TOP DOWN & BOTTOM UP

When lines blur and boundaries are breached, informed investors pause, observe, and then decide.

Reset... or Relief Rally?

Crude, urea and metals have corrected sharply — but is this a durable reset or just panic unwinding in reverse?

The AI Arms Race Escalates

From Big Tech capex to blockbuster IPOs, capital is pouring into infrastructure at a pace that feels both historic and uneasy.

Banks Are Chasing Dollars

As deposit pressure builds and the rupee stays fragile, the banking system is being forced to pull liquidity from abroad.

Policy Is Getting Tactical

From export duties to anti-dumping probes, the state is intervening more actively across sectors.

Capital Is Rotating, Not Settling

Debt flows are improving, IPO pipelines are swelling, but promoter exits & weaker equity participation suggest conviction is still selective.

A Fragile Global Calm

Beneath easing commodity prices, the world is still grappling with inflation, tariffs and unresolved geopolitical tensions.

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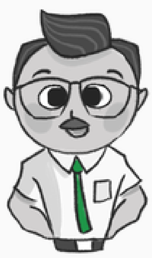

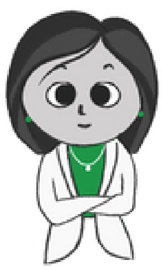

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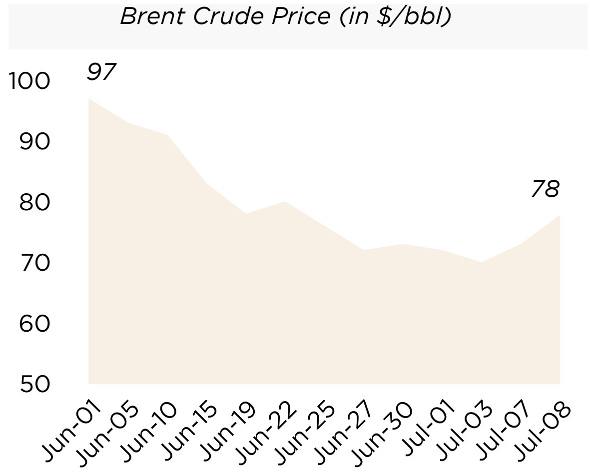
BSE Mcap: ₹481.8 tn I Composite PMI: 57.1 I GST Collection: ₹1.9 tn I Forex Reserves: $666.9 bn

The End of the War Premium?

Crude & Derivatives

- Brent crude fell 22% to $73.2/bbl by end-June from April's $126/bbl high, as Gulf oil flows normalized
  Brent has since rebounded to $77.5/bbl on renewed Middle East tensions
- US Gulf Coast crude premiums flipped from multi-year highs to discounts
  Magellan East Houston moved from an $8/bbl premium in April to a discount against WTI, while Mars crude premium narrowed sharply from $18/bbl to $1/bbl

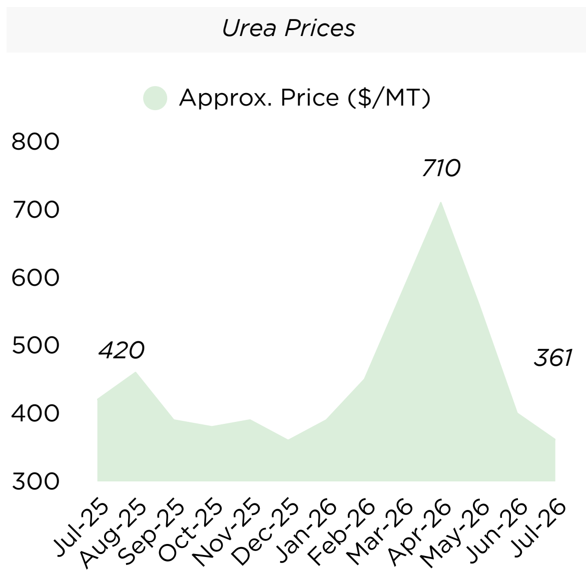


- US EIA slashed global oil demand forecast by 1.1 mbpd
- Diesel, gasoline and natural gas prices corrected as panic buying gave way to inventory liquidation
  ULSD corrected from $4.6 to $3.3/gal, while RBOB gasoline fell to $3.0/gal

Saudi Aramco lowered August crude prices to Asia by $11/bbl to a $1.5/bbl discount to Dubai-Oman benchmark, steepest discount in more than two decades. OPEC agreed to hike July quota by 188,000 bpd

