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## Economy

### FDI equity inflows up 18% in FY26, US investments double

India's foreign direct investment (FDI) equity inflows rose 18% to $58.84 billion in FY26, boosted by a more than doubling of investments from the US and robust inbound capital from Singapore, showed data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade on Thursday. FDI from the US accelerated to $11.17 billion last fiscal year from $5.45 billion in FY25.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/fdi-equity-inflows-up-18-in-fy26-us-investments-double/articleshow/131516550.cms

### India considers spending curbs to protect fiscal deficit target

India's government is weighing spending cuts across parts of the budget as higher oil prices inflate subsidy bills and threaten to derail its fiscal consolidation plans, according to officials familiar with the matter. The options have been reviewed in meetings with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman over the past month, although no decision has yet been made, the officials said, asking not to be identified because the discussions are private.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/india-considers-spending-curbs-to-protect-fiscal-deficit-target/articleshow/131505146.cms

## Finance

### Foreign investors pivot to short govt bonds ahead of policy turn

Overseas investors are opting for short-term Indian government bonds as they find attractive entry points amid expectations of the interest rates cycle turning, with the Iran war driving inflation higher. Bonds with maturities of less than five years made up over two-thirds of the top 10 notes foreign investors bought during March-May, higher than less than half of similar purchases in January-February, clearing house data showed.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/foreign-investors-pivot-to-short-govt-bonds-ahead-of-policy-turn/article71063851.ece

### SEBI to sharpen tech-led surveillance as online investment frauds evolve

SEBI is working on additional technology-driven tools to combat online investment frauds and strengthen digital trust in capital markets, as the regulator increasingly shifts its focus towards prevention, surveillance and real-time detection of fraudulent activity. Speaking at a FICCI conference on next-generation fraud investigations on Thursday, G Ram Mohan Rao, Executive Director, SEBI, said the regulator has already rolled out investor-protection initiatives such as SEBI Check, App Check and UPI verification mechanisms, and is working on further measures to curb frauds in the securities market.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/sebi-to-sharpen-tech-led-surveillance-as-online-investment-frauds-evolve/article71061039.ece

**India's electronic gold receipts trade may run into GST hurdles**

The trading in electronic gold receipts (EGR) launched by NSE will likely hit the GST bump, especially for the bullion dealers generating the gold receipts. EGRs are like depository gold receipts traded on the stock exchanges and held in demat accounts, just like shares which can be rematerialised for physical gold.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/indias-electronic-gold-receipts-trade-may-run-into-gst-hurdles/article71061197.ece

**Parliamentary Panel expresses concern about slow private investment, FDI outflow**

A Parliamentary panel on Thursday raised concerns about the flow of private investment and the flight of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from India. These issues were discussed during the meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance under the Chairmanship of Bhartruhari Mahtab. The meeting was called for a briefing by the Economic Affairs Secretary (Anuradha Thakur) and the Chief Economic Adviser (V Anantha Nageswaran) on 'General Economic Situation in the Country'. Nageswaran made a detailed presentation on the current scenario.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/parliamentary-panel-expresses-concern-about-slow-private-investment-fdi-outflow/article71061480.ece

**Industry**

**Defence services get wider financial powers to fast-track procurement**

In a major move to reduce bureaucratic delays and boost military readiness, commanders across the Army, Navy and Air Force have been given increased financial autonomy to fast-track annually more than ₹1.25 lakh crore worth central defence revenue procurement. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has radically streamlined its procurement architecture. Under the revised Delegation of Financial Powers for the Defence Services (DFPDS) rules unveiled by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday, financial limits for the armed forces have been raised by up to 100 per cent, and more than doubled in select cases.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/incoming/defence-services-get-wider-financial-powers-to-fast-track-procurement/article71061353.ece

