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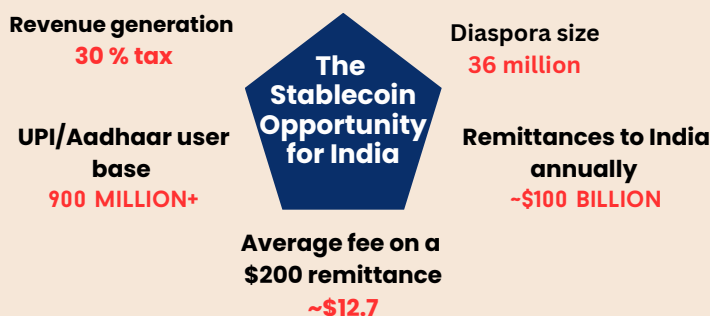
Fintech Frontlines

The Stablecoin opportunity for India



What Are Stablecoins and Why Do They Matter?

A stablecoin is a cryptocurrency that tries to maintain a consistent value by being backed or pegged to another asset—usually a fiat currency like the US dollar or a commodity like gold. They are designed to avoid the price volatility of cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, making them more usable for payments and transfers. Stablecoins function like digital cash but operate on blockchain rails, making them faster and more programmable than traditional instruments.



Stablecoins Are Gaining Ground Globally

Countries like the United States are pushing forward with regulation—the most notable example being the GENIUS Act, which seeks to create a licensing regime for payment stablecoins. Although it is proposed to lower borrowing costs, the Act has been criticised for being “written by and for the crypto industry” putting consumers second. This presents India with a goldmine of an opportunity to step up and draft a regulatory framework that not only equally favours fintech industries and users, but also taps into our talent reserve.

Where We Stand & How it could be Useful for us

There is currently no regulatory framework that recognizes or licenses rupee-pegged stablecoins. However, global stablecoins like USDT and USDC are actively traded on Indian exchanges and treated as Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs) under the Income Tax Act, attracting 30% tax and 1% TDS.

Meanwhile, India is a front-runner in CBDC development. According to the PwC CBDC Global Index, India ranks first due to its retail CBDC pilot, offline capabilities, and integration plans with domestic infrastructure like UPI. That said, the absence of a stablecoin framework leaves a gap in India's digital finance policy.

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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

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AUGUST

MONTHLY MEMBERS CALL

Monthly members call for updates and clarifications



6th August 2025 | 3-4 pm

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MEMBER QUERY PORTAL

SUBMIT YOUR QUERY

Please raise your queries or concerns to us via the below link, They will be collectively addressed in the monthly members call

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EVENT

FINTECH FOUNDERS' MIXER

Calling all founders & CXOs for a power-packed evening of discussions on regulations, policy, and more!



8th August 2025, 4-6 PM



BENGALURU

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KNOWLEDGE SESSION

NAVIGATING AI REGULATIONS

Join us for a knowledge session as an expert discusses AI regulatory landscape of India and the world



26 Aug 2025, 3-4 pm

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IRDAI
23RD JULY

INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN GUIDELINES, 2025

The 2025 Draft IRDAI Internal Insurance Ombudsman Guidelines aim to enhance policyholder trust by mandating insurers appoint independent ombudsmen to resolve complaints efficiently, transparently, and fairly within defined timelines.



RBI
22ND JULY

FINANCIAL INCLUSION INDEX FOR MARCH 2025

RBI had constructed a composite Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) in consultation with the stakeholders, to capture the extent of financial inclusion across the country



RBI
21ST JULY

DIGITAL BANKING CHANNELS AUTHORISATION

RBI mandates prior approval, strong IT controls, customer consent, and risk management for banks offering digital banking channel services



NPCI
10TH JULY

PRE-SANCTIONED CREDIT LINES THROUGH UPI

NPCI's Circular UPI expands on OC-171 by setting formal guidelines for using pre-sanctioned credit lines via UPI. It requires banks to clearly define terms,



NPCI
8TH JULY

'UPI CIRCLE' DELEGATED PAYMENTS

NPCI's Circular OC 201-A (July 2025) adds stricter norms for full delegation in UPI Circle. Primary users must share ID details of secondary users (family or staff) and give explicit consent.

