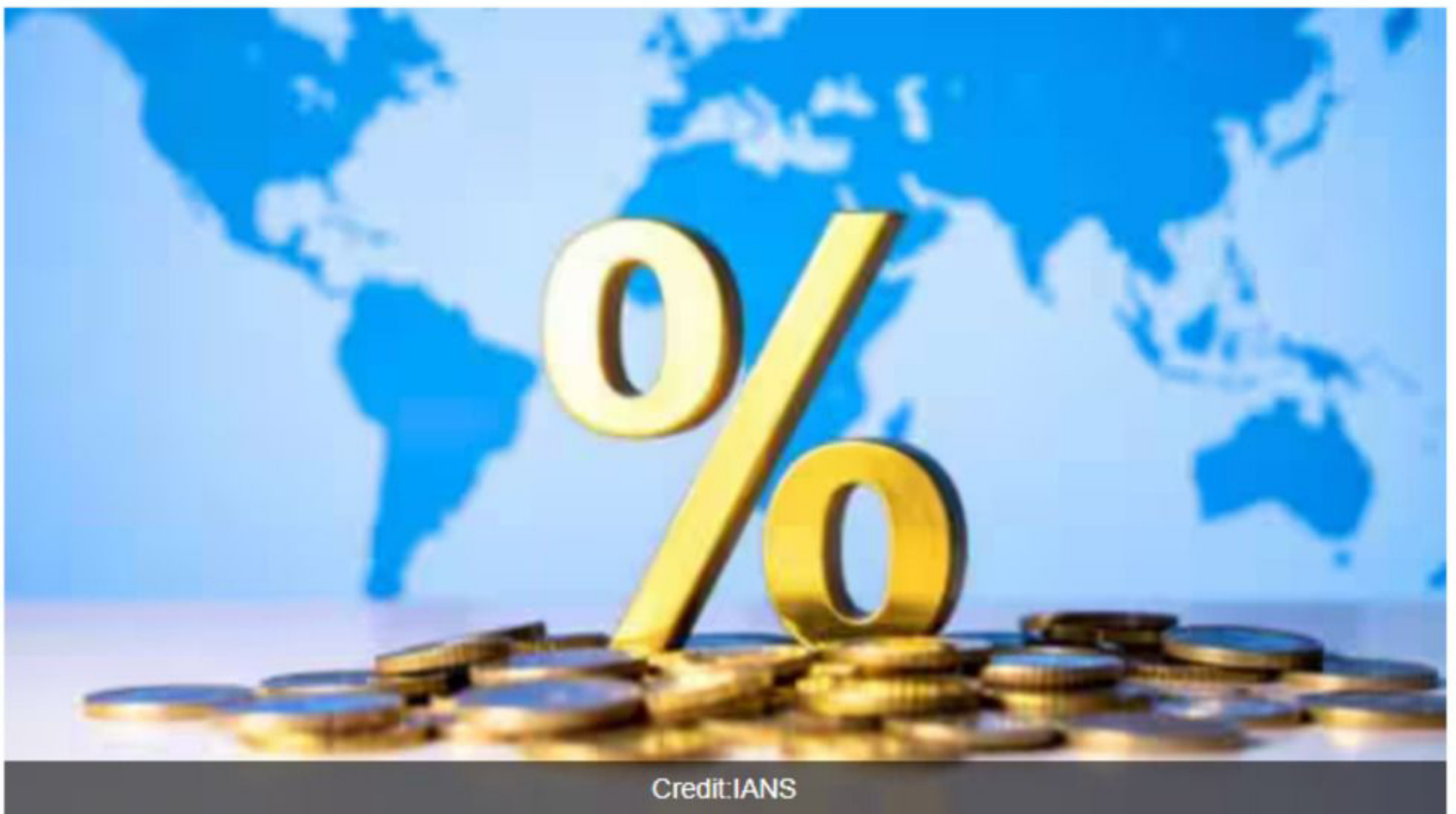


RBI's rate decision reflects favourable assessment of India's growth: Economists

Analysts welcomed the pause on rate hikes and said they expect the RBI to maintain an extended pause, due to positive cyclical upswing and confidence from successful conclusion of multiple trade deals.

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New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to keep the policy rate unchanged reflected a favourable assessment of growth and inflation dynamics, economists said on Friday.

"The RBI's rate pause gave much-needed stability to the real estate sector at a time when growth expectations have strengthened following the Union Budget's thrust on higher government spending," added Prashant Sharma, President, NAREDCO Maharashtra.