

India Economics



Weekly round-up of macro-economic events

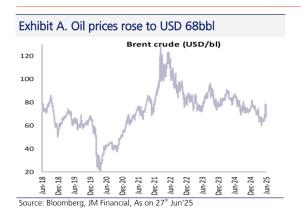


Exhibit B. INR closed at 85.5/USD levels



Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial, As on 27th Jun'25

Source: CMIE, JM Financial; As on 20st Jun'25

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RESERVES **fx** USD 697bn

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- In the week that passed, China officially confirmed the broad details of the framework of the trade deal with US. China is expected to review and approve items under export controls while US will uplift restrictive measures. Top priority for US here has been to ensure the supply of the rare earths.
- Trump also hinted on reaching an agreement on the trade deal with India. However he indicated that as trade deals with every country would not be possible, letters will be sent detailing the applicable tariffs.
- In his testimony before the congress, Powell reiterated his data dependent approach and dashed market hopes of accelerated rate cuts. However market chatter around the appointment of new Fed chairman raised hopes of easy policy, which reflected in the benchmark yields (UST 10yr) which eased 24bps to 4.28%.
- NATO alliance agreed to more than double their defense spending from 2% to 5% of GDP by 2035. This 5% figure would include 3.5% of GDP spent on pure defense while the rest would be spent on critical infrastructure.
- India's Finance Minister urged Public Sector Banks to boost credit growth
 with a focus on MSME and support the financial inclusion efforts of the
 government. Net NPAs of PSBs have further declined to 0.52% as of
 May-25.
- The announcement of ceasefire between Iran and Israel led to a sharp fall of 11.5% in Brent crude oil price. This led to an improvement in market sentiments. Nifty gained 2.1%, however it underperformed the EM and DM basket.
- After the negative deviation at the start of the month, the progress in monsoon has been noteworthy. On a cumulative basis, deviation in rainfall turned positive in the last week of June (10.3% as on 27th Jun). However rainfall in Marathwada and Vidarbha in Maharashtra is still deficient.

Week-ahead events

Release Date	Event
29-Jun	China – Composite PMI
30-Jun	India – Fiscal Deficit
30-Jun	India - BoP
30-Jun	ECB President Lagarde speaks
1-Jul	India – Manufacturing PMI

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Domestic Macroeconomic Indicators/Events

• India's GDP to be third largest in next three years: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry indicated that India is on course to become the world's third-largest economy by 2027 and is expected to reach a USD 5Tn GDP within the next three years. He emphasized that "History reminds us that great economies are not built in calm waters. Great economies are built in turbulent seas," adding that this is India's time to seize the moment and that the opportunity must not be missed. On India's economic strength, he stated that the country has moved from being part of the fragile five to becoming one of the top five economies in the world. We highlight that as per the IMF, India is expected to grow at a CAGR of 10.1% in next 3 years reaching the USD 5.5Tn GDP mark and would surpass Germany to become the third largest economy globally.

