

About Reserve Bank of India

Headquarter at **Mumbai**.

The Governor of RBI is **Urjit Patel**.

The slogan is “**India’s Central Bank**”.

RBI Follows **July to June Financial Cycle**.

Why does RBI Follow July to June Financial Year?

The banks in India follow April to March financial year and hence their annual financial information is compiled after that.

RBI follows July to June financial year because RBI as a supervisor and regulator looks into the books of banks and then analyses and prepares its statutory document called as Annual Report. So a lag of 3 months from normal financial cycle (Apr-Mar) is justified as this is the time which RBI uses to analyse the information.

RBI Rate as of 22 September, 2018

| Name of Rate | Rate in Percentage |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Policy Repo Rate | 6.50% |
| Reverse Repo Rate | 6.25% |
| Marginal Standing Facility Rate | 6.75% |
| Bank Rate | 6.75% |
| CRR | 4% |
| SLR | 19.5% |
| Base Rate | 8.75% - 9.45% |
| MCLR (Overnight) | 7.90% - 8.05% |
| Savings Deposit Rate | 3.50% - 4.00% |
| Term Deposit Rate > 1 Year | 6.25% - 7.00% |

Banking News in September, August, July & June 2018

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches India Post Payments Bank

- The Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi on September 1, 2018 launched the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. The initiative seeks to leverage the expansive network of the postal department to ensure financial inclusion for the masses.
- In fact, simultaneous launch events were held for the IPPBs at 650 branches and 3,250 access points.
- The objective of IPPB is to build the most accessible, affordable and trusted bank for the common man, spearhead the financial inclusion agenda by removing the barriers for the unbanked and reduce the opportunity cost for the under banked populace through assisted doorstep banking.
- It will help significantly expand the reach of the banking sector in India.
- The payments bank, where the Indian government holds 100 per cent equity, will leverage the vast network of the Department of Posts (DoP) that has more than three lakh postmen and Grameen Dak Sewaks.
- All the 1.55 lakh post offices in the country will be linked to the IPPB system by December 31, 2018.

SBI launches new term loan for repair, renovation of homes in Kerala

- The State Bank of India (SBI) in September announced special term loan for repair and renovation of homes to help the flood affected citizens of Kerala.
- As part of this scheme, the bank offers loan of upto Rs 10 lakh at a reduced interest rate of 8.45 per cent per annum along with waiver of processing fee. The special rate will be applicable for home loan applications for repair and renovation submitted on or before November 30, 2018.

Banks with over 10 branches to have internal ombudsman: RBI's Internal Ombudsman Scheme 2018

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on September 3, 2018 asked all scheduled commercial banks with more than 10 branches to appoint an Internal Ombudsman.
- However, the apex bank excluded Regional Rural Banks from its directive.
- An ombudsman is a person officially charged with investigating and addressing public complaints or violation of rights.
- The Scheme covers appointment and tenure; roles and responsibilities; procedural guidelines and oversight mechanism for the Internal Ombudsman.
- All Scheduled Commercial Banks in India having more than 10 banking outlets are required to appoint IO in their banks.
- The IO will examine customer complaints referring to the deficiency in service on the part of the bank that are partly or wholly rejected by the bank.
- The customers of banks need not approach the IO directly as the banks themselves will escalate all complaints internally, which are not fully redressed to their respective IOs before conveying the final decision to the complainant.
- The implementation of IO Scheme, 2018 will be monitored by the bank's internal audit mechanism apart from regulatory oversight by RBI.
- Now, to enhance the independence of the Internal Ombudsman while simultaneously strengthening the monitoring system over functioning of the IO mechanism, RBI issued revised directions under Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 in the form of 'Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018'.

India Post Payments Bank replaces ATM/debit cards with QR cards

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), which was launched in September by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, does away with ATM cards and debit cards for both cash and cashless transactions. Instead, IPPB will issue new QR (Quick-Response) cards which work on biometric authentication and not on passwords or PINs.
- At present, IPPB offers 3 types of savings accounts—regular, digital and basic—besides a current account. Although each one of them has different features yet none offers an ATM or debit card.

Airtel Payments Bank enables card-less cash withdrawal at ATMs

- Airtel Payment Bank, India's first payments bank, has announced that its customers can now make card-less cash withdrawals at over 100,000 ATMs across India.
- Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Empays, a global provider of cloud based payment solutions, under which it will enable Airtel Payments Bank's savings account holders to withdraw cash using just their mobile phone through the card-less cash technology of Empays, called IMT (Instant Money Transfer).

i2iFunding receives NBFC-P2P certification from RBI

- India's second largest peer-to-peer lending platform, i2ifunding.com in September announced receiving of Certificate of Registration (CoR) as NBFC-Peer to Peer Lending Platform (NBFC-P2P) from Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The central bank had issued master directions on in 2017, as per which each player in Peer-to-Peer Lending platforms are required to register as Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC-P2P).
- i2iFunding.com is one of the pioneers of P2P Lending in India and has more than 80,000 registered users. It is backed by SucSEED Venture Partners and angel investors comprising industry veterans.

Parliamentary panel wants RBI to relax capital adequacy norms for PSBs

- A parliamentary committee has urged the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to relax the capital-adequacy norms for at least nine out of 21 public sector banks (PSBs) that may free up capital up to Rs 5.34 trillion, helping the expansion of lenders.
- The standing committee on finance, in its latest report, has criticised the capital-adequacy requirements set by the RBI and termed them "stringent."
- The committee noted that the Basel framework required the application of capital standards to "internationally active banks." Nine PSBs — Central Bank of India, Andhra Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC), Corporation Bank, Vijaya Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, United Bank of India, Dena Bank, and Punjab and Sind Bank — are not internationally active, it said, making a case of easing capital-adequacy norms for them.
- Banks are required to maintain a minimum capital, in terms of capital-to-risky asset ratio (CRAR) and common equity tier (CET)-1, to ensure they do not lend all the money they receive as deposits and keep a buffer to meet future risks. Capital adequacy ratio of banks is considered to be one of the key indicators of banks' health.

Former RBI governor Bimal Jalan to head panel to select new Chief Economic Advisor

- The Union Government has appointed former Reserve Bank of India governor Bimal Jalan as the head of the panel that has been tasked with selecting India's next chief economic advisor (CEA).
- The other members of the panel include secretary of the department of personnel and training C Chandramouli and economic affairs secretary Subhash Chandra Garg. The panel will screen the applications received and conduct interviews.
- The move comes two months after the government sought applications for the post after previous CEA Arvind Subramanian resigned from office.

Parliamentary panel for raising PSB chiefs' retirement age to 70

- As the 'decade of retirement' in public sector banks (PSBs) nears its end, a parliamentary committee has called for increasing the retirement age of their chief executive officers (CEOs) to 70 years from the current 60. This comes after PSBs raised with the panel the prospect of a leadership vacuum in the near future.
- "With a view to utilising the expertise of senior bankers, the retirement age of CEOs of PSBs can be raised to 70 years as in the case of their private sector counterparts," the Standing Committee on Finance said in its latest report.

RBI imposes Rs 10 mn fine on Union Bank for delay in fraud detection

- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a Rs 10 million penalty on Union Bank of India for failing to detect and report fraud on time.
- "This is to inform that Reserve Bank has imposed a penalty of Rs 10 million on the bank for delay in detection and reporting of fraud. The penalty has been imposed in exercise of powers vested in RBI under ...Banking Regulation Act," Union Bank of India said in a regulatory filing Friday.
- RBI had issued a show cause notice to the bank on January 15, 2018 asking why a penalty not be imposed on Union Bank of India under the Act.

ICICI Bank launches lending to MSMEs based on their GST returns

- Private sector lender ,ICICI Bank Ltd. announced the launch of a new working capital facility that enables MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise) to get an overdraft (OD) based on the turnover reported in their Good and Services Tax (GST) returns.
- Christened 'GST Business Loan', the facility is available to any MSME including non-customers of ICICI Bank, upto Rs 1 crore, a bank release said.

Amitabh Chaudhry to take charge as Axis Bank MD and CEO from January 1

- The country's third largest private sector lender Axis Bank Saturday appointed Amitabh Chaudhry as Managing Director and CEO from January 1, after incumbent Shikha Sharma steps down at the end of this year.
- Chaudhry, who resigned from the post of MD and CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company in September, has been appointed as MD and CEO for a period of 3 years, with effect from January 1, 2019 up to December 31, 2021.

Bajaj Finserv RBL Bank supercard offers interest-free cash withdrawal

- Bajaj Finserv, is offering Interest-free cash withdrawal in its exclusive SuperCard series.
- The Bajaj Finserv RBL Bank SuperCard offer customers to withdraw interest-free cash from any ATM, by paying just a minimal processing fee. The cash can be used by customers for any financial requirement and interest will not be charged for up to 50 days.
- Additionally, customers can opt to convert the cash limit of the SuperCard into a short interest-free personal loan with a repayment tenor of up to 90 days with a small processing fee. Merely, the principal must be repaid against this facility and that too in three EMIs.

