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- **SBI working towards launching Yono 2: Chairman:** The country's largest lender State Bank of India is working towards launching the next version of its digital lending platform - Yono (You Only Need One App), chairman Dinesh Khara said. Speaking at a banking event organised by industry body IMC, Khara said when the bank initially started Yono, it was thought of as a distribution platform for the retail segment products. "During the course of the journey, SBI could realise Yono's potential for international operations, particularly where we have the retail operations. We could visualise its relevance for Yono business also, and now we have started leveraging it for our agriculture segment," he said. "Now what we are thinking of is as to how to integrate all these fragmented pieces of Yono and think in terms of something like Yono 2, which is the next version of it. It is something which we are working on and will come out with it and products soon," Khara said.
<https://bfsi.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/banking/sbi-working-towards-launching-yono-2-chairman/84494160>
- **SBI-led consortium raises Rs 792 crore by sale of Vijay Mallya's UB shares:** A consortium of banks led by the State Bank of India on Friday realized Rs. 792.11 crore by sale of shares in the bank loan fraud case involving Kingfisher Airlines and its former owner and fugitive economic offender Vijay Mallya. These shares were handed over by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to the consortium of banks. Earlier SBI led consortium had realized Rs. 7181.50 crore by liquidating assets handed over to SBI led consortium by ED, the agency said in a press statement on Friday. In addition, Rs. 1060 crore worth asset has been allowed to the banks by Fugitive Economic Offense Court in PNB/ Nirav Modi Case & Rs. 329.67 Crore has been confiscated by ED under provisions of Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, the agency added. On July 1 Purvi Modi (sister of Nirav Modi) transferred Rs. 17.25 crore from proceeds of Crime from her foreign bank account to ED.
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/sbi-led-consortium-raises-rs-792-crore-by-sale-of-vijay-mallyas-ub-shares/articleshow/84470476.cms>
- **Bank of Maharashtra signs MoU with NABARD:** Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) to boost ongoing developmental initiatives linked to priority sector lending in Maharashtra. The MoU envisages joint initiatives for the benefit of farmers, farmer producer organisations, joint liability groups, self help groups, rural artisans, weavers, agri-preneurs, agri start-ups, micro, small and medium enterprises in the State, BoM said in a statement.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/bank-of-maharashtra-signs-mou-with-nabard/article35365283.ece>
- **Bank of Maharashtra raises ₹403cr via QIP:** BoM had allotted 73.60 crore equity shares of ₹10 each Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has raised ₹403.70 crore via qualified institutions placement (QIP) issue of equity shares. The public sector bank's issue committee on Friday approved closure of the QIP issue of equity shares following receipt of application forms for an aggregate of ₹17.03 crore fully paid up



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equity shares of the bank and funds amounting to ₹403.70 crore in the escrow account from eligible qualified institutional buyers. The committee also determined and approved the issue price of ₹23.70 per equity share (including a premium of ₹13.70 per equity share).

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/bank-of-maharashtra-raises-403cr-via-qip/article35367883.ece>

- **Bank credit grows by 6.08%; deposits by 9.76%:** Bank credit grew by 6 per cent to Rs 109.31 lakh crore and deposits increased by 9.76 per cent to Rs 154.51 lakh crore in the fortnight ended July 2, 2021, RBI data showed. Bank advances stood at Rs 103.04 lakh crore and deposits at Rs 140.77 lakh crore in the fortnight ended July 3, 2020, according to RBI's Scheduled Banks' Statement of Position in India as of July 2, 2021, released on Thursday. In the previous fortnight ended June 18, 2021, bank credit had grown by 5.82 per cent and deposits by 10.32 per cent. In FY2020-21, bank credit had grown by 5.56 per cent and deposits by 11.4 per cent.
https://www.business-standard.com/article/finance/bank-credit-grows-by-6-08-deposits-increased-by-9-76-121071501407_1.html
- **Bank privatisation move an exciting opportunity for investors: Former RBI DG:** The government's move to privatise two state-owned lenders presents an “exciting” opportunity for investors looking to get into the business, former RBI Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan on Thursday said. What is good for the country will have to be looked at while deciding on the entity, which will be granted a license, he said while speaking at an event of industry lobby IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Replying to suggestions asking for entry of corporates and concerns over ownership and voting caps, Vishwanathan said world over, including the developed countries, there are restrictions on who is allowed to start a bank, which deals with people's deposits.
<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/bank-privatisation-move-an-exciting-opportunity-for-investors-former-rbi-deputy-governor/2291357/>
- **ET Financial Inclusion Summit: Taking digital banking to rural India:** For decades the Indian bankers' standard excuse for not expanding beyond cities and towns has been that financial services in rural India is an unviable proposition – because of high costs, poor demand and small ticket size. That tune is changing. The rising prosperity in villages due to buoyant farm economy, diversified economic activities, rise of services businesses and the explosion of the internet and affordability of smartphones have changed the economic equation between those who have the money and those who need it. “The next generation of rural is mobile-ready. It's a misconception that rural is backward; there is a 33% penetration of internet and 37% smartphone penetration. They are adopting technology significantly,” said Sumant Kathpalia, CEO, IndusInd Bank.
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/et-financial-inclusion-summit-taking-digital-banking-to-rural-india/articleshow/84461305.cms>
- **ET Financial Inclusion Summit: Banks and fintech startups can't do without each other:** Traditional Indian banks and newage fintech companies will have to co-create in order to build an inclusive financial ecosystem where digitisation of consumer economy is fast evolving as the defining trend of the times, said a panel of top bankers and fintech experts. While legacy financial institutions have



