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The Daily Digest

Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield		
G-sec	**Yield (in %)**	**1D Change (bps)**
US 10Y*	4.16	3
US 2Y*	3.49	2
Germany 10Y	2.89	4
UK 10Y	4.52	4
Japan 10Y	2.08	11

*Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual*

G-sec yield		
G- Sec	**Yield (in %)**	**1D Change (bps)**
6.01% GS 2030*	6.35	4
6.48% GS 2035* (10Y)	6.60	3
6.68% GS 2040*	7.02	5
1-Month T-bill	5.25	1
3-Month T-bill	5.45	20
6-Month T-bill	5.48	-1
12-Month T-bill	5.50	0

*Source: CCIL, Bloomberg, *semi-annual*

Spreads in bps for Corporates				
Annualized Spreads	**3-year**	**5-year**	**7-year**	**10-year**
AAA	134	97	97	76
AA	230	197	194	169
A	415	389	388	364

Source: FIMMDA, as on 18 Dec, 2025

Key rates	
Policy	**Rate (in %)**
Repo rate	5.25
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	5.00
Bank rate	5.50
1-year median MCLR of SCBs	8.50
SOFR	3.66

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Major Equity Indices		
Indices	**Last**	**1D Change (%)**
BSE SENSEX	84,929	0.5
NIFTY	25,966	0.6
NASDAQ	23,307	1.3
S&P 500	6,834	0.9
Nikkei 225	49,507	1.0
Euro Stoxx 50	5,760	0.3

Source: Google Finance, Investing.com

Commodities Futures		
Commodities	**Last**	**1D Change (%)**
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	60.9	2.1
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	4.1	3.3
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	4,400.3	1.2
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	550.6	1.5
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	512.0	1.1

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange Rates		
Currency pair	**Rate**	**1D Change (%)**
USD/ INR	89.29	-1.1
GBP/ INR	119.08	-1.4
EUR/ INR	103.94	-1.6
EUR/USD	1.17	-0.1
DXY Index	98.62	0.2

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch

Key events

India: VRR Auction; **US:** PCE Oct'25; **China:** Policy Rate; UK: GDP Q3CY25

Domestic

Direct tax collections grow moderately in YTDFY26 (Source: ET): In YTDFY26 till 17 Dec'25:

- Gross direct tax collections grew 4.2% y/y to Rs. 20 trn driven by 7.6% rise in corporate taxes to Rs. 9.9 trn and 1.2% rise in non-corporate taxes. Refunds fell sharply, leading to 8% rise in net collections to Rs. 17 trn
- Advance tax collections rose 4.3% y/y to Rs. 7.9 trn, with 8% rise in corporate taxes met by 6.5% fall in non-corporate taxes

MPC supports lower rates amidst favourable economic factors (Source: RBI): Highlights from Dec'25 MPC Minutes:

- Governor Mr. Malhotra supported rate cuts to lower real interest rates and stimulate demand, given benign inflation outlook
- Dr. Kumar noted exceptional growth and falling inflation. He supported cuts due to moderating Oct'25 data and export slowdown. This was agreed to by Prof. Singh, Mr. S Bhattacharya, and Dr. Gupta
- Mr. I Bhattacharyya supports a flexible policy with lower inflation and decelerating exports countered by fiscal and monetary support

SEBI mulls revamping M&A regulations (Source: Reuters): According to media sources, SEBI is considering amending M&A regulations to bar acquirers from negotiating deals with large shareholders for 6 months after making an open offer, cut open offer timeline to 30 days (vs current 2 months), mandate external valuations and lower creeping acquisition limits to prevent preferential deals and expedite deals. SEBI Chairman Mr. Pandey confirmed ongoing changes to take-over code.

Union imposes anti-dumping duties on Chinese steel (Source: BS): Union has levied anti-dumping duties on imports of cold-rolled non-oriented electrical steel from China for 5 years, which is used to make electric motors, transformers and generators, with duties ranging between USD 223.8 – USD 414.9 per tonne, depending on the product.

International

China holds benchmark rates (Source: CNBC): China kept its benchmark 1Y loan prime rate at 3% and 5Y loan prime rate at 3.5% unchanged for the seventh consecutive meeting. This was in line with expectations, despite a slowing economy.

US Fed officials starkly diverge on rate view (Source: Reuters):

- Mr. Wiliams acknowledges a mildly restrictive policy with room for easing but admits there's no urgency amidst moderately high inflation
- Ms. Hammack urged policy patience while stating that neutral rate may be higher, signalling policy may already be stimulative

Russia cuts policy rate despite inflation woes (Source: Bloomberg): Central Bank of Russian Federation cut its policy rate by 50 bps to 16%, while citing that conditions will be kept as tight as required depending on sustainability of disinflation and anchored inflation expectations.

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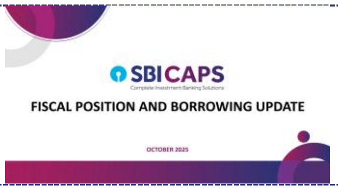

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