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India: RBI may hike rates for the first time since cuts, decision on 7 Oct

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The MPC meets from 5 to 7 October, with the repo rate at 5.25% after the August review. The RBI cut rates by 125 bps in 2025 and has held them through 2026. Inflation is at 4.82%, crude is near \$107 and the rupee has weakened past 96 per dollar. Crisil expects one hike in October and possibly another in December.

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