

MARKET DASHBOARD

SENSEX		TOP GAINERS/BSE		TOP LOSERS/BSE		TOP GAINERS/NSE		TOP LOSERS/NSE		COMMODITIES	
76,913.5	-582.86 (-0.75%)	Sun Pharma	1,808, 29.60	Eternal	247.03, -7.00	HFCL	116.03, 8.94	Vedanta	271.55, -502.00	GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)	14,0930.85
NIFTY		Infosys	1,182, 14.30	HUL	2,251, -63.50	Syngene Int.	467.65, 35.50	Waaree Energies	3,119, -384.00	SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)	223,472.27
23,997.55	-180.11 (-0.74%)	Kwality Wall's	27.23, 0.34	Axis Bank	1,268, -28.11	Gujarat Fluorochem	3,602, 241.00	HEG	596.05, -62.36	USD (\$) / INR(₹)	94.852
		Tech Mahindra	1,474, 13.70	Tata Steel	211.36, -4.52	Inventurus Knowledge	1,655, 96.90	KFIN Technologies	895.70, -81.60		↑ (+0.002)
		Bajaj Finance	937.00, 7.00	UltraTech Cem.	11,586, -247.00	DCM Shriram	1,228, 62.70	NALCO	399.30, -34.00		

India got EU market opened for seafood through active talks amid US tariff challenge: Goyal

MUMBAI: India actively negotiated with the European Union to open its market for seafood exports, helping the country overcome challenges arising from steep US tariffs, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Sunday. Addressing reporters here, he said the government anticipated disruptions and acted swiftly to secure alternative markets for Indian exporters. "Our government works 24 hours. Often, even before a problem arises, we begin planning and action," he said. Goyal said the US decision to impose 50 per cent tariff on Indian seafood had dealt a major blow to exports and caused distress among fishermen. "When America imposed a 50 per cent tariff on In-



dian seafood, our exports suffered a big setback. Fishermen were very worried. The Centre responded by engaging with the European Union and addressing regulatory bottlenecks that had earlier restricted Indian shipments," he pointed out. Several Indian fishing establishments had been delisted by the EU in the past, but India used quality control orders and standards to

cording a growth of around 12-14 per cent last year despite global uncertainties. He stressed that opening up the EU market was crucial given its massive import demand and importance in global trade. Highlighting the broader approach, Goyal said India was focusing on securing long-term trade opportunities through free trade agreements and global partnerships. "If India has to become a developed nation, our international agreements must lay the foundation for the next 20-25 years. Expanding exports, boosting manufacturing and creating employment opportunities remain key priorities, and gaining access to major global markets is essential to achieve these goals," the senior BJP leader asserted.

Childless women perceived as perfect fit to be ideal workers by employers: B school research

NEW DELHI: Childless women are perceived as a perfect fit to be ideal workers by organisations because of their image of middle-class, professionally educated, career-oriented women who can negotiate well with gender roles, a research by Goa Institute of Management (GIM) has found. The research published in the prestigious international journal "Equity, Diversity and Inclusion" is a study on workplace microaggressions, revealing new insights into how underlying gender norms shape the everyday experiences of childless women professionals. The study revealed that workplace interactions with colleagues can reinforce exclusion. By challenging the general equation of womanhood with motherhood, the study positioned child-

lessness as a valid yet overlooked identity in organisational discourse. According to Shelly Pandey, Assistant Professor at GIM, the research found that many times, organisational cultures operate on unspoken assumptions linking femininity with motherhood. "We found that these cultures often lead to marginalisation of women who do not conform to this expectation, be it by choice or circumstance. The team applied the concept of microaggression to document and analyse the experiences of 45 middle-class, professionally engaged childless women from different cities in India," she told PTI. Through the qualitative study, the researchers found that, at the organisational level, childless women are

perceived as a perfect fit for ideal workers, yet their ideal worker image is loaded with various expressions of microaggression. "The study found that workplace norms often frame motherhood as central to a woman's identity, sidelining alternative life choices. Childless women encounter subtle exclusion both institutionally and interpersonally, including from other women colleagues because of their image of middle-class, professionally educated, career-oriented women who can negotiate well with gender roles. "There exists a moral undertone in how childlessness is perceived, often casting it as incomplete or socially deviant. These biases remain largely invisible yet contribute to persistent tensions between personal

identity and professional expectations," she said. Research scholar Gyan-da Girisha explained that whether someone is childless, childfree, a mother, or single, each person has a distinct identity that deserves recognition and inclusion. "Reproductive choice is simply a personal decision and should not define one's legitimacy or identity in the workplace. In our research we found that microaggressions are built into workplace culture and are repeated through daily conversations and behaviours that question women's legitimacy, commitment, and identity if they are not mothers. "The research brings attention to a less-discussed dynamic: the role of women employees themselves.