Fertilisers and Crops

- Global urea prices corrected over 30% from April peaks as Middle East supply concerns eased
  Granular urea prices declined from $700+/MT in April to around $475-500/MT by end-June
- India's Urea import prices crashed over 50% from April peaks
  NFL received bids at $445-449/MT versus $935-959/MT in IPL's April tender
- Corn and soybean prices corrected as input-cost pressures eased
  Corn declined to $4.2/bu, while soybeans fell below $11.9/bu



Precious and Base Metals

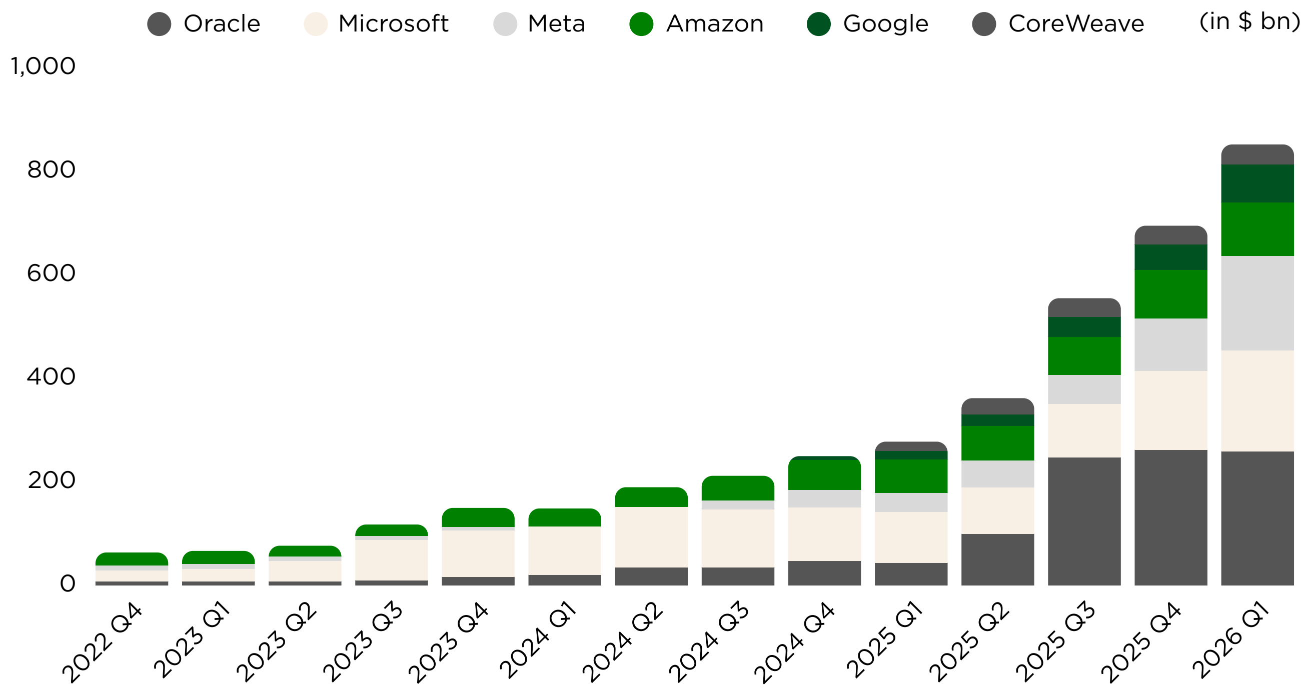
- Precious metals retreated sharply as geopolitical tensions eased and interest rate hike expectations increased
- Industrial metals corrected as energy costs and supply concerns eased
  By end-June, LME aluminium fell ~7% from its May peak, while copper declined ~4%

Petrochemicals and Industrial Chemicals

- US petrochemical feedstocks softened as plastics demand weakened
  Ethylene corrected ~17% and PGP ~8%, reflecting weaker June export demand, expected to keep import costs low and ease domestic supply constraints
- Indian Govt extended import duty exemption on 40 petrochemicals until July 15

TRILLION-DOLLAR CAPITAL RACE

- SpaceX raised a record $75 bn at a $1.8 tn valuation, demand exceeded $250 bn making IPO ~4x oversubscribed
- OpenAI and Anthropic confidentially file for blockbuster IPOs
  They were last valued at $852 bn and $965 bn, respectively, following record private funding rounds
- Alphabet upsized its AI fundraise to a record $84.8 bn amid overwhelming investor demand
  Berkshire Hathaway alone is investing $10 bn
- Microsoft raises FY26 AI infrastructure spending to $190 bn, Meta lifts AI infrastructure commitment to $125–145 bn
- Nvidia taps debt markets with a $25 bn bond offering, investor demand hit $85 bn
- Big Tech's AI capex set to surge 77% to a record $725 bn in 2026, driven by investments in AI data centres, chips and cloud infrastructure

