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or Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), filing an Income Tax Return (ITR) in India involves more than just compliance. It demands careful navigation of cross-border income rules, tax treaties, and regulatory thresholds. With growing global mobility, many NRIs maintain income sources in India, such as real estate, investments, or professional services. To file accurately and avoid double taxation or unnecessary liabilities, understanding the framework is critical.

Determining Residential Status

Sometimes, small changes in travel patterns or days spent in India (especially during personal emergencies or unexpected situations) can unintentionally alter residential status and tax liabilities. For clarity, under Indian tax law, an NRI is someone who spends fewer than 182 days in India during a financial year. An individual who is a citizen of India and has a total income (from other than foreign sources) exceeding Rs. 15 lakhs during a financial year, then he shall be deemed to be a resident in India in that year if he is not a tax resident of any other country.

Understanding Taxable Income

NRIs are taxed only on income earned or accrued in India. This includes rent, capital gains from Indian assets, salaries for services rendered in India, and interest from Indian bank accounts. In contrast, global income is not taxable in India. Notably, interest on NRE and FCNR accounts remains exempt.

Leveraging DTAA Benefits

India's Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) with various countries prevent income from being taxed twice. These treaties determine where and how specific income is taxed, offering exemptions or credits. To claim benefits, NRIs must provide a valid Tax Residency Certificate (TRC) and Form 10F, ensuring they meet the treaty requirements of their country of residence.

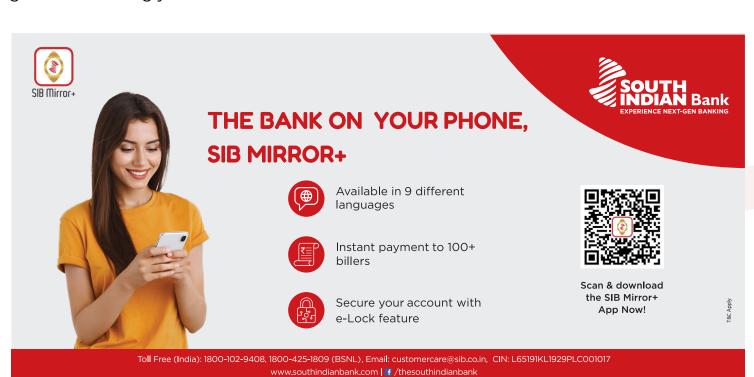
Deductions and Capital Gains

NRIs can claim deductions under Section 80C for life insurance premiums, tuition fees, and home loan principal, and under Section 80D for health insurance premiums in old tax regime. New tax regime offers more slabs and often clearer rates, but sacrifices some exemptions. Capital gains on Indian assets are taxable, with rates depending on the holding period. Long-term gains may be exempt if reinvested under Sections 54 or 54EC.

TDS and Compliance Essentials

Income earned in India is subject to Tax Deducted at Source (TDS). If total income exceeds ₹2.5 lakhs, filing an ITR is mandatory, even if TDS is already deducted. High-income NRIs must also report foreign assets. Choosing the correct ITR form and filing on time ensures accuracy and avoids penalties.

In today's interconnected financial landscape, NRI tax filing goes beyond compliance to being a strategic opportunity. Staying current with evolving regulations, understanding the nuances of your residential status, and making the most of deductions and DTAA benefits can significantly enhance both clarity and control. With so much at stake across borders, including reputation, returns, and regulatory standing, a well-informed approach is your best safeguard. Beyond the contents of this article, partnering with a trusted advisor and getting professional guidance is strongly recommended.





THE HIDDEN SHOCKWAVES OF THE MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The resurgence of conflict in the Middle East is no longer an insulated regional matter. It has evolved into a global economic tremor affecting energy costs, trade routes, inflation, and financial confidence. For NRIs across the world, the consequences are becoming increasingly personal.

Oil Supply Feels the Pressure

The United States has introduced a new wave of sanctions on Iranian oil exports. The goal of these measures is to disrupt the covert methods used to sell Iranian oil. By tightening enforcement on these surreptitious networks, global supply is expected to be reduced by up to 1.5 percent. Oil prices have already shown a sharp rise in recent weeks following targeted strikes on Iran-linked facilities. The ripple effect is being felt in currency markets as well, with the Indian rupee briefly touching ₹86 against the dollar.

