GST)

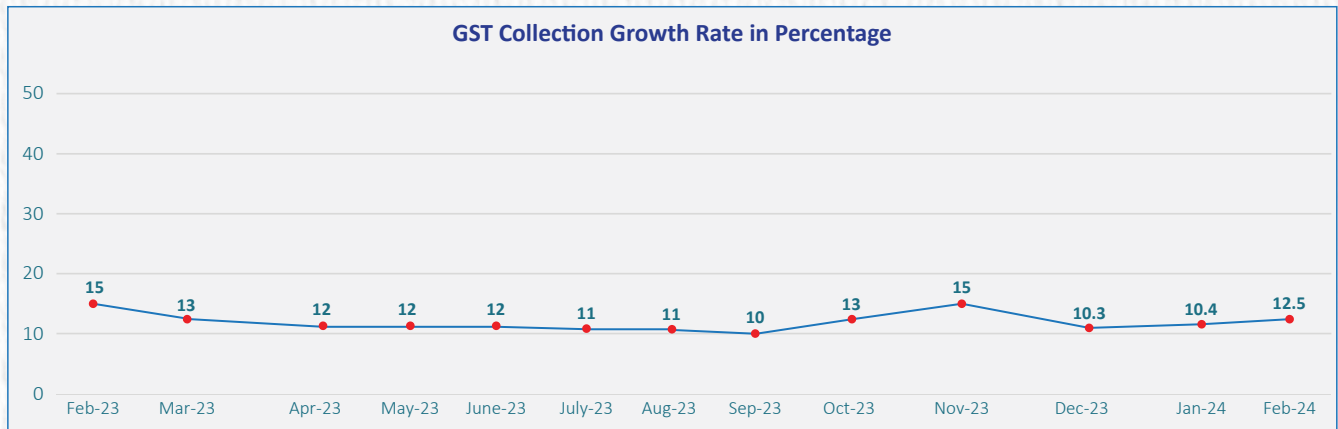
- The gross GST revenue collected in February 2024 was INR 1,68,337 crore of which CGST is INR 31,785 crore, SGST is INR 39,615 crore, IGST is INR 38,593 crore



Source: CGA, Govt. of India)

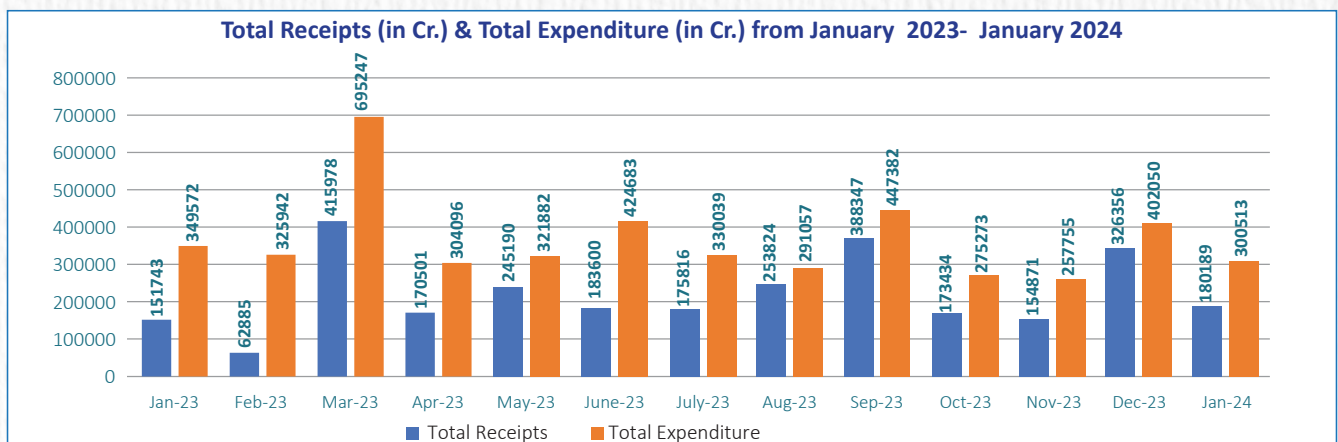
- The GST revenues for February 2024 are 12.54% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year of INR 1,49,577 crore

GST Collection Growth Rate in Percentage (Y-O-Y) with respect to corresponding months of 2023 and 2024.



Source: GST Council, Govt. of India

● Total Revenue Receipt and Total Expenditure



(Source: CGA)

ABOUT MCCI

MCCI is a 122 years old non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, with 700 direct members and 15,000 indirect members covering a wide cross-section of small, medium & large industries, trade and services besides, 10 Associations of Industry & Trade are also affiliated to MCCI.

MCCI addresses various aspects of the industry, trade and service sectors, their issues & Challenges and through several learning and best practices forums, guide them to the future. MCCI also helps members to explore international business opportunities through its international connect initiatives.

MCCI has been working on the development of an indigenous vibrant industrial base in the country, especially in Eastern India. The indomitable spirit and quest to build an institution to safeguard the interests of the indigenous business community led to the birth of Vaishya Sabha and with the changing times, now it stands as MCCI. MCCI has evolved to reinvent itself to address the challenges in this era of new normal.

MCCI works as a bridge between businesses and the policy makers to create a conducive economic environment for the industry to prosper and flourish while benefitting all the stakeholders in the economy. The Executive Committee, which has 30 Councils reporting to it, is the principal facilitating structure of the Chamber.

We are one of the leading Chambers of Eastern India relentlessly working for the betterment of MSMEs through several initiatives. MSME Helpdesk, IP facilitation, connecting with Banking and Financial institutions, technology for MSMEs, besides taking up members' issues at the appropriate level. Several Business meets are organized for the benefit of the members.



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