- FM urges banks to start lending aggressively: Media reports indicate that the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman held an annual review meeting with heads of Public Sector Banks (PSBs), asking them to boost credit growth and enhance customer service. Banks were told to focus on lending to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and support financial inclusion efforts. Improving customer satisfaction was marked as a key area for improvement. The net non-performing assets (NPAs) of PSBs have further declined to 0.52% as of Mar-25, reflecting improved asset health.
- RBI's Liquidity measures | Liquidity withdrawal or fine tuning of liquidity?: RBI's latest decision to absorb liquidity worth INR 1Tn through VRRR while skipping the main operation through VRR is with an intent to align the call rates to the Repo rate. Currently, the call money rate is trading in the lower band of the policy corridor, which is below RBI's comfort zone. With this move the central bank is signalling that it's actions are in line with the recent change in policy stance to 'neutral'. Equities did not react to this policy move while the yields on the T-Bills hardened significantly in the range of 5.2 to 7.8bps. We believe that the decision to conduct VRRR should not be read as withdrawal of liquidity but for fine tuning of liquidity, however markets would take cues from the incremental policy actions on these lines in the near term for a decisive reaction. (Detailed Note)
- Trump indicated agreement on India trade deal: US President Donald Trump hinted at a "very big" trade deal with India, weeks after a team of negotiators from the two countries held four-day closed-door talks on the agreement. Addressing the 'Big Beautiful Event' at the White House, Trump said he has a "great deal" with India. Moreover he also indicated that the US will not make trade deals with every other nation, the Trump administration will be sending letters to these nations
- **S&P raises GDP forecast**: S&P Global Ratings upgraded the growth forecast for India for the financial year FY26 by 0.2% to 6.5%. The rating agency expects favourable domestic demand to limit the slowdown in overall GDP growth in 2025, but less so in the more export-oriented economies. In May-25, S&P had slashed India's growth projections by 0.2% to 6.3% for the current financial year, citing uncertainty over the US tariff policy and downside risks from its spillover to the economy. The ratings agency in its May report had said that changes in global trade policy would catalyze supply chain diversification to the benefit of India, which is on track to become the world's third-largest economy between FY30 and FY35.
- India's external debt increased to USD 736.3Bn in FY25: India's external debt position as on 31st Mar-25 was at USD 736.3Bn, which increased USD 67.5Bn from a year ago. The external debt to GDP ratio increased to 19.1% vs 18.5% in FY24. Valuation effect due to the appreciation of the US dollar vis-a-vis the Indian rupee and other currencies amounted to USD 5.3Bn. USD denominated external debt formed largest component at 54.2%.
- India Business activity picks further pace: The combined output of India's manufacturing and service sectors climbed to a 14-month high of 61.0 in June. Rising from 59.3 in May, the latest reading was consistent with a sharp rate of expansion that was well above the long-run series average. Manufacturers led the upturn in business activity, though growth also picked up pace in the service economy. Meanwhile, charge inflation softened as input costs rose at the slowest pace in ten months.
- **Karnataka Excise Policy**: The Karnataka government reversed its decision to double the liquor excise license renewal fees and announced a 50% hike from July 1 onwards. The latest order comes after liquor sellers and craft alcohol producers opposed the 100% hike announced on 15th May which was expected to increase state revenue by INR 6-7Bn annually. On the industry demand, the validity period of excise licenses was also increased from one year to five years. The fee structure will be established according to the population in that area.

Global Market Movers

• **Powell testimony: Re-iterated data dependent approach**: Fed Chairman Powell re-iterated what he had already indicated in the FOMC press meeting that "For the time being, we are well positioned to wait to learn more about the likely course of the economy before considering any adjustments to our policy stance" He indicated that economic growth will remain steady and the labour market will remain healthy while agreeing to the inflationary impact from tariffs. However he clarified that "if it turns out that inflation pressures do remain contained, then we will get to a place where we cut rates sooner rather than later". Markets are now factoring in 3 rate cuts by the end of 2025 vs 2 rate cuts a week ago.

- China confirms trade deal framework: China confirmed the details on the framework of a trade deal with the US, indicating that US would lift "restrictive measures" while China would "review and approve" items under export controls. A top priority for US had been to ensure the supply of the rare earths essential for products including electric vehicles, hard drives and defence equipment.
- **US GDP declined 0.5% in Q1**: As per the third and final estimates, real GDP declined 0.5% in Q1 2025 which is slightly better than the -0.2% as per the second estimate, The downward revision reflected a sharp downgrade to consumer spending, which is now estimated to have increased at only 0.5% vs 1.2% reported previously. While imports although continued to drag but not at a steeper rate. As per the latest GDP nowcast, US economy is expected to grow at 3.4% in Q2, reverting from the imports-led decline in the first guarter.
- US existing home sales grew at slowest pace since 2009: U.S. existing-home sales rose 0.8% MoM in May which was the slowest pace since 2009. Sales were better than market expectation of a monthly decrease of 1.3%. But they were still subdued, coming in at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.03Mn. Homes are sitting on the market longer because buyers are turned off by prices that hover near all-time highs and mortgage rates that have been stuck above 6.5%. As buyers are gaining negotiating power, price growth is slowing. About one in four listings on Zillow got a price cut in May, which is the highest proportion for any May since at least 2018.
- NATO alliance agrees to double their defense spending: NATO alliance agreed to more than double their defense spending target from 2% of GDP to 5% by 2035. The joint declaration indicated that the alliance is "united in the face of profound security threats and challenges," in particular to the long-term threat posed by Russia to Euro-Atlantic security and the "persistent threat" of terrorism. The 5% figure is made up of "at least" 3.5% of GDP that should be spent on "pure" defense, with the remainder going to security and defense-related "critical infrastructure" to ensure, their civil preparedness and resilience, unleash innovation, and strengthen our defence industrial base.

