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REPO RATE	TAX AUDIT	WPI (SEP)	CPI (SEP)	NIFTY 50	RUPEE
5.50%	21 Oct	11.39%	5.54%	23,146.15	94.97/$
▲ +25 bps, 7 October	tomorrow — no third date	▲ from 9.92%	▲ 23-month high	▲ +2.8%, streak broken	▲ back from 96.79

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LEAD · TAX

The audit report is due tomorrow. There is no third date

21 October is the extended date, not a first draft of one. This issue is dated Tuesday rather than Sunday because a paper that reached you after the date would have been of no use at all.

TAX AUDIT REPORT AY 2026-27 · S.44AB · CIRCULAR 07/2026 · DUE 21 OCTOBER

One day left, and nothing further is coming. The CBDT moved the specified date once, by **Circular 07/2026** of 28 September, from 30 September to **21 October 2026**, and has notified nothing since. Three weeks were added for a filing season, not as the first instalment of a longer reprieve, and the department has given no indication of a second move. If the report under section 44AB is not filed by tomorrow, **section 271B** measures from the 21st: 0.5% of turnover or ₹1,50,000, whichever is lower.

Two dates did *not* move with it, and this is where the week's mistakes will be made. Where section **92E** applies anywhere in a group — any international transaction, or a specified domestic one — the accountant's report in **Form 3CEB stays due 31 October** and that return **30 November**. The September circular covered the entry at Serial No. 2 of the table under section 139(1); it did not touch the transfer-pricing entry. A group that read "extended" and relaxed has eleven days on its harder deadline, not thirty-two.

If the report will not be signed by tomorrow, the decision to make today is which of two positions you are in. A report filed late is a default under 271B and the penalty is computed from the 21st; a report not filed at all leaves the return itself exposed. **Section 273B** relieves the penalty where there was reasonable cause, and reasonable cause is a record, not an argument — the auditor's written position on why the date could not be met, dated now rather than reconstructed when a notice arrives. A file opened today is worth more than a better explanation offered in March.

> **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**
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> Today, not tomorrow. Get the signing status in writing from your auditor — signed, or a date. If section 92E touches the group anywhere, put **31 October** in the diary now, because that one did not move. And if the self-assessment tax will cross ₹1 lakh, read the next column before you decide when to pay: the filing date moved and the paying date may not have.

TAX · INTEREST

The filing date moved. Whether the paying date moved is still unsaid

S.234A · SELF-ASSESSMENT TAX · AY 2026-27

Interest under **section 234A** runs at 1% a month on tax still unpaid when the return falls due. The return for audit cases now falls due **21 November**. The question an extension always raises is whether 234A runs from the new date or the old one, and in earlier across-the-board extensions the CBDT answered it against the taxpayer in one specific case: where self-assessment tax exceeded **₹1 lakh**, interest continued from the *original* due date and only the filing moved.

Three weeks on from the circular, that carve-out has neither been repeated nor ruled out for this extension. So the position has not changed since this paper first set it out, and the safe rule is the same one: **pay by the original date, file by the new one.** If your self-assessment tax for AY 2026-27 will cross ₹1 lakh, pay on or before **31 October** and file by **21 November**. Paying early costs you three weeks of the money. Being wrong the other way costs 1% a month on the whole of it, and you would not find out until an intimation arrives.

Worth separating from the noise: this is not a penalty and not a judgement on anyone. 234A is compensation for money the exchequer did not have when it expected it, and it is charged mechanically by the system. There is no discretion to appeal to and no officer to persuade. That is precisely why it is cheap to avoid and expensive to argue about.

> **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**
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> Put the two dates in the calendar as different kinds of entry, because the extension has quietly moved them a month apart. Money out by **31 October** if self-assessment tax crosses ₹1 lakh; return in by **21 November**. If the amount is close to the line, compute it properly this week rather than estimating — the threshold is the whole question.

Key Dates

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2026

20 OCT — due today
GSTR-3B
September, monthly filers — and accept the audit report in your own login

21 OCT — due tomorrow
Tax audit report
The extended date. Nothing after it moves

22 OCT — 2 days left
GSTR-3B — Q2, QRMP
22nd or 24th depending on your state

31 OCT — 11 days left
Three things, not one
Q2 TDS statement · Form 3CEB where s.92E applies · self-assessment tax above ₹1 lakh

1 NOV — 12 days left
Not a deadline
Credit availed from this date qualifies for the input-services refund — once the Act is amended

7 NOV — 18 days left
TDS payment
For October

11 NOV — 22 days left
GSTR-1
October, monthly filers

15 NOV — 26 days left
TDS certificates — Q2
Form 16A to deductees

20 NOV — 31 days left
GSTR-3B
October, monthly filers

21 NOV — 32 days left
ITR — audit cases
Extended from 31 October. Pay by 31 October if self-assessment tax crosses ₹1 lakh

30 NOV — 41 days left
ITR — transfer pricing
s.92E cases

Standard statutory due dates. If CBDT or CBIC notifies an extension it will be carried in the next edition. Turnover- and state-specific variations apply — confirm with us before you rely on a date.

