



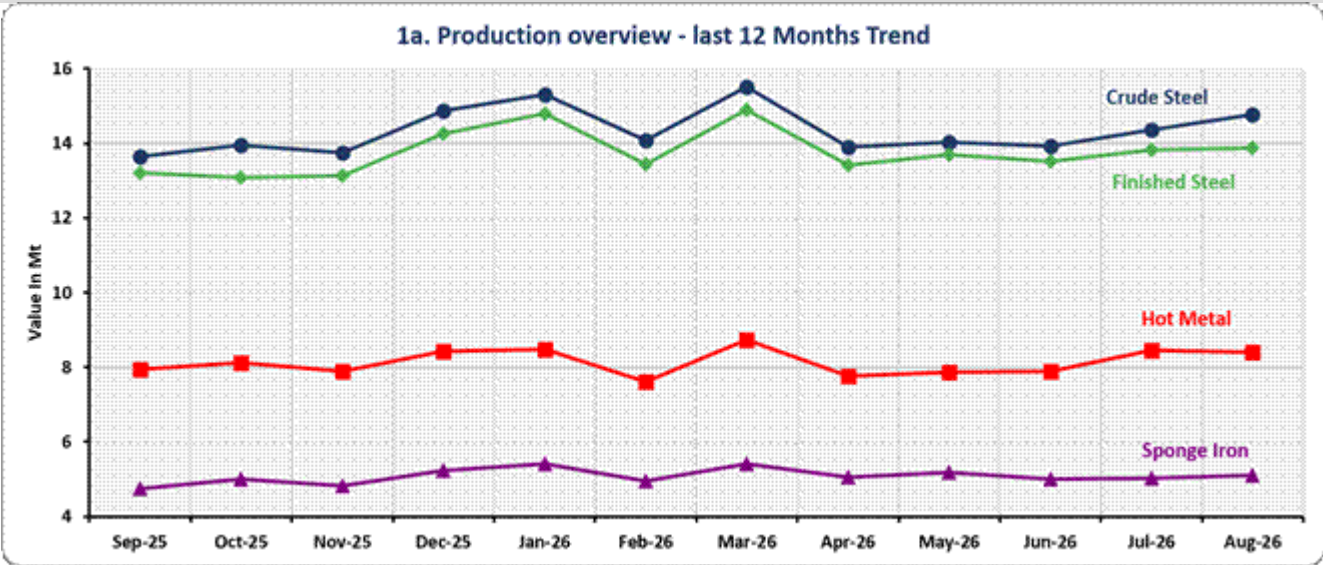
India's Steel Demand Stays Robust in Apr–Aug 2026

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1. Steel Production & Prices

1a. Production Overview (in Mt)

Production	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	YoY %	Apr-Aug 2026	Apr-Aug 2025	CPLY %
Crude Steel	14.8	14.1	4.6	71.0	69.0	2.8
Hot Metal	8.4	8.1	3.5	40.4	39.2	2.9
Sponge Iron	5.1	5.0	3.0	25.4	24.9	1.9
Finished Steel	13.9	13.4	3.2	68.3	65.6	4.1



