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FINANCIAL FORESIGHTS

01 BINANCE'S RETURN TO INDIA: A STEP TOWARD REGULATED CRYPTO GROWTH

One of the biggest international cryptocurrency exchange Binance formally returned to India in October 2025. The return comes after paying the fine which Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) fined them in 2024 for ₹18.32 cr because they were operating without the required registration under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). In order to comply with India's stringent anti-money-laundering laws Binance registered as a reporting entity with FIU-IND following the payment of the fine. This particular incident shows that international giants have started to trust India and also the country's approach toward cryptocurrency is changing from restriction to regulation and oversight. Binance's return gives Indian investors more options, credibility, and liquidity in the market for digital assets. Although heavy taxes like the 1% TDS on trades and 30% capital gains tax remain in place. Recently, Binance also hosted a Blockchain Yatra 2025 event in Mumbai to promote Web3 adoption, reflecting its renewed commitment to India's fintech ecosystem. Overall, the exchange's fine in 2024 and return in 2025 highlight a new phase for India's crypto sector-regulated growth with accountability.



02 SOFTBANK CASHES OUT NVIDIA STAKE TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THE AI GOLD RUSH



Soft bank group sold its entire stake in NVIDIA for \$5.83 billion to help bankroll AI investments. The executives of Soft bank have said that the reason for the sale is not related to NVIDIA itself, it was a necessary financing measure. After the incident the investors have also started questioning whether we are in a bubble where companies like META,alphabet are flooding AI related startups with money and now SOFTBANK is joining them. Both META and Alphabet are expected to surpass \$1 trillion in AI investment in upcoming years.

"I can't say whether we are in an AI bubble or not." chief financial officer of Soft bank, Yoshimitsu Goto. Soft bank has sold out NVIDIA stake during 2019 but after 2020 they started buying it again which ended up a great bet for them due to the sudden rise of NVIDIA stocks which showed up in their bottom line. This year the the company reported \$16.2 billion in their fiscal second quarter which shows that there all in bet on Open -AI has started paying dividend.

These results and their disinvestment from NVIDIA means more money for their investment in the artificial intelligence industry.

CORPORATE ODYSSEY

01 BRITANNIA INDUSTRIES PLANS TO ENTER THE READY-TO-DRINK PROTEIN BEVERAGES SPACE

Britannia is exploring protein-based ready-to-drink beverages as an extension of its dairy portfolio. Executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director Varun Berry said the company now has the profitability it aimed for and will focus on volume-led growth. "We are going to invest behind our key core brands. During the inflationary period, investments slowed, but now we're clear we will double down and nurture our salient brands as we go forward," he said.



The company is not considering whey powders for now, as they are unable to produce the quality required for professional-grade whey products used by athletes and bodybuilders. Instead, Britannia will focus on developing the beverages segment.

Britannia Industries also reported a strong second quarter for FY26, with revenue and profit improving due to stable input prices and tighter cost control. The company plans to remain highly competitive in pricing and will increase spending on media and consumer awareness to strengthen brand leadership. Berry added that if the company wants aggressive top-line growth, it may need to accept a slight margin haircut.

02 ADANI ENTERPRISES SHARES DETAILS OF ITS RS 25,000-CRORE RIGHTS ISSUE

Adani Enterprises Ltd has approved a rights issue of up to Rs 25,000 crore through partly paid-up equity shares of Rs 1 each, according to the company's exchange filing on November 11. The firm will issue about 13.85 crore shares for a total of Rs 24,930.30 crore, priced at Rs 1,800 per share, a 24% discount to the current market price. The record date for eligibility has been set as November 17.

The group's flagship company recently reported an 84% jump in quarterly profit, largely due to a one-time exceptional gain. Without that boost, core earnings weakened because of a slowdown in its main coal trading business. The issue aims to fund ongoing expansion across airports, green energy, and other infrastructure ventures. This marks the company's biggest fundraising effort since the cancellation of its fully subscribed Rs 20,000 crore FPO in 2023, following allegations raised by US based short seller Hindenburg Research.