Add all dates to my calendar

TCC's Take

TODAY'S THREE ACTIONS

1. **Log in to the portal today, not tomorrow.** September's **GSTR-3B** is due today for monthly filers, and the audit report your CA uploads tomorrow is not furnished until **you accept it** in your own login. Check the UDIN is generated and that whoever holds the password is reachable on the 21st.

2. **Re-price off 9.76%, not 5.54%.** Take the three inputs that make up most of your cost, price them today against a July invoice, and write the actual percentage down. The factory gate has moved; the shelf has not. If your own price list has not changed since the monsoon, that is a decision, not a market.

3. **The RIICO EMD windows are gone; Sitapura is not.** One call to the Jaipur regional office about **flatted factory modules** — sizes, licence fee, next notice number — and one about whether you qualify under the **direct allotment scheme**. The second question has no deadline, which is exactly why it keeps not getting asked.

GST · COUNCIL

The Council gave with one hand and deferred with the other

57TH GST COUNCIL · 8 OCTOBER 2026 · NONE OF IT IS LAW YET

The 57th Council met on **8 October** — a day later than this paper said it would, which is worth correcting since we printed the date twice. On **section 17(5)** it recommended relaxing blocked credit on a named list: outdoor catering, health and life insurance, telecom towers, pipelines laid outside the factory, free samples, and goods written off where the law requires it on shelf-life expiry. For a Rajasthan manufacturer, insurance and written-off stock are the two that show up in almost every set of books.

What did not come through matters more. **Motor vehicles were deferred** after states objected — the single biggest blocked-credit head for most trading and services businesses, and the one most widely expected to ease. The **section 16(2)** proposal, which ties your credit to the seller actually paying, went to a Group of Ministers. And the protection for the buyer who paid in good faith when a supplier defaults — the "ITC shield" this paper described as on the table — was not decided at all: an officers' committee will examine it and report in **about three months**, after which it returns to the Council.

And the part that gets misread every time the Council meets: a recommendation is not a rule. Changes to section 17(5) need the Act amended, which means Parliament and the state legislatures, normally through a Finance Act. **Until that happens the existing restrictions apply in full.** Credit taken now on the strength of an October press release is credit taken without a provision behind it, and the interest runs from the date you took it, not from the date you were proved right.

> **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**
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> Keep the list, do not act on it. Put every rupee of section 17(5) credit you have written off this year into one sheet, split by head, and mark which heads the Council named — those are the ones worth revising a return for *when the Act changes*. Keep supplier-default losses in a separate column with the invoice and proof of payment: that file now has a three-month committee to go to, and a trade body with figures is worth more than one with grievances.

CREDIT · RATES

The rate cycle turned. Your EMI has not noticed yet

REPO 5.50% FROM 7 OCTOBER · FIRST RISE SINCE FEBRUARY 2023

The MPC raised the repo rate by **25 basis points to 5.50%** on **7 October** and moved its stance to calibrated tightening — the first increase since **February 2023**, and the end of a cutting cycle that had taken 125 basis points off during 2025. The Governor said a cut is off the table in the near term. Alongside it the RBI put its FY27 growth projection at **7.1%** and FY27 inflation at **5.2%**.

The data since has gone the Bank's way and then some. September retail inflation came in at **5.54%**, up from 4.82% in August and above what the market expected, with food at **7.74%**. Wholesale inflation went to **11.39%** from 9.92%. Hold those two numbers together, because the gap between them is the one that lands on a manufacturer: costs are rising at eleven per cent and the prices you can pass on are rising at five and a half. That spread — not the repo rate — is what is actually taking your margin.

For a borrower the mechanism matters more than the announcement. A repo-linked loan does not reprice on 7 October; it reprices on its own **reset date**, which may be up to three months out, and the lender then chooses whether to lengthen the tenor or raise the instalment. On a loan near the end of its term, lengthening quietly fails — there is not enough term left to absorb it — and the instalment jumps instead. Ask which, in writing, before the reset rather than after.

