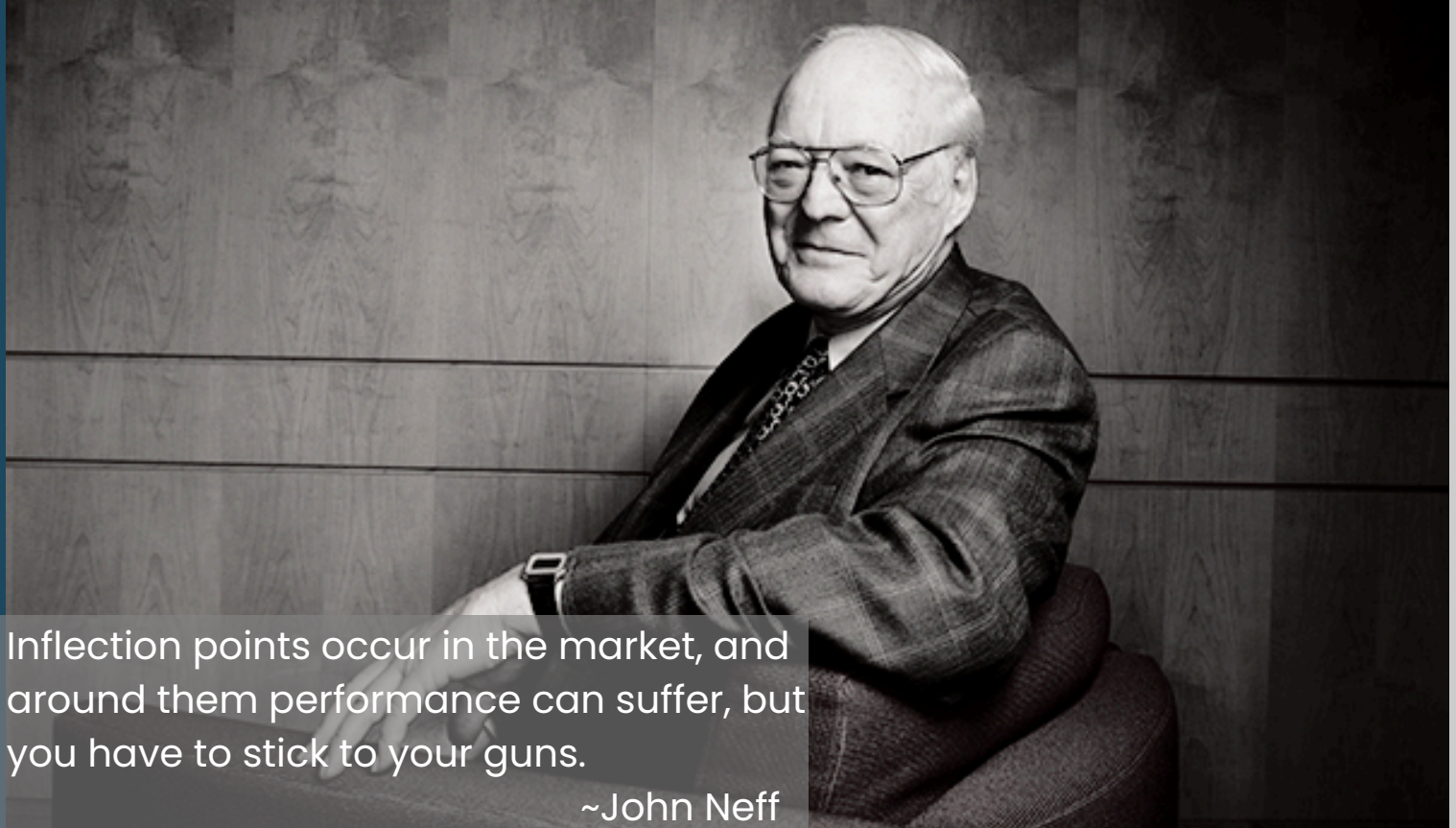


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Inflection points occur in the market, and around them performance can suffer, but you have to stick to your guns.

~John Neff

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Editor's Pick



Adani Group's ₹1.3 Trillion Investment in FY25: Airports & Green



In a significant move towards expanding its portfolio, Adani Group has unveiled plans to invest ₹1.3 trillion in the fiscal year 2025 across various sectors. Jugeshinder 'Robbie' Singh, the group's Chief Financial Officer, highlighted that a major portion of this investment will be directed towards bolstering capabilities in the airport and green energy sectors.

The funding strategy includes raising up to \$3 billion (approximately Rs 25,000 crore) through equity capital across Adani Enterprises and other group companies.

Additionally, the group aims to refinance debt amounting to \$3 billion this year, underlining its robust financial planning.