Moody's upgrades SFL's long-term corporate family rating to "Baa3"

NEW DELHI: Shriram Finance Limited (SFL), a non-banking financial company (NBFC) on Sunday announced that Moody's Ratings has upgraded the company's long-term Corporate Family Rating (CFR) to investment grade "Baa3" from "Ba1" and revised the outlook to "Stable" from "Positive", according to a company statement here. A 'Baa3' rating is the lowest investment-grade level, which shows moderate credit risk, medium-grade quality, and potential vulnerability. The upgradation reflects the strengthening of Shriram Finance's credit profile following the strategic equity investment by MUFG Bank. This is also due to the company's strong underlying franchise, di-

versified funding profile, improved financial flexibility, and prudent balance sheet management. This upgradation follows a series of rating upgrades last month from CRISIL Ratings Limited, ICRA Limited, and India Ratings & Research. Additionally, on April 14, Fitch Ratings upgraded SFL's Long-Term Foreign- and Local-Currency Issuer Default Ratings to BBB- (minus) from BB (positive), with a stable outlook, removing the company from Rating Watch Positive. Moody's noted that the acquisition of 20pc equity stake by MUFG Bank has strengthened the company's credit profile, capital position, financial flexibility and access to domestic and international capital markets.

India's private capex jumps 67 pc to Rs 7.7 lakh cr, signals investment revival: CII

NEW DELHI: India's private capital expenditure surged 67 per cent year-on-year to Rs 7.7 lakh crore in September 2025 from Rs 4.6 lakh crore a year earlier, signalling a broad-based revival in the country's investment cycle, according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). In a statement, CII said its analysis of nearly 1,200 companies from the CMIE Prowess database showed manufacturing remained the key driver of the capex push, contributing Rs 3.8 lakh crore — nearly half of total private investment. Sectors such as metals, automobiles and chemicals led the manufacturing expansion. The services sector accounted for Rs 3.1 lakh crore, or around 40 per cent of total private in-



vestment, supported by strong spending in trading, communications and IT/ITeS. "The 67 per cent jump in private capex to Rs 7.7 lakh crore is, by some distance, the most im-

portant signal yet that India's investment cycle has decisively turned," said Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII. He noted that capacity utilisation rose to 75.6 per cent in the third quarter of FY26 from 74.3 per cent in the previous quarter, while new order books increased 10.3 per cent year-on-year. Bank credit growth also averaged close to 14 per cent in the second half of FY26, compared with around 10 per cent in the first half of the fiscal year. Alongside the investment data, CII unveiled a five-point action agenda aimed at supporting the economy amid the ongoing West Asia crisis and global uncertainties. The industry body proposed a phased rollback of the Rs 10 per litre cut in central

excise duty on petrol and diesel over the next six to nine months as crude oil prices stabilise. "A calibrated phased restoration of the fuel excise will progressively relieve the exchequer of a very substantial burden without disrupting consumer sentiment, and industry is prepared to absorb a meaningful share of input cost pressures within its own margins," Banerjee said. CII also suggested a voluntary energy conservation compact under which member companies would target a 3-5 per cent reduction in fuel and power consumption over the next two quarters. "Every barrel saved at the factory gate is a barrel less the country has to import," he added.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Indian mangoes become prize in Singapore Cultural Festival

SINGAPORE: Performers at a cultural festival in Singapore this weekend went home with an unusual reward — boxes of mangoes — as India expanded efforts to promote the exports of the fruit through community events. Mangoes from different states were presented for songs, dances and musical programmes during the "Threads of Indian Tradition" festival, held in the Nee Soon public housing estate in north-east Singapore. This was the second such mango promotion festival organised this month by the High Commission of India in Sin-



gapore. The first one was held between May 1 and 3 at another public housing estate on the east coast, where over 6,000 visitors sampled 10 varieties of Indian mangoes.

"Our endeavour has been to introduce a diverse range of globally renowned Indian mangoes to our Singaporean friends," High Commissioner of India Shilpak Ambule said on Sunday. The two rounds of the mango promotion festival organised this year have been "received with enthusiasm," he said. "We plan to do more such events in this mango season. We are not just showcasing Indian mangoes, but giving a glimpse of Incredible India to our Singaporean friends, with the hope of bringing them even closer to India. Tanuja Mohindru,

a homemaker who has been living in Singapore for more than a decade and is a regular volunteer at such community festivals, told PTI that the presentation of mango boxes to performers at the recent cultural event has "sparked greater buying interest" beyond the Indian diaspora. "I have performed at dozens of events but it is the first time that I have been felicitated with a carton of mangoes, my favorite fruit," said local musical star Thanesh (goes by a single name), who collaborated with a band of musicians at the weekend festival.

