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- **PNB Q4 results: Net profit declines 66% to Rs 202 cr:** Public lender Punjab National Bank on Wednesday reported 66% drop in net profit at Rs 202 crore for the quarter ending March 2022. It reported net profit of Rs 586 crore in the year-ago period. Total income declined marginally to Rs 20,195 crore as against Rs 21,386 crore in Q4FY21. On Wednesday, the lender's scrip on BSE closed trading 0.6% lower at Rs 33.10.
https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/pnb-q4-results-net-profit-declines-66-to-rs-202-cr-122051101344_1.html
- **Indian Bank posts ₹1709 cr net in Q4, FY22 biz crosses ₹10 lakh crore :** Public sector lender Indian Bank has reported a net profit of ₹1,709 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2022, when compared with ₹984 crore in the year-ago quarter. In Q4 FY21, net profit includes deferred tax adjustment (DTA) of ₹913 crore (for the entire FY21). In FY22, DTA adjustments are spread over four quarters. Profit before tax for the March 2022 quarter grew marginally by 3 per cent at ₹823 crore as against ₹796 crore in the year-ago quarter, on the back of a 20 per cent increase in provisions which stood at ₹1,915 crore as against ₹1,589 crore. The operating profit of the Chennai-headquartered Indian Bank grew 15 per cent to ₹2,738 crore (from ₹2,385 crore). Net interest income reported strong growth of 28 per cent at ₹4,255 crore (as against ₹3,334 crore), supported by a combination of factors such strong growth in interest income, rise in other interest incomes etc, said Shanti Lal Jain, MD & CEO of Indian Bank.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/indian-bank-posts-1709-cr-net-in-q4-fy22-biz-crosses-10-lakh-crore/article65404702.ece>
- **Bank fraud: ED charge sheets ex IOB branch manager, others for money laundering:** The ED has charge sheeted a former branch manager of the Indian Overseas Bank and others in connection with a money laundering probe linked to an alleged multi-crore bank loan fraud case that took place in Andhra Pradesh, the agency said on Wednesday. A prosecution complaint has been filed by the agency against Bhupathiraju Krishna Mohan Raju, ex-branch manager of the Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), Veerabadrapuram branch (Prakasam district), Penmetsa Venkata Krishna Srinivasa Raju, the then panel valuer for IOB, a firm identified as PBR Poultry Tech, its managing partner Polepalli Venkat Prasad and PBR Agri Tech Private Ltd, before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Vishakhapatnam. The court has taken cognisance of the charge sheet (prosecution complaint) on May 9, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said in a statement.
<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/bank-fraud-ed-charge-sheets-ex-iob-branch-manager-others-for-money-laundering-8489311.html>
- **DBS Bank extends ₹175 cr transition loan facility to Shree Renuka Sugars:** DBS Bank has extended a transition loan facility to Shree Renuka Sugars for replacing fossil fuel usage by scaling bioethanol production. "Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd (SRSL), a subsidiary of Wilmar International Ltd, Singapore and one of the largest sugar and green-energy (ethanol and renewable power) producers in India, has obtained a five-year ₹175 crore transition finance facility from DBS," the bank said in a statement. The proceeds will be used to finance the expansion of SRSL's sustainable bioethanol business in India, it said, adding that this is believed to be the first transition loan provided by a foreign bank to India's biofuel manufacturing industry.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/dbs-bank-extends-175-cr-transition-loan-facility-to-shree-renuka-sugars/article65403863.ece>