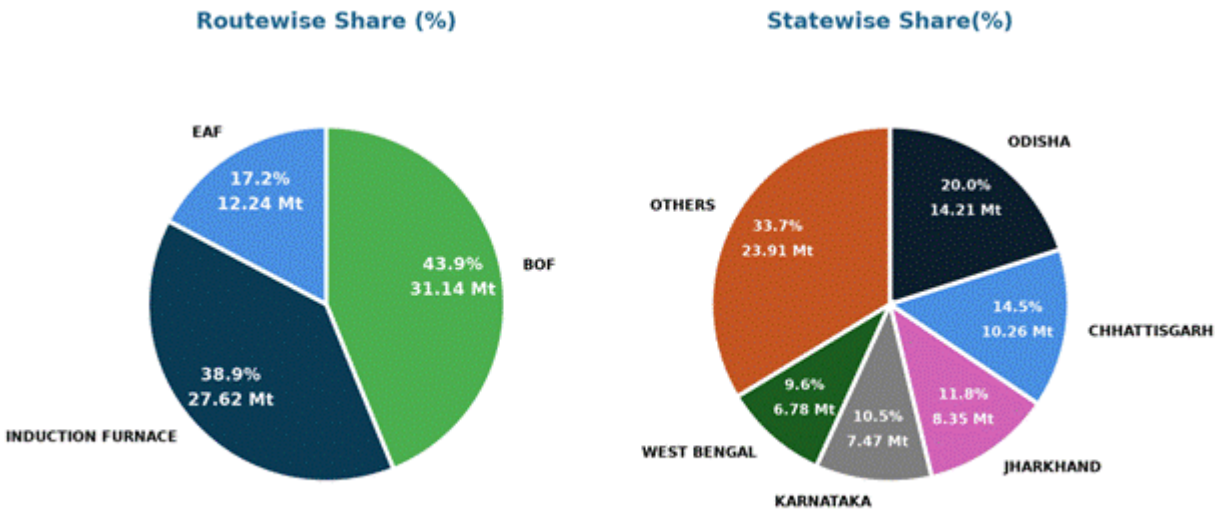
1b. Producer wise Production (Apr-Aug 2026) (in Mt)

Producer	Annual Crude Steel Capacity	Crude Steel Production	Hot Metal Production	Sponge Iron Production	Finished Steel Production
Top 7	117.4	39.8	37.5	6.3	36.9

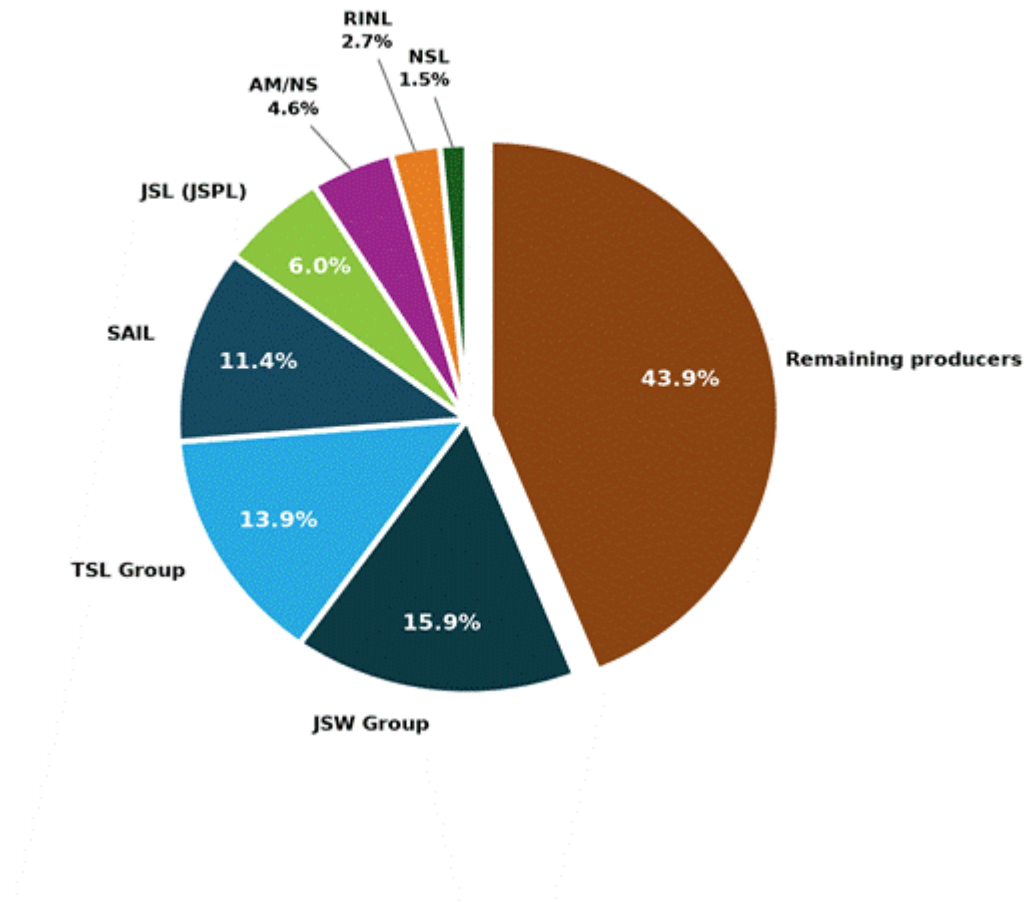
Remaining producers	105.4	31.2	2.9	19.1	31.4
TOTAL	222.9	71.0	40.4	25.4	68.3
Public Sector Share (%)	13.9	15.7	29.7	0.0	13.5

