

# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024**

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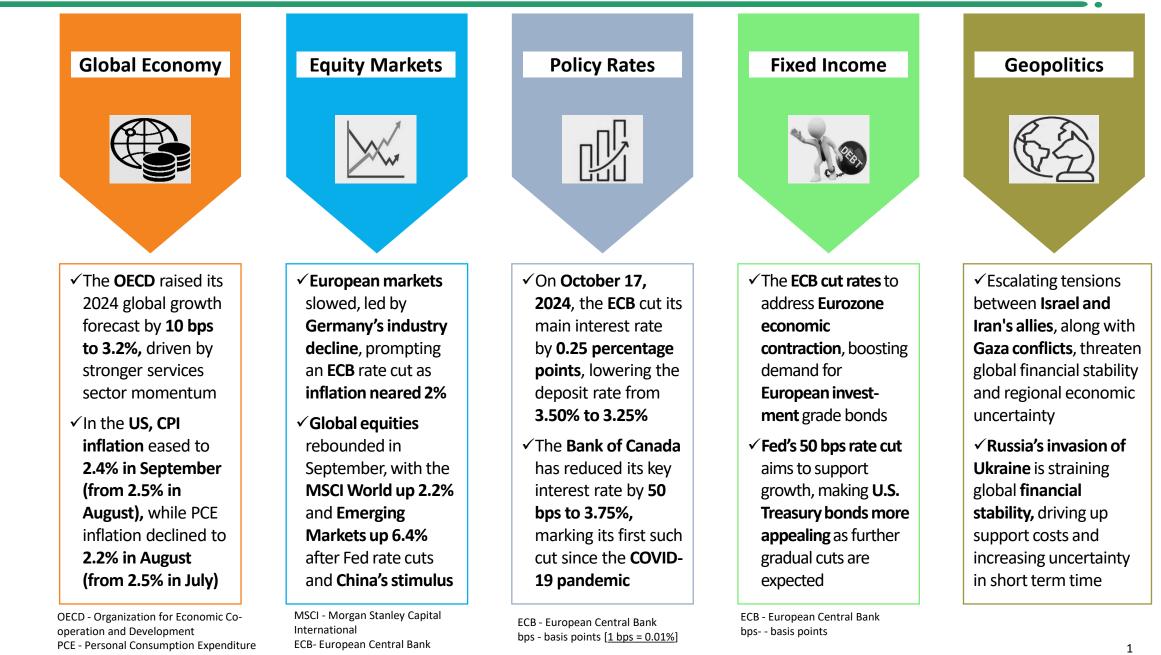
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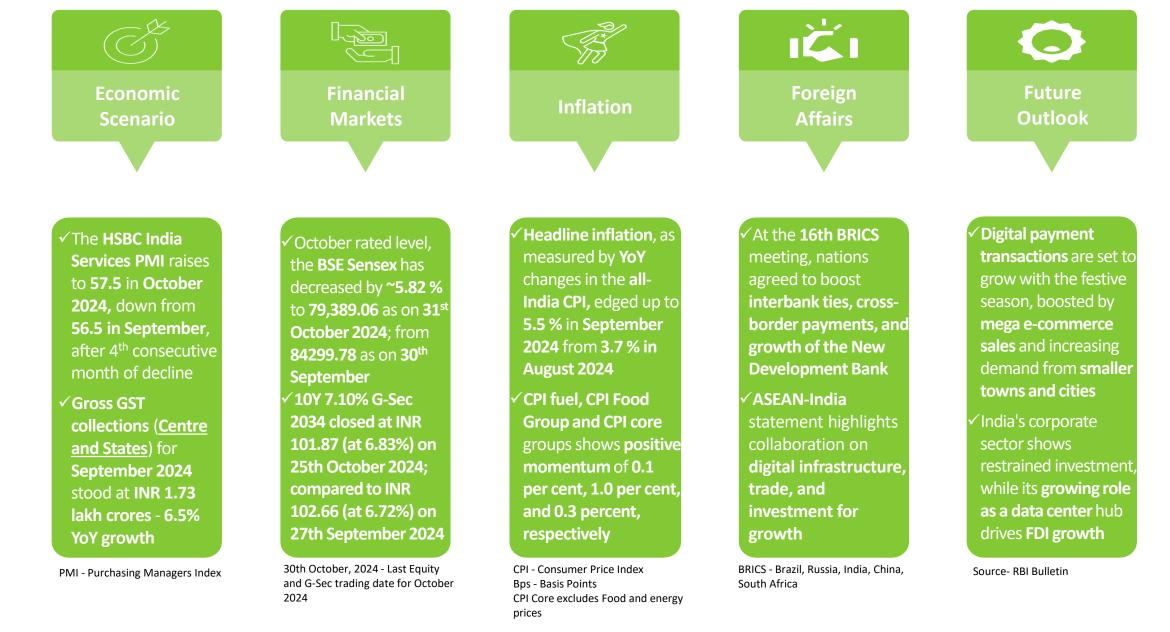
## **Global Outlook**





