MARKET DASHBOARD

SENSEX
▼ 75,867.8
-141.90 (-0.18%)

NIFTY
▼ 23,907.15
-6.55 (-0.03%)

Markets remain closed

GAINERS & LOSERS

TOP GAINERS/BSE	TOP LOSERS/BSE	TOP GAINERS/NSE	TOP LOSERS/NSE
Power Grid 300.15, 7.60	ITC 291.95, -9.70	JP Power 22.87, 3.75	Techno Electric 1,073, -129.00
Eternal 256.51, 6.35	HDFC Bank 758.65, -20.25	Adani Gas 808.55, 95.50	GE Shipping 1,511, -139.00
NTPC 398.15, 8.45	Infosys 1,160, -7.80	Cummins India 6,028, 609.00	Poly Medicure 1,330, -110.00
Tata Steel 214.70, 4.23	ICICI Bank 1,273, -6.40	Zee Ent. 91.46, 8.68	Blue Jet Healthcare 470.25, -29.31
InterGlobe 4,570, 89.20	HUL 2,198, -11.00	Siemens Energy India 3,766, 304.00	ONGC 274.05, -13.45

COMMODITIES

GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)
13,7450.85
↑ (+49.95)

SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)
229,491.15
↓ (-321.35)

USD ($) / INR(₹)
95.696
↑ (+0.006)

Sugar prices remain firm across India despite govt measures to check rise

NEW DELHI: Sugar prices remained above Rs 60 per kg in most retail markets across the country on Sunday, despite several steps taken by the government to check the price rise, according to official data.

The Consumer Affairs Ministry data showed that the all-India average retail price of sugar was Rs 64.24 per kg on Sunday, up 1.77 per cent from Rs 63.12 per kg a week earlier. The current price is 30 per cent higher than a month ago and 38.63 per cent higher than the same period last year.

The maximum retail price recorded was Rs 74 per kg, while the minimum was Rs 40 per kg, as on August 30. City-wise, retail sugar was selling at Rs 62 per kg in Delhi, Rs 66 per kg in Mumbai, Rs 63 per kg in Chennai and Rs 68 per kg in Ranchi.

Wholesale prices also stayed firm at Rs 59.73 per kg, up 31 per cent month-on-month and 38.63 per cent year-on-year. price was Rs 58.66 per kg a week ago.

The elevated retail and wholesale prices come even as ex-mill rates have declined nearly 20 per cent following the government's decision to allow duty-free imports of 10 lakh tonnes of raw sugar.

Industry sources point out that a Rs 2-3 per kg gap between ex-mill and wholesale prices, and a Rs 7-8 per kg gap between ex-mill and retail prices, is typical.

Apart from opening up imports, the government has tightened stockholding norms for bulk users and dealers, and had earlier banned sugar exports.

The Centre has blamed mills for "jacking up" prices, insisting the country holds ample sugar stocks. This is despite production for the 2025-26 marketing year (October-September) being pegged lower at 306 lakh tonnes, down from earlier estimates of 343 lakh tonnes. Annual domestic demand is estimated at around 280-285 lakh tonnes.

Gaurs Group buys 35-acre land parcels along Yamuna Expressway from ICICI Bank for around Rs 700 crore

NEW DELHI: Realty firm Gaurs Group has acquired 35-acre land parcels along Yamuna Expressway from ICICI Bank for around Rs 700 crore to develop residential projects as part of its expansion plan.

The company bought three land parcels in Sector 18 along the Yamuna Expressway, which connects Noida and Greater Noida to Agra, at an auction from ICICI Bank. "We have acquired 35 acres of land parcels from ICICI Bank for around Rs 700 crore," Gaurs Group Chairman Manoj Gaur said.

There are three land parcels, with a 24-acre plot being the largest.

"The land has been acquired in an open auction from ICICI Bank Ltd on an as-is, where-is basis. We are settling all the pending dues like EDC, farmer compensation etc," the company said.

Gaurs Group, which is one of the leading real estate developers in Delhi-NCR, plans to launch the project on the 24-acre land parcel. Gaur said the company plans to launch 3-4 housing projects by March next year at Noida and Yamuna Expressway.

The Group clocked sales bookings of Rs 5,500 crore during the last fiscal year. Looking at the launch pipeline, it is expecting to replicate or better its pre-sales performance in the 2026-27 fiscal.

During this fiscal, Gaurs Group has already launched one housing project on Yamuna Expressway with a total revenue potential of Rs 1,900 crore.

Gaur said demand continues to be strong in Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad due to lack of new supply from reputed developers.

He said the company is also planning to expand its rental asset portfolio and will launch a large commercial project in Noida.

At present, Gaurs Group earns rental income of around Rs 150 crore per year from commercial assets, including shopping malls. In nearly three decades, Gaurs Group (Gaursons India Pvt Ltd) has developed over 100 million sq ft area, and delivered more than 75,000 homes across 75 projects, including three integrated townships.