Source: Media

Exhibit 1. Macro indicators				
Flows (USD mn)	Last Week*	Week prior	MTD	FYTD25
FII -Equity	429	1,276	1,612	3,881
FII -Debt	66	184	(1,029)	(4,438)
DII (INR bn)	130	126	698	7,728
Equity Returns (%)	LTP	1 Week	1 month	1 Year
Nifty	25,638	2.1	3.6	6.6
Dow Jones	43,387	2.8	3.1	10.8
Shanghai Comp	3,424	1.9	2.5	16.2
Nikkei	40,151	4.6	6.4	2.1
MSCI EM	1,227	3.1	5.4	13.4
MSCI DM	3,985	2.6	3.6	13.1
Global Pairs Returns (%)	LTP	1 Week	1 month	1 Year
USDINR	85.5	1.3	(0.1)	(2.4)
EURUSD	1.2	(1.8)	(3.8)	(8.8)
GBPUSD	1.4	(2.0)	(1.9)	(7.9)
USDJPY	144.6	1.0	0.2	11.2
Dollar Index	97.1	(1.7)	(2.8)	(8.4)
Commodities returns (%)	LTP	1 Week	1 month	1 Year
GOLD (\$/OZ)	3,263	(3.1)	(0.7)	40.2
Brent (\$/bbl)	68	(11.5)	5.0	(21.1)
CRB Metal Index	1,083	1.0	2.1	1.3
Generic Bond Yields (%)	LIBOR		G-Sec	
Country	3M	6M	1Y	10Y
US	4.85	4.68	6.04	4.26
EU	(0.58)	(0.56)	(0.49)	4.49
UK	4.11	4.74	0.81	1.44
India - Yields (%)	LTP	Week ago	1 month ago	Year ago
MIBOR	5.40	5.30	5.84	6.81
10Yr G-Sec	6.31	6.31	6.24	7.00
India Macro		latest	1 month ago	Year ago
FX Reserves (USD bn)		698	693	604
Reserve Money (yoy %)		4.8	4.8	5.6
Currency in Circulation (yoy %)		7.3	6.7	3.9
Credit Growth (yoy %)		9.7	9.8	19.7
Deposit Growth (yoy %)		10.0	10.0	12.9
Unemployment Rate -CMIE (%)		7.5	7.1	7.8

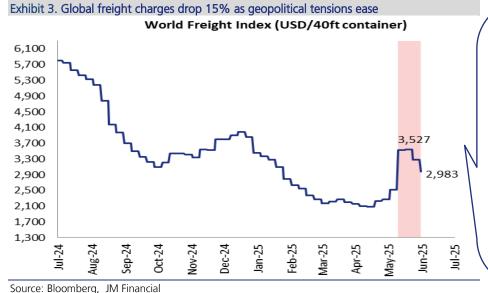
Source: Bloomberg, CMIE, CEIC, JM Financial | FII data updated till 26^{st} Jun

- FII's reverted to buying in equities to the tune of USD 429Mn vs negative flows of USD 53Bn in the previous week.
- Even in the Debt segment FII's reverted to buying to the tune of USD 66Mn vs negative flows of USD 0.3Bn in the previous week.
- DII's bought stocks worth INR 130Bn vs INR 157Bn in the previous week.
- Brent crude price corrected 11.5% (USD 68/bl) with the declaration of a ceasefire between Iran and Israel.
- We continue to believe that oil market will remain volatile going forward.
- UST 10yr yields fell sharply 14bps to 4.26%. India's 10yr G-sec yields fell marginally (1bps) 6.31% post the mixed signals by the RBI.
- India's Forex reserves improved to USD 698 Bn, and continues to remain comfortable.

