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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Sub: Un-audited Financial Results for the Second Quarter and Half Year ended September 30, 2024 - Newspaper Advertisement as required under Regulation 47 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015**

With reference to our letter dated November 6, 2024 relating to Un-audited Financial Results for the Second Quarter and Half Year ended September 30, 2024, please find enclosed herewith the copies of the advertisement published in the following newspapers:

- The Economic Times (English - All India Edition) issue dated **November 7, 2024**;
- Mumbai Lakshadeep (Marathi - Mumbai Edition) issue dated **November 7, 2024**; and
- The Hindu Business Line (English - All India Edition) issue dated **November 7, 2024**.

The copies of the said advertisement are also being made available on the website of the Company at [www.bluestarindia.com](http://www.bluestarindia.com).

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For **Blue Star Limited**



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**Company Secretary & Compliance Officer**

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'STRONG INDIA-US RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE'

# Economy Revving but Inflation Gauge Flashing Red: RBI's Das

Says October CPI print may surpass 5.5%, indicates interest rate changes unlikely

Our Bureau

**Mumbai:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said economic activity remains strong, while warning that the October inflation print could exceed September's 5.5%, denting expectations of any interest rate action in the December monetary policy review. According to him, India's business ties with the US are "stronger and more resilient" under the incoming administration. At an event before the election results were called, Das said, "Overall, India-US relations have become much stronger and that will continue regardless of who wins." "The RBI governor also said he would not 'rush to say the economy is slowing. The Indian economy and financial sector are well placed to handle any kind of spillovers from global events.'" He said the central bank anticipates "October inflation CPI (consumer price

index) numbers are again going to be very high, perhaps higher than the September numbers." Das emphasized he had highlighted "significant upside risks to inflation." RBI projected CPI at 4.5% for FY25. India's inflation targeting policy mandates a target of 4%, with a 2-percentage point latitude in either direction. Das also said the central bank will have to be very cautious on the future course of action. In the October policy, RBI changed its stance to 'neutral', from 'withdrawal of accommodation,' but left the repo rate unchanged at 6.50%. The policy rate was last changed in February 2023.

RBI has lately been tempering expectations of a rate cut in December. The governor last month said, "A rate cut at this stage will be very premature and can be very risky."

Meanwhile, treasury yields climbed in the US on expectations that, while a Donald Trump presidency would boost American risk assets, his administration might require borrowing more to meet poll promises, thus limiting elbow room for the US Federal Reserve to reduce policy rates more quickly.

**ROBUST ECONOMY** On Wednesday, Das said the pace of economic activity remains strong, regardless of the expected consumer pricing pressures. "Economic data coming in is mixed. But the positives outweigh the negatives and, by and large, underlying activities are very resilient to spillovers from anywhere in the world." Lower-

than-estimated corporate earnings and weakness in urban consumption, as reflected in the revenue and bottom lines of FMCG leaders, had raised concerns that growth was slowing. RBI has projected a 7.2% rate of economic expansion for this fiscal year, while the International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects New Delhi to log 7% growth. The central bank governor said high-speed indicators show that the index of industrial production (IIP) data and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sales in the urban sector have considerably moderated, but GST e-way bills, toll collections, air passenger traffic, steel and cement sales, and even the automobile sector, have done well.

**'FOCUS ON CORRECTION'** On the regulatory front, Das said action against four finance companies is "not punitive, but corrective." The central bank recently asked four finance companies to "cease and desist" from giving new loans as they were found to be charging excessive interest rates. "The RBI action is very calibrated and selective. Action is taken in a measured way—not abrupt or sudden. It is preceded by months of bilateral interactions with the agencies," he said.



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Shaktikanta Das  
RBI GOVERNOR

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## Bharti Telecom Hikes Stake in Airtel to 40.33%

Our Bureau

**Kolkata:** Bharti Telecom (BTL), the main promoter company of Bharti Airtel, has increased its stake in India's second-largest telecom operator to 40.33% by acquiring an additional 1.2% from another Airtel promoter group entity, Indian Continent Investment (ICIL), through an off-market deal.

BTL has acquired 1.2% shares of Airtel from ICIL by way of an off-market transaction, BTL said in a late evening regulatory filing on Wednesday. Following the deal, ICIL's stake in Airtel has dipped to 3.31% from around 4.51%. BTL is the largest shareholder of Sunil Mittal-led Airtel. The Mittal family and Singapore Telecommunications (Singtel) own 35.56% and 49.44%, respectively, in BTL.

Airtel did not disclose the deal value. At the company's current market capitalisation of more than \$90,222 crore, a 1.2% stake is valued at about ₹10,923 crore.

Shares of Airtel closed 1.3% higher at ₹586 apiece on the BSE.

In recent years, BTL has been boosting its stake in Airtel. In 2022, BTL's effective holding in the telco has declined to around 29%.

The latest deal follows BTL raising around ₹1,150 crore through a fresh issue of non-convertible debentures (NCDs).

