

RBI's rate decision reflects favourable assessment of India's growth: Economists

Mumbai, Feb 6 (IANS) The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to keep the policy rate unchanged reflected a favourable assessment of growth and inflation dynamics, economists said on Friday. The RBI MPC, in its first monetary policy review of 2026, kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent. Analysts welcomed the pause on rate hikes and said they expect the RBI to maintain an extended pause, due to positive cyclical upswing and confidence from successful conclusion of multiple trade deals.

Radhika Rao, Executive Director and Senior Economist at DBS Bank, said the decision was anchored in a favourable macroeconomic outlook, and planned revision to the CPI and GDP series later this month.

Rao noted the governor's cues about factors behind the recent uptick in

bond yields, adding that the central bank appeared ready to act pre-emptively if needed. "Looking beyond February, we expect the RBI to maintain an extended pause, supported by a positive cyclical upswing and confidence effects stemming from the successful conclusion of US trade negotiations," she said.

Madan Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda said that despite the RBI's assurance on liquidity, no specific measures were announced indicating need-based interventions. Sabnavis highlighted the central bank's recent move to raise the collateral-free loan limit to Rs 20 lakh as a follow-up to Budget measures for MSMEs. "We expect that the rate cycle has ended and 5.25 per cent repo rate will be maintained for some time, and the next move is more likely in upward direction if inflation turns out to be higher in future," Sab-

navis said. "The RBI's rate pause gave much-needed stability to the real estate sector at a time when growth expectations have strengthened following the Union Budget's thrust on higher government spending," added Prashant Sharma, President, NAREDCO Maharashtra.

Rajani Sinha, Chief Economist, CareEdge Ratings, estimated that the recently proposed tariff reductions from the India-US trade deal could add roughly 20 basis points to GDP growth. The ratings agency raised its FY27 growth projection to about 7.2 per cent, with CPI inflation estimates averaging close to 4 per cent. The MPC revised up its average growth projection for the first half of FY27 by 20 basis points to 7 per cent, while raising CPI inflation projections for FY26 and H1FY27 by 10 basis points each.

Jainam Broking's Indian Options Conclave 7.0 Returns to Surat

Surat, Jainam Broking Limited, a leading financial services firm offering comprehensive solutions across the investment spectrum, is set to host the seventh edition of the Indian Options Conclave (IOC 7.0) on February 13-14, 2026, at the SIECC, Surat. Recognised as India's largest platform dedicated to options trading education and community building, IOC 7.0 will bring together retail traders, seasoned market participants, investors, fintech players and exchanges from across the country.

Building on the momentum of IOC 6.0, a record-breaking edition that witnessed over 20,000 registrations and earned a Guinness World Record for the "Largest Financial Investment Lesson", IOC 7.0 represents the next stage in the conclave's journey. Anchored

in the overarching theme "Evolve", and translated through the narrative Learn. Transform. Evolve, the upcoming edition reflects the platform's progression from focused options education to a more holistic, future-ready trading and investing ecosystem.

Commenting on the upcoming edition, Mr. Milan Parikh, Managing Director and Chairman, Jainam Broking Limited, said: "IOC was envisioned as a learning-led initiative, but over the years, it has evolved into a national platform that mirrors the growth and maturity of India's trading community.

As markets, technologies and participation evolve, so must the way traders learn and engage. IOC 7.0 is designed to help participants move beyond knowledge to transformation, enabling them to adapt, collaborate

and evolve with confidence in a dynamic market environment."

Since its inception in 2020, the IOC has grown from a 1,500-attendee gathering into a nationwide movement, shaping structured participation in India's derivatives markets.

Over the years, IOC has consistently expanded in scale, scope and impact, responding to the growing demand for practical market education, live trading exposure and peer-led learning.

Early registration trends for IOC 7.0 highlight its expanding national footprint and inclusive reach. Registrations have already been recorded from over 25 states and Union Territories, spanning metros as well as Tier II and Tier III cities, reinforcing IOC's position as a truly pan-India trading community.

Business Brief III

Bitcoin extends losses down 6 pc, tracking global weakness in tech stocks

Mumbai, Feb 6 (IANS) World's largest cryptocurrency Bitcoin extended losses on Friday, falling over 6 per cent to about \$66,198 as risk aversion, heavy liquidations, weakness in technology stocks, and fears of tighter US monetary policy rattled investors. Bitcoin saw its sharpest single-day decline since late 2024 on Thursday when it slid 12.6 per cent to roughly \$63,300, its lowest level since October 2024, wiping out billions of asset value in dollar terms, multiple reports said.

Analysts said global investors pulling back from risky assets caused a drop in crypto assets, with volatility spilling into the segment from precious metals and tech stocks.

