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RBI set to deliver third straight rate cut to lift growth

The central bank is expected to lower the benchmark repurchase rate by 25 basis points to 5.75%, marking a likely third consecutive rate cut aimed at supporting economic growth. This move comes in response to a slowdown in economic expansion, shifting global trade dynamics, and easing inflationary pressures. Consumer price inflation has declined significantly, reaching its lowest level in nearly six years, giving policymakers more room for accommodative measures. Analysts anticipate the central bank may continue with modest cuts over the coming months before pausing to assess the effectiveness of earlier actions. The upcoming policy statement is expected to provide signals on how long the current easing cycle might last. While the central bank typically follows a data-driven strategy and avoids offering explicit forward guidance, market participants will pay close attention to its language to determine the depth of potential rate reductions. Overall, the policy aims to stimulate investment and maintain economic stability.

[RBI set to deliver third straight rate cut to lift growth: Guide](#)

Top Story 2

India elected to UN's Economic and Social Council for 2026-28 term

India has been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the 2026–28 term, securing strong support from member states. ECOSOC is a key UN body responsible for advancing sustainable development across its economic, social, and environmental dimensions. This election highlights India's growing influence and commitment to global development goals. The country has consistently demonstrated leadership in addressing crucial global issues such as poverty reduction, climate change, digital transformation, and inclusive growth. India reiterated its commitment to continue championing development-focused agendas and contribute actively to shaping international policy dialogue through ECOSOC. The council plays a central role in coordinating economic and social policy recommendations and promoting international cooperation for development. This successful election marks another step in strengthening India's role in global governance, reinforcing its vision of collaborative progress and sustainable growth across regions.

https://www.business-standard.com/external-affairs-defence-security/news/india-australia-ties-see-enormous-growth-diversification-jaishankar-125060401494_1.html

Economy

Finance Minister to review economy at FSDC meeting on June 10

A high-level council meeting is set to evaluate the state of the economy amid global uncertainties. Key financial sector regulators will participate to discuss economic growth, financial sector development, and rising concerns such as digital fraud. The agenda includes reviewing earlier decisions and exploring strategies for fostering inclusive growth. This meeting follows a notable performance in the final quarter of the fiscal year, with the economy showing a strong rebound driven by private consumption and growth in sectors like construction and manufacturing. The overall annual growth rate stood at 6.5%, marking a slower pace than previous years but still signaling resilience. A record dividend payout by the central bank has also boosted optimism. The council aims to assess the broader financial stability landscape, while formulating forward-looking policies to support sustainable development. These deliberations are crucial to navigating global economic headwinds and reinforcing long-term economic momentum through collaborative financial oversight.

[Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to Address Economic Challenges at FSDC Meeting on June 10, ET LegalWorld](#)

Finance

India Long Duration Bonds Surge on Dovish RBI Policy Bets – June 2025 Update

Government bonds saw a sharp rise, particularly in long-duration securities, as investors anticipated a supportive monetary policy announcement from the central bank. The yields on key bonds eased, indicating stronger demand and optimism in the market. Contributing factors included expectations of a potential interest rate cut and favorable global trends, such as declining international bond yields. Traders noted that beyond the expected rate reduction, the market was also factoring in the possibility of additional accommodative measures to boost economic growth. Inflation has remained subdued, providing the central bank with room to continue easing monetary policy. So far, policy rates have already been reduced significantly this year, accompanied by large-scale liquidity support to the banking system. Analysts are divided on the magnitude of further easing, with some suggesting a cautious approach while others advocate for stronger action to spur credit demand and overall economic momentum. The bond market rally reflects growing confidence in continued monetary support.

<https://www.bizzbuzz.news/rbi/india-long-duration-bonds-surge-on-dovish-rbi-policy-bets-june-2025-update-1364066>

Market

Exclusive | RBI considers raising foreign ownership limits in banks

The Reserve Bank is internally discussing the possibility of allowing higher foreign ownership in domestic banks, though no final decision has been made. This matter will only be disclosed publicly once a clear internal consensus is reached. At present, foreign institutions can hold up to a certain percentage in banks, with approvals required for stakes beyond a set limit. While there have been exceptions in the past granted on a case-by-case basis, such flexibility remains limited. There is growing interest from international investors in acquiring stakes in domestic banks, particularly those undergoing disinvestment, highlighting the need for more adaptable ownership regulations. Recent improvements in risk management and structural reforms across the banking sector have enhanced investor confidence, particularly in public sector banks. The recent uptick in their stock performance is being linked to previously low investor exposure and a valuation gap compared to their private counterparts. Greater clarity on ownership norms could further boost investment sentiment.

<https://www.cnbctv18.com/market/bofa-securities-sees-value-in-mid-sized-private-banks-remains-positive-on-psu-lenders-19615220.htm>

Investment

Financial services extend lead as top choice for alternative investors in India

Recent data reveals a notable shift in investment trends, with private equity, venture capital, and alternative investment funds increasingly favoring the financial services sector over traditional areas like real estate. This transition underscores the sector's rising prominence and the growing confidence of investors in its long-term potential. The preference for financial services reflects its critical role in supporting economic activity, digital transformation, and financial inclusion. Investors are drawn to the sector's scalability, regulatory evolution, and increasing adoption of technology-driven solutions such as digital lending, insurance tech, and wealth management platforms. This shift also signals a broader diversification strategy, as investors seek sectors offering stability, innovation, and strong growth prospects. The move away from real estate to financial services highlights a strategic focus on sectors with higher returns and deeper market penetration potential. Overall, this trend is expected to further fuel innovation, capital flow, and expansion within the financial services ecosystem.

<https://medial.app/news/financial-services-extend-lead-as-top-choice-for-alternative-investors-in-india>

Currency	Rate (₹)	Change from May 2	Index	Value	Change from May 2
USDINR	84.222	-0.409	NIFTY 50	24,461.15	41.65
EURINR	95.2975	-0.3596	BSE Sensex	80,796.84	496.65
GBPINR	111.9821	-0.3479			
JPYINR	0.5859	0.0018			