**TIFF OVER CRUSHING DATES** Politicians, Sugar Mills Tussle over Labour Migration Ahead of Maha Poll

Jayashree Bhosale

**Pune:** The seasonal migration of about 800,000 sugarcane harvesting labour from Maharashtra's most underdeveloped regions has sparked a tussle between political parties and the sugar industry, with politicians seeking a delay in the start of sugarcane crushing to allow labourers to vote in the November 20 Assembly elections.

However, millers are worried that a delay in commencement of crushing would lead to financial losses and want labourers to migrate to mill locations and begin cutting sugarcane. "We have received requests from some leading political leaders about postponing the crushing operations from November 15 to November 21/25," a high-level state government official said, requesting not to be identified.

"The state government, too, has asked the administration to assess the impact of labour migration on voting," the official said. Millers are opposed to any such move. "Any delay in the crushing operations would hinder the ethanol supplies for the national ethanol blending programme," West Indian Sugar Mills Association (WISMA) said in a statement. "The sugarcane from the bordering districts may go to the sugar mills in Karnataka. Many sugar mills, where the labour has already arrived, may have to pay for idle labour if the crushing is delayed," it said.

Maharashtra is the largest sugar producer in the country. Sugar mills in the state must obtain a crushing licence from the sugarcane grower to begin sugarcane crushing operations. A committee of ministers fixes the date of starting the crushing operations. Any mill starting before this date must pay a fine. Maharashtra and Karnataka had earlier decided to begin crushing operations from November 15. Karnataka has decided to advance the start of crushing in north Karnataka to November 8, while in Maharashtra political parties are lobbying to postpone the crushing.

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9	Net Worth	2,732.59	2,351.55	2,732.59	2,609.48
10	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	246.97	790.84	246.97	166.62
11	Debt Equity Ratio	0.09	0.34	0.09	0.06
12	Capital Redemption Reserve	2.34	2.34	2.34	2.34
13	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR) (not annualised for quarter and half year ended)	58.13	3.75	83.52	1.07
14	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (ISCR) (not annualised for quarter and half year ended)	58.13	8.04	83.52	15.09
15	Current Ratio	1.34	1.36	1.34	1.30
16	Long term debt to working capital	-	0.22	-	-
17	Current liability ratio	0.95	0.93	0.95	0.97
18	Bad debts to account receivable ratio	-	-	-	0.02
19	Total debt to total assets	0.04	0.13	0.04	0.03
20	Debtors turnover (No. of days)	54.94	60.58	59.32	66.16
21	Inventory turnover (No. of days)	80.14	86.07	73.95	70.32
22	Operating margin (%)	6.56%	6.49%	7.53%	6.87%
23	Net profit margin (%)	4.19%	3.72%	5.11%	4.26%

**Notes:**

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4	Total comprehensive income	83.17	69.75	229.04	365.82

Date: November 6, 2024  
Place: Mumbai  
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For BLUE STAR LIMITED  
Vir S. Advani  
Chairman and Managing Director  
(DIN: 01571278)



# India lab is the fastest-growing talent space, says SAP CEO

**FRESH START.** New Bengaluru campus, with 15,000 employees, to go live in 2025

**Sanjana B**  
Bengaluru



**LOOKING AHEAD.** Christian Klein, SAP CEO, with Manish Prasad, President and MD of SAP India, and Sindhu Gangadharan, MD of SAP Labs India, in Bengaluru

SAP will “over proportionally” hire for its India lab with a focus on talent for R&D. Christian Klein, Chief Executive Officer and member of the Executive Board of SAP SE said SAP Labs’ new facility in Bengaluru, will expand its capacity, with the company continuing to invest in R&D and customer success in India.

“The India lab is strategically important to us. 25 years ago, the R&D labs here had around 100 people. Now, it’s over 15,000. It’s the fastest-growing and the second-largest lab. India represents a great talent space. Large parts of our business AI development are done here out of the labs. From a market perspective, the country will be one of the largest markets for SAP,” he explained.

SAP Labs India previously announced it will set up a

new campus in Bengaluru. Located in Devanahalli, the campus will come up at an outlay of €80 million for phase one. This second office will be spread over 41 acres. The first phase of the campus is expected to be operational by 2025.

Sindhu Gangadharan, Managing Director, SAP Labs India and Head, Customer Innovation Services, had earlier said the company deepened its investments in

the country with the new campus, aiming to create 15,000 new jobs in Bengaluru.

#### POWERED BY AI

In India, 96 per cent of the company’s customer base consists of mid-market customers who want growth at an efficient cost level, which requires significant investments in technology and dependency on AI, emphasised Muhammad Alam, Member

of the Executive Board of SAP SE, Product Engineering.

“Our product strategy, which we call AI-First and Suite First, is driven by the commercial value AI brings to our customers. We aim to provide end-to-end business process coverage powered by AI to drive growth. Our largest lab from an R&D perspective is here in India with the Suite First mindset, and the AI talent here is phenomenal,” he said.