Crypto market data analytics platforms showed that nearly \$1 billion of bitcoin positions were liquidated in 24 hours as leveraged traders were forced out, which caused a domino effect across crypto markets. Bitcoin has fallen 20.22 per cent this week, 28.86 per cent in a month, and 32.85 per cent in a year.

Ether, the second-largest token, dropped over 13 per cent in a day and has lost nearly 38 per cent in 2026 to date.

Market watchers said previous cycles like this indicated that cryptocurrency has gone into a reset mode that could take months rather than a short-term correction.

Crypto market enthusiasm fell after US President Donald Trump nominated Kevin Warsh as his choice for Federal Reserve chair, as investors felt a more hawkish Fed under Warsh would shrink the central bank balance sheet, removing liquidity that has supported risk assets, they said.

India-Australia business case studies showcase effectiveness of trade pacts: Commerce Secretary

New Delhi, Feb 6 (IANS) The India-Australia business case studies are evidence-based on how the trade agreement has translated into real opportunities and has been used by businesses for their growth, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said on Friday. Jointly developed by the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and Newland Global Group, the India-Australia Business Case Studies Compendium, titled "Pitch Perfect Australia-India: Perfect Conditions for a \$100 Billion Partnership", captures real-world business journeys of companies operating across India and Australia.

The publication captures real business journeys of companies operating across India and Australia, documenting market-entry experiences, growth strategies, and lessons from 30 organisations that have successfully navigated opportunities in both markets, Commerce Ministry said in a statement.

Agrawal complemented IIFT for its efforts to anchor



this initiative, underscoring its relevance for policy, industry, and academic stakeholders. "This would play an important role in strengthening and enhancing the gains of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)," he mentioned. Philip Green, Australian High Commissioner to India, praised the initiative and acknowledged IIFT's role in fostering informed dialogue on bilateral trade. He noted that "The platforms bringing together academia, government, and industry are vital for the strong strategic relationship

between India and Australia". Joint Secretary Petal Dhillion highlighted the growing momentum in India-Australia economic relations. "IIFT has played an important role in generating research-driven insights and facilitating dialogue that supports the strengthening and enhanced utilisation of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)," she noted. Professor Rakesh Mohan Joshi, Vice Chancellor, IIFT, highlighted the value of documenting real business journeys and turning them into learning resources for industry and academia alike. The collaborations like this reflect IIFT's commitment to bridging research and practice and to supporting In-

dia's expanding footprint in global trade, he said. According to the ministry, with India and Australia working toward deepening economic ties, the compendium is expected to serve as a practical resource for businesses, policymakers, and researchers by identifying opportunities, addressing challenges, and showcasing successful cross-border collaborations.

Pakistan's aim to reach \$100 billion exports by 2030 a 'wishful thinking' than credible strategy

New Delhi, Feb 6 (IANS) The gap between how Pakistan actually lives and how it is officially governed is steadily eroding productivity, deepening inequality and weakening the foundations of growth, a new report has said, adding that the rhetoric around reaching \$100 billion in exports by 2030 is closer to wishful thinking than credible strategy. Moreover, latest package of incentives announced by the government may provide temporary relief, but on their own, they are unlikely to alter Pakistan's export trajectory in any meaningful way without deeper structural reform, argues Yousuf Nazir in The News International.

Projections place Pakistan's total exports of goods and services at roughly \$40-41 billion in FY2025-26, with merchandise exports around \$32 billion and services close to \$8-9 billion.

"That baseline is being weakened further by recent performance: in the first seven months of FY2025-26, merchandise exports declined, with July 2025-January 2026 shipments falling to about \$18.2 billion, nearly 7.0 per cent lower than a year earlier, widening the trade deficit by 28.2 per cent," said the report.

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Pre-Bid Meeting: 11-02-2026 at 3 pm | Queries: awc-admin@gujarat.gov.in

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Meeting Venue: Conference Room, Labour, Skill Development and Employment Department Block-5 6th Floor, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar-382010

Sd/- Welfare Commissioner, Gujarat Labour Welfare Board (GLWB) INF/ABD/1851/26

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I/c. Executive Engineer G.S.P.H.C.L. Gandhinagar INF/2511/2025-26

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Shri Chanasma-Patan Taluka Gram Vikas Higher Education Trust, Palasar

Shelavi Station, Village Palasar-384229, Taluka Chanasma, District Patan (North Gujarat) Position Vacant: Principal

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Stock markets open lower ahead of key RBI policy rate decision

Mumbai, Feb 6 (IANS) The Indian equity markets posted moderate losses in the early session on Friday, as investors waited for cues from the RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decision on the key repo rate. As of 9.25 am, Sensex lost 134 points, or 0.16 per cent, to 83,179, and Nifty eased 56 points, or 0.22 per cent to 25,586.

Main broad-cap indices posted strong losses, as the Nifty Midcap 100 eased 0.48 per cent, and the Nifty Smallcap 100 edged down 0.97 per cent.

