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ECONOMY

Indian banks turn cautious on MSME lending as stress signals emerge: Report:

Indian banks are becoming more cautious about lending to MSMEs as early signs of stress emerge in the sector. According to a 360 ONE Capital report citing CRIF High Mark data, MSME loan growth slowed to 12.7% year-on-year in April 2026 from around 18%-20% in previous quarters, while growth in active loans decelerated sharply to 2.5%.

(Economic Times)

Liquidity view fuels CRR hike possibility as RBI moves lift inflow outlook: Market participants have started discussing the possibility of a cash reserve ratio (CRR) hike, as expectations grow inflows linked to recent Reserve Bank of India (RBI) measures could add significant liquidity to the banking system. They said the impact on liquidity is likely to become clearer by August, making it a potential window for policy action if surplus liquidity rises materially. While no firm expectations have emerged on the quantum of any increase, some participants said a CRR hike of 25-50 basis points (bps) could be considered if the central bank seeks to absorb a portion of excess liquidity. CRR is the amount of cash, as a percentage of deposits, that banks are required to keep with the RBI.

(Business Standard)

India remains ADB's largest pvt sector market; eyes Rs.1 bn in direct support:

India continues to be the largest market for the Asian Development Bank's private sector operations, with the multilateral lender expecting to provide about USD 1 billion in direct financing this year to support projects aligned with the country's development

objectives. "Last year, we did more than USD 4 billion for sovereign and more than USD 1 billion for the private sector from our own capital," ADB Vice-President (Market Solutions) Bhargav Dasgupta told PTI in an interaction. Besides, he said, "We mobilised an equal amount for them from other sources. In effect, the flow was USD 2 billion to private sectors through the ADB in 2025".

(Business Standard)

BANKING & FINANCE



Bandhan Bank pivots towards secured lending: Bandhan Bank's corporate loan book has overtaken its microfinance portfolio, marking a strategic shift by the private lender to reduce dependence on its unsecured lending segment. The bank's wholesale loans have grown to Rs 56,000 crore, surpassing its microfinance loans, which stood at Rs 55,000 crore. The shift comes as the lender accelerates its efforts to de-risk its loan portfolio following stress in the microfinance sector. Bandhan Bank plans to increase the share of secured assets to 60% of its overall loan book, up from 56% as of March 31, 2026, with corporate lending emerging as a key growth driver.

(Financial Express)

RBI seeks daily reporting of FCNR (B) deposits, ECB data: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked banks to report data on FCNR (B) deposits, external commercial borrowings and overseas foreign currency borrowings daily, it said in a notification on Friday. On June 8, the RBI launched the swap facility for FCNR (B) deposits and ECBs. It would absorb the full hedging cost on incremental FCNR(B) deposits and partial hedging cost for ECBs, as part of a broader package of measures aimed at attracting foreign currency inflows and supporting the rupee. The data from June 8 till issuance of these directions, shall be submitted along with the first reporting due on June 22, the RBI said.

(Financial Express)

Banks seek RBI clarity on leveraged NRI FCNR deposit structures: Indian banks are seeking clarity from the RBI on allowing overseas branches to lend to non-residents for FCNR(B) deposits. Some lenders, like SBI, have already launched structured products enabling this, with deposits as collateral. Bankers hope for explicit regulatory comfort to boost NRI deposits before a special RBI window closes in September, potentially offering significant leveraged yields.

(Economic Times)

SBI's improving performance warrants better valuation, chairman Setty says: State Bank of India's chairman believes the bank is undervalued, citing improvements in financial strength, customer base, and earnings. He highlighted the success of the Yono digital platform, strengthened capital position, and the significant growth in value from its subsidiaries. SBI is also focusing on technology adoption, including AI, and sees opportunities in power, MSME, and retail lending, positioning itself for future growth despite evolving funding landscapes.

(Economic Times)

PhonePe wallet inactivity fees do not affect bank accounts or UPI transactions: PhonePe clarifies inactivity fees apply solely to its prepaid wallet, not linked bank accounts or UPI transactions. Users receiving notifications despite app usage are reminded wallet and UPI activities are tracked separately. The company assures no deductions from bank accounts or negative wallet balances, offering 15 days' notice for users to reactivate, withdraw, or close their wallets.

