

Corporate Chronicles

- India Inc Sales Growth Accelerates to 19.4% in Q1 FY27

India Inc recorded strong sales growth of 19.4% during the first quarter of FY27, with manufacturing companies leading the recovery. The performance signals improving business momentum and demand conditions, strengthening expectations for continued corporate expansion across major sectors.

- **M&A Activity More Than Doubles as Companies Pursue Growth**

Indian companies are increasingly using mergers and acquisitions to accelerate expansion and strengthen market positions. According to Crisil, deal activity has more than doubled compared with earlier years, reflecting stronger corporate confidence and greater interest in strategic growth opportunities.

- **India's Data Centre Capacity Surges as AI Drives Demand**

India's data centre industry is experiencing rapid expansion as artificial intelligence applications increase demand for computing infrastructure. Growing digitalisation, cloud adoption and AI investments are contributing to a major capacity boom, attracting technology companies and infrastructure investors.

- **India's Outward Foreign Investment Rises 17% in July**

India's outward foreign direct investment increased 17% year-on-year to \$5.7 billion in July, according to provisional RBI data. The increase indicates stronger overseas investment activity by Indian businesses and highlights their growing interest in international expansion and global opportunities.

- **Lumino Industries Raises ₹207 Crore Ahead of IPO**

Lumino Industries raised approximately ₹207 crore from anchor investors before launching its initial public offering. The company plans to raise ₹700 crore through the public issue, highlighting continued investor interest in India's growing primary capital market.

- Singtel Seeks Entry into India's Satellite Communication Market

Singapore Telecommunications is seeking approval to enter India's developing satellite communications sector. Through its Indian subsidiary, the company aims to provide services to public and private enterprises, reflecting increasing international interest in India's expanding space and digital connectivity ecosystem.

- **Hindalco Commissions India's First Superfine ATH Plant**

Hindalco Industries commissioned India's first superfine precipitated alumina trihydrate plant in Karnataka. The development strengthens domestic manufacturing capabilities in specialised industrial materials and supports India's broader objective of expanding advanced manufacturing and reducing dependence on imported products.

- **HDFC Bank CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan Set to Retire**

HDFC Bank announced that its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sashidhar Jagdishan, will retire in October and will not seek reappointment. The leadership transition has attracted significant attention because of the bank's important position in India's financial sector.

ITR Filing Deadline of August 31 for Non-Audit Business and Professional Incomes

The deadline for filing Income Tax Returns (ITR-3 and ITR-4) for taxpayers with non-audit business or professional income arrives on August 31, 2026. This cutoff applies specifically to freelancers, small business owners, consultants, and partners in non-audit firms declaring income under presumptive schemes like Sections 44AD and 44ADA. Tax advisors in ET Wealth emphasize that missing this window forces filers into the belated return category, triggering late filing fees of up to

₹5,000 alongside statutory interest on unpaid tax liabilities under Section 234A. Accurately reporting gross turnover, reconciling digital bank entries with Annual Information Statements (AIS), and claiming allowable expense deductions before the cutoff is vital for self-employed professionals to avoid automated compliance notices and penalty scrutiny later in the year.



sensitivity of long-term gilt funds. Financial planners advise individuals targeting 2-to-3-year financial goals to utilize corporate debt funds rather than taking excessive duration risk. In an economic environment where central banks indicate rate cuts may take longer to materialize, locking into high-quality corporate debt provides steady yields, predictable cash flows, and robust capital preservation without exposing portfolios to volatility.

Government Updates

Banking System Faces ₹6 Lakh Crore Liquidity Absorption as Central Bank Announces Major 15-Day VRRR Auction

On 28 August 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a ₹6 lakh crore, 15-day Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction scheduled for 31 August. The move comes amid substantial surplus liquidity in the banking system, partly driven by strong foreign-currency inflows. Under a VRRR operation, banks temporarily park excess funds with the RBI, allowing the central bank to absorb surplus liquidity from the financial system. The auction will run from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM, with reversal scheduled for 15 September. The move is significant for managing short-term interest rates and maintaining orderly liquidity conditions.

Government Moves to Manage Future Debt Repayments Through ₹30,000 Crore Government Securities Buyback

The Government of India announced a ₹30,000 crore buyback of government securities, scheduled for 3 September 2026, through an auction conducted by the Reserve Bank of India. The securities included in the auction are scheduled to mature during FY2026–27, when more than ₹6 lakh crore of government securities are due for redemption. A government securities buyback involves purchasing existing securities before their maturity, helping manage the government's future repayment requirements. The move is expected to smoothen the government's debt-management process and reduce the concentration of large redemptions. It is an important development for India's government bond market, fiscal management and interest-rate environment.

Surge in Foreign-Currency Deposits Prompts Greater Flexibility for Banks in Managing FCNR(B) Inflows

The Reserve Bank of India has provided banks greater flexibility in managing Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits through its dollar-rupee swap facility. The development comes as foreign-currency inflows into India have increased significantly under the special facility. Strong FCNR(B) deposits bring foreign currency into Indian banks and can improve the availability of dollars in the financial system. The measures are aimed at helping banks manage these inflows efficiently while maintaining stability in the foreign-exchange market. The development is important because foreign-currency flows influence the rupee's exchange rate, forex liquidity, banking-system liquidity and India's balance of payments.



GLOBAL SNAPSHOTS

Glacier Collapse Triggers Sudden Flood in Nepal

A sudden glacier collapse near Nepal's border with Tibet triggered a powerful flash flood in the Himalayan region. A large chunk of glacier broke away from the mountain & crashed into the valley, carrying ice, rocks & mud with it. This created a huge surge of water that rushed into the Lhunde Khola & Bhote Koshi rivers. The water level rose extremely quickly & swept through nearby valleys with little warning. Roads, bridges, houses & hydropower projects were badly affected as the fast-moving water carried large amounts of debris downstream. Experts say the incident also highlights the growing risks faced by Himalayan communities as glaciers become increasingly unstable in a warming climate.

South Sudan Violence Raises Concern After UN Peacekeepers Killed

Two United Nations peacekeepers from Ethiopia were killed this week in an ambush while they were on patrol in South Sudan. The attack also injured several other people & has raised fresh concerns about security in a country that has struggled with violence for years. UN peacekeepers are deployed to help protect civilians & support stability in areas affected by conflict. The incident shows how dangerous the situation remains for both local communities & international personnel. South Sudan continues to face political tensions, armed violence & humanitarian problems. The UN has called for accountability & greater protection for peacekeeping forces.

Black Sea Attacks Put Ukraine's Food Supply Under Pressure



country's food logistics network has been damaged by the recent attacks. This is important beyond Ukraine because the country is a major exporter of grain & other agricultural products. Disruptions to its supply routes can affect food prices & availability in other parts of the world. The Black Sea remains a key route for Ukrainian exports but security concerns continue to make trade difficult. The situation is therefore being closely watched by global food & commodity markets.