Former UK Min challenges PM Starmer's leadership

LONDON: Catherine West, a former Indo-Pacific minister in British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government, has given Labour ministers an ultimatum to unite behind a successor after the party's disastrous local election results. The Labour MP from north London on Saturday launched a 'stalking horse' leadership bid aimed at encouraging a stronger contender to emerge. West said that Labour's poor performance in Thursday's elections for local councils across England and devolved

administrations in Wales and Scotland was a "message from the working people" and the party must act to keep Reform UK leader Nigel Farage out of Downing Street. "I was honoured to serve under Keir Starmer's leadership, both in Opposition and in Government. All of us in the Labour Party are thankful to Keir for the 2024 General Election and the good work since. I personally get on well with Keir," said West. "But his approach is not cutting through, and the results over the past 48 hours are

nothing short of disastrous. Unless things change, we risk Nigel Farage becoming prime minister. That's why, with regret and significant sadness, I firmly believe that Keir should outline his intention to resign as Prime Minister and oversee an orderly transition. "The Labour Party need the chance to have an honest conversation about how we deliver the change we promised in 2024, and that requires new leadership which understands the urgent and real concerns of people across the UK," she said.

India, Sri Lanka agree to expedite Ditwah relief package

COLOMBO: India and Sri Lanka on Sunday agreed to expedite implementation of the post-Ditwah reconstruction package of USD 450 million that New Delhi offered after one of the worst natural disasters hit the island nation. The issue was discussed when Indian High Commissioner in Colombo Santosh Jha met Sri Lanka's Labour Minister and Deputy Minister of Finance & Planning Anil Jayantha Fernando here. "Agreed to expedite implementation of the post-Ditwah reconstruction package of USD 450 million," Jha said in a post on X. On November 27 last year, Sri Lanka was hit by Cyclone Ditwah that affected over 3 mil-

lion people, caused widespread flooding and landslides, and resulted in over 640 deaths. India, as the first responder, launched 'Operation Sagar Bandhu' on November 28 to provide relief, recovery assistance and restore connectivity in Sri Lanka. That was in addition to the medicine and field hospitals that India set up in the island nation. On December 23, India announced a reconstruction package of USD 450 million for Sri Lanka, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar met with the island nation's top leaders and assured Delhi's steadfast commitment to Colombo's rebuild-

ing post-cyclone. The assistance package included USD 350 million in concessional Lines of Credit and USD 100 million of grants. Jha further added that he discussed other bilateral projects by reviewing their progress. "Briefed him on the progress on various bilateral projects," Indian projects currently in Sri Lanka cover housing, health, water, infrastructure and technology in addition to the cultural sector. The two sides also discussed and exchanged ideas on potential collaboration in domains of modern financial frameworks and cyber security, Jha added.

Bangladesh's HC rejects detained Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das's bail petition

DHAKA: Bangladesh's High Court on Sunday rejected a bail petition of Hindu monk Brah-machari Chinmoy Krishna Das since he is being tried in a lower court in connection with a lawyer's murder in 2024. Das, a spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilita Sanatani Jagran Jote, was arrested from Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on November 25, 2024 for alleged sedition. He was jailed after he was denied bail by a court in the south-eastern port city of Chattogram, which prompted his followers to protest in Dhaka and other places the next day. The protest turned violent in Chattogram, where the lawyer, a junior government prosecutor Saiful Islam Alif, was killed. "The High Court bench rejected



our bail petition as recording of witnesses testimony is underway in the trial (lower) court in Chattogram," Das' lawyer Apurba Kumar Bhattacharya told reporters. Bhattacharya said the two-judge bench of Justice KM Zahid Sarwar and Justice Sheikh Abu Taher, however, set Monday for hearing bail petitions on four other cases against Das.

Chattogram Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal on January 19 indicted Das, a former ISKCON leader, and 38 others in connection with the death of the lawyer in Chattogram and opened a trial against him. Prosecutors in Chhattogram earlier said 39 people were accused of Alif's murder while 23, including Das, were in custody to stand the trial in person with the remaining 16 absconding. Das' lawyer sought the bail saying the monk was languishing in jail for a long time with ailments. Earlier on April 30 last year, the High Court granted him bail in the sedition case for allegedly insulting Bangladesh's national flag but the Supreme Court's apex Appellate Division subsequently stayed the bail order.