### **Domestic Outlook**







### **AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING**

- Country Delight raised INR 200 crores in Venture debt from Alteria Capital. The proceeds will be used to support expansion, enhance capacity, and boost brand marketing efforts <sup>(1)</sup>
- Agritech startup, Arya.ag has secured a US\$ 19.8 mn commitment from DFC to guarantee a debt facility for its agricommerce subsidiary, Aryatech <sup>(2)</sup>
- Chennai-based agritech startup
   WayCool secured INR 100 crores in debt funding from Grand Anicut to refinance existing loans and boost working capital <sup>(3)</sup>

DFC - United States International Development Finance Corporation

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### ENERGY

- Waaree Energies, an Indian solar PV module manufacturer, raised INR 4,321.44 crores through its IPO, with shares debuting on NSE at a 66.33% premium <sup>(4)</sup>
- Reliance Power's board has approved raising US\$ 500 mn (~INR 4,199.5 crores)\* through unsecured foreign currency convertible bonds (FCCBs) at a low interest rate of 5% per annum <sup>(5)</sup>
- Jakson Green is set to raise US\$
   476 mn (~INR 3999.4 crores) to expand its renewables capacity, which will be funded through a mix of 75% debt and 25% equity <sup>(6)</sup>

QIP - Qualified Institutional Placement \*USDINR of ~INR 83.99 as on 3<sup>rd</sup> October \*USDINR of ~INR 84.02 as on 4<sup>th</sup> October

(4) <u>Waaree Energies raises INR 4,321 crores, and lists at 66% Premium on NSE</u>
(5) <u>Reliance Power plans to raise US\$ 500 mn through FCCBs</u>
(6) <u>Jakson Green is set to raise US\$ 476 mn for renewables capacity expansion</u>

#### BFS

- Piramal Capital & Housing
   Finance secured US\$ 150 mn
   from international bond
   markets, issuing bonds at a
   7.078% yield <sup>(7)</sup>
- Finova Capital, raised US\$ 135 mn in Series E funding from Avataar Venture Partners, Sofina, and Madison India Capital to expand its loan book and invest in technology <sup>(8)</sup>
- Navi Finserv closed a US\$ 24.5 mn loan securitization deal with Goldman Sachs (India), which was backed by a pool of unsecured personal loans <sup>(9)</sup>

mn - million(s)

(7) <u>Piramal Finance raises US\$ 150 mn from international investors</u>
(8) <u>Finova Capital raises \$135 million to expand loan book & invest in tech</u>
(9) Navi Finserv closes US\$ 24.5 mn loan securitization deal



