

# As inflation eases, FMCG companies expect demand recovery in FY26

**POSITIVE SIGNALS.** Benefits of I-T cuts, and better macros to drive momentum

**Meenakshi Verma Ambwani**  
New Delhi

FMCG companies implemented price hikes during the March quarter in response to inflationary pressures. Some companies said that the spillover of these increases is also expected during the June quarter. While food inflation is moderating, experts said that commodities such as copra, palm oil, tea and coffee remain key monitorables.

Overall, consumer companies are hoping for an improvement in consumption trends during FY26 due to better macro-economic factors.

Addressing an earnings call, Mohit Malhotra, CEO, Dabur India, said the company had taken an average price increase of about 3.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of FY25. "We have taken a price increase of around 4.5-5 per cent in healthcare. In personal care, which is a very competitive category, our



**PRICE MONITOR.** While food inflation is moderating, experts said that commodities such as copra, palm oil, tea and coffee remain key monitorables

price increase was in the range of 1.5 per cent. And in beverages, 1.6 per cent broadly. So overall, it's around 3.5 per cent sort of a price increase that we've taken in the quarter, which will flow through to Q1FY26."

Malhotra said that with improving macros aided by income tax cuts in the budget, easing food inflation and positive monsoon forecast, the company anticipates business to regain momentum.

He added that the com-

pany had seen green shoots with moderating food inflation and expects to see gradual sequential improvement going forward.

**TAIL EFFECT** Britannia, too, has had to take price hikes in the third and fourth quarter of FY25 to mitigate the raw material price inflation.

"The company's management said that there will be some 'remnants of price increase', which move into the first two months of Q1FY26 but thereafter the way the

commodity situation looks, it might not be necessary to take pricing action. However, the packaged food major said that it will depend on how the trends move through the quarter, and it will take a call based on those trends.

**RURAL DEMAND**

On the Q4FY25 earnings call earlier this month, Saugata Gupta, MD & CEO, Marico Ltd said, "During the quarter, consumer sentiment remained largely stable, supported by improving rural demand and mixed trends across mass and affluent urban segments."

"Margins for most players were under pressure due to input cost pressures."

"Easing retail and food inflation is encouraging for consumption trends going ahead."

"In addition, a healthy monsoon season, higher MSPs and continued government spending should support the uptrend in rural growth," he added.

# MakeMyTrip Q4 net drops 83% to \$29.2 million

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Mumbai

MakeMyTrip net profit for Q4 FY25 declined 83 per cent to \$29.2 million on a y-

o-y basis. In Q4 FY24, it posted a net profit of \$171.9 million. This included net credit of \$126.1 million on recognition of deferred tax assets and a one-time gain of \$30.6 million due to a change in the

carrying value of convertible notes. Excluding the one-time gains, profit for Q4 FY24 stood at \$15.2 million. The company continued to see momentum in business in

Q4 FY 25 with gross bookings growing by 30.4 per cent y-o-y even as revenue grew 25.6 per cent to \$245.5 million while adjusting operating profit rose 37.9 per cent to \$44.7 million.

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**Extract of audited results for the quarter and year ended 31/03/2025**

Particulars	Quarter ended 31/03/2025	Year ended 31/03/2025	Corresponding quarter ended 31/03/2024
1 Total Income from operations	1,683.68	6,384.93	1,695.28
2 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	246.67	516.39	152.17
3 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	246.67	516.39	152.17
4 Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	183.89	383.98	113.66
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	183.09	379.56	112.07
6 Equity Share Capital (Face value per share ₹ 2/- each)	8.92	8.92	8.48
7 Earnings per share (of ₹ 2/- each)			
1 Basic	43.15	90.36	26.82
2 Diluted	43.15	90.36	26.82

**Notes:**  
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and company's website: www.hitachienergy.com/in/en/investor-relations/financial-results. The same can be accessed by scanning the Quick Response (QR) code provided below.



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**Quarterly Highlights (Consolidated)**

YoY Revenue +13.7%	QoQ Revenue +16.4%
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YoY PBIT +32.1% (w/o Exceptional)	QoQ PBIT +43.3% (w/o Exceptional)

# Karnataka Bank Q4 net down by 7.97%

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Karnataka Bank Ltd recorded a net profit of ₹252.37 crore during the fourth quarter of 2024-25 against ₹274.24 crore in the corresponding period of 2023-24, registering a decline of 7.97 per cent.