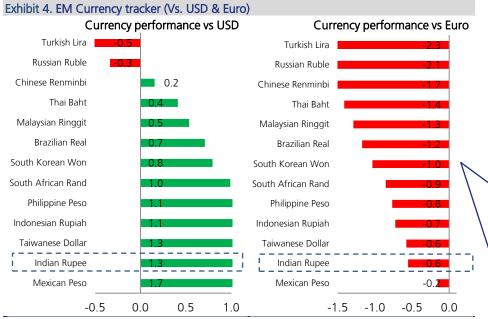
Exhibit 2. Sectoral Performance									
		Performance (%)							
	LTP	1 week	1 month	1 Year					
Nifty	25,638	2.1	3.6	6.8					
BSE Capital Goods	71,549	1.9	0.6	(1.1)					
BSE Cons Durables	59,534	3.3	2.7	1.2					
NSE Bank	57,444	2.1	3.0	9.7					
NSE Nifty Auto	24,008	1.4	2.9	(4.7)					
NSE Nifty Energy	36,543	2.6	1.8	(12.6)					
NSE Nifty FMCG	55,109	0.9	(0.3)	(2.9)					
NSE Nifty India Consumption	11,871	2.1	3.1	6.6					
NSE Nifty IT	38,823	(0.4)	3.5	7.5					
NSE Nifty Pharma	21,929	1.5	2.3	11.1					
BSE Utilities	5,433	3.6	1.9	(12.8)					
NSE Infra Index	9,439	3.4	5.2	3.3					
Nifty Realty	994	(1.9)	4.7	(10.0)					
Nifty Metals	9,578	4.8	4.2	(2.4)					

Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial | as on 27th Jun

- Nifty was in an uptrend (2.1%) but underperformed the EM and DM index.
- Metals (4.8%), Utilities (3.6%), Realty (3.4%) and Consumer Durables (3.3%) outperformed the index.
- While sectors like Realty (-1.9%) and IT (-0.4%) were the only losers
- Nifty is currently trading ~21x one year forward PE which is closer to one standard deviation from its historical mean level.
- We believe performance would be stock specific in 2025, hence quality names should be accumulated at lower levels.



- After a sharp rise in Global freight charges, the de-escalation of tensions between Iran-Israel and the related disruption led to a sharp fall of 15% in freight to USD 2983/40ft container.
- Before this, global freight rates were up sharply within a short period of 30-35 days.
- The 69% rise in freight to USD 3527/40ft container was due to the combination of factors like the pause in US tariffs and the expectation of closure of the strait of Hormuz.
- We believe that easing freight and supply chain disruption should aid global trade activity.



• US Dollar index weakened 1.7% to close at 97.1.

- INR gained 1.3% against USD while it weakened 0.6% against Euro.
- INR is currently trading at 85.5/USD. RBI governor indicated that there is no change in the FX policy.
- Resilient economic growth and comfortable fiscal situation makes India an attractive investing decision. But we expect further deterioration in the trade deficit, hence CAD should average 1.1% of GDP in FY26.

Source: Bloomberg, JM Financial | 5 day ending 20th May

Exhibit 5. \	xhibit 5. Vietnam leads in the EM basket across 13 Macro-economic parameters covered in JM EM Macro Tracker													
Country	Rank #	Gross National Savings	Total investme nt	General Govt Revenue	General Govt Expenditu re	General Govt net lending/b orrowing	Current account balance	Real GDP Growth	Per Capita Income Growth	Volume of imports	Volume of exports	Change in Forex Reserves	Manufact uring PMI	Weekly Exchang e rate moveme nt
		% GDP						YoY%				USD Bn	Index	WoW%
Vietnam	1	33.2	32.4	18.8	20.8	-2.1	0.8	6.9	8.6	10.2	9.0	-1.2	49.8	-0.1
India	2	30.1	32.0	19.5	27.5	-8.0	-1.9	6.3	8.9	6.0	4.3	7.0	57.6	1.3
Indonesia	3	28.7	29.8	14.9	17.1	-2.1	-1.0	5.0	7.4	10.8	8.4	3.4	47.4	1.1
China	3	43.1	41.9	26.9	34.2	-7.3	1.1	4.1	6.7	4.0	3.0	0.6	49.5	0.2
Malaysia	5	28.1	25.2	16.9	21.2	-4.3	2.9	4.4	6.6	4.1	4.0	17.5	48.6	0.5
Thailand	6	24.7	22.0	20.0	22.8	-2.8	2.6	3.1	6.6	4.4	4.0	-0.6	49.5	-0.5
Brazil	7	15.6	17.5	42.2	47.5	-5.3	-1.9	1.9	3.7	1.6	4.0	7.5	52.5	0.7