### **AUTOMOBILE**

- Hyundai Motor India raised INR
   27,870 crores through the country's largest ever IPO. The issue was subscribed by ~2.37 times, with the entire offering structured as an offer for sale (OFS) <sup>(1)</sup>
- Bharat Forge is set to acquire AAM\*
   India for INR 544.5 crores,
   expanding its presence in the axle
   manufacturing sector through this
   acquisition <sup>(2)</sup>
- Azad India Mobility Limited (Formerly Indian Bright Steel Co Ltd) acquired a 71% stake in NAE Mobility Private Ltd for INR 2.5 crores <sup>(3)</sup>

\*AAM - American Axle & Manufacturing

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### INFRASTRUCTURE

- GMR Group secured an eight-year, INR 6,300 crores zero-coupon debt from ADIA\* to refinance various short-term loans held by a promoter group entity <sup>(4)</sup>
- Adani Enterprises has raised US\$
   500 mn (~INR 4,201 crores)\*
   through QIP, with the proceeds to
   be used for capital expenditure,
   debt repayment, and general
   corporate purposes <sup>(5)</sup>
- Afcons Infrastructure, a part of Shapoorji Pallonji Group, raised INR 5,430 crores via its IPO, with a subscription rate exceeding 2.77 times during the offering period <sup>(6)</sup>

QIP - Qualified Institutional Placement \*USDINR of ~INR 84.03 as on 17<sup>th</sup> October \*ADIA - Abu Dhabi Investment Authority

- (4) GMR group raises INR 6,300 crores to refinance promoter entity debt
- (5) Adani Enterprises raises US\$ 500 mn via QIP
- (6) Afcons Infrastructure raises INR 5430 crores via its IPO

#### **CHEMICALS**

- Sudarshan Chemical Industries acquired Germany-based Heubach Group for INR 1,180 crores, expanding its pigment portfolio and strengthening its presence in global markets <sup>(7)</sup>
- Mstack raised US\$ 40 mn in a round led by Lightspeed Venture Partners and Alpha Wave Global, with debt from HSBC Innovation Banking. <sup>(8)</sup>
- Shiv Texchem, an importer and distributor of hydrocarbon-based chemicals, raised INR 101.35 crores through its IPO, debuting at a 44% premium <sup>(9)</sup>

(7) Sudarshan Chemical Industries acquires Heubach Group
(8) Mstack raises US\$ 40 mn from Lightspeed, Alpha Wave, others
(9) Shiv Texchem shares list at 44% premium over IPO price

### **Business News**



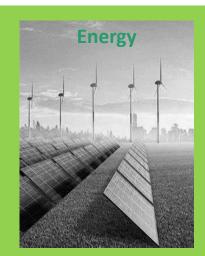


**BASF** and **AM Green sign MoU** to develop **low-carbon chemicals** in **India** and offtake **100,000 tons** of green ammonia annually <sup>(1)</sup>

**Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers awards INR 1,000 crores** contract to L&T for **1200 MTPD** complex fertilizer plant at Thal, to be **completed in 27 months** <sup>(2)</sup>

GAIL and AM Green sign MoU to explore CO2 supply for eMethanol production and renewable energy projects in India <sup>(3)</sup>

Laxmi Organic Industries approves INR 182 crores for n-Butyl Acetate plant in Gujarat and Ethyl Acetate plant expansion in Maharashtra to meet growing demand <sup>(4)</sup>



NTPC and the Indian Army are establishing a solar hydrogen microgrid in Ladakh, to provide stable eco-friendly power for off-grid Army locations <sup>(5)</sup>

JSW Renew Energy Eleven has signed a Power Purchase Agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for 700 MW solar project <sup>(6)</sup>

India aims to boost its power transmission capacity to 650,000 circuit km by FY 32, focusing on integrating renewable energy and ensuring 24x7 power supply <sup>(7)</sup>

L&T secured key projects in the Middle East and Africa, including a National System Control Centre in Kenya, high-voltage transmission lines in Saudi Arabia, and expanded gas-insulated substations in Qatar<sup>(8)</sup>

