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The Daily Digest

Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield		
G-sec	**Yield (in %)**	**1D Change (bps)**
US 10Y*	4.70	-3
US 2Y*	4.17	-1
Germany 10Y	3.26	4
UK 10Y	5.08	2
Japan 10Y	2.90	-1

*Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual*

G-sec yield		
G- Sec	**Yield (in %)**	**1D Change (bps)**
6.36% GS 2031*	6.46	3
6.94% GS 2036* (10Y)	6.83	2
6.68% GS 2040*	7.01	1
1-Month T-bill	5.11	-2
3-Month T-bill	5.20	-4
6-Month T-bill	5.46	-7
12-Month T-bill	5.68	0

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

Spreads in bps for Corporates				
Annualized Spreads	**3-year**	**5-year**	**7-year**	**10-year**
AAA	113	91	74	86
AA	194	178	160	169
A	378	359	341	352

Source: FIMMDA, as on 17 August, 2026

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	8.60
SOFR	3.66

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Major Equity Indices		
Indices	**Last**	**1D Change (%)**
BSE SENSEX	77,235	-0.6
NIFTY	24,155	-0.5
NASDAQ	26,290	-1.3
S&P 500	7,692	-0.7
Nikkei 225	67,461	-2.5
Euro Stoxx 50	6,468	-1.0

Source: Google Finance

Commodities Futures		
Commodities	**Last**	**1D Change (%)**
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	91.9	0.9
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	2.8	2.6
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	4,409.9	-1.2
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	655.9	-1.8
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	683.0	-1.0

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange Rates		
Currency pair	**Rate**	**1D Change (%)**
USD/ INR	95.68	0.1
GBP/ INR	129.61	0.0
EUR/ INR	110.74	0.1
EUR/USD	1.16	0.1
DXY Index	99.66	0.0

Source: Bloomberg, Morningstar, Marketwatch

Key Events

India: MPC Minutes, T-Bill & VRRR Auctions; **US:** FOMC Minutes; **Indonesia:** Policy Rate

Domestic

Outward FDI surges in Jul'26 (Source: RBI, ET): Outward FDI was up 17% y/y to USD 5.7 bn. This number is also up sequentially. Equity commitments made were up almost 3x sequentially, where loans extended rose at a gentler pace.

Measures likely to improve sugar supply (Source: FE): As per media sources, the Government is discussing several measures including allowing duty-free imports and curbing the volume of the sweetener bulk traders can hold. Sugar prices are up on year and could be impacted due to uneven rainfall in key cane-growing States.

Tamil Nadu plans to boost port connectivity (Source: The Hindu Businessline): A State Maritime and Waterways Master Plan has been submitted by the Tamil Nadu Maritime Board to the Union seeking funding assistance. The Plan focuses on a long-term framework to develop ports, waterways, coastal connectivity (especially with wider road and rail network), and associated maritime infrastructure. The Department also plans to strengthen its procurement and contractor-management systems.

Central Bank concludes key auctions (Source: RBI):

- SGS belonging to 12 States with a cumulative notified amount of Rs. 202 bn were fully subscribed. 10Y yield was ~7.5950%
- Overnight VRRR for a notified amount of Rs. 1 trn saw acceptance of Rs. 827.9 bn at a cut-off rate of 5.24%. A second overnight VRRR auction for a notified amount of Rs. 750 bn saw acceptance of Rs. 366.0 bn at the same cut-off rate

International

US-Canada tariff negotiations reach fruition (Source: BBC): The POTUS said he will delay imposing new tariffs of 50% against Canada for three days. He added that the North American powers were close to a deal, subject to a finalisation of documents. Mr. Trump also said the deal involved the Keystone XL Pipeline, long in limbo.

US factory output improves in Jul'26 (Source: Bloomberg): Industrial production ambled ahead by 0.2% m/m, slower than 0.3% gain expected, and decelerating from last month. Manufacturing production and mining production both increased by 0.2%, with utilities showing larger gains. Capacity utilisation, at 76.3%, was well below historical average.

US housing market disappoints in Jul'26 (Source: Bloomberg): Housing starts crashed 12.4% m/m to 1.239 mn, well below forecast. Pending home sales declined by a massive 2.3% m/m as against projected gains. Building permits fared better, clocking 1.443 mn, better than expected.

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