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- **RCap resolution: CoC extends the deadline to June 30:** Bidders for debt-ridden Reliance Capital will get another month's time to submit resolution plans for the company. The Committee of Creditors (CoC) has decided to extend the date for the submission of the Resolution Plan to June 30 from the earlier deadline of May 26. This comes after a number of companies that had initially shown an interest in bidding for RCap assets have withdrawn from the race. Of the 54 prospective resolution applicants who had initially submitted Expressions of Interest for the company, only about eight players are understood to be in serious discussions, said a source. Only three bidders, including the consortium led by the Piramal Group, YES Bank and HDFC Ergo, have held management meetings for the submission of resolution plans.
[https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/rcap-resolution-coc-extends-the-deadline-to-june-30/article65404426.ece#:~:text=The%20Committee%20of%20Creditors%20\(CoC,have%20withdrawn%20from%20the%20race.](https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/rcap-resolution-coc-extends-the-deadline-to-june-30/article65404426.ece#:~:text=The%20Committee%20of%20Creditors%20(CoC,have%20withdrawn%20from%20the%20race.)
- **Quoting PAN or Aadhaar must for deposit or withdrawal of Rs 20 lakh or more:** The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs 20 lakh in a financial year or opening of a current account. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), in a notification, said furnishing the Permanent Account Number (PAN) or biometric Aadhaar will be mandatory for such high-value deposits or withdrawals from banks in a financial year, or opening of a current account or cash credit account with a bank or post office. Commenting on the move, AKM Global Tax Partner Sandeep Sehgal said this shall bring in more transparency to financial transactions where banks, post offices and co-operative societies would be required to report the transactions of deposits and withdrawals aggregating to Rs 20 lakh or more in a financial year.
https://www.business-standard.com/article/finance/quoting-pan-or-aadhaar-must-for-deposit-or-withdrawal-of-rs-20-lakh-or-more-122051101102_1.html
- **LIC IPO brought in first-time investors into equity markets:** The initial public offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India, which saw strong support from retail investors, seems to have brought in a huge number of new investors into the equity markets. According to analysts and experts, first-time investors and investors from tier-2 and 3 towns seem to lead the surge in interest in the IPO of LIC, that saw policyholders subscribe to 60 per cent of the issue size. Girirajan Murugan, CEO, FundsIndia, said there was huge participation from investors from tier-2 and 3 cities in the IPO. "In the applications we received, retail investors from the beyond 30 cities are dominating in terms of participating in the IPO. It explains LIC's significance in the life insurance segment and its reach," he said, adding that overwhelming subscriptions have come in from retail investors, especially those who are participating in the capital markets for the first time.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/lic-ipo-brought-in-first-time-investors-into-equity-markets/article65404023.ece>
- **ESAF Bank's Q4 net profit rises 144% to ₹106 crore:** ESAF Small Finance Bank has posted a 144 per cent increase in net profit at ₹106 crore in the fourth quarter of FY22 against ₹43.29 crore in the same period a year ago. The annual net profit for the fiscal ended March 31 was ₹54.73 crore. The operating profit during the January-March quarter increased by 175 per cent to ₹158 crore from ₹57.49 crore in the same period of the previous year. Total business increased by 44.36 per cent to ₹25,156 crore from ₹17,425 crore of the previous fiscal.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/esaf-banks-q4-net-profit-rises-144-to-106-crore/article65404039.ece>
- **Informal pressure from RBI led Coinbase to roll back UPI payments:** CEO Brian Armstrong : Coinbase CEO and Co-founder Brian Armstrong said that informal pressure from the Reserve Bank of India led the global crypto exchange to disable UPI deposits, a few days after its India launch. Coinbase was launched in India on April 7. On the same day, NPCI put out a statement that it is not aware of any crypto exchange using UPI. Shortly after this,



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Coinbase disabled UPI integration on the platform. “India is a unique market in the sense that the Supreme Court has ruled that they can’t ban crypto. But there are elements in the government there, including the Reserve Bank of India who don’t seem to be as positive about it. And so they, in the press, it’s been called a “shadow ban” — basically, they’re applying soft pressure behind the scenes to try to disable some of these payments which might be going through UPI,” Armstrong said in the company’s earnings call.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/cryptocurrency/informal-pressure-from-rbi-led-coinbase-to-roll-back-upi-payments-ceobrian-armstrong/article65403732.ece>

- **Sri Guru Raghavendra Bank: RBI extends validity period of Directions by 6 months:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the validity of its Directions to Bengaluru-based Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha for a further period of six months, from May 11, 2022 to November 10, 2022, subject to review. The Bank has been under RBI Directions since January 10, 2020. RBI had brought the Bank under Directions in the interest of depositor protection. The withdrawal limit for depositors of Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank is capped at ₹1 lakh per depositor during the entire duration under RBI Directions.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/sri-guru-raghavendra-bank-rbi-extends-validity-period-of-directions-by-6-months/article65403537.ece>
- **RBI extends restrictions on two co-operative banks:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on May 11, said it has extended the period of restriction on two co-operative banks due to their deteriorating financial condition. The RBI has extended the period of restrictions on Solapur-based The Laxmi Co-operative Bank for three months from May 12 to August 11. The restrictions stipulate certain restrictions and/or ceilings on withdrawal or acceptance of deposits. In November last year, the RBI had imposed restrictions on The Laxmi Co-operative Bank, including a cap of Rs 1,000 on withdrawals for customers, due to a deterioration in its financial position. The restrictions were imposed under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, for a period of six months and were subject to review.
<https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/rbi-extends-period-of-restriction-on-2-co-operative-banks-find-out-11652268046364.html>
- **Sensex down over 694 points intraday, Nifty below 16,100 amid volatility:** At 1 pm, the BSE Sensex was trading at 53,670.30, down 694.55 points or 1.28 per cent. It recorded an intraday high of 54,598.55 and a low of 53,643.19. The Nifty 50 was trading at 16,034.05, down 206.00 points or 1.27 per cent, near the day’s low of 16,026.65. It recorded an intraday high of 16,318.75. The volatility index jumped 6.51 per cent to 23.76. ONGC, SBI Life, Cipla, HDFC Life and Kotak Bank were the top gainers on the Nifty 50 while Shree Cement, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, L&T and Bajaj Finance were the top laggards.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/sensex-down-over-694-points-intraday-nifty-below-16100-amid-volatility/article65403697.ece>
- **Rupee rises by 10 paise to close at 77.24 against US dollar:** The rupee appreciated further by 10 paise to settle at 77.24 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday as the American currency retreated from its 20-year high levels. At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 77.24 against the US dollar. It moved in a range of 77.17 to 77.31 during the day trade. The rupee finally closed at 77.24, registering a rise of 10 paise over its previous close.
<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/rupee-rises-by-10-paise-to-close-at-77-24-against-us-dollar-8489861.html>



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