

INVESTORS MUST SUBMIT INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVERY SWP AND STP TRANSACTION

Sebi move to ease demat MF rules

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EXPERT TAKES

- Move could boost demat adoption, gradually lift trading volumes
- Due to move, AMCs, registrars could face fewer ad hoc manual updates
- For investors, it could simplify operations
- It is also expected to bring parity between demat and SoA formats

reasons investors currently prefer the Statement of Account (SoA) format over demat, she added.

In India, MF units are held primarily in two formats — demat and SoA. A demat account is an electronic repository for securities held with a depository, while an SoA is maintained directly by the fund house.

Last week, Sebi proposed allowing standing instructions for Systematic Withdrawal Plans (SWP) and Systematic Transfer Plans (STP) for MFs held in demat form. Currently,

New ETF pricing bands proposed

SEBI PROPOSED RULE changes on Friday to how exchange-traded funds are priced, aiming to narrow gaps between ETF prices and the value of their underlying securities. ETFs in the country currently trade within a fixed plus or minus 20% price band based on the net asset value (NAV) from two days earlier (T-2), while the price band for underlying stocks is set using the previous day's prices.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India said this fixed band "may not reflect the volatility of the underlying" and can result in ETF trading ranges that are "excessively wide" relative to the underlying basket.

To address the distortion, the regulator proposed using the indicative NAV from the previ-

ous trading day to calculate ETF price bands and replacing the fixed limit with a dynamic price band. For gold and silver ETFs, SEBI proposed removing the fixed bands entirely, with limits instead aligned with daily price limits applicable for derivatives contracts.

"Considering the recent high volatility in gold and silver prices in domestic/international market, the existing price bands for gold/silver ETFs had become inadequate to ensure alignment of their market prices with the underlying assets," SEBI said.

Because gold and silver trade globally throughout the day, but their ETFs trade only during market hours, SEBI also proposed introducing a separate pre-open session to help determine their prices. —REUTERS

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'Regulation must evolve to supervise risks posed by AI'

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Sebi chair Tuhin Kanta Pandey

SEBI CHAIRMAN TUHIN Kanta Pandey on Friday flagged the risks posed by artificial intelligence (AI) in the financial system and said that regulations must evolve to supervise systems and technology, and manage the boundary between regulated finance and unregulated digital spaces.

Quoting Mustafa Suleyman, CEO of Microsoft AI, Pandey said the coming wave of AI, synthetic biology and other technologies would be a

"compelling challenge" or "a predicament for humanity". Addressing the ET Now Global Business Summit 2026, Pandey said.

the top boss at the stock market regulator said that on one hand, AI offers powerful tools for surveillance and fraud detection, but it also brings risks, opacity, bias, and concentration of technological power.

"Regulation must therefore evolve from supervising institutions to supervising systems and technology. They must address concentration and interconnectedness risks, strengthen data governance and consent architecture, and manage the boundary between regulated finance and unregulated digital spaces," Pandey said.

Uday Kotak named GIFT City chair

FE BUREAU
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VETERAN BANKER AND industrialist Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra Bank was appointed as the chairman of the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) on Friday with immediate effect.

Kotak replaced retired IAS

officer Dr Hasmukh Adhia who had been serving as the non-executive chairman since June 19, 2023.

Kotak will continue in the role until further orders, the terms and conditions of his appointment will be decided separately, according to a government resolution.

Kotak is the founder and former managing director &

CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank. He established the bank in 1985 as a small bill-discounting firm, which later became the first non-banking financial company (NBFC) in India to convert into a bank in 2003.

Kotak Mahindra Bank currently has assets exceeding \$85 billion. Kotak currently serves as a non-executive director.