(1) BASF signs MoU with AM Green for 100,000 tons of green ammonia
(2) Rashtriya chemicals awards INR1,000 crores contract to L&T for Thal fertilizer plant
(3) GAIL and AM Green sign MoU for green chemical projects
(4) Laxmi Organic Industries plans INR 182 crores capex

(5) <u>NTPC partners with Indian Army to launch solar hydrogen microgrid project in Ladakh</u>
(6) <u>JSW Energy subsidiary signs 700 MW solar agreement with SECI</u>
(7) <u>India targets 35% increase in power transmission capacity by FY32</u>
(8) L&T bags 'major' projects in Middle East, Africa to expand electricity grids

### **Business News**





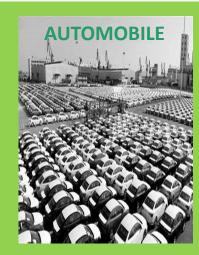
Reliance and NVIDIA has partnered to build advanced AI infrastructure in India, aiming to accelerate the nation's transformation into a global AI leader <sup>(1)</sup>

Axis Bank partners with Alliance Network India to provide Indian merchants with secure efficient POS payment solutions <sup>(2)</sup>

Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL) and BlackRock have partnered to establish Jio BlackRock Asset Management and Jio BlackRock Trustee, this joint venture will drive their mutual fund business in India <sup>(3)</sup>

UPI processed 15.04 billion transactions worth INR 20.64 lakh crores in September, with daily transactions exceeding 500 million, per NPCI <sup>(4)</sup>

BFSI - Banking, Financial Services and Insurance



**Gujarat Fluorochemicals' EV division** has **secured INR 1,000 crores** for **expansion**, led by **InoxGFL Group promoters** and **several prominent investors** <sup>(5)</sup>

Jaguar Land Rover has launched an open innovation hub in Bengaluru to collaborate with startups on AI, IoT, and ADAS technologies <sup>(6)</sup>

**BMW India** aims to **double** its **electric vehicle** share from **7% to 15%** by next year, supported by a **strong product lineup** and **expanding charging infrastructure** <sup>(7)</sup>

Hyundai Motor India plans further investments to expand capacity, boost localization, and introduce multiple EVs, developing local vendor networks and charging infrastructure<sup>(8)</sup>

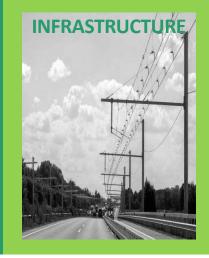
(1) <u>Reliance Partners with NVIDIA to Accelerate India's AI Transformation</u>
 (2) <u>Axis Bank Partners with Alliance Network India for POS Aggregation</u>
 (3) <u>Jio Financial and BlackRock form joint venture for mutual fund business in India</u>

(4) RBI expects daily UPI transactions to hit a billion in months

(5) <u>Gujarat Fluorochem EV division secures INR 1000 crores for expansion</u>
(6) <u>Jaguar Land Rover expands Innovation network with New Hub in India</u>
(7) <u>BMW India targets to double electric vehicle penetration by next year</u>
(8) Hyundai India Plans tech and EV growth after record IPO

### **Business News**





The Union Cabinet has approved 57 km Railway line from Yerrupalem to Nambur via Amaravati for INR 2,245 crores, enhancing connectivity to Chennai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata<sup>(1)</sup>

**Escorts Kubota** is **divesting** its **Railway equipment business** to **Sona Comstar** for **INR 1,600 crores** to **focus** on its **agriculture** and **construction equipment sectors** <sup>(2)</sup>

**Kaushalya Logistics (KLL)** has **secured transport contract** with **UKS & TDC**, marking its expansion into **PSUs** and **agricultural logistics** <sup>(3)</sup>

