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Economy, Industry and Policy

“Further rate cuts depend on inflation”, says Economist Nagesh Kumar, external member of RBI’s Monetary Policy Committee: Nagesh Kumar, external member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India and Director and Chief Executive of the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), says India remains a bright spot in the global economy because of its lower dependence on global trade, strong macro fundamentals and a diversified crude oil basket. *[BusinessToday.in]*

Indian economy trebled in 10 years, says government: In 2014–15, the GDP at current prices was ₹106.57 lakh crore. This figure is expected to rise to ₹331.03 lakh crore in 2024–25, nearly tripling in ten years a government note stated. *[Business Line]*

Gaps in data gathering understate actual levels of inequality in India: A recent report showing India as among the most equal countries in the world, based on a Gini index of 25.5, has sparked a debate. The Gini coefficient measures inequality within a population, with a higher value indicating higher inequality. *[Business Standard]*

India’s growth to remain resilient despite global uncertainty-Temasek: Singaporean fund Temasek reports a positive outlook for India, anticipating resilient growth fueled by capital expenditure, recovering domestic consumption, and supply chain reorientation. *[Financial Express]*

Boost for ‘Make in India’: Govt targets for \$300 bn bioeconomy by 2030: India targets a \$300 billion bioeconomy by 2030, driven by biotech innovation, startup growth, ethanol blending success, and the new BioE3 policy. Minister Jitendra Singh highlights wider public involvement and sustainable growth strategies. *[Financial Express]*

Company registrations rise 8.3% in June, LLPs jump 18.4%: Company registrations in India continued their upward trend, rising 8.3% in June, while limited liability partnerships saw an 18.4% increase. This growth, driven by strong economic prospects and eased compliance, reflects investor confidence in India's long-term potential. *[The Economic Times]*

Indian electronics manufacturers face double whammy with import curb on gold compounds: India's electronics manufacturing sector, which has been struggling with China's restrictions on rare earth magnet exports, faces a double whammy with import curbs on gold compound — a key raw material. *[Business Line]*

India's corporate revenue growth may slowdown in FY26 as nominal GDP growth cools-jefferies: Corporate revenue growth in India may face a slowdown in the coming financial year due to weaker nominal GDP growth, according to a recent report by Jefferies. The report estimates that India's nominal GDP growth is likely to ease to 9 per cent in FY26. *[Business Line]*

Why potential growth rate is 6.5%: In deciding India's potential growth, investment rate along with incremental capital-output ratio plays an important role. An important feature of India's investment rate profile is the difference between nominal and real investment rates. *[Business Line]*

Data, insights and governance: MoSPI's evolving role: The Statistics Ministry is producing new and better data to facilitate improved policy making. Data is omnipresent but a silent sentinel in our age. Data does not merely represent empirical reality but also encapsulates critical insights within itself. *[Business Line]*

PLI scheme facilitates ₹7,343 cr investment in textiles: The Production Linked Incentive scheme for textiles has emerged as a transformative initiative for the industry. The scheme offers financial incentives for a period of five years to promote manufacturing in Manmade Fibre (MMF) apparel, fabrics, and technical textiles, thereby enabling scale, competitiveness, and global integration. *[Business Line]*

India plans unified incentive framework to counter China's rare earth monopoly: The plan — now under active inter-ministerial coordination — would allow companies to stack subsidies and policy benefits from multiple ministries, for different parts of the project, senior officials told. *[Business Line]*



Foreign Investment

India in active negotiations with over dozen countries for finalising bilateral investment treaties: FDI inflows into India crossed the \$1 trillion milestone in April 2000-March 2025 period, firmly establishing the country's reputation as a safe and key investment destination globally. *[Business Line]*

TATA AutoComp, Skoda Group set up JV to manufacture railway components in India: TATA AutoComp and Skoda Group have formed a joint venture with a multi-million euro investment to manufacture railway propulsion systems and components in India. This partnership aims to support the growing Indian railway and mobility markets, focusing on converters, drives, and auxiliary converters for various rail vehicles. *[The Economic Times]*

Overseas investors make close to \$100 billion from India investments: Overseas investors repatriated a record \$97.7 billion from Indian investments in FY25. This is up from \$87.5 billion in FY24. The increase is due to higher FDI inflows and debt investments. RBI data indicates a rise in income from foreign exchange reserves deployment. Indian companies also increased overseas investments. *[The Economic Times]*

Japanese major Epson makes manufacturing foray into India with new Chennai facility: Japanese major Seiko Epson Corporation made its first manufacturing investment in India on Friday by setting up its first ink tank printer manufacturing facility in the country in Chennai. *[Business Line]*