Jio adds 3.27 lakh mobile subscribers in Odisha in July, leads market

BHUBANESWAR: Reliance Jio added a record 3.27 lakh new mobile subscribers in Odisha in July 2026, more than four times the additions made by its nearest rival Airtel, according to the latest telecom subscription data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

TRAI data showed that Jio added 3,27,034 subscribers in Odisha during July, followed by Airtel with 80,405 and Vodafone Idea (Vi) with 9,667. State-run BSNL, meanwhile, registered a decline of 4,707 subscribers

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Driven by Jio's additions, Odisha's total wireless subscriber base grew by more than 4.12 lakh in July, taking the state's total mobile connections beyond 3.9 crore.

Jio also continued to expand its presence in the home broadband segment, adding around 11,000 JioAirFiber and JioFiber subscribers in Odisha during July. Its total home broadband subscriber base in the State crossed eight lakh.

At the national level, Jio added more than 24 lakh mobile subscribers and over five lakh home broadband subscribers during July. Its total home broadband subscriber base across the country has now crossed three crore, the company said. Jio also leads the 5G Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) segment nationally with 92.7 lakh subscribers and remains the sole provider of UBR fixed-wireless services in the country. In Odisha, Jio now has around 1.85 crore mobile subscribers and more than eight lakh home broadband subscribers. The company said it has consolidated its position across wireless, wireline and FWA segments in the State.

Meghalaya's economy grew 12pc in FY'25, outpacing India's GDP increase of 9.7pc: CAG

SHILLONG: Meghalaya's economy grew 12.03 per cent in 2024-25, outpacing India's GDP growth of 9.78 per cent, even as the state's revenue receipts declined by 4.58 per cent, mainly due to a sharp fall in central grants, the CAG said.

Meghalaya's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) increased from Rs 53,223 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 59,626 crore in 2024-25, reflecting strong economic growth during the year, according to the Comptroller and Auditor General's State Finances Audit Report tabled in the assembly on August 28.

However, revenue receipts fell from Rs 17,977.86 crore to Rs 17,153.91 crore during the period.

The decline was largely attributed to a 40.15 per cent reduction in grants-in-aid from the Centre, which fell from Rs 5,574.86 crore in 2023-24 to Rs 3,336.37 crore in 2024-25.

The report said this was the lowest amount of central grants received by the state in five years.

Non-tax revenue also declined by 9.40 per cent, from Rs 523.25 crore to Rs 474.08 crore.

The impact was partly offset by a 13.93 per cent increase in Meghalaya's share of Union taxes and duties, which rose to Rs 9,870.40 crore in 2024-25.

The state's own revenue, comprising tax and non-tax receipts, increased by 5.54 per cent to Rs 3,947.14 crore during the year.

Despite the improvement in own revenue, Meghalaya remained heavily dependent on central transfers, which accounted for 76.99 per cent of its total revenue receipts in 2024-25. The state's own resources contributed 23.01 per cent.

The gap between economic growth and revenue mobilisation was also reflected in the revenue receipts-to-GSDP ratio, which declined from 33.78 per cent in 2023-24 to 28.77 per cent in 2024-25.

The CAG observed that the growth of Meghalaya's own tax revenue had generally remained below the pace of GSDP expansion.

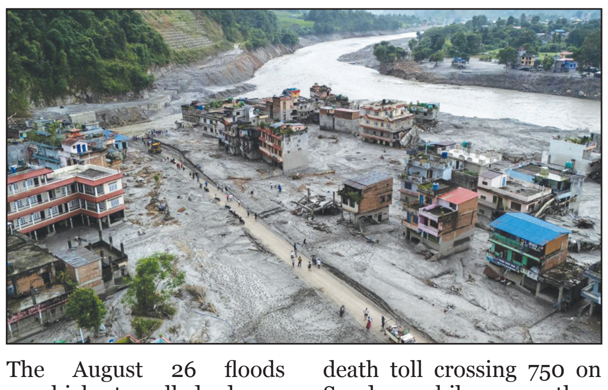
It recommended broadening the tax base, strengthening compliance and improving collection efficiency to reduce dependence on central transfers and ensure sustainable fiscal management.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

Floods leave thousands in temporary shelters as displaced families confront a new ordeal in Nepal

NUWAKOT: For thousands of people who escaped Nepal's devastating floods, the emergency has not ended. They are now living in temporary shelters, often without medicines and basic necessities they had before the waters swept through their communities.

According to a government update reported by local media, three relief camps have been established in Rasuwa and 15 in Nuwakot, while temporary accommodation has been arranged in schools and public and community buildings for about 3,500 displaced people.



The August 26 floods - which travelled downstream through the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli river system - have left a trail of destruction across northern and central Nepal, with the death toll crossing 750 on Sunday, while more than 2,500 people are still missing.

Families crowded hospitals searching for missing relatives as rescuers continued digging through mud and debris amid intermittent rainfall and renewed concerns over rising river levels.

The scale of the displacement is evident from more specific local figures.