The Network Planning Group (NPG) under PM GatiShakti evaluated seven infrastructure projects for alignment with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan's integrated planning principles <sup>(4)</sup>

UKS & TDC- Uttarakhand Seeds and Tarai Development Corporation Limited

bilateral ties (5)

AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING





The Cabinet approved INR 1 lakh crores for PM-RKVY and Krishonnati Yojana to enhance food security, these initiatives aim to promote sustainable agriculture and boost productivity <sup>(6)</sup>

India and UAE are launching US\$ 2 billion food corridor to boost food security, support farmers, and enhance

NABARD has sanctioned INR 770 crores for irrigation projects in Jharkhand's Palamu and Giridih, supporting over 21,000 hectares and boosting rural infrastructure <sup>(7)</sup>

**Bulog** has **opened** its tender for **340,000 tons** of rice to include **Indian supplies**, extending the deadline by **one day**, after **initially limiting offers** to **Thailand**, **Cambodia**, **Vietnam**, and **Pakistan** <sup>(8)</sup>

(1) <u>The Union cabinet approves a new INR 2,245 crores railway line to Amaravati</u>
 (2) <u>Escorts Kubota to sell railway equipment biz to Sona Comstar for INR 1,600 crores</u>
 (3) <u>KLL secures FTL contract with Uttarakhand seeds for expanding into agricultural logistics</u>
 (4) Network Planning Group under PM GatiShakti evaluates 7 infrastructure projects

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(6) Centre approves INR 1 Lakh crores for PM-RKVY and Krishonnati Yojana

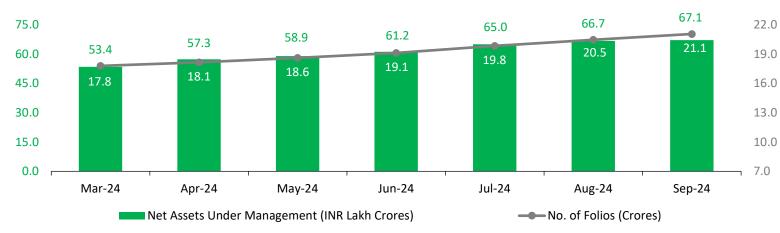
(7) NABARD sanctions INR 770 crores for two irrigation projects in Jharkhand

(8) Indian origin supplies permitted in Indonesia's 340,000 MT rice tender

## **Trends in the BFSI and the Energy Industry**

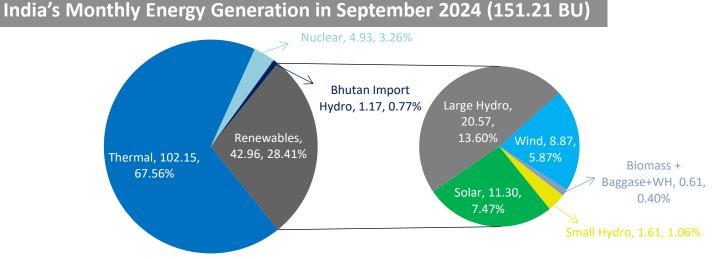


Net AUM and No. of Folios - Indian Mutual Fund Industry



Source - Association of Mutual Funds in India

Note - Figures for Net AUM (INR Lakh Crores) and No. of Folios (Crores) comprise all the three types of Schemes - Open Ended, Close Ended, and Interval Schemes



Source - Monthly Renewable Energy Generation Report by the Ministry of Power Data Labels outlined as [(Source of Energy), (Energy Generation in BU), (Percentage contribution to the total energy generated)] Note - The figures for Energy Generation are outlined in Billion Units, and are subject to rounding differences  The Net Assets Under Management (Net AUM) of Mutual Funds (MFs) has risen by 25.6% from ~INR 53.4 lakh crores in March 2024 to ~INR 67.1 lakh crores in September 2024