Trade Policy and Competitiveness

Industry ready if US trade deal doesn't materialise-CII President: CII President's comments reflect a mature approach to international trade negotiations, where industry supports government efforts to secure favorable terms while remaining prepared for alternative scenarios. *[Business Line]*

Rare-earth shortages, geopolitical tensions, US tariff spill overs may impact vehicles demand-FADA: Evolving geopolitical tensions and potential spill over from the US tariff measures warrant vigilant supply-chain management and could temper consumer sentiment, Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) said on Monday. *[Business Line]*

India says trade pact with US should give preference to labour-intensive items like textiles and leather: The proposed India-US bilateral trade agreement (BTA) has to necessarily give preference to India in the areas of its interests — in labour-intensive items such as textiles and leather — to help it beat competition in the American market, a top source has said. *[Business Line]*

Trade with India should reach \$20 bn: Vietnam envoy Nguyen Thanh Hai: Ambassador Nguyen Thanh Hai says India-Vietnam trade has strong growth potential, urges deeper cooperation and highlights VinFast's \$2 bn investment in Tamil Nadu. *[Business Standard]*

US may impose lower tariffs on India as compared to other Asia-Pacific countries: India may gain from the US tariff policy. Washington might impose lower tariffs on India than other Asia-Pacific nations. This could attract foreign investment and boost India's manufacturing. Trade deals with the UK and EU could further strengthen India's position. *[The Economic Times]*

Trade by Threat - Trump forces compliance, not cooperation-GTRI: GTRI says that such deals offer limited benefits while leaving the door open for future tariff actions by the US, raising concerns about the long-term stability and fairness of these agreements. *[Business Line]*

India must deepen ties with Asean nations, not abandon its trade agreement: Some within the government, as well as prominent voices in industry, have complained that the FTA with Asean allows for the dumping of Chinese goods in India via Southeast Asia. *[Business Standard]*



Corporate Governance

Sunil Mittal, Warburg Pincus eye 49% stake in Haier India at deep discount: Sunil Mittal and Warburg Pincus have jointly bid for a 49 per cent stake in Haier India, significantly below the Chinese parent's \$2 billion valuation target. *[Financial Express]*

Adani Power seals ₹4,000 crore deal for Vidarbha Industries Power: Adani Power Ltd (APL) has completed the ₹4,000-crore acquisition of Vidarbha Industries Power Ltd (VIPL), a 600 MW coal-based thermal project, the company said in an exchange filing on Tuesday. *[Business Standard]*

NLC India to invest ₹1630 crore in renewable energy arm: NLC India's board has granted in-principle approval to invest up to ₹1,630.89 crore in one or more tranches in NLC India Renewables Limited (NIRL), the company's wholly-owned subsidiary for renewable businesses. *[Business Line]*

New registration form for CSR entities: The corporate affairs ministry has introduced a new form, CSR-1, for entities executing corporate social responsibility initiatives, aiming to enhance transparency. Experts indicate this form incorporates recent rule amendments, requiring universities, hospitals, and large charities previously exempt to register for CSR activities. *[The Economic Times]*

Companies opt for direct market borrowings than bank loans: Companies are increasingly turning to commercial papers (CPs) for working capital due to lower rates compared to bank loans after policy rate cuts. CP issuances surged significantly, driven by mutual fund activity and slower rate transmission by banks. *[The Economic Times]*

Dabur India expects to see sequential recovery, actively exploring strategic acquisitions-Chairman Mohit Burman: Dabur India expects to witness sequential recovery in consumption trends in FY26, aided by forecasts of normal monsoons, improving macroeconomic indicators and easing inflation, its Chairman Mohit Burman said. *[Business Line]*



MSMEs and Start-ups

Startups line up IPOs worth Rs 18,000 crore: At least 10 startups, including Meesho, PhysicsWallah, Groww, and Pine Labs, plan IPOs worth Rs 18,000 crore in fresh capital. The listings aim to provide exits for VCs and tap into strong investor demand for digital-first firms amid improving market sentiment. *[Financial Express]*

India launches initiative to identify top 100 deep-tech startups: The Startup Policy Forum has launched #100DesiDeepTechs, a multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at identifying and supporting 100 leading deep-tech startups in India. *[Business Standard]*



Employment and Industrial Relations

Employment-linked incentive scheme aims to stop 45% of first-timers leaving jobs within 6 months: With less than 6% formally skilled workforce, the newly launched ELI scheme, with ₹1 lakh crore outlay, seeks to bridge the job-readiness gap. *[Business Line]*

Startups are cautiously hiring again; 80,000 new tech jobs expected in FY26, data shows: A report by TeamLease shows similar optimism in the startup and tech sector. The ecosystem is showing signs of a cautious recovery after the funding reset, with a net employment change (NEC) of +6.9% for the first half of FY26, the company's Employment Outlook Report said. *[The Economic Times]*