YES Bank launches Cashless Payment Solution for Udaipur Smart City

- YES BANK, India's fourth largest private sector bank, launched a comprehensive cashless payment solution for Udaipur Smart City, in partnership with the Udaipur Municipal Corporation (UMC), in order to bolster Financial Inclusion and Digital India initiatives of the Government of India.
- The project was launched in September by Hon. Mayor of Udaipur, Chandra Singh Kothari and Sidharth Sihag, Commissioner, Udaipur Municipal Corporation & CEO, Udaipur Smart City Ltd.

HDFC Life appoints Vibha Padalkar as new MD & CEO

- HDFC Life, largest private life insurers, has announced the appointment of Vibha Padalkar as its new Managing Director and CEO for a period of three years effective from in September.
- After a successful listing on the bourses in November 2017, HDFC Life is one of the most valuable private life insurers with industry-leading profitability, delivering superior returns to investors.

Girish Radhakrishnan appointed CMD of United India Insurance Company

- Girish Radhakrishnan and Tajinder Mukherjee have been appointed chairmen-cum-managing directors of the United India Insurance Company and the National Insurance Company Limited respectively, according to an order issued in September.
- Radhakrishnan, at present a general manager in the New India Assurance Company Limited (NIACL), has been appointed to the post till he attains the age of 60 years, the Personnel Ministry order said.

Nabard launches Rs 80 bn Dairy Processing and Infra Development Fund

- In a bid to support the modernisation of the dairy sector in the country, the Centre has set up a Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) at the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard), with a corpus of Rs 80.04 billion.
- According to Nabard, the fund is expected to achieve an investment of Rs 100 billion in the dairy sector by 2019-20.
- The first installment of Rs 4.4 billion was disbursed to the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) by union minister of agriculture and farmers welfare, Radha Mohan Singh.

State-owned Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank, Vijaya Bank to be merged: Finance Minister Arun Jaitley

- India plans to merge three state-run banks, Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank, the financial services secretary said in September, as part of efforts to clean up the country's banking system.
- The government will continue to provide capital support to the merged bank, expected to be India's third largest, Rajeev Kumar told reporters.
- Banking sector reforms are a major plank of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration to revive credit growth, which has slowed to multi-decade lows as banks struggle with bad loans.
- New Delhi owns majority stakes in 21 lenders, which account for more than two-thirds of banking assets in Asia's third-biggest economy.
- But these banks also account for the lion's share of more than \$150 billion in sour assets plaguing the sector, and need billions of dollars in new capital in the next two years to meet global Basel III capital norms.

SBI appoints Prashant Kumar as CFO

- The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced Prashant Kumar as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- A Science graduate and a Law graduate from Delhi University, Kumar joined the bank in the year 1983, as Probationary Officer and since then he has held various important portfolios in Bank.

PayU India gets RBI approval to operate its own NBFC

- PayU India has received Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to operate its own non-banking financial company (NBFC).
- The move will help PayU promote inclusive growth in the country by catering to the diverse financial needs of various segments of the society.
- The approval from the central bank is subject to "certain pending RBI compliance", PayU said in a statement.
- The company estimates consumer business revenues will be 40-50 per cent in the next 3-4 years.

RBI announces norms for joint priority sector lending by banks, NBFCs

- The Reserve Bank Friday announced guidelines for co-origination of priority sector loans by banks and NBFCs with a view to enhancing flow of funds to the sector at competitive rates.

- As per the norms issued by the RBI for all scheduled commercial banks (excluding Regional Rural Banks and Small Finance Banks) and Non-Banking Financial Companies - Non-Deposit taking-Systemically Important (NBFC-ND-SIs), the sharing of risks and rewards between these entities should be in a manner that enables appropriate alignment of respective business objectives, as per their mutual agreement.
- The co-origination arrangement should entail joint contribution of credit by both lenders at the facility level.
- It is envisaged that the benefit of low-cost funds from banks and lower cost of operations of NBFC would be passed on to the ultimate beneficiary through the blended rate/weighted average rate, it said.

RBI hikes repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.50%

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in August 2018 hiked the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.50 per cent while maintaining neutral stance on the stability in the market.
- The six member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) said that its decision is consistent with the neutral stance of monetary policy in consonance with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4 percent.
- The MPC added that the volatility in global financial markets continues to impart uncertainty to the inflation outlook.
- Highlighting the inflation, the MPC projected 4.6 percent in Q2FY19, 4.8 percent in H2 of FY19 and 5 percent in Q1FY20.

Cabinet approves LIC proposal to acquire 51% stake in IDBI Bank

- The government in August 2018 approved Public insurer Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) proposal to acquire 51 per cent stake in IDBI Bank.
- The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi here.
- Briefing media persons about the decision, interim Finance Minister Piyush Goyal said the government will hold about 45 per cent stake in the IDBI bank after fresh equity issue to the LIC.

Deepak Parekh re-appointed as Non-Executive Director on the board of HDFC

- Deepak Parekh was re-appointed as a Non-Executive Director on the board of the country's largest mortgage lender HDFC but nearly 23 per cent of the shareholders voted against his continuation.

Reserve Bank approves appointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as COO at ICICI Bank

- ICICI Bank in August 2018 said the Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Sandeep Bakhshi as the Chief Operating Officer with effect from July 31, 2018 for three years.

SBI's YONO to integrate with RIL's MyJio platform

- Reliance Industries (RIL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI) to integrate its MyJio platform with the latter's YONO application.
- The two companies are entering into the digital partnership which will help SBI widen its "digital customer base multi-fold" and Jio "will now bring in financial services capabilities of SBI and Jio Payments Bank."
- YONO's digital banking features will be enabled through the MyJio platform for an integrated customer experience.
- SBI YONO is an online platform offering digital banking, commerce and financial superstore services.

RBI asks Paytm, Fino payments banks to stop enrolling new customers

- Launched in 2015 with great fanfare, India's payments banking ecosystem has taken a serious hit as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has halted two of the three existing payments bank from enrolling new customers.
- Concerns over the eKYC, or electronically done know your customer process, as well as cases of more than Rs 100,000 being deposited in accounts, have caused the RBI to ask Paytm Payments Bank as well as Fino Payments Bank to halt inducting new customers for the time being.
- Airtel Payments Bank, which was earlier asked by the nodal agency not to enrol new customers, got permission to resume the process last month.

NHAI signs MoU with SBI for a Long Term Unsecured Loan of Rs 25000 Crore

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on August 3, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India (SBI) for getting Long Term Unsecured Loan of Rs 25000 crore for 10 years with 3 years of moratorium on repayments.
- This is the SBI's highest long term unsecured loan to any entity. Moreover, this is the largest amount of loan to have been sanctioned to NHAI in one stroke by any institution.

IDBI Bank names RBSA as financial advisor to vet LIC's acquisition proposal

- Public sector lender IDBI Bank has appointed investment banking outfit RBSA Advisors as financial advisor for evaluating the potential of an investment proposal by the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).
- On August 1, the Union Cabinet had approved the LIC's proposed acquisition of up to 51 per cent stake in the debt-ridden IDBI Bank.
- The LIC stake buy may help the bank get capital support of Rs100-130 billion. With the acquisition of a majority stake, LIC is expected to appoint at least four members on the bank's board, RBSA said in a statement.

Union Government, NABARD and NWDA sign revised MoA for funding of 99 projects under PMKSY

- The Union Ministry of Water Resources, the NABARD and the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) on August 6, 2018 signed a revised Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for funding of central share of 99 prioritised irrigation projects under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).
- The funding will be done through the Long Term Irrigation Fund (LTIF). The Department of Economic Affairs has modified certain existing means of funding of 99 irrigation projects under the LTIF with reference to source of funds, repayment pattern of loan, and rate of interest on loan, etc.

Telangana launches life insurance scheme worth Rs 5 lakh for farmers

- The state government of Telangana on August 6, 2018 launched the first-of-its-kind life insurance programme worth Rs 5 lakh for the farmers in the state.
- The scheme, which is called Rythu Bandhu Life Insurance Bonds, is expected to benefit 2.8 million farmers and their families. The launch comes ahead of the 2019 state and parliamentary elections.
- Under the programme, the families of the farmers will get the insurance amount irrespective of whether the farmer's death is natural or accidental.
- The insurance amount will be given to the farmer's family within 10 days itself.
- The distribution of insurance papers to the farmers would begin from August 15.
- The scheme has been launched with a rough investment of Rs 650 crore.

S Gurumurthy, Satish Marathe appointed to RBI board

- The Centre has appointed Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh(RSS)-affiliate Swadeshi Jagaran Manch co-convenor Swaminathan Gurumurthy and businessman Satish Kashinath Marathe to the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The names were approved in August 2018 as per provisions of Section 8 1C of the RBI Act, 1934 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

SBI launches unified payment terminal- MOPAD

- State Bank of India (SBI) in August 2018 launched the Multi-Option Payment Acceptance Device or MOPAD, a unified payment option that accepts multiple payment methods.
- Under this, customers will be able to pay through credit or debit cards, Bharat QR, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and SBI Buddy (e-wallet) at a Point of Sale (PoS) terminal. This initiative aims at providing digital convenience to customers and ease of doing business for merchants at the same time.
- A charge-slip as a proof of payment, which was not available for the Bharat QR, UPI, and the SBI Buddy transactions, will be available for customers who pay through MOPAD.

