

The goal isn't more money. The goal is living life on your terms.

~Chris Brogan Self

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Your Weekly Window to Key Financial Headlines

Nifty 50	24,334.30	+127.40
Sensex	78,151.45	+582.06
Dow Jones	52,146.62	-146.59
Dollar	95.33	+0.95
Gold	1,41,006	-7,214

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Corporate Chronicles

IT Stocks Lead Market Rally Despite Weak Broader Sentiment

TCS, HCL Technologies, Infosys and other technology companies rallied sharply, lifting the Nifty IT index nearly 4%. Investors turned optimistic ahead of quarterly earnings, expecting stronger deal pipelines, better global demand and improved margin performance from Indian software exporters.

Goldman Sachs Sees Nifty Recovery and Stronger Earnings Outlook:

Goldman Sachs projected a recovery in the Nifty index supported by lower commodity prices, a stable rupee and healthy corporate earnings expectations. The brokerage highlighted banks, tourism and energy refiners as key sectors likely to benefit from renewed foreign investor participation.

Financial Sector Earnings Season Gains Momentum

Forty-three companies, including HDFC Life, HDB Financial Services, Jana Small Finance Bank and ICICI Prudential Life, were scheduled to announce June-quarter results. Analysts expected healthy profit growth, stable credit trends and continued demand across insurance, banking and retail financial services.

HDFC Life and ICICI Pru Post Strong Q1 Profit Growth

HDFC Life and ICICI Prudential Life reported healthy profit expansion in the June quarter, supported by strong protection-product sales and stable new business margins. The results strengthened investor confidence in the private life insurance sector's growth and profitability outlook.

Jio Financial, Wipro and BHEL Headline Results Day

The corporate earnings calendar accelerated as Jio Financial Services, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, Polycab India and BHEL prepared to release June-quarter results. Investors closely tracked revenue growth, margins and management commentary across IT, financial services and manufacturing sectors.

Reliance Industries Becomes Centrepiece of Results Week

Reliance Industries and several major listed companies announced June-quarter earnings, making Friday a crucial session for Dalal Street. Analysts focused on oil-to-chemicals profitability, retail demand trends, digital subscriber growth and the conglomerate's overall earnings outlook for FY27.

Reliance Jio Reports Higher Profit and ARPU Growth

Reliance Jio reported strong quarterly profit growth supported by subscriber additions, higher average revenue per user and continued digital expansion. The telecom business also reiterated its preparation for a future public listing, keeping investor attention firmly on the Reliance ecosystem.

Infosys and Bajaj Auto Lead Next Week's Earnings Wave

Economic Times reported that 256 companies were set to announce June-quarter results in the coming week. Infosys, Eternal and Bajaj Auto were among the most closely watched firms, with investors seeking signals on demand, margins and broader economic momentum.

India's Forex Reserves Climb to \$675.16 Billion Driven by Core Currency Inflows

According to the latest statistical supplement from the Reserve Bank of India featured in *The Economic Times*, the nation's foreign exchange reserves rose by **\$964 million** to stand at **\$675.16 billion**. This positive momentum was primarily anchored by a **\$930 million surge in Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs)***, which successfully offset international currency valuation pressures. While India's reserves hit an all-time peak of \$728.49 billion earlier this year, persistent energy market shocks linked to Middle East friction have required ongoing central bank vigilance. For the domestic economy, this reinforced buffer provides crucial structural insulation against sudden global trade imbalances and capital flight. The steady recovery in reserves reassures retail savers that the rupee remains shielded from excessive international volatility, maintaining orderly conditions for cross-border commerce.



Retail Spending Insights: Declining Fuel Costs Provide Key Cushion for Discretionary Pursuits



A macro analysis of consumer trends published in *The Economic Times* shows that easing global energy strains are trickling down positively into household ledgers. As the worst effects of recent international supply-chain disruptions begin to fade, a quiet reduction in retail pump receipts has offered everyday consumers much-needed "breathing room" in their monthly budgets. Instead of watching high debt-servicing and fuel costs completely devour their disposable wealth, middle-class families are redirecting these savings into discretionary retail channels, local recreation, and seasonal sales promotions. This behavioral shift highlights that minor relief in core commodity pricing can quickly stimulate broader local market activity. For personal wealth planners, this window serves as a strategic reminder to harness seasonal household budget windfalls to build defensive liquid reserves before late-year prices fluctuate.

Government Updates

Centre Begins Political Consultations on Delimitation Bill Ahead of Monsoon Session, Seeks Wider Consensus Before Introducing Key Electoral Reform

The Central Government has intensified consultations with opposition parties ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament regarding the proposed Delimitation Bill. Delimitation is the process of redrawing the boundaries of parliamentary and assembly constituencies based on population changes, ensuring fair representation for citizens. Reports suggest that the government is seeking broad political consensus before introducing the legislation, given its constitutional and political significance. The issue has sparked debate among states over the potential redistribution of seats in Parliament. Building consensus is expected to help ensure smooth parliamentary proceedings and promote cooperative federalism while addressing concerns raised by different political parties.