> **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**
>
> One sheet this week: every floating loan, its outstanding, and its **reset date**. That date — not 7 October — is when 25 basis points reaches you, and it is the only input you need to cost the year. Ask each lender in writing whether a reset lands on tenor or instalment. And if a term loan was planned for this quarter, the cheap end of the window has closed: price the project at 5.50% and at 5.75%, because the stance says tightening, not one and done.

TRADE · INDIA–US

Exports up 23%, and we still will not print a tariff rate

COMMERCE MINISTRY · 15 OCTOBER · $44.40 BN, DEFICIT $30.21 BN

September was a good month, and the figures are not ambiguous. Merchandise exports came in at **$44.40 billion**, up **23.04%** on September 2025, with electronic goods leading and cereals and **handicrafts** both strong — the last of those matters here, because it is Jaipur's line. Imports were **$74.61 billion**, up about 8%, gold sharply down and crude and electronics more than making up for it. The goods deficit was **$30.21 billion**: narrower than the $33 billion of a year ago, wider than August's $26.86 billion. For the first half of FY27, exports are up **18.51%** at $259.89 billion.

What is ambiguous is the rate those goods pay, and this paper is not going to resolve it by choosing. The February framework put the reciprocal tariff on India at **18%**, down from 25%. The US Supreme Court then invalidated reciprocal tariffs altogether, after which executive orders imposed **10%** on certain products from all countries. Reporting from **6 October** has Indian goods facing 10% now, with large categories — generic pharmaceuticals, smartphones — outside the duty entirely. Three of those four numbers are defensible and they are not the same number. Naming the disagreement is the accurate thing to print; a single figure would be a cleaner page and a worse one.

On the agreement itself, three officials said three compatible things in ten days. Commerce Minister **Piyush Goyal**: the first tranche is finalised and in legal drafting, and India will implement it only once it carries a tariff advantage over comparable countries — that conditional is the whole negotiation. **Marco Rubio**, in Mumbai: very close. **S. Jaishankar**: a landing point. And on **16 October** the threat of extra tariffs on buyers of Russian oil was waived, removing a live source of friction. Nothing is signed. The Finance Minister had described an impasse on **6 October**; ten days later the language is of drafting. Both can be true, and neither is a date.

COSTS · THE SQUEEZE

Wholesale 11.39%, retail 5.54%. Someone is eating 5.85 points

WPI SEPTEMBER · 14 OCTOBER · CPI SEPTEMBER · 12 OCTOBER

Two prints, three days apart, and together they say more than either does alone. Wholesale inflation came in at **11.39%** for September, up from 9.92% in August. Retail came in at **5.54%**, up from 4.82%. The wholesale number is now **5.85 percentage points** above the retail one. In an ordinary year it sits below. This paper printed the same pair in **issue 07** at 9.92% against 4.82% — a gap of 5.10 points — and said then that the gap was the margin. Both legs have since risen and the gap has widened by three-quarters of a point.

Where the 5.85 points are being absorbed is the question that decides what you do about it, and the breakdown answers it. Fuel and power ran at **25.85%** — the input shock, and not news. The line that is news is **manufactured products at 9.76%**, the highest in the series. That is the factory gate, and it means the manufacturer has passed a great deal of the cost on. Retail at 5.54% means the shelf has not. So the compression this quarter is not sitting where it sat in July. It has moved down the chain, onto whoever stands between the wholesale price and the customer — the trader, the distributor, the shop.

That also explains the one number in the week that looks out of place. CPI food ran at **7.74%** while WPI food ran at **8.66%** — the two are close, and food is the one category where the pass-through is nearly complete, because nobody holds a tomato to protect a price list. Rural inflation at **6.08%** against urban at **4.88%** says the same thing from the demand side: the household with the least room is the one already paying the full increase. If your customers are rural and your inputs are manufactured, both halves of the squeeze are yours this quarter.

> **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**
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> Do not re-price off the retail number. The figure that governs your quotation is **9.76%**, not 5.54% — that is what the factory gate has already moved, and quoting against the retail print is how a trading business ends a good quarter with a worse margin than a bad one. Take the three or four inputs that make up most of your cost, price them today against your July invoice, and put the actual percentage on paper. If it is anywhere near double figures and your own price list has not moved since the monsoon, the gap is not a market condition. It is a decision you have been making by not making it.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The instruction has not changed since issue 09 and that is the point: quote against **the tariff in force on the date of shipment**, not the one in force when you quoted, and say so in the contract. Two sentences do it — that the price assumes the duty applicable on the bill-of-lading date, and that a change of more than a stated margin re-opens the price. Advice built on a number dies when the number moves; advice built on the mechanism survived four different rates in eight months. If you are shipping pharma or electronics, check whether your line is in an exempt category before you discount for a duty you may not be paying at all.

