



# **Our News Your Views**

# Newsletter from the Desk of Dr Aditya Vijay Kashyap

# **▼** Quote by Dr. Aditya Vijay Kashyap

"When global crosswinds blow, the wise investor finds shelter in thoughtful positioning, not blind conviction."

<b>▼</b> 50 Business News Headlines for June 20, 2025
□□• US markets reopen after Juneteenth holiday
□□• Sensex slips ~83 pts; Nifty dips below 24,800
□□• Vishal Mega Mart set to join FTSE Global Mid Cap Index
□□• Citi expects oil at \$75–78 bbl if Iran exports disrupted
$\square \square \bullet$ Air India trims international flights by 15% through mid-July
□□• Bank of England holds rates at 4.25% amid geopolitical unease
□□• ASX futures down as oil trades near \$78.74/bbl
□□• US Fed holds rates steady; signals late-year cuts
□□• Oil rallies on Israel–Iran tensions, biggest monthly jump since early 2022
□□• India-UK FTA talks emphasize innovation-driven trade deals
□□• India FTAs deepen—with Switzerland, Kyrgyzstan, EU progress
□□• Jonathan Garner sees India earnings recovery by June 2025
□□• Morgan Stanley calls India "the market to beat" in EM 2025
□□• Businessworld: Proliferation of D2C brands managing last-mile logistics

□□• SEBI eases ESOP/shareholding regs for startup founders

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□□• Vedanta sells 1.6% of Hindustan Zinc; interim dividend announced
□□• Jio Financial completes full takeover of Jio Payments Bank
□□• Mumbai Metro expansion triggers rent hikes near BKC-Worli
□□• Meta to monetize WhatsApp via ads on Updates tab
□□• AmEx plans largest-ever investment in Platinum card portfolio
□□• OnePlus 13s challenges Xiaomi 15 in high-end smartphone segment
□□• Air India focuses on Boeing 787 Dreamliner for long-haul expansion
□□• Upcoming IPO lock-in unlocks total Rs 1,194 cr; Sagility & Swiggy key names
□□• FT interview: Trump set to decide on Iran policy in two weeks
□□• Energy stocks under watch amid oil volatility
□□• Global crude volatility fueled by Israel strikes on Iran
□□• WTI crude steady at ~\$75–78; range outlook continues
□□• JP Morgan forecasts Brent at ~\$66/bbl for 2025
□□• Raymond James: AI reshaping energy demand mix
□□• EIA sees lower US gasoline/diesel prices in 2025
□□• UN warns humanitarian sector under strain amid Syria/Sudan crises
□□• Air India crash probe continues; regulator expands safety checks
□□• Boeing 787 black box recovery: insights pending
□□• Israel–Iran conflict pushes gold, dollar higher; bitcoin slips
□□• Airlines reroute flights over Middle Eastern airspace closures
□□• Foxconn's share of global assets in India reaches 11%
$\square\square \bullet$ Tata's acquisition overtures: DLF's Privana North sells out in a week
$\square$ IT firms target 100% EV cab adoption by 2030

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- □□• Trai caps Wi-Fi tariffs to align with FTTH rates
  □□• Plastic pollution & policy: a timely wake-up call for India
- □□• Bank FD yields fall as equity/mutual fund risk appetite rises
- □□• MF AUM up 20% CAGR over 10 years; quant/smallcap allocations shifting
- □□• IDFC First among top 10 midcap buys by mutual funds in May
- □□• Arbitrage mutual funds ranked among top options for June 2025
- □□• SEBI proposes periodic securitised debt disclosures
- □□• MCX gold index crossed ₹100,314 on June 16
- □□• India's top-10 highest market-cap firms in June 2025 detailed
- □□• Oil/current account deficit pressure flagged by India's crude rise
- □□• Nigerian FDI flows into renewables spotlighted
- □□• Airport lounges in India to launch direct apps bypassing aggregators

# **▼** "Scorpion Insight" – Daily Investment Takeaway

With geopolitical jitters and central banks outputting mixed signals, investors should balance tactical caution with strategic positioning. Expect continued oil volatility—influencing inflation, currencies, and equity sentiment globally. Position for high-quality defensive equities, short-duration bonds, and maintain a 3-5% allocation to gold or oil-sensitive assets as insurance. Monitor select midcap opportunistically, especially in India.

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### Scorpion Capital's Special Market View

Oil remains the key geopolitical barometer: Citi's \$75–78 bbl baseline rises toward \$90 with further tensions.

Divergent rate dynamics: Fed holds steady; BOE paused; watch lagging ECB—currency plays like GBP/USD and INR vs USD need hedging.

India growth narrative intact: FTA momentum + earnings recovery outlook (Morgan Stanley, Garner) support midcaps and financials.

Corporate agility visible: From Vishal inclusion in FTSE and SEBI reforms to Air India safety response—both signal resilience and risk-awareness.

### Scorpion stance:

- Overweight: Quality large-caps in utilities/energy, select financials, IT adopting AI.
- Neutral/Tactical: Midcap growth plays—especially infra & export-linked.
- Hedging: 4–6% gold, tactical bond ladder, currency-hedged USD exposure.

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