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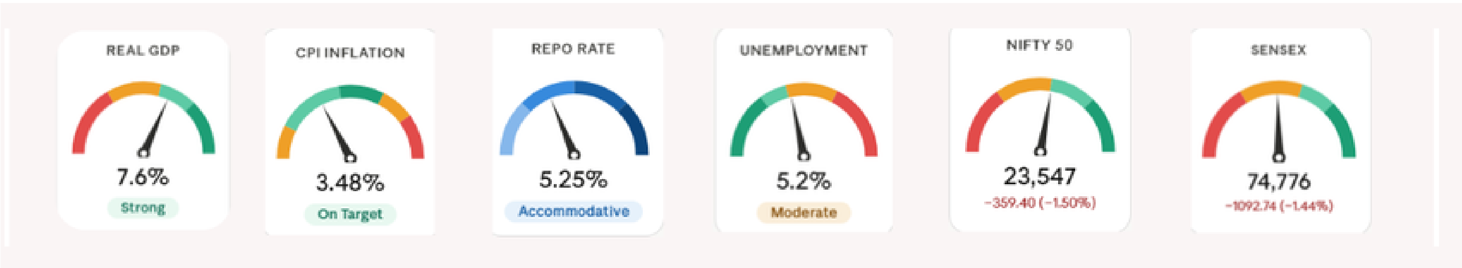
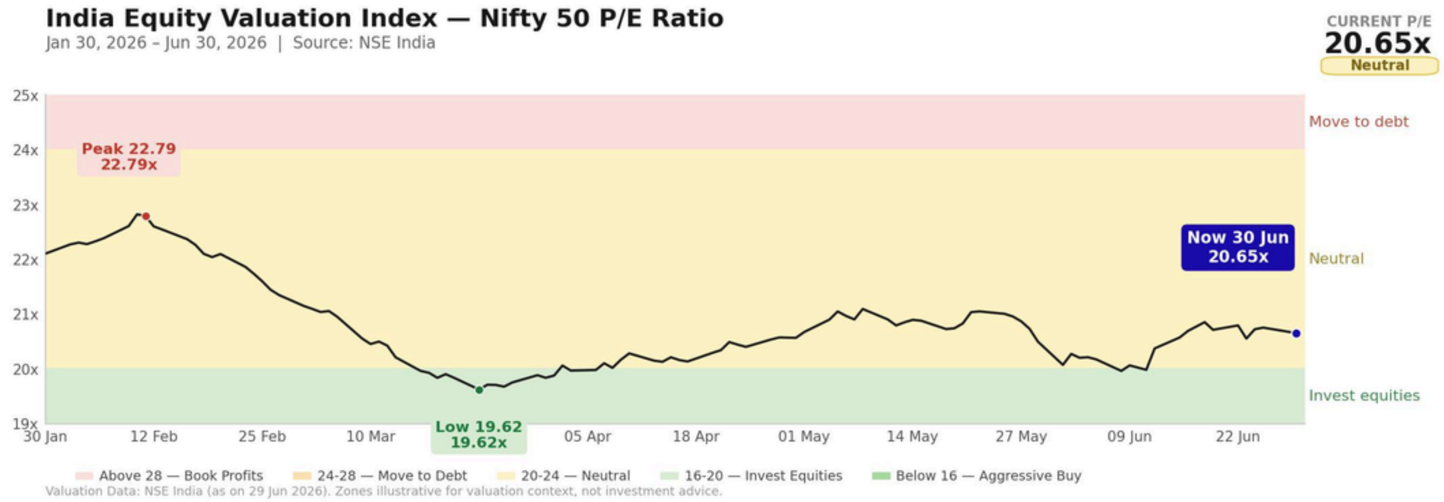
EQUITY MARKET OUTLOOK

India Economic Snapshot



Sources: MoSPI (GDP, CPI, PLFS); RBI (Repo Rate, USD/INR); NSE/BSE (Nifty, Sensex).