Still recovering



Major rights issues

Announced	Company	₹ crore
Apr '20	RIL	53,123
Feb '19	Bharti Airtel	25,001
Jan '19	Vodafone Idea	25,000
Nov '25	Adani Enterprises	25,000
Aug '21	Bharti Airtel	20,999

Source: Bloomberg
Compiled by BS Research Bureau



THE ECONOMIC LENS

01 STRENGTHENING TIES: INDIA-AUSTRALIA TRADE PUSH



India and Australia are making fresh efforts to expedite the second phase of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement, which will further deepen economic ties in goods, services, investment, as well as in key strategic sectors like education, technology, and critical minerals.

The timing is significant: with global trade in flux and supply chains getting reworked, both countries see CECA as a route to more dependable partnerships in the Indo-Pacific. For India, it's not just about superior market access. It's part of a more extensive effort toward lesser dependence on any one single economic bloc, greater export competitiveness, and helping domestic manufacturing under Make in India.

For Australia, still finding its way in an uncertain relationship with China, closer engagement with India offers stability and long-term economic upside.

The next phase will further align both countries on education, energy security, digital innovation, and startups, underlining the role of economic diplomacy in shaping the Indo-Pacific's growth trajectory.

02 GLOBAL GROWTH RISES, CONFIDENCE FALLS

A recent S&P Global Market Intelligence survey showed that global business activity picked up in October, pointing to a stronger fourth quarter. The Composite PMI rose from 52.5 in September to 52.9 in October, which points to annualised GDP growth of 3 percent.

Despite the higher output and orders, business confidence dropped sharply to its three-year low. The gap has widened between current activity and expectations, heightening concerns over weak demand, geopolitical risks, and persistent cost pressures. Firms report better conditions, yet remain cautious.

For emerging markets like India, the data is both opportunity and warning. Stronger global demand could support exports and investment, yet low forward sentiment means policymakers and firms must prepare for headwinds. Strengthening competitiveness and supply chains will be crucial if external demand softens.

In other words, the world economy is moving but its direction is not certain.



SUSTAINABLE SYNERGIES

01 INDIA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR HITS RECORD 25GW CAPACITY ADDITION IN H1 FY26

India's renewable energy sector has maintained strong growth, with the first half of the current fiscal year adding about 25 GW (24,833 MW) of new capacity, the highest ever in a six-month period. Solar power remained the primary contributor.

Of the 25 GW added between April and September 2025 (excluding large hydro), solar contributed nearly 21.7 GW across ground-mounted, rooftop, hybrid and off-grid systems. Wind energy added 3.09 GW in the same period, according to the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).



Wind additions have also been rising, with 4.2 GW installed in FY25 and 3.3 GW in FY24. Jyoti Gulia, CEO of JMK Research, said that growing demand from corporate and industrial consumers and the execution of earlier tenders have supported this recovery. New procurement mechanisms such as wind-solar hybrids, storage-linked projects and FDRE tenders are expected to boost growth further.

India's solar capacity now stands at 127 GW, while wind capacity is 53 GW.

02 GOVT. PERMITS LEASING OF ASSIGNED LAND TO RENEWABLE COMPANIES IN ENERGY ANDHRA PRADESH

The coalition government's revenue reforms are designed to help small and marginal farmers secure a stable livelihood while boosting clean energy growth. Official data shows Andhra Pradesh holds 36.36 lakh acres of assigned land. Of this, 13.62 lakh acres are eligible for freehold status, with 9.93 lakh acres already converted. Under the new policy, approximately 26.43 lakh acres can be leased exclusively to Renewable Energy companies. These firms specialize in solar, wind, compressed biogas and pumped storage projects. The lease process will be managed by NREDCAP or the soon-to-be-established Rural Development Board. The government has identified suitable zones for setting up RE plants. Companies can obtain government land in these regions, while private or assigned lands will also be taken on lease. Farmers leasing their lands will earn ₹30,000 to ₹40,000 per acre annually, with a 5 percent increase every two years. Unemployed members of these farmer families will receive priority in jobs with the companies and upcoming factories.