The bank's net profit fell to ₹1,272.37 crore from ₹1,306.28 crore earlier, a decline of 2.6 per cent.

The board of directors of the bank which met on Wednesday, recommended a final dividend of ₹5 per equity share (that is 50 per cent of the face value of ₹10 each per

equity share) for the financial year ended March 31, subject to approval of the shareholders at the ensuing annual general meeting of the bank. A media statement by the bank said that the corresponding previous year figures are not directly comparable due to changes in accounting policy for investments (as per the master direction issued by the RBI) since April 2024.

"Had the bank continued to follow the earlier accounting policy, profit before tax would have been higher by ₹147.51 crore. Excluding the impact of the above and the additional actuarial estimate

for retirement benefits of ₹113 crore, the adjusted profit after tax of the bank would have been ₹372 crore for Q4 FY25 (year-on-year growth of 35.6 per cent) and ₹1,467 crore for the full year of FY25 (year-on-year growth of 12.3 per cent)," it said.

**FALL IN BAD LOANS**  
The statement said gross NPA (non-performing assets) declined by 45 bps to 3.08 per cent from 3.53 per cent, compared to March 2024. Net NPA declined by 27 bps to 1.31 per cent from 1.58 per cent.

The provision coverage ratio improved to 81.42 per cent (from 79.22 per cent). The bank is comfortably capitalised with a CAR of 19.85 per cent, it said.

Karnataka Bank's aggregate deposits stood at ₹1.04 lakh crore, and gross advances were ₹77,958.72 crore. Growth in retail advances was 15.44 per cent during 2024-25 at ₹39,273 crore (₹34,020 crore).

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**Q4 FY25 Key Financial Highlights**

<b>PAT</b> 50% YoY ₹ 97 Cr.	<b>EBITDA</b> 23% YoY ₹ 191 Cr.	<b>REVENUE</b> 13% YoY ₹ 705 Cr.
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**FY25 Key Financial Highlights**

<b>PAT</b> 28% YoY ₹ 322 Cr.	<b>EBITDA</b> 17% YoY ₹ 689 Cr.	<b>REVENUE</b> 5% YoY ₹ 2,529 Cr.
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**Extract of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2025** (Figures in ₹Bn lakh)

S.No./Particulars	CONSOLIDATED				
	Quarter Ended 31/03/2025	Quarter Ended 31/12/2024	Quarter Ended 31/03/2024	Year Ended 31/03/2025	Year Ended 31/03/2024
1 Total Income from operations	32,927	27,852	29,441	1,19,861	1,09,403
2 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	4,835	3,415	3,367	16,522	12,864
3 Exceptional Items - (loss) / gains (net)	(4,762)	(427)	1,051	(5,189)	18,743
4 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	73	3,188	4,398	11,333	31,587
5 Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(134)	2,210	3,177	8,232	24,151
6 Total Comprehensive Income (after tax)	(419)	1,624	3,088	8,537	24,364
7 Paid up Equity share capital (face value ₹ 2/- each, fully paid)	1,938	1,938	1,938	1,938	1,938
8 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as per Balance sheet					
9 Earnings per share (before and after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 2/- each)					
Basic (Before Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	3.33	2.53	2.48	12.19	9.31
Diluted (Before Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	3.33	2.53	2.48	12.19	9.31
Basic (After Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Item)	(0.21)	2.20	3.22	8.20	24.71
Diluted (After Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Item)	(0.21)	2.20	3.22	8.20	24.71

  

S.No./Particulars	STANDARDISED				
	Quarter Ended 31/03/2025	Quarter Ended 31/12/2024	Quarter Ended 31/03/2024	Year Ended 31/03/2025	Year Ended 31/03/2024
1 Total Income from operations	29,454	25,708	26,529	1,07,752	1,02,272
2 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	4,295	2,927	3,056	13,172	10,784
3 Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(511)	1,821	2,971	5,868	25,047

