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World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019: UN

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According to the **UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019**, India will continue to **remain the world's fastest-growing large economy** in 2019 as well as in 2020.

Findings

India

- India's economy is expected to grow at **7.4% during 2018-19, 7.6% in 2019-20, and 7.4% in 2020-21.**
 - The reasons for high growth projections are **robust private consumption, a more expansionary fiscal stance and benefits from previous reforms.**
 - However, for a sustained and a more robust growth, **sustained recovery of private investment** remains a crucial challenge.
- Other major challenge is the **job creation rates in the formal sector**, leaving **many workers underemployed or in low-salary jobs. Strengthening labour market indicators** is a crucial aspect to forge a more inclusive development trajectory.
- **Female labour force participation remains low and is declining.**
- Earlier, **International Monetary Fund (IMF) too had projected** India's GDP to expand 7.5% in FY20 and 7.7% in FY21.

Global

- Global growth is expected to remain at 3% in 2019 and 2020.
- The global economy is facing number of risks, which include an escalation of trade disputes, an abrupt tightening of global financial conditions, and intensifying climate risks.

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