THE GLOBAL CHESSBOARD

01 CHINA'S STATE OF WAR: PAKISTAN'S TWO-FRONT CHALLENGE IN SOUTH ASIA

The Pakistan–Afghanistan frontier has plunged into crisis again, exposing Islamabad's security vulnerabilities. The collapse of Turkey-mediated peace talks and a terror strike in the capital pushed Pakistan's Defence Minister to declare a "state of war."

Talks fell apart after Islamabad sought verifiable action from Kabul against the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, whose attacks have surged across northwest Pakistan. The Afghan regime rejected the demand as "unreasonable." Soon after, the TTP claimed a bombing at Islamabad's District Court that killed 12 people. Pakistan blames militant safe havens inside Afghanistan for the violence.

For India and the region, this is a turning point. Pakistan's attempt to shape Kabul's politics has backfired, leaving it caught between an assertive Taliban in the west and a cautious India in the east. As New Delhi reopens its embassy in Kabul, Pakistan faces a two-front challenge.



02 US-CHINA CRITICAL MINERALS TRUCE: TACTICAL PAUSE OR DE-ESCALATION?

Beijing has suspended its export controls on critical minerals and rare earth elements for a year, signalling a cautious thaw after high-level US-China talks in November 2025.

The move eases restrictions on materials such as gallium, germanium and antimony, which are important to semiconductor and electric vehicle production. The relaxation is tied to US tariff adjustments and renewed Chinese purchases of American agricultural goods, though China has kept export bans for military end-users.

Analysts view the shift as a tactical pause aimed at steadyng markets while China strengthens its position in refining. The suspension gives countries a short window to diversify supply chains. For India, which recently launched the National Critical Minerals Mission, it offers a chance to advance domestic exploration and reinforce its role in the Quad's supply chain strategy.



SCIENTIFIC SPECTRA

01 THE LAUNCH OF GSAT-7R: INDIA'S COMMUNICATION MARVEL

On 3rd November 2025, ISRO launched GSAT-7R (CMS-03), India's bulkiest communication satellite, marking a major boost to the country's astronomical and defence capabilities.

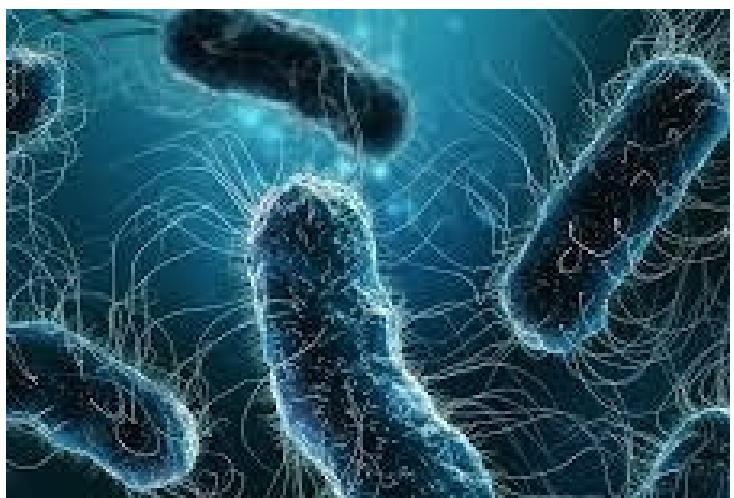
The satellite and its launch vehicle, LVM3-M5 (also known as Baahubali), were lifted off from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The 4410-kg multiband satellite will cover the Indian landmass and oceanic regions for at least 15 years. The LVM3-M5 also carried its heaviest payload so far, surpassing its usual 4000-kg capacity.

The mission will strengthen the Indian Navy's space-based communication and navigation systems. ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan called the satellite an example of Atmanirbhar Bharat and described LVM3-M5 as a fully reliable launch vehicle.

ISRO's future plans include the Gaganyaatri-2 Mission.