PayU, Reliance Money announce strategic partnership for instant loan

- PayU India in August 2018 announced entering into a strategic partnership with Reliance Money, leading NBFC brands in India, to offer instant app based personal loans, via LazyPay.
- In an attempt to reach out to the underserved consumers in India, both India">PayU India and Reliance Money will make sure that the entire process is completely digital, saving customers the hassle and the delays usually associated with a loan approval process.
- The loan amount will start from as low as Rs. 100 and will extend up to Rs. 1,00,000 with a duration varying from 15 days to 24 months.

JP Morgan-CIIE to set up Financial Inclusion Lab

- J.P Morgan, a global banking and financial services provider, along with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad's Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship (CIIE) in August 2018 announced a collaboration to set up a Financial Inclusion Lab.
- The initiative, estimated to cost around USD 9.5 million, aims at identifying and bringing to scale early-stage FinTech start-ups that focus on helping people in India within the lower and middle income (LMI) segment. The start-ups would enable access and usage of services such as savings, credit, and insurance to lower and middle-income households.

RBI to pay Rs 50,000 crore dividend to government for FY18

- The Reserve Bank in August 2018 said it has decided to pay a dividend of Rs 50,000 crore to the Union government for the year ending June 30, 2018.
- The decision was taken at its board meeting held here.
- "The Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India, at its meeting held on August 8, 2018, approved the transfer of surplus amounting to Rs 500 billion for the year ended June 30, 2018 to the Government of India," the central bank said in a statement.
- The RBI follows July-June financial year.

Axis Bank introduces iris authentication for Aadhaar-based transactions

- Axis Bank has become the first bank in the country to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets.
- This service, which requires a customer to scan their iris on a tablet, will boost the bank's financial inclusion efforts by making Aadhaar authentication process hassle-free and offering easier access to digital banking for consumers especially in the rural parts of the country.
- Micro ATMs completely eliminate the requirement of debit cards, passwords, PINs, and user IDs, and empower consumers to avail banking services using only their Aadhaar numbers and biometrics (iris scan/fingerprint scan).

Exim Bank signs MoU with BRICS development banks on blockchain technology

- Exim Bank of India has signed a multilateral cooperation agreement with member development banks of BRICS to undertake "collaborative research" in distributed ledger/blockchain technology.
- The MoU — signed by Exim Bank Managing Director David Rasquinha — was an outcome of the discussions the member development banks had during their annual meeting, with the objective of strengthening the cooperation under the BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism.

PayPal, HDFC Bank partner to offer seamless payment experiences to consumers

- PayPal, a global technology platform and digital payments leader, has announced its strategic partnership with and HDFC Bank to offer safer, faster and convenient payment experiences for the bank's card holders.
- To initiate incremental digital spend, the HDFC cards will be presented as a payment option during enrollment and subsequent payments, with the ability for consumers to easily open PayPal accounts and set it as their preferred payment method.

Paytm acquires Bengaluru-based Balance Technology

- Digital payments major Paytm in August 2018 said it has acquired Bengaluru-based savings management startup, Balance Technology for an undisclosed amount.
- The acquisition will help One97 Communications, which operates the Paytm brand, in further enhancing its user and merchant interfaces, Paytm said in a statement.

SBI ranked as India's most patriotic brand in survey; Tata Motors, Patanjali follows

- Country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) is considered to be the most patriotic brand, according to a survey, followed by Tata Motors, Patanjali, Reliance Jio and BSNL.
- Around 16 per cent respondents ranked SBI to be the most patriotic brand overall, followed by Tata Motors and Patanjali with 8 per cent each, and Reliance Jio and BSNL with 6 per cent each, the survey conducted by UK-based online market research and data analytics firm YouGov said.
- In terms of sectors, the financial sector topped the chart of the most patriotic brands with two leading names - SBI and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) - followed by auto, consumer goods, food and telecom sectors.

Government dismisses Allahabad Bank CEO Usha Ananthasubramanian from service

- The Union Government on August 13, 2018 dismissed Usha Ananthasubramanian, former CEO/ MD of Allahabad Bank and scam hit Punjab National Bank (PNB), from service.
- Though the Allahabad Bank had divested Ananthasubramanian of all her powers as MD three months back, after she was named in the CBI charge-sheet in the Rs 14,000 crore PNB fraud case, she had continued to be an employee of the bank.

- She was dismissed from service on the day when she was supposed to superannuate.

NPCI launches UPI 2.0 with overdraft facility

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in August 2018 launched Unified Payments Interface (UPI) 2.0, which among others allows customers to link their overdraft account to UPI, creation of one-time mandates and pre-authorisation of transactions for payment at a later date, and checking the invoice sent by merchant prior to making payment.
- UPI is a system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application (of any participating bank), merging several banking features, seamless fund routing & merchant payments into one hood. It also caters to the "Peer to Peer" collect request which can be scheduled and paid as per requirement and convenience.
- NPCI is an umbrella organization for all retail payments in India. UPI version 1 was launched in April 2016.
- In addition to current and savings accounts, NPCI said customers can link their overdraft (OD) account to UPI in its latest version. Customers will be able to transact instantly and all benefits associated with OD account will be made available to the users.
- Mandates can be created and executed instantly. On the date of actual purchase, the amount will be deducted and received by the merchant/individual user.
- UPI 2.0 has a feature whereby customers can check the invoice sent by merchant prior to making payment. This is aimed at helping customers to view and verify the credentials and check whether it has come from the right merchant or not.
- A quick response (QR) code feature has been introduced for customers to check the authenticity of merchants while scanning the code. It notifies the user with information to ascertain whether the merchant is verified UPI merchant or not. This provides an additional security to the QR as well as intent.

Airtel Payments Bank, Bharti AXA Life tie up to offer govt's insurance plan

- Airtel Payments Bank and Bharti AXA Life Insurance in August 2018 announced a pact to offer Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), leveraging the payments bank's network in rural pockets.
- The alliance will be supported by the payments bank's network "to reach deep rural pockets and serve the underinsured", a company statement said.
- PMJJBY offers life insurance cover of Rs 200,000 at a premium of Rs 330 per annum, and will initially be available at 1,00,000 banking points of Airtel Payments Bank.
- The number of banking points will be scaled to over 5,00,000 over time.

ICICI Lombard launches India's first AI to automate instant health insurance claims

- ICICI Lombard has launched India's first Artificial intelligence (AI) based technology to facilitate instant health insurance claims approval. As a result, the traditional cashless claim request which takes an average of 60 minutes of processing has been drastically brought down to a minute using AI.
- The varied medical procedures where AI is being deployed includes Cataract, Maternity, Appendicitis, Hemodialysis and Hysterectomy.

YES Bank and iCubesWire launch AI enabled digital innovation

- YES Bank has opted for iCubesWire's AI enabled solution, Instatalk, which provides an accurate platform for the customers to interact instantly with the brand and suits their requirements.
- Through this campaign, YES Bank aims to enhance the user engagement and curtails the long process for queries revolving around savings accounts.

Parliamentary Panel seeks Raghuram Rajan's advice to tackle Bad Loans

- The Parliament's Committee on Estimates, headed by veteran BJP leader Murali Manohar Joshi, looking into the issue of mounting non-performing assets (NPAs), asked former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan to appear before it and brief it on the matter of NPAs.
- Rajan was invited after former Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) Arvind Subramanian praised him before the Parliamentary Committee for identifying the NPA crisis and trying to resolve it.

No ATM to be replenished with cash after 9 pm from next year

- No ATM will be replenished with cash after 9 PM in cities and 6 PM in rural areas from next year. The announcement was made by the Union Home Ministry through a notification. The Ministry said that the deadline for putting money in the ATMs located in Naxal-hit areas will be 4 PM.
- It said that private cash handling agencies must collect money from the banks in the first half of the day and transport notes only in armoured vehicles.
- Two armed guards will accompany crisp notes in transit as per a new directive issued by the Home Ministry.
- The new Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) will come into effect from February 8, 2019 in view of the spurt in incidents of attacks on cash vans, cash vaults, ATM frauds and other internal frauds leading to increased sense of insecurity.

CEPR, NITI Aayog join hands for IBC 2018 to address issues of India's Banking Sector

- Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) along with its knowledge partner and the government Think Tank, NITI Aayog are organizing two-day India Banking Conclave 2018 (IBC) in New Delhi between August 23-24, 2018.
- The conclave, planned with the objective of making the banking sector more adaptable to face multiple future challenges in the coming years, will be addressed by Union Ministers such as Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley, Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and Civil Aviation Minister, Suresh Prabhu, apart from other important dignitaries such as BJP President, Amit Shah and Vice Chairman NITI Aayog, Rajiv Kumar.

Bajaj Finserv Offers Home Loan Balance Transfer With Additional Top-up Loan of up to Rs. 50 Lakh

- Providing its customers with an effective option to take care of their financial requirements, Bajaj Finance Ltd., the lending arm of Bajaj Finserv, is offering high-value top-up loans of up to Rs. 50 Lakhs on home loan balance transfer. The amount can be used by the customers for any financial requirement, as and when required.
- Bajaj Finserv offers home loans of up to Rs. 3.50 crores with various other benefits such as 3 EMI Holiday, Flexi Hybrid Loan and doorstep collection services. The maximum repayment tenor that can be chosen is 240 months, depending on the financial capacity of the customers.