EPFO to complete process of crediting interest into members' account for FY25 this week-Mandaviys: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) will complete the process of crediting interest for fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25) into members' accounts this week, Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Tuesday. *[Business Line]*

8th Pay Commission-Central govt employees' salary to rise 3 times from 2027? What we know so far: Although the official terms of reference, chairman, and commission members have not yet been announced, early projections have already generated significant anticipation within government service circles. *[Financial Express]*



Industrial Finance

Jio BlackRock raises Rs 17,800 crore in maiden mutual fund launch, backed by 90+ institutions: Jio BlackRock Asset Management raised Rs 17,800 crore in its debut mutual fund offering, attracting strong institutional and retail participation. *[Financial Express]*

NBFC credit should reach 50% of SCBs' volume by 2047-FM Nirmala Sitharman: Union Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharman on Wednesday said that non-banking financial companies' (NBFCs') credit should aim to reach at least 50 per cent of the total volume disbursed by scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) by 2047. *[Business Standard]*

HDFC Bank mops up ₹49K crore in Q1 FY26 deposits, outpaces peers: HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector lender, has reported 16.2 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth in deposits to ₹27.64 trillion in the first quarter of 2025-26 (Q1FY26), outpacing the deposit growth of the industry by 500-600 basis points (bps). On a sequential basis, the bank's deposit base grew 1.8 per cent. *[Business Standard]*

NBFC and insurance segments likely to perform better in second half of FY26: The NBFC and insurance segments are expected to perform better in the second half of FY26, supported by a friendlier regulatory environment and continued growth push from both regulators and the government, according to a report by Emkay Research. *[The Economic Times]*

India's fintech sector raises \$889 million in H1 2025, trails past periods of 2024-Tracxn: Indian fintech sector raised \$889 million in the first six months of 2025, down 26 per cent from \$1.2 billion of H2 2024 and a 5 per cent slide from \$936 million seen a year ago, according to a report by Tracxn. *[Financial Express]*

NBFCs' education loan growth may slow sharply in FY26 amid US, Canada policy shifts: NBFC's education loan growth is projected to slow significantly due to policy changes in the US and Canada, impacting disbursements. While US loan share decreases, other countries like the UK and Germany are gaining traction. Despite global shifts, NBFCs maintain strong asset quality, exploring domestic loans and skill development funding. *[The Economic Times]*



Technology and Innovation

Skills Capital expands platform to include CTOs-on-demand offering for startups: AI-powered cloud platform SkillsCapital has expanded its offering to include elite CTOs on demand for global startups and enterprises, a top company official said on Sunday. *[Business Line]*

Ananth Tech set to launch India's first private satellite broadband service: Ananth Tech gets IN-SPACE nod to launch ₹3,000-crore satellite broadband service by 2028, marking India's first private satcom rollout to rival Starlink, OneWeb, and Amazon Kuiper. *[Business Standard]*

Tech hegemony-Now, China's rare-earth experts face travel restrictions: This move by China means Indian auto companies will be left with only one option - to import the full motors powered by the magnets - which will only increase the cost of the vehicle. *[Business Standard]*

HCLSoftware launches sovereign AI to enhance government data privacy: HCLSoftware's Domino 14.5 introduces a sovereign AI extension, Domino IQ, aimed at protecting data privacy for governments and regulated organisations, ensuring greater information security. *[Business Standard]*

Smart devices to be next bastion for UPI with IoT-ready payment system: India's real-time payments system, the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), is getting a smart upgrade. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is developing an Internet of Things (IoT)-ready version of UPI that will allow automated payments through smart appliances, wearables, connected vehicles, and more, according to two sources in the know. *[Business Standard]*

Players on the payments turf: UPI, AePS, PPIs boost digital outreach: In the last week of June, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines to strengthen the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System, or AePS. *[Business Standard]*



Industrial Infrastructure, Clusters and SEZs

Why renewable energy needs rapid adoption of grid-forming inverters: Growing at a fast clip, wind and solar power installations in India — at 162 MW and 126 MW respectively — today form 35 per cent of total electricity generation capacity in India. *[Business Line]*

Tata Power to spend ₹23,000 cr annually over next 2 years: Tata Power plans to spend ₹23,000 crore annually over the next two years while the company is rethinking its strategy of focusing only on green energy due to the surge in demand for power, said Chairman N Chandrasekaran. *[Business Line]*

Tata Projects eyes order book of over Rs 60,000 cr from infra biz by 2030: The Buildings and Infrastructure (B&I) division of Tata Projects, the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) arm of the Tata Group, is eyeing an order book of Rs 60,000–70,000 crore by 2030, according to Raman Kapil, Chief Operating Officer, B&I, Tata Projects. *[Business Standard]*