Shipping Routes Face Dangerous Disruption

Just days ago, a Houthi missile strike in the Red Sea led to multiple fatalities and the sinking of a commercial vessel. With over one trillion dollars in goods passing through this corridor annually, the maritime insurance market is reacting sharply. Premiums have nearly doubled, and global shipping companies are rerouting vessels around the Cape of Good Hope.

The result is longer transit times and dramatically higher freight rates, which have jumped from fifteen hundred dollars to over fifty-five hundred dollars per container on some Asia to Europe routes.the Indian rupee briefly touching ₹86 against the dollar.

Diesel Supply Remains Critically Low

Diesel inventories are significantly below five-year averages across major markets. With limited refining capacity and reduced Russian output, diesel prices are rising faster than crude. This impacts transportation, agriculture, heating, and food distribution across many parts of the economy, adding new pressure to inflation in both developed and developing economies.

Investor Confidence Shows Strain

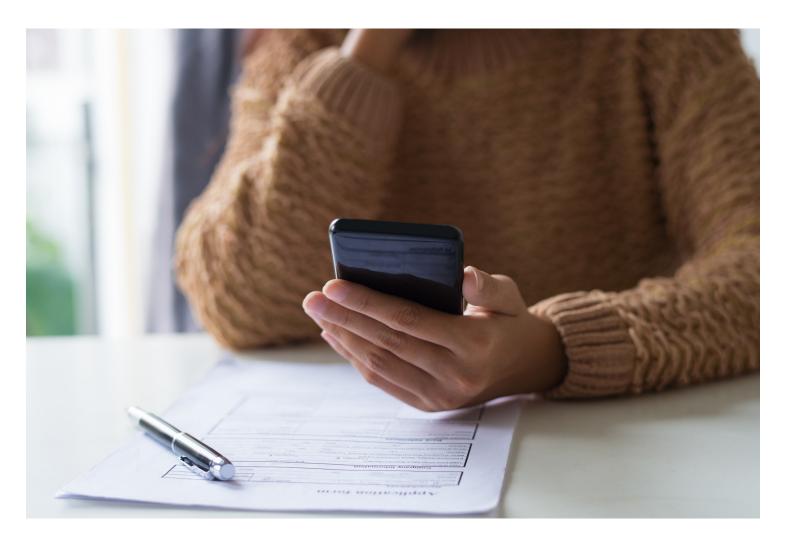
Global investors are seeking safer ground in government bonds, gold, and the US dollar. Equities are showing increased volatility, and investment portfolios with exposure to emerging markets are experiencing heightened risk.

A Call for Measured Financial Awareness

The impact of these developments is real and immediate. Rather than reacting to short-term volatility, NRIs would benefit from reassessing their financial strategy through a global lens. That means reviewing international exposure, monitoring inflation's impact on remittances and expenses, and stress-testing both liquid and long-term investments.

This war is not just disrupting markets, it is reshaping trade, energy dynamics, and currency stability. For those with families and financial roots in multiple regions, the stakes are personal and strategic. Staying informed and working closely with trusted advisors can help NRIs turn global instability into sharper foresight.





Amendment in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act - Remittance Tax Slashed to 1%

The tax on money send to overseas by non - US citizens is now proposed at 1% down from earlier draft at 3.5%. This applies only to remittance send through cash, money order, cashier's cheque etc. Transfer from bank accounts and financial institutions, transfers using debit/credit cards issued in the US are exempted from the tax. The new tax rule applies to transfer made after December 31, 2025. The revised draft offers major relief for NRIs in the US by slashing the tax and limiting its scope.



News Corner

Rupee falls as US inflation jitters dent Fed rate cut bets, hoist dollar



the Indian rupee fell on Wednesday as the latest U.S. Indiation report showed that tariffs were beginning to feed into prices, weakening bets on rate cuts by the Federal Reserve, which lifted U.S. Treasury yields and the dollar.

Inflation Crushes Hopes That Federal Reserve Will Cut Interest Rates in July

By DICCON HYATT Published July 15, 2025 10:17



The Federal Reserve Building in Washington, D.C

KEY TAKEAWAYS

· Inflation rose in June, moving further from the Federal Reserve's goal of 2% each year.

US Fed Rate Cut meeting date 2025: Trump, traders bet big on interest cut, will Jerome Powell make huge move?



Donald Trump said on Tuesday that consumer prices were low and the Federal Reserve should bring down interest rates now.

