

# Industry Matters

Weekly Updates

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## Economy, Industry and Policy

**Inflation has peaked, as has growth-Nomura:** We are seeing rising downside risks to our GDP growth projections of 6.7 per cent y-o-y in FY25 and 6.8 per cent in FY26, says Nomura. *[Business Line]*

**RBI inflation target credible as expanding supply will curb pressure- S&P:** S&P Global Ratings on Wednesday said supply capacity in India is continuing to expand pretty quickly which will help contain inflationary pressure. *[Business Standard]*

**S&P projects 6.5-7 pc annual growth for Indian economy through 2027:** S&P Global Ratings on Thursday projected the Indian economy to grow between 6.5-7 per cent annually in the three fiscal years till March 2027 as infrastructure spending and private consumption drive growth momentum. *[The Economic Times]*

**Incoming US govt policies may open new doors for India - CEA:** Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Friday assuaged concerns of a trade war following the election of Donald Trump as the new President of US. *[Business Line]*

**Wholesale inflation quickens to 2.36% in October over rising food prices:** India's wholesale inflation accelerated to 2.36 per cent in October on an annual basis, as against 1.84 per cent in September, driven by increase in prices of food articles. *[The Economic Times]*

**India's retail inflation in October quickens to 6.21%, breaches RBI tolerance band for first time since Aug 2023:** India's retail inflation accelerated to a 14-month high of 6.21 per cent on an annual basis in October, quickening from 5.49 per cent in the previous month and breaching the central bank's tolerance ceiling, primarily driven by persisting high food prices. *[The Economic Times]*

**India's industrial production rebounds to 3.1% in September from 0.1% contraction in August:** The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) in India witnessed an expansion of 3.1 per cent in September as against a contraction of 0.1 per cent in August. *[The Economic Times]*

**India's net direct tax collection rises 15.4 pc to Rs 12.1 lk cr in April-November period:** India's net direct tax collection grew 15.4 per cent year on year to Rs 12.1 lakh crore during the period April 1-November 10. *[The Economic Times]*

**India plans to set up mini Silicon Valley for GCCs in Goa-Goyal:** India's growth story would take the country's economy \$35 trillion in the next 25 years, says Goyal *[Business Line]*

**Focus on economic diplomacy one of key changes in Indian foreign policy - EAM S Jaishankar:** A focus on economic diplomacy has become one of the key changes in Indian foreign policy which is now fundamentally purposed to serve national development and security. *[Financial Express]*

**FM seeks AIIB help for next gen reforms:** Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman urged the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to expand its investments in key areas like climate action and infrastructure, particularly in India. *[The Economic Times]*

**India has potential to achieve net-zero goals while sustaining economic growth trajectory:** As India remains on track to be one of the fastest-growing major economies, it faces a balancing act between pursuing sustained growth and achieving net-zero goals. *[The Economic Times]*

**India to push for accountability, fair financing, green credit at COP29- delegates:** India is advocating for accountability, green credit, fair financing, and incremental goals at COP29 in Baku. *[The Economic Times]*

**Govt hopeful of meeting capital expenditure target for FY25:** The government is optimistic of meeting capital expenditure (capex) target of ₹11.11 lakh crore during the current fiscal, a senior Finance Ministry official said on Monday. *[Business Line]*

**UK businesses drive growth and sustainability in India, generating over Rs 5,000 bn in revenue:** UK businesses are making a big impact in India, generating over Rs 5 trillion in revenue and employing over half a million people. The India-UK Free Trade Agreement is expected to further boost this growth. *[The Economic Times]*

**Future global economy to be shaped by India, China:** The two countries together account for 35 per cent of the global population and are projected to contribute 50 per cent of global economic growth in 2024. *[Business Line]*



## Foreign Investment

**RBI rolls out rules to reclassify FPI investment as FDI:** The current law says an FPI cannot hold more than 10% of the total paid-up equity capital as portfolio investment in an Indian company. *[The Economic Times]*

**FDIs may shift to US under Trump 2.0 but it won't impact FDIs inflow to India - SBI:** India could see a shift in foreign direct investment (FDI) trends in the second term of Donald Trump (Trump 2.0) as President of the United States. *[The Economic Times]*

**India's outward FDI rises to \$3.7 billion in October 2024- RBI data:** India's outward foreign direct investment (FDI) commitments rose to \$3.24 billion in October 2024, up from \$2.55 billion in October 2023. *[Business Standard]*

**Recent FPI pullout transitory & cyclical, more to do with slowdown in govt spending - Morgan Stanley's Gokul Laroia:** Morgan Stanley is bullish on India. The firm sees strong US-India relations and continued investment opportunities. Recent market fluctuations are temporary. *[The Economic Times]*