02 ARE MICROBES THE NEW IRONMAN IN THE ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION UNIVERSE?



In a recent study published in *NATURE*, conducted by Marc Mussman and Alexander Loy at the University of Vienna, a new kind of microorganisms were identified and labelled as MISO bacteria. It was reported that these bacteria are able to breathe iron minerals by oxidising the toxic sulfide.

This way, when these microbes live in marine sediments and wetland soils, they use this toxic sulfide as an energy source for growth.

It has been affirmed that these bacteria will further help in preventing the advent of oxygen-lacking "dead zones" in the marine ecosystem. These bacteria remove toxic hydrogen sulphide and convert it into innocuous sulphate.

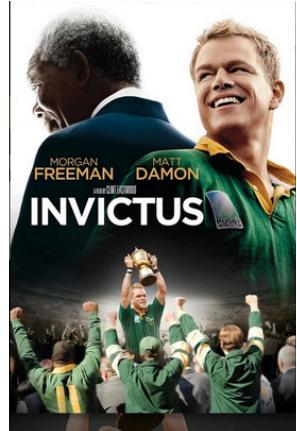
Therefore, it re-establishes the fact that microbes serve a crucial role in regulating the Earth's bio-geochemical cycles and helping to protect the aquatic habitat.

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MOVIE RECOMMENDATION

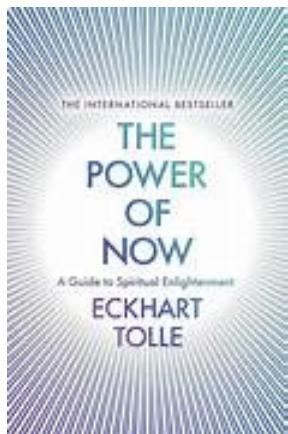
INVICTUS

ThiInvictus is a movie based on the true story of Nelson Mandela's efforts to unite post apartheid South Africa by using the 1995 Rugby World Cup. Here we see Nelson Mandela not just as a president, but as a smart and thoughtful leader trying to heal a broken country. He used simple gestures to bring people together. Behind all that is a clear use of leadership and management principles that we can actually relate to in real life. The movie emphasizes the power of forgiveness, understanding, and empathy as essential components of effective leadership. By fostering an environment of trust, leaders can empower their teams to overcome adversity and work collaboratively towards shared goals.



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

THE POWER OF NOW BY ECKHART TOLLE

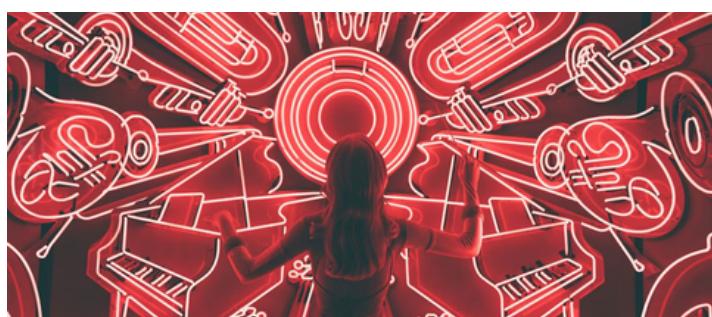


Our suffering is largely self-created by our minds, which is constantly preoccupied with the past or future. The ego, a false sense of self built on these mental constructs, drives this continuous thought process, seeking future fulfillment and creating anxiety. The only way to end this suffering is to disengage from the thinking mind and return to the present moment, which is the only reality that exists. Tolle provides methods to observe your thoughts, rather than be consumed by them, and to shift your focus from the mind to the body and the inner self.

YOUTUBE RECOMMENDATION

A SIMPLE WAY TO BREAK A BAD HABIT | JUDSON BREWER | TED

A really helpful video that reflects on themes like introspection, resistance, bad habits, mindfulness and fascination. It emphasises the importance of discovering what you truly want. Falling under mass influence pulls you away from yourself and often creates negative habits. Breaking a bad habit matters because even small actions can affect our health, mind or relationships over time. It also gives us more control over life. While a bad habit gives short-term comfort, breaking it brings long-term peace and freedom.



MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

1. VidSign of the Times- Harry Styles
2. We are the people- Empire of the Sun
3. Paris- The Chainsmokers
4. One Dance- Drake
5. Hotel California- Eagle

GUESS THE PERSONALITY

- She was the first female engineer hired at TELCO (now Tata Motors) after writing a letter to protest the company's "men only" hiring policy.
- Her professional life took an unconventional turn after she provided the initial capital for her husband's new company.
- She is not just an entrepreneur but also a prolific author who writes novels and non-fiction in both English and Kannada.
- She is also known for her extensive social and philanthropic work.
- After receiving a significant award and its prize money, she donated the entire amount to the Field Institute at the University of Toronto.



GUESS THE COMPANY

- It was first launched in 2013 by the founders as "Bundl," a courier and logistics service.
- In its first month of operations in the Koramangala neighborhood of Bengaluru, the company had only 6 delivery partners, around 25 restaurant partners, and relied on a basic website, not a mobile app.
- The company's delivery partners have covered an impressive 166.42 million green kilometers using electric vehicles and cycles.
- One of its key innovations was eliminating the minimum order policy that was common among its rivals.
- The company famously launched its "moonlighting" policy, allowing employees to take on outside projects for extra income with management approval.

Answers of the previous edition

Personality	Company
1. Ratan Tata	1. Amul
2. Donald Trump	2. Airbnb
3. Dr. Shashi Tharoor	3. Nike
4. Droupadi Murmu	4. Netflix
5. Taylor Swift	5. Uber
	6. BlackRock

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT EDITION

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JARGONS DECODED

YOLO Economy

A post-pandemic trend where individuals take higher risks by quitting stable jobs to pursue passions, highlighting a shift toward fulfillment over traditional financial security. Consumers are choosing to spend on high-value experiences, travel, and personal indulgences over accumulating material possessions. The YOLO mindset encourages people to start their own businesses or take calculated risks in their careers to achieve greater control and satisfaction.

Finfluencer

A Finfluencer is a social media user who shares financial advice and information, such as on budgeting, investing, and personal finance, on platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. These content creators provide relatable and accessible content to a large following, often acting as informal guides for everyday investors. However, finfluencers may lack the formal qualifications and regulatory oversight required of traditional financial advisors, which can pose risks due to potentially unverified or speculative advice.