Valuation Data: NSE India (as on Jun 30, 2026).

20.65
NIFTY 50 P/E
Jun 29, 2026

Nifty 50 P/E at 20.65x as of Jun 30, 2026 — in the "Neutral zone", consolidating after recovering from the period low of 19.62 in late March.

P/E remained around 20x through June 2026, with easing geopolitical tensions, improving FII flows and resilient earnings keeping valuations comfortably within the Neutral (20–24x) zone.

What happened

P/E opened at 20.07 (Jun 1), rose to a high of 20.85 (Jun 18), dipped to 19.96 (Jun 8) amid early-month volatility, then closed the month at 20.65 (Jun 29) as Nifty recovered to ~23,946 and Sensex held near 77,097, supported by easing crude prices and progress in US-Iran talks.

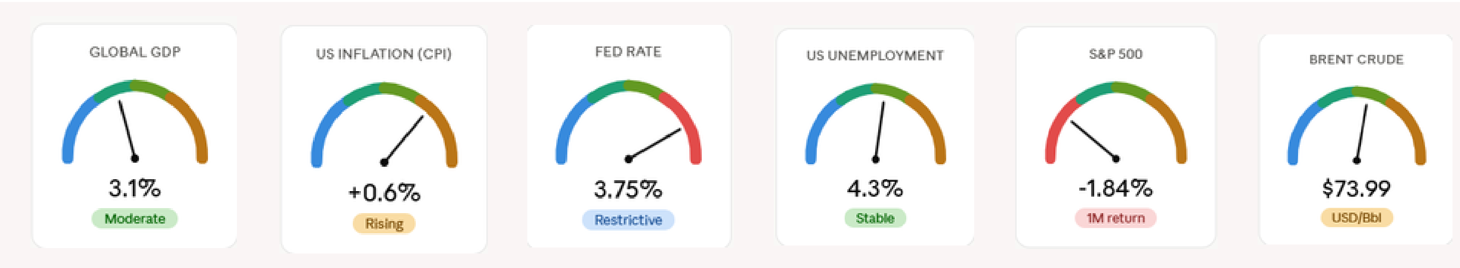
What it tells us

GDP 7.6%, CPI 3.94%, repo rate 5.25% — macro stayed broadly stable even as the RBI flagged downside growth risks for FY27. Nifty at ~23,946 and Sensex at 77,097 reflect a steady, range-bound month rather than a sharp move. Markets close Jun 29 in the Neutral zone at 20.65x — fairly valued relative to long-term averages.