**Consumption demand faces risk from global headwinds, parliamentary panel informed**

Top officials informed a parliamentary panel that consumption demand may "face headwinds" due to global pressures while underlining that service exports and foreign exchange reserves provide cushion to face external shocks. Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, chaired by BJP MP BJP Bhartruhari Mahtab, expressed concern over weakening rupee and sluggish investment, in a meeting with economic affairs secretary Anuradha Thakur and chief economic adviser V Anantha Nageswaran. The panel was briefed on the state of the economy and evolving global and domestic trends.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/indicators/consumption-demand-faces-risk-from-global-headwinds-parliamentary-panel-informed/articleshow/131515129.cms

**Govt sets up six sector groups to fast-track 'Make in India 2.0' push**

The government has constituted six sector-specific working groups to identify as many as 100 products for promoting their domestic manufacturing and reducing import dependence. These groups, to be chaired by the secretary in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), are on pharmaceuticals, biotech and medical devices; chemicals and petrochemicals, textiles and footwear; capital goods, automotive and electric vehicles, and advanced capital goods; energy; construction equipment and infrastructure; and defence and aerospace (only for items with civilian applicability) and electronics.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/govt-sets-up-six-sector-groups-to-fast-track-make-in-india-2-0-push/articleshow/131515969.cms

**India to use artificial intelligence for machine-readable standards, says Consumer Affairs Secretary Khare**

The Consumer Affairs Ministry is planning to develop machine-readable, SMART standards using artificial intelligence tools to reduce compliance burden on industry, a senior official said on Thursday. Machine-readable standards translate regulatory requirements into structured digital rules that computer systems can process directly, enabling automatic compliance verification without manual intervention.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/india-to-use-artificial-intelligence-for-machine-readable-standards-says-consumer-affairs-secretary-khare/articleshow/131501723.cms

## Agriculture

### Record pulses buffer to act as shield against El Nino, says govt official

The government's record pulses buffer of 43 lakh tonnes will serve as a strategic cushion against any supply disruption or price flare-up triggered by a likely El Nino weather phenomenon, a top government official said on Thursday. The current buffer stock of pulses is more than double the 18 lakh tonnes held in May 2025, and significantly higher than the 21 lakh tonnes recorded in May 2024, according to government data.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/record-pulses-buffer-to-act-as-shield-against-el-nino-says-govt-official/articleshow/131501840.cms

### Livestock industry demands 1.5 million tonnes soymeal imports amid price surge

India's livestock industry has urged the government to allow imports of 1.5 million tonnes of soybean meal, after domestic prices of the key poultry feed ingredient surged about 45% in two months, raising costs for farmers and squeezing margins across the sector. The soyabean processing industry, however, opposes import of soyabean meal, claiming local availability and saying that it could discourage domestic farmers from expanding planting of the oilseed crop.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/livestock-industry-demands-1-5-million-tonnes-soymeal-imports-amid-price-surge/articleshow/131515791.cms

### Govt moves to standardize edible oil pack sizes, industry sees boost for consumer transparency

The government is preparing to introduce norms to standardize edible oil pack sizes, a move industry executives say could improve price transparency for consumers and create a more level playing field for manufacturers. The proposed measure is expected to address the growing prevalence of non-standard pack sizes, including 850 ml, 875 ml, 900 ml and 950 ml packs, which industry participants say can make it difficult for consumers to compare prices across brands and assess the true cost of products on a per-litre basis.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/govt-moves-to-standardize-edible-oil-pack-sizes-industry-sees-boost-for-consumer-transparency/articleshow/131498491.cms

## Infrastructure

### Cold storages struggle as Gulf cargo lands in India

Cold storages are overflowing with imported apples, avocados, dry fruits, and other perishables, with traditional suppliers to the Gulf diverting shipments to India amid the widespread shipping turmoil caused by the Iran war. Traders said the logistics disruption has also hit exports of Indian produce, adding that it has disturbed the timing and seasonality of cold storage operations.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/cold-storages-struggle-as-gulf-cargo-lands-in-india/articleshow/131515744.cms

