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Economy, Industry and Policy

India's liquidity upswell-What should the central bank's monetary policy committee do?: The Reserve Bank of India and its monetary policy committee have reason to worry about India's macro complexities. As a policy meeting looms, a surge in liquidity should have the central bank anxious about its near-term effects. Will it act?. *[Mint]*

Industrial output growth quickens to 8% in August on manufacturing, power: Manufacturing growth rose to 9 per cent, its second-highest level in 29 months, while electricity and gas supply expanded 12.3 per cent during August. *[Business Standard]*

India a 'bright spot' amid uncertainty-Shaktikanta Das: India recorded average annual real GDP growth of 7.9% between 2021-22 and 2025-26, while growth in the first quarter of 2026-27 stood at 7.8%, he noted. He attributed the momentum to domestic demand, industrial and services activity, and a series of structural reforms. *[The Economic Times]*

Kaushik Basu-Is an AI-pocalypse inevitable? Not if we curb Big Tech's concentrations of wealth: Amid an accelerating AI race between the US and China, fears of rogue bots and anxiety over human extinction, attention has shifted to what the tech may do to us rather than for us. A tax policy that reduces concentrations of financial clout would limit the risk of AI being deployed for a power grab. *[Mint]*

Private sector capex projected to rise to ₹3.2 trn in FY27-RBI bulletin: The aggregate cost of projects hit a record ₹4.4 trillion in FY26, with infrastructure continuing to dominate the investment landscape. *[Business Standard]*

Manufacturing boost pushes IIP growth to 8%: India's industrial output grew 8% in August, driven by strong manufacturing and electricity gains despite mining contraction, signaling robust growth in FY27 with significant investment activity. *[Financial Express]*

CEA says FCNR mobilisation a fortuitous case of timing: India's FCNR(B) deposit mobilisation of $133 billion was a timely success before global bond yields spiked, says CEA V Anantha Nageswaran, highlighting challenges for emerging markets amid rising developed economy yields. *[Financial Express]*

GST 2.0 revived demand. Now industry wants its tax credit unstuck: The GST Council is set to reconvene after a year to focus on reforming the input tax credit system. Recent surveys by KPMG and Deloitte highlighted the need for structural changes to alleviate business burdens. Blockages in the current GST system affect costs for domestic producers, making imports more competitive. *[The Economic Times]*

Real economy drives financial, external sectors'-RBI on global risks: Despite rising geopolitical tensions and energy prices, the Indian economy remains resilient with strong growth, robust demand, and stable agricultural progress, according to the RBI monthly Bulletin. *[Financial Express]*

India probes alleged dumping of seven products from China: India has started a probe into an alleged dumping of as many as seven products, including engineering and pharma sector goods, from China following complaints filed by domestic manufacturers. *[Business Line]*

RBI's success on dollar flows raises stakes in inflation fight & clamour for rate hike: India's record $133 billion diaspora inflow has flooded banks with liquidity, pushing overnight rates below the RBI's 5.25% policy rate. The Reserve Bank has already drained more than ₹1 trillion as food and oil prices fuel inflation concerns. *[The Economic Times]*

NPCIL's forex loss jumps 40-fold to Rs 2,278 crore as rupee weakens: NPCIL reported a net exchange-rate variation loss of Rs 2,277.84 crore in FY26 due to rupee depreciation against USD and Yen, impacting foreign-currency obligations and increasing long-term borrowings for nuclear projects. Regulatory income offsets loss under tariff norms. *[Financial Express]*

India moved from manufacture for India to manufacture for the world'-Piyush Goyal on 12 years of 'Make in India: India has transitioned from manufacturing primarily for its domestic market to competing in global markets. The Make in India initiative, launched in 2014, aims to boost manufacturing capacity and attract foreign investments. Recent data reveals record foreign direct investment inflows and significant job creation through production incentives. *[The Economic Times]*

Foreign Investment

India FDI inflows rise 6% to $19.81 bn in Apr-Jun quarter-DPIIT data: India's foreign direct investment rose 6% to $19.81 billion in April-June this fiscal from $18.62 billion a year earlier, with Singapore, Mauritius and the US among top sources. *[Business Standard]*

Cumulative FDI during 2014-26 reaches $843 billion, says Piyush Goyal: Sectors such as electronics and telecom, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, automobiles, IT hardware, and speciality steel have significantly benefited from the PLI schemes, he said. *[Business Standard]*

India's Essar group to invest $18 bn in steel manufacturing in the US: The plan includes a proposed $15 billion steel complex in Iowa and nearly $3 billion already invested in a Minnesota iron ore mine and pelletising facility. *[Business Standard]*