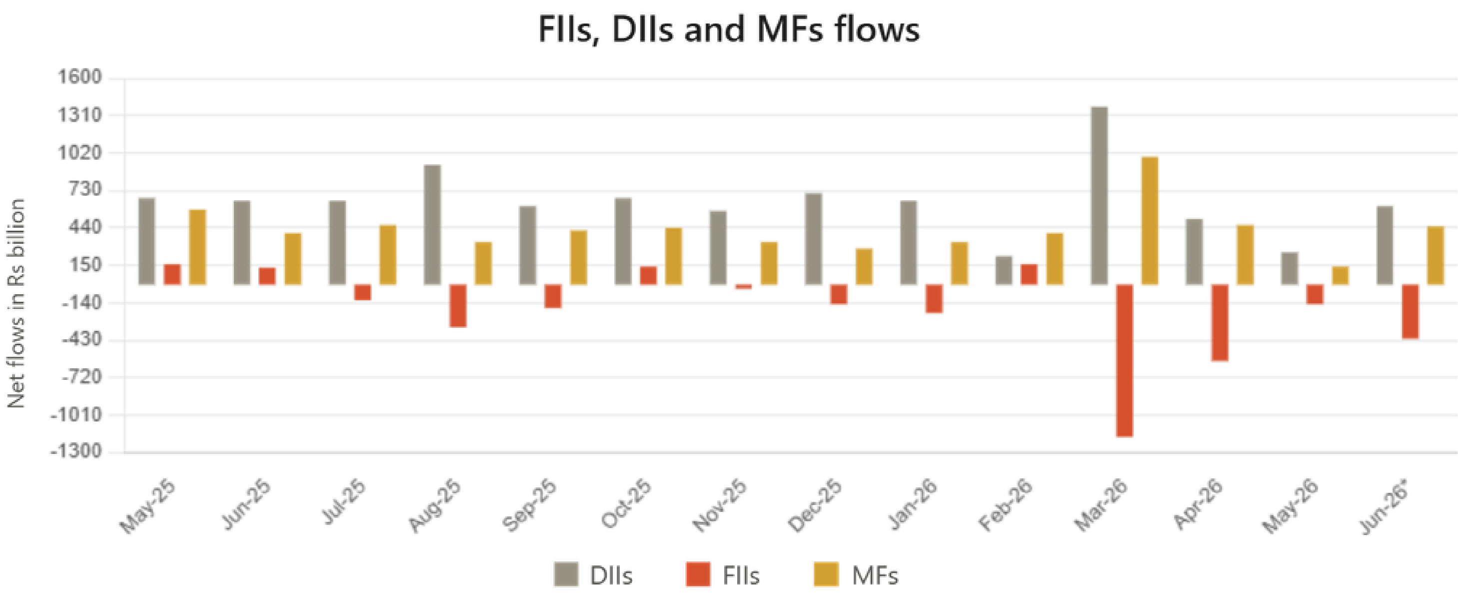
Source: NSE India | RBI | Trading Economics | Data as on Jun 29, 2026 | For educational purposes only. Not investment advice. Consult your SEBI-registered

EQUITY MARKET OUTLOOK

Global Economic Snapshot



Sources: IMF (WEO) | BLS (CPI, Jobs) | U.S. Fed | S&P Dow Jones | Trading Economics (Brent) | NSDL (FPI) | AMFI | NSE (DII)



Sources: National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) — fpi.nsdl.co.in/web/Reports/Monthly.aspx · National Stock Exchange of India — nseindia.com/reports/fii-dii · Jun-26 figure based on provisional data through 29 Jun 2026, subject to revision once full-month NSDL/NSE/AMFI data is published.

Net equity investment flows in ₹ billion · Source: NSE, AMFI, NSDL · Feb 2025 – Mar 2026 · *Mar 2026 data partial. Past flow trends do not indicate future market direction. For reference only.

Global macro stress begins to ease in May — Brent crude fell ~19% on the month as US–Iran ceasefire optimism grew, while FIIs remained net sellers in Indian equities for the fifth consecutive month.

Brent crude eased to $91.37/bbl by May 29 as ceasefire optimism and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz improved market confidence. While oil flows may normalize gradually, the easing of supply concerns is a positive signal for global markets.

What the flow chart is showing

FIIs remained net sellers in June 2026 (≈₹350 bn), extending their selling streak, while DIIs (≈₹550 bn) and mutual funds (≈₹400 bn) continued robust buying. Persistent domestic inflows largely offset foreign outflows, underscoring the growing strength of India's retail and institutional investor base.

What happened

FII flows: FIIs remained net sellers in June 2026 (≈₹35,000 crore), though outflows moderated from March–April amid persistent global uncertainty and cautious risk sentiment.

DII flows: DIIs invested around ₹56,000 crore, continuing to absorb foreign selling and support market stability.

