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# ep. Editor's Pick



### TVS MOTOR RECALLS SELECT UNITS OF IQUBE E-SCOOTER FOR INSPECTION

TVS Motor Company on Friday said it is recalling a select set of iQube electric twowheeler units for a "proactive inspection". The company will inspect the bridge tube of units that were manufactured between July 10, 2023 and September 9, 2023 to ensure that the vehicle's ride handling is good over extended usage, it said in a statement. The company will also carry out any rectification, if required, on affected scooters at zero cost to the customer, it added. The company or its dealer partners will individually contact customers, TVS Motor said.



### **WELSPUN CORP'S SAUDI ASSOCIATE** SECURES ₹3,670 **CRORE ARAMCO CONTRACTS**



Welspun Corp's Saudi associate EPIC secures contracts worth ₹3,670 crore with Aramco. Contracts to span 19 months, reflecting in Welspun Corp's financials until FY25-26 Q4. Shares drop 8.9%.

### **JAL & INDIGO CODESHARE: EXPANDS REACH TO 14 INDIAN DESTINATIONS**



JAL and IndiGo forge codeshare partnership, expanding connectivity between Japan and India, with plans for further collaboration and improved travel experiences for passengers.

### **ROAD NETWORK EXPANSION TO** CREATE BIG THREAT **FOR AIR CARGO:** INDIGO

IndiGo's rapid expansion to 2,000 daily flights has only used 60% of its total cargo capacity, resulting in low demand on some routes.





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### TCIL PLANS STAKE SALE BHARTI HEXACOM FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL IPO

Telecom Consultants of India (TCIL) intends to divest its remaining 15% stake in Bharti Hexacom following a prosperous public listing. This decision stems from anticipated telecom tariff hikes post-elections, expected to boost share prices. TCIL's stake sale, valued potentially over Rs 7,500 crore, aims to optimize government gains, with revenueanticipated nearly Rs 12,000 crore, surpassing the Rs 9,500 crore target. Proceeds will be received as special dividends post-expense deductions and tax obligations. Bharti Hexacom, operating in Rajasthan and the North East, offers mobile, fixed-line, and broadband services under the 'Airtel' brand, endorsed by Jefferies for robust growth prospects in India's telecom landscape.

### **RBI PLANS TO BUYBACK GOVERNMENT BONDS** WORTH ₹30,000 CRORE

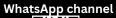
The previous two auctions conducted by the RBI saw low participation. The RBI repurchased ₹2,069 crore, ₹10,512 crore, and ₹5,111 crore worth of government bonds, against notified amounts of ₹60,000 crore in the first auction and ₹40,000 crore in the previous two auctions.



#### GSTN TO DIGITIZE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS VIA GSTAT PORTAL



The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) is launching a dedicated portal for the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) to streamline dispute resolution. With over 14,000 pending appeals, this move aims to expedite resolutions and enhance efficiency. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman appointed Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as GSTAT President, emphasizing the government's commitment to improving tax dispute resolution. Tax experts commend the digitalization initiative, foreseeing benefits in transparency and efficiency. They suggest increasing GSTAT benches, appointing more members, and leveraging AI tools for quicker disposal of cases. This step aligns with broader efforts to boost ease of doing business and foster taxpayer confidence in the GST regime.







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### **NEWS OF THE WEEK**

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### By: Bishal Nautiyal

The National Payments
Corporation of India
(NPCI) reported a 49%
increase in volume and
39% increase in value in
May compared to 2023,
marking the highest value
and volume increase
since the implementation
of UPI in April 2016.

Data released by NPCI on 1-June-24



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# UPI clocks record 14 Billion transactions, ₹20.45 trillion in amount

### **UPI Transactions in May 2024:**

- Reached a record high in value, processing 14.04 billion transactions worth ₹20.45 trillion.
- This marked a 6% increase in transaction volume from April and a 4% increase in value.

### **NPCI Report:**

- Reported a 49% increase in volume and 39% increase in value in May compared to 2023.
- This represents the highest value and volume increase since the implementation of UPI in April 2016.

### **IMPS Transactions:**

- Volume marginally increased by 1.45% to 558 million in May.
- Value increased by 2.36% to ₹6.06 trillion.
- May numbers saw a 12% rise in volume and 15% rise in value versus the same month last year.

### **FASTag Transactions:**

- Increased by 6% to 347 million in May.
- Value amounted to ₹5,908 crore, a 9% increase compared to May 2023.

### **AePS Transactions:**

- Decreased by 4% to 90 million in May compared to April.
- Value decreased by 7% to ₹23,417 crore.

### Reserve Bank of India Report:

- Nearly four out of five digital payments in FY24 were conducted on UPI.
- UPI's share of cumulative digital payments in the country grew from 73.4% in FY23 to 79.7% in FY24.