India faces stiff capital-flow challenge amid global AI, manufacturing race: India is confronting significant challenges in attracting capital flows due to the evolving global investment environment. Developed countries are pursuing renewed manufacturing ambitions, which intensifies competition for capital. Despite signs of improving FDI inflows, short-term pressures on Indian assets and currency persist. *[The Economic Times]*

Trade Policy and Competitiveness

New Fema trade rules-More flexibility and greater bank oversight: How will the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026, effective October 1, 2026, affect exporters of goods? *[Business Standard]*

Forced labour and import-Reading India's latest foreign trade policy additions: With this notification in place, India has tried to put a protective layer for the domestic industry from unfair foreign competition. *[The Economic Times]*

India to keep taxation out of bilateral investment treaty framework; Cabinet note ready: India will keep taxation outside the framework of bilateral investment treaties, with a revised model BIT expected to be considered by the Cabinet soon. The Finance Ministry has circulated a note, while negotiations with four-five countries are underway. *[The Economic Times]*

DGFT urges industry to turn FTAs, export schemes into actual exports: Lav Agarwal urged industry associations to mentor exporters, use district export plans and work with government to convert market access into shipments. *[Business Standard]*

Uttar Pradesh Export Promotion Policy, 2025-30-Key features, incentives, and eligibility: The policy is a state-level framework for helping Uttar Pradesh-based businesses sell goods and services outside India. *[Business Standard]*

New FTAs offer investors tariff predictability-Commerce Secretary: Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal highlights how new-generation FTAs boost investor confidence, predictability, and integration into global supply chains, enhancing India's trade competitiveness and market access. *[Financial Express]*

Trade agreement can contribute to 'better' India-US ties, says Jaishankar as Piyush Goyal set to hold talks: A trade agreement between India and the US, if concluded, would contribute to 'better' bilateral ties, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, noting that expectations of rapid progress in negotiations had been 'tested' against a much more complex ground reality. *[Mint]*

Exports, rising power demand to support manufacturing growth despite rural weakness-ICICI Bank: India's manufacturing sector is projected to grow, supported by increased exports and a strengthening investment cycle. Industrial production saw a notable year-on-year increase, with manufacturing rising 9 percent in August. However, the report highlights that a below-normal monsoon may negatively impact rural demand and consumption. *[The Economic Times]*

Corporate Governance

Why Tata Sons faces a listing mandate and how Tata Trusts hopes to avoid it: After the RBI classified Tata Sons for listing in 2022, Tata Trusts first sought to end its NBFC status and, after that bid failed, proposed merging two operating businesses into the holding company. *[Business Standard]*

Gautam Adani, 4 group companies settle matter with Sebi on MPS norms: Gautam Adani, four Adani group firms and 13 others paid a cumulative ₹1.48 crore to settle proceedings over alleged non-compliance with minimum public shareholding norms. *[Business Standard]*

Going public-How listing changes company's compliance, governance, culture: Once shares begin trading, management must report to investors through financial results, material disclosures and regular shareholder communication. *[Business Standard]*

Corporate India sheds zombie firms as debt-servicing capacity improves-D&B: Dun & Bradstreet study shows the share of zombie firms fell to 5.5% in 2025 from 8.1% in 2017, signalling stronger corporate debt-servicing capacity. *[Business Standard]*

MSMEs and Start-ups

MSMEs and startups-converging for growth: As the boundaries between innovation, scale and production blur, India needs an ecosystem that combines the strengths of startups and traditional businesses. *[Mint]*

Policy reforms, risk capital fuel India's fast-growing space-tech ecosystem: Space-tech funding has surged as policy reforms, government-backed risk capital and access to Isro infrastructure allow private companies to move from development to commercial deployment. *[Business Standard]*

India's early-stage AI startups get term sheets faster as competition heats up: Rapid advances by global AI companies can quickly make a startup's product or competitive advantage obsolete, encouraging investors to move faster. *[Mint]*

National Traders' Welfare Board pushes centralised loan portal, faster MSME credit: The Board called for stronger coordination between the Centre and states to address issues faced by traders and improve the implementation of welfare and business-related measures. *[The Economic Times]*

Manufacturing start-ups see investor interest rise as hardware moats deepen: Indian manufacturing start-ups are drawing a fresh wave of investor capital as the perceived moat shifts from software to the physical layer, with investors increasingly backing companies building products, components, industrial processes and manufacturing capabilities. *[Business Line]*