Major sectoral indices traded in red, expect PSU bank, private bank as well as oil and gas. Most notable losers were IT, down 1.76 per cent and pharma, down 1.03 per cent. Immediate support for Nifty lies at 25,450-25,500 zone, while resistance is anchored at 25,750-25,800 zone, market watchers said. The MPC policy committee set to announce the decision and is widely expected to keep repo rates unchanged at 5.25 per cent, with focus likely to remain on liquidity management and transmission. Since February 2025, the RBI has cut repo rate by 125 basis points (bps).

Meanwhile, the Asian-Pacific markets traded mixed, tracking another tech-led rout on Wall Street. In Asian markets, China's Shanghai index added 0.11 per cent, and Shenzhen added 0.65 per cent, Japan's Nikkei gained 0.51 per cent, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index edged down 1.19 per cent. South Korea's Kospi lost 1.79 per cent. The US markets ended in the red overnight as Nasdaq eased 1.59 per cent. The S&P 500 declined 1.23 per cent, and the Dow Jones lost 1.2 per cent. On February 5, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) net sold equities worth Rs 2,151 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) were net buyers of equities worth Rs 1,130 crore.

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on February 06, 2026 have approved the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2025. The said Financial Results which has submitted to the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 is available on Company's website at www.ceejayfinance.com and Stock Exchange's website at www.bseindia.com and same can also be accessed by scanning the below Quick Response (QR) Code:

For, Ceejay Finance Limited Sd/- Deepak Patel Managing Director DIN: 00081100

Place : Nadiad Date : February 06, 2026

News
in a Nutshell

Delhi govt orders probe as biker falls to death in DJB pit

New Delhi, Feb 6 (IANS) An employee of a private bank, while riding a bicycle on Thursday night, tragically fell to his death into a pit that had been dug up for a Delhi Jal Board (DJB) project and fenced with green mesh in West Delhi's Janakpuri. In response to this incident, the Delhi government has initiated an inquiry. The body of Kamal Dhayani, 25, a resident of Vikaspuri, and his bike were extracted from the 20-foot-deep pit on Joginder Singh Marg around 8.30 a.m. on Friday by the fire department, the police said. A case was registered under the relevant penal provisions.

The incident, which came close to a similar tragic death of techie Yuvraj Mehta in a water-filled pit in Noida, sparked a political war in the national capital city with the opposition Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) alleging negligence. Delhi Water Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh took a serious view of the incident and ordered an inquiry.

"A serious view has been taken of the tragic accident at the Janakpuri Line Rehabilitation Project site. Delhi Jal Board has constituted a high-level Inquiry Committee to ensure a transparent investigation into the incident," said the Minister in a statement on social media. He said the Committee has been directed to inspect the accident site immediately; review safety arrangements, barricading, signage and traffic management; verify compliance with all safety norms; fix responsibility wherever lapses are found and recommend strict corrective and disciplinary action.

Uproar in Legislature; Rabri Devi walks out of Legislative Council

Patna, Feb 6 (IANS) The Budget Session of the Bihar Legislature continued amid heavy uproar in both Houses on Friday, with noisy scenes witnessed in the Legislative Assembly as well as the Legislative Council. In the Legislative Assembly, some ruling party MLAs were seen cornering their own ministers during Question Hour, while similar disorder prevailed in the Legislative Council, where opposition members raised strong objections over the conduct of proceedings.

During question hour in the legislative council, a major uproar erupted when JD(U) MLC Sanjeev Kumar Singh repeatedly stood up to raise questions across departments.

His frequent interventions triggered sharp objections from RJD members, who alleged that other members were being denied the opportunity to raise their questions. RJD MLC Sunil Kumar objected strongly in the House, stating that the JD(U) member was dominating the proceedings. "If one person keeps standing up repeatedly, then what questions will the others ask?" he said.

Sunil Kumar claimed that Sanjeev Kumar Singh stood up at least 19 times during the session, while some RJD members alleged that the number was as high as 24 within an hour.



MAYURBHANJ, President Droupadi Murmu interacts with women and youth of tribal communities during the final leg of her Odisha tour, at Simlipal in Mayurbhanj on Friday. UNI

K'taka leader threatens teacher during SIR exercise

Chikkaballapur (Karnataka), Feb 6 (IANS) An incident involving a Congress leader allegedly threatening a teacher while he was performing duties related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) was reported from Karnataka's Chikkaballapur district on Friday. A purported audio clip allegedly containing a conversation between the two has gone viral on social media. The leader has been identified as Nagesh Reddy. He is allegedly heard shouting at the teacher, G.S. Shivashankar, accusing him of supporting a political party while carrying out SIR-related work. Shivashankar, a Hindi language teacher, is attached to the Karnataka Model Primary School and has been appointed as a Booth Level Officer (BLO) to conduct the voter list revision exercise in Narasimhenahalli and surrounding villages.

