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ECONOMY

Half of Indian states record inflation above RBI target as Telangana tops the chart: Half of India's states and Union Territories recorded retail inflation above the Reserve Bank of India's 4 percent target in June, highlighting wide regional disparities even as headline inflation accelerated to a six-month high. Consumer price inflation rose to 4.38 percent in June from 3.93 percent in May, driven by food prices, transport costs and precious metals. On a sequential basis, consumer prices increased 1.03 percent, the sharpest monthly rise since February last year, indicating broad-based price pressures. Telangana reported the highest inflation at 6.36 percent, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry at 5.39 percent each. Tamil Nadu (5.24 percent), Odisha (5.15 percent), Madhya Pradesh (5.09 percent) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (5.08 percent) also recorded inflation above 5 percent.
(Moneycontrol)

India's trade deficit widens to $30.43 bn in June on higher crude, fertiliser import bills: India's merchandise trade deficit widened to $30.43 billion in June 2026 from $28.21 billion in May, as imports rose at a faster pace than exports. Merchandise imports stood at $70.84 billion in June, compared with $73.41 billion in May, while goods exports fell to $40.41 billion from $45.20 billion. However, on a year-on-year basis, goods exports rose 15.5 percent, while imports surged nearly 31 percent. In June 2025, the trade deficit in goods was sharply lower too at $19.1 billion. A higher petroleum and fertiliser import bill contributed to the widening of India's merchandise trade deficit in June, with crude and petroleum product imports rising 40.01 percent and fertiliser imports jumping 201.3 percent YoY.
(Moneycontrol)

CPI climbs to 4.4% in June, but experts predict August policy status quo: Driven by a surge in precious metals and ticking food prices, retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 4.4 per cent in June as against 3.9 per cent of May, government reported on Monday. This is the first time since January 2025 when headline numbers have crossed 4 per cent mark. The June print stands as the highest reading under the new 2024-base CPI series, which was introduced in January this year. June numbers underline three key developments – firstly, the full impact of crude prices pass-through after petrol and diesel prices were hiked from mid-May; secondly, continued upward trajectory of food prices due to rain shortfall; and thirdly, households mixed discretionary spending.
(Business Line)

BANKING & FINANCE

HDFC Bank saw 80% rise in whistleblower complaints in FY26: India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank saw an 80 percent rise in whistleblower complaints in FY26, a year that also saw the resignation of chairman Atanu Chakraborty, data compiled by Moneycontrol shows. In FY26, the lender saw 177 complaints compared to 97 complaints in FY25. Disciplinary actions initiated against employees based on the whistleblower complaints also saw an 80 percent rise, data shows. In FY26, the lender initiated action against 77 of its employees compared to 41 in FY25.
(Moneycontrol)

Banks set for Q1 credit boost, but margin pressure may spoil the party: India's earnings season is well underway, and this week will see several top-tier private lenders, including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak, along with a few mid-sized peers, announce their quarterly results. Even as the shadow of the West Asia conflict looms over corporate India, banks are expected to report strong revenue growth in the April-June quarter, aided by robust credit growth that continues to outpace deposit growth. However, net interest margins (NIMs) may remain flat or turn negative as elevated funding costs weigh, analysts said. Deposit growth continues to trail loan growth, resulting in greater reliance on wholesale deposits. With competition for deposits still intense, banks continue to face challenges in mobilising low-cost deposits.

(Business Today)

FM asks banks to step up NRI outreach as FCNR mobilisation gathers pace: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday urged public sector banks (PSBs) to step up outreach to NRIs to sustain the momentum in foreign currency inflows, even as lenders said fundraising through External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) is expected to gather pace in the October-December quarter. Sitharaman chaired a meeting of Managing Directors and Chief Executive Officers of PSBs and public financial institutions (PFIs) to review progress under the Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposit, ECB and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowing (OFCB) swap schemes. While the government has not announced an official mobilisation target, the measures are expected to attract up to $50 billion.

(Business Line)

FCNR inflows may reduce banks' reliance on CD market in Q2 FY27: Report: Foreign currency deposits may reduce bank reliance on certificate of deposit issuances. Strong credit growth will continue to support certificate of deposit issuances in the near term. However, FCNR (B) deposit inflows will determine certificate of deposit volumes in the second quarter. Commercial paper issuances are expected to remain strong for NBFCs and corporates. Elevated refinancing needs will sustain primary market activity for commercial papers.

(Economic Times)

Centre holds back-to-back top-level meetings on IDBI Bank sale, signals push to close deal: The government held a series of high-level meetings on July 13 to review the stalled sale of IDBI Bank, in what appears to be a concerted push to move forward with the strategic sale of the bank, government sources said. Two separate meetings of the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD) took place through the day on matters related to the stake sale, a government source told Moneycontrol. "Two meetings of the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD) met on July 13 to discuss matters related to the government's IDBI Bank disinvestment," the source said.

