

## **DAILY NEWS DIGEST BY BFSI BOARD**

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### **ECONOMY**

**India's splendid Q2 GDP print shows govt-RBI tango is working for economy despite tariff woes:** India's economic growth ticked all the right boxes clocking a stellar 8.2 per cent beating all estimates. The blockbuster GDP print is nothing short of extraordinary as the global backdrop is still bleak with US tariffs taking a toll on exports as reflected in the recent trade data. Despite these woes, the economy sustained the momentum from previous quarter showing that the steps taken by the government and the Reserve Bank of India to propel the economy are not just in sync but working perfectly well. This was an all-round performance with key sectors of the economy buzzing. Manufacturing reported a growth of more than 9% while construction showed growth of over 7%.

**(Moneycontrol)**

**GST collections slow to a 12-month low of Rs 1.7 lakh crore in November:** GST collections slowed to a 12-month low of Rs 1.7 lakh crore in November compared with Rs 1.96 lakh crore in the previous month. The growth rate at 0.7 percent was also the slowest since the pandemic, provisional data showed. The trend aligns with the GST rate rationalisation introduced on September 22. Net GST collections increased 1.3 percent to Rs 1.52 lakh crore, as domestic revenue dipped 1.5 percent in domestic revenue.

**(Moneycontrol)**

**India's factory output slows to 0.4% in October, lowest in 13 months:** With a dip across sectors, factory output, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), in October slowed to 0.4 per cent, the Statistics Ministry reported on Monday. It is lowest

in 13 months. The headline number was 4.6 per cent in September. “The slow growth in the month could be attributed to less number of working days because of a number of festivals in the month, including Dussehra, Dipawali and Chhath,” a statement by the Statistics Ministry said. The latest data showed that the manufacturing sector’s output growth decelerated to 1.8 per cent in October 2025 from 4.4 per cent in the year-ago month.

**(Business Line)**

## **BANKING & FINANCE**



**Govt to divest up to 6% stake in Bank of Maharashtra via OFS, aims to garner Rs 2,600 crore:** The government will offload up to 6 per cent stake in Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) through an Offer for Sale (OFS) that opens on Tuesday for non-retail investors, with the retail tranche scheduled for Wednesday. At current market prices, the stake sale is expected to fetch around Rs 2,600 crore. “Offer for Sale in Bank of Maharashtra (BOM) opens tomorrow for Non-Retail investors. Retail investors can bid on Wednesday. Government offers to disinvest 5% equity in the bank with an additional 1% as a green shoe option,” Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Arunish Chawla said in a post on X.

**(Moneycontrol)**

**Govt likely to draw up mega PSB merger plan to trim state-owned banks to 4 in FY27:** The government is working on an ambitious public-sector bank consolidation blueprint that could reduce the number of state-owned lenders from 12 to just four in FY27 — with SBI, PNB, Bank of Baroda (BoB) and a merged Canara–Union Bank structure emerging as the likely four — a government source said. According to the source, the Centre is moving toward the merger of Canara Bank and Union Bank of India, a consolidation expected to form one of the four surviving entities. Indian Bank and UCO Bank are also being considered for integration into the same structure, creating another large bank that will join SBI, PNB and BoB as the remaining core

lenders. Other mid-sized banks – including Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Central Bank of India (CBI), Bank of India (BoI) and Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) – are expected to be absorbed by SBI, PNB or BoB. A decision on Punjab & Sind Bank is yet to be taken, with the source noting that it “may also be merged with one of the four, depending on the final contours.”

**(Moneycontrol)**

**Share of term deposits contracted above 7% falls sharply to 54% in Sept vs 73% in March, shows RBI data:** The share of term deposits bearing interest rate above 7% fell sharply to 54% in the quarter ending September from 73% at the end of March, showed data released by the Reserve Bank of India. This reflects the transmission of policy rates on liabilities as the banking regulator lowered repo rate and cash reserve ratio by 100 basis points each, which prompted banks to lower interest rates on deposits.