Vodafone Idea (Vi) Friday said it has completed minimum rollout obligations for commencing 5G services in its 17 circles, for which the company had acquired spectrum in August, 2022.

VIL had acquired 50 MHz spectrum in 3,300 Mhz band across 17 circles each for ₹15,137.75 crore through auctions that were held in 2022.



Vi completes minimum rollout obligation for 5G networks

RBI sold net \$3.65 Bn of foreign currency in April: June Bulletin



The Reserve Bank of India sold net \$3.647 bn in the spot foreign exchange market in April, according to the central bank's monthly Bulletin.

The central bank bought \$8 bn, while it sold \$11.65 bn of foreign currency over the month.

The RBI had recorded a net purchase of \$13.24 billion in the spot market in March.

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India's cement producers gear up for a monumental capacity expansion, poised to invest over Rs 1.5 trillion. The planned investment dwarfs previous commitments, totaling Rs 1.13 trillion, allocated to new capacities, brownfield expansions, debottlenecking, and maintenance of existing plants over the past five fiscal periods through 2024.

At the close of FY24, India boasted approximately 630 million tonnes (MT) of cement capacity, a figure projected to surge by one-third (210-220 MT) within the next five to six years. FY24 alone witnessed a historic addition of 43 MT, the highest in the past 12 years, with a notable 17 MT commissioned in the final quarter.



India's Cement Industry: Rs 1.5 Trillion Expansion Boom

Direct tax mop-up rises 20.99% to ₹4.62 lakh crore

The government's direct tax collection, net of refunds, increased by 20.99% YoY to ₹4.62 lakh crore between April 1 and June 17, showed official data released on Tuesday. Net tax collection stood at ₹3.82 lakh crore in the year-ago period.

Private Aerospace, Defence Companies to See 20% Revenue Growth

CRISIL Ratings forecasts a significant 20% revenue growth for private aerospace and defence companies in the current fiscal year, aiming to reach approximately Rs 13,500 crore. This growth is driven by increased government expenditure and initiatives to promote private sector participation in defence manufacturing.



India's oil import in May : Russia at record high

India's oil imports from Russia reached a record of 2.1 million barrels per day in May due to wider discounts for Russian oil due to lower demand in China, according to trade sources and shipping data. That boosted Russia's share in the world's third largest importer and consumer to nearly 41% last month, the data showed.



SEBI orders on MII (Market Infrastructure Institutions) charges; How it will impact brokerage firms

When does this order come into effect?

The Sebi circular will come into effect starting October 1, 2024.

What are MIIs suppose to do?

The Sebi has directed MIIs to redesign the existing charge structure and associated processes to comply with the aforesaid circular.



Three main key SEBI directives on charges levied by MIIs?

- a.** MII charges which are to be recovered from the end client should be **True to Label** i.e. if certain MII charge is levied on the end client by members (i.e. stock brokers, depository participants, clearing members), it should be ensured by MIIs that the same amount is received by them.
- b.** The charge structure of the MII should be uniform and equal for all its members instead of slab-wise viz. dependent on volume/activity of members.
- c.** To begin with, the new charge structure designed by MIIs should give due consideration to the existing per unit charges realized by MIIs so that the end clients are benefitted with the reduction of charges.

Brokerage firms' to take hit on their revenues

Exchanges charge brokers a monthly transaction fee on trades carried on their platform, which is the primary source of their income.

Exchanges charge monthly slab transaction fees, which brokers collect on a daily basis from their clients. Brokers charge clients at the highest slab rate, recording the difference as net profit in their financial statements.

Following SEBI's guidelines, stock brokers will not be rewarded for generating large turnovers.

The brokers will not have any incentive to generate huge turnovers, and the market-making activity will be adversely impacted. We estimate the broking industry's revenue (and, in turn, profitability) will be hit by around **₹2,000** crore. This will lead to an increase in Brokerage rates, as it will become unsustainable for the broking companies to take such a big hit on their profitability.

Zerodha's co-founder Nithin Kamath take on this circular

Zerodha's co-founder Nithin Kamath, in a post on social media platform X, wrote that the brokerage may need to reconsider its zero brokerage model or potentially raise brokerage fees for F&O trades after SEBI's circular on charges levied by MIIs.

"Stock exchanges charge transaction fees based on the overall turnover contributed by brokers. The difference between what the brokers charge the customer and what the exchange charges the broker at the end of the month is a rebate, which goes to brokers. Such rebates are common across the major markets in the world," Kamath said.

"With the new circular, we will, in all likelihood, have to let go of the zero brokerage structure and/or increase brokerage for F&O trades. Brokers across the industry will also have to tweak their pricing," said Kamath.

INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

UK investors buy record \$14.5 billion of stocks this year, Calastone says



British investors reportedly invested a record 11.4 billion pounds (\$14.5 billion) in equity funds in the first six months of 2024 due to prospect of further central bank interest rate cuts that fuelled demand for riskier assets.