STREET SIGNALS

Premier Industrial, Duroflex, three others get Sebi nod to float IPOs

AS MANY AS five firms, including Premier Industrial Corporation and mattress maker Duroflex, have secured Sebi approval to launch their IPOs, an update with the markets regulator showed on Friday. Besides, pharmaceutical company Virupaksha Organics, Mumbai-based Hexagon Nutrition, and Om Power Transmission have received approvals from the regulator. These companies, which filed their preliminary IPO papers with Sebi between September and October, received Sebi's observations between February 10 and 13, the update showed. —PTI

Gaudium IVF and Women Health to launch IPO on February 20

FERTILITY SERVICES PROVIDER Gaudium IVF and Women Health is planning to raise funds to the tune of ₹150 crore to ₹200 crore through its initial public offering (IPO), which is expected to open on February 20, people familiar with the development said on Friday. With this, it will become the first firm in the sector to tap the public markets. The proposed offering comprises a fresh issue of 1.14 crore equity shares and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of nearly 95 lakh equity shares by promoter Manika Khanna, according to the DRHP. —PTI

RBI issues draft guidelines to streamline Lead Bank Scheme

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Mumbai, February 13

THE RESERVE BANK OF India (RBI) on Friday released draft guidelines to streamline the operations of the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS).

The LBS aims to coordinate the activities of banks, the government, and other developmental agencies through institutional mechanisms within the framework to improve credit flows to priority sectors, support inclusive growth, and deepen financial inclusion.

The central bank has invited comments and feedback on the draft circular by March 6, 2026.

The proposed framework seeks to refine the Scheme's objectives, strengthen the structure and functioning of its various mediums, clearly define the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders, and enhance the effectiveness of State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) and Lead District



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- LBS aims to coordinate the activities of banks, the govt, and other developmental agencies
- Under the draft norms, SLBC convenor banks must hold quarterly meetings

mandate is to deepen financial inclusion by improving access to and usage of formal financial services.

Under the draft norms, SLBC convenor banks must hold quarterly SLBC meetings and ensure close coordination among all banks operating in the state.

They are also expected to regularly engage with state government officials to address operational challenges in lending and to support broader banking development and inclusion goals.

The draft further emphasises monitoring of the credit-deposit (CD) ratio—an indicator of credit disbursed relative to deposits mobilised. Banks have been asked to work toward achieving a CD ratio of up to 60% across rural and semi-urban branches.

Districts with CD ratios between 40% and 60% will be placed under closer monitoring to improve performance. —REUTERS

Manager (LDM) offices.

Introduced in December 1969, the LBS was designed to create a coordinated mechanism among banks and government agencies to improve the flow of credit to priority sectors and support rural development. Its core

Microfin shifts to bigger loan sizes

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THE MICROFINANCE INDUSTRY is witnessing a structural shift toward larger ticket sizes. The average loan amount continued its upward trajectory, rising 15.7% year-on-year to ₹60,200 in Q3 FY26 from ₹52,000 in Q3 FY25, underscoring rising demand for higher-value loans and a change in origination strategy, according to report by CRIF High Mark.

The industry's gross loan portfolio (GLP) stood at ₹3.21 lakh crore as of December 2025, down 18% year-on-year. Active loans fell 23% to 11.2 crore during the same period. The decline in disbursements reflects an industry-wide risk recalibration and tighter underwriting norms, the report said.

"Active loans are contracting more sharply than the overall portfolio value, indicating consolidation toward higher ticket-size loans and moderated borrower outreach." However, disbursements rose sequentially, signalling a recovery in credit flow. Total loans disbursed during Q3 FY26 climbed 9.2% quarter-on-quarter to ₹61,716 crore. The ₹50,000-₹80,000 loan segment led originations at 42.8% in Q3 FY26, up from 36.8% a year earlier, while the ₹80,000-₹1 lakh segment rose to 17.9% from 10.8%. Loans above ₹50,000 now drive value growth across most major states, the report noted.

Portfolio quality also improved, with portfolio at risk (PAR) 31-90 days dropping from 3.1% to 1.4% and PAR 1-180 days falling from 8.2% to 4.4% year-on-year.

