

Market Flash – February 25, 2019

Benchmark indices are trading in a narrow range with positive bias tracking Asian markets after US President Donald Trump confirmed he would delay a planned increase on Chinese imports as talks between the two sides were making “substantial progress”.

At 10:00 AM, the S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 36,969, up 98 points or 0.3%. Market breadth was weak and out of a total of 1,807 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 1,061 advanced while 641 declined and 105 remained unchanged. The Nifty50 was up 17 points or 0.2% at 10,806.

10-year Indian G-Sec yields were trading at 7.587 in morning against the previous close of 7.605.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council at its meeting here on Sunday reduced the GST rate on under-construction houses. For flats priced more than Rs 45 lakh, the new GST rate applicable from April 1, 2019, stands at 5%, against 12% currently.

Indian Indices	Px Last	Change in %		52 Week		PE
		1 Day	1 Month	High	Low	
S&P BSE Sensex	35871	-0.07	-1.57	38990	32484	22.92
Nifty 50	10792	0.02	-1.20	11760	9952	26.32
S&P BSE Midcap	14170	0.38	-5.06	17059	13539	30.31
S&P BSE 100	10959	0.14	-1.93	12096	10233	22.27
S&P BSE 200	4547	0.17	-2.03	5072	4255	22.84
Nifty Midcap 100	16543	0.41	-4.70	28895	15803	36.56
Nifty 500	8920	0.20	-2.32	10050	8371	29.11

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Domestic stocks settled with small gains in the week gone by after seeing wild swings either ways. The Sensex settled below 36,000 level while the Nifty 50 index settled below 10,800 level. Small and mid-cap stocks logged strong gains.

In the week ended Friday, February 22, 2019, the Sensex rose 62.53 points or 0.17% to settle at 35,871.48. The Nifty 50 index rose 67.25 points or 0.63% to settle at 10,791.65. The BSE Mid-Cap index rose 229.20 points or 1.64% to settle at 14,169.74. The BSE Small-Cap index rose 264.90 points or 2% to settle at 13,517.71.

GLOBAL MARKETS

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan added 0.14% to the highest since October, while futures pointed to a firmer opening for Japan's Nikkei. E-Mini futures for the S&P 500 edged up 0.3%.

US stocks ended on a positive note on Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 181.48 points to 26,032.11, the S&P 500 gained 17.78 points to 2,792.66 and the Nasdaq Composite added 67.84 points to 7,527.55.

Global Indices	Px Last	Change in %		52 Week		PE
		1 Day	1 Month	High	Low	
Dow Jones	26032	0.70	6.67	26952	21713	17.96
S&P 500	2793	0.64	6.07	2941	2347	18.92
Nasdaq	7528	0.91	7.22	8133	6190	21.68
FTSE 100	7179	0.16	4.02	7904	6537	11.29
CAC 40	5216	0.38	7.60	5657	4556	15.98
DAX	11458	0.30	3.31	13204	10279	12.36
Nikkei	21426	-0.18	3.89	24448	18949	15.18
Hang Seng	28816	0.65	6.71	31978	24541	11.10
Shanghai Comp.	2804	1.91	8.70	3336	2441	11.77

INDIAN RUPEE

The rupee on Monday opened 12 paise higher at 71.02 against the US dollar amid rise in crude oil prices and positive Asian equities. The domestic unit on Friday gained 10 paise to close at 71.14 on heavy foreign capital inflows after growing expectations that the Federal Reserve would keep interest rate on hold this year.

CRUDE OIL

Oil prices rose on Monday as Washington and China appeared to edge closer to a trade deal, dampening fears over the outlook for global economic growth.

International Brent crude oil futures were at \$67.26 a barrel, up 14 cents, or 0.2%, from their last close.

WEEK AHEAD

Indices would be driven by macroeconomic data, trend in global markets, investment by foreign portfolio investors and domestic institutional investors, the movement of rupee against the dollar and crude oil price movement. The February 2019 F&O contracts expire on February 28, 2019.

Auto stocks will be in focus as the auto companies will start announcing monthly sales numbers for February 2019 starting from March 1, 2019.

On the economic front, the government will announce data on infrastructure output for January on 28 February 2019. The government will also announce data on fourth quarter gross domestic product (GDP) on February 28, 2019. The Nikkei Manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers' Index) for February 2019 will be announced on March 1, 2019.

On the global front, investors continue to closely watch high-level talks between US and Chinese trade negotiators in Washington, with little more than a week left before a US-imposed deadline for an agreement expires, triggering higher tariffs.

Source: Reuters, BSE, PTI

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