World Bank launches world-first blockchain bond

- The World Bank has priced the world's first public bond created and managed using only blockchain in a A\$100 million (\$73.16 million) deal designed to test how the technology might improve decades-

old bond sales practices. Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the sole manager of the deal, said in a statement that the two-year bonds had priced to yield 2.251% and would settle 28 August.

- The prototype deal, dubbed a “Bondi” bond - standing for Blockchain Operated New Debt Instrument as well as a reference to Australia’s most famous beach — is being viewed as an initial step in moving bond sales away from manual processes towards faster and cheaper automation.

SBI to have multiple modes of biometric authentication for apps

- The country’s largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) will soon be introducing ‘multi-modal’ biometric authentication for its mobile applications. This means that one of the two factors of authentication would be by using either fingerprint or face recognition or by using voice recognition software on the bank’s servers.
- The bank is planning to use biometrics for various mobile banking products including the mobile wallet and Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions. The bank is in the process of finalising a service provider and has called for applications from technology providers.

Punjab National Bank gets top rank in digital transaction as per Finmin report

- Punjab National Bank (PNB) in August 2018 said a Department of Financial Services report has rated it as number one state-owned bank in terms of digital transactions.
- The Nirav Modi scam-hit bank is also rated as the sixth overall amongst all banks in India for digital performance, PNB said in a statement.
- "Based on the recent findings of DFS, PNB is ranked number one PSU bank in digital transactions in India. The bank is fully committed to Digital India initiative," it said.
- The bank is rated as 'Good' by the government with a score of 71 which is the highest category of performance, it said.

ICICI Bank announces partnership with Manchester United

- ICICI Bank, India’s private sector bank, has agreed to a multi-year partnership with Manchester United, bringing a range of competitive co-branded credit and debit card to the club’s 35 million Indian followers.
- According to the announcement, the Bank will be offering fans of the club two types of credit card – Manchester United Platinum Credit Card and Signature Credit Card.

Public Sector Banks give 91 per cent of education loans: RBI report

- Private sector banks, which have recently come under the scanner for corrupt activities, have little concern for promoting education and literacy in the country by providing education loans. A large part of lending to the education sector in the country has been done by public sector banks. A recent RBI report disclosed that the share of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) in lending to the education sector is 91.42 per cent.
- Data on education loans also reveals a divide between southern states and the rest of the country. It shows that students in southern states (Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh) pursue their studies by taking education loans more than students in the rest of the country.
- Banks disburse education loans under the Model Education Loan Scheme of Indian Banks’ Association (IBA). Under the scheme, interest is charged from the first year, but the interest is payable only after the moratorium period (which is the course period plus one year). However, the Government is implementing the interest subsidy schemes on education loans for higher education under Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS).

YES BANK, Rajasthan govt. partner to launch payments wallet 'Bhamashah'

- YES BANK, India's fourth largest private sector bank has announced its partnership with the Government of Rajasthan to launch Bhamashah Wallet, a simple instant payment digital wallet solution for the state of Rajasthan.
- The Bhamashah wallet, Rajasthan government's online payment application was launched by Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje. The wallet service was launched as a part of Bhamashah Yojana, a scheme introduced by the Government of Rajasthan to transfer financial and non-financial benefits of governmental schemes directly to women recipients in a transparent way.
- Through the Bhamashah wallet, subsidy disbursements can now be done seamlessly by the Government to the beneficiaries directly in the digital wallets provided to them.

Google's payment app for India 'Tez' becomes Google Pay

- Readying its digital payment service for India, Tez, for a global roll out, Google in August 2018 renamed the app as Google Pay and introduced new features that could soon help its Indian users get instant "pre-approved" loans from some banks.
- "Building for India has often meant Google building for everyone all around the world," Caesar Sengupta, Vice-President, Next Billion Users initiative and Payments, Google, said at its annual Google for India event here.
- "At the moment, nothing is changing about the experience in India other than the name," he said, adding that Google is working with a few of India's top banks — HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Federal Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank — to offer pre-approved, instant loans to their customers, right from within Google Pay.

99.3 percent of demonetised currency returned: RBI in its Annual Report 2017-18

- Over 99 percent of the demonetised currency was returned, as per the Annual Report 2017-18 of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The report was released on August 29, 2018.
- In November 2016, the Union Government withdrew Rs 500 and Rs 1000 currency notes from the circulation with effect from November 9, 2016. The demonetisation was hailed as a step that would curb black money, corruption and check counterfeit currency.
- RBI has completed the processing of demonetised Rs 500 and 1000 banknotes; 99.3 percent of the notes worth Rs 15.3 lakh crore have been returned to banks.
- After a thorough verification and reconciliation through Currency Verification and Processing System (CVPS), the total value of the Rs 500 and Rs 1000 banknotes as on November 8, 2016 stood at Rs 15,417.93 lakh crore, and the total value of the notes returned from circulation was Rs 15310.73 lakh crore.

Yes Bank gets RBI nod for continuance of Rana Kapoor as MD & CEO

- Private sector lender Yes Bank in August 2018 said it has received RBI's approval for continuance of Rana Kapoor as MD and CEO of the bank till further notice from the central bank.
- In June this year, Yes Bank's shareholders had approved the re-appointment of Rana Kapoor as the chief executive and managing director for three years, subject to final approval from the Reserve Bank of India.

PNB's Sunil Mehta elected chairman of the Indian Bank's Association

- Sunil Mehta, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Punjab National Bank has been elected as the new Chairman of Indian Bank's Association (IBA) for 2018-19.
- The IBA said that Mehta was elected chairman for the term 2018-19 at a meeting of the Managing Committee of the banking industry lobby group.
- At the same meeting, Dina Bandhu Mohapatra, Managing Director & CEO, Bank of India, was elected as the body's Deputy Chairman.

KSUM, YES Bank ink Memorandum of Understanding to help startups

- In a major fillip to the startup ecosystem in the state, the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) and YES Bank will join hands to provide a host of startup-focused corporate and commercial banking services.
- Under the MoU, YES Bank will provide and render the platforms/services to the startups, subject to the relevant contractual arrangements. It will offer Special Current Account Proposition to all associated startups of KSUM, including a 'no minimum balance commitment' for one year after starting a current account with the bank, a press release said.

NABARD sanctions Rs 735.53cr for Bengal rural infra projects

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 735.53 crore under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to West Bengal during the first quarter of 2018-19, according to an official release.
- The funding would help execution of 86 projects, which included six solar power projects, works on one medium irrigation, five minor irrigation and 12 flood protection projects, besides 57 projects of widening and strengthening of roads and five rural bridges.

Vishwas Patel appointed Chairman of Payments Council of India

- The Payments Council of India in July, 2018 announced the appointment of Vishwas Patel as its new Chairman.
- Patel is the Director of Infibeam Avenues and succeeds Naveen Surya, who has been elevated to the post of Chairman Emeritus, the council said in a statement.

Ex-PNB executive T Latha appointed new MD & CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank

- Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited has appointed T Latha as the Managing Director & CEO. She has taken over from G Sreeram, who has retired from the office on July 1, 2018, on completion of his tenure.
- Her appointment will be for a period of three years w.e.f July 2, 2018.

Arijit Basu takes charge as Managing Director of SBI

- State Bank of India (SBI) in July, 2018 announced appointment of Arijit Basu as the Managing Director.
- A graduate in Economics and a Master of Arts in History, Basu will handle the areas of Commercial Credit and IT and will also hold additional charge of Stressed Assets Resolution Group.
- Prior to this role, Basu was designated as Deputy Managing Director (DMD) in the bank.

Project Sashakt: Sunil Mehta Committee's 5-pronged strategy to tackle NPAs approved

Union Finance Minister Piyush Goyal on July 2, 2018 approved the Sunil Mehta Committee's suggestions of a 5-pronged strategy to tackle the Non-Performing Assets (NPA).

The committee led by Punjab National Bank Chairman Sunil Mehta has submitted its draft report titled 'Sashakt' to the Finance Ministry with a strategy to tackle stress in the banking sector. However, there is no proposal or recommendation to create a bad bank.

The recommendations now await the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Recommendations of the Committee

- The 'Sashakt' Report highlights nine guiding principles aimed at the operational turnaround of the banking sector in a manner that will create jobs and enhance the value of public sector banks.
- Resolution of bad assets below Rs 50 crore within 90 days: Banks will be required to create a 'Focused Vertical' for bad assets below Rs 50 crore and set up a Steering Committee for resolution of such bad assets within 90 days.
- Resolution of consortium loans between Rs 50-500 crore within 180 days: It suggested the Bank Led Resolution Approach (BLRA) for loans between Rs 50 and Rs 500 crore. It suggested constitution of an Independent Screening Committee to examine resolution of such loans within 180 days and if there is no resolution in 180 days, then these bad assets will be moved to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).
- Resolution of loans above Rs 500 crore: The loans above Rs 500 crore will be dealt via AMC/AIF-led resolution process. The panel proposed creation of a national Asset Management Company (AMC) to take over such Non-Performing Assets from banks.
- Recommendations included creating platforms where banks can trade in bunched loan assets.