Top 7 includes SAIL, RINL, NSL, TSL Group, AM/NS, JSL(JSPL), JSW Group

Crude Steel Production Distribution for Apr-Aug 2026



Producerwise Share (%)

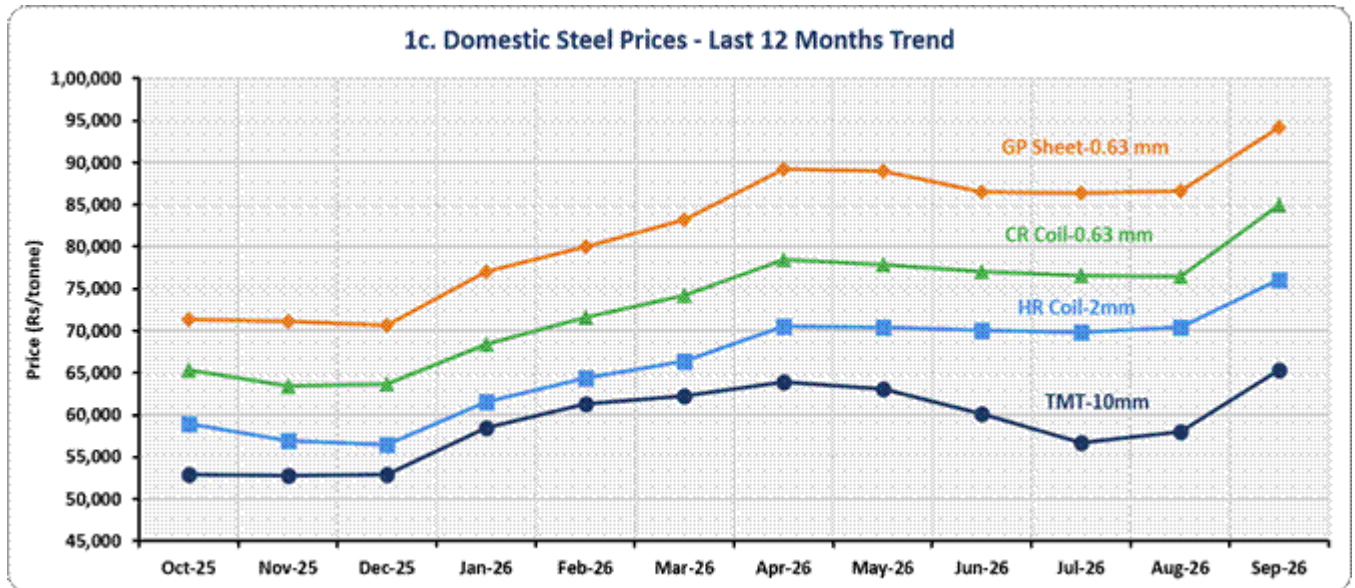


1c. Steel Prices (in ₹/tonne)

Product	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	MoM %	YoY %
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TMT (10 mm)	₹ 56,698	₹ 58,002	₹ 65,298	12.6%	21.0%
HR Coil (2 mm)	₹ 69,828	₹ 70,448	₹ 76,085	8.0%	26.8%
CR Coil (0.63 mm)	₹ 76,582	₹ 76,462	₹ 84,972	11.1%	28.8%
GP Sheet (0.63 mm)	₹ 86,415	₹ 86,668	₹ 94,148	8.6%	27.7%

Note: Prices are inclusive of GST and shown in ₹/tonne, based on average prices from four metro cities—Kolkata, Delhi, Mumbai, and Chennai.