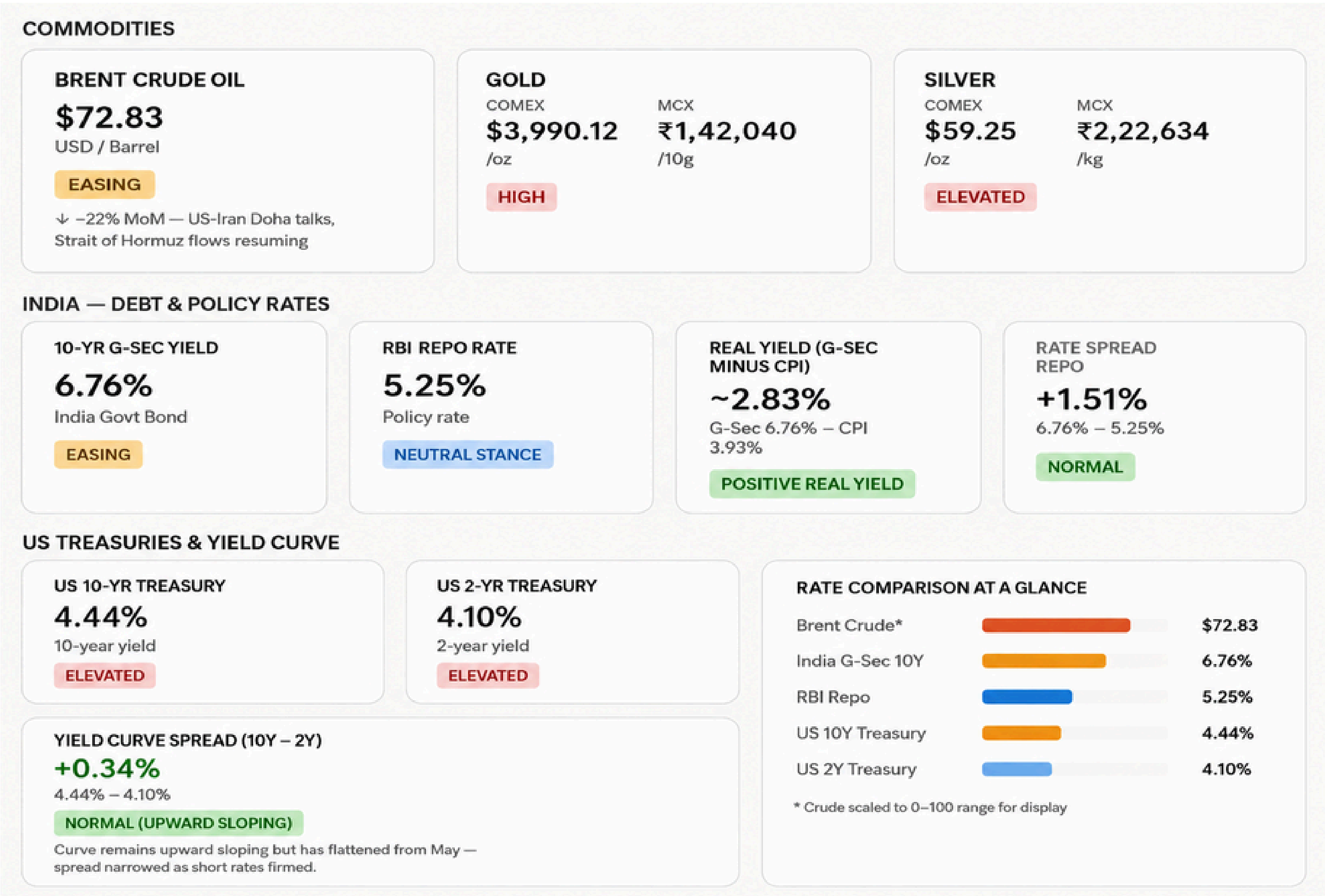
MF flows: Mutual funds saw inflows of about ₹40,000 crore, driven by strong SIP contributions and sustained retail participation.

What it tells us

Domestic liquidity remains the dominant force in Indian equities. While foreign investors continue to remain cautious, consistent buying by DIIs and mutual funds has effectively cushioned FII outflows, limiting downside volatility.

