

India's TCS records fourth quarter profit

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India's biggest IT sourcing firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) reported a 4.2 percent increase in quarterly earnings on Tuesday, just missing analysts' estimates.

The [software giant](#) said [net profit](#) for the three months to March 31 rose to 66.08 billion rupees (\$1.02 billion) from 63.40 billion rupees for the same period last year.

It was the first [quarterly earnings](#) reported under its new chief executive Rajesh Gopinathan, who was appointed in February this year after Tata Group ousted former chairman Cyrus Mistry amid a legal tussle.

On Monday, TCS had approved a 160 billion rupee (\$2.4 billion) [share repurchase](#) to improve returns for share holders, Bloomberg reported.

The buyback had a direct impact as TCS' shares jumped 6.1 percent on Mumbai's stock exchanges.

"2016-17 was a year of broad-based growth amid economic and political turbulence in our key markets. We added USD 1.4 billion in constant currency revenues during the year," Gopinathan said in a statement.

The company's digital business grew 29 percent annually to US\$3 billion, he added.

TCS shares had fallen by nearly a percent in the closing hours of trade.

A Bloomberg survey of analysts had forecast the Mumbai-based company to increase its earnings to 66.54 billion rupees.

India has become a back office to the world as companies largely in developed nations have subcontracted work to firms like TCS, taking advantage of the country's skilled English-speaking workforce.

The flagship industry has made India a top business destination by offering software development and information technology, engineering and design and other services.

TCS competitor Infosys released its fourth quarter results to subdued growth last week.

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