1d. Alloy Steel — Production, Import, Export & Consumption (in '000t)

Indicator	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	YoY %	Apr-Aug 2026	Apr-Aug 2025	CPLY %
Production	1092.2	742.6	47.1	4803.5	3670.5	30.9
Import	94.6	103.9	-9.0	513.8	487.1	5.5
Export	56.5	14.6	287.0	178.7	63.3	182.1
Consumption	1081.1	822.0	31.5	5123.7	4116.0	24.5

1e. Stainless Steel — Production, Import, Export & Consumption (in '000t)

Indicator	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	YoY %	Apr-Aug 2026	Apr-Aug 2025	CPLY %
Production	230.3	393.5	-41.5	1616.5	1830.1	-11.7
Import	145.9	85.2	71.3	642.9	320.3	100.7
Export	47.0	42.0	11.9	213.7	282.5	-24.4

Consumption	388.6	431.7	-10.0	2076.1	1848.1	12.3
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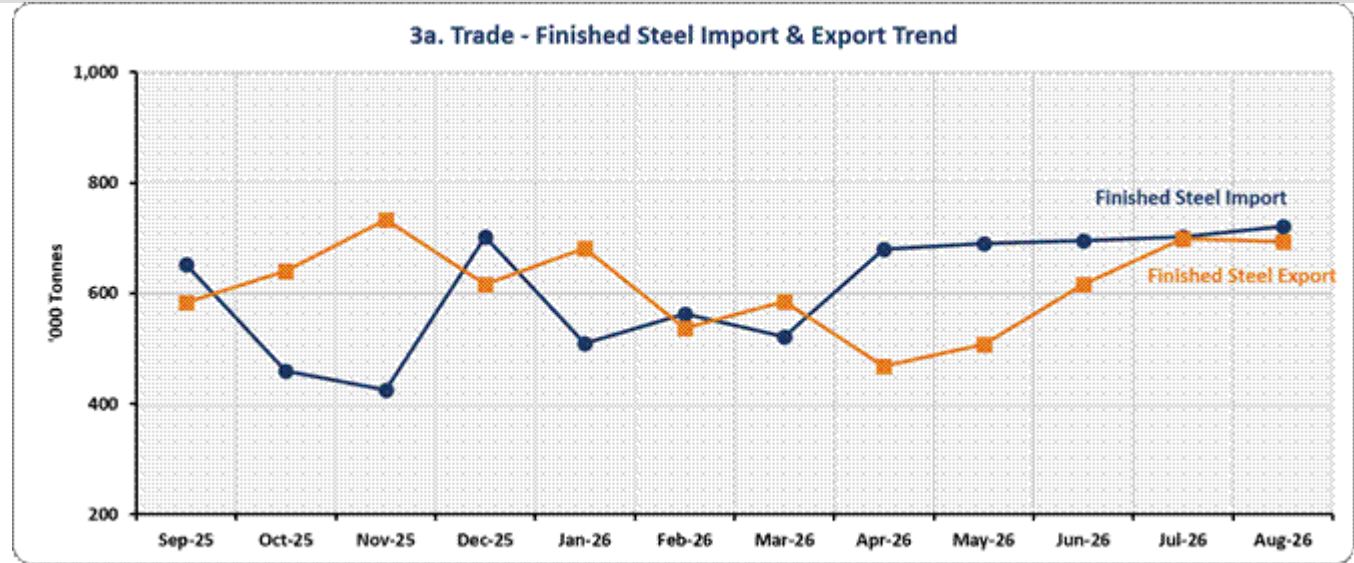
2. Demand (in Mt)

Indicator	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	YoY %	Apr-Aug 2026	Apr-Aug 2025	CPLY %
Finished Steel Consumption	14.6	13.8	5.8	70.5	65.7	7.4

3. Trade Dynamics

3a. Finished Steel — Import & Export

Indicator	Unit	Aug-26	Aug-25	YoY %	Apr-Aug 2026	Apr-Aug 2025	CPLY %
Imports	'000 t	721.1	667.9	8.0	3487.3	2692.8	29.5
	Rs Crore	7863.1	6377.6	23.3	36193.9	26172.6	38.3
Exports	'000 t	693.7	528.2	31.3	2986.0	2226.2	34.1
	Rs Crore	5541.2	3914.9	41.5	23646.6	17911.1	32.0
Net Trade Position		India was net importer of finished steel in terms of quantity for the period of Apr-Aug 2026					