PPI, crude oil inventories highlight key economic data due Wednesday

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US set to impose 93.5% tariff on graphite from China



The U.S. Commerce Department is preparing impose preliminary anti-dumping duties of 93 on graphite imports from China, Bloomberg reported. The move follows a finding that the battery material was unfairly subsidized. Reut has not independently verified the report.

CPI inflation to average 4% this financial year: Crisil



synopsis

Crisil forecasts CPI inflation to average 4% this fiscal year, down from 4.6% last year, supported by favorable monsoon predictions and lower commodity prices, CDP growth is projected at 6.5%, though US, tariff policies pose a risk to exports. Softening inflation may prompt another reporate cut by the MPC, but global uncertainties could

India economy likely to grow at 6.5% in FY26 despite geopolitical tensions: EAC-PM Chairman

July 16, 2025, 10:30 IST



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According to Dev, high-frequency indicators for the first two months of 2025-26 indicate resilient performance of the domestic economy. He said a 6.5% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for FY26 is feasible despite global uncertainties.

Oil prices gain on demand expectations amid improving economy



Oil prices experienced a rise on Wednesday, fueled by expectations of consistent demand from the U.S. and China, the world's leading oil consumers, amidst an improving economic outlook Brent crude futures increased by 0.42% to \$69 a barrel, nile U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures

Trade deficit shrinks in June on sharper drop in imports



Initials's June goods exports saw a slight dip, but reduced imports helped narrow the trade deficit. Exports to the US rose despite tail'n increases. Overall, exports decreased in 14 key sectors, influenced by falling orded eil prieses. The government is monitoring import surges and plans action against malpractices. India and the EU will continue FTA talks in September.

Indian Economy Resilient: GDP Likely To Grow 6.5% In FY26 Despite Global Shocks, Says EAC-PM Chief S Mahendra Dev







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UK inflation rises unexpectedly to 3.6% driven by food and fuel prices

Annual increase in June follows two months of negative growth and comes as speculation mounts over tax rises

- Analysis: UK inflation rise makes it clear: the cost of living crisis has not gone away
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GBP/USD trades with positive bias below 1.3400, remains close to multi-week low ahead of UK CPI



- · GBP/USD gains some positive traction as the USD enters a bullish consolidation phase.
- Reduced Fed rate cut bets and a weaker risk tone act as a tailwind for the Greenback.
- · Traders now look forward to the UK CPI report and the US PPI print for a fresh impetus.

India's exports to US rise 23%, imports dip 10% in June



Inidis's goods exports to the US surged by 23,53% in June, reaching USD 8.3 billion, while imports decreased by 10,61% to USD 4 billion. During April-June, exports to the US rose by 22,18% to USD 25.51 billion. The US emerged as Inidia's largest trading partner in the April-June (quatter of 2025-26, as both nations engage in trade agreement negotiations.

South Indian Bank O1 profit rises 9.5% to Rs 322 crore despite surge in provisions



Synopsis

South Indian Bank reported a 9.5% YoY rise in QIFY26 net profit to Rs 322 crore, aided by a 47% surge in non-core income. Despite nearly doubling provisions, the bank's pre-provision operating profit

Hope is brightening for India's Goldilocks scenario



Todal's economy is showing signs of entering a 'Goldilocks' phase, characterized by moderate growth and subdued inflation. Retail Inflation in June 2025 fell to 2.1%, prompting the RBI to consider further rate cuts. CDP growth remains steady at 6.5% supported by strong domestic.

