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# The Daily Digest

| Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield |              |                 |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| G-sec                    | Yield (in %) | 1D Change (bps) |
| US 10Y*                  | 4.29         | -2              |
| US 2Y*                   | 3.75         | -1              |
| Germany 10Y              | 2.72         | -3              |
| UK 10Y                   | 4.67         | -7              |
| Japan 10Y                | 1.59         | 1               |

Source: Bloomberg, \*semi-annual

| G-sec yield          |              |                 |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| G- Sec               | Yield (in %) | 1D Change (bps) |
| 6.01% GS 20230*      | 6.26         | -3              |
| 6.33% GS 2035* (10Y) | 6.50         | -2              |
| 6.68% GS 2040*       | 6.88         | -1              |
| 1-Month T-bill       | 5.40         | -1              |
| 3-Month T-bill       | 5.48         | 1               |
| 6-Month T-bill       | 5.56         | 2               |
| 12-Month T-bill      | 5.59         | 3               |

Source: CCIL, Bloomberg, \*semi-annual

| Spreads in bps for Corporates |        |        |        |         |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Annualized Spreads            | 3-year | 5-year | 7-year | 10-year |
| AAA                           | 105    | 50     | 76     | 71      |
| AA                            | 204    | 152    | 174    | 163     |
| A                             | 397    | 339    | 367    | 364     |

Source: FIMMDA, as on 19 Aug, 2025

| Key rates                      |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Policy                         | Rate (in %) |
| Repo rate                      | 5.50        |
| Standing Deposit Facility Rate | 5.25        |
| Bank rate                      | 5.75        |
| 1-year median MCLR of SCBs     | 8.75        |
| SOFR                           | 4.33        |

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

| Money Market instruments |                    |                       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Instrument               | Volume (in Rs. Bn) | Weighted Avg Rate (%) |
| Call Money               | 167.0              | 5.47                  |
| Triparty Repo            | 4,003.2            | 5.40                  |
| Market Repo              | 1,989.7            | 4.96                  |
| Repo in corporate bond   | 33.2               | 5.56                  |

Source: RBI, as of 20 August, 2025

| Major Equity Indices |        |      |
|----------------------|--------|------|
| Indices              | Last   |      |
| BSE SENSEX           | 81,858 | 0.3  |
| NIFTY                | 25,051 | 0.3  |
| NASDAQ               | 21,173 | -0.7 |
| S&P 500              | 6,396  | -0.2 |
| Nikkei 225           | 42,889 | -1.5 |
| Euro Stoxx 50        | 5,472  | -0.2 |

Source: Google Finance

| Commodities futures           |         |               |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Commodities                   | Last    | 1D Change (%) |
| Brent Crude (USD/bbl)         | 67.1    | 1.8           |
| Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu) | 2.8     | 0.0           |
| Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)        | 3,386.6 | 0.9           |
| Copper Comex (USD/lb)         | 450.7   | 0.2           |
| Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)          | 529.3   | 1.6           |

Source: Bloomberg

| Exchange Rates |        |               |
|----------------|--------|---------------|
| Currency pair  | Rate   | 1D Change (%) |
| USD/ INR       | 87.07  | 0.1           |
| GBP/ INR       | 117.05 | -0.2          |
| EUR/ INR       | 101.26 | 0.1           |
| EUR/USD        | 1.16   | 0.4           |
| DXY Index      | 98.28  | -0.1          |

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch

## Key events

**Flash PMI Aug'25:** India, US, Eurozone, Japan; **US:** Initial Jobless Claims, Existing Home Sales Jul'25;

## Domestic

**MPC remains vigilant on tariff situation amidst mixed growth signals: MPC Minutes: Highlights: (Source: RBI):**

- Governor Mr. Malhotra flagged rising risks of tariff restraining growth, while supporting status quo as policy transmission continues
- Dr Kumar acknowledged benign inflation outlook and warned against trade policy uncertainty amidst weak private investments
- Dr Ranjan, Dr. Gupta and Prof. Singh concurred that rising core inflation, global trade headwinds and incomplete transmission warranted a data dependant approach to monetary policy.
- Mr. Bhattacharya observed sustained credit demand while being concerned by falling deposits rates, as transmission gets underway

**Eight core industries eke out growth in Jul'25 (Source: PIB):** Eight core index rose 2% y/y in Jul'25 (Jun: 2.2% y/y), driven by strong rise of 11.7% y/y in cements and 12.8% y/y growth in steel, which was aided by safeguard duties. Further, coal contracted 12.3% y/y while petroleum sectors slowed and fertilisers rose in line with headline.

**Union makes trade inroads into Eurasia (Source: PIB):** Union has signed Terms of Reference for FTA with Eurasian Economic Union consisting of Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic, to expand market access across geographies.

## International

**US Fed officials seek tariff clarity before making rate moves: FOMC Minutes: Highlights: (Source: US FOMC):**

- Participants advocated to hold rates, demanding more clarity on magnitude and persistence of tariffs on inflation before cutting rates
- Majority noted that upside risks to inflation outweigh the downside risks on employment, advocating for moderately restrictive policy
- Several participants noted low, stable unemployment as positive, while growth is expected to remain subdued in H2CY25
- Participants noted that current rates are not much above the neutral levels, with 2 dissenters not garnering much support

**Economic activity in Japan signals recovery (Source: S&P Global):** Japan's flash manufacturing PMI rose to 49.9 in Aug'25 (Jul: 48.9), still contractionary as tariffs weigh on overseas demand. Flash services PMI fell to 52.7 in Aug'25 (Jul: 53.5), taking the composite PMI to 51.9 in Aug'25 (Jul: 51.5), buoyed by modest manufacturing recovery

**Indonesia steps up monetary support for economic growth (Source: Bloomberg):** The Bank Indonesia cut its benchmark rate by 25 bps to 5%, its 5<sup>th</sup> such move since Sep'24, to support the economy and markets against backdrop of global uncertainties, despite sliding IDR.

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