1 The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 14 May 2025.  
2 The Board of Directors have recommended final equity dividend of ₹ 4.3 per share (21%) (previous year ₹ Nil per share of face value ₹ 2 per share for the financial year 2024-25). The payment of dividend is subject to shareholders approval at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.  
3 The results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) notified under the Companies (Ind AS) Rules, 2015 prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) (Amendment) Rules, 2016.  
4 The figures for the quarters ended 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2024 are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of full financial year and the year to date figures upto end of the third quarter of the respective financial years, which were subjected to a limited review by the statutory auditors.  
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Place: Mumbai  
Date: 14/05/2025

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors  
(M) Harshbena Zaveri  
Vice-Chairman & Managing Director  
DIN No. 00003748

# Temple land grab hits rev, may mar Rath Yatra



POST NEWS NETWORK

**Kendrapara, May 14:** With a little over a month left for the Rath Yatra at Lord Baladev Temple (Tulasi Kshetra) at Ichhapur in this town, the shrine authorities and devotees apprehend that non-availability of funds due to encroachment on temple land might hamper the conduct of rituals and festivals being held on the annual festival, a report said.

Since the temple lands remain under encroachment, the fund required for the conduct of rituals and festivals gets blocked, the report added.

Ahead of the June 27 Rath Yatra, ceremonial selection of timber for Lord Baladev's chariot, known as 'Brahma Taladhawja', was performed on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya. However, with the cost of organising rituals, including the Rath Yatra goes up by ₹50 lakh annually, the temple is facing a serious fund crunch in organising the annual sojourn of the deities and various other festivals held round the year. Much of this cost is currently met through donations and auctions of temple shops and offerings, but these sources are

10 acre, a cattle haat on 2 acre and a pond on 8 acre. Meanwhile, the remaining 160 acre barren land and various unused properties produce zero income.

Even the yield from the 192.06 acres of cultivable land under direct control of the temple is quite inadequate which stands at just 320 sacks of paddy annually. According to Mohanty, the cost of land tax and water charges alone far exceeds the income.

Papun Kumar Swain, president of a voluntary outfit Baladev Sena, recalled that a meeting chaired by the then Law minister in 2007 issued directives to the District Collector to recover the encroached land. However, 18 years later, no concrete action has been taken in this regard.

Several locals like Rajesh Kumar Behara blamed both administrative inaction and indifference by the temple trust board for this impasse.

Servitors Gagan Patra, Nrusingha Prasad Patra, Jaydhanjan Patra, and Shashikant Suar, said daily rituals, festivals, and Rath Yatra activities require consistent annual funding exceeding ₹50 lakh. They argue that public donations, chariot auction proceeds, and sales from the allotment of stalls are not enough.

Given the religious and cultural importance of Tulasi Kshetra, devotees have called on the state government to establish a dedicated administrative mechanism to manage the temple affairs. Such a step, they believe, would ensure smooth conduct of rituals and traditions.

Arun Kumar Nayak, Sub-Collector and current chairman of the Trust Board, confirmed that efforts are underway to recover encroached temple lands.

proving inadequate.

Devotees and local stakeholders argue that if encroached temple lands are recovered, the financial condition of the temple could improve significantly. They also mention that 117.35 acres are with individuals referred to as 'Sikim' tenants. Meanwhile, no revenue from these lands is being deposited into the endowment trust fund.

Only 1.6 acre under the trust board's control generate income. However, these funds are allocated for another Lakshman temple in Kusipada under Baramahal block while the rest is spent on temple use.

The temple is situated on 2.2-acre land, Ratha Danda on



BEATING THE HEAT: Boys take a plunge into a canal near Hemasurpada in Angul district on a hot summer afternoon Tuesday

## Jaleswar SDPO cries mental harassment

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Jaleswar, May 14:** Jaleswar sub-divisional police officer (SDPO) Brajmoohan Pradhan has accused Balasore SP Raj Prasad of mental harassment and written a letter to senior authorities warning that he may take extreme steps, like suicide, if the issue is not addressed promptly.

He has reportedly mentioned in his letter that he was repeatedly harassed with unsavoury remarks, humiliated and warned of departmental action even suspension from service. According to the letter, Pradhan alleged that he was repeatedly harassed by the SP in front of subordinates and was assigned responsibilities beyond his capacity. Despite currently holding the DSP post at Balasore headquarters, he was also made to continue serving as SDPO in Jaleswar.