Markets

WEEK ENDING 16 OCTOBER 2026 · FIVE SESSIONS

INDEX	CLOSE	WEEK
Nifty 50	23,146.15	+2.8%
Sensex	74,729.27	+3.1%

The **eight-week losing streak is over**. This was the **second** straight rising week and the biggest weekly gain in about six months: the Nifty closed Friday at **23,146.15**, up about **2.8%**, and the Sensex at **74,729.27**, up about **3.1%**. A recovery in **IT** and a stronger **rupee** did most of it. Breadth was the weak part — mid-caps and small-caps did not keep up, which is what a rally led by two sectors looks like from underneath. On the decimals, this paper is printing one and not two on purpose: the Nifty's weekly gain is given as 2.78%, 2.79% and 2.8% by three different sources and the Sensex's as 3.11% and 3.13%, and one outlet puts Friday's Nifty close at 23,119.00 against everyone else's 23,146.15. Where sources disagree in the second decimal, a second decimal is a decoration.

RAJASTHAN · RIICO

The RIICO windows have shut. Sitapura is the one still open

EMD CLOSED 13–14 OCTOBER · FLATTED FACTORY MODULES ON LICENCE FEE

Those dates have passed, and the paper that printed them owes you the next sentence rather than a second copy of the first. The **500-plus plot** e-auction closed its online applications and earnest money on **13 and 14 October**, at 6 p.m., and the direct-allotment window for RR MoU holders shut on the **12th**. If you arranged the EMD after reading issue 09, you are in the auction. If you did not, no amount of reading will put you in it, and the useful question is what is still allottable in Jaipur this month without a fresh notice.

The answer is the **Sitapura Flatted Factory Complex**, and it is a different instrument from a plot. The modules there are being allotted by e-auction on a **licence-fee basis** — you are bidding for the right to occupy, not buying land — and they are plug-and-play, built for **garments, gems and jewellery, and IT**. Those are the three sectors most of this paper's Jaipur readers are actually in. The capital shape is the reason to look: no land payment, no construction year, a monthly outgo instead of a locked deposit, which is a sensible structure for a unit testing a second line rather than committing to one.

One figure from the completed round is worth keeping, because it is the only honest guide to what this land clears at: RIICO's auctions fetched **₹569 crore from 128 investors**. Divide it and the average is a little over **₹4.4 crore** per successful bidder — which tells you that the clearing bids are not coming from first-time small units, whatever the reserve price says. Read it before the next notice, not after. RIICO has also approved a **direct land allotment scheme** intended to speed up affordable allotment, which is the route to ask about if the auction route keeps clearing above your number.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Two calls, this week. One to RIICO's Jaipur regional office asking specifically about **Sitapura flatted factory modules** — the module sizes on offer, the licence fee, and whether a fresh e-auction notice is scheduled; ask for the notice number, because that is the only thing that fixes a date. One asking whether you qualify under the **direct allotment scheme**, which is a question about your category and project, not about a date, so it can be asked any week. And put a standing reminder on the RIICO portal for the first week of each month: every window this paper has reported in three months was announced with less than three weeks' notice, and that is a pattern, not bad luck.

Startup Bulletin

12 – 17 OCTOBER 2026

- Two tallies, and this column is printing both. One counts **$302.85 million across 28 startups** for 12–17 October; another counts **$236.2 million across 25** for 12–16. Different windows and different methodologies, same week. Take it as a range, not a figure.
- The largest disclosed cheque was **Tessolve Semiconductor**'s **$75 million** from Vector Line Capital — semiconductor services, not consumer internet, which is where the week's biggest money went. Behind it, **Spill Games** took $10.5 million in a Series A led by Elevation Capital and **Clueso** $10 million from Dharana Capital.
- **Bengaluru took 19 of the deals.** And the much-quoted "2.7× jump on the week" depends entirely on which tally you start from — the prior week is given as both $113.35 million and $122.9 million. A multiple built on two disputed numbers is a headline, not a trend.

REFERENCE · THE WEEKS AHEAD

Four dates left in October, and one in November that is not a deadline

20 OCTOBER TO 30 NOVEMBER 2026

Today is one of them, and the rest of the month is tighter than the calendar makes it look. **20 October** — today — is **GSTR-3B** for September for monthly filers. **21 October** is the audit report, and nothing after it moves. **22 or 24 October** is GSTR-3B for the July–September quarter for QRMP filers, the date depending on your state. **31 October** carries three separate things that are routinely treated as one: the **Q2 TDS statement**, **Form 3CEB** where section 92E applies, and — on this paper's reading — the **self-assessment tax** if it will cross ₹1 lakh.