Government Reaffirms Manufacturing, Digital Governance, Skill Development, and Ease of Doing Business as Core Policy Priorities for India's Long-Term Economic Competitiveness

During the week, the government reiterated its commitment to policies that strengthen India's economic competitiveness and improve governance. Key policy discussions focused on expanding manufacturing capacity, attracting domestic and foreign investment, and improving the ease of doing business through regulatory reforms. Digital governance remains a major priority, with continued efforts to expand online public services, enhance transparency, and simplify citizen interactions with government departments. The government also emphasized skill development and employment generation by aligning education and vocational training with industry needs. Together, these initiatives are intended to support sustainable economic growth, increase productivity, and prepare India's workforce for future opportunities.

Government Pushes Forward with Union Budget 2026 Priorities, Accelerating Infrastructure, Manufacturing, MSME Support, and Fiscal Consolidation to Drive Economic Growth

The Government of India continues implementing the key priorities announced in the Union Budget 2026, with emphasis on accelerating economic growth while maintaining fiscal discipline. Major focus areas include increasing investment in infrastructure such as roads, railways, ports, and logistics to improve connectivity and create employment. The government is also promoting domestic manufacturing through initiatives like Make in India and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes. Support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), digital transformation, semiconductor manufacturing, and clean energy projects remains a priority. At the same time, efforts toward tax simplification and fiscal consolidation aim to strengthen India's long-term economic stability.



Market Lens

India Reports Strong Monsoon Progress Across Key Agricultural States

India witnessed favorable monsoon activity between 13th and 18th July, boosting agricultural sentiment across major farming regions. Improved rainfall patterns supported kharif crop sowing, strengthening expectations for rural demand, food security, and stable inflation during the remainder of the financial year.

Sensex And Nifty Continue Upward Momentum

Indian equity markets extended gains during the week as strong domestic inflows and positive earnings expectations supported investor sentiment. Banking, information technology, and capital goods stocks outperformed, helping benchmark indices maintain their upward trajectory despite mixed signals from international markets.

RBI Closely Monitors Inflation And Liquidity Conditions

The Reserve Bank of India continued monitoring inflation trends and banking system liquidity. Policymakers emphasized maintaining financial stability while supporting sustainable economic growth. Market participants remained attentive to future policy guidance amid evolving domestic and international economic developments affecting India's macroeconomic outlook.

Global Markets Focus On US Economic Data Releases

International investors closely tracked U.S. inflation, employment, and retail sales data during the week. Economic indicators influenced expectations regarding future Federal Reserve policy actions, contributing to movements across global equity, bond, and currency markets as traders reassessed interest-rate outlooks worldwide.

Artificial Intelligence Adoption Expands Across Industries

Companies worldwide accelerated the adoption of artificial intelligence technologies across finance, healthcare, logistics, and education sectors. Increased investment in AI infrastructure and automation highlighted the technology's growing role in enhancing productivity, improving customer experiences, and driving long-term business transformation across global industries.

Crude Oil Prices Remain Stable Amid Balanced Supply Conditions

Global crude oil prices traded within a narrow range as supply conditions remained relatively balanced. Energy markets monitored production trends and geopolitical developments closely. Stable oil prices provided relief to importing nations and helped moderate inflation concerns across several major economies.

Indian Rupee Maintains Stability Against Major Currencies

The Indian rupee remained stable during the week, supported by healthy foreign exchange reserves and sustained foreign investment inflows. Analysts noted that improving external conditions and prudent monetary management continued to strengthen confidence in India's currency and broader economic fundamentals.

GLOBAL SNAPSHOTS

Andy Burnham Set to Become the UK's Next Prime Minister

Andy Burnham is set to become the UK's next Prime Minister after being elected leader of the governing Labour Party. He is expected to officially take office on 20 July 2026, succeeding Keir Starmer. Burnham has promised to focus on reducing the cost of living, strengthening public services & giving more decision making powers to local regions. One of his first major policy decisions is expected to be scrapping the proposed national digital ID scheme. His appointment will make him the seventh UK Prime Minister in the past decade highlighting a period of frequent political leadership changes in Britain. His government now faces the challenge of improving the economy while addressing both domestic & international issues.

World AI Conference 2026 Opens in Shanghai

The 2026 World AI Conference (WAIC) began on 17th July 2026 in Shanghai, China & will continue until 20 July. The event has brought together leading technology companies, AI experts, researchers & government officials from across the world. Participants are showcasing the latest innovations in AI, robotics & smart technologies. Discussions are focused on the safe & responsible use of AI, international cooperation & future regulations. Several companies are also introducing new AI powered products for sectors such as healthcare, finance, manufacturing & education. Chinese President Xi Jinping called for greater global collaboration to ensure AI benefits all countries. The conference is expected to influence the future direction of AI development & governance worldwide.

U.S. Pushes for Trump-Xi Summit During Asia Meetings



The United States is working to arrange a meeting between President Donald Trump & Chinese President Xi Jinping during ongoing diplomatic talks in Asia. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio is discussing the proposed summit with regional leaders at the ASEAN & East Asia meetings in Manila. The two countries are expected to talk about trade, regional security & rising tensions in the South China Sea. The meeting is seen as an opportunity to improve communication between the world's two largest economies. Officials also hope the talks will help address key global challenges & reduce tensions between Washington & Beijing. If confirmed the summit could mark an important step toward strengthening U.S.-China relations through dialogue & cooperation.