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Morgan Stanley eyes \$500-mn India fund

BLOOMBERG
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MORGAN STANLEY'S ASSET management arm is sounding out investors about shifting a portfolio of India assets from an existing fund into a new vehicle, according to people familiar with the matter.

The company plans to move eight healthcare-focused investments into a so-called continuation vehicle, the people said, asking not to be identified because the conversations are private.

It's seeking to raise \$500 million for the new India fund strategy and has approached investors on the plan, the people added.

The assets include Omega Hospitals and RG Scientific Enterprises, one of the people said. Morgan Stanley Investment Management invested in Omega in 2024 with a minority ownership and bought a controlling stake in RG Scientific that same year.

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025 (₹ in Lacs)

Particulars	Standalone						Consolidated					
	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended		
	31.12.2025 (Un-Audited)	30.09.2025 (Un-Audited)	31.12.2024 (Un-Audited)	31.12.2025 (Un-Audited)	31.12.2024 (Un-Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)	31.12.2025 (Un-Audited)	30.09.2025 (Un-Audited)	31.12.2024 (Un-Audited)	31.12.2025 (Un-Audited)	31.12.2024 (Un-Audited)	31.03.2025 (Audited)
Total Income from Operations	27,046	28,596	25,640	93,382	86,647	1,17,300	27,046	28,596	25,640	93,382	86,647	1,17,300
Net Profit before Tax and Exceptional Items	4,416	3,456	4,077	15,142	13,129	16,919	5,020	3,628	5,161	15,518	15,044	18,501
Net Profit before Tax (after Exceptional Items)	4,565	3,456	4,077	13,813	13,129	16,919	5,169	3,628	5,161	14,189	15,044	18,501
Net Profit after Tax (after Exceptional Items)	3,399	2,616	2,969	10,381	9,664	12,510	4,003	2,788	4,053	10,757	11,579	14,092
Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit/Loss after tax and other Comprehensive Income after tax)	3,402	2,619	2,962	10,390	9,643	12,521	4,006	2,791	4,046	10,766	11,558	14,103
Equity Share Capital [16621072 shares of ₹5/- each] [Refer Note No. 3]	831.05	415.52	415.52	831.05	415.52	415.52	831.05	415.52	415.52	831.05	415.52	415.52
Earning per share (of ₹5/- each) [*Not Annualised] [Refer Note No. 3]												
- Basic	20.45*	15.74*	17.86*	62.46*	58.14*	75.27	24.08*	16.77*	24.39*	64.72*	69.67*	84.79
- Diluted	20.45*	15.74*	17.86*	62.46*	58.14*	75.27	24.08*	16.77*	24.39*	64.72*	69.67*	84.79

Notes:

- The above Standalone and Consolidated Un-Audited Financial Results is an extract of the detailed format of financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2025 filed with the Stock Exchange under applicable Regulation of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results are available at the Website of the Company (www.bharatgroup.co.in) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.nseindia.com) where the Company's shares are listed.
- The above Standalone and Consolidated Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2025 were reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on February 12, 2026.
- During the quarter ended December 31, 2025, the shareholders of the Company had approved the sub-division of the face value of each equity share of the Company from ₹10/- (Rupees Ten only) each to ₹5/- (Rupees Five only) each. Accordingly, every 1 (one) Equity Share of face value of ₹10/- each fully paid-up was sub-divided into 2 (two) equity shares of face value of ₹5/- each fully paid-up and bonus shares issued in the proportion of 1:1, i.e. 1 (One) bonus equity share of 1 each for every 1 (One) fully paid-up equity share held as on the record date, i.e. 12.12.2025. Accordingly, the Company had allotted 83,10,536 equity shares as bonus shares on December 15, 2025. After splitting of shares and issuance of bonus shares, the paid-up equity share capital has increased from ₹4,15,52,680/- to ₹8,31,05,360/-, i.e. ₹8,31,05,360/- divided into 1,66,21,072 Equity shares of ₹ 5/- each. As per Ind-AS 33, all shares and per share information in all the financial results reflect the effect of splitting of shares and issuance of bonus shares. Consequent to the issuance of bonus shares and share split, the earnings per share have been restated for the current period as well as for all the comparative periods. EPS without adjusting Bonus Shares and shares split would have been as under:

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Earning per share (of ₹5/- each) [*Not Annualised]												
i) Basic	81.80*	62.96*	71.45*	249.83*	232.58*	301.07	96.34*	67.10*	97.54*	258.88*	278.66*	339.14
ii) Diluted	81.80*	62.96*	71.45*	249.83*	232.58*	301.07	96.34*	67.10*	97.54*	258.88*	278.66*	339.14

4 The above Un-Audited Financial Results is subject to Limited Review Report as furnished by the Statutory Auditors and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company as required under applicable Regulation of the SEBI (LODR), Regulations, 2015.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
For BHARAT RASAYAN LIMITED
Sd/-
(S.N.GUPTA)
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN: 00024660

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FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Russian oil flows to India slump

THE JOINT STATEMENT on the recent India-US bilateral trade deal mentions India's "commitment" to stop purchasing Russian oil, and links this to US President Donald Trump signing an executive order removing an additional 25% punitive tariff on the country.

"China's primary Russian crude grade has traditionally been ESPO, a light sweet crude, while India's main Russian import grade has been Urals. However, amid tightening US and EU sanctions, Indian refiners have shied away from Russian barrels. Imports of key Russian grades into India have declined by circa 250,000 barrels per day on average, comparing December and January volumes with the previous five to six months. A broadly equivalent volume of Urals crude has been absorbed by Chinese refiners in January 2026. This highlights an ongoing shift in Russian crude flows towards China, albeit not necessarily on a one-to-one basis," said Nikhil Dubey, senior refining analyst, Kpler.

While India relies entirely on seaborne imports, China also receives crude through two operational pipelines from Russia, which together carry approximately 820,000 barrels per day (bpd), says another expert on condition of anonymity.



Oil rig at sea.

The shift comes as Russia's overall oil supply declined by 350,000 bpd in January amid intensified US pressure and broader EU sanctions, according to the latest Oil Market Report of the International Energy Agency (IEA). India, which had emerged as one of Moscow's largest buyers since 2022, is now scaling back as compliance risks rise for refiners exporting to Europe.

At the same time, Venezuelan production fell by 210,000 bpd month-on-month to 780,000 bpd in January. However, the IEA expects output to rebound after Washington authorised US-incorporated firms — including US-based subsidiaries of global energy firms — to resume exports under a structured pathway.

Globally, oil supply dropped by 1.2 mb/d in January to 106.6 mb/d, hit by severe winter weather in North America and disruptions in Kazakhstan alongside sanction-driven constraints in Russia and Venezuela. Yet the setback is likely temporary.

World oil supply is forecast to expand by 2.4 mb/d in 2026 to 108.6 mb/d, with growth evenly split between OPEC+ and non-OPEC+ producers, assuming current output agreements hold.

On the demand side, growth remains subdued. Global oil consumption is projected to rise by 850,000 bpd in 2026, compared with 770,000 bpd last year. Non-OECD economies will account for the entire increase, with China contributing roughly 200,000 bpd. Notably, petrochemical feedstocks are expected to drive more than half of incremental demand, marking a structural shift from transport-led growth.

Meanwhile, inventories continue to mount. Observed global stocks rose by 37 million barrels in December, taking total 2025 builds to 477 million barrels — the largest annual accumulation since 2020. Preliminary figures show a further 49 million barrel rise in January.

Despite swelling inventories, benchmark crude prices rallied by nearly \$10 per barrel in January amid geopolitical tensions and supply outages, with North Sea Dated trading around \$73 per barrel at the time of writing.