November then runs long and quiet. **7 November** TDS payment for October, **11 November** GSTR-1 for October, **15 November** the Q2 TDS certificates in Form 16A, **20 November** GSTR-3B for October, **21 November** the ITR for audit cases, **30 November** the ITR where section 92E applies. Note the shape of it: the compressed fortnight is now, and the return everybody is worried about is five weeks away. Firms lose November by treating the 21st as the finish line on the 21st of October.

One November date is not a deadline at all and belongs in a different column. The 57th Council recommended that for inverted-duty-structure businesses, tax paid on **input services** become refundable — for credit availed **on or after 1 November 2026**. Read as a deadline it means nothing. Read as a starting line it means your refund position changes depending on which side of that date a credit is taken, and it is worth knowing before the month turns rather than in the quarter you file the claim. It also needs the Act amended first, so treat the date as a thing to track, not a thing to bank.

> **WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU**
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> Separate the four October dates by what they need from you, not by order. Today's **GSTR-3B** and the **22nd/24th** need a payment and a filing; the **21st** needs a signature you cannot produce yourself; the **31st** needs three different people to have done three different things, which is why it is the date most often half-met. Then book two hours in the first week of November on the **input services** question while it is still a choice. The firms that get refunds are not the ones that file best; they are the ones that knew the rule before the credit was taken.

Reader Question

IN EVERY ISSUE

"My CA says he will upload the audit report late on the 21st itself. He has confirmed it in writing. Am I safe?"

On the date, yes — the specified date is **21 October** and a report furnished on the 21st is furnished on time; **section 271B** has nothing to attach to until the date passes. On the process, not yet, and this is where reports are lost every single year. Your CA's upload is only the first half. The report sits in your own portal login as a pending action and **you have to accept it**; until you do, nothing has been furnished, whatever the CA's confirmation says. So three things today, not tomorrow. One — confirm the **UDIN** is generated, because a report without it is treated as invalid and the window to fix that is not the 21st at 11 p.m. Two — make sure you, or whoever holds your portal password, is reachable on the evening of the 21st to accept; if that person travels, change the arrangement now. Three — keep the acknowledgement number and a screenshot of the acceptance, because the one dispute that actually runs is about whether acceptance happened, not about whether upload did. Separately: the **return** is 21 November, but if your self-assessment tax will cross **₹1 lakh**, pay it by **31 October** — the CBDT has kept 234A interest running from the original date above that threshold in earlier extensions, and no order has said otherwise for this one.

Send us your question — we answer one every issue

We said, and what happened

LAST ISSUE, MARKED AGAINST THE RECORD

HELD ISSUE 09 · RATES

> *"Stop waiting for the cut — the Bank's own numbers point the other way."*

The MPC raised by **25 basis points to 5.50%** on 7 October and moved to calibrated tightening. Two members dissented on the stance, not on the rise.

MISSED ISSUES 06 AND 09 · GST COUNCIL

> *"The Council meets on 12 September" — and then "on 7 October".*

It met on **8 October**. Wrong twice on the date, in print, and this paper will stop printing a Council date as settled until the agenda itself is out.

PARTLY ISSUE 09 · MARKETS

> *"The flows are the news rather than the closes — the domestic bid fell ₹1,511 crore short of the foreign selling."*

The mechanism was described right and the turn was not called. Two rising weeks followed and the **eight-week streak broke**. A reader who took that paragraph as a reason to stay out lost the best week in six months.

HELD ISSUE 09 · EXPORTS

> *"Quote at 10% and put the relief, if it comes, in a price-revision clause rather than in the margin."*

The clause held; the number in it did not. Four defensible tariff figures are now in circulation, which is why this issue prints the clause again and no rate at all.

New in this issue, and in every issue from here. The earlier record is in the archive. If a call is missing from this column that you think should be marked, write and it will be marked next week — including the ones that go against us.

Economy at a glance

Repo rate		5.50%
CPI (Sep)		5.54%
WPI (Sep)		11.39%
Manufactured (WPI)	9.76%	a series high — the factory gate
Food (CPI)	7.74%	from 5.95% in August
Rupee	~94.97/$	recovered from 96.79
Exports (Sep)		$44.40 bn

MoSPI (CPI, 12 October), PIB (WPI, 14 October), Commerce Ministry (trade, 15 October), RBI (7 October). Where two sources differ in the second decimal, this table carries the first and says so rather than averaging them.

Does any of this apply to your business?

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