Deeptech startups seek easier route to government contracts: The reforms in government procurement rules could provide startups with better chances of scaling up by improving their engagement in the procurement process, with a white paper to be released this year. *[Mint]*

MSME data to power National Business Register: The SBR will serve as a comprehensive database of business establishments across the country. Under the MoU, the two ministries will develop a structured format for sharing information from the MSME ministry's enterprise registration system with the ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MoSPI). *[The Economic Times]*

Employment and Industrial Relations

Labour ministry to launch Labour Codes awareness campaign-Mansukh Mandaviya: Speaking at the National Conference on Industrial Relations and Labour, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry on Monday, Mandaviya said the campaign, which starts from Monday, will cover industrial clusters across 316 districts in all 36 states and union territories over the next 90 days. *[The Economic Times]*

District unemployment data needs granular analysis for policymaking: National Sample Survey findings reveal significant divergence between combined and demographic-specific joblessness figures across key districts. *[Business Standard]*

Manufacturing jobs, wages grew faster in FY25-Survey: Employment and wage growth in India's organised manufacturing sector surged in FY25 with a 7.2% rise in workers and an 8-year high in invested capital, boosting economic output and sector expansion. *[Financial Express]*

Employment in industries cross 2 cr mark in 2024-25 shows government survey: The estimated number of persons engaged in registered industries rose to 2.10 crore at the end of FY25 as compared to 1.96 core in FY24, showing a growth of over 7 per cent. *[Business Line]*

The jobs overhang on growth: India has been recording healthy economic performance, with gross domestic product (GDP) growth exceeding the 7 per cent mark over the last three years. For sustained and inclusive high growth, it is critical to accelerate employment generation in the economy. *[Business Standard]*

Industrial Finance

Sagarmala Finance withdraws ₹600 crore blue bond issue on higher coupon: The maritime lender received bids worth ₹525 crore at coupons ranging from 7.69 per cent to 8.44 per cent, against its plan to price the 10-year bonds below 8 per cent. *[Business Standard]*

Credit Saison diversifies into secured, expects it to be 30% of loans by FY27: Credit Saison India is expanding its MSME lending portfolio by increasing secured loans, particularly in Tier 2 and Tier 3 towns. The company plans to raise the proportion of secured loans to 30% by the end of this fiscal year. *[The Economic Times]*

Private capex rises, but India's credit growth cycle remains weak-Kotak: RBI data show higher corporate capital expenditure ahead, while bank funding continues to favour infrastructure, particularly power and greenfield projects. *[Business Line]*

Tata Steel infuses $340 mn to T Steel Holdings; foreign investment crosses $26 bn: Tata Steel acquired $340 million in equity shares of its subsidiary T Steel Holdings, maintaining full ownership and raising its total investment limit to $26.21 billion as part of a $2 billion funding plan. *[Financial Express]*

Technology and Innovation

AI's next challenge is not just chips. It's electricity, water and land: AI's data-centre boom is straining power, water and land as climate impacts hinge on clean energy and efficiency. *[Financial Express]*

AI adoption set to accelerate, but data centres may not deliver comparable job gains-WEF: Artificial intelligence adoption is expected to accelerate globally over the next 12 months, with economists seeing productivity gains from the technology, even as concerns persist over the ability of data-centre investment to generate comparable employment, according to the World Economic Forum's September 2026 Chief Economists' Outlook. *[Mint]*

Four dimensions of AI excellence-Where innovation meets business impact: The ET AI Awards 2027 aims to recognize organizations and leaders excelling in applied AI through four tracks: Innovation & Impact, Functional Excellence, Leadership, and Special Awards. These categories highlight the advancements in AI adoption, scalability, and business impact. *[The Economic Times]*

AI, semiconductors, quantum to drive India's next infrastructure push-FM Sitharaman: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the need for investment in AI, semiconductor chips, and quantum technology. She stated that strengthening digital infrastructure will support AI adoption across various sectors. *[The Economic Times]*

Industrial Infrastructure, Clusters and SEZs

Bhavya industrial parks application deadline extended: The commerce and industry ministry has extended by one month, to October 31, the deadline for applications under the second round of phase-I to develop industrial parks under the ₹33,660-crore Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana (Bhavya). *[The Economic Times]*

Jakson Green eyes 12.5 GW operational renewable projects in two years: The company is targeting 30 GW of renewable IPP and EPC capacity by 2030 while expanding into green hydrogen, ammonia, battery storage and other energy-transition businesses. *[Business Standard]*