JSW Infra to invest ₹740 cr in developing container berths at Kolkata Port: JSW Infra will develop container berths at Kolkata Port with a ₹740 crore capex, focusing on enhancing handling capacity under a 30-year concession period as part of government's port privatisation. *[Business Standard]*

ACEN, UPC Renewables announce 500 MW clean energy projects in India: ACEN and UPC Renewables are developing over 500 MW of clean energy projects in Rajasthan and Karnataka. The projects include a 420 MW solar farm in Rajasthan and a 120 MW wind farm in Karnataka, expected to be completed by early 2027. *[The Economic Times]*

TVS ILP plans 100 msf expansion via State govt partnerships: TVS Industrial & Logistics Parks (TVS ILP) is targeting an ambitious expansion to 100 million square feet of warehousing space through strategic partnerships with State governments, moving away from private land acquisitions as it seeks to capitalise on India's growing logistics sector. *[Business Line]*

NHAI identifies nine road stretches for monetisation: NHAI to monetise 550+ km of highways via InvIT in FY26, targeting Rs 12,500 crore. This marks the fifth InvIT round, covering Maharashtra, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh & West Bengal. With ToT phased out, InvIT is key to achieving Rs 3.5 lakh crore highway monetisation target. *[Financial Express]*



Sustainable Industrialisation

New energy, AI infra to drive \$50 billion market value rise for Reliance: Reliance Industries Ltd's investments in new energy and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure are set to drive a projected \$50 billion increase in the firm's market value, according to Morgan Stanley analysts. *[Business Line]*

Tata Power soon to be a 'force' in hybrid RE market-N Chandrasekaran: Tata Power Chairman N Chandrasekaran unveils roadmap to accelerate green transition with 65% clean capacity, hybrid solutions, and consumer-facing solar and EV initiatives. *[Business Standard]*

Jindal Steel Duqm to start Oman-based 5 MTPA green steel plant in 2028: Jindal Steel Duqm, a part of Naveen Jindal Group, aims to start operations at its upcoming 5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) hydrogen-enabled green steel complex at the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZAD) in Oman by 2028, a company executive said. *[Business Standard]*

India opts for greener rides: EVs account for over 60% of three-wheeler sales in June: India's electric vehicle adoption surged in June 2025, with three-wheelers leading at 60.2% of retail sales. Two-wheeler and passenger EV segments also experienced notable growth, reaching 7.3% and 4.4% penetration, respectively. *[The Economic Times]*

JSW Energy commissions 261 MW RE capacity: JSW Energy has successfully commissioned 261 MW of renewable energy, including 189 MW of solar and 72 MW of wind capacity, bringing its installed capacity to 12,760 MW. This addition boosts the share of renewables to 56% of the overall capacity. *[The Economic Times]*

India's lithium-ion battery demand to reach 115 GWh by 2030-ICEA: India's demand for lithium-ion batteries is expected to reach 115 gigawatt hours (GWh) by 2030, with battery consumption from electric vehicles (EVs) projected to grow at a 48 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR), the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) and Accenture said in a report. *[Business Standard]*



Sectoral News

Hindustan Copper shifts to underground mining, plans to double output amid surge in infra demand: In a significant development for India's mining sector, Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) has successfully transitioned its flagship Malanjkhand mine from open-cast to fully underground operations. *[Business Line]*

Auto component industry seeks national strategy on critical materials amid rare magnet shortage: The auto component industry, facing rare earth magnet shortages impacting EV production, is urging a national strategy on critical materials. Despite supply chain challenges, the industry reported a turnover of USD 80.2 billion in FY2025, a 10% growth. *[The Economic Times]*

Electronics push-Centre gets ₹8,000 cr proposals for components scheme: For manufacturing electronic components and setting up assembly facilities in the country, the government has received proposals worth ₹7,500 crore-8,000 crore, sources in the know told Business Standard. *[Business Standard]*

Telecom industry to clock 9.8% AGR CAGR through FY30, says ICICI Securities – Tariff hike, data usage, other factors at play: India's telecom sector is set for steady growth with AGR projected to rise at a 9.8 per cent CAGR over FY25–30, driven by pricing power and fixed broadband momentum. *[Financial Express]*

India's auto industry likely to see continued export growth in 2-wheelers, commercial passenger vehicles: The domestic automobile industry is expected to continue witnessing strong export growth across two-wheelers (2W), commercial vehicles (CV), and passenger vehicles (PV), while domestic sales are likely to remain show a mixed bag, according to a report by Axis Securities. *[Business Line]*

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