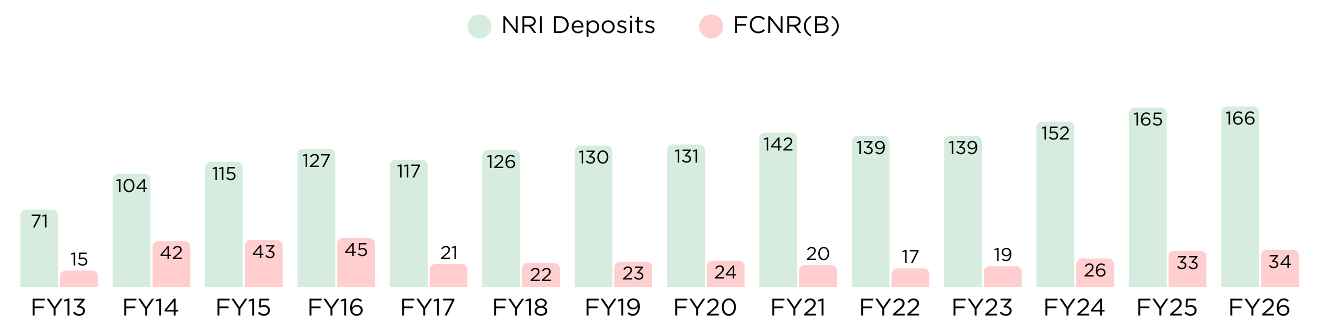


"We've somehow convinced enterprises that buying billions of AI tokens is a strategy. They're going to chillax, waste their time with tokens, get no value, and they're going to get my IP." -Alex Karp, CEO, Palantir

BANKING UPDATE

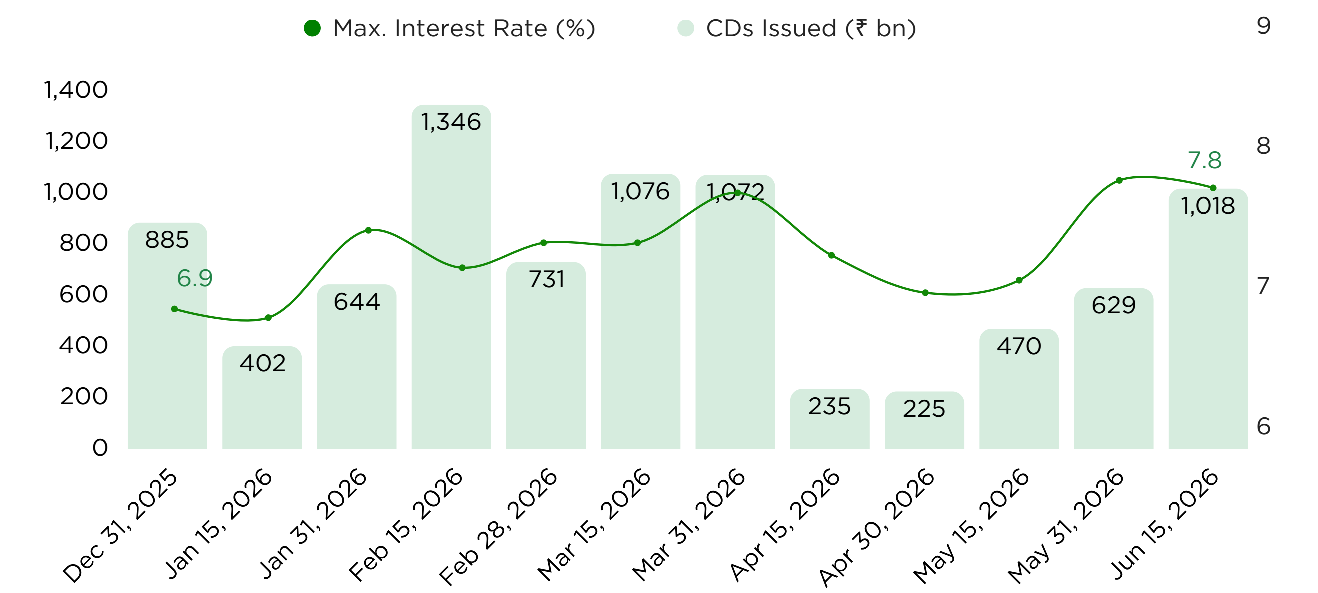
- RBI lifted FCNR(B), NRE deposit rate caps till Sep'26 to boost inflows, will bear entire FX hedging costs for fresh 3-5 year deposits
  Banks have mobilised $7 bn in FCNR(B) deposits, expected to reach $35-50 bn by Sep'26
- Banks raised NRI deposit rates after RBI eased FCNR(B), NRE rate restrictions