Supreme Court refuses to stay RBI circular against cryptocurrencies

- The Supreme Court in July, 2018 refused to stay a Reserve Bank of India circular prohibiting banks and financial institutions from providing services in relation to cryptocurrencies.
- A bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra issued notices to the ministries of Finance, Law and Justice and Information Technology and the RBI and tagged the matter along with similar cases.
- According to the April 6 circular, the entities regulated by the RBI are prohibited from "providing any service in relation to virtual currencies, including those of transfer or receipt of money in accounts relating to the purchase or sale of virtual currencies".

RBI grants licence to Bank of China to set up its first branch in India

- The Reserve Bank of India in July, 2018 issued licence to Bank of China to operate in India, according to sources.

- According to reports, the decision was based on the commitment made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Chinese leadership.
- Following this, the 106-year-old Bank of China will open a branch in India.
- Last month Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Chinese President Xi Jinping ahead of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Qingdao, China. During the meeting, they discussed the issues of security, economic cooperation and people-to-people exchanges.
- The Bank of China (BoC) opened its first branch in South Asia in Pakistan's Karachi last year.

SBI Card launches AI virtual assistant ELA

- SBI Card, the country's second largest credit card issuer, in July, 2018 announced the launch of 'ELA' (Electronic Live Assistant), a virtual assistant for customer support and services.
- Driven by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, ELA is designed to enhance customer experience by providing relevant and instant responses to customer queries, SBI Card said in a statement.

Finzy receives NBFC-P2P certification from RBI

- Peer-to-peer (P2P) platform Finzy has received its NBFC-P2P certification from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The P2P industry being regulated ensures that only players who adhere to specific standards of operations and stringent information security guidelines are allowed to function. This helps build the credibility in the industry as a whole.

CSC SPV, HDFC Bank sign MoU to support financial inclusion in rural areas

- CSC SPV and HDFC Bank in July, 2018 announced signing of an agreement to enable three lakh Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) of the common services centers to operate as banking correspondents of HDFC Bank.
- The MoU signed between MD HDFC Bank, Aditya Puri and CEO, CSC SPV Dr. Dinesh Kumar Tyagi in the presence of Minister of Electronics & IT Ravi Shankar Prasad and Minister of State for Electronics & IT S.S. Ahluwalia, is expected to be a game changer as it would significantly contribute to Government's objectives of enabling Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of various schemes.

Yes Bank gets SEBI nod to launch MF business

- Yes Bank in July, 2018 said it has received approval from capital markets regulator SEBI to start mutual fund business.
- This approval is subsequent to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval granted to Yes Bank to sponsor a mutual fund followed by SEBI's in-principle approval received subsequently, the bank said in a statement in July, 2018.
- "Yes Asset Management (India) Limited (YAMIL) will leverage YES BANK's Knowledge Banking expertise and relationship capital across retail, corporate and institutional investors to effectively

channelise their assets in equity and debt capital markets,” the bank’s Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Rana Kapoor said.

Cabinet approves extension of scheme of recapitalisation of Regional Rural Banks up to 2019-20

- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the extension of the scheme of recapitalization of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) for the next three years up to 2019-20.
- The move will enable the RRBs to maintain the minimum prescribed capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of 9 per cent.
- A strong capital structure and minimum required level of CRAR will ensure the financial stability of RRBs, which will enable them to play a greater role in financial inclusion and meeting the credit requirements of rural areas.

Karnataka Bank launches facility to withdraw cash from PoS terminals

- Karnataka Bank Ltd has introduced 'Cash@PoS' facility through its network of 13,100-plus Point of Sale (PoS) terminals installed at various merchant establishments throughout the country.
- A press release by the bank said here in July, 2018 that it is a facility through which any bank customer can withdraw cash using his/her debit card or open system prepaid card (issued by banks in India) at PoS terminals.

RBI raises Centre's WMA advances to Rs 700 bn for July-September quarter

- The Reserve Bank has set the 'ways and means advances' (WMA) limit at Rs 700 bn for the central government for the July-September quarter, up from Rs 600 bn in the previous quarter.
- 'WMA' are temporary advances given by the RBI to government to tide over any mismatch in receipts and payments.
- "It has been decided, in consultation with the Government of India, that the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second quarter of the financial year 2018-19 (July 2018 to September 2018) will be Rs 700 bn," the RBI said in a statement.

HDFC ERGO launches one of India's first title insurance policies

- Private general insurer HDFC ERGO in July, 2018 launched a title insurance policy, making it one of the first such products launched by private insurers.
- Title insurance refers to insurance for the title of a real estate property and is mandatory according to the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act 2016, or RERA.

HDFC securities enable MF transactions through Facebook messenger

- HDFC securities in July, 2018 announced launch of Mutual Funds transactional capabilities on Facebook Messenger through their virtual assistant, Arya.

- A subsidiary of HDFC Bank, HDFC securities rolled out a theme called "The Pace of Innovation" which is structured to innovate and provide intuitive and relevant digital solutions to customers and this effort, is in line with the vision.

Bank Of Baroda signs Memorandum of Understanding with Korea's KB Financial Group to set financing corridor

- Public sector lender Bank of Baroda in July, 2018 said it has inked an agreement with South Korea's KB Financial Group to set-up financing corridor and development of digital payment ecosystem.
- The MoU was inked on July 9 during India-Korea Business Forum.

Money2World platform partnered by ICICI Bank eases payments to Australian universities

- Fee payments from India to Australian universities have become a notch easier. Private sector lender ICICI Bank said in July, 2018 that it has partnered with Australia's Westpac Banking Corporation to create a platform named Money2World (M2W), which students with accounts in Indian banks can utilise to pay fee to Australian colleges.

Airtel Payments Bank gets RBI nod to add new customers, can use e-KYC

- After being mired in controversy for a long time after an RBI order that prevented it from onboarding new customers, Airtel Payments Bank received requisite approvals from the central bank to start signing up new accounts, the company stated in July, 2018.
- The payments bank was at loggerheads with the authorities after it was reported that it opened savings bank account for existing customers without seeking their express permissions.

India becomes 69th shareholder of European development bank

- India on July 11, 2018 formally became the 69th shareholder of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), paving the way for more joint investment with Indian companies across the bank's regions of operation.
- India was selected as a member after all the existing EBRD shareholders, who also form its board of governors, voted unanimously in favour of the country's application in March 2018. The membership process was fully completed this week.

NTPC signs Rs 15 bn term loan with HDFC Bank for a period of 15 years

- NTPC, India's largest electricity generating company, in July, 2018 said it has signed a term loan agreement with HDFC Bank for availing a loan of Rs 15 billion.
- The 15-year loan will bear an interest rate linked to 3-months MCLR of the bank, the company said in a statement.

DBS to launch commercial banking operations in India in October

- Singapore-headquartered financial services giant DBS will begin commercial banking operations in India in October this year.
- DBS Bank India (DBS India), part of Asia's leading financial services group DBS Group Holdings, received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in September last year to convert its existing India franchise to a locally incorporated wholly-owned subsidiary (WOS) in India.

RBI nod for Fairfax's 51% stake acquisition in Catholic Syrian Bank

- The Reserve Bank of India has given its nod to Fairfax to acquire 51 per cent stake in Kerala-based Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB).
- This is the first stake sale of an Indian bank to a foreign non-banking entity since the Banking regulator tweaked ownership norms in May 2017.

LIC board approves acquisition of up to 51 per cent stake in IDBI Bank

- The Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC's) board has approved acquiring up to 51 per cent stake in state-run IDBI Bank.
- The information was shared by Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg on July 16, 2018. Garg, who is on the board of the state-run LIC, stated that the move of buying additional stakes would most be likely through a preferential shares issue, enabling injection of funds to IDBI Bank.

Jana Small Finance Bank launches commercial operations

- Jana Small Finance Bank in July, 2018 announced the commercial launch of its banking operations, the last microfinance company to convert itself into a small finance bank (SFB), three years after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gave its in-principle approval.
- The Bengaluru-based small finance bank, which was earlier called Janalakshmi Financial Services and weathered huge losses on account of demonetization, said it is confident of turning profitable before the end of fiscal year 2019.

RBI to issue new Rs 100 denomination banknotes

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will shortly issue Rs 100 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, bearing the signature of the bank's governor, Dr Urjit R. Patel.
- However, all the existing banknotes of the same denomination issued by the Reserve Bank in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender, it clarified.
- The new denomination has a motif of "RANI KI VAV" on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage.

- The base colour of the note is lavender and contains other designs, geometric patterns aligning with the overall colour scheme, both at the obverse and reverse. The dimension of the banknote will be 66 mm × 142 mm.

Karnataka Bank launches DigiLocker facility

- Karnataka Bank, as part of its digital initiative launched DigiLocker facility by integrating DigiLocker with its Moneyclick Internet Banking channel.
- DigiLocker is a key initiative to store the digital documents, by National E-Governance Division under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, under Digital India, a flagship program aimed at transforming India into a digitally empowered Society.