**(Economic Times)**

**AU Small Finance Bank ropes in Ranbir, Rashmika as brand ambassadors:** AU Small Finance Bank has appointed Bollywood stars Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna as its brand ambassadors. This strategic move aims to bolster the bank's aspiration to become a preferred national banking brand, enhancing consideration for its core products like Savings and Current Accounts across diverse Indian markets.

**(Economic Times)**

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK



**FDI into India rises 18% in April–September, US inflows more than double:** Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India rose 18 per cent to USD 35.18 billion during April–September this fiscal year, while the inflow from the US more than doubled to USD 6.62 billion during the first half of this fiscal, according to government data released on Monday. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) during April–September FY24

stood at USD 29.79 billion. During the June-September quarter of 2025-26, the inflows increased by over 21 per cent year-on-year to USD 16.55 billion.

**(Business Line)**

**India's manufacturing PMI eases to 56.6 in Nov, job creation falls to 21-month low:**

The domestic manufacturing sector saw a slowdown in November as the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) eased to 56.6, down from 59.2 in October, according to the manufacturing PMI data released by HSBC. Although the latest reading remains comfortably above the neutral mark of 50.0 and the long-run average of 54.2, it marks the slowest improvement in operating conditions since February.

**(Business Line)**

**Govt blocks 87 illegal loan lending applications after due process:** The government on Monday said a total of 87 illegal loan lending applications have been blocked after following the due process. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is empowered to issue blocking directions to block the Information for public access under section 69A of the Information Technology Act 2000.

**(Economic Times)**



## REGULATION & DEVELOPMENT

**8<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission update: No proposal to merge DA, DR with basic pay, clarifies finance ministry:**

At a time when discussion around the 8<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission intensifies, especially around the merger of dearness allowance with the basic pay, the government has clarified that there hasn't been such a proposal as an intermediate relief measure for central government employees. "No proposal regarding merger of the existing dearness allowance with the basic is under consideration with the government at present," Pankaj Chaudhary, minister of state in the ministry of Finance told Lok Sabha in a written reply dated December 1, 2025. The minister of state was replying to the questions raised by the member of Parliament, Anand Bhadauria, on the issue, citing that the central government employees and pensioners



are facing unprecedented inflation during the last 30 years since DA, DR given to employee are not in consonance with the real-time retail inflation.

**(Moneycontrol)**

**Government mandates pre-installation of Sanchar Saathi app on all new smartphones:** The Indian Ministry of Communications has reportedly issued a directive requiring smartphone manufacturers to pre-install a government-owned cybersecurity application, Sanchar Saathi, on all new devices. Manufacturers must also ensure that users cannot delete the application. The government states the mandate is essential to counter “serious endangerment” to telecom cyber security caused by duplicate or spoofed IMEI numbers, which are often linked to scams and illegal network use.

**(Business Today)**

**RBI appoints CA Usha Janakiraman as new executive director:** Usha Janakiraman will become an Executive Director at the Reserve Bank of India from December 1, 2025. She has over thirty years of experience at the central bank. Janakiraman previously served as Chief General Manager-in-Charge of the Department of Regulation. As Executive Director, she will oversee the Department of Supervision. She is a Chartered Accountant.

**(Economic Times)**



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- MLM is an industry worth at least tens of billions annually where independent distributors sell products directly to consumers and recruit others into their network, earning from both personal sales and their downline's performance.
- Legitimate MLMs focus primarily on product sales to genuine consumers, maintain reasonable startup costs, and provide transparent income disclosures.



### **RBI KEY RATES**

Repo Rate: 5.50%  
SDF: 5.25%  
MSF & Bank Rate: 5.75%  
CRR: 3.25%  
SLR: 18.00%  
Fixed Reverse Repo: 3.35%

### **FOREX (FBIL 1.30 PM)**

INR / 1 USD : 89.7436  
INR / 1 GBP : 118.6285  
INR / 1 EUR : 104.0469  
INR /100 JPY: 57.6500

### **EQUITY MARKET**

Sensex: 85641.90 (-64.77)  
NIFTY: 26175.75 (-27.20)  
Bnk NIFTY: 59681.35 (-71.35)

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