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Sensex : Up 1.54 %	
Nifty : Up 1.26 %	
Best performing sector: Nifty MidSmall Financial Services (5.74 %)	Worst performing sector: BSE Utilities (- 6.78 %)
Best performing Global index: Nasdaq Biotechnology (9.71 %)	Worst performing Global index: Seoul Composite (- 3.92 %)
Indian Rupee: - 0.96 %	Gold (International): +5.42 %

MACRO ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

India's Retail Inflation

India's retail inflation slowed to a record low of 0.25 per cent in October against 1.54 per cent in September, as food prices fell sharply and tax cuts brought down the prices of items from cars to products in daily use, government data showed. This marks the fourth consecutive month that inflation has stayed below the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) medium-term target of 4% and has been lower than the central bank's tolerance ceiling of 6% for seven straight months. Food prices, which account for nearly half of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket, fell 5.02% year-on-year in October against a revised fall of 2.33% in September. Meanwhile, inflation

rates for rural and urban stood at -4.85% and -5.18%, respectively.

India's wholesale inflation

India's factory gate inflation, as measured by the wholesale price index (WPI), slipped into deflationary territory again in October after two months of virtually flat prices, to hit a 27- month low of -1.21 per cent, aided by a 5 per cent drop in food prices, a record low in the current WPI series.

India's Core Industries Growth

Output from India's eight core sectors flatlined in October from an upgraded 3.3 per cent uptick in September, as growth in construction-linked sectors and refinery products was negated by marked contractions in energy sectors like coal, natural gas and electricity, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The Index of Core Industries (ICI) stood at 162.4 in October, unchanged from a year ago, and this zero per cent growth represents the worst performance in 14 months. On a sequential basis, however, October's core sector output was 1.18 per cent over September levels, when the ICI stood at 160.5, the weakest reading in ten months. Interestingly, six of eight core sectors reported sequential growth, while steel and electricity output shrank 1.68 per cent and 9.93 per cent from their September levels, respectively.

India's Manufacturing PMI

The headline HSBC purchasing managers index (PMI) figure, compiled by S&P Global, for October rose to 59.2 from 57.7 in September. The figure remained only marginally lower than the record high of 59.3 in August. "New orders increased further at the start of the third fiscal quarter, with companies attributing growth to advertising, buoyant demand and the GST reform. Moreover, the pace of expansion was sharper and stronger than that recorded in September," the survey said.

India's Services PMI

According to data released by S&P Global, the HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 58.9 in October from 60.9 in September, indicating the slowest pace of expansion since May, as competitive cost pressures and heavy rains in parts of the country led to a lower increase in output.

India's GST Collections

India's goods and services tax (GST) collections in October 2025 rose 4.6% to Rs 1,95,936 crore, compared with Rs 1,87,346 crore in September. The gross domestic revenue in October 2025 grew 2.0 per cent to Rs 1.45 lakh crore, while tax from imports rose 12.84 per cent to Rs 50,884 crore. GST refunds were up by 39.6 per cent year-on-year to Rs 26,934 crore.

India's GDP Growth Forecast by S&P Global

S&P Global retained the growth forecast for India at 6.5 per cent for Fiscal Year 2025-26. It

said that if India managed to strike a deal with the US, the uncertainty is expected to come down. "We anticipate that India's GDP will grow by 6.5 per cent in fiscal year 2026 (ending March 2026) and 6.7 per cent in fiscal 2027, with risks evenly balanced," the global rating agency said in the latest edition of Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific. This number is close to projections by other agencies. Earlier, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised India's growth forecast for FY 2025-26 by 20 basis points to 6.6 per cent.

REFORMS

Labour Codes

India has implemented four major labour codes that guarantee minimum wages, gratuity, and social security for over 400 million workers and rationalized 29 existing labour laws, in what the government says is a modernization of decades-old labour laws. In a detailed post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya wrote: "From today, the new labour codes have been implemented in the country. These reforms are not just ordinary changes, but a major step taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the welfare of the workforce." Following are the Key Highlights:

1. Mandatory appointment letters to all workers
2. Under Code on Social Security, 2020 all workers including gig and platform workers to get social security coverage. All workers will get PF, ESIC, insurance, and other social security benefits.

3. Under the Code on Wages, 2019, all workers to receive a statutory right minimum wage payment.
4. Women are permitted to work at night and in all types of work across all establishments, subject to their consent and required safety measures.
5. Higher factory applicability limits will ease regulatory burden for small units while retaining full safeguards for workers.

SEBI to tighten insider trading norms

A SEBI-formed committee has proposed classifying the Sebi chairman and whole-time members as 'insiders' under insider trading rules. This move aims to prevent them from trading on price-sensitive information, aligning Sebi with global regulatory practices and addressing past conflict-of-interest concerns.