## Trade Policy and Competitiveness

**Retaliatory tariff on European Union: India to firewall local biz:** India is conducting a careful assessment to finalise products that may attract higher retaliatory import tariffs from the European Union (EU), said a person privy to the development. *[Business Standard]*

**Peru sets sights on free trade agreements with India in 2025- Here's what this means for global trade:** Peru is poised to finalise a significant trade deal with India in 2025, marking a major step in its efforts to strengthen economic ties with the world's two most populous nations. *[Financial Express]*

**Despite revoking GSP status in Trump 1.0, India-US trade surged, Trump 2.0 could continue the trend-SBI:** India's trade with the United States has shown remarkable growth despite losing its Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) status in 2019. *[The Economic Times]*

**India's steel exports rise 11% in October; imports moderate for the first time this fiscal:** Indian steel exports witnessed its first uptick this fiscal with there being an 11 per cent sequential rise in October (compared to the previous month) to 0.44 million tonnes (mt). *[Business Line]*

**India should join China-led RCEP - Niti CEO:** The Niti Aayog CEO's comments also come on the heels of the Economic Survey 2024 suggesting integration of India with China's supply chain. *[Financial Express]*

**India looks to establish standardised negotiation process for trade deals:** The government is seeking to revive a decade-old proposal to streamline FTA negotiations, especially in the backdrop of imbalanced deals with a couple of trade partners. *[Business Standard]*

**China top import source for India during Apr-Oct, exports to China dip 9%:** China was India's top import source with \$ 65.89 billion, a 9.8 per cent year-on-year increase, worth of inbound shipments during the April-October period of this fiscal. *[Business Standard]*

**Reaching \$100 billion in Indo-Russian trade realistic- S Jaishankar:** India and Russia are aiming to achieve \$100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030, according to Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. *[The Economic Times]*

**India's merchandise exports surge 17% in Oct, fastest pace in 28 months:** India's merchandise exports grew at the fastest pace in 28 months in October, witnessing double-digit growth of 17.3 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to touch \$39.2 billion. *[Business Standard]*

**Asean FTA review - India to seek interim relief from import surge:** India's trade deficit with Asean widened from \$ 4.98 billion in 2010-11, the first full year of operation of AITIGA to \$ 38.4 billion in 2023-24. *[Financial Express]*



## Corporate Governance

**Ambuja Cements seeks CCI nod to acquire majority stake in Orient Cement:** Ambuja Cements, owned by Gautam Adani, is seeking regulatory approval to acquire a majority stake in Orient Cement for Rs 8,100 crore. *[The Economic Times]*

**Mcap of 6 of top-10 most-valued firms erode ₹1.55 lakh cr; Reliance biggest laggard:** The combined market valuation of six of the top-10 most-valued firms eroded ₹1,55,721.12 crore last week, with Reliance Industries emerging as the biggest laggard, in line with an overall weak trend in equities. *[Business Line]*

**RIL, Viacom18 and Disney complete merger to create a Rs 70,352 cr JV:** Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), Viacom18 Media (Viacom18), and The Walt Disney Company announced on Thursday that they have completed the merger of Viacom18's media and JioCinema businesses into Star India (SIPL), creating a mega joint venture valued at Rs 70,352 crore. *[Business Standard]*

**Blackstone eyes 20% stake in Haldiram's snacks at \$8 billion valuation:** Blackstone has dropped plans to acquire a majority stake in the snacks business of India's Haldiram's but is now discussing purchase of a 20 per cent stake at a valuation of \$8 billion, which is still a sticking point. *[Business Standard]*

**MUFG bullish on India, seeks M&A deals to drive growth, expand presence:** Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc. is bullish on India, where it's actively looking for acquisition targets that will help boost its presence in the world's most populous nation. *[Business Standard]*



## MSMEs and Start-ups

**Indian-born founders lead the charge in US unicorns, reveals study:** India heads the list of non-US-born unicorn founders, with 90 from the country, followed by Israel with 52, Canada with 42, the UK with 31, and China with 27 founders. *[Business Standard]*

**Start-ups line up for IPOs amid bullish market, investor demand:** Start-ups are eagerly preparing to list on the stock exchanges driven by a thawing funding winter, a shift towards profitability, and growing investor interest. *[Business Line]*

**Odisha start-up launches fully made-in-India, autonomous logistics drone service:** Air Orca is fully designed, developed and manufactured in India by Odisha-based start-up Bon V Aero and is equipped to serve as a first responder in post-disaster scenarios. *[Business Line]*