Amount Outstanding (₹ bn) in NRI deposits and FCNR(B) inflows



- India widens access to invest in listed companies under Portfolio Investment scheme to all non-resident individuals
- Govt doubled individual foreign portfolio limits to 10% and raised aggregate caps to 24%
- RBI mandates 80% operational assets for bank lending to REITs and InvITs
- RBI revised its credit derivatives framework to allow buying and selling of total return swaps
- In May, bank credit grew 17.7% and deposits 12%, pushing CD ratio to 82.8%
- Bank NPAs fall to multi-decadal low of 1.8% as of Mar'26
- RBI's net short forward dollar position rises to $106.7 bn in May
- Household share of bank deposits declined to 59.3% in FY26 from 63.2% in FY19

Banks raise ₹1 tn through CDs in fortnight ended June 15, driven by slowing deposit growth



COMPANY UPDATE

Financials

- Emirates NBD completes acquisition of 60% stake in RBL Bank for ₹260 bn
  Largest FDI in India's banking sector
- Fairfax submits revised ₹500 bn all-cash bid for 60.7% stake in IDBI Bank
- PFC and REC approve merger with a swap ratio of 88 to 100
- Kotak Mahindra Bank to acquire Deutsche Bank India's retail and wealth business for ₹2.8 bn

Energy

- Inox Clean acquired Vena Energy India's 6 GW renewable portfolio at ₹60 bn
- Adani Power to acquire 24% stake in Jaiprakash Power and 180 MW Churk plant for ₹42 bn
- Vedanta Oil & Gas plans $5 bn exploration capex over three years to fund onshore and offshore drilling projects
- Adani Energy acquires Intellismart for ₹30.5 bn, expanding smart metering portfolio
- JSW Energy will acquire MCCPL's 300 MW Chhattisgarh thermal plant for ₹14.1 bn

Technology

- Reliance partners with Meta to build a 168 MW AI data center in Jamnagar
- Adani Group partnered with Jabil to manufacture AI data center equipment
- Amber Enterprises to manufacture Oppo, OnePlus and Realme smartphones in India
  Targeting 13-15 mn units in second year of operations
- Persistent Systems to acquire 21% stake in Germany's Nagarro; plans takeover offer
- Schneider, Foxconn partnered to develop next-gen AI data-centre architectures

Automotive

- Tata to use Chery platform for Avinya EVs amid rising competition
- Tata Motors to raise CV & PV prices up to 2.5% & 1.5% respectively, from July
- JBM Ecolife secured ₹7.5 bn from Motilal Oswal to add 2k e-buses to its fleet
- VinFast proposes ₹70 bn Phase 2 expansion of Thoothukudi EV plant
  Annual capacity of 200k e-cars, 1 mn e-scooters and 2k e-buses

Real Estate

- Mahindra Lifespaces plans ₹450 bn project launches over the next two years
- Prestige Group plans two Delhi-NCR projects targeting ₹70 bn revenue
- Vedanta enters real estate via new subsidiary to monetize surplus land assets

Industrials

- Lloyds Engineering to acquire Steel Infra Solutions for ₹10.8 bn, boosting fabrication capacity
- Kirloskar Oil Engines secured 192 MW backup power order for HyperNext data centres
- Reliance Industries and NLC India partner to develop underground lignite gasification project in Gujarat
- Pace Digitek signs 3 GWh battery cell supply agreement with Rongjie Energy

Others

- Hindustan Zinc targets entry into rare earths, potash & tungsten within 5 yrs
- Tata Sons infused additional ₹51.7 bn into Tata Teleservices during FY26, for AGR payments

CAPEX UPDATE

Automotive

- Tata Motors PV to invest up to ₹400 bn; targets 20% market share by FY31
- Maruti to invest ₹9.3 bn in green energy and biogas projects by FY31
  To build a 10 TPD Kharkhoda biogas plant by FY27
- Hero Motors announces ₹32 bn investment in Andhra Pradesh
  Includes ₹7.5 bn investment to set up a new global parts center

