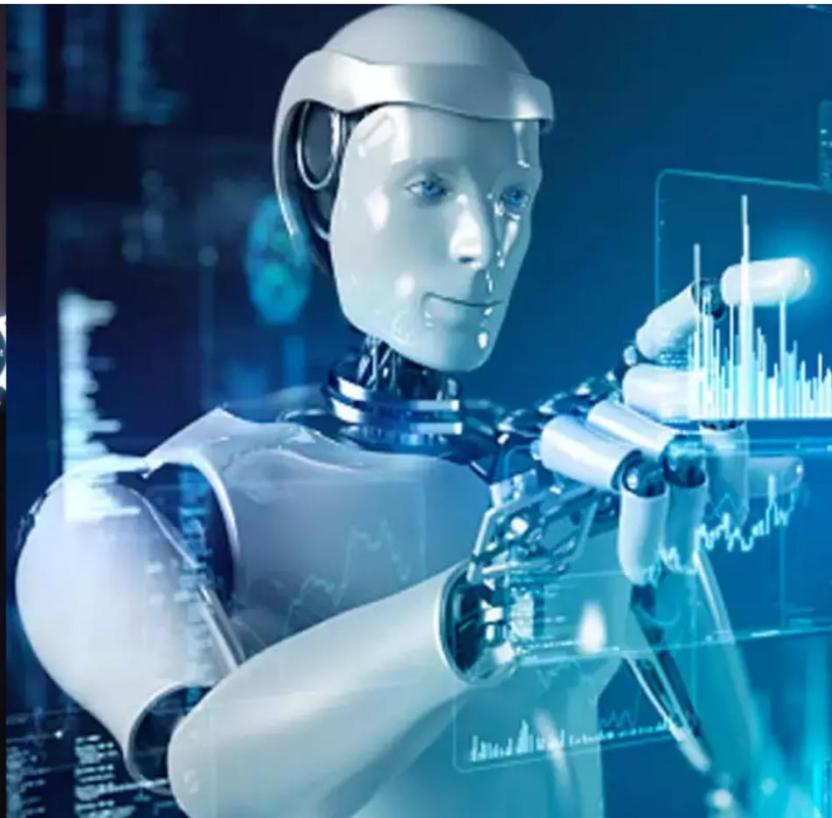




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A Comprehensive Study on the Effects of Political and Economic Conditions of a Country on Capital Market Instruments with Special Reference to India

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ABSTRACT: This study analyses the impact of political and economic conditions on capital market instruments, with special reference to India. It examines government policies, regulatory frameworks, and key macroeconomic factors such as inflation, interest rates, exchange rates, and GDP growth that influence market performance. The study highlights how major reforms and economic events have shaped the Indian capital market and improve investor confidence.

I. INTRODUCTION

The capital market plays a vital role in the economic development of a country by mobilizing long-term savings and converting them into productive investments. This significantly contributes to the economic growth and overall development of the economy.

Capital market instruments such as equity shares, preference shares, debentures, bonds, government securities, derivatives, and mutual funds provide opportunities for investors to participate in the growth of the economy. The performance and stability of these instruments are largely influenced by political stability, effective governance, regulatory framework, fiscal policies, inflation, interest rates, and market trends, both directly and indirectly.

In a developing country like India, capital markets are highly sensitive to these economic, political, and regulatory conditions.

Objectives of the Study:

- To study the impact of political and economic conditions on the capital market.
- To analyse the effect of government policies and reforms on capital market instruments.
- To understand the role of regulation in promoting stability and confidence among investors.

Political condition and capital market:

Political conditions refer to the stability of the government, effective governance, and policies related to taxation, privatisation, disinvestment, and foreign direct investment (FDI), which create confidence among domestic and foreign investors. This leads to increased long-term investment in capital market instruments such as equities, bonds, and mutual funds.

However, policy uncertainty or frequent changes in government policies can create volatility and fluctuations in market conditions.

Regulatory institutions such as SEBI in India play a crucial role in protecting investors, ensuring transparency, and maintaining market discipline in the capital market. Political events like elections, budget announcements, and geopolitical tensions lead to short-term fluctuations in stock prices and bond yields by affecting investor sentiment and market confidence.

