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ECONOMY

Engineering exports cross \$11 b in November as shipments to US, EU rise:

Engineering exports from India crossed the \$11-billion mark in November for the first time this fiscal posting an increase of 23.76% YoY despite the US tariffs. The rebound, was due to growth in exports to markets such as the EU and the US, as well as a low-base effect, per an analysis by exporters' body Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India. Exporters, however, need to remain cautious given the rising volatility in global trade.

(Business Line)

Gujarat rolls out 3 clean energy policies; targets Rs 5.75 lakh cr investments:

Unveiling three major clean energy policies — the Integrated Renewable Energy Policy, Pumped Storage Project Policy, and Green Hydrogen Policy — the Gujarat government on Thursday announced policy support for an integrated renewable energy ecosystem, with the green hydrogen roadmap alone set to unlock over ₹5 lakh crore in investments and generate six lakh jobs by 2030, while pumped storage projects are expected to attract ₹75,000 crore in investments.

(Business Standard)

India likely to miss \$1 trillion export target in FY26 as global slowdown hits shipments: GTRI:

India is likely to fall well short of its USD 1 trillion exports target for FY26 as global headwinds, weak demand and rising protectionism continue to weigh on merchandise shipments, according to the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI). Speaking to ANI, GTRI Founder Ajay Shrivastava said the momentum needed to hit the ambitious target is missing, particularly on the goods side. India's combined

exports of goods and services stood at around USD 825 billion last year, and are expected to rise only marginally this year.

(Economic Times)

BANKING & FINANCE



Private banks lead small business lending; PSBs lost share in last 2 years:

Report: Private banks continue to dominate enterprise lending to small businesses in India, closely followed by public sector banks (PSBs), though the latter have seen a decline in their market share over the past two years, according to a report by SIDBI and CRIF High Mark, India's first full-service credit information bureau. The report noted that while private banks remain the primary lenders to enterprises, NBFCs are steadily gaining share, particularly among sole proprietors, where they now command over 41 per cent of the lending share. It stated, "As of Sep'25, private banks remain the primary lenders to enterprises, though their share shows minor volatility. Public sector banks follow closely, but their share declined from 39.3 per cent in Sep'23 to 37.8 per cent in Sep'25."

(Economic Times)

Banks seek certification on source of overseas transfers: High-street banks are now demanding testimonials on 'sources of funds' from wealthy Indians, NRIs, and businesses looking to move money abroad. This comes as the rupee's slide against the US dollar tempts individuals to remit funds overseas, with banks insisting on CA validation for these transactions.

(Economic Times)

Credit card spending cools to pre-festive levels in Nov: Credit card spending in Mumbai saw an 11% dip in November, returning to pre-festive levels at ₹1.90 lakh crore, though still up 12% year-on-year. Despite this, new card issuances rose, with HDFC Bank leading additions. Analysts attribute the spending slowdown to post-GST

normalization and cautious consumer behavior, expecting a mid-single-digit growth ahead.

(Economic Times)

Public-sector banks okay ₹28k cr in MSME loans via new digital model: Public-sector banks (PSBs) have sanctioned ₹28,724 crore for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) under the government's new digital footprint-based credit assessment model during the April to October period of FY26, reflecting early traction of the new technology-driven lending framework. According to the data sourced by Business Standard, PSBs processed a total of 560,655 MSME loan applications during the seven-month period, out of which 261,281 proposals were passed and ₹23,541 crore was disbursed. The rest of the amount has been sanctioned, but yet to be disbursed. Around 188,999 applications are still under process, indicating a sustained pipeline of activity under the scheme.

(Business Standard)

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK



India's IPO boom hits record high in 2025 as companies raise nearly Rs 2 lakh crore: Report: India's primary equity market touched a historic high in 2025, with companies raising a record Rs 1.95 trillion through more than 365 initial public offerings (IPOs), making it the strongest year ever for fundraising, according to a strategy report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services. The blockbuster performance comes on the back of an already robust 2024, when Rs 1.90 trillion was mobilised through 336 IPOs. Together, the last two years have seen Rs 3.8 trillion raised via 701 IPO, far exceeding the Rs 3.2 trillion collected over the entire five-year period from 2019 to 2023, the report noted.