Bank of Baroda signs MoU with ten companies to loan Rs 500 cr

- State-run Bank of Baroda signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ten companies including Uber, Oyo, Lava and Flipkart to provide loans to members in their supply chain like drivers and retailers in its efforts to raise its exposure to small enterprises.
- The bank will finance Oyo's hotel-partners, motorcycles for delivery boys at food-delivery company Swiggy and e-commerce logistics companies, and car drivers at cab aggregators such as Uber.
- BoB said that defaults by some drivers at Uber doesn't necessarily mean that all loans are risky.

Federal Bank gets RBI nod to enter Bahrain, Kuwait, Singapore

- South-based private sector lender Federal Bank has received the regulatory nod to open offices in Bahrain, Kuwait and Singapore, but is awaiting local clearances before it starts operations, a top official has said.
- The Kochi-headquartered bank, which leads diaspora remittances, already has representative offices in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and its desire to expand comes even as a majority of its larger peers are downsizing their overseas presence following the Rs 13,500-crore Nirav Modi scam and poor asset quality back home due to toxic loans.

Indian banks, financial institutions sign agreement to speed up bad loan resolution

- Indian banks and financial institutions signed an inter-creditor agreement on July 23, 2018 to fast-track the resolution of stressed assets of Rs 500 crore or above that are under consortium lending.
- The ICA was prepared in accordance to the recommendations of the Sunil Mehta Committee and under the aegis of Indian Banks' Association (IBA). It is a part of Project Sashakt, which aims to strengthen the credit capacity, credit culture and credit portfolio of public sector banks.
- The agreement has been approved by boards of respective lenders.
- The ICA has been signed by 22 public sector banks including SBI, PNB and India Post Payments Bank, 19 private sector banks and 32 foreign banks.
- The signatories also included 12 major financial institutions such as Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), HUDCO, PFC, and REC.

Cash-on-delivery deals by e-commerce firms not authorised, says RBI

- Cash-on-delivery (CoD) method of payment option provided by online retailers such as Flipkart and Amazon may be a regulatory grey area as per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) response to a Right to Information (RTI) query, according to a report in The Economic Times.
- The RBI, in a response to an RTI query, said a collection of payment from platforms such as Amazon and Flipkart are not authorised.

OYO Hotels signs MoU with SBI and Bank of Baroda to offer financial support for small hotels

- OYO announced in July, 2018 that it has inked MoUs with the State Bank of India and Bank of Baroda for extending its support to budget hotels and creating jobs across levels.
- Signed under the aegis of the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna, the MoUs are aimed at providing financial support to OYO's existing and potential hotel partners for standardization at their properties, OYO said.
- OYO said towards enabling convenient financing and collateral-free loans for its asset partners through banks and NBFCs, it has also established an in-house Fintech division.

Arunachal Pradesh State Cooperative Apex Bank to launch 200 micro-ATMs

- Arunachal Pradesh State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd will launch 200 Micro-ATM services across the state.
- Chief Minister Pema Khandu launched the Micro-ATM services of the Arunachal Pradesh State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd. Khandu said inclusion of micro-ATM services will immensely benefit the rural and poor people availing banking services.

Parliament passes bill for quick prosecution in cheque bounce cases

- The Parliament on July 26, 2018 passed an amended bill that will allow courts to try offences related to cheque bounce expeditiously and direct the drawee to pay a minimum of 20 per cent of the cheque amount as interim compensation.
- The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2018 was passed by the upper house of the Parliament, the Rajya Sabha through a voice vote. The Lok Sabha had cleared the bill on July 23.
- The new amendment has been brought in the law to ensure that people have trust and faith on issuing cheques.
- The 1881 law on negotiable instruments has been amended from time to time.

UK court rejects Vijay Mallya's attempt to appeal against verdict favouring Indian bank

- Fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya has lost his attempt to appeal against a UK High Court order in favour of 13 Indian banks to recover funds amounting to nearly 9,000 crore rupees.
- The UK's Court of Appeal refused permission to Mallya to appeal against the High Court order dated May 8, which gave right to Indian banks to enforce the Indian judgment against Mallya's assets in England and Wales.

Paytm Payments Bank CEO Renu Satti resigns, to head new retail unit

- Paytm Payments Bank CEO Renu Satti has resigned from her position and will now head the new retail initiative.
- The company has yet not zeroed in on a new CEO. She was appointed CEO of the Payments Bank last year.

HSBC appoints Surendra Rosha as India CEO

- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in July, 2018 announced the appointment of Surendra Rosha as Chief Executive Officer for HSBC India, subject to regulatory approvals.

Parliament passes Bill for merger of five subsidiary banks with SBI

- The Indian Parliament on July 30, 2018 passed the State Banks (Repeal and Amendment) Bill, 2017 that merges the subsidiary banks with the State Bank of India (SBI).
- The Bill was introduced in Lok Sabha by then Union Minister of Finance Arun Jaitley on July 21, 2017.
- The merger of these subsidiary banks is already in effect from April 1, 2017. The merger was approved by the Union Government in February 2017.
- The Bill seeks to repeal the State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959, the State Bank of Hyderabad Act, 1956. These Acts established the State Bank of Bikaner, State Bank of Mysore, State Bank of Patiala, State Bank of Travancore, and State Bank of Hyderabad, the subsidiaries of the SBI.

RBI to set up Public Credit Registry

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that a Public Credit Registry (PCR) would be set up in a modular and phased manner, to strengthen the economy's credit culture.
- The RBI's High Level Task Force, which submitted its report on April 4, had recommended that with a view to address information asymmetry, foster access to credit, and strengthen the credit culture in the economy, a PCR should be set up.
- In lieu of the same, the central bank, while announcing its bi-monthly monetary policy statement, said it has considered the recommendations of the Task Force and decided to set up a PCR in a modular and phased manner.
- Furthermore, the RBI said an Implementation Task Force (ITF) is being constituted to help design undertake logistics for the next steps in setting up of the PCR.
- Earlier in the day, the Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) announced a hike in the repo rate and reverse repo rate to 6.25 percent and 6 percent respectively.

RBI raises policy rate for the first time in four years, maintains 'neutral' stance

- The Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday raised its policy rate for the first time in more than four years, due to inflation concerns, but kept its policy stance as "neutral".
- The monetary policy committee lifted the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25 percent, the first increase since January 2014, as predicted by 46 percent of respondents in a Reuters poll this week.
- All six members on the rate panel voted for an increase.
- The reverse repo rate was also raised by 25 basis points, to 6.00 percent.

IDFC Bank, Capital First get Reserve Bank of India's nod for merger

- IDFC Bank on Wednesday said it has received RBI's approval for merger of Capital First, Capital First Home Finance and Capital First Securities with the company.
- "The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has, via its letter dated 4 June, 2018, conveyed its 'No Objection' for the voluntary amalgamation of Capital First Ltd, Capital First Home Finance Ltd and Capital First Securities Ltd with IDFC Bank," IDFC Bank said in a regulatory filing.

Canara Bank fined in UK for anti-money laundering breaches

- Britain's markets regulator has fined the UK division of India's Canara Bank 896,100 pounds (\$1.2 million) and blocked it from accepting new deposits for around five months for systemic anti-money laundering (AML) failures.
- The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) said on Wednesday that the control failures at the UK division of Canara Bank, India's fifth largest state-run lender by assets, affected almost all levels of its business and governance structure, including senior management.

President approves promulgation of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018

- President Ram Nath Kovind on June 6, 2018 gave approval to promulgate the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018.
- The Ordinance provides significant relief to home buyers by recognising them as financial creditors.
- From now on, home buyers will have representation in the Committee of Creditors and will be an integral part of the decision making process.
- Homebuyers will have the right to initiate a resolution process against the bankrupt real estate companies and get their money back.

Agro-Processing Financial Institution as NBFC for food processing sector

- Food Processing Ministry will soon create the Agro-Processing Financial Institution which will exclusively fund food processing projects.
- The Agro-Processing Financial Institution will be a non-banking financial institution.
- This NBFC in food sector will create capacity building in the field of risk assessment and ease lending to food processing sector.

Axis Bank launches new chat bot Axis Aha service for its customers

- Private sector lender Axis Bank has launched a virtual assistant for customers armed with proprietary artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms and named it Axis Aha.
- The chatbot is designed to provide relevant and contextual responses to customer queries and even helps make transactions on the chat window itself. Customers can initiate transactions either through voice or chat, said the bank in a press release.

RBI allows Urban Co-operative Banks to become Small Finance Banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 6, 2018 decided to allow voluntary transition of the Urban Co-Operative Banks (UCB) into Small Finance Banks (SFB), a move that is aimed at bringing UCBs into mainstream banking.
- The Urban Co-Operative Banks can now convert into SFBs after meeting the prescribed criteria. The details of the scheme will be announced separately by the RBI.
- The decision was taken during the meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee.
- The move is an outcome of the recommendations made by the High Powered Committee on Urban Cooperative Banks in August 2015. The committee was chaired by R Gandhi, the then Deputy Governor of the RBI.