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digitised their interface as well as operations, the emergence of fintech startups have made it necessary for incumbents to accelerate the pace of digital transition, they said at the ET Financial Inclusion Summit. Harshil Mathur, the chief executive of Razorpay, Anjani Rathor the chief digital officer at HDFC Bank, Rajeev Ahuja the executive director at RBL Bank and Rajeev Kumar, senior vice-president, market development, South Asia at Mastercard were part of the panel. “For banks, earlier, collaborating with a fintech startup used to be about getting the technology,” said Rathor. “Now, it is about co-creation. Fintech companies are challenging the existing [norms] and this in turn is leading to an optimization of the ecosystem.”

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/et-financial-inclusion-summit-banks-and-fintech-startups-cant-do-without-each-other/articleshow/84461467.cms>

- **Fresh card issuance by 5 private banks to be impacted due to ban on Mastercard by RBI: Report :** As many as five private sector banks, including Axis Bank, Yes Bank, and IndusInd Bank, are to be impacted by the Reserve Bank of India's decision to ban Mastercard from issuing new cards for not complying with local data storage guidelines, according to a report. HDFC Bank would also have been affected by this decision but the lender is already facing restrictions by the RBI on issuance of new cards (debit, credit or prepaid). Besides these five banks, Bajaj Finserv and SBI Card may face problems as they were also issuing cards of this payment gateway. So, in all, as per the report of global brokerage firm Nomura, seven financial institutions would not be able to issue new card as they sourced significant number from Mastercard.
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/fresh-card-issuance-by-5-private-banks-to-be-impacted-due-to-ban-on-mastercard-by-rbi-report/articleshow/84471907.cms?from=mdr#:~:text=The%20RBI%20barred%20Mastercard%20Asia,comply%20with%20data%20storage%20norms.>
- **Recovery Officer Debt Recovery Tribunal sells Rs 716-cr shares in United Spirits:** Recovery Officer Debt Recovery Tribunal on Friday offloaded shares worth over Rs 716 crore in United Spirits Ltd, through an open market transaction. Bulk deal data on the BSE showed that Recovery Officer I DRT II sold over 1.13 crore shares at an average price of Rs 630.93 apiece. This translated into a total deal value of Rs 716.15 crore. On the BSE, shares of United Spirits ended 2.27 per cent higher at Rs 665.6 apiece.
<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/liquor/recovery-officer-debt-recovery-tribunal-sells-rs-716-cr-shares-in-united-spirits/articleshow/84478987.cms?from=mdr>
- **L&T Finance Holdings net profit up 20 per cent in Q1:** L&T Finance Holdings reported a 20 per cent increase in its net profit for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 at ₹178 crore as against ₹148 crore in the first quarter of last fiscal. Total income fell 5.8 per cent to ₹3,201.49 crore in the April to June 2021 quarter as against ₹3,397.53 crore a year ago. Total revenue from operations also fell 7.3 per cent to ₹3,140.12 crore in the first quarter of the fiscal as against ₹3,387.06 crore a year ago. Its total lending book fell by 11 per cent to ₹88,440 crore in the first quarter of the fiscal. “The Covid second wave did impact business on account of restrictions and closures of dealerships. Despite this, the company’s collection led disbursement strategy backed by concerted on-field efforts as well as data analytics led



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prioritisation and resource allocation led to responsible growth in the first quarter of the fiscal," it said in a statement.