Source: IMF, Bloomberg, JM Financial | Note: GDP and Fiscal parameters are sourced from IMF database for latest fiscal | Currency movement is for week ended 27th Jun #Methodology: All the 13 indicators are ranked individually, the result of which is averaged for final country wise ranking.

	Unit	Jun-25	May-25	Apr-25	Mar-25	Feb-25	Jan-25	Dec-24	Nov-24	Oct-24	Sep-24	Aug-24	Jul-24	Jun-24	Ma
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Currency with public (M0)'	%YoY	8.7	7.7	6.9	6.5	5.9	5.4	6.3	5.8	6.7	6.1	6.2	6.5	6.5	2.
10 year G-sec	%	6.28	6.31	6.40	6.66	6.69	6.75	6.73	6.84	6.80	6.78	6.87	6.96	7.00	7.
O/s Banking liquidity	INR tn	(2.7)	(2.6)	(1.2)	(1.3)	1.5	1.6	1.1	(1.0)	(1.8)	(1.8)	(1.9)	(1.8)	(0.7)	0
CPI inflation	%YoY		2.82	3.16	3.34	3.61	4.26	5.22	5.48	6.21	5.49	3.65	3.60	5.08	4.
WPI inflation	%YoY		0.39	0.85	2.25	2.45	2.51	2.57	2.16	2.75	1.91	1.25	2.10	3.43	2.
SCB credit growth	% YoY		9.7	10.0	11.0	12.3	12.5	11.1	11.1	11.8	12.4	14.0	13.7	17.4	20
Fiscal															
Total Receipts (Centre)	%YoY			30.9	(2.0)	(2451.0)	(54.3)	29.8	10.6	(50.4)	8.1	(23.7)	7.6	42.3	46
Total Expenditure (Centre)	%YoY			10.0	9.7	(17.7)	12.4	22.1	3.6	31.7	2.6	20.9	0.1	(18.4)	(37
Revenue Expenditure (Centre)	%YoY			(5.7)	(5.5)	(12.8)	5.1	1.7	0.5	41.9	4.4	33.3	(14.1)	(1.6)	(33
Capital Expenditure (Centre)	%YoY			61.0	68.0	(35.4)	51.4	95.3	21.3	(8.4)	(2.4)	(30.0)	107.8	(66.2)	(50
Centre's GFD (% of BE)	% BE			11.88	14.28	10.99	15.83	4.18	5.94	17.13	2.44	9.81	8.75	5.27	(9.
GST collections	INR tn		2.0	2.4	2.0	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1
Industrial/services															
Manufacturing PMI	Index	58.4	57.6	58.2	58.1	56.3	57.7	56.4	56.5	57.5	56.5	57.5	58.1	58.3	57
Services PMI	Index	60.7	58.8	58.7	58.5	59.0	56.5	59.3	58.4	58.5	57.7	60.9	60.3	60.5	60
GST e-way bills	mn		122.7	119.3	124.5	111.6	118.1	112.0	101.8	117.3	109.1	105.5	104.9	100.1	10
Diesel consumption	%YoY		2.4	4.7	1.2	(1.3)	4.3	5.9	8.8	0.2	(1.8)	(2.4)	4.4	0.9	2
Eight Core Industries	%YoY		0.7	1.0	4.5	3.4	5.1	5.1	5.8	3.8	2.4	(1.5)	6.3	5.0	6
IIP	%YoY		2.7	2.7	3.9	2.7	5.2	3.7	5.0	3.7	3.2	0.0	5.0	4.9	6
Railway Freight earnings	%YoY		0.0	0.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.7	(0.3)	2.3	0.6	6.0	11.1	3
Cargo handled at ports	%YoY		7.0	7.0	13.3	3.6	7.6	3.4	(5.0)	(3.4)	5.8	6.7	5.9	6.8	3