(Moneycontrol)

CPSEs see decline in regular employees, women workforce: The number of regular employees in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) has been on the decline over the last five years, except for one year, according to data from the latest Public Enterprises Survey compiled by the Public Enterprises Department of the Finance Ministry. However, during the same period, the number of casual or daily-rated workers and contract employees has been on the rise, except during the COVID year. As of March 31, 2025, there are 475 CPSEs, of which 291 are operating. According to the latest edition of the Public Enterprises Survey for FY25, released recently, CPSEs across sectors employed over 15.42 lakh persons as of FY25, as against around 15.18 lakh in FY24, showing a growth of just 1.61 per cent.

(Business Line)

India to chair Kimberly Process for ‘conflict-free’ diamond trade from Jan 1 2026: India will chair the Kimberley Process—a global initiative to prevent the trade in ‘conflict diamonds’ — from January 1, 2026, per the government. Conflict diamonds are rough diamonds used by rebel groups or their allies to finance conflicts that undermine legitimate governments, as defined in the United Nations Security Council resolutions. The Kimberley Process, which currently has 60 members accounting for over 99 per cent of global rough diamond trade, is a tripartite initiative involving governments, the international diamond industry and civil society to ensure diamond shipments are conflict-free.

(Business Line)



REGULATION & DEVELOPMENT

India revamps tax regime in 2025, new I-T Act to take effect from April 1: India overhauled its tax regime in 2025 with sharp cuts in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates and a higher income tax exemption limit, with the spotlight now turning to customs duty rationalisation and procedural simplification in the coming Budget. Next year will see the new simplified Income Tax Act, 2025, to come into effect from April 1, replacing the over six-decade-old current Income Tax Act, 1961. Also, two new laws --

one to levy additional excise duty on cigarettes and another to levy cess on pan masala over and above GST rates -- will be implemented on a date decided by the government.

(Moneycontrol)

Govt notifies new rules to curb ineligible promoters' re-entry in distressed firms:

The government has notified changes in the insolvency regulations requiring every resolution plan submitted by the potential bidders to include the details of their beneficial owners who are ultimately going to take control of the distressed company post its transfer. The IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016 says, "Every resolution plan shall include a statement of beneficial-ownership covering details of all natural persons who ultimately owns or controls the resolution applicant, together with the shareholding structure and jurisdiction of each intermediate entity,". Further, the board has asked the prospective bidders to file an affidavit stating that whether they are eligible (or not eligible) to take the benefits under the Section 32A of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) that provides provides immunity to the new owner and its assets from prosecution under offences committed prior to their take over.

(Financial Express)



FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY

KIMBERLEY PROCESS

- The Kimberley Process (KP) is a global certification scheme launched in 2003, uniting governments, industry, and civil society to stop the trade in "conflict diamonds"—rough diamonds used by rebel groups to fund wars against legitimate governments.
- It ensures rough diamond shipments are certified as "conflict-free" with tamper-resistant containers and KP certificates, restricting trade to participating members who uphold these standards, covering nearly all global rough diamond production and aiming for transparency and responsible sourcing.
- The participants Involve 86 countries (including the EU as one), representing 99.8% of rough diamond production, along with the diamond industry and civil society making detection more efficient.



RBI KEY RATES

Repo Rate: 5.25%
SDF: 5.00%
MSF & Bank Rate: 5.50%
CRR: 3.00%
SLR: 18.00%
Fixed Reverse Repo: 3.35%

FOREX (FBIL 1.30 PM)

INR / 1 USD : 89.7703
INR / 1 GBP : 121.3694
INR / 1 EUR : 105.9433
INR /100 JPY: 57.6400

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 85408.70 (-116.14)
NIFTY: 26142.10 (-35.05)
Bnk NIFTY: 59183.60 (-115.95)

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