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## World Bank retains growth forecast for FY22 at 8.3%

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NEW DELHI: India's economy is expected to grow 8. 3% in the fiscal year ending March 2022, unchanged from the June 2021 outlook, the World Bank forecast in its latest global economic prospects report.

The forecast for FY23 and FY24 for India has been upgraded to 8. 7% and 6. 8%, respectively, reflecting higher investment from the private sector and in infrastructure, and dividends from ongoing reforms.

Growth in China is forecast to slow to 5. 1% in 2022, near estimates of potential growth, due to the lingering effects of the pandemic and tighter regulations on certain segments of the economy. The government estimates the economy to grow by 9. 2% in the fiscal year ending March, a shade below the RBI's estimate of 9. 5%. The IMF has also projected a 9. 5% growth for India. The IMF will release its new growth estimates on

January 25.

Following a strong rebound in 2021, the global economy is entering a pronounced slowdown amid fresh threats from Covid-19 variants and a rise in inflation, debt, and income inequality that could endanger the recovery in emerging and developing economies, according to the World Bank's latest report.