(Moneycontrol)

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Oxford Vaccine Group launches world's first Phase I Bundibugyo ebolavirus vaccine trial: India's Serum Institute will provide doses for the world's first Phase I clinical trial for a vaccine against the Bundibugyo ebolavirus (BDBV) – being undertaken by the Oxford University's Oxford Vaccine Group. The BDBV strain is responsible for the ongoing ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Uganda. Over 600 deaths from ebola have been reported in DRC, according to latest reports. The trial will be conducted in Oxford and will assess the safety and immune response of the ChAdOx1 BDBV vaccine in 50 healthy adults between 18–55 years, they said in a joint statement.

(Business Line)

Merchant banker registrations at highest level since FY2000, shows data: Registered merchant banker numbers are rising amid record activity in the primary or initial public offering (IPO) market in recent years. There are now a total of 244 merchant bankers registered with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). This is the highest since 1999-2000 (FY2000). There were four more additions in the first two months of the ongoing year, according to a Business Standard analysis of collated regulatory data.

(Business Standard)

Strong funding demand lifts bank, commercial paper borrowings in Q1: Companies, including NBFCs, tapped both banks and the commercial paper (CP) market in the first quarter of FY27, reflecting sustained demand for funding across the economy. CP issuances totalled Rs.5.37 trillion during the April-June 2026 period - the highest in 18 quarters, while incremental bank credit more than doubled year-on-year to Rs.5.6 trillion. In June alone, CP issuances climbed to a 55-month high of Rs.2.55 trillion, largely driven by refinancing of maturing papers. The parallel strength in bank lending and CP issuances, according to market experts, suggests that companies are using multiple funding channels to meet expanding credit requirements rather than substituting one source for another. This, they said, points to resilient economic activity.

(Business Standard)

REGULATION & DEVELOPMENT

SC upholds SEBI action against Kotak AMC over Essel debt in FMPs, says regulatory violations cannot be justified by investor gains: The Supreme Court upheld penalties imposed by SEBI on Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company (AMC), Kotak Mahindra Trustee Company Ltd. and several senior executives over violations of mutual fund regulations in relation to six fixed maturity plans (FMPs) that had invested in Essel Group debt securities. The case was concerning Kotak Mutual Fund's investment of Rs 266 crore in zero-coupon non-convertible debentures issued by Konti Infrapower & Multiventures Pvt. Ltd and Edison Utility Works Pvt Ltd, both part of the Essel Group. The investments were secured by pledged shares of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. After the value of the pledged shares declined in early 2019, Kotak AMC decided to restructure the redemption of the debentures instead of enforcing the security. Consequently, when the six close-ended FMP schemes matured between April and May 2019, a portion of the redemption proceeds due to investors was withheld.

(Moneycontrol)

Identify recurring complaints: RBI DG Swaminathan to internal ombudsmen: RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J on Monday urged internal ombudsmen (IOs) of regulated entities to identify recurring issues, undertake root-cause analysis and implement remedial measures during the annual conference of Internal Ombudsmen. At the conference, Swaminathan J asked IOs to deliver "meaningful, fair and effective" resolution of customer complaints while identifying recurring issues, undertaking root-cause analysis and helping implement remedial measures. He also said that "an effective IO mechanism should reduce external escalation" and urged boards and

senior management to empower the IO mechanism and use its insights to strengthen customer service and grievance redress.
(Business Standard)

Sebi tightens staff conduct norms, sharpens conflict-of-interest rules: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has notified a slew of changes to its employee service regulations, sharpening conflict-of-interest norms, tightening investment curbs, and widening disclosure requirements. Under the Sebi (Employees' Service) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, the definition of 'family' and 'dependent' has been expanded to include adopted and stepchildren, as well as individuals substantially dependent on employees. This broadens the scope of compliance obligations, especially in areas such as investments and disclosures. In another major change, Sebi has imposed a two-year cooling-off period during which former employees cannot represent clients before the regulator in proceedings or settlements. Additionally, employees must disclose any job negotiations within a month of such engagement.
(Business Standard)

FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY

TRIFFIN DILEMMA

- The Triffin dilemma highlights the conflict of interest between domestic policy and international currency responsibilities.
- A reserve currency can lead to a trade deficit by elevating the exchange rate and hurting exports.
- Issuing a reserve currency can pressure a country to prioritize global stability over its own economic needs.
- If another currency replaces the dollar, U.S. borrowing costs could rise, impacting debt repayment.
- Solutions, like a new international monetary system, aim to alleviate the burden of maintaining reserve currency status.

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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 : 95.8336
INR / 1 GBP : 128.2953
INR / 1 EUR : 109.3030
INR /100 JPY: 59.0700

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 77616.40 (+47.01)
NIFTY: 24211.00 (+4.10)
Bnk NIFTY: 58131.45 (+85.55)

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