Real Estate & Hospitality

- IHCL to invest ₹60-75 bn over five years for expansion
- Oberoi Realty to invest ₹60 bn in first Gurugram project

Others

- Amber Group invests ₹67.9 bn in UP manufacturing hubs; targets $2 bn revenue
- Grasim to invest ₹30.9 bn to expand Lyocell capacity in Karnataka
- Adani Defence & Aerospace begins ₹25 bn missile manufacturing project in Madhya Pradesh

Power & Energy

- Adani Power targets 23.7 GW capacity addition by FY32 with ₹2 tn capex
- BHEL, Coal India investing ₹250 bn in Odisha coal gasification project
  Project to meet 35% of India's ammonium nitrate demand by 2030
- Suzlon to invest ₹25 bn by FY31
  Targets 10 GW RE sales, 4 GW BESS capacity & 3 GW exports
- Hitachi Energy to invest ₹20 bn in Gujarat transformer factory
- NTPC to launch a ₹100 bn EPC tender for Rajasthan nuclear project

Metals & Mining

- NMDC plans ₹500 bn capex over next three years, targets 100 mt iron ore output
  FY27 capex of ₹60 bn to support production of 60 mt
- UAE's IHC and Adani Group to invest $11.5 bn in integrated aluminium project in Odisha
  Project will include 4 MTPA of alumina capacity, 2 MTPA of aluminium smelting capacity and 1 MTPA of downstream aluminium facilities

ORDER BOOK INFLOW UPDATE

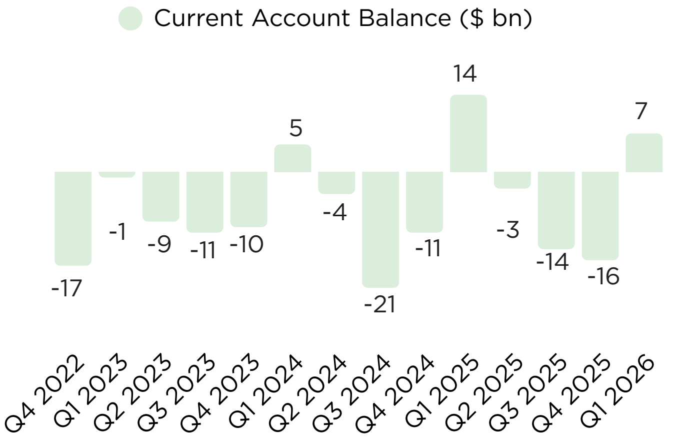
(Order in ₹bn)

BHEL	231
Persistent System	61
Sterling & Wilson Renewable Energy Ltd	53
Afcons Infrastructure	53
RVNL	42
Bluspring Enterprises	37
Creative Newtech Ltd	32
Kalpataru Projects International Ltd	30
HFCL	27
KEC International	18
Bondada Engineering	13

INDIA UPDATE

Economy

- India posted a surprise $7.1 bn current account surplus in Jan-Mar
Driven by strong remittances and services receipts



- India's unemployment rate falls to an eight-year low of 3.1% in 2025

- India's net direct tax collections rose 14.6% to ₹5.2 tn by June 17

Net Direct Tax Collection (Apr 1-Jun 17 | ₹ tn)			
Category	**FY26**	**FY27**	**% Change**
Corp Tax	1.7	2.1	22.3
Non-Corp Tax	2.7	2.9	8.5
STT	0.1	0.2	46.2
Total	**1.5**	**1.8**	**15.3**

- First FY27 advance tax collections rose 15% to ₹1.8 tn

Advance Tax Collection (Apr 1-Jun 17 | ₹ tn)			
Category	**FY26**	**FY27**	**% Change**
Corp Tax	1.2	1.4	16.0
Non-Corp Tax	0.3	0.4	12.7
Total	**4.5**	**5.2**	**14.6**

- CPSE capital expenditure rises 26% YoY to ₹2.1 tn in Q1 FY27
Achieved 25% of their annual capex target

- India's fiscal deficit rose 12-fold to ₹1.6 tn in April-May FY26

Investment

- Blackstone backed AirTrunk to invest $30 bn for 5GW Indian AI data centres by 2030