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3RD JULY

ADOPTION OF UPI IDS FOR INVESTOR PAYMENTS

NPCI's UPI mandates SEBI-registered intermediaries to adopt standardized, validated, and exclusive UPI IDs for payment collection from investors.



RBI
2ND JULY

PRE-PAYMENT CHARGES ON LOANS

RBI's July 2, 2025 Pre-payment Charges on Loans Directions, 2025 prohibit regulated lenders from levying early repayment fees on floating-rate



RBI
30TH JUNE

FINANCIAL STABILITY REPORT

The RBI's June 2025 Financial Stability Report assesses risks to India's financial system and affirms the resilience of banks, NBFCs, and insurers.



RBI
27TH JUNE

AEPS – DUE DILIGENCE OF TOUCHPOINT OPERATORS

Effective January 1, 2026, the move aims to curb fraud and strengthen identity verification at AePS touchpoints.



NPCI
26TH JUNE

INITIATION OF SELF ATTESTATION (FY 25-26)

The deadline is March 31, 2026, with penalties for non-compliance, reinforcing adherence to NPCI's guidelines.



Paytm swings to profit in Q1, 1st for the core business



PhonePe Dominates the market with 47.2% market Share



Dilip Modi of **Spice Money** quoted on RBI's FI-Index



Neobank **Jupiter's** NBFC business raises Rs 20 crore from Peak XV, Matrix, others



Scapia Federal Credit Card: Dual-network benefits and travel rewards



Niyo Featured in the Neobanking category on CNBC's list of the World's Top Fintech Companies 2025



Snapmint crosses Rs 150 Cr revenue threshold in FY25, turns profitable



CRED Success Story: How a Credit App Became a Billion-Dollar Brand



Groww expands aggressively: now targeting retail, pro traders, HNIs, loans, insurance.



The Infrastructure Behind Fintech's Future: **M2P's** AI-Powered Leap



UAE's banking evolution accelerates with **Signzy** solutions



Zeta Global Soars on AI Innovation and Strategic Acquisitions



GoKwik raises \$13 million round led by RTP Global



SRO UPDATES

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BC Subcommittee

The first Business Correspondent sub-committee meeting was held in July and work has begun on addressing the challenges and needs of the industry



New Subcommittees

Three new subcommittees were successfully formed and August will see the launch of their engagements. They are - B2B Fintech & Infra, Digital Payments, Digital Lending Sub-committees

Industry Representation Submission

Thank you for sharing your inputs on the Telecom Cybersecurity Rules —Draft Amendments by DoT. IFF has duly collated and submitted the industry representation to the concerned department.

July Monthly Members' Call



CXOs, HoD of Fintechs, ex-regulators and industry experts joined us. IFF launched its first monthly members call in July. It was a full-house event with founders,

August Monthly members call is on Aug 6 (3-4 PM) - Save the Date.



Fintech News Roundup

EXCERPTS FROM OUR WEEKLY NEWS ROUNDUP EMAILER



Tell us who else should hear from us from your organization, and we will add them to our monthly newsletter & industry updates emailer



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Source: Mint

» RBI governor says inflation, growth equally important to decide future rate cuts

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Source: TOI

» Bengaluru back to cash? 'No UPI, only cash', say vendors as they receive GST notices; ask customers to pay in notes

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Source: Business Standard

» Trai meets RBI, Sebi, MHA, Meity, other regulators on curbing spam, fraud

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Source: The Economic Times

» Fintech majors are counting on co-branded cards in returns play

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Source: TOI

» RBI bars banks from promoting third party products on digital platform

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Source: RBI

» RBI's financial inclusion index shows all-round growth, rises to 67 in March 2025

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