UK investors added 1.7 billion pounds to equities in June, marking the highest flows into stocks in Calastone's 10-year records for a half-year period, extending a strong run of inflows.

"Hopes for cheaper money after the painful rate squeeze of the last two-and-a-half years are the clear driver of record flows into equity funds so far this year," said head of global markets at Calastone.

Investors also cashed in from bond funds for the second straight month, pulling 471 million pounds, taking the two-month total to 1.1 billion pounds.

Dow closes at a one-month high as investors broaden portfolios

The Dow rallied on Monday to a one-month high, while the Nasdaq tumbled over 1% as investors rotated out of AI-linked stocks and added some laggards to their portfolios, betting on Federal Reserve interest rate cuts this year.



Euro zone business growth slowed sharply in June, PMI shows



Overall business growth across the euro zone slowed sharply last month as a solid expansion in the bloc's dominant services industry failed to offset a further deterioration in manufacturing, a survey showed on Wednesday.

HCOB's composite Purchasing Managers' Index for the currency union, compiled by S&P Global and seen as a good gauge of overall economic health, dropped to 50.9 in June from May's 12-month high of 52.2.

It was just above a preliminary 50.8 estimate and the fourth consecutive month above the 50 mark separating growth from contraction.

TECH BUZZ

Apple Updates Game Porting Toolkit With Support for Bringing Mac Game Ports to iPhone, iPad

Apple's Game Porting Toolkit Updates for macOS Sequoia

- Updated version of Game Porting Toolkit to support popular AAA titles on macOS.
- Toolkit 2.0 to be released later this year, supporting iOS and iPadOS.
- Enables games to run on Mac computers, iPhone, and iPad.

Ajax Engineering Launches Enterprise-Grade AI Chatbot Concrete GPT for Industry-Focused Knowledge Sharing

Ajax Engineering Launches AI Platform Concrete GPT

- AI chatbot for concrete industry professionals.
- Serves as knowledge-sharing space for innovation, market insights, and regulatory updates.
- Aims to benefit over a million specialists in India.
- Accessible without Ajax ID, unlocking additional privileges.

OnePlus Watch 2 With eSIM Connectivity, 1.43-Inch Display Launched: Price, Specifications

OnePlus Watch 2 Debuts in China

- Launched in India with design tweaks and eSIM connectivity.
- Features 1.43-inch AMOLED display, Snapdragon W5 Gen 1 chipset, BES2700 chip.
- Available in two colors and 500mAh battery.
- Offers over 100 sports modes and IP68-rated build.
- Launched alongside OnePlus Ace 3 Pro and OnePlus Pad Pro.

CAPITAL MARKET

Nifty 50



Indian weekly Market Overview

The key equity benchmarks experienced significant gains, reaching record highs during the week. The Nifty settled above the 24,000 level, with benchmarks higher for four out of five trading sessions.

The broader market underperformed frontline indices. The S&P BSE Sensex advanced 2.36%, the Nifty 50 index added 2.17%, and the BSE Mid-Cap index and BSE Small-Cap index rose 0.42% and 0.54% respectively.

Economy Overview

India's forex reserves fell \$2.9 billion to \$652.9 billion in the week ending June 14th, following a record high of \$655.8 billion. The decline is mainly due to a \$2.1 billion drop in foreign currency assets. Gold reserves also fell by \$1.0 billion to \$55.96 billion. Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) decreased by \$54 million to \$18.1 billion. However, India's reserve position with the IMF rose \$245 million to \$4.6 billion.

Weekly Indices Movements

- Indices made modest gains on Monday, with the S&P BSE Sensex up 131.18 points or 0.17% to 77,341.08. The Nifty 50 index rose 36.75 points or 0.16% to 23,537.85.
- On Tuesday, the S&P BSE Sensex rallied to new highs and gained 0.92% to 78,053.52. The Nifty 50 index rallied 183.45 points or 0.78% to 23,721.30.
- On Wednesday, domestic equity benchmarks continued their upward trajectory. The S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 soared to new highs, marking their third consecutive day of gains.
- On Thursday, domestic equity benchmark again followed their upward trajectory. The S&P BSE Sensex was up 0.80% to 78,674.25 and Nifty 50 index gained 0.62% to 23,868.80 to hit record high closing levels.
- On Friday, the frontline indices ended with minor losses, ending a four-day winning streak. The S&P BSE Sensex was down 0.27% to 79,032.73 and Nifty 50 index shed 0.14% to 24,010.60.



World Market

Overview

United States

- US Stock Index Gains Major U.S. stock indexes saw gains in light news week.
- Small-cap companies and IT stocks performed best.
- Growth stocks outperformed value stocks.

