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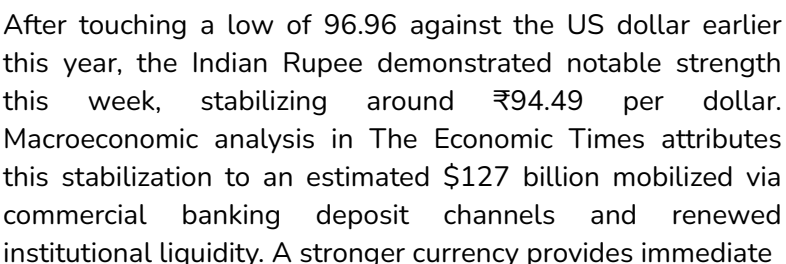
Your Weekly Window to Key Financial Headlines

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Government Updates

Mahindra Group appointed Purnima Lamba as Chief Brand Officer, effective September 1. With nearly 25 years of international experience across India, the UK and Netherlands, Lamba will focus on corporate branding, communication strategy, digital innovation and strengthening Mahindra's brand narrative across its diversified businesses.

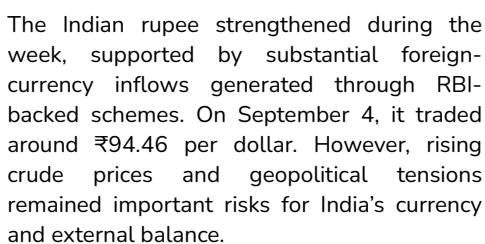
Following the early conclusion of the Reserve Bank of India's subsidized hedging window on August 31, major commercial lenders—including SBI, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, and PNB—sharply lowered interest rates on Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR-B) dollar deposits. Peak yields on 3- to 5-year tenures, which reached up to 6.5% during the summer incentive period, were cut back to 3.0%–3.5% effective September 1. The initiative attracted substantial foreign currency inflows into the domestic banking network before the window was advanced to a close. For Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and overseas families, this shift marks the end of a high-yield arbitrage phase. Wealth managers now advise depositors to look toward domestic sovereign bonds or onshore rupee fixed deposits to maintain predictable cash flows.



After touching a low of 96.96 against the US dollar earlier this year, the Indian Rupee demonstrated notable strength this week, stabilizing around ₹94.49 per dollar. Macroeconomic analysis in The Economic Times attributes this stabilization to an estimated \$127 billion mobilized via commercial banking deposit channels and renewed institutional liquidity. A stronger currency provides immediate

The government continues to focus on improving access to finance for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0, around 6.74 lakh guarantees worth approximately ₹2.5 lakh crore have been issued. A large majority of these guarantees are for MSMEs, demonstrating their importance in the scheme. Government-backed credit guarantees help lenders reduce the risk of providing loans to smaller businesses. Better access to credit can help MSMEs manage working capital, invest in expansion, maintain employment and improve their financial stability. The policy is significant because MSMEs play an important role in employment generation, manufacturing, exports and overall economic growth.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) continues to introduce regulatory measures aimed at improving the efficiency, transparency and resilience of India's financial markets. Its recent regulatory agenda includes areas such as exchange-traded funds (ETFs), cyber-incident reporting, market infrastructure resilience and commodity derivatives. These measures are intended to protect investors while ensuring that market institutions can handle technological, operational and financial risks effectively. Stronger regulations are increasingly important as India's capital markets become more digital and attract a wider range of retail and institutional investors. For finance professionals, understanding SEBI's role is essential because it regulates India's securities market and works to maintain fair, transparent and orderly market conditions.



Foreign institutional investors remained cautious toward Indian equities, with FIIs selling approximately ₹3,112 crore on September 4. Domestic institutional investors provided strong support, purchasing nearly ₹8,930 crore. The contrasting flows highlighted continued dependence on domestic liquidity amid uncertain global investment conditions.

Crude oil remained a major concern for financial markets as renewed geopolitical tensions pushed Brent prices higher. Elevated energy costs created risks for India because of its dependence on imported oil, potentially affecting inflation, corporate margins, the rupee, and future monetary-policy decisions.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman promoted India's digital infrastructure, financial services, GIFT City, AI, and data-centre opportunities during meetings with global investors in New York. She highlighted 7.8% GDP growth, strong domestic demand, regulatory reforms, and India's improving investment environment.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has warned that a strong El Niño may develop in the coming months & continue affecting weather into 2027. El Niño can bring major changes in weather patterns across different parts of the world. Some regions may experience extreme heat while others could face heavy rainfall, floods or droughts. These conditions could affect agriculture, water supplies & food production. Scientists are also worried that climate change could make extreme weather even more severe. Countries are being advised to prepare for possible weather related problems. The warning is especially important for communities that are already vulnerable to climate change. Governments around the world are expected to closely monitor the situation & take early action.

India has supported a UN resolution that promotes world maps showing the actual size of countries more accurately. Traditional maps can make countries near the poles look much larger than they really are. Equal area maps try to correct this problem & give a better understanding of the world's geography. The issue has gained attention because maps shape how people see different countries & regions. The resolution encourages greater awareness about accurate geographical representation. India's support reflects its participation in important discussions at the UN. The move could also encourage better ways of teaching geography in schools & institutions. Overall, the resolution aims to give people a more realistic picture of the size & shape of the world.

The US is making another effort to restart peace talks between Russia & Ukraine as the war continues. U.S. envoys Steve Witkoff & Jared Kushner have held discussions with Russian & Ukrainian officials as part of the latest diplomatic efforts. The

talks are aimed at finding a possible way to reduce fighting & eventually end the war. However attacks & clashes are still continuing in several parts of Ukraine. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has said that Ukraine is ready for serious negotiations. Russia & Ukraine still have major differences over territory & security issues. No major peace agreement has been reached yet. The U.S. hopes continued discussions can bring both sides closer to a possible settlement.