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### **INTERNATIONAL UPDATES**



# Toyota's \$15 Billion Loss Amid Test Falsification Scandal

Japanese automakers faced a stock plunge after the Transport Ministry discovered false data in certification tests for certain models, leading to market value losses and temporary halts in sales by Toyota and Mazda.

The investigation follows previous scandals, including one involving Toyota's Daihatsu unit, indicating a broader concern for safety standards and regulatory compliance within the Japanese automotive industry.

# World Gold Council Warns: Declining Discoveries and Mining Struggles Signal Challenges Ahead for Gold Extraction



The gold mining industry is facing challenges in sustaining production growth due to dwindling deposits and increasing difficulty in exploration, permitting, and financing.

Despite a 4% increase in first-quarter mine production in 2024, overall growth has plateaued since 2016-2018, with only about 10% of global discoveries leading to production, contributing to a stabilization of gold prices around \$2,294.3 per ounce.

### Tech CEO: Microsoft's Al Outsourcing Benefits Google's Competitive Edge

Microsoft is ceding the development of its top AI tools and software to OpenAI, potentially bolstering rival Google, as highlighted by Okta CEO Todd McKinnon. This move could see Microsoft's role in AI reduced to that of a consultancy, despite its significant investment in OpenAI.

Google's dominance in AI research, particularly in pioneering technologies like transformers, presents a challenge to Microsoft's AI strategy. However, Google's own AI efforts have encountered public blunders, underscoring the complexities and uncertainties in AI development despite substantial investments from tech giants.





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Systems can perform tasks at a speed and scale that surpass human capabilities. Whether it's processing large volumes of data, handling customer inquiries through chatbots, or optimizing supply chain logistics, Al-driven solutions can streamline operations and scale up to meet growing demands effectively.



### PERSONALIZATION

Al enables personalized experiences for users by analyzing their behavior, preferences, and past interactions. This is evident in recommendation systems used by platforms like Netflix and Amazon, which suggest content based on individual preferences, thus enhancing user satisfaction and engagement.

### PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

Algorithms can predict future outcomes based on historical data. In finance, for example, Al-powered models can forecast market trends and identify potential risks, helping investors make informed decisions. Similarly, in healthcare, Al can predict disease outbreaks and identify patients at risk of developing certain conditions, enabling proactive intervention.





### **AUTOMATION**

Al can automate repetitive tasks, thus saving time and resources. This is particularly beneficial in industries like manufacturing, where robots equipped with Al can perform tasks more efficiently and accurately than humans, leading to increased productivity and cost savings.

By: Shubham Rana

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### **CAPITAL MARKET**

### **Market Overview**

Despite a turbulent week, the Sensex and Nifty experienced their most significant single-day drop in four years. However, the market rebounded swiftly, reaching new highs, buoyed by the BJP-led NDA's re-election and global optimism.

The equity market edged higher in four out of five trading sessions, with the Nifty settling above the 23,250 mark. The BSE Mid-Cap index advanced 2.94%, while the BSE Small-Cap index rallied 3.11%.

### **Weekly Movement**

- Domestic stocks surged on Monday due to exit poll euphoria.
- The S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 index soared on Monday, with the Sensex rising 3.39% and the Nifty 50 3.25% respectively.
- On Tuesday, both the Nifty and the Sensex experienced their sharpest single-day decline since March 2020.
- On Wednesday, the S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 index staged a comeback, with the Sensex rising 3.20% and the Nifty 50 soaring 3.36%.
- On Thursday, the BJP-led NDA's reelection and global optimism boosted the stocks.
- On Friday, the Indian equity benchmarks ended with robust gains, with the Sensex and Nifty 50 index rising for the third day in a row.

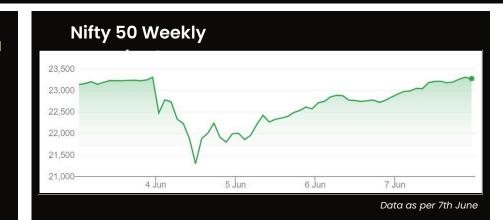
### Nifty 50 weekly gainers

Company Name	Last Price(₹)	Prev Price(₹)	Change(%)
Mahindra - Mahindra	a 2857.45	2506.25	14.01
Tech Mahindra	1377.60	1228.45	12.14
Hindustan Unilever	2577.80	2329.05	10.68
Wipro	484.55	438.20	10.58
Hero MotoCorp	5581.85	5119.60	9.03

### Nifty 50 weekly losers

Company Name	Last Price(₹)	Prev Price(₹) <u></u>	Change(%)
Adani Enterprises	3219.55	3411.35	-5.62
BPCL	599.80	627.80	-4.46
Adani Ports -Special	1378.85	1437.40	-4.07
Larsen - Toubro	3532.50	3669.30	-3.73
Coal India	479.15	491.20	-2.45

Data as per 7th June



### Global market overview

### **United States**

- S&P 500 Index and Nasdaq Composite reached record intraday highs.
- Smaller-cap indexes pulled back.
- Growth stocks outpaced value shares by widest amount since early year.

