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### Scorpion Capital — Daily Business Newsletter

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*From the Desk of Dr. Aditya Vijay Kashyap*

### Top 25 Business Headlines

1. India's rice stocks hit record, wheat at four-year high amid strong procurement.
2. India markets regulator to let banks, pension funds trade commodities.
3. IT firms (TCS, Infosys, Wipro) eye mega renewals as ~\$13 billion contracts come due by end-2025.
4. EU eyes deeper India partnership despite concerns over India's ties with Moscow; FTA advanced.
5. U.S. tariffs won't have direct impact on India's steel industry, official says.
6. India stock benchmarks rise on optimism over US trade talks, Fed rate cut hopes.
7. Fed easing a mixed blessing for global markets; divergence among central banks grows.
8. Infosys approves \$2 billion share buyback.
9. Reliance raises ~\$2.38 billion via asset-backed securities.
10. Tyre maker CEAT expects demand boost from tax cuts for tractor & motorcycle tyres.
11. Bank of England likely to slow quantitative tightening, hold rates steady.
12. India to allow banks and pension funds into commodity trading, a regulatory shift.
13. Global markets: Fed easing seen as mixed blessing; inflation risks remain.
14. Rupee rises ahead of Fed decision, supported by India-US trade optimism.
15. Oil prices little changed post-Fed rate cut; supply/demand dynamics uncertain.
16. India's power sector CO<sub>2</sub> emissions fell in H1 2025 on clean energy gains.
17. India & US trade talks described as 'positive, forward-looking' by New Delhi.
18. Global stocks near records as Fed easing priced in; gold touches highs, dollar weakens.
19. Indian benchmarks reach two-month highs led by autos and trade optimism.

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- 20. Oil prices hold steady after Fed rate cut; markets await supply clarity.
- 21. IT firms face \$13B in renewals; TCS, Infosys, Wipro aim for major contracts.
- 22. Global stock markets stabilize after Fed's cautious guidance.
- 23. India-UAE trade mission planned to deepen bilateral trade & investment.
- 24. Policy easing lifts Asian EM equities despite political headwinds.
- 25. Urban Company shares jump ~74% on debut, ~\$3 billion valuation achieved.



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## Final Views — From the Desk of Dr. Aditya Vijay Kashyap

Markets are balancing optimism with caution. The U.S. Federal Reserve's recent rate cut and its cautious forward guidance have set the tone globally, while India-U.S. trade discussions continue to provide a supportive backdrop for equities. Key risks remain around tariffs, currency volatility, and global energy supply.

### Strategic Takeaways:

- Trade talks between India and the U.S. are constructive; exporters and trade-sensitive sectors may benefit if agreements progress.
- The rupee has strengthened recently, but external shocks tied to Fed policy or commodity markets could reverse this trend.
- Commodity reforms allowing banks and pension funds to participate are expected to enhance liquidity and market depth.
- Gold and oil remain sensitive to global risk perceptions and monetary policy; investors should hedge appropriately.
- IPO and capital markets activity, highlighted by Urban Company's strong debut, indicate investor appetite for quality issues.

In summary: The outlook remains cautiously positive. Investors should focus on diversification, maintain exposure to defensives, and retain liquidity to respond to volatility as policy and trade negotiations evolve.

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