- RMZ plans $35 bn investment to expand data centre capacity to 2-3 GW

- Japan's Proterial to invest ₹22.5 bn in Andhra rare-earth magnet manufacturing

- Semiconductor firms under ISM will deploy ₹313 bn by FY27

- Govt doubles NIIF commitment with additional ₹300 bn allocation

- Canada Pension Board to invest ₹70 bn in CtrlS to expand India's data centre capacity

- India and Japan sign $10 bn investment pact, covering AI, semiconductors and critical minerals

- Serentica Renewables to invest ₹1 tn in Rajasthan clean energy projects

Auto

- EV penetration crossed 12% for the first time; sales hit a record 306k units in June
e2Ws led with 194k units

- India removed radar-sensor licensing, enabling advanced driver-assistance technologies
Benefits Maruti, Tata, Mahindra, Bosch, and Continental

- India plans ₹200 bn incentive scheme for private electric bus operators

- India to approve a $370 mn hybrid engine investment backed by China's Geely

- India's auto component industry grew 12.7% to ₹7.6 tn in FY26, slipping into a $1.4 bn trade deficit

INDIA UPDATE

Trade

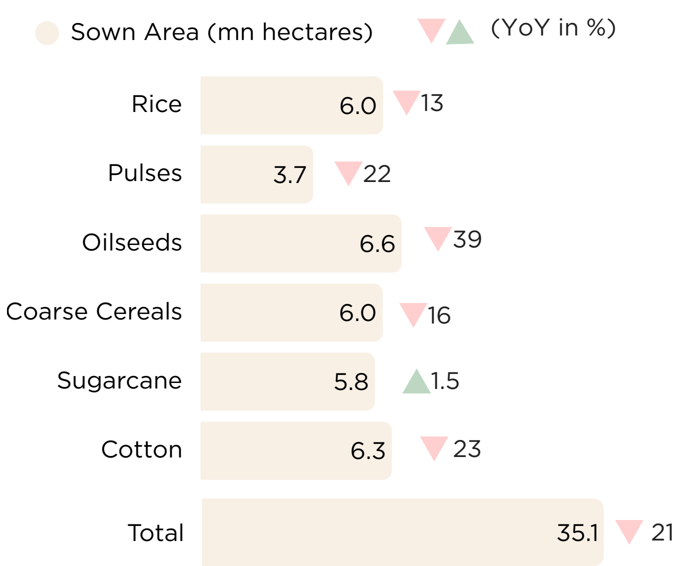
- India-UK FTA takes effect from July 15
  Enables duty-free exports of up to 88k Indian EVs
- UK grants India preferential tariff-free steel export quotas under bilateral trade agreement
- India's gold imports fall by 75% to 25-30 MT/month after import duty hike
- India, China sign soybean oil trade pact amid 16.5 mt import demand

Energy

- India's crude oil imports rise to record 4.9 mn bpd in June
  Russian crude imports climbed to a record 2.6 mn bpd on wider discounts
- India's crude inventories rebounded to 104 mn barrels by late June
  Stronger imports lifted stocks near a one-year high
- India's power demand surged 11.6% YoY to 166.5 BU in June amid heatwave and delayed monsoon
- India to boost biogas via higher prices, subsidies, targeting 700 CBG plants
- India waived excise duty on petrol blended with 22-30% ethanol to cut imports
- India preparing ₹30 bn incentives for lithium and nickel processing
- BHEL, Thyssenkrupp Nucera partner to manufacture green hydrogen electrolysers
- IGX benchmark gas price jumped 49% YoY in April; traded volumes rose 79% MoM
- Coal imports fell 13% YoY to 21.1 mt in Apr
  Power sector imports plunged 25% on higher domestic coal supplies

Others

- Housing sales jump 19% across top nine cities in Apr-Jun
  Fresh supply expanded by 43%
- India's urea import prices crash 50% after China reopens fertilizer exports
- Life insurers' NBP grew just 5% in May to ₹320.3 bn
  Weakest growth in over 8 months
- Irdai proposes allowing insurers to invest up to 5% of surplus funds in private companies
- India records 40% rainfall deficit in June; IMD expects July rainfall to remain below 94% of LPA
- Defence production reached record ₹1.8 tn in FY26, led by private sector
- India's kharif sowing falls 21% YoY to 35.1 mn hectares



**till 5th July 2026*

- General insurance premiums rise 14% YoY in June, led by health insurers
- India's office leasing hit a record 24.6 msf in Q2CY26
  GCCs accounted for 42% of total leasing demand
- E-way bill generation rose 14.5% YoY to 136.8 mn in June