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/lt-finance-holdings-net-profit-up-20-percent-in-q1/article35368613.ece>

- **CBI files FIR against Fedders Electric, its promoters in bank fraud case:** The CBI has registered an FIR against Fedders Electric and Engineering Limited and its promoters for allegedly cheating an SBI-led consortium of banks to the tune of ₹1,028.94 crore, officials said on Friday. The central probe agency conducted a search operation on Friday at seven locations in Delhi, Noida, Gurgaon and Bulandshahr. "It has been alleged in the complaint that the accused including private company & its Directors had cheated the banks by way of diversion of funds and sham transactions with related parties," a CBI spokesperson said.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/news/cbi-files-fir-against-fedders-electric-its-promoters-in-bank-fraud-case/article35370816.ece>
- **Paytm files DRHP for IPO:** One97 Communications, the parent of Paytm, has filed a draft red herring prospectus with SEBI for its initial public offering. The size of the IPO is Rs 16,600 crore. The issue comprises a fresh issue of equity shares amounting to Rs 8,300 crore and an offer for sale by existing shareholders of Rs 8,300 crore. The company also retains the option, in discussion with BRLMs, to undertake a pre-IPO placement of Rs 2,000 crore. If the pre-IPO placement is completed, the fresh issue size will be reduced to that extent.
<https://www.cnbctv18.com/market/stocks/paytm-files-drhp-with-sebi-for-rs-16600-crore-ipo-10007131.htm>
- **Growth agenda back on the table: Ravi Subramanian, MD and CEO of Shriram Housing:** The demand for housing is back after the second Covid wave and overall tailwinds are positive, believes Ravi Subramanian, Managing Director and CEO, Shriram Housing Finance. In an interview with BusinessLine, he said the company is looking at faster growth after the performance in June. Housing finance companies should be allowed to charge prepayment penalty in initial years, he further said.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/june-has-brought-the-growth-agenda-back-on-the-table/article35360342.ece>
- **SIDBI's FY21 net up 3.6% at ₹2,398 crore:** Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) reported a 3.6 per cent increase in FY21 net profit at ₹2,398 crore against ₹2,315 crore in FY20 on the back of lower interest and finance charges as well as operating expenses. Net Interest Income (difference between interest earned and interest expended) grew 11.5 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to ₹3,678 crore in FY21 against ₹3,299 crore in FY20, the Development Financial Institution (DFI) said in a statement.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/sidbis-fy21-net-up-36-at-2398-crore/article35360474.ece>



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- **Sensex slips 18 points; Nifty manages to close above 15,900:** The BSE Sensex which recorded an all-time high of 53,290.81 closed at 53,140.06, down 18.79 points or 0.04 per cent. It hit a low of 52,997.09. The Nifty 50, after recording a new all-time high of 15,962.25, closed at 15,923.40, down 0.80 points or 0.01 per cent. It hit an intraday low of 15,882.60. The breadth of the market remained positive with 1,778 stocks advancing, 1,421 declining and 150 remaining unchanged on the BSE. As many as 495 securities hit the upper circuit and 191 the lower circuit; 501 hit their 52-week high while 20 touched a 52-week low. Divi's Labs, Bharti Airtel, Ultratech Cement, Tata Steel and Powergrid were the top gainers on the Nifty 50 while HCL Tech, Eicher Motors, Infosys, Bajaj Finserv and Adani Ports were the top laggards.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/stock-markets/sensex-slips-18-points-nifty-manages-to-close-above-15900/article35361680.ece>
- **Rupee slips 3 paise to 74.57 against US dollar:** The rupee saw a marginal 3 paise loss to settle at 74.57 against the US dollar on Friday as consistent demand for the greenback from importers exerted pressure on the domestic currency. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 74.53 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.51 and a low of 74.66 during the session. The local unit finally ended the day at 74.57, down 3 paise over its last close. The Indian currency strengthened by 7 paise this week. In the previous week, it had gained 10 paise against the American currency.
<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/forex/rupee-slips-3-paise-to-7457-against-us-dollar/article35366253.ece>
- **Gold prices drop to Rs 48,273 per 10 gram, gain 0.86% in the week; silver slips:** Gold prices declined by Rs 151 to Rs 48,273 per 10 gram in the Mumbai retail market on rupee depreciation and negative global cues. The yellow metal ended the week with a gain of Rs 410 or 0.86 percent in the domestic market. The price of 10 gram, 22-carat gold in Mumbai was Rs 44,212 plus 3 percent GST, while 24-carat 10 gram stood at Rs 48,273 plus GST. The 18-carat gold is quoted at Rs 36,205 plus GST in the retail market. Silver prices dipped by Rs 321 to Rs 68,912 per kg against its closing price on July 15.
<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/commodities/gold-prices-drop-to-rs-48273-per-10-gram-gain-0-86-in-the-week-silver-slips-7183881.html>

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