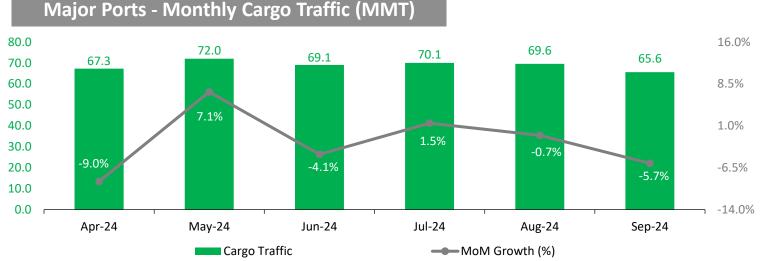
 ✓ In the same period, the Number of Folios has risen by 18.4% from 17.8 crores in March 2024 to 21.1 crores in September 2024

✓ The investment mix in September 2024 includes 61% in equity-oriented schemes, 14.2% in debtoriented schemes, 12.7% in ETFs & FoFs, and 12.1% in liquid/ money market funds.

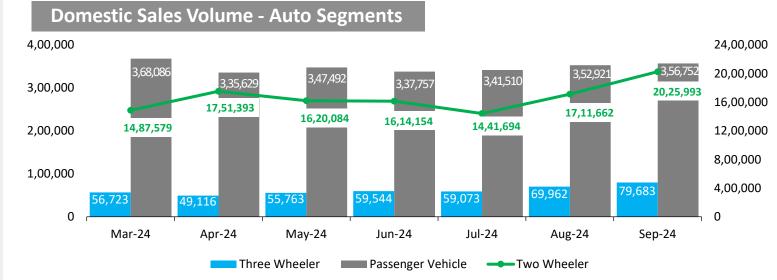
- In September 2024, renewables accounted for 28.41% of the total energy generated in India
- Out of 42.96 BU of renewable energy generated in September, 20.57 BU (<u>13.60% of the total energy</u> <u>generated</u>) was generated from "Large Hydro", and 8.87 BU (<u>5.87% of the total energy generated</u>) was generated from "Wind" energy
- ✓ From a regional standpoint, the Northern Region (<u>16.04 BU out of 42.96 BU</u>) and the Southern Region (<u>15.21 BU out of 42.96 BU</u>) were the highest contributors of renewable energy generation in September

### **Trends in the Infrastructure and the Automobile Industry**





Source – Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Cargo Traffic is in MMT ( Million Metric Tonne)



16.0%
 ✓ The monthly cargo traffic at major ports plummeted by ~5.7% MoM (month-on-month)
 8.5%
 8.5%

- from 69.6 MMT in August 2024 to 65.6 MMT in September 2024. August had recorded the highest ever monthly container traffic
- On a consolidated level, major ports handled
   ~413.6 MIMT of Cargo traffic from April to September 2024
- ✓ Cargo handled comprised of **319.8 MMT** of overseas Cargo and **93.8 MMT** of coastal cargo
- ✓ In September 2024, all three auto segments passenger vehicles (PVs), three wheelers (3Ws), and two wheelers (2Ws) - recorded an uptick in domestic sales volume
- The PV sales volume for the month stood at 3,56,752 units, 3W sales volume at 79,683 units, and 2W sales volume at 20,25,993 units; in the domestic market
- ✓ The overall Indian automobile industry remained strong in Q2 2024-25 with 8.9% growth compared to Q2 2023-24.

