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

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## **ECONOMY**

**FPI selling in cash market tops ₹1 lakh crore:** Indices fell for the fifth straight session on Friday to near two and half month lows amid relentless selling by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), weak second quarter results and rising treasury yields in the US. FPI selloff in the cash market in October nudged past ₹1 lakh crore, the first time this figure has been surpassed in a month, provisional data showed. In the year to date, the investors have offloaded shares worth over ₹2.2 lakh crore. Lofty valuations, weak domestic results and the “Buy China, Sell India” trade has led to the exodus of hot money. Foreign fund flows into China continued for the fifth straight week, with \$576 million of inflows --- markedly lower than \$2.2 billion in the previous week and \$9.3 billion the week before, according to Elara Global Research. Global fund flow for India slowed sharply, with a small outflow of \$51 million from India dedicated funds this week, the second such outflow since March 2023. India dedicated midcap funds have now seen consistent outflows for 16 weeks in a row starting July 2024.

***(Business Line)***

**The total number of income tax returns filers could exceed 90 million for assessment year 2024-25:** The total number of income tax returns filers could exceed 90 million for assessment year 2024-25 (AY25) by the end of March 2025, a new report has said, while calling for a flat income tax rate for individuals earning over Rs 8 lakh, specifically targeting those aged between 60 and 80. With the government also undertaking a review of the Income Tax Act, 1961, that was announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, the report has also suggested several changes. It has called for switching from progressive taxation to a uniform taxation with a flat tax rate for individuals earning over Rs 8 lakh, specifically targeting those aged between 60 and 80, with additional provisions for individuals aged 80 and above.

***(Business Today)***



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**Indian banks increased their overseas presence during 2023-24 : RBI Survey :** Indian banks increased their overseas presence during 2023-24 both in terms of balance sheet size as well as in terms of number of branches and employees, according to Reserve Bank of India's 2023-24 round of its survey on international trade in banking services. Banks' employee strength increased by 8.2 per cent in overseas branches and 1.7 per cent in subsidiaries. During the year, the number of branches and employees of foreign banks in India also expanded by 0.6 per cent and 1.4 per cent, respectively. Consolidated balance sheets of overseas branches and subsidiaries of Indian banks grew by 4.3 per cent and 0.4 per cent, respectively, during the year whereas that of foreign banks in India recorded higher increase of 7.2 per cent, in US dollar terms.

**(Business Line)**

## **BANKING & FINANCE**



**Loan limit under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) increased to Rs.20 lakh from the current Rs.10 lakh:** As announced by the Finance Minister on 23rd July, 2024 in the Union Budget 2024-25, the limit of Mudra loans under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been enhanced from current Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh. This increase aspires to further the overall objective of the Mudra Scheme which is Funding the Unfunded. This enhancement is specifically beneficial to upcoming entrepreneurs facilitating their growth and expansion. The move is in alignment with the Government's commitment in fostering a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem. As per the notification issued in this regard, the new category of Tarun Plus is for Loans above Rs. 10 lakh and upto Rs. 20 lakh and would be available to the entrepreneurs who have availed and successfully repaid previous loans under the Tarun category. The guarantee coverage of PMMY loans upto Rs. 20 lakh will be provided under the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU). Further, Overdraft loan amount of Rs.10,000/- sanctioned under PMJDY accounts shall also be eligible to be covered under Credit guarantee Fund.

**(PiB)**

**Bank of Baroda Q2 FY25 results: Net profit rises 23% to Rs 5,238 crore:** Bank of Baroda's (BoB's) net profit during the second quarter of 2024-25 (Q2FY25) rose 23.2 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) to Rs 5,238 crore, backed by a rise in non-interest income and decline in provisions for stressed loans. Sequentially, the Mumbai-based lender's net profit rose 17.5 per cent from Rs 4,458 crore in



June 2024 (Q1FY25). The asset-quality profile improved with gross NPAs declining to 2.5 per cent in September 2024 from 3.32 per cent in September 2023. Net NPAs declined from 0.76 per cent in September 2023 to 0.60 per cent in September 2024.

***(Business Standard)***

**The Reserve Bank has revoked the certificate of authorisation of UAE Exchange Centre LLC:** The Reserve Bank has revoked the certificate of authorisation of UAE Exchange Centre LLC for non-compliance with regulatory requirements and now it cannot transact the business of cross border in-bound money transfer. UAE Exchange Centre LLC (UAEEC), with registered office in Dubai, was issued Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) for cross border in-bound money transfer operator (customer-to-customer) as 'Overseas Principal'.

***(Economic Times)***

**IDBI Bank's Q2FY25 net profit up 39% at ₹1,836 cr:** IDBI Bank reported a robust 39 per cent increase in second quarter (Q2FY25) standalone net profit at ₹1,836 crore on the back of healthy growth in net interest income as well as other income despite a rise in provisions for standard assets. The private sector lender had reported a net profit of ₹1,323 crore in the year ago quarter. Net interest income (difference between interest earned and interest expended) in the reporting quarter was up about 26 per cent y-o-y at ₹3,875 crore (₹3,066 crore in the year ago period). Other income, including fee-based income, treasury income, and the recovery in written-off accounts, rose about 48 per cent y-o-y to ₹1,313 crore (₹889 crore).