LIST OF CORRESPONDENT BANKS WITH SWIFT ARRANGEMENT

Currency Details	Bank & Address	SIB's A/c no. with them	SWIFT Code
USD (US Dollar)	J P MORGAN CHASE BANK NA, 383 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10179 ABA Routing Number: 021000021	906918203	CHASUS33
	The Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon), 240 Greenwich Street NY 10286, USA ABA ROUTING NO: 021000018	803-3162-716	IRVT US3N
	Standard Chartered Bank, One Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010-3603 ABA ROUTING NO: 026002561	3582021649001	SCBLUS33
GBP (Pound Sterling)	J P MORGAN CHASE BANK NA, 25 Bank Street, Canary Wharf London United Kingdom E14 5JP IBAN: GB03CHAS60924280035960	80035960	CHASGB2L
	Standard Chartered Bank, 1 Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 5DD, United Kingdom IBAN Number: GB88 SCBL 6091 0412 6928 56	01269285601	SCBLGB2L
EURO	J P Morgan SE , Taunustor 1, 60310 Frankfurt am Main , Germany, IBAN: DE55501108006231419232	6231419232	CHASDEFX
	Standard Chartered Bank (Germany) GMBH, Franklinstrasse 46-48 60486 Frankfurt /Main, Germany, IBAN:DE40512305000018160002	018160002	SCBLDEFX
JPY (Japanese Yen)	Standard Chartered Bank, 21st Floor Sanno Park tower Tower 2-11-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100-6155 Japan	23762101110	SCBLIPJT
CAD (Canadian Dollar)	The Bank of New York Mellon(BNY Mellon), 240 Greenwich Street NY 10286, USA	8033060042	IRVTUS3N (Intermediary bank:- Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto ROYCCAT2)
CHF (Swiss Franc)	Zurcher Kantonalbank, Hardstrasse 201, Zrich (Prime Tower) IBAN Number : CH9500700070001284444	0-0700-01284444	ZKBKCHZZ80A
AUD (Australian Dollar)	State Bank of India, Suite 31.02, Australia Square,264, George Street Sydney,NSW 2000, Australia	30113039120001	SBINAU2SXXX
AED (UAE Dirham)	Mashreq Bank, P O Box1250, Riqa, Diera Dubai, UAE, IBAN No : AE960330000019030000172	019030000172	BOMLAEAD
SGD (Singapore Dollar)	DBS Bank Ltd 12 Marina Boulevard, Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 3, Singapore-018982	037-003682-0	DBSSSGSG
SAR (Saudi Riyal)	Al Rajhi Bank, Head Office, Al Olayia Main Street – Riyadh, Al Akaria Building 3, P.O. Box 28, Riyadh – 11411 Saudi Arabia.	IBAN: SA0780000100608010055456	RJHISARI

