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The Daily Digest

Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield		
G-sec	Yield (in %)	1D Change (bps)
US 10Y*	5.00	2
US 2Y*	4.72	7
Germany 10Y	3.50	-3
UK 10Y	5.30	-9
Japan 10Y	2.96	-4

Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual

G-sec yield		
G- Sec	Yield (in %)	1D Change (bps)
6.36% GS 2031*	6.77	-3
6.94% GS 2036* (10Y)	7.05	-2
7.06% GS 2041*	7.20	0
1-Month T-bill	5.00	13
3-Month T-bill	5.28	3
6-Month T-bill	5.73	10
12-Month T-bill	6.02	11

Source: CCIL, Bloomberg, *semi-annual

Spreads in bps for Corporates				
Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	100	78	61	48
AA	178	153	140	133
A	365	338	326	320

Source: FIMMDA, as on 15 September, 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	8.70
SOFR	3.64

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Major Equity Indices		
Indices	Last	1D Change (%)
BSE SENSEX	74,336	0.4
NIFTY	23,218	0.4
NASDAQ	25,978	0.0
S&P 500	7,552	-0.4
Nikkei 225	63,923	0.7
Euro Stoxx 50	6,267	0.5

Source: Google Finance

Commodities Futures		
Commodities	Last	1D Change (%)
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	105.8	-2.3
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	2.9	-1.4
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	4,317.4	-0.2
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	650.7	0.9
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	729.3	0.0

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange Rates		
Currency pair	Rate	1D Change (%)
USD/ INR	95.96	0.0
GBP/ INR	128.45	-0.6
EUR/ INR	109.89	-0.7
EUR/USD	1.15	-0.7
DX Index	100.25	0.6

Source: Bloomberg, Morningstar, Marketwatch

Key Events

India: OMO & VRRR Auction; **UK:** Policy Rate; **US:** Building Permits, Pending Home Sales Aug'26, Initial Jobless Claims

Domestic

Ambit of EPFO coverage widened (Source: PIB): 5.1 mn additional employees are expected to be covered as the wage ceiling for mandatory EPFO has been increased to Rs. 25k from Rs. 15k. The annual outgo due to EPFO is now expected to be Rs. 113 bn vs. Rs. 103 bn earlier. This follows an approval by the Union Cabinet.

Export duty on fuels changed (Source: ET, India Today): Duty rate on petrol will be Rs. 0.5/L (earlier Rs. 1.5/L), while on diesel it is Rs. 20/L (earlier Rs. 25/L). ATF will attract a duty on Rs. 15/L. All these duties consist entirely of SAED with no RIC component. The revised rates are applicable from 16 Sep'26 for a fortnight.

Central Bank concludes key auctions (Source: RBI):

- 91-day T-bills worth Rs. 236.4 bn were auctioned (notified: Rs. 90 bn), at a cut-off rate of 5.2801%. 182-day T-bills worth Rs. 80 bn and 364-day T-bills worth Rs. 70 bn were auctioned at 5.7500% and 6.0386% respectively, in line with notified amounts
- An overnight VRRR auction for a notified amount of Rs. 2.5 trn saw bids worth Rs. 3.2 trn. Acceptance was in slight excess of notified, at a cut-off rate of 5.24%.
- A second overnight VRRR for a notified amount of Rs. 1 trn saw bids and acceptance worth Rs. 403 bn at a cut-off of 5.24%

International

US policy rate changes for the first time in 3 years (Source: US Federal Reserve, CNBC):

- The FOMC unanimously decided on a hike of 25bps, pushing the policy corridor to 3.75%-4.00%, as widely pencilled in
- Projections show that one more hike is factored in, in the cycle, likely to be done in CY26 itself, before cuts starting in CY28. The dot-plot shows 16 of the 18 members expected another hike, with 4 members seeing 2 hikes as possible and only 2 expecting the FOMC to stop (the plot excludes Chair Mr. Warsh who refused to submit a dot)
- The Fed now projects slightly better real GDP growth for CY26 (2.3% y/y vs. 2.2%) and CY27, with materially lower unemployment
- On the other hand, PCE and core PCE have been bumped up for CY26, only returning to the target in CY29

US retail sales surge in Aug'26 (Source: Bloomberg): Retail sales soared 1.2% m/m, vastly above a 0.8% gain anticipated. Households amped up their purchases of motor vehicles and stocked up for the new school year. Higher gasoline prices also contributed. Core retail sales also beat expectations, rising 1.4% against 0.6% estimated.

Brazil cuts policy rate again (Source: Reuters): The benchmark selic rate was slashed by 25bps – the fifth straight cut. The decision of the Copom was unanimous and widely expected. The Central Bank nudged up its inflation forecast in the near term due to higher oil prices.

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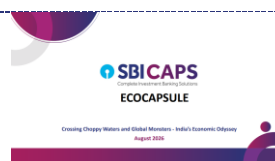


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