The data highlights the structural shift in India's capital markets, where strong domestic savings and SIP-driven investments are increasingly reducing the market's dependence on foreign capital. A sustained reversal in FII flows is likely to depend on improving global risk sentiment, lower US yields and stronger corporate earnings.

COMMODITIES AND DEBT MARKET



MARKET PERFORMANCE SNAPSHOT

As of 30 March 2026

Domestic market performance

INDEX	AS OF TODAY	1D %	3M %	1YR %	5YR % (CAGR)	10YR % (CAGR)
Sensex (BSE)	76,478.67	▼ 0.33%	▲ 3.40%	▲ 1.70%	▲ 14.60%	▲ 12.80%
Nifty 50 (NSE)	23,865.75	▼ 0.34%	▲ 3.10%	▲ 1.50%	▲ 14.10%	▲ 12.50%
Nifty Midcap 100	62,047.05	▲ 0.40%	▲ 5.90%	▲ 4.70%	▲ 20.40%	▲ 17.20%
Nifty Midcap 150	20,933.10	▲ 0.30%	▲ 6.00%	▲ 4.30%	▲ 20.40%	▲ 16.80%
Nifty Smallcap 100	18,891.84	▲ 1.00%	▲ 9.50%	▲ 7.90%	▲ 22.90%	▲ 16.10%
Nifty Smallcap 250	17,649.50	▲ 0.09%	▲ 9.20%	▲ 7.30%	▲ 22.30%	▲ 15.70%

Sources: NSE, BSE (nseindia.com, bseindia.com), RBI | FY/TD = Apr 1, 2025 – Mar 31, 2026 | Data as on 30 Jun 2026. Broader index levels are indicative based on % change reported.

Global market performance

INDEX	AS OF TODAY	1D %	3M %	1YR %	5YR % (CAGR)	10YR % (CAGR)
DJIA (US)	52,182.74	▲ 0.59%	▲ 4.60%	▲ 4.60%	▲ 14.90%	▲ 12.70%
S&P 500 (US)	7,440.43	▲ 1.18%	▲ 6.50%	▲ 6.40%	▲ 15.40%	▲ 12.90%
Nasdaq (US)	25,820.15	▲ 2.07%	▲ 9.50%	▲ 9.70%	▲ 18.80%	▲ 16.70%
FTSE 100 (UK)	10,607.87	▲ 1.18%	▲ 2.00%	▲ 2.00%	▲ 7.50%	▲ 5.20%
DAX (Germany)	24,999.61	▲ 1.51%	▲ 5.00%	▲ 12.00%	▲ 12.00%	▲ 10.60%
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	70,062.32	▲ 0.86%	▲ 12.00%	▲ 12.00%	▲ 18.00%	▲ 11.90%
Hang Seng (HK)	22,881.02	▼ 0.63%	▲ 7.40%	▲ 7.40%	▼ 1.30%	▲ 2.70%
USD/INR	₹94.60	▼ 0.10%	▲ 0.50%	▲ 0.40%	▲ 3.00%	▲ 3.70%

Sources: Respective exchanges, Yahoo Finance, Trading Economics, CNBC | FY/TD = Apr 1, 2025 – Mar 31, 2026 | US/EU = Jun 29 close; Asia = Jun 30 close | Data as on 30 Jun 2026 | CAGR returns are approximate, sourced from exchange data and financial portals | For informational purposes only. Not investment advice. Investments subject to market risks. Published in compliance with SEBI (Research Analysts) Regulations, 2014.