LIST OF EXCHANGE HOUSES/BANKS HAVING RUPEE DRAWING **ARRANGEMENT WITH SOUTH INDIAN BANK**

Country	Name of the Bank/ Exchange Company	Remittance Facilit
	Hadi Express Exchange, P.O Box 28909, Dubai, UAE Ph: 00971-43537650	SIB Express
	Al Ahaliya Money Exchange Bureau, P.O Box 2419, Abu Dhabi, UAE Ph: 00971-26270004	SIB Express
	Al Fardan Exchange Company, P.O Box 498, Abudhabi, UAE Ph: 00971-26223222	SIB Express
	Al Ansari Exchange, Head office, P.O Box 6176, Dubai, UAE Ph: 00971-26224421/26108888/43772666	SIB Express
	Sharaf Exchange LLC, P.O Box 29040, Dubai, UAE Ph: 00971-43554560	SIB Express
	Lulu International Exchange LLC, P.O Box 4059, Plot No. C-210 Muroor Road, Abu Dhabi, UAE Ph: 00971-26421800	SIB Express
	Joy Alukkas Exchange, P.O Box 171468, Bur Dubai, UAE Ph : 00971-42522900	SIB Express
	Lulu International Exchange LLC, P.O Box 4059, Plot No. C-210 Muroor Road, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Ph: 00971-26421800	SIB Express
UAE	GCC Exchange, P.O Box 41704, Al Sabkha, Deira, Dubai, UAE	SIB Express
	Delma Exchange, P.O Box 129869, Abu Dhabi, UAE Ph: 00971-26225511/26225544	SIB Express
	Federal Exchange, Mohammed Bin Zayed City, P.O. Box 29407, Abu Dhabi, UAE. Tel: +971 2 555 8851	SIB Express
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	M/s DAR Exchange, Abu Baker Al Siddique Street, Deira Dubai, P O Box 87073, Dubai, UAE	SIB Express
	Al Jaber Exchange, Unit No G15, Ground Floor, Mazyad Mall, 79 street, Mohammed Bin Zayed City, Abudhabi	SIB Express
	M/s. Baniyas Exchange, Units No 8 And 9 Ground Floor, Bldg Mohammed Mubarak Al Mansoor, UAE	SIB Express
	M/s. Al Bader Exchange, Unit No 1, Ground Floor Building of Ali Saeed Al Badi Mahdar Al Maryah, Street Abudhabi, UAE	SIB Express
	M/s. Xpress Money Services LTD, Unit 209 210, Al Sarab Tower, ADGM Square Al Maryah Island, Abudhabi, UAE	SIB Express
	M/s. Salim Exchange, Salim Exchange Management Office 703 Al Hisn Tower, Rolla Sharjah, United Arab Emirates	SIB Express
	UAE Exchange Centre, Kuwait, P.O Box 26155, Postal Code: 13122, Safat, Kuwait, Ph: 00965-22459417	SIB Express
	National Exchange Co., P.O Box 11520, Postal Code: 15355, Dasma, Kuwait SIB Express Ph: 00965-5736603	SIB Express
Kuwait	M/s Kuwait Asian International Exchange Co W.L.L, Office No. 48 Adel & Anwar Mustafa Thunayan Al Ghanim Complex, Street 7 Block 73, Fahaheel Area, Kuwait Tel: +965-23912944	SIB Express
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	M/s. U J Exchange Company, Hawally, Tunis Street, Block 7,Al-Fajr complex -Shop 24, Safat13127, Kuwait Tel: +965 22286600 +965 60724866	SIB Express
	M/s. Al Zamil Exchange Company, Shop 00011 Sadoun Aljasem, Alyaqoub Fahd Alsalem St Qibla, Kuwait. Ph: +96597893745	SIB Express
	Joyalukkas Exchange LLC (formerly Majan Exchange LLC) P.O Box 583, Postal Code: 117, Sultanate of Oman. Ph: 00968-24794017	SIB Express
	Oman International Exchange, P.O Box 994 Postal Code: 114, Hay Al mina, Sultanate of Oman, Ph: 00968-24834954	SIB Express
Oman	Hamdan Exchange Co., Head Office, P.O Box 190 Postal code: 211, Salalah, Sultanate of Oman Ph: 00968-23211258/24830893	SIB Express
	M/s Wasel Exchange SAOC, PB 3548, PC 112, Ruwi, Muscat, Oman. Ph: 00968 9263 8801	SIB Express
	M/s Purushottam Kanji Exchange Co LLC, P O Box 41, Postal Code100, Sultanate of Oman	SIB Express
	M/s. First Exchange LLC, Building No 3146, Way No 3727 South Ghubra, Muscat, Oman.	SIB Express
	N.E.C BSC (c) (formerly Nonooo Exchange Co)., P.O Box 11970, Manama, Bahrain Ph: 0097317230905	SIB Express
Bahrain	Zenj Exchange Co., P.O Box 236, Manama, Bahrain Ph: 0097317224352	SIB Express
	M/s Bahrain India International Exchange Co. BSC (c) , P.O Box :3204, Manama, Kingdom Of Bahrain	SIB Express

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	City Exchange Co., Near Arab Roundabout/Souq Al Najadah, P.O Box 16081, Doha, Qatar Ph: 00974-4435060	SIB Express
	M/s Al Dar for Exchange Works W.L.L, P.O Box 24048, Nuaijah, IBA xBuilding, C-Ring Road, Doha, Qatar Ph: 00974-4566514	SIB Express
	M/s Islamic Exchange Co., P.O Box 80925, Doha, Qatar Ph: 00974-4422718	SIB Express
	Al Sadd Exchange, Post Box.17127, Al Ameer Street, Fareej Al Soudan , Doha– Qatar Ph: +974 44323334	SIB Express
	Doha Exchange Co WLL, Al Jasra Souq Waqif, Doha, Qatar +974 44510733	SIB Express
	Habib Qatar International Exchange Ltd, G – 038, Ground level, City Centre mall, West Bay- Dafna, Doha, Qatar	SIB Express
Saudi Arabia	Al Rajhi Bank, P.O Box 28, Riyadh 11411, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ph: 0096612116000	TT (Swift)
Saudi Alabia	Arab National Bank, P.O Box 56921, Riyadh 11564, Saudi Arabia Ph: 00966590302887	TT (Tele Money)
Singapore	International Exch. Co. (S) Pte Ltd., 111, North Bridge Road, #01-17/18, Peninsula Plaza, Singapore-179098 Ph: 006563387749	SIB Express
	Flyworld Money Exchange Pty Ltd, 49 Princes Highway, Dandenong Vic, 3175, Australia. Ph: 0449 891 010	SIB Express
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	M/s. Smart Remittance Pty Ltd, No 1 309 315, George Street, 2000, Sydney, Australia	SIB Express
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