GOVT. INITIATIVES

- India grants four China-linked power equipment manufacturers 2-year exemption to bid for govt projects
- Govt plans major SEZ reforms; proposes duty-foregone DTA sales for SEZs
- Govt notified Coal Exchange Rules, enabling regulated electronic coal trading
- Govt retrospectively waived customs duties on nuclear power equipment imports from Apr'19 to Jan'26
- Govt raises critical mineral exploration target from 1.2k to 2k projects by 2031
- Govt set to approve six PPP mineral rail projects worth ₹200 bn
- FY27 Fertiliser subsidy may double to ₹3.4 tn, but fiscal deficit target of 4.3% of GDP remain unchanged
- India cuts ATF prices by ₹5/litre and commercial LPG prices by ₹183.5/cylinder
- Centre invites bids for green urea plants to cut imports and promote green hydrogen
- India imposed anti-dumping duties on select chemical and aluminium foil imports
- Govt extends ₹200 bn credit guarantee scheme for MFIs till Aug
- India plans five new strategic oil reserves to expand crude storage cover to 40 days
- Govt to sell upto 2% stake in IRFC & upto 5% stake in GIC through OFS
  Also launched stake sale in Cochin Shipyard upto 5.1%
- West Bengal to undertake ₹1 tn railway projects across 61 approved plans
- Tamil Nadu to invest ₹150.3 bn in power infra to meet rising demand
- Andhra Pradesh to allocate land for ₹200 bn rare earth projects
- Mumbai Port Authority announces cargo and waterfront infrastructure projects worth ₹35.4 bn
- Himachal Pradesh signs pacts for 19 hydropower projects worth ₹33.4 bn
- India removes retail fuel purchase restrictions for industrial users and lifts 200-litre daily diesel cap, effective July 1
- India opens anti-dumping probe on steel from China, Japan, Russia
- Centre cuts diesel and ATF export duties to ₹8.5/litre and ₹7.5/litre; raises petrol export duty to ₹4/litre

CAPITAL MARKET UPDATE

- Indian companies announce over ₹1.3 tn of fundraises in June as banks and corporates step up capital raising plan

- India bond inflows hit a one-year high of ₹44.9 bn following govt rupee support measures
- FPIs invest ₹350 bn in Indian bonds after tax exemption on FAR securities

CAPITAL MARKET UPDATE

Jio Platforms and NSE lead India's robust pipeline of upcoming mega IPOs

Company	Amount (₹ bn)
JIO Platforms	370
NSE	300
SBI MF	110
PhonePe	110
Zepto	110
Manipal Health Enterprises	80
OYO	70
RazorPay	50

FPI debt inflows hit 15-month high of $2.2 bn in Jun; account for 58% of 2026 FAR inflows

Monthly FPI Investment in Debt – FAR ($ mn)

Month	2026	2025
Jan	1,461	947
Feb	949	1,666
Mar	-1,246	3,340
Apr	-14	-627
May	462	-1,092
Jun*	2,199	-1,178
Total	**3,811**	**3,056**

*Note: *Jun'26 data is up to Jun 25*

Promoters monetize rally through ₹100 bn+ of block deals in June

Company	Amount (₹ bn)	Promoter
Adani Green	32	Ardour Investment Holding Ltd
Vedanta	19	Twin Holdings
DOMS	19	FILA Fabbrica Italiana Lapis Ed Affini Spa
Lodha Developers	16	Hightown Constructions Private Limited
Anthem Biosciences	13	Aruna Ganesh
Ajanta Pharma	10	Ravi P Agrawal Trustee Ravi Agrawal Trust

Net FDI jumped fourfold to $6.6 bn in Apr, driven by strong equity inflows

SEBI reintroduces open-market buybacks via stock exchanges from Aug 1

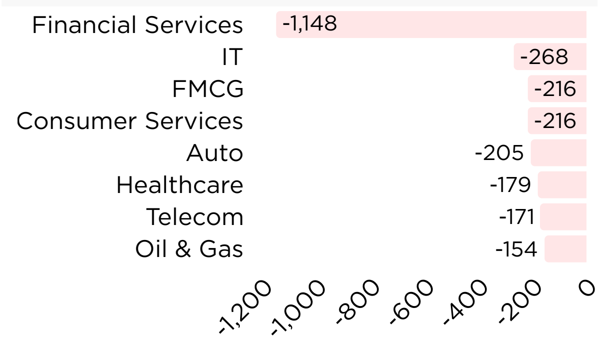
To be completed in 66 working days; at least 40% to be utilised in first half