**The Circle FC launches Korea market immersion initiative for Indian startups:** The Circle FC, a business accelerator for growth-stage startups, on Tuesday, announced the Korea Market Immersion Program (KMIP), offering Indian entrepreneurs a chance to explore South Korea's startup ecosystem. *[The Economic Times]*

**MSME insolvency - Pre-pack scheme sees only 13 applications admitted since 2021:** The Pre-packaged Insolvency Resolution Process (PPIRP) introduced in April 2021 for MSMEs has admitted only 13 applications as of September 30, 2024, said insolvency regulator Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI). *[Financial Express]*



## Employment and Industrial Relations

**Mandaviya announces completion of pilot run of new pension payments system under EPS scheme:** In a landmark move towards enhancing pension services, Union Minister of Labour & Employment Mansukh Mandaviya announced the successful completion of the pilot run of the new Centralised Pension Payments System (CPPS) under the Employees' Pension Scheme 1995. *[The Statesman]*

**Govt to open e-Shram portal for registration of self-employed workers:** To encourage self-employed workers to register themselves on the e-Shram portal, the government will introduce a facility aimed at bringing on the database people. *[Business Standard]*



## Industrial Finance

**Bank deposit growth may struggle to keep pace with credit momentum - S&P:** The bank deposit growth in India may struggle to keep pace with good credit momentum in 2025, raising the risk of weakening credit-to-deposit ratios. However, despite this, banks' overall funding profiles should remain sound. *[Business Standard]*

**Deposit growth equals credit in November 1 fortnight - RBI data:** After edging past credit growth for the first time in 30 months in the fortnight ended October 18, deposit growth was almost on a par with credit growth in the November 1 fortnight, with credit growing by 11.9 per cent and deposit growing by 11.83 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y). *[Business Standard]*

**Startup funding hits \$10 billion in October:** Indian startups have raised nearly \$10 billion in funding as of October, on track to surpass the total funding of \$10.5 billion raised throughout last year. *[Financial Express]*



## Technology and Innovation

**Semiconductor sector to create 1 million jobs in India by 2026, says report:** India's semiconductor industry is projected to create 1 million jobs by 2026, driven by government initiatives and private investments. *[The Economic Times]*

**ULI, a game-changer:** India's public digital finance infrastructure is rapidly transforming, thanks first to the success of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and now the proposed introduction of the Unified Lending Interface (ULI). *[Business Line]*



## Industrial Infrastructure, Clusters and SEZs

**India's first dedicated railway test track worth Rs 820 crore getting constructed in Rajasthan:** India is constructing its first dedicated railway test track in Rajasthan for testing rolling stock, including bullet trains. *[The Economic Times]*

**PMO launches new maritime strategy, to infuse funds into port sector:** The Prime Minister's Office has approved a three-pronged strategy for the development of the maritime sector. *[Business Standard]*



## Sustainable Industrialisation

**India's EV penetration to reach 20% by FY30- CareEdge:** CareEdge Ratings expects cumulative grid level energy storage capacity of battery energy storage systems (BESS) to reach around 100 gigawatt hour (GWh) by March 2030. *[Business Line]*

**No reason to scale back our domestic targets, says CEEW's Arunabha Ghosh:** India's current climate policies are projected to reduce CO2 emissions by almost 4 billion tonnes between 2020 and 2030, equivalent to nearly 1.6 times the European Union's CO2 emissions in 2023. *[Business Standard]*

**India will develop complete solar manufacturing ecosystem in 4-5 years- Avaada Group:** India will develop the complete ecosystem of solar equipment manufacturing in the next four to five years compared to other countries. *[The Economic Times]*

**Renewable player Sunkind bags 10.4-MW solar power project in Maharashtra:** Sunkind, a green energy company, has secured a 10.4 MW solar energy project from the Maharashtra government. *[The Economic Times]*



**Targets unchanged a year after deal on tripling renewables by 2030:** A year after countries agreed to triple global renewable energy capacity to 11,000 gigawatts by 2030, a new report on Tuesday revealed that national targets still only aim for a collective doubling of capacity in the next six years. [*Business Standard*]



## Sectoral News

**Singapore Airlines to investment Rs 3,194.5 crore in Air India post-merger of Vistara:** Singapore Airlines is set to make an additional investment of Rs 3,194.5 crore in Tata Group-owned Air India post-merger of Vistara in November. [*The Statesman*]

**Out-of-pocket expenditure on healthcare decreasing in India:** The out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) on healthcare in India is decreasing largely due to increased government investment and an improved public healthcare framework. [*The Statesman*]

**Home textiles to weave 6-8% growth after rebound from last fiscal year- CRISIL Ratings:** The home textile industry derives 70-75% of its revenue from exports — the US alone accounts for 60% — and the remaining 25-30% from the domestic market. [*The Economic Times*]

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