

# Business News Update

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**"Our greatest glory is not in never falling,  
but in rising every time we fall."**

## Sebi cracks down on F&O frenzy

The capital markets regulator on Tuesday proposed several measures to rein in excessive speculation in the futures & options (F&O) market. The seven measures include a bigger minimum contract value of ₹20 lakh, a limit on weekly options contracts to a single benchmark, upfront premium payments, and a smaller number of strike prices. A consultation paper, released on Tuesday, comes following serious concerns that youngsters are risking their family savings in derivatives trades. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has estimated the losses from such trades in FY24 at an alarming ₹52,000 crore. Market participants and other stakeholders have until August 20 to submit their suggestions on the proposals. Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said F&O volumes in the last three to four years had multiplied by a factor which was unimaginable. "In the past we felt there was no need for regulatory intervention because we were dealing with the micro issue...but today we feel it has become a macro issue," Buch said. She was speaking at an event organised by the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

Source: [Financial Express, July 31, 2024](#)

## 'Golden chance for country... investors keen to come to India': PM Modi at post-Budget CII event

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged investors to take the "golden chance" at a time the world is eager to invest in India. Speaking at the inaugural session of 'Journey Towards Viksit Bharat: A Post Union Budget 2024-25 Conference, by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Modi reiterated the message to states made in the recent NITI Aayog meeting, asking them to prepare an "investor-friendly charter" for every region. He urged India Inc to compete shoulder-to-shoulder with the government to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat, while also terming the recent employment package announced in Budget as "holistic and comprehensive". Making mention of the recent NITI Aayog meeting held with states, Modi said an investor-friendly charter should be prepared by all regions and there should be "healthy competition" between states to attract investment. No state should be left behind, he said.

Source: [Financial Express, July 31, 2024](#)

## Tata Consumer Q1 profit falls 8.3%, misses estimates

Tata Consumer Products on Tuesday reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 290 crore (attributable to owners) for the June quarter, a drop of 8.3% year-on-year, missing Street estimates amid muted demand led by heatwaves and elections. Bloomberg consensus estimates had pegged the net profit for the quarter at Rs 351 crore. The owner of Tetley tea and Ching's Secret noodles posted a 16.3% y-o-y rise in revenue to Rs 4,352 crore in the three months to June 30, in line with the Street estimates of Rs 4,310 crore. Earnings before interest tax depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda) for the quarter stood at Rs 667 crore, up 22.4% with a margin expansion of 70 basis points to 15.3% versus last year.

Source: [Financial Express, July 31, 2024](#)

## Digitalisation can expose consumers to impulsive spending, data breaches: RBI report

While digitalisation improves accessibility and convenience of financial services, it can expose consumers to impulsive spending, herd behaviour and data breaches, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a report. In the Report on Currency and Finance (RCF) for 2023-24, released on Monday, the RBI said digitalisation-induced changes in the behaviour of consumers and financial intermediaries can have implications for monetary policy. Digitalisation can also create a more complex and interconnected financial system with implications for financial stability. "While improving accessibility and convenience of financial services for customers, digitalisation raises concerns related to impulsive spending, herd behaviour and data security," the report said. Digital platforms enable quick dissemination of financial trends and choices, allowing information about investments, spending habits, and financial products to spread rapidly across social networks, it said.

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