## Energy

### India to launch E85 fuel in push for flex fuel mobility

The Indian government is set to launch E85 fuel, an 80-85% ethanol-blended variant of petrol, on Friday, as an effort to scale flex fuel mobility in the country. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri will participate in the launch ceremony in New Delhi.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/oil-gas/union-minister-hardeep-singh-puri-to-launch-e85-fuel-in-new-delhi-indian-oil-ethanol-blending/articleshow/131520193.cms

### India’s domestic LPG under-recovery rises to around ₹700/cylinder

India’s under recovery from selling LPG to domestic consumers below market rate has risen to around ₹700 per 14.2 kg cylinder currently from roughly ₹650 per cylinder last month. Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of

Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG), said, “As far as the under recovery on LPG domestic cooking cylinder is concerned, it is still in the range of almost ₹700.”
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/indias-domestic-lpg-under-recovery-rises-to-around-700cylinder/article71062058.ece

**Govt targets 75 lakh households for rooftop solar by December 2026 under PM Surya Ghar**

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set a target of installing roof top solar systems across 75 lakh households in the country by December 2026 under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojna (PMSG: MBY). Pralhad Joshi, the Minister for New & Renewable Energy, said on Thursday “PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has already crossed 40 lakh beneficiary households within 2 years and I am hopeful that by the end of 2026, we will cross 75 lakh households by December 2026.”
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/govt-targets-75-lakh-households-for-rooftop-solar-by-december-2026-under-pm-surya-ghar/article71062119.ece

## States

**AP invites Russian space, tech firms to invest in state**

Andhra Pradesh Minister for IT & HR, Nara Lokesh, has invited the Russian companies engaged in space and technology to invest in the State. Speaking at the Russia–India Business Dialogue at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum 2026, Lokesh said the state had `ambitious’ plans in the space, aerospace, semiconductor, and advanced manufacturing sectors and invited Russian companies to become long-term partners in Andhra Pradesh’s growth story.
https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/ap-invitesrussian-space-techfirms-to-invest-in-state/article71060793.ece

## External

**PM Modi good friend, India and US will get to trade deal: Trump**

US President Donald Trump said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a good friend and expressed confidence that the United States and India would reach a trade agreement. US President Donald Trump said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a good friend and expressed confidence that the United States and India would reach a trade agreement.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/pm-modi-good-friend-india-and-us-will-get-to-trade-deal-trump/articleshow/131519086.cms

**India to roll out 6–7 FTAs next year as trade push accelerates: Piyush Goyal**

India is likely to execute three to four significant trade agreements in the coming year, while another two to three substantive free trade agreements (FTAs) are expected to come into force in the next six months, commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday. All nine recently concluded trade agreements are expected to operationalise over the next nine to 10 months, he said.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-to-roll-out-67-ftas-next-year-as-trade-push-accelerates-piyush-goyal/articleshow/131516168.cms

**BRICS and the new geography of agri-trade**

India’s BRICS Chairship in 2026 comes at a moment when agricultural trade is being reshaped beyond tariffs and market access. Climate shocks, food-price volatility, fertiliser disruptions, sustainability standards, digital traceability requirements and the need to keep markets open during crises are now central to the trade agenda.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/agriculture/brics-and-the-new-geography-of-agri-trade/articleshow/131503798.cms

**India, UK unveil new initiatives on critical minerals, maritime security**

India and the UK are well-positioned to construct a new future-oriented and mutually beneficial partnership on the back of their newly firmed-up comprehensive trade deal and the defence industrial roadmap, External Affairs

Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday. He made the remarks during a meeting with visiting British Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper.A
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-uk-unveil-new-initiatives-on-critical-minerals-maritime-security/articleshow/131512636.cms

**India-UK trade deal moving forward, though steel issue may delay launch**

Talks between Britain and India on implementing a free trade deal are moving quickly and going well, trade minister Peter Kyle said, suggesting the deal would not be reopened but could come into effect later than expected after a dispute over steel. Britain and India agreed a free trade deal in May 2025 and signed it two months later, to be implemented after each country ratified the deal, which was expected to happen within about a year.
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-uk-trade-deal-moving-forward-though-steel-issue-may-delay-launch/articleshow/131504227.cms