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“Your attitude determines your direction.”

Market Update

Nifty 50	24,797.65
BSE Sensex	81,541.31
Nifty 100	25,391.35
Nifty MidCap 50	15,872.00
BSE MidCap	44,732.52

Tariffs may not trouble India's economic growth, Moody's explains why

India is better equipped than many emerging markets to withstand the impact of US tariffs and global trade disruptions, thanks to strong domestic growth drivers and a low reliance on goods exports, a Moody's Ratings' report highlighted on Wednesday. The ratings agency highlighted that government initiatives—such as boosting private consumption, expanding manufacturing capacity, and increasing infrastructure investment—will help cushion the economy against weakening global demand. Easing inflation could also pave the way for interest rate cuts, further supporting growth. Meanwhile, ample banking sector liquidity continues to enable lending, the report noted. “India’s large domestic economy and limited exposure to global goods trade put it in a stronger position to absorb external shocks,” Moody’s said.

Source: [Economic Times, May 21, 2025](#)

Tata Sons may infuse capital into Tata Tele as AGR dues cross Rs 19,000 cr

Tata Sons Ltd, the holding company of the \$150 billion Tata Group, may be forced to inject fresh capital into its loss-making telecom arm, Tata Teleservices Ltd, as the unit stares at Rs 19,256 crore in adjusted gross revenue (AGR) and other dues owed to the Indian government. With a negative net worth of Rs 17,876 crore and steep accumulated losses, Tata Teleservices is in no position to meet its obligations without support. Tata Sons has issued a letter of comfort to back the payment, according to people familiar with the matter. Calling the plea of telecom operators “misconceived”, the Supreme Court on Monday dismissed the petitions moved by Vodafone Idea (Vi), Bharti Airtel, and Tata Teleservices seeking a waiver on their long-standing AGR dues. The telcos were seeking relief related to payment of interest, penalty, and interest on penalty components as part of their AGR.

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Foxconn to expand India focus with \$1.5 billion investment

Key iPhone maker Foxconn is making a \$1.5 billion investment to expand its focus on India as Apple looks to mitigate geopolitical and tariff risks by shifting production away from China. The Taiwanese tech giant said its Singapore-based subsidiary had picked up 12.7 billion shares in its India unit, resulting in an injection of about \$1.5 billion. The India unit, known as Yuzhan Technology India, makes components for smartphones in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, according to local media reports. No other details regarding the investment were offered in a filing with the Taiwan stock exchange on Monday. India has sought to position itself as an alternative manufacturing base to China. Foxconn's move comes just weeks after Apple CEO Tim Cook said he expected a majority of iPhones sold in the United State would have "India as their country of origin".

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India tightens safety norms to curb low-quality Chinese appliance imports, boost local manufacturing

The government is set to tighten import regulations on small consumer appliances and electronic lifestyle items, primarily from China, by enforcing stricter product safety standards. A recent order mandates BIS certification for a range of electrical goods, including recliners, beauty products, and kitchen appliances, effective March 2026. The government is pushing ahead with measures to curb imports of small consumer appliances and electronic lifestyle items from China by unveiling new stricter product safety norms. This follows recent discovery of poor quality electronic appliances sourced from India's northern neighbour. Products such as electrical recliners and furniture, whirlpool bath and spas, electric toilet products, electrically-operated cloth dryers and towel rails...

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India's mango exports to the US grow, irradiation operations normalised after data error: Official

India's mango exports to the US are growing and the irradiation operations at a key mango treatment facility in Mumbai have been normalised after a brief disruption due to a data recording error earlier this month, an official said Tuesday. The Mumbai-based irradiation facility, which handles the highest volume of mangoes destined for the US, faced an issue during the irradiation process conducted on May 8 and 9, 2025 which led to the rejection of 12 mango consignments by American authorities due to exports. India's mango exports to the US are growing rapidly, reaching \$10.01 million in FY24, up 130% from the previous year. A key irradiation facility in Mumbai, which processes the highest volume of mangoes for the US market, faced a brief disruption due to a data recording error in early May 2025. This led to the rejection of 12 consignments by US authorities.

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India expects multi-phase trade deal with US as talks proceed

India is discussing a US trade deal structured in three tranches and expects to reach an interim agreement before July, when President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs are set to kick in, according to officials in New Delhi familiar with the matter. The interim deal will likely cover areas including market access for industrial goods, some farm products and addressing some non-tariff barriers, such as quality control requirements, the people said, asking not to be identified because the discussions are private. The talks are still ongoing and there's no clarity if the Trump administration has agreed to a three-stage process for a trade deal. India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal is currently in Washington on a four-day trip that ends Tuesday, where he's expected to meet US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer and Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick to advance the negotiations.

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US tariffs dampen mood of global exporters, study shows

The wave of new U.S. tariffs has severely dampened the mood among exporters and 42% of companies now expect their export revenues to decline markedly, according to a global survey by Allianz Trade published on Tuesday. The credit insurer surveyed 4,500 exporters in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, Britain, the United States, Singapore and China about global trade in March and April, before and after the tariffs spiral on April 2. Before Donald Trump's 'Liberation Day', when the president announced new tariffs against almost all trading partners, only 5% of companies had expected their export revenues to decline. "In stark contrast to the great optimism before 'Liberation Day', this year's Global Survey confirms what we're observing in all markets: uncertainty and fragmentation will be with us for a long time," said Aylin Somersan Coqui, CEO of Allianz Trade. Globally, export losses of \$305 billion are expected in 2025, she added.

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