3b. Top 5 Countries — Finished Steel Import & Export (Apr-Aug 2026)

Rank	Import Country	Vol. ('000t)	Share %		Rank	Export Country	Vol. ('000t)	Share %
1	China	1110.4	31.8		1	Vietnam	416.0	13.9
2	Korea	1039.3	29.8		2	UAE	389.2	13.0

3	Japan	496.6	14.2		3	Italy	289.0	9.7
4	Indonesia	226.1	6.5		4	Belgium	248.7	8.3
5	Vietnam	157.5	4.5		5	Nepal	194.7	6.5

3c. Top Categories — Finished Steel Import & Export (Apr-Aug 2026)

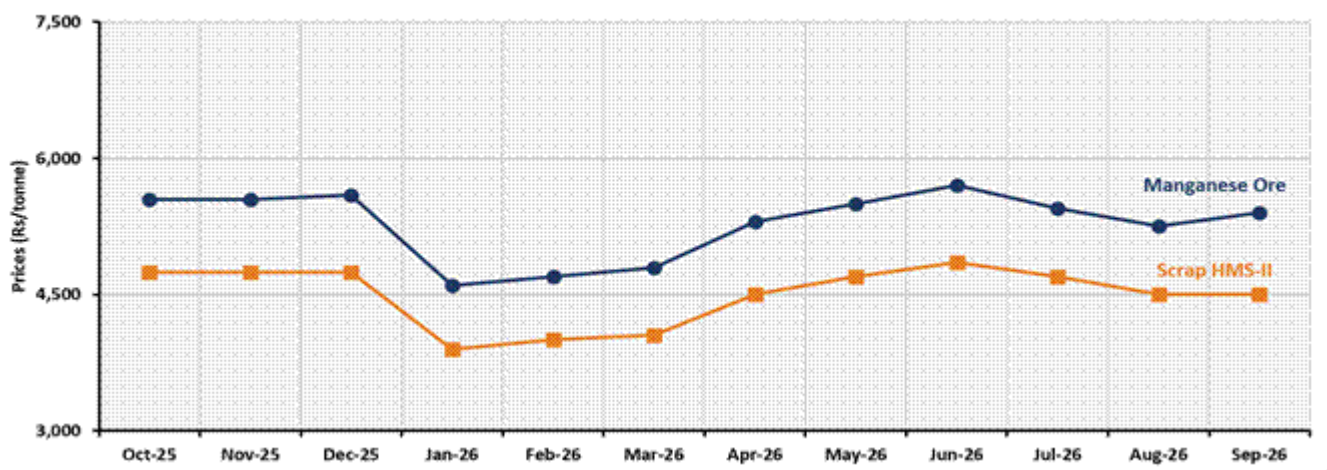
Rank	Import Category	Vol. ('000t)	Share %		Rank	Export Category	Vol. ('000t)	Share %
1	HR Coil/Strip	1275.6	36.6		1	HR Coil/Strip	1169.9	39.2
2	CR Coil/Sheets	624.1	17.9		2	Pipes	431.5	14.4
3	GP/GC Sheets/Coil	555.5	15.9		3	Bars & Rods	384.4	12.9
4	Plates	290.1	8.3		4	GP/GC Sheets/Coil	381.5	12.8
5	Bars & Rods	253.5	7.3		5	Plates	269.8	9.0