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Pradhan, 58, stated that the daily travel between Jaleswar and Balasore has taken a toll on his health. He also said that he was not provided with a typist to assist with office work at headquarters, which created further challenges. When he raised the issue, he was allegedly asked to resign.

"This treatment felt biased to me," Pradhan wrote in the

letter, noting that his mental health has deteriorated under the pressure. He warned that if his SDPO responsibilities are not withdrawn, he may be forced to end his life.

Pradhan had previously informed superiors April 4 about his inability to continue as SDPO failing which he will commit suicide. He approached Eastern Range DIO Satsyaji Nayak with the complaint May 7.

On the other hand, while at Jaleswar police station, Pradhan suddenly fell ill and was admitted to GK Bhatnagar Hospital in Jaleswar. DIG Nayak visited him at the hospital and enquired about his health condition. The DIG said he will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken based on the findings.

## Maoist camp busted

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Nuapada:** Security forces uncovered a Maoist camp inside the protected forest near Galibeda in Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary under Koppa police limits Wednesday. Huge quantities of Maoist ration supplies were seized from the site, according to SP Gundala Reddy Raghavendra, who addressed a presser at the district headquarters here. The Maoists had set up a camp in the protected jungle with a plan to launch a major attack targeting security personnel and other key installations. Intelligence inputs received by Nuapada police indicated suspicious Maoist activity in the area. Acting on a tip-off, a joint combing operation was launched in the morning under the direction of the SP. The team uncovered the deserted camp and seized various essential supplies, including rice, pulses, salt and other items.

## 2 killed, 15 injured as pickup auto overturns

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Aska, May 14:** Two women were killed and 15 others injured after a pickup auto-rickshaw overturned near Bhetana under Kotnada police limits along Aska-Balipada main road late Tuesday night.

The deceased were identified as Gayatri Gouda, 25, and Sarojini Sahu, 50, both residents of Bhetana.

The injured were identified as Barsha Jena, Sashi Jena, Basanti Gouda, Renu Gouda, Kabita Gouda, Shivananda Gouda, Sagar Gouda, Khushi Gouda, Pinky Sethi, Rohan Sethi, Radha Gouda, Kaja Gouda, Yamuna Sahu, Lata Sethi and Monalisa Sethi. While some of them are currently recuperating at Aska government hospital, seven of them, who are in critical condition, were shifted to MKGC Medical College and Hospital in Bherampur.

The accident occurred around 11:30pm when the vehicle, reportedly carrying passengers returning from a temple ceremony, lost balance and overturned. The passengers were returning from a temple consecration event held at Sanakholi village.

## Court reserves verdict in Patnagarh blast case

PNB & AGENCIES

**Bhubaneswar/Bolangir, May 14:** A court in Bolangir district Wednesday completed hearing in the 2018 Patnagarh wedding gift blast case. The Patnagarh Additional District Judge (ADJ) court reserved the judgement which is expected to be pronounced May 28, a government advocate said.

Two persons, including the groom, were killed in the blast which occurred when the groom was opening a gift pack at February 23, 2018, a day after his wedding reception. The incident sparked an outrage across the state. The case was being investigated by the Crime Branch of Odisha Police.

"We have duly proved all evidence collected against the accused Panjilal Meher during the investigation, before the court. We have not left any missing link in proving the evidence," government counsel Chittaranjan Kanungo said.

He said the arguments were based on circumstantial evidence as no direct evidence was there in this case.

Pramod Mishra, the counsel



POST NEWS NETWORK

for the accused, said the prosecution had started the arguments in the final phase of the case May 9 and the trial was completed on Tuesday.

Soumya Sekhar, a man in his mid-twenties, and his 85-year-old grandmother were killed, while his wife, Seema Sahoo, sustained critical injuries when a parcel bomb disguised as a wedding gift exploded at their Patnagarh home in Bolangir district February 23, 2018. The blast had taken place when the groom opened a gift pack.

Following a request by the new bride and her family, the then CM Naveen Patnaik had ordered a CB probe into the incident.