Commodity market performance

COMMODITY	AS OF TODAY	1D %	3M %	1YR %	5YR % (CAGR)	10YR % (CAGR)
Gold COMEX (USD/oz)	$4,046.35	▼ 1.00%	▼ 11.50%	▲ 35.50%	▲ 22.00%	▲ 14.50%
Gold MCX (₹/10g)	₹1,41,059	▼ 0.01%	▲ 1.50%	▲ 71.50%	▲ 23.50%	▲ 16.20%
Silver COMEX (USD/oz)	$58.45	▼ 1.00%	▼ 18.50%	▲ 115.00%	▲ 22.00%	▲ 16.50%
Silver MCX (₹/kg)	₹2,35,000	▲ 0.70%	▲ 3.50%	▲ 170.00%	▲ 24.00%	▲ 18.30%
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	$72.40	▼ 1.00%	▼ 22.60%	▲ 38.00%	▲ 5.00%	▲ 6.00%

Sources: Trading Economics, EIA, JM Bullion, MCX India | Data as on 30 Jun 2026 | Longer-horizon CAGR figures are approximate estimates carried forward from prior benchmark data. For informational purposes only. Not investment advice.

MONTH OF JUNE AT A GLANCE

● Positive ● Neutral ● Caution

NIFTY 50 (29 JUN)	SENSEX (29 JUN)	RBI REPO RATE	INDIA VIX
23,946.25	**76,728.37**	**5.25%**	**13.61**
−0.46% on day	−0.48% on day	Held, neutral stance	+4.3% on day

MACRO & POLICY — INDIA

RBI holds repo at 5.25%, unveils sweeping measures to draw foreign capital

The MPC unanimously held the repo rate at 5.25% on June 5 with a neutral stance, while **expanding the Fully Accessible Route to all new 15-, 30- and 40-year G-Secs, removing FPI investment caps under the General Route, and raising NRI/OCI equity limits** — paired with the government scrapping capital gains tax on certain foreign G-Sec investments.

Forbes India, citing RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra's policy statement, June 5, 2026

RBI trims FY27 growth forecast, raises inflation outlook

The central bank **cut its FY27 GDP growth forecast to 6.6% from 6.9%** and raised its inflation forecast to 5.1% from 4.6%, citing the West Asia conflict, elevated energy prices, and monsoon uncertainty.

Forbes India / RBI MPC statement, June 5, 2026

DIIs absorb persistent FII selling through the month

FIIs sold roughly ₹43,000–45,000 crore of Indian equities through most of June, even as **DIIs stepped in with large offsetting purchases (₹5,747.75 Cr net on June 25 alone)**, keeping the market from a deeper correction.

Business Standard Capital Market News, June 29, 2026

GLOBAL MARKETS & WEST ASIA

Brief US-Iran ceasefire sparked a rally mid-month

On June 25, **Sensex and Nifty opened sharply higher as a ceasefire accord let crude oil slide toward pre-war levels** and India VIX fell over 3%, with Nifty Auto and broader indices rallying on the improving outlook.

HDFC Sky Market Report, June 25, 2026

Hostilities resumed over the weekend, denting sentiment into month-end

By June 29, the fragile truce cracked: **Iran struck US sites in Kuwait and Bahrain, prompting fresh US strikes** and reviving concern over Strait of Hormuz shipping, which pulled the Sensex down 372 points and Nifty below 23,950.

HDFC Sky / Reuters wire report, June 29, 2026

US Fed holds rates under new Chair Kevin Warsh; gold extends losing streak

The Fed's June 16–17 meeting — Kevin Warsh's first as Chair — held rates steady, but hawkish signals and a firmer dollar pushed gold to a fourth straight monthly decline, closing below $4,100/oz on persistent rate-hike expectations.

Reuters / Trading Economics commodities desk, June 29, 2026

EQUITY & SECTOR WATCH

Healthcare and pharma led gainers as easing oil lifted sentiment

Nifty Healthcare and Nifty Pharma were among the month's standout sectoral gainers, **with Dr Reddy's Laboratories up over 3.7% in a single session** as the broader market found support from falling crude prices mid-month.

HDFC Sky Market Report, June 29, 2026

IT stocks remained the laggard through June

Nifty IT extended its slide through the month, **down over 6.6% on a 30-day basis and roughly 30% year-on-year,** as global tech sentiment stayed weak alongside a broader rotation toward defensives.