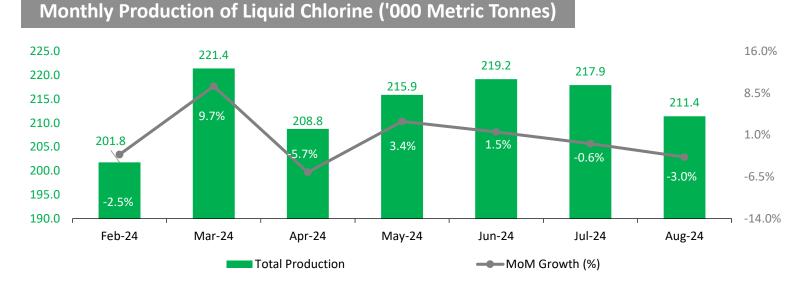
### **Trends in the Agriculture and the Chemicals Industry**







Source – Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare



Source - Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals Note - Figures for the monthly production of Liquid Chlorine outline the data reported for the calculation of IIP (Index of Industrial Production)

- The production of food grains has increased by ~16.59% from 2,850 lakh tonnes in FY18 to 3,323 lakh tonnes in FY24
- In FY24 out of the total food grains produced i.e. 3,323 lakh tonnes, Rice had the highest production at 1,378.25 lakh tonnes, followed by wheat at 1,132.92 lakh tonnes
- Production of Barley and Bajra has taken a hit to 16.9 and 107.1 lakh tonnes in FY24 from 19.1 and 114.3 lakh tonnes respectively in FY23
- Liquid Chlorine is a major chemical used in several industries, mostly it is used as disinfecting and bleaching agent
- ✓ The monthly production of Liquid Chlorine in India has Plummeted by ~3% to ~211.4 thousand metric tonnes (MTs) in August 2024, from ~217.9 thousand MTs in July 2024
- ✓ Year on Year basis, production has taken a hit of ~1.1% to ~211.4 thousand metric tonnes (MTs) in August 2024, from ~213.7 thousand MTs in August 2023



#	Associated Deal Activity – Agriculture & Food Processing Industry	Backup
1	Troo Good, a millet-based snack brand raises US\$ 9 mn led by Puro Wellness	<u>Link</u>
2	Freshara Agro Exports raised INR 75.39 crores through its IPO, listing at a 16% premium	<u>Link</u>
3	Dorje Teas raises INR 1.8 crores seed funding from Coast Fund VC	<u>Link</u>

#	Associated Deal Activity - Energy Industry	Backup
1	The shares of Godavari Biorefineries lists at a 12% discount on NSE	<u>Link</u>
2	Danish Power Shares Debut at 50% Premium on NSE SME Platform	<u>Link</u>
3	UrjaMobility secures INR 100 crores in Pre-Series A funding	<u>Link</u>

#	Associated Deal Activity - BFSI Industry	Backup
1	HDFC Education's 100% stake was sold to Vama Sundari Investments for INR 192 crores	<u>Link</u>
2	Amicus Capital, along with some individual investors, invested INR 125 crores in Equirus	<u>Link</u>
3	Red Fort Capital bags INR 22.6 crores in debt funding from major PSU banks	<u>Link</u>

IDFC - International Development Finance Corporation



#	Associated Deal Activity – Automobile Industry	Backup
1	Automoto secures first tranche of extended pre-seed funding from Venture Bridge	<u>Link</u>
2	Vajram Electric acquired 40% stake in Varcas Automobiles to boost EV market presence	<u>Link</u>
3	LIC increases its stake in Apollo Tyres by 0.047% through the purchase of 3 lakh shares	<u>Link</u>

#	Associated Deal Activity - Infrastructure Industry	Backup
1	JSW Steel-JFE JV acquires Thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel India for INR 4,051 crores	<u>Link</u>
2	Deepak Builders & Engineers raised INR 260.04 crores through its IPO	<u>Link</u>

#	Associated Deal Activity - Chemicals Industry	Backup
1	Thermax to acquire Buildtech Products India for INR 72 crores	<u>Link</u>
2	Premium Plast Raises INR 26.2 crores via IPO and debuts at 5% Premium on NSE SME	<u>Link</u>



#	Associated Business News -Chemical Industry	Backup
1	Rohm expands polymethyl methacrylate production capacity in Europe, North America, and Asia	<u>Link</u>
2	SRF approves INR1,545 crores for refrigerant plant and BOPP-BOPE facility in Indore	<u>Link</u>
3	DCW invests INR 140 crores to expand CPVC capacity to 50,000 MT by FY26	<u>Link</u>