Nepal Police said about 1,000 displaced people were staying in nine holding centres in Nuwakot on Saturday, according to The Kathmandu Post.

Separately, the newspaper reported that about 1,000 people were staying at three displacement camps around Trishuli Hospital -- at Bhairung Secondary School, a covered hall and Bethan Academy.

The camps are sheltering people with a range of needs, including pregnant women, new mothers and those requiring medical care, The Kathmandu Post reported.

But the shelters are facing shortages of clean drinking water and sanitation, while doctors have warned that crowded conditions could increase the risk of disease.

At a camp in Kolani, Kopila Pariyar was caring for her 62-year-old mother, who has asthma and needs regular medication. "We have not been able to get all of them," Pariyar told.

President Xi Jinping Jinping arrives in Kyrgyzstan to attend SCO summit

BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Kyrgyzstan on Sunday to participate in the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit, which will also be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other leaders from the member countries.

"I look forward to attending the SCO Bishkek Summit, working with all parties to revisit the 25-year development experience of the SCO, jointly discuss cooperation plans, create the future of the organisation," Xi said on his arrival, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Xi said he looked forward to working with all parties to "promote the continuous new development of the organisation". On the sidelines of the summit, to be held from August 31 to September 1, Xi is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with several other SCO leaders. The SCO member states include Russia, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus and China. September is expected to be a busy month for Xi, who is widely expected to attend the BRICS summit in New Delhi on September 12-13 and later travel to the US for a summit meeting with President Donald Trump. Ahead of the BRICS summit, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held the 25th Special Representatives (SRs) mechanism meeting on the boundary question in Beijing on Tuesday. Both countries reached an eight-point consensus and agreed to advance discussions on an "Early and Substantial.

3 brothers killed in IED blast in Pak's Balochistan

KARACHI: Three brothers were killed when their vehicle was targeted with an improvised explosive device in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province on Sunday.

The blast occurred near the Killi Bakhtair Khan area of Luni tehsil in Duki district, a senior police official.

The three brothers were killed and one of their relatives was injured when they were going to their agricultural lands in their pick-up truck, Duki Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mansoor Ahmed Buzdar said, adding, the vehicle was hit by a blast caused by a remote-controlled improvised explosive device (IED) planted by unidentified militants.

The incident took place amid near-constant terrorist activities in Balochistan.

Since July, the violence has increased dramatically in the province as security forces are carrying out clean-up operations against outlawed insurgent groups, including the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.

On Thursday, security forces killed four terrorists in the Sasool area of Khuzdar in the same province.

Earlier this month, provincial Home Minister Zia Ullah Langove also came under attack, in which three civilians and six security guards were injured. The minister survived the attack.

The overall death toll has increased by 241 per cent in Balochistan, from 109 in June to 372 in July, a report by an Islamabad-based think tank said.

'We will rebuild it': Families pick up pieces, try to rebuild lives after Nepal floods

GALCHHI: "Everything was here before, but now there is nothing left," said Nayan Tiwari, one of many residents returning to flood-hit Galchhi in central Nepal to recover whatever belongings remain and to restore homes that once held their everyday lives.

The August 26 flash floods, which originated in the Nepal-Tibet border, travelled downstream through the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli river system, leaving a trail of destruction across northern and central Nepal. The death toll crossed 750 on Sunday, while more than 2,500 people remained missing.

Survivors are now picking their way through mud and debris, families are searching for missing relatives and rescue teams continue to reach people stranded in the affected areas.

Tiwari, a Class 11 student, and his cousin Nivi Tiwari are among those trying to piece their lives back together.

The two have been clearing debris from their flood-damaged home, salvaging whatever they can find beneath layers of mud and sand and separating belongings that can still be used as the family begins the painstaking task of rebuilding.

Nayan told PTI Videos that he was in Kathmandu when the flood struck. After learning what had happened, he immediately told his family in Galchhi to leave the house and move to safer, higher ground. Soon after they left, the flow intensified and swept away everything in its path.

Galchhi, in Dhading district of Bagmati province, lies about 50 km northwest of Kathmandu.

For the Tiwari family, the house represents nearly a decade of memories, including their childhood and years spent together.

"It feels really bad. But we will rebuild it. We will work hard and make the house like it was before," Nayan told PTI Videos.

The basement of the house was filled with sand, while mud and debris entered the first floor, including the kitchen and bedrooms.

Nayan said more than 15 houses around their home were completely washed away by the powerful current. The devastation has also taken an emotional toll on Nivi, who was in Kathmandu when she first heard about the floods. She said she felt devastated when she returned and saw the condition of her home. "I had never seen such a devastating flood before. When I came back and saw my house, I felt completely helpless," she told PTI Videos. Despite the destruction, Nivi and her family have begun clearing the house and removing the debris.

"We are working hard with our family to make this house like it was before. We will repair it soon because our childhood was spent here. We learned to walk and read in this house. Now it has been badly damaged, but we will rebuild it," she said.