HDFC Sky Market Report, June 29, 2026

Sources: Forbes India (RBI MPC coverage) · HDFC Sky Market Reports · Business Standard Capital Market News · Reuters · Trading Economics. All figures cross-checked against RBI (rbi.org.in), NSE (nseindia.com) and BSE (bseindia.com) provisional data as available. Data and developments as on June 30, 2026.

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S.W.O.T ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

Resilient Macro & Domestic Flows

1. **GDP at 7.6% for FY26** — fastest pace in recent years; repo held at 5.25% with neutral stance; record GST collections and credit rating upgrades capped a strong fiscal year.
2. **DIIs absorbed FII selling all month** — net DII buying offset ~₹43,000+ Cr of FII outflows through June; SIP collections stayed near record highs at ₹30,953 Cr (May), up 16% YoY.
3. **RBI opened the door wider for foreign capital** — FAR expanded to all new 15/30/40-yr G-Secs, FPI investment caps removed, NRI/OCI equity limits raised, capital gains tax exempted on FII G-Sec investment.

WEAKNESSES

West Asia Flare-Up & Cooling Inflows

1. **Renewed US-Iran hostilities on June 29** — Sensex fell 372 pts, Nifty below 23,950; India VIX jumped 4.3% as the fragile ceasefire from June 25 cracked over the weekend.
2. **Equity inflows slowed sharply** — net equity MF inflows fell 40.4% MoM to ₹22,908 Cr in May, the lowest monthly intake of 2026, even as the SIP base held firm.
3. **WPI surged to 9.38%** (May, new 2022-23 base series) — producer-price pressure building; CPI also ticked up to 3.9% in May from 3.5%, the highest in over a year.

OPPORTUNITIES

Valuation Comfort & Structural Tailwinds

1. **Nifty P/E at ~20.75** — squarely in the Neutral-to-fair zone, well below the long-term average of 23.43; offers room for re-rating once geopolitical risk eases.
2. **IT and Pharma diverge sharply** — Pharma/Healthcare led June gainers (Dr Reddy's +3.7% in a session) while IT's 30%+ YoY de-rating creates a potential value entry point on stabilisation.
3. **SIP culture deepening structurally** — SIP AUM now ~21% of total industry AUM with 27.65 Cr folios; a maturing, sticky domestic investor base reduces India's dependence on FII flows over time.

THREATS

Geopolitics, Monsoon & Policy Risk

1. **IMD flags 84% probability of below-normal monsoon** — seasonal rainfall projected at 90% of LPA, raising risk to rural demand, food inflation and FMCG margins ahead.
2. **RBI cut its own FY27 growth forecast** to 6.6% from 6.9% and raised the inflation forecast to 5.1% from 4.6%, explicitly citing the West Asia conflict as a key swing factor.
3. **FII selling stayed persistent** — ~₹43,000+ Cr sold in June alone, following ₹55,963 Cr in May and ₹70,135 Cr in April; sustained dollar strength keeps foreign capital risk-off on India.

AT A GLANCE — MARKET OBSERVATIONS

- **India macro held firm** — GDP 7.6% (FY26), CPI 3.9% (May), repo 5.25%; WPI surged to 9.38% signalling producer-price stress building beneath stable headline numbers
- **Market fall was sentiment-driven** — Nifty -0.46%/Sensex -0.48% on Jun 29 as Iran-US clashes resumed; Sensex ~76,728, not a fundamentals story
- **Ceasefire cracked, oil stayed volatile** — Brent eased post Jun 25 truce, then Iran-US strikes resumed near Hormuz by Jun 29, reviving import-bill pressure
- **Domestic capital deepened its role** — DIIs absorbed FII selling all month; SIP inflows ₹30,953 Cr (May), small-cap funds outpaced mid-cap for 3rd straight month
- **Rupee found a floor** — USD/INR steadied near ₹94.7-95, off May's record low of ₹96.60; RBI's FAR expansion and FPI cap removal aimed to support further
- **Valuations reset & consolidating** — Nifty P/E ~20.75 — Neutral zone, below 23.43 long-term average; price-driven compression keeps re-rating room open
- **Monsoon is now a financial variable** — IMD: 2026 monsoon at 90% LPA, 84% probability below normal; food inflation, rural demand & FMCG margin risk rising into Q2
- **Global liquidity stayed restrictive** — Fed held rates under new Chair Warsh, hawkish tone intact; gold fell a 4th straight month; FII sold ~₹43,000+ Cr in June