SCBs credit to industry	%YoY		6.6	6.6	7.8	7.2	8.0	7.2	8.0	7.9	8.9	9.7	10.2	8.1	9
SCB credit to small & micro ent.	%YoY		9.1	9.1	9.0	9.8	9.5	9.8	10.1	10.0	13.4	13.5	13.3	11.0	15
Consumption															
Domestic PV sales	%YoY		(12.2)	(5.4)	(3.9)	(4.3)	0.4	15.5	(5.2)	(17.3)	(12.8)	(19.0)	(12.0)	(13.7)	(11
2W sales (Total)	%YoY		2.2	(16.7)	11.4	(9.0)	2.1	(8.8)	(1.2)	14.2	15.8	9.3	12.5	21.3	10
No of Flights (Dom + International)	Th			116.5	120.8	109.0	116.9	117.3	111.6	115.8	110.2	112.3	109.3	107.9	10
JM Consumer RM Inflation#	%YoY	(4.63)	(3.16)	(1.82)	3.47	7.95	9.89	8.20	6.69	2.09	(1.21)	1.61	7.32	8.99	4.
Petrol consumption	% YoY		9.2	5.0	5.7	5.0	6.7	11.1	9.6	8.7	3.0	8.6	10.5	4.6	3
Peak Energy Demand ('000)	MW	224.0	231.5	235.3	235.3	238.1	237.3	224.2	207.5	219.2	230.6	216.5	226.8	244.5	24
Naukri Job Speak Index	% YoY		0.3	8.9	(1.5)	4.0	3.9	8.7	2.0	10.0	(3.8)	(3.4)	11.8	(7.6)	(1
Personal loans from SCBs	% YoY		11.9	11.9	11.7	11.7	11.8	12.0	13.3	12.9	13.4	13.9	14.0	25.6	28
External															
Exchange Rate	INR/USD	86.00	85.19	85.56	86.64	87.05	86.27	84.99	84.36	84.03	83.79	83.90	83.59	83.47	83
Forex Reserves	USD bn	699.0	693.0	688.1	665.4	638.7	630.6	640.3	658.1	684.8	704.9	684.0	667.4	652.0	65
Trade Balance	USD bn		(21.9)	(26.4)	(21.5)	(14.1)	(23.1)	(20.7)	(32.0)	(26.1)	(24.4)	(34.0)	(24.8)	(20.8)	(22
Non-oil, non-gold imports	USD bn		43.3	41.1	40.0	36.7	43.3	40.2	33.2	39.1	39.4	46.3	41.8	37.9	38
Services Surplus	USD bn		15.3	15.9	18.1	17.1	18.0	19.2	14.9	17.2	16.0	13.9	14.6	13.5	1
Current account balance % of GDP	%		15.5	13.3	10.1	17.1	10.0	(1.1)	14.5	17.2	(1.8)	15.5	14.0	(0.9)	
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Oil Prices	USD/bbl	68.10	64.00	68.20	72.50	77.40	80.20	73.30	73.10	75.30	73.70	78.20	84.20	82.60	83
Flows (Net)		(2.11			/2	12	42		42		_				
FII inflows- Equity	USD bn	(0.2)	2.3	0.5	(0.9)	(3.4)	(9.0)	2.0	(2.6)	(11.5)	5.9	0.9	3.9	3.2	(3
FII inflow –Debt	USD bn	(2.2)	1.2	(2.2)	4.1	1.1	0.5	1.6	(0.4)	(0.5)	3.1	1.9	2.6	2.1	1
Mutual fund inflows	INR bn	238.7	(274.8)	(57.9)	(671.1)	(144.2)	35.4	(287.5)	32.4	665.0	(38.3)	(207.9)	145.1	234.3	4

Source: CMIE, CEIC, JM Financial | #JM Proprietary Raw Material Index

APPENDIX I

JM Financial Institutional Securities Limited

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