RBI extends temporary loan repayment relief for small businesses

- In a significant relief measure to small businesses, particularly, non-GST registered firms, the RBI tweaked norms exempting banks not to classify loans as NPAs even if payments are delayed by 180 days.
- Typically, banks and NBFCs have to classify an account as NPA if loan repayments are delayed for 90 days after due date. It may be noted that a similar exemption doubling the loan repayment delays up to 180 days was first extended to GST-registered MSMEs in February.

RBI amends Gold Monetisation Scheme to make it more attractive

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 7, 2018 amended the Gold Monetisation Scheme, 2015 (GMS) with an aim to enable people to open a gold deposit account hassle-free.

Short term deposits

- From now onwards, the short-term deposits will be treated as bank's on-balance sheet liability.
- These deposits will be made with the designated banks for a short period of 1 to 3 years.
- Deposits can also be allowed for broken periods such as for 1 year 3 months or for 2 years 4 months 5 days.
- The rate of interest payable in the case of deposits, for maturities with broken periods, will be calculated as the sum of interest for the completed year plus interest for the number of remaining days.

Redemption of principal at maturity

- In the case of Medium and Long Term Government Deposits (MLTGD), the redemption of principal at maturity will be either in rupees equivalent of the value of deposited gold at the time of redemption, or in gold, it depends upon preference of the depositor.
- However, any pre-mature redemption of MLTGD shall be only in rupees.
- In case of redemption of the deposit in gold, an administrative charge of 0.2 percent of the notional redemption amount in rupees will be collected from the depositor.
- The interest accrued on MLTGD will be calculated with reference to the value of gold in terms of rupees at the time of deposit and will be paid only in cash.

The designated banks will be paid handling charges such as charges for gold purity testing, refining, transportation, storage and any other relevant costs for Medium and Long Term Government Deposits at a flat rate of 1.5 percent and commission at the rate of 1 percent of the amount equivalent to the amount of gold mobilised under the scheme.

Committee formed to examine setting up of Asset Reconstruction co for faster resolution of stressed assets of PSBs: Goyal

- Interim finance minister Piyush Goyal on Friday announced the formation of a committee that he said will come up with recommendations to set up a mechanism for the speedy resolution of stressed assets in the banking system.
- “A committee under the chairmanship of Sunil Mehta, non-executive chairman of Punjab National Bank, which over next two weeks will come out with their recommendations over setting up of an asset reconstruction company and/or asset management company for faster resolution of stressed assets,” he said.

Short-term subsidised crop loan to be implemented through direct benefit transfer mode: RBI

- The RBI announced that interest subsidy scheme on short-term crop loans of up to Rs 3 lakh will be implemented through the Direct Benefit Transfer Mode from the current financial year.
- The Centre has earmarked Rs 15000 crore for 2018-19 towards interest subvention for short-term crop loans.
- As per the scheme, farmers can avail of short-term crop loans of up to Rs 3 lakh at subsidised interest rate of 7 percent that could go down to 4 percent on prompt repayment.

Yes Bank Launches New Accelerator Programme for Startups in Smart City, Cleantech, Agritech, Lifesciences Tech and EdTech

- After tasting success with its fintech accelerator, Yes Bank is now set to launch multi sector accelerator program.
- YES SCALE will offer a 15 week program for startups in the areas of smart city, clean tech, Agritech, Lifesciences tech and education tech.
- The bank will invest close to Rs 4.5 crore towards this program which includes the grants for pilots.

RBI releases draft guidelines to modify loan system for large borrowers

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 11, 2018 released the draft guidelines to modify the loan system for delivery of bank credit, making the rules stricter to regulate larger borrowers enjoying working capital facility from the banking system.
- The draft specifies a minimum level of loan component in fund based working capital finance and a mandatory Credit Conversion Factor (CCF) for the undrawn portion of cash credit availed of by large borrowers.

Here are the draft guidelines on loan system for delivery of bank credit:

Minimum level of ‘loan component’

- Borrowers having aggregate fund based working capital limit of Rs 150 crore and above from the banking system, need to withdraw a minimum of 40 percent of the limit as loan component and the remaining as cash credit, with effect from October 1, 2018.

Sharing of Working Capital Finance

- The ground rules for sharing of cash credit and loan components will be laid down by the consortium, subject to guidelines on bifurcation. Under Multiple Banking Arrangements (MBAs), each bank will have a duty to ensure adherence to these guidelines at individual bank level.

Amount and tenure of the loan

- The amount of the Working Capital Demand Loan (WCDL) will be fixed by banks in consultation with the borrowers, and the tenure of this loan shall not be less than seven days.

Repayment/ rollover of loan component

- Banks will have the discretion to demand repayment of the 'loan component' in instalments or by way of a 'bullet' repayment.

Risk weights for undrawn portion of cash credit limits

- The undrawn portion of cash credit or the overdraft limits sanctioned to the large borrowers will attract a credit conversion factor of 20 percent with effect from April 1, 2019.
- Loan component will be revised to 60 percent from 2019
- The current 40 percent loan component will be revised to 60 percent, with effect from April 1, 2019.

Axis tops value, Paytm volumes in mobile banking

- According to State Bank of India's (SBI) annual report for 2017-18, Axis Bank commands the largest value share of mobile banking transactions at 17.2 per cent but Paytm tops volumes with 22 per cent.
- However, Paytm's value share is a meagre 0.25 per cent, as per the report.
- On the other hand, ICICI Bank has a 17.1 per cent share of transactions by value and 9.7 per cent by volume.
- SBI's volume share slipped by over 5 percentage points from nearly 25 per cent at the end of March 2017 to 19.5 per cent in January 2018. The lender also lost value share to 16.8 per cent from a high of 44.4 per cent a year ago.
- Mobile-banking usage itself has seen a steep jump, with volumes soaring a steep 91 per cent to 1,871 million in FY18 from 977 million in FY17.

Cabinet approves HDFC's proposal to raise additional share capital

- HDFC Bank, India's most valued lender, has received government approval to sell fresh shares in India and abroad in what could result in the country's largest qualified institutional placement (QIP).
- The approval includes an Rs 8,500-crore infusion from parent Housing Development Finance Corp (HDFC), which will allow it to maintain its 25.6% current shareholding, potentially leaving about Rs 15,500 crore to be raised from the market. The QIP record is Rs 15,000 crore raised by State Bank of India (SBI) in June 2017.

Karnataka Bank launches 'Deposit Only Card'

- Karnataka Bank Ltd has launched 'KBL-Deposit Only Card' that enables hassle-free cash deposit transactions at the bank's 24x7 e-lobby services.
- A press release by the bank said here on Thursday that this card is specially meant for the bank's current/overdraft customers.

Northeast India's first small bank, North East Small Finance bank starts operation

- North East Small Finance bank (NESFB), Northeast India's first small bank has started its services on 17 June, 2018 in Assam.
- Ratan Tata launched the first branch of the bank in Guwahati, Assam.
- Tata, through his investment arm RNT Associates, has invested Rs 40 crore in the bank.
- Rupali Kalita is the MD & CEO of North East Small Finance bank (NESFB).
- Supported by infusion of funds from domestic and overseas investors, North East Small Finance Bank Ltd which has a net worth of Rs 300 Crore.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 31, 2017 granted the Small Finance Bank License to Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nidhi (North East) Microfinance Limited.

About North East Small Finance bank

- Headquarters - Guwahati, Assam
- MD & CEO - Rupali Kalita

NABARD to Lend Rs 21000 crore to Madhya Pradesh in Current Fiscal

- National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD) would lend Rs 21000 crore to the Madhya Pradesh government in the financial year 2018-19.
- Out of the 21000 crore rupees, Rs 4000 crore would be used for irrigation, roads and infrastructure in rural areas, another Rs 4000 crore to commercial and cooperative banks for investment in the agriculture sector, Rs 3000 crore for Civil Supplies Corporation and MP State Cooperative Marketing Federation Limited (Markfed), and Rs 10000 crore to cooperative banks for the purpose of agricultural credit.

RBI revises housing loan limits under Priority Sector Lending

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 19, 2018 revised the upwards housing loan limits under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).
- The housing loan limits were revised to bring union of the PSL guidelines for housing loans with the Affordable Housing Scheme of the Union Government and to give a stimulus to low-cost housing for the economically weaker sections and low income groups.
- PSL loans are relatively cheaper than market interest rate.
- Housing loans of up to Rs 35 lakh for residences costing less than Rs 45 lakh will now be treated as Priority Sector Lending (PSL) to give a boost to the low-cost segment.
- The housing loan limits for eligibility under priority sector lending will be revised to Rs 35 lakh in metropolitan centres and to Rs 25 lakh in other centres.
- However, for being classified as priority sector, the overall cost of the residence in the metropolitan centre (with population of 10 lakh and above) and at other centres should not exceed Rs 45 lakh and Rs 30 lakh, respectively.

RBI tightens norms for Liberalised Remittance Scheme

- The Reserve Bank of India has tightened norms for Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) by making quoting of the Permanent Account Number or PAN mandatory even for transactions below USD 25000.
- Under the LRS, all resident individuals, including minors, are allowed to freely remit up to 250000 US dollar per financial year for any permissible current or capital account transaction.
- Earlier, a system for daily reporting of individual transactions under the LRS by banks was been put in place.