Klein continued, “In Q3, 30 per cent of SAP’s deals included AI, with AI embedded in 100 per cent of the deals’ business cases. GenAI has been a massive booster for our AI business. Our traditional licensed business will continue to decline as we successfully transform to the cloud. The speed of innovation in the cloud is much faster, which is why many customers, especially in India, are using our cloud software.”

# ‘Use-case approach to drive digital payments’

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**Janaki Krishnan**  
Mumbai

French fintech firm Worldline is awaiting cross-border payments licence from the Reserve Bank of India even as it is stepping up its presence in point-of-sales transactions with more use-case services, Ramesh Narasimhan, CEO of Worldline India, told *businessline*.

While there is robust demand for all payment modes, “what we continue to see is requirements from merchants coming through a more use-case driven approach rather than a plain vanilla payment method,” he said. The payments firm has set up POS terminals at villages in Tamil Nadu for payment of taxes and for devotees making payments to temples.

The payments space is booming in India and more players are lining up to get licensed as payments aggregators despite heightened regulatory oversight by the RBI on fintechs, NBFCs and



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**RAMESH NARASIMHAN,**  
CEO of Worldline India



**India, offline and online?**

On both sides of our business, which is the POS or in-store and on the online payment gateway, we’ve seen phenomenal growth, almost more than a double-digit growth in our businesses.

We service some of the biggest e-commerce merchants in sectors such as education, hospitality, industry and government. On the POS side, we have primarily been working through banks. Now we’ve started our own direct acquiring.

We work with about 25-30 banks deploying POS machines on their behalf. What we continue to see is requirements from merchants coming through more use-case driven approach rather than a plain vanilla payment method approach.

So what we’ve done is, along with the National Informatics Sector and Indian Bank in Tamil Nadu, we’ve deployed POS terminals at every village for collection of local taxes. NIC has developed the software, and we enable the payment link. It’s a specific use case.

financial services companies as it seeks to protect customers and depositors.

Narasimhan feels that the regulatory crackdown is justified considering the number of players we have. The rules are common to everybody, you don’t discover something new.”

Excerpts:

**You have applied for a cross-border payments licence. When do you expect to get it and how will that work for you considering Worldline already has a global presence?**

We hope to get the licence soon. There are two use-cases in cross border

payments. One is when an external buyer wants to buy Indian goods and services. And the second is when an Indian buyer wants to buy goods and services from other parts of the world.

The easiest markets are where the Indian diaspora is present, such as Middle East, Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, even Europe and US, because they will want Indian services, digital goods and services. But apart from this, Western citizens too want to buy our goods and services. So, there’s a demand for goods on both sides. And what we do is to say, you take care of your service, we will carry the whole transaction for you and pay you back in the currency of your choice.

**How are you seeing the growth in business in**

## Deutsche Bank infuses ₹5,113 crore capital into India operations

**Our Bureau**  
Mumbai

Deutsche Bank has infused ₹5,113 crore into its India branch operations to fund its growth plans in the country, according to a statement.

#### FRESH CAPITAL

“The above (fresh capital), along with retained earnings and other statutory components, increases the regulatory capital of Deutsche Bank AG India branches, to nearly ₹30,000 crore, a jump of 33 per cent over 2023 levels,” the lender said.

With India at the top from a global investment perspective, Deutsche Bank said it is aiding growth in digital transformation, sustainable finance, technology, and infrastructure development. Over the last decade, the bank has significantly increased its capital investments, tripling the capital base for Deutsche Bank Group in India.

#### SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES

“This incremental capital into our India franchise is a strong validation of confidence in our business model and potential in this country. As a Global Hausbank, we continue to see opportunities for us to work ever more closely with our clients, to support them with best-in-class services and advice,” added Kaushik Shaparia, CEO, Deutsche Bank Group, India.

The lender offers corporate banking, investment banking, and private banking services to clients in India. The current capital infusion is the largest capital allocation the bank has made into India in recent years, the lender said. Its balance sheet size stood at ₹1.45 lakh crore as of March end.

## Tessolve to acquire German chip design firm for up to ₹400 cr

**Our Bureau**  
Bengaluru

Bangalore-based Tessolve, a provider of semiconductor engineering solutions for cutting-edge chips, has announced a definitive agreement to acquire 100 per cent of Dream Chip Technologies, a Germany-headquartered semiconductor chip design firm for a consideration of up to ₹400 crore (€42.5 million).

The company said the acquisition positions Tessolve among a select group of design firms worldwide capable of delivering turnkey design solutions for complex cutting-edge chips. It will add advanced capabilities in System-on-chip (SoC) designs for the artificial intelligence (AI), automotive, data centre, and industrial markets.

The acquisition will also expand Tessolve’s European operations by adding four delivery locations across Germany and the Netherlands, including a specialised ADAS and imaging center-of-excellence lab. It is a 100 per cent cash transaction and is subject to regulatory approvals.

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**Place: Mumbai**

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