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ECONOMY

RBI may go for 'jumbo rate cut' of 50 bps on Friday: SBI research: RBI may go for a "jumbo rate cut" of 50 basis points on Friday to reinvigorate the credit cycle and counterbalance uncertainties, said SBI research report. RBI's rate-setting panel Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will start deliberations on the next bi-monthly monetary policy on June 4 and announce the decision on June 6 (Friday). The central bank reduced the key interest rate (repo) by 25 bps each in February and April, bringing it to 6 per cent. The six-member MPC, headed by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, also decided to change the stance from neutral to accommodative in its April policy. "We expect a 50-basis point rate cut in June 25 policy as jumbo rate cut could act as a counterbalance to uncertainty," said the research report from the State Bank of India's Economic Research Department – 'Prelude to MPC Meeting – June 4-6, 2025'.

(Moneycontrol)

Cost pressures, Pak conflict dampens manufacturing activity in May: PMI: Curbed by cost pressures, fierce competition and the India-Pakistan conflict, India's manufacturing activity decelerated in May to grow at its slowest pace in three months, a private survey said on Monday. The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, fell to 57.6 in May from 58.2 in April. A figure above 50 denotes expansion in manufacturing activity while below that signifies contraction. The headline figure has been in the expansion zone for the 47th month running.

(Business Standard)

Over 63,000 digital payment frauds reported in last decade: Govt: The total number of digital payment frauds was 63315, as reported by commercial banks and All India Financial Institutions under the specific category 'Card/Internet and Digital Payments' (for amounts involving Rs.1.00 Lakh and above) between the Financial Year 2014-15 and December 2024 according to government sources.

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BANKING & FINANCE



Govt extends tenure of Punjab & Sind Bank MD Swarup Kumar Saha till February 2027:

The government on Monday extended the tenure of incumbent Punjab & Sind Bank MD and CEO Swarup Kumar Saha till February 2027. Saha was initially appointed as MD and CEO of the bank for three years. He assumed the charge as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank on June 3, 2022. According to a notification issued by the Department of Financial Services, the government has extended the tenure of Saha as MD and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank beyond his currently notified term which was ending on June 2, 2025 till the date of his superannuation that is February 28, 2027 or until further order.

(Moneycontrol)

UPI transaction crosses Rs 25 lakh crore in May, both value and volume see growth:

Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions reached a record high of Rs 25.14 lakh crore in May. According to the data released by the National Payments Corporation of India, the value of total transactions grew by 5 percent on a month-on-month basis, as it stood at Rs 23.94 lakh crore in April. On a year-on-year basis, the UPI transactions posted a 23 percent growth in terms of value. In May last year, the total value of transactions was Rs 20.44 lakh crore. In terms of volume, 1,867.7 crore transactions were done in May against 1,789.3 crore in the previous month. The daily transactions during the month averaged Rs 81,106 crore, up 1.5 per cent from April's level.

(Financial Express)

Bank deposits grew by 10% in FY25, growth decline from 13% recorded in FY24: The growth of bank deposits in India slowed down to 10.6 per cent year-on-year in the financial year ended March 2025 as compared to 13 per cent in the previous fiscal, according to new data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Despite the slower growth, the overall deposit base remains strong. Term deposits continued to make up the largest share of total deposits, accounting for 59.5 per cent as of March 2025. This was slightly lower than the 60 per cent recorded in the previous year. Savings deposits saw a drop in share to 29.1 per cent from 30.8 per cent in March 2024 and 33 per cent in March 2023. Current deposits, however, remained steady at 9.8 per cent.

(Economic Times)

Banks make a killing from TREPS, standing deposit facility arbitrage: Banks have been borrowing heavily from the Tri-Party Repo (TREPS) market and deploying those funds into the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) of the Reserve Bank of India(RBI), which is offering higher interest



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rate than the former, leading to increased volumes in the SDF window. The weighted average TREPS rate was trading at 5.66 per cent on Monday, 9 basis points lower than the SDF rate which currently stands at 5.75 per cent. The SDF window, which came into effect from April 2022, offers 25 bps lower than the policy repo rate. In the overnight market, volumes in TREPS are much higher than in the call money market.

(Business Standard)

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK



Maruti Suzuki seeks govt support as small car sales slide: As the small car segment continues to witness gradual decline with affordability factor coming into play, Maruti Suzuki India on Monday called for incentives to spur the sales. Entry cars priced below Rs 5 lakh, which used to be around a million units (9,34,538 units) in FY16, have declined to just 25,402 units in FY25 and accounting for less than 30% at present. Sales of models like Alto and S-Presso decline to 6,776 units in May as against 9,902 units in the same month last year. Even the sales of compact cars, including Baleno, Celerio, Dzire, Ignis, Swift, and WagonR, fell to 61,502 units as compared to 68,206 units in May 2024.