SBI MD B Sriram appointed IDBI Bank chief for three months

- State Bank of India's Managing Director B Sriram was today appointed as the MD and CEO of IDBI Bank for a temporary period of three months, according to an official order.
- He has been appointed in place of incumbent Mahesh Kumar Jain who was recently named Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Arijit Basu to be new Managing Director of State Bank of India

- The appointments committee of the cabinet has appointed Arijit Basu as the new Managing Director of State Bank of India.
- In a notification, the cabinet committee said Basu has been appointed as MD till October 31, 2020.

RBI proposes Board of Management for urban co-operative banks

- Before being considered for conversion into commercial banks, Urban cooperative banks will need to have a separate board of management set up by the board of directors to oversee daily business operations. The Reserve Bank has said that this board should have well qualified members who do not have any business relation with the bank, in the draft guidelines it released on Monday.
- The Reserve Bank has suggested that in order to strengthen governance standards Urban cooperative banks should have a separate board of management (BoM) and have make a provision in their bye laws. According to RBI's guidelines, regulatory approvals such as expansion of area of operation and opening of new branches may be allowed only for UCBs that have made such a provision in their bye law. The board of management may be appointed by the board of directors whose term end at the same time as the board of directors.

Ranveer Singh roped in as the brand ambassador of Kotak Mahindra Bank

- Ranveer Singh has been recently signed on as the Brand Ambassador of Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank (Kotak) has announced the launch of its campaign #IndiaInvited featuring Ranveer Singh for 811, which is an anywhere, anytime digital bank account and much more. It is a one-of-its-kind truly inclusive account.

PSBs account for 85% of bank fraud cases: RBI report

- State-run lenders accounted for a staggering 85 per cent of nearly 6,500 fraud cases, amounting to more than Rs 30,000 crore, RBI's latest edition of Financial Stability Report showed. Top 10 banking frauds in 2018 alone lead to a financial loss of Rs 10,000 crore. Banks had reported nearly 5,000 frauds amounting to Rs 20,000 crore in fiscal year 2017.
- "In recent years, frauds reported (For more than Rs 1 lakh) in the Indian banking sector show an increasing trend both in terms of number and quantum. In terms of the relative share of frauds, PSBs have a disproportionate share (more than 85 per cent) significantly exceeding their relative business share," the regulator said.
- While the bulk of banking frauds was loan-related, a sharper rate of growth was observed in total number of frauds in 2017-18 was also driven by a significant jump in card and internet banking related scams. The quantum and share of PSU bank frauds was much higher than their credit and deposit share which stands at 65 and 75 per cent respectively, RBI data showed.

Irdai allows LIC to buy up to 51% stake in debt-ridden IDBI Bank

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) board on Friday approved Life Insurance Corporation's investment in IDBI Bank, allowing LIC to own up to 51 per cent in the beleaguered lender. LIC will now be able to pump Rs 100-130 billion into IDBI Bank in tranches through a preferential allotment of new equity shares at a price determined by a formula under the Securities and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi's) rules.

ICICI Bank Names Girish Chandra Chaturvedi As Non-Executive Chairman

- ICICI Bank Ltd said on Friday it appointed Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as part-time, non-executive chairman, effective July 1. Chaturvedi, a former Indian Administrative Services officer, most recently served as chairman of the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority.

RBI withdraws rule exceptions for NBFCs owned by govt

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has ended the special dispensations granted earlier for non-banking financial corporations (NBFCs) owned by the government.
- Instead, it has specified a roadmap, stretching till 2021-22, for these lenders to meet the norms on capital adequacy, provisioning and corporate governance. Among the entities affected are IFCL, Power Finance Corporation, India Infrastructure Finance Company, Indian Railway Finance Corporation, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency and Housing & Urban Development Corporation.

HDFC Bank recognized for best practices in payment security at visa summit

- HDFC Bank has once again been recognized with the Champion Security Award at the 14th Visa Asia Pacific Security Summit. For the second time in a row, the bank has won the award in the India and South Asia category. The Award is a mark of excellence reflecting leadership in risk management and payment security performance.
- As India is transforming to digital India, consumers are shopping and paying with devices, and transactions are moving from cash to online digital modes. Visa believes in investing in new standards, technologies, and products that will equip financial institutions, merchants, third parties and consumers in the fight against fraud.

Financial Literacy Week to begin on June 4; Consumer Protection is the theme

- The Reserve Bank of India has chosen customer protection as theme for the Financial Literacy Week beginning on June 4. This week long event ending on June 8 will focus on creating awareness among customers of banks about financial products and services, good financial practices and going digital, the RBI said in a statement.
- The week will focus on four consumer protection messages like 'know your liability' for unauthorised electronic banking transaction and Good practices for a safe digital banking experience.
- Among various messages, customers will be told through banners and posters that in case of unauthorised digital transaction if bank is informed within 3 days, the liability of the account holder is zero.

YES BANK launches 'Scale-Up' series to upskill MSMEs

- YES BANK launches MSME 'Scale-Up' series, a unique Industry-Academia collaboration, to upskill MSMEs from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities with MDI Gurgaon as its Training Partner and Spark Minda, a global entity in automotive components.

- The initiative is aimed at boosting MSME businesses by educating them on latest manufacturing technologies, global best practices and innovative finance management.
- The maiden chapter of the Series kicked off in MDI Gurgaon, in collaboration with the first Corporate Anchor 'Spark Minda'.

Telangana government, LIC sign MoU for life insurance scheme for farmers

- Telangana government and the LIC today signed an MoU for the implementation of a Rs five lakh life insurance scheme for the benefit of farmers in the state.
- The Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the presence of Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao at an event where he addressed state agriculture department officers and others.

IDBI Bank CEO Mahesh Kumar Jain appointed RBI deputy governor

- The government has appointed IDBI Bank CEO Mahesh Kumar Jain as the fourth deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), filling up a post that had been lying vacant for almost a year.
- With nearly 30 years experience as a career banker, Jain will be in charge of RBI's banking supervisory department which is instrumental in cleaning up the banking system.

Yes Bank launches Green Future Deposit scheme with an eye to raise Rs 1,000 crore

- Private sector lender Yes Bank launched a deposit scheme today, which could fetch up to 8 per cent for a tenure of little over 18 months.
- The bank is eyeing Rs 1,000 crore from the scheme 'Green Future:Deposit' in next three months. The launch coincides the World Environment Day.
- The bank said in a statement that this deposit account can be opened for 18 months and 8 days to 18 months and 18 days, with peak interest rate of 7.50 per cent per annum for a regular Green Future.
- For senior citizens, the account will offer an interest rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Public Sector Bank and their HQs & Taglines

| Bank | Headquarter | Tagline/Slogan |
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| Allahabad Bank | Kolkata | A tradition of trust |
| Andhra Bank | Hyderabad | Where India Banks |
| Bank of Baroda | Vadodara | India's international bank |
| Bank of India | Mumbai | Relationship Beyond Banking |
| Bank of Maharashtra | Pune | One Family One Bank |
| Canara Bank | Bengaluru | Together we can |
| Central Bank of India | Mumbai | Central to you since 1911 |
| Corporation Bank | Mangalore | Prosperity for All/Sarve Janah Sukhino Bhavanthu |
| Dena Bank | Mumbai | Dena hai toh bharosa hai /Trusted Family Bank |
| Indian Bank | Chennai | Your Own Bank |
| Indian Overseas Bank | | Good people to grow with |

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| IDBI Bank | Mumbai | Bank Aisa Dost Jaisa |
| Oriental Bank of Commerce | Gurugram | Where every individual is committed |
| Punjab National Bank | New Delhi | The Name You Can BANK Upon |
| Punjab & Sind Bank | New Delhi | Where Service is a way of Life |
| State Bank of India | Mumbai | With you all the way/ The Nation banks on us |
| Syndicate Bank | Manipal | Faithful and Friendly/Viswasaneeya Hitheshi |
| UCO Bank | Kolkata | Honours Your Trust |
| Union Bank of India | Mumbai | Good people to bank with |
| Union Bank of India | Kolkata | The Bank that begins with "U" |
| Vijaya Bank | Bengaluru | A friend you can bank upon |

Private Sector Bank and their HQs & Taglines

| Bank | Headquarter | Tagline/Slogan |
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| AXIS Bank | Mumbai | Progress with us |
| Bandhan Bank | Kolkata | Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai |
| City Union Bank | Kumbakonam | Trust and Excellence since 1904 |
| Catholic Syrian Bank | Thrissur | Support all the way. |
| Dhanlaxmi Bank | Thrissur | N/A |
| Federal Bank | Kochi | Your Perfect Banking Partner |
| HDFC Bank | Mumbai | We understand your world. |
| ICICI Bank | Mumbai | Hum Hain Na! |
| IndusInd Bank | Mumbai | N/A |
| Karnataka Bank | Mangalore | Your Family Bank. Across India |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank | Mumbai | Let's make money simple |
| Karur Vysya Bank | Karur | Smart way to bank |
| Lakshmi Vilas Bank | Chennai | N/A |
| Yes Bank | Mumbai | N/A |

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