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Recent IPO Updates:

- Casagrand Premier Builder has filed draft papers with SEBI for a ₹1,220 cr IPO comprising mostly fresh equity issuance and a small promoter OFS.
- Quick-commerce player Zepto's board has approved plans to raise ₹11,000 cr via IPO, combining fresh issue and offer for sale, ahead of confidential DRHP filing.
- Retail investors poured ₹42,000 cr into mainboard IPOs in 2025, a threefold increase from 2023, driving a record ₹1.95 lakh cr total primary market fundraising.
- The Finance Ministry has requested Haryana, Kerala and Tamil Nadu Gramin Banks to submit IPO plans by March to strengthen their capital base and transparency.
- SEBI bulletin shows India led global IPO volumes in November with 22 listings, raising ₹33,507 cr, topping China and the US in deal activity.

P.E. & Funding Updates:

- CarDekho Group infused \$10 mn into its subsidiary CollegeDekho to fuel expansion into tier-II and tier-III cities and enhance digital services for educational institutions.
- Veteran investor Madhusudan Kela led a ₹75 cr bridge funding round for Wow! Momo, supporting the QSR chain's goal to reach 1,500 stores nationwide.
- BP is selling a 65% stake in Castrol's parent company to Stonepeak for \$6 billion, which will impact Castrol India's valuation and long-term joint venture structure.
- Coforge will acquire US-based AI-native firm Encora in an all-stock deal at a \$2.35 bn enterprise value, creating a larger AI-led engineering and cloud services business.
- Manappuram Finance will infuse up to ₹250 cr into subsidiary Asirvad Micro Finance, strengthening its capital base to support loan growth and meet regulatory capital adequacy norms.

FII/DII Activity (in ₹crores)

FII (Cash)	-317.56
DII (Cash)	1,772.56
FII (Index Futures)	-1,130.73
FII (Index Options)	7,847.89
FII (Stock Futures)	1166.28
FII (Stock Options)	119.15

Global Market Snapshot

Dow Jones	48,731.16	(▲ 0.00)
S&P 500	6,932.05	(▲ 0.32)
Nasdaq	23,613.31	(▲ 0.22)
Gift Nifty	26,074.00	(▼ -0.39)
Nikkei 225	50,407.79	(▲ 0.00)
Hang Seng	25,774.14	(▲ 0.00)

Macro Data

Brent Crude	62.26	(▲ 0.00)
Gold	140,290.00	(▲ 0.63)
Silver	240,990.00	(▲ 3.81)
Dollar Index	97.98	(▲ 0.04)
INR/USD	89.78	(▲ 0.13)
India 10Y Bond Yield	6.57	(▼ -1.65)
US 10Y Bond Yield	4.13	(▲ 0.00)

Indian Market

BSE Sensex	85,408.70	(▲ 0.00)
NIFTY 50	26,142.10	(▲ 0.00)
BSE SENSEX 50	27,297.19	(▲ 0.00)
NIFTY NEXT 50	68,957.25	(▲ 0.00)
BSE SENSEX Next 50	86,529.21	(▲ 0.00)
NIFTY BANK	59,183.60	(▲ 0.00)
BSE BANKEX	66,147.57	(▲ 0.00)
NIFTY FINANCIAL SERVICES	27,565.50	(▲ 0.00)
BSE Financial Services	13,150.23	(▲ 0.00)
NIFTY MIDCAP SELECT	13,813.10	(▲ 0.00)
BSE MidCap	46,804.91	(▲ 0.00)
India VIX	9.19	(▲ 0.00)

Business & Economic Updates:

- India's "Big Four" global ambitions, likely around economic size, manufacturing and markets, are expected to see clearer progress in 2026 through reforms, infrastructure push and investment-led growth.
- Bank credit growth is nearing 12%, supported by strong retail lending, MSME demand and infrastructure financing, though deposit mobilisation and funding costs remain key monitoring points.
- The Indian rupee hit a new low of 89.86 against the dollar due to persistent foreign fund outflows, rising crude prices and risk-off sentiment.
- Three RRBs have been instructed by the Finance Ministry to finalize their IPO blueprints by March-end 2026.
- Vi is preparing a broader 5G rollout strategy, aiming to accelerate deployments, strengthen network quality and close the technology gap with private rivals in key urban circles.
- Foreign exchange reserves rose sharply, with India's forex kitty jumping by about \$4.36 Bn to nearly \$693.32 bn, reinforcing external sector buffers and rupee stability.
- Gold and silver prices have hit new highs amid geopolitical risks, central bank buying and rate cut expectations, boosting safe-haven demand and returns for precious metals investors.
- Commercial banks tapped the RBI for ₹2 lakh cr via repo auctions to manage transient deficits caused by advance tax outflows and GST payments.
- Logistics giant DP World is committing an additional \$5 bn to India, focusing on deeper supply chain integration and multimodal logistics to transform domestic trade.
- Eight months into FY26, Indian states have spent only 38% of their budgeted capital expenditure, raising concerns about meeting infrastructure and development targets.
- Domestic tourism and corporate travel are expected to push hotel room rates up by 6% in 2026 as demand consistently outpaces the current supply.
- CSR spending by Central PSEs surged 31% to ₹6,437 cr in FY25, despite a slight dip in their net profits.
- The Labour Ministry is launching a mission-mode drive to return funds locked in inoperative EPFO accounts through a new dedicated digital KYC platform.

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- India's stronger forex reserves, record IPO activity and rising gold holdings underline improved macro resilience, enhancing the country's standing in global markets and geopolitical economic influence.
- The PLI scheme has generated 1.33 Mn jobs, transforming India into a global smartphone export hub and significantly reducing reliance on imported electronics.

Geopolitical Updates:

- Russian President Vladimir Putin concluded a high-profile visit to India, reaffirming "time-tested" mutual trust and firming up a five-year economic cooperation roadmap.
- President Zelensky will meet Donald Trump in Florida to discuss a 20-point peace plan, focusing on security guarantees and potential territory swaps with Russia.
- Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal announced plans to visit Canada in February 2026 to resume Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations and define terms of reference.
- The Indian Home Minister launched new databases for weapons and organized crime, planning a "360-degree assault" to eliminate networks linked to international terrorism.
- Researchers identified a former Belarusian airbase near Krichev as the likely site for Russia's nuclear-capable Oreshnik missiles, significantly shortening strike times against European targets.

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