CPVC- Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride

#	Associated Business News - Energy Industry	Backup
1	NLC India signs agreements with RRVUNL for two joint ventures in power capacity expansion	<u>Link</u>
2	Indonesia opens 60 new oil and gas blocks for exploration and development	<u>Link</u>
3	REI Expo Secures INR 1,850 crores biogas investments from global players	<u>Link</u>

#	Associated Business News –BFSI Industry	Backup
1	RBI reports private banks at the forefront of AI adoption in fraud detection and customer service	<u>Link</u>
2	Indian Bank raises INR 5,000 crores through long-term infra bonds	<u>Link</u>
3	Infosys expands digital transformation partnership with Old National Bank	<u>Link</u>



#	Associated Business News -Automobile Industry	Backup
1	Servotech partners with Ensmart power to expand EV charger business in the UK	<u>Link</u>
2	JSW, MG Motor, and Vision Mechatronics partner to innovate EV battery technology.	<u>Link</u>
3	Ashok Leyland partners with FlixBus for enhanced inter-city mobility solutions	<u>Link</u>

#	Associated Business News -Infrastructure Industry	Backup
1	Singapore LNG signs agreement with Mitsui O.S.K. Lines for second LNG terminal	<u>Link</u>
2	Reliance Infra to build INR 10,000 crores Greenfield Defence Project in Maharashtra	<u>Link</u>
3	India and Spain sign key MoU on infrastructure, rail, and tourism	<u>Link</u>

#	Associated Business News – Agriculture & Food Processing Industry	Backup
1	Govt approves INR 35,000 crores for 'PM Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan' to boost Agri-self- sufficiency	<u>Link</u>
2	India's soybean production hits 126 lakh tonnes, up 6%, still imports 60% of edible oil	<u>Link</u>
3	Uttar Pradesh eyes INR 3,000 crores in seed production to boost cash crops	<u>Link</u>

## **Research Methodology**



### Methodology

- The Newsletter follows a monthly frequency and leverages a top-down approach; the macroeconomic aspects mentioned in the 'Global Outlook' and 'Domestic Outlook' sections precede the industry-specific information outlined in the subsequent sections of the Newsletter
- As we explore ideas in relation to explaining several data points in crisp and informative ways, we intend to cover a diverse set of industries. By the same token, the industries outlined in this edition include Real Estate, Energy, BFSI, Automobile, Infrastructure, and Healthcare
- The 'Deal Activity in the Indian Economy' section mentions three key fundraising events on the organic growth / inorganic growth sides for the particular industry. We have explained about the fundraising events very briefly, mentioning them in the order of the ticket size (high to low)
- In the 'Business News' section, any major news from the standpoint of the industry / regulatory measure / policy measure is outlined first, followed by any major company-specific news / announcements / future plans
- For the 'Trends in the Industry' section, we explain a dynamic trend / evolving scenario / changing landscape which is relevant to the respective industry, and provide a graphically representation of the same

### Data Sources

- The 'Global Outlook' section leverages projections of the World Bank, IMF, Central Banks of major economies, and several widely recognized indices of Global Financial Services / Research and Advisory / Consulting firms, among other firms. The 'Domestic Outlook' section utilizes the data published in public domains by RBI, SEBI, other bodies of the Government of India; and the research wings of think tanks and global organizations
- The 'Deal Activity in the Indian Economy' and 'Business News' sections employ information published in financial newspapers, and the data provided in the premium versions of several databases / media articles VCCEdge, PrivateCircle, MoneyControl, The Economic Times, VCCircle, among others
- For the 'Trends in the Industry' section, we resort to the statistical reports published by the relevant Ministry / Regulatory Body / Apex Society, or data points provided by a Market Leader in the respective industry



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