MYTH BUSTERS

Credit cards are an emergency fund

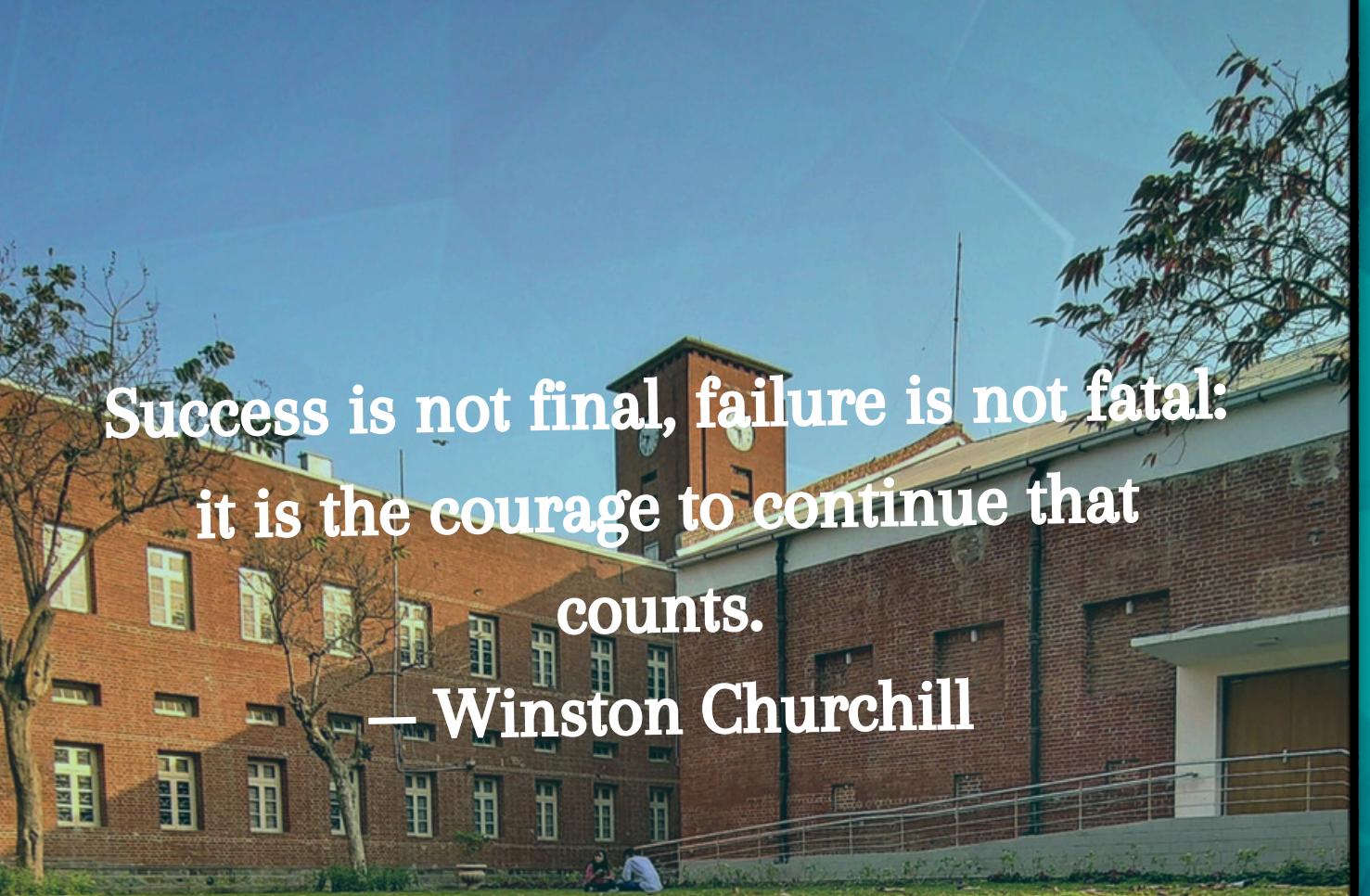
The myth that credit cards are an effective emergency fund is false because credit cards create debt and accrue high interest, while a true emergency fund is money you already own that can be accessed without additional cost. While credit cards can provide temporary access to funds during a crisis, they should be a last resort, as accumulating credit card debt for emergencies can lead to a long-term financial burden, stress, and significant financial repercussions.

Diversification is achieved by owning many different stocks

Owning dozens of stocks in the same sector provides a false sense of security. True diversification means spreading your investments across different asset classes (e.g., stocks, bonds, real estate) and sectors to balance risk. Buying too many stocks in a single sector offers "protection against ignorance" rather than true risk management. While owning multiple stocks can reduce risk, simply having a high quantity of stocks does not guarantee true diversification, especially if they are all from the same sector, industry, or region.

FORTUNE'S FABLES

Zepto's success story is defined by co-founders Aadit Palicha and Kaivalya Vohra, who launched the quick-commerce grocery delivery service in India in 2021. During the COVID-19 pandemic, founders Palicha and Vohra, both Stanford University dropouts, noticed inefficiencies in grocery delivery services, with long wait times being the norm. They addressed the market's need for speed by establishing a network of strategically located "dark stores" (micro-warehouses) and implementing a data-driven approach to stock high-demand items. This enabled Zepto's signature 10-minute delivery promise, quickly disrupting the Indian grocery market and attracting significant funding, making it a unicorn startup. In an industry often plagued by late deliveries, Zepto focused on precision and consistency to build trust with customers.



Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to continue that
counts.

— Winston Churchill



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