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Curated Headlines & Insights  
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### Top 25 Financial & Market Headlines

1. Asian equities track Wall Street gains as markets bet on earlier Fed rate cuts in 2026.
2. Wall Street ends lower as Treasury yields climb again and crypto stocks face renewed selling.
3. Nifty 50 and Sensex set for a cautious open as traders eye RBI policy outcome and Vladimir Putin's India visit.
4. Indian benchmarks close nearly flat; weak rupee, active IPO pipeline and firm gold prices keep volatility elevated.
5. Rupee briefly slips past ₹90 per US dollar; survey sees scope for recovery if a trade deal with the US materialises.
6. RBI's December MPC meet in focus as analysts debate scope for a 25 bps cut amid 8.2% GDP growth and easing inflation.
7. Depositors shift aggressively from savings to term deposits, pushing FD share of bank deposits to a two-year high.
8. Commerce Minister urges Indian industry to reduce dependence on any single geography amid rising weaponisation of trade.
9. Draft Atomic Energy Bill 2025 moves into advanced stage; India and Russia discuss large plants and small modular reactors with greater localisation.
10. Corporate India accelerates CEO succession planning, with nearly four in five companies now having formal processes in place.

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11. Putin's India visit gains strategic significance amid fresh US tariffs and tighter scrutiny on Russian oil flows.
12. India's current account deficit widens on strong gold imports even as growth momentum remains robust.
13. Fed officials head into the final 2025 FOMC meeting with a higher chance of policy dissents, keeping markets on edge.
14. Futures tools show markets increasingly pricing in a Fed cut at or soon after the December meeting despite mixed data.
15. OPEC+ reaffirms its 'all is fine' message while extending key output restraints and pausing fresh production increases into early 2026.
16. Fears of oil oversupply and higher US yields pressure crude and trigger a pullback in gold and silver.
17. Canadian dollar firms as oil prices rise and domestic productivity rebounds in Q3.
18. Bitcoin rebounds to a two-week high after a sharp slide, but positioning and sentiment remain fragile.
19. Crypto markets digest a deep early-December sell-off, with on-chain supply metrics resembling early-2022 stress levels.
20. HSBC appoints insider Brendan Nelson as chair, signalling continuity in strategy and capital allocation.
21. Egypt's non-oil private sector reports its fastest expansion in five years as new orders and business confidence strengthen.
22. Argentina maintains a rare fiscal surplus as authorities push on with consolidation and inflation-control measures.
23. Refiners raise retail edible-oil prices without formal approval, reviving concerns over food inflation and regulatory oversight.
24. Macro round-up highlights a wider Indian CAD, rising scrutiny of US H-1B usage and signs of a global services slowdown.

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25. Indian brokerages flag selective intraday opportunities as retail flows and F&O activity remain strong despite headline index fatigue.

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Global markets are entering December with a delicate mix of relief and anxiety. Relief comes from growing expectations of a rate-cut cycle in 2026 and still-resilient growth in major economies. Anxiety stems from a volatile macro backdrop — elevated yields, policy uncertainty and lingering geopolitical cross-currents. In this phase, headline moves can be deceptive; depth of liquidity and quality of earnings matter more than index levels.

India continues to stand out as a relatively high-growth, policy-stable market, but near-term sentiment is being tested by the rupee's slide beyond ₹90 and a widening current account deficit driven by gold imports. My view is that the currency move, while uncomfortable, is still manageable so long as it does not trigger second-order inflationary effects. The combination of strong GDP growth, moderating CPI and the prospect of a calibrated RBI rate cut argues for staying constructively biased on India over a 12- to 24-month horizon.

At the same time, policy and regulation are clearly tightening around strategic sectors — energy, atomic power, critical minerals and trade routes. For investors, this reinforces the importance of country and counter-party diversification. It is no longer enough to look only at micro fundamentals; one must underwrite geopolitical risk, supply-chain resilience and governance depth before writing large cheques.

In portfolios, I remain in favour of a barbell approach: on one side, high-quality compounding franchises in banking, manufacturing, healthcare and digital infrastructure; on the other, carefully sized exposures to cyclicals and new-age themes where the risk-reward is skewed by policy or technological inflection. Excessive leverage, opaque structures and stories overly reliant on cheap global liquidity should be avoided at this stage of the cycle.

For entrepreneurs and promoters, the message is equally clear: tighten governance, deepen succession planning and formalise capital-allocation frameworks. Capital will continue to be available, but it will increasingly chase transparency, predictability and alignment of interest. Those who prepare now will not merely survive the next volatility spike — they will be positioned to consolidate.

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