(Moneycontrol)

Infosys CEO's salary jumped 22% to ₹80.62 crore in FY25: Salil Parekh, CEO and MD of Infosys, received an annual remuneration of ₹80.62 crore in FY25, including Restricted Stock Units (RSUs), making him one of the highest-paid leaders in the Indian IT industry. His salary rose 22 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y), even as Infosys posted just 4.2 per cent constant currency revenue growth in FY25, lagging behind TCS (5.2 per cent) and Accenture (5 per cent). The company's annual report revealed that Parekh's salary was 752 times the median remuneration of an Infosys employee. He also received ₹23.18 crore in bonuses, incentives and variable pay in FY25.

(Business Line)

Adani Group faces new US probe over alleged imports of LPG from Iran, company calls report 'baseless': US prosecutors are reportedly investigating whether Indian billionaire Gautam Adani's companies imported Iranian liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) into India through the Mundra port, potentially violating US sanctions. The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported on Monday that the US Justice Department is reviewing the activities of several tankers suspected of shipping Iranian-origin LPG to Adani Enterprises. According to the WSJ investigation, ships traveling between Adani's Mundra port in Gujarat and the Persian Gulf showed patterns consistent with sanctions evasion, including ship-to-ship transfers and signal blackouts. These tactics are frequently used by vessels



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attempting to obscure their origin and destination. Adani Group, in a statement to the WSJ, categorically denied involvement in any sanctions violation.

(Financial Express)



REGULATION & DEVELOPMENT

GST Council's likely agenda: Intermediaries may get exporter status: With the Law Committee's approval expected shortly, the GST Council's final decision in its next meeting could mark a turning point for India's intermediary-driven export sectors. The upcoming 56th GST council meeting may approve a proposal reclassifying intermediaries including Bankers, agents and digital platforms as exporters, granting their services a zero rated status. The move is aimed at alleviating an 18 percent GST burden on such entities.

(Business Standard)

Grameen Credit Score framework likely to be launched in next 3 months: The Union government is expected to roll out the Grameen Credit Score (GCS) framework within next three months. Announced by Finance Minister during Union budget 2025-26, the initiatives is designed to strengthen financial inclusion in rural India with special focus on SHGs.

(Business Standard)

Govt to launch Umeed portal on June 6 to digitise, regulate Waqf properties: The central government is preparing to roll out a new platform called the 'Umeed' portal on June 6, aimed at improving the management and transparency of Waqf properties across India, according to a report by India Today. The name 'Umeed' stands for Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency, and Development. The portal will serve as a centralised system to register all Waqf properties across the country, the report added. Under the new plan, all Waqf properties must be registered on the portal within six months of its launch. Each registration must include full details such as measurements (length and width) and geotagged locations. Properties that are registered under women's names will not be eligible to be classified as Waqf properties. However, women, children, and people from economically weaker sections will continue to be key beneficiaries of Waqf assets.

(Business Standard)

E-mail verification via OTP for all RTI requests starting Jun 16: Govt: The Centre will implement e-mail verification via a one-time password (OTP) from June 16 for all RTI applications, according to an official statement issued on Monday. The aim is to enhance citizen privacy and data security, besides strengthening the portal's cybersecurity framework, it said. Citizens can file Right to



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Information (RTI) applications through the portal -- www.rtionline.gov.in -- which also allows users to file appeals and know their status. "To enhance citizen privacy and data security, and to strengthen the portal's cybersecurity framework, email verification via OTP will be implemented for all RTI requests starting Monday, June 16, 2025," read a message on the website under the administrative control of the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

(Business Standard)



FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY

Yearly Renewable Term (YRT)

- ❖Yearly renewable term is a one-year temporary life insurance policy that automatically continues each year at the same death benefit. When someone buys a YRT insurance policy, the premium quoted is for one year of coverage based on the insured's current age. Premiums then increase annually to cover the increased risk of death as the insured ages while keeping their policy in-force.
- ❖ Yearly renewable term life insurance, or YRT, provides one year of insurance that pays a tax-free death benefit to the policy's beneficiaries if the insured dies during that 12-month period. Each year (unless the policy owner cancels the coverage or stops paying premiums), the YRT renews at the same death benefit but charges a higher premium that reflects the insured's higher age. This type of life insurance is also called increasing premium term insurance or annual renewal term insurance.



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RBI KEY RATES

Repo Rate: 6.00% SDF: 5.75%

MSF & Bank Rate: 6.25%

CRR: 4.00% SLR: 18.00%

Fixed Reverse Repo: 3.35%

FOREX (FBIL 1.30 PM)

INR / 1 USD: 85.4353 INR / 1 GBP: 115.5957 INR / 1 EUR: 97.4156 INR /100 JPY: 59.6600

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 81373.75 (-77.26) NIFTY: 24716.60 (-34.10) Bnk NIFTY: 55903.40 (+153.70)

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