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- **EXPORTS UP 23.5% TO \$40 BN IN JUNE; TRADE DEFICIT WIDENS TO RECORD \$26.2 bn:** India's merchandise exports in June grew by 23.52 per cent to USD 40.13 billion, while the trade deficit ballooned to a record of USD 26.18 billion, according to the government data released on Thursday. Imports expanded by 57.55 per cent to USD 66.31 billion in June compared to the year-ago month, the data showed. The trade deficit stood at USD 9.60 billion in June 2021. Cumulative exports in April-June 2022-23 rose by about 24.51 per cent to USD 118.96 billion, while imports increased 49.47 per cent to USD 189.76 billion during the period. The trade deficit during the first three months of this fiscal widened to USD 70.80 billion from USD 31.42 billion in the year-ago period.
[Exports up 23.5% to \\$40 bn in June; trade deficit widens to record \\$26.2 bn | Business Standard News \(business-standard.com\)](#)
- **RUPEE FALLS TO 79.88 AGAINST DOLLAR WITH 100 BPS FED HIKE ON CARDS:** The rupee closed at 79.88 against the dollar on Thursday to hit a new low, weakening 0.3 per cent against the greenback, as a sharper-than-expected rise in US inflation stoked speculation of the Federal Reserve hiking interest rates by 100 basis points (bps) at its meeting this month. The domestic currency, which had closed at 79.64/\$ at its previous close, slipped to a low of 79.92/\$ intraday. US consumer prices rose a faster-than-forecast 9.1 per cent in the year through June to a fresh forty-year high. Investors bet that the Fed was now more likely to raise interest rates by 100 bps when it meets on July 26-27. A possible 100-bp hike would be the largest increase since the Fed started directly using overnight interest rates to conduct monetary policy in the early 1990s. The US central bank has already raised interest rates by 150 bps so far in 2022.
[Rupee falls to 79.88 against dollar with 100 bps Fed hike on cards | Business Standard News \(business-standard.com\)](#)



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- **LIC's EMBEDDED VALUE REMAINS FLAT IN FY22-END; VNB MARGIN RISES TO 15.1%:** Life Insurance Corporation of India on Thursday said its embedded value stood at Rs 5.41 trillion at the end of March this year compared to Rs 95,605 crore in the year-ago period. At the end of September 2021, the Indian Embedded Value (IEV) stood at Rs 5.39 trillion at the end of September 2021. The embedded value is a measure of the consolidated value of shareholders' interest in the life insurance business. The IEV as of September 30, 2021 was significantly higher than the IEV of March 2021 due to the bifurcation of funds that was carried out by LIC following changes in the LIC Act during the FY 2021-22, the insurer said in a release. The Value of New Business (VNB) for the year ended March 2022 has been determined at Rs 7,619 crore as compared to Rs 4,167 crore for the year ended March 2021. For the year ended March 2022, the VNB margin was 15.1 per cent as compared to 9.9 per cent in the same period a year ago.
[LIC's embedded value remains flat in FY22-end; VNB margin rises to 15.1% | Business Standard News \(business-standard.com\)](#)
- **JUNE WPI-BASED INFLATION COOLS TO 15.18% FROM MAY'S FOUR-DECADE HIGH:** Wholesale Price Index-based inflation (WPI) for June decreased slightly from a four-decade high in May. Still, it remained at 15.18 per cent, primarily driven by international crude prices, food articles, mineral oils, and others. This was the third consecutive month that factory-gate inflation was above the 15 per cent mark. WPI inflation in May had come in at 15.88 per cent, a record for the current series and the highest since September 1991. "The high rate of inflation in June 2022 is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum, natural gas, basic metals, chemicals & chemical products, food products etc.," the ministry of commerce, which releases WPI data, said in a statement.
[June WPI-based inflation cools to 15.18% from May's four-decade high | Business Standard News \(business-standard.com\)](#)
- **RBI CRACKS THE WHIP ON BANK-FINTECH NEXUS:** A year after insisting that banks should rely more on in-house mobile applications or apps to spread their digital presence rather than depending on third-party apps, it is learnt that the banking regulator is yet again tightening the norms around digital acquisition of customers, particularly for retail loan products. Distribution tie-ups with fintechs in which banks have substantial debt or equity exposure are under scrutiny
[RBI cracks the whip on bank-fintech nexus - The Hindu BusinessLine](#)
- **ED ARRESTS EX-NSE CHIEF CHITRA RAMAKRISHNA IN PMLA CASE LINKED TO 'ILLEGAL PHONE TAPPING':** The Enforcement Directorate on July 14 arrested Chitra Ramakrishna, the former managing director and chief executive officer of the National Stock Exchange of India, in connection to a money laundering case linked to alleged illegal phone tapping and snooping, news agency PTI reported.
[ED arrests ex-NSE chief Chitra Ramakrishna in PMLA case linked to 'illegal phone tapping' \(moneycontrol.com\)](#)