Reinstated exchange routes push India's open-market buybacks to a 3 yr high

SEBI has proposed increasing the broker net worth requirement to ₹50 mn from current ₹30 mn, under tighter MTF guidelines

Financials lead FPI selling amid volatile monthly flows

FPI Selling by Sector in 2026 (₹ bn)



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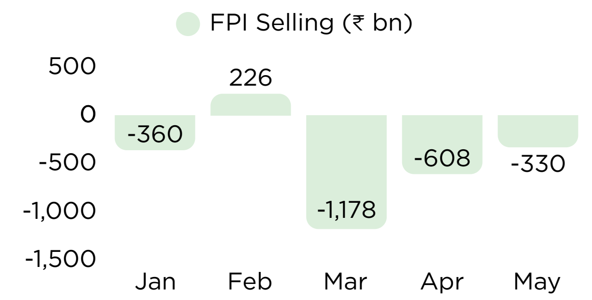

Net inflows into index funds fell 73% MoM to ₹27.8 bn in May

ETFs down 31% MoM to ₹67 bn

Net PMS inflows fell 84% to ₹40.9 bn in May, following an exceptionally strong Apr

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

USA

- United States and Iran signed an initial 14-point MOU aimed at ending West Asia war
- Commercial shipping resumes immediately, with demining and restoration of normal maritime traffic within 30 days
- Release of frozen Iranian assets and restoration of financial access linked to implementation milestones
- US and regional partners to formulate a proposed $300 bn investment and economic development package for Iran within 60 days
- Interim ceasefire appears to have collapsed amid fresh military strikes

- Fed holds rates steady at 3.50%–3.75% in Warsh's inaugural meeting
  Announced the end of the central bank's traditional "forward guidance" framework
- US CPI rises to 4.2%, highest since April 2023
  3.9% jump in energy prices, putting the 12-month increase at 23.5%
- US wholesale inflation rises to 6.5% in May, largest gain in 3.5 years
- US refunds ~$22 bn in tariffs in May as trade policy undergoes overhaul
- Trump invokes Defense Production Act to accelerate weapons manufacturing
  Govt approved $35 bn defence order for Lockheed Martin to boost production of critical weapons systems
- US trade deficit widens to a record $105.8 bn in May

China

- China implements national security rules for outbound investment, tightening oversight of overseas capital flows
- China targets 50% non-fossil power generation by 2030 under 15th Five-year Energy Plan
  Also aims for wind and solar to exceed 50% of installed capacity while expanding grid to integrate 900 GW of distributed renewable energy
- China's manufacturing PMI stood at 51.7 in June, averaged 51.9 during Q2
  This is highest in 6 years, supported by new order growth and easing cost pressures
- China May exports rise 19.4%; U.S. shipments jump 35.4%, highest since March 2021
- China May retail sales fall 0.6%, first decline since post-Covid reopening; industrial output rises 4.5%

EU

- ECB raises interest rates by 25 bps; deposit rate increased to 2.25%
  Rate hike takes main refinancing rate to 2.40% & marginal lending facility to 2.65%
- Bank of England holds Bank Rate at 3.75% for fourth straight meeting; vote split 7–2
- Eurozone June inflation falls to 2.8% from 3.2% in May; core inflation eases to 2.4%

- UK commits additional £15 bn to modernise armed forces over next four years

Rest of the World

- Japan announces $2.7 tn investment plan to boost economy through FY2030
- Samsung and SK Hynix to invest $520 bn in new semiconductor hub
  Investment includes four new chip fabrication plants and AI memory capacity expansion

INDIA ECONOMIC DATA

Economic Indicator	May'26	Apr'26	May'25
WPI inflation (in%)	9.7	8.3	0.1
CPI inflation (in%)	3.9	3.5	2.8
Core Sector Growth (in%)	0.5	1.8	1.2
Trade Deficit (in bn$)	28.2	28.4	22.6

Fuel & power inflation surged to 30.3%, with petroleum products and crude oil driving WPI higher

Economic Indicator	Jun'26	May'26	Jun'25	MoM	YoY
Composite PMI	57.1	59.3	61.0	-3.7%	-6.4%
GST Collection (in ₹tn)	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.3%	13.9%
AVG USD INR	95.0	95.4	85.9	-0.5%	10.6%
Forex Reserves ($ bn)	666.9	682.3	702.8	-2.3%	-5.1%

**All the numbers are rounded to a single decimal place*

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