Europe

- UK's FTSE 100 Index eased 0.89%.
- Major stock indexes mixed: Germany's DAX rose 0.40%, Italy's FTSE MIB fell 0.46%, France's CAC 40 Index lost 1.96%.
- STOXX Europe 600 Index ended 0.72% lower due to political uncertainty in France.

Japan

- Nikkei 225 Index gains 2.6%.
- TOPIX Index rises 3.1%.
- Japanese currency falls to lowest levels in 38 years, falling to JPY 160.6 against USD at the end of the previous week.

China

- Chinese Stocks Weaken Due to Economic Calendar and concerns about the slowing economy, Shanghai Composite Index and CSI 300 Index decline.
- Hong Kong's Hang Seng Indices drops 1.5%.

Name	Symbol	LTP	Open	Chg.	Chg.%
S&P500	US500	5460.48	5,488.48	-22.39	-0.41%
Nasdaq	IXIC	17,723.83	17,891.10	-134.85	-0.76%
DAX	DE40	18,234.12	18,211.97	23.57	0.13%
FTSE 100	UK100	8164.12	8,179.68	-15.56	-0.19%
CAC 40	FCHI	7,479.40	7,544.40	-51.32	-0.68%
RTSI	IRTS	1157.49	1,168.01	-10.56	-0.90%
Nikkei 225	JP225	39,557.50	39,587.50	253.00	0.64%
Hang Seng	HK50	17,722.32	17,594.66	5.85	0.03%
KOSPI	KS11	2797.78	2792.79	13.72	0.49%

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LIST OF POST OFFICE SCHEME AND THERE INTEREST RATES

For the June 30, 2024 quarter, the government has kept the interest rates of small savings schemes unchanged."The rates of interest on various Small Savings Schemes for the first quarter of FY 2024-25 starting from 1't April, 2024 and ending on 30th June, 2024 shall remain unchanged from those notified for the fourth quarter (1st January, 2024 to 31st March, 2024) of FY 2023-24," stated an office memorandum issued by the Ministry of Finance on March 8, 2024."

Here is a look at 5 post office schemes that offer more than 7% interest.



1

PUBLIC PROVIDENT FUND SCHEME

Interest Rate: 7.1%

Minimum Investment: Rs 500/ year

Tax Implication: Tax benefits

2

SENIOR CITIZEN SAVINGS SCHEME

Interest Rate: 8.2%

Minimum Investment: Rs 1000

Tax Implication: Taxable

3

MONTHLY INCOME SCHEME

Interest Rate: 7.4%

Minimum Investment: Rs 1000

Tax Implication: Taxable

4

5-YEAR POST OFFICE TIME DEPOSIT

Interest Rate: 7.5%

Minimum Investment: Rs 1000

Tax Implication: Taxable

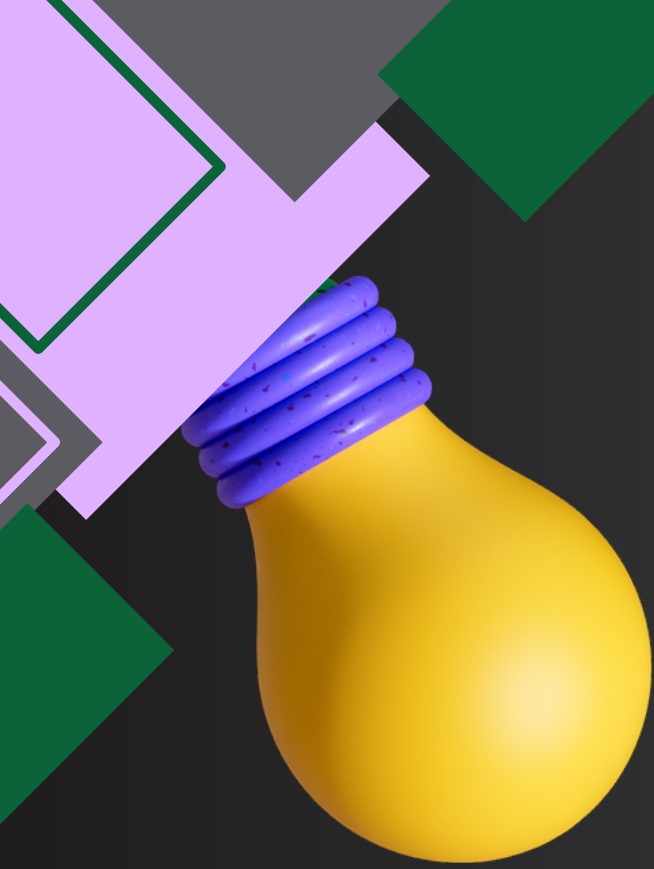
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NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATE

Interest Rate: 7.7%

Minimum Investment: Rs 1000

Tax Implication: Taxable



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