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Recent IPO Updates:

- Indian firms are adopting a hybrid approach, combining private stake sales with IPOs to raise between ₹500 Cr and ₹2,000 Cr. This strategy helps stabilise valuations before they hit the public markets.
- 2 new IPOs launch this week, a combined total of ₹1,370 Cr+, while 3 companies list on exchanges. Investors are tracking these debuts to gauge liquidity and broader sentiment for the ₹15,000 Cr pipeline.

P.E. & Funding Updates:

- A Y Combinator partner highlighted the funding gap in the AI sector, urging Indian startups to innovate. Meanwhile, the TCS CEO reaffirmed the IT sector's resilience amid global tech shifts.
- Driven by the AI boom, global venture capital funding has reached a staggering record of ₹25.20 lakh Cr. Investors are aggressively pouring capital into startups developing transformative artificial intelligence technologies.

Business & Economic Updates:

- India's coal imports dropped 8.5% to 16.55 million tonnes in February. High domestic stockpiles and elevated global prices reduced the country's reliance on expensive overseas fuel supplies.
- Shell has surged to become India's largest imported gas supplier. The company won major tenders to provide critical feedstock for local fertiliser production following recent global supply disruptions.
- Patent applications in India jumped 30.2% to a record 1.43 lakh in FY26. Domestic innovators led the surge, supported by government initiatives like reduced fees and expedited examinations.
- India is increasing the supply of 5-kg LPG cylinders to stabilise domestic energy availability. This proactive measure addresses potential fuel volatility and supply chain risks triggered by the Iran conflict.
- The RBI plans to tighten regulatory norms for government-owned NBFCs to ensure financial stability. This move aims to align state-owned lenders with the stricter standards applied to private entities.
- Despite global headwinds, Indian IT remains vital for global firms to leverage AI gains. Industry leaders emphasise that digital transformation and automation will drive the next growth phase.
- A recent study reveals that climate change is negatively impacting India's poverty reduction efforts. Extreme weather events are straining resources and reversing economic gains in vulnerable rural regions.

FII/DII Activity (in ₹crores)

FII (Cash)	672.09
DII (Cash)	410.05
FII (Index Futures)	3,438.35
FII (Index Options)	7,018.01
FII (Stock Futures)	402.79
FII (Stock Options)	-886.31

Global Market Snapshot

Dow Jones	47,916.57	(▼ -0.56)
S&P 500	6,824.66	(▲ 0.00)
Nasdaq	22,822.42	(▲ 0.00)
Gift Nifty	24,091.50	(▲ 0.00)
Nikkei 225	56,924.11	(▲ 1.84)
Hang Seng	25,893.54	(▲ 0.55)

Macro Data

Brent Crude	95.20	(▼ -0.75)
Gold	152,040.00	(▼ -0.56)
Silver	239,540.00	(▼ -1.92)
Dollar Index	98.65	(▼ -0.17)
INR/USD	92.74	(▲ 0.08)
India 10Y Bond Yield	6.95	(▲ 0.00)
US 10Y Bond Yield	4.34	(▲ 1.40)

Indian Market

BSE Sensex	77,550.25	(▲ 1.20)
NIFTY 50	24,050.60	(▲ 1.16)
BSE SENSEX 50	25,149.98	(▲ 1.18)
NIFTY NEXT 50	67,641.25	(▲ 2.07)
BSE SENSEX Next 50	82,005.78	(▲ 1.60)
NIFTY BANK	55,912.75	(▲ 1.99)
BSE BANKEX	62,984.89	(▲ 2.06)
NIFTY FINANCIAL SERVICES	26,213.90	(▲ 2.06)
BSE Financial Services	12,255.56	(▲ 2.11)
NIFTY MIDCAP SELECT	13,406.35	(▲ 1.51)
BSE MidCap Select	16,418.01	(▲ 1.50)
India VIX	18.85	(▼ -7.73)

- Air India is set to offer performance-linked stock options to its employees. This initiative aims to align staff interests with the airline's long-term turnaround and financial targets.
- The government has established standardised fees for the testing and certification of medical devices. This move aims to ensure quality control while providing cost clarity for domestic and international manufacturers.
- India has eased restrictions on wheat exports to capitalise on surging global prices. The policy shift helps Indian farmers benefit from international demand while managing the country's domestic food buffer.
- Global brands are flooding the Indian market with "nostalgic" snacks and traditional titbits. These international icons are redesigning their portfolios to cater to local tastes and capture India's growing snack segment.
- UPI celebrated its 10th anniversary, processing billions of transactions to make India the global leader in real-time payments. The platform has revolutionised digital banking, handling volumes exceeding ₹20 lakh Cr monthly.

Geopolitical Updates:

- President Trump ordered a naval blockade of the Strait of Hormuz after peace talks with Iran collapsed. This move aims to pressure Tehran following failed nuclear negotiations in Pakistan.
- India rejected China's attempt to rename 23 places in Arunachal Pradesh. The MEA dismissed these "fictitious names," asserting the state remains an inalienable and integral part of India.
- Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri co-chaired consultations in Paris to strengthen bilateral ties. Discussions focused on defence, civil nuclear energy and AI following President Macron's recent visit to India.
- The Iran conflict has prompted India to revise its 3-year-old crude oil pricing formula. This adjustment aims to fix historical inaccuracies and ensure energy security during regional instability.
- India and the UAE held high-level talks focused on energy security and regional stability. Both nations discussed strengthening strategic reserves and collaborating on maritime safety in the Gulf.
- Collapsed peace negotiations between the US and Iran have unsettled global markets. Analysts warn that heightened geopolitical tensions could lead to increased oil volatility and slowed economic growth.
- The free trade agreement (FTA) between India and the UK is set to launch by mid-May 2026. This landmark deal will grant nearly 99% of Indian exports duty-free access to the British market.

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