(Economic Times)

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK



Centre plans to create 7 State clusters backed by IITs to boost indigenous defence manufacturing: For the first time, the Centre is working towards creating clusters of States and Union Territories, each backed by dedicated IITs and other centres of excellence, to build a federal architecture for defence manufacturing aimed at reducing import dependence and boosting economic growth. The seven proposed

clusters are independent of the existing defence industrial corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

(Business Line)

NHB probing Aavas Financiers over loan classification lapses: The National Housing Bank (NHB) has begun a formal probe into CVC Capital Partners-backed mortgage lender Aavas Financiers after preliminary inquiries uncovered loan classification irregularities. The sector regulator has recalled refinancing support worth nearly Rs 500 crore —a punitive action that has set off a sweeping leadership overhaul at the company. ET was the first to report on April 13 that managing director and CEO Sachinder Bhinder was being asked to step down, with Manu Singh — former home loans head at Kotak Mahindra Bank — set to take over. A week later, on April 20, the company confirmed Bhinder's resignation and Singh's appointment as the new CEO.

(Economic Times)

World Bank clears ₹4,000-crore loan for Haryana water security project: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday said the World Bank has approved a loan of ₹4,000 crore for the state's ambitious 'Jal Sanrakshit Haryana' project aimed at making Haryana water-secure and self-reliant. The total cost of the project is ₹5,714 crore and it will be implemented in phases between 2026 and 2032. The programme will cover 15 clusters spread across 48.94 lakh acres across the state. Chairing a review meeting of senior officials here, Saini directed departments to prepare a comprehensive water management plan and ensure its effective implementation at the grassroots level.

(Business Standard)



REGULATION & DEVELOPMENT

RBI overhauls Lead Bank Scheme after review, issues new guidelines: The Reserve Bank of India has revamped the Lead Bank Scheme to boost district-level credit planning and financial inclusion. New guidelines, released on June 19, aim to enhance credit flow to priority sectors and improve access to financial services. A

three-tier committee structure has been introduced to strengthen coordination between banks and government agencies, with Lead Banks now appointing dedicated managers to oversee scheme implementation across all districts.

(Economic Times)

APEDA Facilitates First-Ever Export of Dried Whole Egg Powder from Odisha to

Austria: The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, facilitated the first-ever commercial export shipment of dried whole egg powder from Balangir, Odisha, to Austria, marking a significant milestone in promoting value-added agricultural and processed food exports from India. To strengthen the regional egg value chain and promote export-led growth, the exporter established a state-of-the-art egg processing facility in Balangir in 2025. The facility manufactures dried egg products that comply with national and international food safety and quality standards, including EIC standards, European Union hygiene requirements and other globally recognised regulations. The unit is certified under FSSC 22000 Version 6 and also holds HALAL and KOSHER certifications.

(PiB)

Sebi mulls easing deep disclosures for foreign portfolio investors: In a bid to stem the ebbing tide of foreign portfolio investment (FPI) flows on Dalal Street, SEBI is reviewing the granular disclosure framework pertaining to ultimate beneficial ownership for FPIs, originally introduced in August 2023, including the mandate that they must invest in at least three Indian stocks. According to sources aware of the development, Sebi may consider allowing FPIs to invest in a single stock, as against the existing requirement of holding at least three stocks in India, a condition that has raised concerns among some overseas investors. The regulator is also holding parleys for a possible change in the ownership threshold for stipulating the identification of ultimate beneficiary owners (UBOs). Sebi had also mandated that FPIs holding more than 50 per cent of their Indian equity assets under management (AUM) in a single corporate group would have to share additional granular disclosure requirements.

(PiB)



NEOLIBERALISM

- Neoliberalism refers to a policy model that emphasizes private enterprise and shifts economic control from government to the private sector. Influenced by leaders like Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, it advocates for lesser government intervention, focusing on free-market capitalism and fiscal austerity.
- Understanding neoliberalism involves looking at its policies, such as privatization and deregulation, which impact economies and societies worldwide.



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 : 94.4735
INR / 1 GBP : 124.6036
INR / 1 EUR : 108.0273
INR /100 JPY: 58.5500

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 76802.90 (-607.08)
NIFTY: 24013.10 (-154.90)
Bnk NIFTY: 57685.75 (-278.05)

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