### **Europe**

- UK's FTSE 100 Index slipped 0.36%.
- STOXX Europe 600 Index ended 1.04% higher.
- Major stock indices: Italy's FTSE MIB, Germany's DAX, France's CAC 40 Index added gains 0.49%, 0.32%, 0.11% respectively.
- ECB cut interest rates for first time in five years.

### Japan

- Nikkei 225 Index up 0.5%, TOPIX Index fell 0.6%.
- Tentative rally in yen against U.S. dollar posed a headwind for exporters.
- Services sector expansion in May supported sentiment.
- Household spending increased in April, first increase in 14 months.

### Global Indices including Indian indices

Name:	Last	Open	High *	Low	Chg. %: 🐣
Nifty 50	23,290.15	22,821.85	23,320.20	22,789.05	+2.05%
BSE Sensex	76,693.36	75,031.79	76,795.31	74,941.88	+2.16%
Nifty Bank	49,803.20	49,316.95	49,943.20	49,080.45	+1.04%
Nasdaq	17,129.90	17,124.13	17,229.31	17,090.04	-0.25%
DAX	18,555.39	18,649.08	18,649.08	18,424.60	-0.52%
FTSE 100	8,245.37	8,285.34	8,297.01	8,210.23	-0.48%
Nikkei 225	38,660.50	38,612.00	38,753.50	38,555.50	-0.22%
Hang Seng	18,366.95	18,562.48	18,575.69	18,302.33	-0.59%
KOSPI	2,722.67	2,718.25	2,729.63	2,705.23	+1.23%

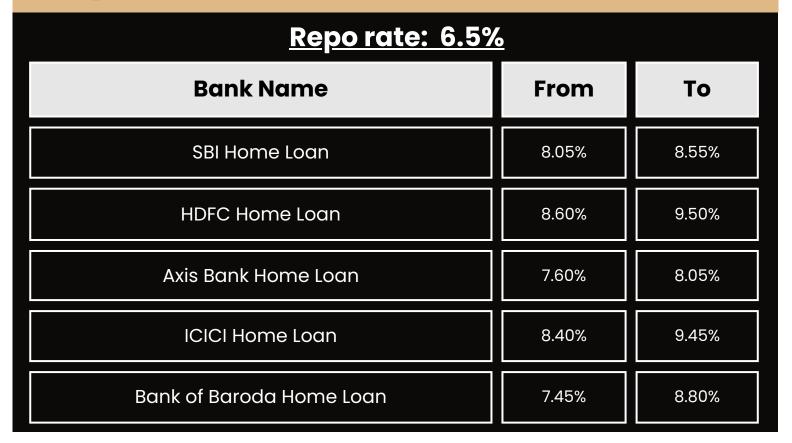
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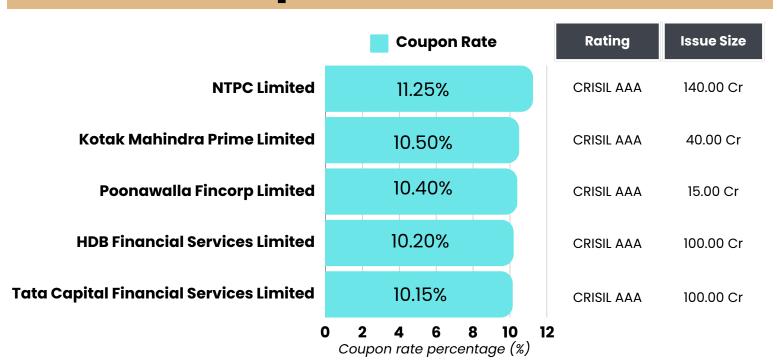
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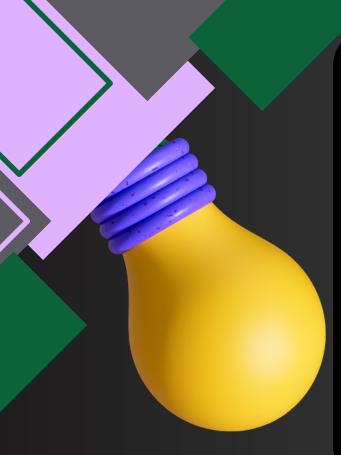
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