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ECONOMY

India's wealth explosion: \$2 trillion opportunity banks can't afford to miss: The global wealth map is being redrawn, and India is emerging as one of its biggest winners. According to Boston Consulting Group's (BCG) latest report, emerging markets are expected to add nearly \$12 trillion in financial wealth by 2030, accounting for about 10% of global wealth growth. India alone is projected to contribute more than \$2 trillion, making it the single largest driver of wealth creation among emerging economies. The shift reflects rising incomes, expanding middle classes, growing financial participation, and deeper capital markets across the developing world. But nowhere is the opportunity larger than in India.

(Business Today)

Interim trade deal: US may offer to lock-in India's tariffs to insulate from Section 301 penalties: To clinch an early free trade deal with India amid the ongoing tariff turmoil, the US is likely to press New Delhi to accept a tariff package that locks in import levies on Indian goods around 18 per cent, as agreed in the February framework deal. This will be backed with an assurance that more penalties won't be added after the ongoing Section 301 investigations against India conclude, sources said.

(Business Line)

Govt cuts windfall tax on petrol, diesel, ATF exports: The government has halved windfall gains tax on export of petrol to Rs 1.5/litre, while reducing the levy on diesel to Rs 13.5/litre and aviation turbine fuel to Rs 9.5/litre effective June 1. The finance ministry in a notification said road and infrastructure cess will be nil on export of petrol

and diesel. Also, there is no change in the existing duty rates on petrol and diesel cleared for domestic consumption. The special additional excise duty (SAED) on petrol at Rs 3/litre was imposed on May 16 and the fortnightly review slashed it to Rs 1.5/litre from June 1.

(Moneycontrol)

BANKING & FINANCE



Current G-sec yields are attractive, buying interest visible: BoB: Current G-sec yields are attractive, and some investors are finding value in government bonds and selective buying interest is visible, Shashi Dhar, CGM – treasury and global markets at Bank of Baroda, said in an interview. He added that buying is being observed as yields have fallen past a certain point, indicating that those levels are appealing. Since the start of the West Asia conflict, the yield on the 10-year benchmark bond has risen by as much as 47 bps to 7.13%, driven by inflation concerns. Currently, it is trading around 7%.

(Financial Express)

LIC plans foray in fintech space, strategic investment also on table: Insurance giant LIC is actively considering establishing a fintech arm either through strategic investment or organic way to cater to its growing digital needs, CEO and MD R Doraiswamy said. "Naturally, to meet the modernisation requirement and particularly to bring innovation, we are engaging both fintech and insurtech players and we are getting a lot of new things being developed by such players," Doraiswamy told PTI in an interview.

(Economic Times)

Circulate Capital commits \$150 million to India to invest in recycling companies: Circulate Capital has committed \$150 million from its second fund to Indian recycling companies, building on initial successes. The firm, backed by major corporations and

development finance institutions, is expanding its focus to critical materials like metals, aiming to diversify supply chains away from China.

(Economic Times)

Fault lines are deepening in ATM business as operational issues mount: ATM cash replenishment must align with withdrawal patterns. Units with high footfall will continue to be serviced as needed, while low-velocity sites will move to an alternate-day or demand-led cycle. This is how it should have been all along but the trigger for doing so now is costs, according to the Currency Cycle Association (CCA), the self-regulatory organisation for the cash management industry. “We have taken up this [the cost issue] with the Indian Banks’ Association. What we now have is a force majeure situation,” says U S Paliwal, secretary-general, CCA. The way out: Link the ATM interchange to the wholesale price index even as a fresh hike is mulled to Rs.21-22 from the current Rs.19. But reimagining the interchange fee is just one part; what is sought to be weighed is also a first.

(Business Standard)

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK



FPIs turn net sellers for third straight month in May; DIIs absorb pressure: Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) remained net sellers in Indian equities for the third consecutive month in 2026, with net outflows of Rs.32,963 crore during May, according to data from the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). The selling, however, showed signs of easing in the final week. NSDL data for the four trading sessions of the week ending May 29 showed a mixed picture. On May 25, FPIs recorded a net outflow of Rs.6,176.80 crore across all segments. The trend reversed on May 26, when net inflows of Rs.2,564.20 crore were recorded.

(Business Line)

RIL commits Rs.10 lakh crore to AI-ready data centres: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has said that it is investing Rs.10 lakh crore in multi-gigawatt-scale AI-ready data centres as part of its next phase of growth, noting that the group has evolved into a

globally significant conglomerate spanning energy, digital services, retail, media and green technologies under the leadership of Chairman Mukesh D Ambani. "Jio, together with Reliance, will invest Rs.10 lakh crore over the next seven years starting this year. This is not a speculative investment. It is not for chasing valuation. This is a patient, disciplined, nation-building capital designed to create durable economic value and strategic resilience for decades to come," Mukesh Ambani had said.

(Business Line)

FSSAI seeks explanation from Blinkit over complaint of poor-quality curd: Food regulator FSSAI has sought explanation from quick commerce firm Blinkit on a complaint by a person who allegedly fell sick after consuming curd ordered from the platform, sources said. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has received a written complaint from a person who allegedly had to seek medical help after falling sick following the consumption of curd bought from e-commerce platform Blinkit, they added.

(Business Standard)



REGULATION & DEVELOPMENT

States' mkt borrowing share in deficit funding rises to 76.3% in FY26: RBI: States increased their reliance on market borrowings to finance gross fiscal deficits in 2025-26, even as yields and spreads on state government securities (SGS) rose during the year. According to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) annual report, the share of market borrowings in financing states' gross fiscal deficit rose to 76.3 per cent in 2025-26 (budget estimates) from 71.8 per cent in 2024-25 (revised estimates). States raised Rs.12.76 trillion through SGS issuances in 2025-26 against Rs.10.73 trillion in the previous year. Gross market borrowings were 95.1 per cent of the amount indicated in quarterly calendars.

(Business Standard)

Centre unveils AI-enabled chatbot to help citizens launch grievances online: The Centre on Saturday unveiled an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled chatbot to help citizens raise grievances against government departments online. Launching the chatbot named 'Samadhan Didi' here, Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh termed it as "democratisation of the public grievance mechanism" in the nation showcasing the government's unwavering commitment to enhance ease of using public services for citizens. The chatbot marks a significant step towards making public grievance redressal simpler, more accessible and truly multilingual, he said..

(Business Standard)



FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY

BELL CURVE

- A bell curve is a common type of distribution. Also known as the normal distribution, the term "bell curve" originates from the fact that the graph used to depict a normal distribution consists of a symmetrical bell-shaped curve.
- The highest point on the curve, or the top of the bell, represents the most probable event in a series of data (its mean, mode, and median in this case), while all other possible occurrences are symmetrically distributed around the mean, creating a downward-sloping curve on each side of the peak.



RBI KEY RATES

Repo Rate: 5.25%
SDF: 5.00%
MSF & Bank Rate: 5.50%
CRR: 3.00%
SLR: 18.00%
Fixed Reverse Repo: 3.35%

FOREX (FBIL 1.30 PM)

INR / 1 USD : 95.3845
INR / 1 GBP : 128.1841
INR / 1 EUR : 111.1102
INR /100 JPY: 59.8900

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 74775.74 (-1092.06)
NIFTY: 23547.75 (-359.40)
Bnk NIFTY: 54239.20 (-614.65)

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