Major economic and policy events such as the 1991 economic reforms and liberalisation, the 2008 global financial crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, implementation of GST, and demonetisation in India have significantly influenced the structure, growth, and stability of the Indian capital market.

II. ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND CAPITAL MARKET

Economic conditions reflect the overall health of an economy. They include factors such as GDP growth, inflation, interest rates, fiscal policy, monetary policy, and foreign exchange rates. A growing economy improves investors' confidence and promotes the development of capital market instruments.

Inflation reduces the purchasing power of money and negatively impacts fixed-income securities such as bonds and debentures. Interest rates have an inverse relationship with bond prices. When interest rates increase, bond prices fall, and when interest rates decline, bond prices rise.

Fiscal and monetary policies of the government and the central bank influence liquidity and the flow of investment in the capital market. Exchange rate movements affect foreign portfolio investments, as favourable exchange rates attract foreign investors into the capital market.

III. INDIAN CAPITAL MARKET - SPECIAL REFERENCE:

The Indian capital market has undergone significant reforms since 1991, which have had a major impact on the capital market.

Major policy and economic events such as the 1991 economic reforms and liberalisation in India, the 2008 global financial crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, GST implementation, and demonetisation have had a significant impact on India's capital market.

The 1991 economic reforms and liberalisation in India have improved transparency, efficiency, and global integration of the capital market. Technological advancements have contributed to the growth and modernisation of stock exchanges such as the NSE and BSE.

At the same time, events such as the 2008 Global Financial Crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic, demonetisation, and the implementation of GST have demonstrated how economic shocks and policy responses directly affect capital market instruments in India.

The United States of America and India trade deal 2026 shows positive response with a sharp rally in equities and a strong appreciation of the rupee right after the announcement. Investor sentiment also improved as uncertainty receded to a large extent.

According to ICICIDirect(03/02/2026 ICICI Securities Ltd. | Retail Equity Research 2)

"India -US Trade Deal: Tariffs cut sharply as trade ties deepen; India gains cost advantage versus peers"

- India and the United States have announced a breakthrough trade deal understanding under which US tariffs on Indian goods will be reduced sharply to 18% from earlier levels as high as 50%.
- The tariff dispute dates back to early 2025, when the Trump administration, pursuing a tough trade agenda, launched a series of tariffs under what it called "reciprocal tariff" policies aimed at reducing the US trade deficit with major partners.
- This was the biggest overhang on Indian markets and with favorable outcome on this front, Equity markets are poised for gains.

According to HSBC (5 February 2026, Abhilash Narayan, CFA, Investment Strategist, HSBC Private Bank and Premier Wealth)

Special Coverage: US-India trade deal provides upside potential to near-term growth

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- After a long wait, the much-anticipated US-India trade deal was announced by US President Trump and Indian PM Modi earlier this week. Tariffs on Indian goods will be reduced from 50% to 18%, lower than those on other Asian peers, such as China (20%), Vietnam (19%), and Thailand (19%).
- The trade deal is positive for India's near-term and long-term growth potential. Prior to the imposition of tariffs, the US accounted for nearly 20% of India's goods exports (c.2.2% of GDP). A reduction in tariffs should lead to upside risks to near-term growth.
- We stay neutral on Indian equities despite the near-term bounce. While the US is the largest export destination for Indian companies, the companies in MSCI India derive less than 1% of their revenues from goods exports to the US. As expected, USD/INR declined sharply (implying INR appreciation) after the announcement of the trade deal. However, we expect USD/INR to edge only gradually lower by end-2026.

IV. CONCLUSION

The study concludes that the political and economic conditions of a country have a significant impact on capital market instruments. Political stability, effective governance, and consistent policies create a favourable environment for the growth of the capital market. Similarly, strong economic fundamentals such as high GDP growth, controlled inflation, stable interest rates, and a stable foreign exchange rate support the development of the capital market. In India, continuous reforms and stable macroeconomic management have strengthened capital market instruments and enhanced investors' confidence. Therefore, both investors and policymakers must closely monitor political and economic developments to ensure the sustainable growth of the capital market.

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which is beneficial to all the stake holders.

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