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RBI Holds Repo Rate at 5.5%, Raises FY26 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.8%

On October 1, the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee maintained the key repo rate at 5.5%, adopting a neutral stance to support resilient economic growth and moderate inflation, ensuring stability for borrowers and investors. Additionally, the RBI upgraded its GDP growth projection for fiscal year 2025-26 to 6.8% from 6.5%, driven by robust private consumption and investment, despite global challenges like tariffs and geopolitical tensions.

India's Manufacturing Growth Slows as Costs and US Tariffs Weigh

India's manufacturing sector cooled in September after hitting a 17-year high in August, marking its slowest growth in four months. Factory prices rose at their fastest pace in nearly 12 years, driven by higher input costs. The slowdown also reflects early pressure from the US's new 50% tariff on Indian goods, posing fresh challenges to Asia's fastest-growing major economy.



India's Foreign Exchange Reserves Dip by \$2.33 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves fell by \$2.33 billion to \$700.24 billion for the week ended September 26, RBI data showed. The decline was mainly due to a drop in foreign currency assets, though gold reserves increased. Despite the dip, India's forex reserves remain close to record highs, providing a strong buffer against external shocks and supporting investor confidence.



India Raises ₹320 Billion Through New 10-Year Government Bond Auction

On October 3, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on behalf of the Government of India, conducted a successful auction of a new 10-year government security (G-Sec), raising ₹320 billion (around \$3.6 billion). The issuance is part of the government's fiscal strategy to fund infrastructure development, social welfare initiatives, and deficit financing while reducing reliance on tax revenues.



India, Bhutan Sign \$454m Cross-Border Rail Deal

India will build Bhutan's first-ever railway line under a \$454 million project, connecting Assam and West Bengal to two Bhutanese towns. Covering 89 km, the cross-border link is set to boost trade with Nepal and Bangladesh. Construction is expected to begin soon, with completion targeted in four years.

RBI Cuts FY26 Inflation Forecast to 2.6%

The Reserve Bank of India has lowered its consumer price inflation projection for FY26 to 2.6%, citing easing price pressures. The revision indicates improved inflation control and creates scope for potential monetary easing in the future.



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KEY FINANCIAL REFORMS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025: FASTER CHEQUE CLEARING, GOLD LOAN RULES, AND MORE

The Reserve Bank of India rolled out several major financial reforms from October 1, 2025, aimed at improving liquidity, transparency, and efficiency in the banking system.

- **Interest Rates on Advances:** Banks can now freely decide floating interest rates and offer borrowers the option to switch from fixed to floating setups.
- **Gold and Silver Loans:** Revised norms include a 75% loan-to-value cap and longer repayment tenures (up to 270 days) for gold metal loans, benefiting jewellers and small businesses.
- **Cheque Clearing:** From October 4, cheque clearing will shift to a continuous system, ensuring same-day or faster settlements.
- **Perpetual Debt Instruments:** Updated capital regulations define new eligibility limits for PDIs in foreign and domestic markets.
- **Foreign Bank Exposures:** New rules under the Large Exposures Framework (LEF) require clarity in exposure and risk mitigation.
- **Credit Reporting:** RBI to move towards a weekly credit information reporting system for better financial monitoring.

These measures, aligned with India's projected 6.8% GDP growth for FY26, aim to foster fair lending practices and strengthen economic stability.

GOLD PRICES RISE FOR SEVENTH STRAIGHT WEEK ON US SHUTDOWN, FED CUT HOPES

Gold extended its rally for the seventh week as the US shutdown and expectations of a Fed rate cut boosted safe-haven demand. MCX gold closed at ₹1,18,100 per 10 grams, up 2.79%, after hitting a record ₹1,18,444. Globally, prices touched \$3,896.91 per ounce. Experts expect the uptrend to continue, with near-term targets of ₹1,21,000–₹1,25,000 per 10 grams.



NSE Revises Lot Sizes for Major Index Derivatives Effective October 28

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has revised market lot sizes for key index derivatives, including Nifty 50, effective October 28, 2025. The move aligns with SEBI's mandate for periodic reviews based on index values, aiming to enhance efficiency and maintain balanced participation in the derivatives market.

Tata Capital, LG IPOs Lead Rs 27,000 Cr Mega Issue from Oct 6–10

From October 6 to 10, investors face an action-packed week as five major IPOs, including Tata Capital and LG, open to raise over ₹27,000 crore. Spanning finance, electronics, pharma, and infrastructure, these offerings come alongside 29 companies debuting on the exchanges, marking a vibrant phase for India's IPO market.

INDIA DATA-CENTER FIRM PLANS \$500 MILLION IPO AMID SURGING DEMAND

Sify Infinit Spaces Ltd., an Indian data-center firm, is preparing to file for a \$500 million IPO within two weeks. With the nation's data demand projected to more than double in three years, ICRA estimates an investment of ₹900 billion (\$10.1 billion) will be required to support the expansion.

SILVER SHINES BRIGHT, SURGES 19.4% IN SEPTEMBER — OUTPACING GOLD

Silver prices soared 19.4% in September, outperforming gold's 13% rise. By September 30, silver had gained ₹24,500 to reach ₹1,50,500 per kg, while gold increased ₹14,330 to ₹1,20,000 per 10 grams, making silver the stronger performer for the month.

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