4. Raw Materials

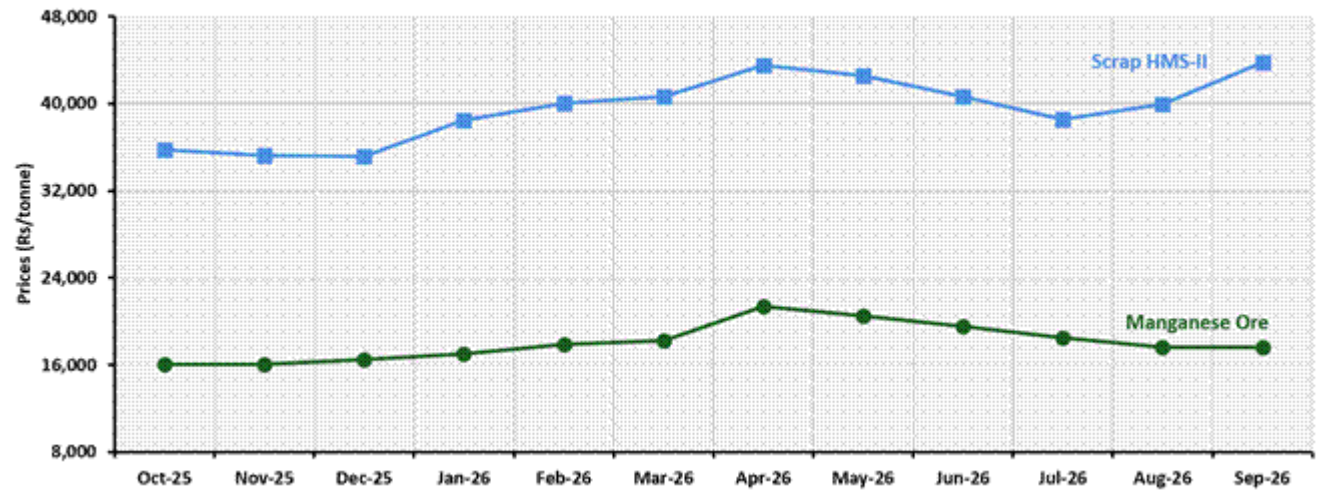
4a. Domestic Raw Material Prices (₹/tonne)

Commodity	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	MoM Change
NMDC Iron Ore Baila Lump (65.5%, 10-40 mm)	₹ 5,250	₹ 5,400	2.9%
NMDC Iron Ore Baila Fines Baila Fines (64%, 0-10 mm)	₹ 4,500	₹ 4,500	-
MOIL Manganese Ore Lump (Mn 37%, Fe 7.5%)	₹ 17,603	₹ 17,603	-
Scrap — HMS II	₹ 39,970	₹ 43,810	9.6%

