Services sector growth at 10-mth high in Jun: PMI

Indian service providers ended the first quarter of 2025-2026 (Q1FY26) on strong footing as output and new order intakes rose at the fastest rates since June of August 2024, aided by another robust expansion in international sales and job creation, said a private survey on Thursday.

The HSBC India services purchasing managers' index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, stood at 60.4 in June, up from 58.8 in May. The index has been above the neutral 50 mark, which separates contraction from expansion, for 47 months straight.

"Monitored firms linked

the upturn to positive demand trends and ongoing improvements in sales. Services companies benefited most from the continued strength of the domestic market, alongside a marked increase in new export business," survey said.

The survey noted that overseas demand particularly improved from the Asian, West Asian and US markets, according to panel members.

Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC, said that the services PMI business activity index was up to a tenmonth high, led by a sharp rise in new domestic orders.

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