The CB took over the investigation March 23, 2018 and arrested Meher in April, 2018. He is currently lodged in the Patnagarh sub-jail.

## Ship with Pak crew: Security tightened

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Paradip, May 14:** Odisha Police Wednesday bolstered security at port town Paradip after the arrival of a ship with 21 Pakistani crew members on board, officials said.

The 'MT Siren II' with a total of 25 crew members reached Paradip port early Wednesday from South Korea via Singapore, carrying crude oil for Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, they said.

The rest of the crew comprises two Indians, a Sri Lankan and a Thai national, the officials said. Security arrangements have been tightened by Odisha Marine Police and the CISF after receiving information about the crew members from the Immigration department, said Marine Police Station IIC Babilata Dehuri.

Paradip port had been put on high alert in the wake of the military conflict between India and Pakistan.

The ship is anchored at single point mooring (SPM), located around 20 km from the shore, the officials said.

"Orders have also been issued that no crew will be allowed to leave the ship during evacuation of crude oil," the police officer said.

## Two wildlife poachers get 4 years in prison

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Baripada, May 14:** A local court here in Mayurbhanj district Wednesday sentenced two persons to four years of imprisonment and slapped a penalty of ₹50 lakh each while delivering a verdict on a wildlife poaching case.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Debashish Mohanty found the accused guilty and stated in the ruling that failure to pay the fine would result in an additional year of imprisonment. The convicts were identified as Nirmal Birua, 27, and Prem Munda, 35, both residents of Balajunapada under Kapitpada police limits.

According to case details, the

duo had illegally entered Similipal Tiger Reserve's (STR) Bagahanta range under the southern division on the night of June 23, 2020, with the intent to hunt wild animals. They camped overnight on a 'mancha' (an elevated stage made on trees) and allegedly hunted a deer early June 24 morning. The venison was then cut and taken home.

Acting on credible intelligence, Forest department personnel from Kapitpada range, along with staffers from Podadaha section, Similipal Tiger Protection Force, and Bagahanta forest unit, launched a coordinated operation. The accused were detained and interrogated. Authorities seized two bows, 12 arrows, a mache,

various hunting tools, and venison from their possession.

The court based its ruling on the testimony of five witnesses and the Forest department's investigation report. Officials highlighted that laws protecting voiceless wildlife are stringent, and any act of hunting or harassing wild animals constitutes a serious offence with strict legal penalties.

This ruling marks the third consecutive conviction related to poaching within STR. Deputy Director of Similipal Tiger Division Samraj Gouda noted that the case underscores not only the successful arrest of poachers but also the importance of thorough case documentation to ensure maximum penalties.

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**Approximate Bid Price:** ₹ 44,19,367.16, EMD - ₹ 88,400.00, Completion Period of the Work : Six Months from the date of issue of LOA.

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## Keonjhar village turns into bat sanctuary

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**Keonjhar, May 14:** At a time when bat population across the world is dwindling due to emerging environment hazards, locals of a sleepy village in Ghataganj block of this district have taken it upon themselves to protect the flying mammals, according to a report.

Balabhadrapur village, widely known for its terracotta ware, has recently gained attention for becoming a safe haven for thousands of bats. For years, these nocturnal animals have made their homes in the trees, especially tamarind and other native species in the village. The efforts of the villagers have earned wide applause from several quarters.

During the day, the bats hang silently from trees and by evening they take to the skies in search of food, returning by



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When heatwaves strike, Forest and Fire Services department officials sometimes assist the villagers with water-spraying operations to help cool the bats. Amid the broader crisis of biodiversity loss driven by climate change, villagers see their bats as a symbol of resilience.

Residents have called on the Forest department to implement dedicated conservation measures and offer formal support for their efforts.

"There aren't enough trees here for birds and animals to thrive," said Amarendra Sahu, a local resident. "If we plant more saplings, create

water sources and post guards for their protection, it will not only help the bats survive here but also attract more tourists."

Chaturbhuja Rana, an experienced terracotta artisan, recalled seeing bats in tamarind trees since his childhood. "They've always been here since long," he said. "But the threat of heatstroke during summer is a concern," he added.

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