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- **BHARTI AIRTEL APPROVES PREFERENTIAL ALLOTMENT OF 7.11 CRORE SHARES TO GOOGLE:** Telecom firm Bharti Airtel has approved the preferential allotment of 7.11 crore shares to US-based tech major Google, at an issue price of Rs 734 per share, a regulatory filing stated on July 14. The decision was given the nod by the "Special Committee of Directors for Preferential Allotment", which met earlier in the day, Airtel informed the stock exchanges. The committee approved the "allotment of 71,176,839 equity shares of the face value of Rs 5 each fully paid up, on preferential basis to Google International LLC (Google) at an issue price of Rs 734 per equity share (including a premium of Rs. 729 per equity share)," it said. As an outcome of the aforesaid allotment, Google will hold 1.2 percent of total post-issue equity shares of company, Airtel noted.
[Bharti Airtel approves preferential allotment of 7.11 crore shares to Google \(moneycontrol.com\)](http://moneycontrol.com)
- **MURUGAPPA GROUP COMPANY TO LAUNCH ELECTRIC THREE-WHEELERS BY SEPTEMBER:** TI Clean Mobility, a Murugappa Group company that is preparing to introduce the Montra brand of electric three-wheelers in India, will keep investing to expand capacity and freshen its product portfolio.
[Murugappa Group company to launch electric three-wheelers by September \(moneycontrol.com\)](http://moneycontrol.com)
- **MAHARASHTRA GOVT CUTS VAT ON PETROL, DIESEL; STATE TO INCUR BURDEN OF RS 6,000 CRORE:** The Maharashtra government has decided to reduce the value-added tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel by Rs 5 and Rs 3 per litre, respectively. The decision, to be implemented from Thursday midnight, would entail a burden of Rs 6,000 crore on the state exchequer.
[Maharashtra govt cuts VAT on petrol, diesel; state to incur burden of Rs 6,000 crore \(moneycontrol.com\)](http://moneycontrol.com)
- **INDIA WILL STOP AWARDING RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS VIA E-REVERSE AUCTIONS: MNRE SECRETARY:** The government will cease the electronic reverse auction for renewable energy projects, Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi, joint secretary in the new and renewable energy ministry said on July 14, accepting the industry's demand. The renewable energy industry urged the government to do away with the e-reverse auction, saying it led to intense competition and a steep fall in tariffs, which would make some projects unviable. The e-reverse auction platform was introduced to promote competition to get the best price, as it allowed the bidders to see all the bids in real time. It offered them the option to revise bids, unlike the closed ones where only one bid is submitted. "I can say with confidence that the reverse auction arrangement has in-principle been decided to be ended; a formal decision will follow soon," Chaturvedi said at the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII's) 'India @2030: A Roadmap for Atma Nirbhar Bharat in Renewable Energy' conference.
[India will stop awarding renewable energy projects via e-reverse auctions: MNRE secretary \(moneycontrol.com\)](http://moneycontrol.com)



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- **UAE ANNOUNCES \$2 BILLION INVESTMENT IN INDIA 'FOOD PARKS' TO EASE SHORTAGES:** The United Arab Emirates has pledged \$2 billion to help develop a series of "food parks" in India to tackle food insecurity in South Asia and the Middle East, the UAE, India, the United States and Israel said on Thursday. The idea is to bring farmers, processors and retailers together in one place using the latest climate technology to minimise waste, conserve water and maximise crop yields.
[UAE announces \\$2 billion investment in India 'food parks' to ease shortages | Mint \(livemint.com\)](#)
- **SBI HIKES MCLR FOR VARIOUS TENURES FOR SECOND TIME IN NEARLY A MONTH:** State bank of India has hiked the Marginal Cost Of Funds Based Lending Rate (MCLR) rate for various tenors once again. The lender had previously increased MCLR exactly a month ago. The one-year MCLR rate has been increased to 7.5% from 7.4%. SBI's new MCLR comes into effect from tomorrow, July 15. The rate for the Two-year tenure has been increased to 7.7% and that of the three-year tenure has been hiked to 7.8% by the State Bank of India.
[SBI hikes MCLR for various tenures for second time in nearly a month; check revised rates | The Financial Express](#)
- **PUBLIC-SECTOR BANKS PRIVATISATION OFF AGENDA; PSB BILL UNLIKELY IN MONSOON SESSION:** The government is unlikely to introduce a Bill in the monsoon session of Parliament, scheduled to take place between July 18 and August 13, to facilitate the privatisation of two public-sector banks (PSBs), belying mounting expectations. "There is no plan to push it (privatisation Bill) in the monsoon session, unless there is a last-minute change," said a source.
[Public-sector banks privatisation off agenda; PSB Bill unlikely in monsoon session | The Financial Express](#)
- **FSIB RECOMMENDS RAJKIRAN RAI G AS NaBFID MANAGING DIRECTOR:** Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended former Union Bank of India managing director Rajkiran Rai G as the head of the newly set-up Rs 20,000-crore NaBFID. The headhunter for state-owned banks and financial institutions selected the managing director for National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) after interviewing five shortlisted candidates on July 13.
[NaBFID: FSIB recommends Rajkiran Rai G as NaBFID managing director - The Economic Times \(indiatimes.com\)](#)



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RBI KEY RATES

Repo Rate: 4.90%
SDF: 4.65%
MSF & Bank Rate: 5.15%
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
CRR: 4.50%
SLR: 18.00%

FOREX RATES (AS PER FBIL 1.30 PM)

INR / 1 USD : 79.8710
INR / 1 GBP : 94.6131
INR / 1 EUR : 80.0078
INR /100 JPY: 57.6100

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 53416.15 (-98.00)
NIFTY: 15938.65 (-28.00)

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