Government working with ADB to create grading, rating framework for warehouses and cold chains-DPIIT Joint Secretary: India is developing a grading and rating standards benchmark for warehouses and cold-chain facilities with the Asian Development Bank, Pankaj Kumar, Joint Secretary, DPIIT, said on Tuesday at FICCI. *[The Economic Times]*

Will India's new Rs 1.86 lakh crore grid fix renewable bottlenecks?: India announces Rs 1.86 lakh crore green energy corridor to boost transmission infrastructure and battery storage, aiming for 500 GW renewable energy by 2030 amid grid challenges and energy variability. *[Financial Express]*

Cabinet clears Rs 1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor-III to evacuate 135 GW renewable power: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Rs 1.86 lakh crore Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme to build transmission infrastructure for evacuation of up to 135 GW of renewable power and deploy 50 GWh of battery storage, as India prepares its grid for a sharp expansion in non-fossil energy capacity. *[The Economic Times]*

COEP Tech, JSW to invest over Rs 800 crore in battery R&D centre in Pune: COEP Technological University and JSW Projects will invest over Rs 800 crore to establish an Advanced Battery Research and Development Centre at COEP Tech's Chikhali Research Park in Pune. The two-phase facility will develop and validate indigenous lithium-ion, sodium-ion and other advanced-chemistry cells, potentially creating more than 1,000 battery ecosystem jobs. *[The Economic Times]*

Sustainable Industrialisation

A tipping point in Indian energy: First we got a revolution in the prices of solar panels. Now solar generation delivers at ₹2.5 per kWh (kilowatt hour). But the sun shines only for a few hours a day in India. Traditionally this has implied a strong case for coal-thermal plants. Then we got a revolution in the prices of batteries. *[Business Standard]*

India's battery storage additions jump 83-fold to 8.2 GWh in H1 2026: Over 88% of the country's operational battery capacity commissioned in six months; storage tenders surge 86% to 28 GW. *[Financial Express]*

KPI Green Energy bags ₹2025 crore from NACOF Oorja for turnkey 500 MW/550 MWp solar power plant in Rajasthan: KPI Green Energy received an order worth ₹2025 crore from NACOF Oorja for a turnkey 500 MW/550 MWp solar photovoltaic power project. The project is to be developed by NOPL at Dantoor village in Bikaner, Rajasthan. *[The Economic Times]*

Why India's solar manufacturing is a big success story: Solar manufacturing has veritably turned out to be a major success story in India. First, investment in solar manufacturing has risen from $85 million in 2018 to $12 billion in calendar 2025 and a further $4 billion in the first half (H1) of 2026. That is $16 billion invested in 18 months. *[Business Line]*

India may need over Rs 4 lakh crore investment in energy storage by FY32: India's transition to renewable energy is expected to demand significant investments in energy storage solutions. By FY32, approximately Rs 4 lakh crore will be needed to meet storage requirements. The current operational storage capacity of 54 GWh will need to expand to 411 GWh. *[The Economic Times]*

Sectoral News

Irdai's insurance reforms-What may change for industry, insurers, buyers: Irdai wants insurance prices and product details to be visible without sharing phone or email; its wider reforms could affect insurers, distributors and how customers buy policies. *[Business Standard]*

India needs its own criticality assessment framework for critical minerals: India cannot risk its industrial ambitions and environmental commitments by having a static framework, particularly when the global order is fragmenting and protectionism is rising. *[The Economic Times]*

India electronics firms get Rs 19,091 crore PLI incentives, investments cross Rs 20,580 crore: Electronics manufacturing companies have received substantial incentives under the production-linked incentive scheme and attracted significant investments. The PLI scheme has successfully boosted the domestic mobile phone production and smartphone exports. *[The Economic Times]*

New steel policy to target 600 MT capacity, 500 MT consumption-Steel secy: The government also plans a ₹5,000 crore Viksit Bharat Ispat scheme for small producers, with incentives linked to output and lower carbon emissions. *[Business Standard]*

CAFE III fuel efficiency norms notified for cars-3x credit for battery EVs, no special benefit for small cars: The Indian government has announced Corporate Average Fuel Economy norms for passenger vehicles effective from April 2027. These standards include fuel consumption calculations based on various vehicle types, including electric and hybrid models. Manufacturers must report CO2 emissions and actual fuel consumption annually to ensure compliance. *[The Economic Times]*

How telecom giants are turning India's mobile networks into AI distribution channels: Telecom companies like Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel are integrating AI tools into mobile plans for user accessibility. Users can access advanced digital tools without high subscription costs, increasing the likelihood of long-term customer retention. Specifically, Reliance Jio offers a collaboration with Google while Airtel partners with Adobe for premium services. *[The Economic Times]*

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