4a.1. Domestic Iron Ore Prices - 12 Month Trend



4a.2. Domestic raw material Prices - 12 Month Trend

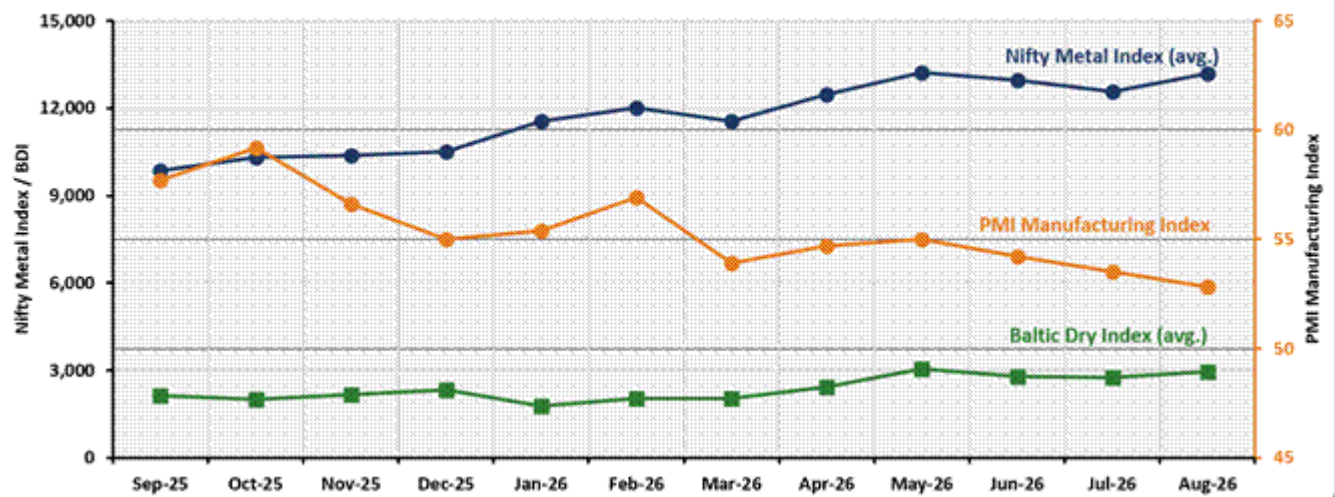


5. Key Indices

Index	Jun 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	MoM Change	YoY Change
Nifty Metal Index (avg.)	12,971.9	12,556.4	13,181.8	5.0%	41.7%
PMI Manufacturing Index	54.2	53.5	52.8	-1.3%	-11.0%
Baltic Dry Index (avg.)	2,779.9	2,769.9	2,951.1	6.5%	47.5%

Source: NSE, S&P Global, Trading Economics

Key Indices - 12 Month Trend



6. Policy Initiatives/Industry Initiatives

SAIL recorded strong operational and financial performance in August 2026, with sales rising 13% YoY to 1.87 MT and crude steel production increasing 8% to 1.68 MT. Supplies to Indian Railways reached a record 1.23 lakh tonnes, including 1.12 lakh tonnes of long rails. Cumulative sales during April–August rose 5.6% YoY to 7.71 MT.

SAIL's IISCO Steel Plant implemented in-house Yard and Roll Management Systems at its Universal Structural Mill, strengthening digitalisation of plant operations. The systems will enhance material traceability, yard and roll management, operational efficiency and transparency, supporting the plant's digital transformation.

NMDC achieved a major milestone on September 20 with the successful pumping of the first batch of iron ore slurry from Bacheli to Nagarnar through its 135-km slurry pipeline. The project connects the Bailadila–Bacheli Complex with the Nagarnar Pellet Plant, enabling efficient and sustainable iron ore transportation and strengthening the Bastar mineral value chain.

NMDC's Panna Diamond Project produced a 27.29-carat gem-quality diamond, the second-largest ever at the mine, highlighting the company's diversified mining operations alongside its core iron ore business.

7. International Co-operation

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the President of the Russian Federation visited the Steel Pavilion set up by the Ministry of Steel at INNOPROM India 2026. Secretary, Ministry of Steel, briefed the leaders on opportunities for India-Russia cooperation across the steel value chain, including raw materials, steel production, specialty steel, advanced technologies, R&D, digitalization, trade, investment and sustainable practices. SAIL, NMDC, MOIL and MECON participated in the pavilion, showcasing India's capabilities and potential areas of collaboration in the steel sector.

Secretary, Ministry of Steel, met the Ambassador of Norway to India in New Delhi to discuss cooperation in CCUS, green steel, steel trade and R&D, with a focus on low-carbon steel production and technology development.

8. Green Steel Initiatives

Under the Ministry of Steel's Green Steel Initiative, 99 distinct steel producers have been issued Green Steel Certificates across the lists issued up to September 2026. The certification covers products including TMT bars, HR/CR coils, plates, wire rods, pipes and other steel products, with a large majority of certified products receiving 5-star ratings, reflecting the growing adoption of lower-emission steelmaking practices across India's steel industry.

SAIL's Environment Management Division conducted a two-day workshop on CO₂ calculations and the CO₂ Emission Monitoring Dashboard at its Management Training Institute, Ranchi. The workshop focused on strengthening capabilities in carbon-emission measurement, monitoring and data management, supporting SAIL's decarbonisation efforts and environmental performance.

NMDC Steel Limited, Nagarnar, received the 25th Greentech Environment & Sustainability Award 2026 in the Environment Protection category at the Greentech Summit in Jodhpur. The award recognises NMDC's efforts in environmental stewardship, resource efficiency, carbon-footprint reduction and adoption of sustainable practices in steel production.

Source: Provisional JPC data for Aug 2026. Mt = Million Tonnes; Mtpa = Million Tonnes Per Annum; MoM = Month-on-Month; YoY = Year-on-Year; CPLY = Corresponding Period Last Year

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