In the purported audio clip, Nagesh Reddy is heard questioning Shivashankar about the rules he was referring to. "Are you even staying in the village? Who are you to do all this?" Reddy is allegedly heard asking. In response, the teacher clarifies that although he does not reside in the village, he has been officially assigned to carry out the voter list revision work there. Sources said that Nagesh Reddy is a former student of Shivashankar. More details regarding the incident are awaited.

Jantar Mantar protest: Delhi court rejects Alka Lamba's plea against framing of charges

New Delhi, Feb 6 (IANS) A Delhi court on Friday rejected Congress leader Alka Lamba's revision plea challenging the framing of criminal charges against her in connection with a protest held at Jantar Mantar last year to demand implementation of women's reservation in Parliament ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Additional Sessions Judge Dig Vinay Singh of the Rouse Avenue Courts dismissed the revision petition, holding that there was no "patent illegality, perversity or jurisdictional error" in the magistrate's December 19, 2025, order directing that charges be framed against Lamba. "As there is no patent illegality, perversity, or jurisdictional error in the impugned order, the present revision petition fails and is dismissed," the court said in its order.

Lamba, the Mahila Congress President, had assailed the order of the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM), which had directed framing of charges against her under Sections 132, 221, 223(a) and 285 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. The criminal case stems from a protest organised at Jantar Mantar on July 29, 2024, in support of women's reservation, where Lamba was the main speaker. According to the prosecution, prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, were in force in the Parliament Street sub-division, with Jantar Mantar being an exempted area. In its order, the court noted that the prosecution claimed that around 1.30 p.m., Lamba, along with other protesters, moved beyond the permitted protest site towards Tolstoy Road, raised slogans and attempted to "gherao" the Parliament, despite repeated warnings by senior police officials through loud hailers.

Rejecting Lamba's contention that the protest was peaceful and confined to an exempted zone, the Sessions Court observed that the material on record, including video footage and statements of police witnesses, prima facie showed that the demonstration went beyond the exempted area.

"The videos indicate that the revisionist not only jumped the first barricade but also instigated other protesters to jump the barricades through her gestures," the court said, adding that protesters subsequently breached the second line of barricades and blocked the public road near Sansad Marg by lying on it, thereby obstructing public movement.

The court also rejected the argument that there was an "evidentiary vacuum" due to the absence of any medico-legal certificate or injury report, holding that for offences relating to the use of criminal force, actual physical injury is not a mandatory requirement.

Tripura, Manipur students hail PM Modi's stress-free exam message

Agartala/Imphal, Feb 6 (IANS) The ninth edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationwide interaction with students, was held across the country on Friday, witnessing enthusiastic participation of students and teachers from the northeastern states, including Tripura and Manipur. In Agartala, Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha attended the programme at Bordowali School, where students gathered to draw motivation on exam confidence and time management.

Interacting with the media, the CM said: "Addressing students nationwide, PM Modi stressed that dreaming is essential, but dreams hold value only when translated into action. He advised students to use Artificial Intelligence as a learning aid while cautioning against over-dependence on it."

Emphasising confidence, focus and time

management, the Prime Minister shared practical tips to help students remain calm during examinations, while also offering guidance to teachers and parents on reducing academic pressure.

Enthusiastic participation was seen in Manipur as well. Schools across all 16 districts of the state joined the programme, bringing together students and teachers to engage with the Prime Minister's message on exams, stress management, and life goals.

Additional Director of Education, MCS Bisheshwar Khumukcham, said that the programme witnessed full participation across Manipur, with every school hosting the event and students actively taking part. "All the students and the teachers participated in the programme. Across the 16 districts of Manipur, all the schools are hosting the programme and every stu-

dent is participating," he said.

Students in Imphal described the interaction as inspiring and thought-provoking. One student said the Prime Minister's guidance on exam preparation helped them reflect on their own approach to studies. "When he talked about exam preparation and answered students' questions, I felt I got an opportunity to think seriously about my exams. One thing I really appreciated about PM is that when a student asked him about dreams, he replied, 'If one is not dreaming it's a crime'," the student said.

Another student highlighted the message of viewing exams as an opportunity rather than a burden. "With this programme, I got many ideas. The most important lesson is that exams should not be taken as stress or tension, but as an opportunity for growth and self-reliance," the student said.




Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for Development Projects Worth ₹950 Crore

for Ambaji Corridor Project Phase-1 at the Ambaji Pilgrimage site

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Multilevel Parking	Shakti Corridor
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Pathways	Gabbar Plaza
Divya Darshan Chowk	Yatri Niwas (Accommodation for Pilgrims)
Shaktipath	Other Related Facilities
Tourist Amenities	




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