MUTUAL FUND MONITOR

Mutual Fund Category Returns (%)

Returns as on May 30, 2026 • Category averages (Direct Plans) • Source: Value Research Online (valueresearchonline.com)

Strong · Good · Neutral · Weak · Lost

Equity — Broad Market

Category	1 Day	3 Mo	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Large Cap	+0.48	+4.12	+14.20	+14.92	+13.10
Large & MidCap	+0.55	+6.20	+16.45	+17.34	+14.80
Flexi Cap	+0.51	+5.74	+15.58	+16.10	+13.68
Multi Cap	+0.62	+7.10	+17.02	+17.89	—
Mid Cap	+0.44	+8.92	+19.65	+20.14	+17.20
Small Cap	+0.58	+10.18	+22.40	+21.58	+18.05
ELSS	+0.47	+4.86	+14.92	+15.20	+13.95

Equity — Sectoral / Thematic

Category	1 Day	3 Mo	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Sectoral-Banking	+0.32	+2.86	+11.20	+14.55	+14.10
Sectoral-Pharma	+0.28	+9.60	+22.48	+18.82	+14.20
Sectoral-Technology	+0.88	-0.42	-5.18	+8.40	+16.35
Thematic-Energy	+0.14	+12.20	+24.80	+19.60	+19.25
Thematic-Infra	+0.42	+9.88	+18.40	+24.80	+17.42
Thematic-PSU	-0.18	+4.20	+15.62	+32.10	+18.88
International	+0.55	+6.80	+36.20	+13.30	+14.10

Debt

Category	1 Day	3 Mo	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Liquid	+0.02	+1.68	+4.45	+6.22	+6.18
Money Market	-0.01	+1.72	+4.62	+6.38	+6.58
Short Duration	-0.05	+1.18	+5.10	+6.58	+6.60
Medium Duration	-0.06	+1.32	+5.35	+6.85	+6.95
Corporate Bond	-0.07	+1.20	+5.02	+6.90	+7.02
Credit Risk	-0.04	+2.10	+7.80	+9.80	+6.55
Dynamic Bond	-0.05	+0.72	+1.82	+5.62	+6.00
Gilt	-0.07	+0.10	+0.06	+5.18	+6.72

Hybrid & Others

Category	1 Day	3 Mo	1 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Aggressive Hybrid	+0.38	+3.42	+14.26	+13.85	+12.40
Balanced Hybrid	+0.22	+1.86	+10.15	+9.62	+9.05
Conservative Hybrid	+0.09	+0.62	+7.46	+7.96	+7.72
Equity Savings	+0.18	+1.45	+8.62	+8.14	+6.38
Dynamic Asset Alloc	+0.28	+2.10	+10.82	+9.88	+9.65
Multi Asset Alloc	+0.35	+4.85	+23.20	+16.80	+12.20
Commodities: Gold	**-0.42**	**+8.62**	**+68.85**	**+26.40**	**+16.95**
Commodities: Silver	**+0.68**	**+12.40**	**+197.20**	**+32.15**	—

Source: Value Research Online (valueresearchonline.com) • Data as on May 30, 2026 • All returns in % • Figures above 1 year are CAGR • Values are category averages for Direct Plans.
Gold/Silver: 1 yr returns based on MCX-Estimated bullion prices.

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