***(Business Line)***

## INDUSTRY OUTLOOK



**InterGlobe Aviation slips into red:** After seven consecutive quarters of profit, InterGlobe Aviation slipped into the red posting a net loss of ₹986 crore in September-end quarter. In the same period last year, the company, which operates India's largest domestic airline IndiGo, had reported a net profit of ₹188 crore. The airline management blamed seasonality, temporary headwinds such as grounding of aircraft and inflationary pressure for its weak performance. Total expenses grew 22 per cent to ₹18,666 crore on a year-on-year basis. Heightened competition, especially on international routes, also impacted the yields. Load factors remained flat at 82.6 per cent. Revenue from operations grew by 13.6 per cent on a y-o-y basis to ₹16,969 crore while deployed capacity was higher by over 8 per cent.

***(Business Line)***



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**Swiggy launches permanent 'International Login':** Swiggy, ahead of launching its IPO, has introduced an international login feature, enabling users in 27 countries—including the United States, Canada, Germany, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the UAE—to access its app for food delivery, grocery shopping via Swiggy Instamart, and table reservations through Swiggy Dineout. This addition allows international users to order or send essentials and gifts to family and friends in India, with payments supported through international credit cards and UPI options.

***(Business Today)***

**Post-tariff hike impact BSNL adds users for second straight month, private telcos lose:** State-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam (BSNL) continued to add mobile subscribers for the second straight month with users' porting out from the private telecom operators like Jio, Airtel, and Vodafone Idea, post recent tariff hikes by them. In August, BSNL added 2.5 million mobile users, taking its user base to over 91 million, according to data by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). Infact, BSNL also led the addition of active users during the month. The telecom operator added nearly 4.1 million active subscribers, its record high; taking its active subscriber base to 53.5 million.

***(Financial Express)***



## **REGULATION & DEVELOPMENT**

**'IndiaAI' and Meta announces the establishment of the Center for Generative AI, Shrijan at IIT Jodhpur:** 'IndiaAI' and Meta announced the establishment of the Center for Generative AI, Shrijanat IIT Jodhpur and the launch of the "YuvAI initiative for Skilling and Capacity Building", in partnership with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). This is aimed at propelling the advancement of open source artificial intelligence (AI) in India. The CoE will Identify & empower the next generation of AI innovators and entrepreneurs using open-source AI & exploring possibilities in Large Language Model LLMs. The research under its aegis will be shared with students via AICTE and via direct connect with colleges. Srijan will engage young developers to deploy open-source LLMs across India & unearth indigenous use cases through Hackathons. It will conduct Master Training activation workshops for select colleges, data labs, and ITIs, introducing them to foundations of LLMs to ignite interest. It will help support in creation of Student-led Startups experimenting with Open Source LLMs.

***(PiB)***





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**NCLAT rejects travel agents' plea alleging govt anti-competitive practices:** The NCLAT on Friday upheld a CCI order that rejected a plea by the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) alleging anti-competitive practise by the government by exclusively using the services of their own agencies. A three-member bench also imposed a cost of Rs 5 lakh, observing that Government of India cannot be considered as an enterprise. The case pertains to a direction issued by the Department of Expenditure(DoE) in March 2006 to all government officials, including employees of PSU units to exclusively utilise the services of either Balmer Lawrie & Co or Ashok Travels and Tours. Balmer Lawrie & Co is a company under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas while Ashok Travels and Tours is a division of state-owned India Tourism Development Corporation.

**(Business Standard)**



## FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY

### OPEN NETWORK FOR DIGITAL COMMERCE (ONDC)

- ❖ The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) acts as a middleman in the world of online shopping, connecting buyers and sellers. It functions similarly to the Unified Payment Interface (UPI), a popular mobile payment system that allows people to make mobile payments regardless of the specific payment app they use.
- ❖ Govt. has taken this initiative to reduce the dominance of e-commerce giants like Flipkart and Amazon.
- ❖ ONDC is based on open-sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform.
- ❖ The foundations of ONDC are to be open protocols for all aspects in the entire chain of activities in exchange of goods and services, similar to hypertext transfer protocol for information exchange over internet, simple mail transfer protocol for exchange of emails and unified payments interface for payments.
- ❖ Buyers get access to more sellers which ultimately leads to more finest choices. Sellers can cut the advertising and commission cost associated with intermediaries. Buyers can enjoy lower rates of goods & services due to the elimination of intermediaries.



### **RBI KEY RATES**

Repo Rate: 6.50%  
SDF: 6.25%  
MSF & Bank Rate: 6.75%  
CRR: 4.50%  
SLR: 18.00%  
Fixed Reverse Repo: 3.35%

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

INR / 1 USD : 84.0771  
INR / 1 GBP : 108.9835  
INR / 1 EUR : 90.9557  
INR /100 JPY: 55.3400

### **EQUITY MARKET**

Sensex: 79402.29 (-662.87)  
NIFTY: 24180.80 (-218.60)  
Bnk NIFTY: 50787.45 (-743.70)

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