SEBI looking to include REITs in indices to improve liquidity

SEBI chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said the regulator is considering the inclusion of real estate investment trusts (REITs) in market indices "through an appropriate glide path", a move that can potentially improve liquidity for these instruments and boost their appeal. SEBI is also weighing a proposal to expand the pool of

liquid mutual fund schemes in which REITs and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) can invest, while protecting investor interests, he added. "We are also exploring whether private InvITs, too, may invest in greenfield projects with adequate safeguards," Pandey said.

SEBI introduces threshold-based framework to determine materiality of related party transactions

SEBI has introduced a threshold-based framework to determine the materiality of related party transactions (RPTs), based on the annual consolidated turnover of the listed entity. In the case of entities with turnover between ₹20,001 crore and ₹40,000 crore, the threshold would be ₹2,000 crore plus 5 per cent of the turnover exceeding ₹20,000 crore. Also, the regulator has revised thresholds for approval by audit committees for RPTs undertaken by subsidiaries and simplified disclosure requirements for smaller related party transactions.

Types of Equity Investors

This is an attempt to broadly categorize equity investors-

1. Noob
 - lacks knowledge, experience and self-awareness
 - lacks conviction in his own investment decisions
 - exits equity upon market correction
 - fails to re-enter the market and settles with inferior returns
2. Seasoned investor
 - cautiously optimistic
 - periodically assesses risks but focusses on fundamentals & churns the portfolio if required
 - generally considers market correction as an opportunity to buy on dips
3. Bear
 - eternally pessimistic
 - finds threat in every opportunity
 - settles with inferior returns but justifies himself upon every market correction
 - bets against the markets
4. Bull
 - eternally optimistic
 - finds opportunity in every risk
 - always stays fully invested in equity (for long term allocation)
 - unleashes the power of compounding and more often than not creates serious wealth in the long run
5. Growth Investor
 - Invests in high growth companies, generally belonging to high growth sectors
 - Places lesser emphasis on company valuations
 - Foresighted to extrapolate data and predict long term growth potential of companies
 - Generally invests in small and mid caps
6. Value Investor
 - Places more emphasis on company valuations
 - Prone to take contrarian calls
 - Needs more patience for the bets to play out in their favour

Magic Mantra

Knowing what you don't know is critical for risk management.

Cartoon of the Month



"Is it always about MONEY with you people?!"

Good News!

1. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday approved schemes worth ₹45,060 crore to support exporters, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), grappling with challenges due to the 50 per cent tariff imposed by the United States (US) on several Indian products. The package includes the much-awaited Export Promotion Mission (EPM), with an outlay of ₹25,060 crore, and ₹20,000 crore towards the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE). Export-oriented industries directly and indirectly employ over 45 million people, and MSMEs contribute nearly 45 per cent of India's total exports.
2. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved a ₹7,280 crore scheme aimed at promoting the manufacture of rare earth permanent magnets (REPM). This is a "first-of-its-kind" initiative by the central government to promote REPM ecosystem, "enhancing self-reliance and positioning India as a key player in the global REPM market", the government said in a statement.
3. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched a trade intelligence portal, which will help stakeholders track and evaluate the utilisation of the free trade agreements (FTA) signed, map global demand patterns, monitor global supply chains, identify emerging products, explore export opportunities and support timely strategic interventions. "We have to be more transparent with trade data to help stakeholders make best decisions," Goyal said at the launch, adding that the portal will open up new insights for importers, exporters, start-ups and MSMEs. That apart, there are huge opportunities in the service sector globally that will now be available to all, he said.
4. India and Canada agreed to resume discussions on a free trade deal, as the prime ministers of both nations met on the sidelines of the G20 Leaders' Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa. This marks the latest sign of warming relations between the two countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney decided to "begin negotiations on a high-ambition Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)," according to a statement from India's Ministry of External Affairs.
5. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) expects to double the number of investors in India's securities markets over the next three to five years through simpler rules, easier onboarding and wider outreach beyond major cities. Citing SEBI's latest survey, Tuhin Kanta Pandey said 63 per cent of households are aware of the securities market, but only 9.5 per cent invest. Another 22 per cent are considering investing in the coming year, indicating strong potential for growth if access and understanding improve.

Top Personal Finance News – November 2025

1. Depositing large cash amount in your bank account? It may trigger a tax notice — Here's how to avoid | Mint [Click here](#)
2. RuPay is becoming the card of choice; all credit to UPI - The Economic Times [Click here](#)
3. FPI ownership in India Inc falls to a 15-year low; domestic investors tighten hold - The HinduBusinessLine [Click here](#)
4. These NBFCs offer up to 7% interest on fixed deposits. See list | Mint [Click here](#)
5. Bitcoin rebounds after falling below \$90,000 as 'downside fears' grip market - Cryptocurrency News | The Financial Express [Click here](#)
6. Demat account openings hit 10-month high in October amid IPO boom and market rally - The HinduBusinessLine [Click here](#)
7. UPI set to interlink with European instant payment system TIPS: RBI | Finance News - Business Standard [Click here](#)
8. Elon Musk's DOGE shuts down quietly: Where are the top officials now? - US News | The Financial Express [Click here](#)
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