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Daily Financial & Geopolitical Newsletter

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This newsletter highlights major developments across India and the global economy, covering banking, markets, geopolitics, energy, technology and investment trends.

1. RBI Announces \$5 Billion FX Swap to Stabilize Rupee

RBI announced a forex swap initiative to improve liquidity and stabilize the rupee amid rising oil prices.

2. Indian Rupee Faces Historic Pressure

Heavy RBI intervention continues as the rupee weakens due to global uncertainty and crude imports.

3. Oil Prices Continue to Threaten Emerging Markets

Crude oil volatility remains a major inflation risk for developing economies including India.

4. Government Pushes PSU Banks Towards Cost Rationalization

India's finance ministry directed PSU institutions to reduce expenditure and improve efficiency.

5. Indian Banking Fraud Cases Cross ₹36,000 Crore

Banking fraud cases continue to challenge India's financial system despite tighter regulations.

6. Karnataka Bank Posts Record Annual Profit

Karnataka Bank reported record profitability supported by stronger operational growth.

7. Grasim Industries Reports Strong Quarterly Growth

Grasim Industries recorded strong quarterly earnings driven by diversified business growth.

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8. Sensex and Nifty Remain Highly Volatile

Indian equity markets remain volatile amid geopolitical and energy-related concerns.

9. India's Trade Deficit Risks Expanding

Economists expect higher imports and weaker exports to pressure India's trade balance.

10. Global Investors Shift Focus Towards Safe-Haven Assets

Investors globally are increasing exposure to gold and defensive assets.

11. US Federal Reserve Highlights Oil Shock Risks

The Federal Reserve warned that geopolitical risks and oil shocks threaten financial stability.

12. China and Russia Deepen Strategic Partnership

China and Russia expanded strategic and energy cooperation through multiple agreements.

13. AI Investment Boom Reshapes Capital Allocation

Artificial intelligence investments continue attracting global institutional capital.

14. Global FDI Flows Recover Slowly

UNCTAD reported uneven recovery in foreign direct investment flows globally.

15. World Bank Warns of Commodity Shock Risks

Global agencies warned about commodity supply disruptions due to geopolitical conflicts.

16. UK Inflation Eases Slightly

Lower utility costs helped UK inflation cool slightly in recent data.

17. India Emerges as Key Manufacturing Alternative

India continues benefiting from global supply-chain diversification.

18. Infrastructure & Defense Spending Rise Worldwide

Governments worldwide are increasing infrastructure and defense-related spending.

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19. Technology Stocks Continue to Drive Global Markets

Technology and AI-driven companies remain dominant contributors to equity markets.

20. Middle East Conflict Keeps Markets on Edge

Middle East tensions continue impacting energy prices and market sentiment.

21. Renewable Energy Investments Accelerate

Countries continue accelerating renewable energy investments despite economic pressures.

22. Private Credit Markets Under Observation

Global regulators are closely monitoring leverage in private credit markets.

23. India's Digital Economy Continues Rapid Expansion

India's fintech and digital payments ecosystem continues to expand rapidly.

24. Real Estate and Infrastructure Financing Expected to Grow

Infrastructure and urban financing remain attractive for institutional investors.

25. Global Markets Prepare for Continued Volatility

Global investors remain cautious amid inflation and geopolitical uncertainty.

Final Views from the Desk of Dr Aditya Vijay Kashyap

India remains one of the most strategically positioned economies despite global volatility. Strong domestic demand, digital transformation and infrastructure expansion continue supporting growth momentum.

However, investors and policymakers must remain cautious regarding oil prices, currency fluctuations and geopolitical risks.

Long-term opportunities remain strong in infrastructure, technology, defense, energy transition and financial services sectors.

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