

## **Highlights**

### **Manufacturing PMI:**

- India Manufacturing PMI was adjusted upward to 58.1 in March 2025, surpassing the flash estimate of 57.6. This figure also exceeded February's reading of 56.3, representing the highest level since July 2024.

### **Inflation:**

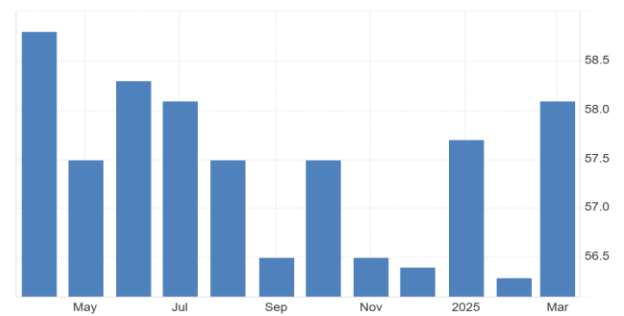
- Input cost inflation hit a three-month high, driven by rising prices of copper, electronics, LPG, leather, and rubber. Despite this, output price inflation eased to its lowest level in a year, reflecting pricing caution amid competitive market conditions.

### **Employment:**

- Employment rose at a solid pace in March, indicating improved business confidence and production needs. However, the rise in outstanding business was slower compared to February, suggesting manageable workloads.



IN Manufacturing PMI - points



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**Pollyanna De Lima said:** “The underlying demand for Indian goods remained strong in March, underscored by the quickest upturn in factory orders for three months. Hence, production continued to expand at a robust clip, and firms stepped up their stock-building efforts.

Pending workloads expanded only marginally in March, hindering job creation.”

#### **Note:**

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2. PMI is one of the closely watched indicators of business activity across the world.
3. The magic number is 50. A reading of 50 or higher generally indicates that the industry is expanding.
4. Share of the manufacturing sector in GDP in India is nearly 17%.
5. The PMI is prepared by IHS Market.
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### Services PMI:

- India Services PMI was revised higher to 58.5 in March 2025 from the preliminary estimate of 57.7, but declined from the previous month's reading of 59.0, marking the 44th consecutive month of growth in services activity.

### Inflation:

- On the inflation front, input cost pressures eased to a five-month low, while output charge inflation softened to its weakest level since September 2021, reflecting heightened competitive pressures in the market.

### Business Growth :

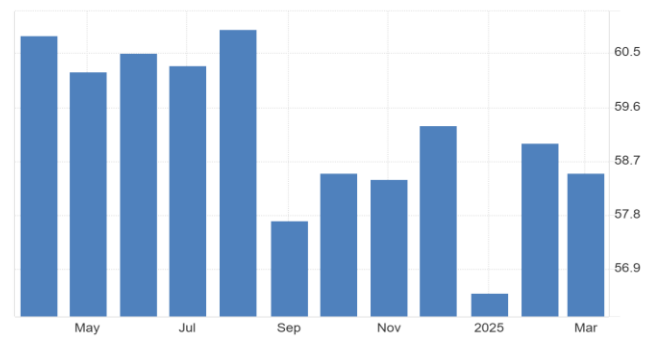
- Business sentiment weakened to a seven-month low and slipped below its long-run average, as firms grew more cautious due to rising market competition.

### Employment:

- Employment rose but at the weakest pace in nearly a year, signaling cautious hiring despite ongoing business growth.



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"India's private sector economy stayed on an upward trajectory during March, benefiting from an upswing in demand and output. The country's rapid recovery from the demonetisation-related downturn was accompanied by job creation and softer inflationary pressures," said Pollyanna De Lima.

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