

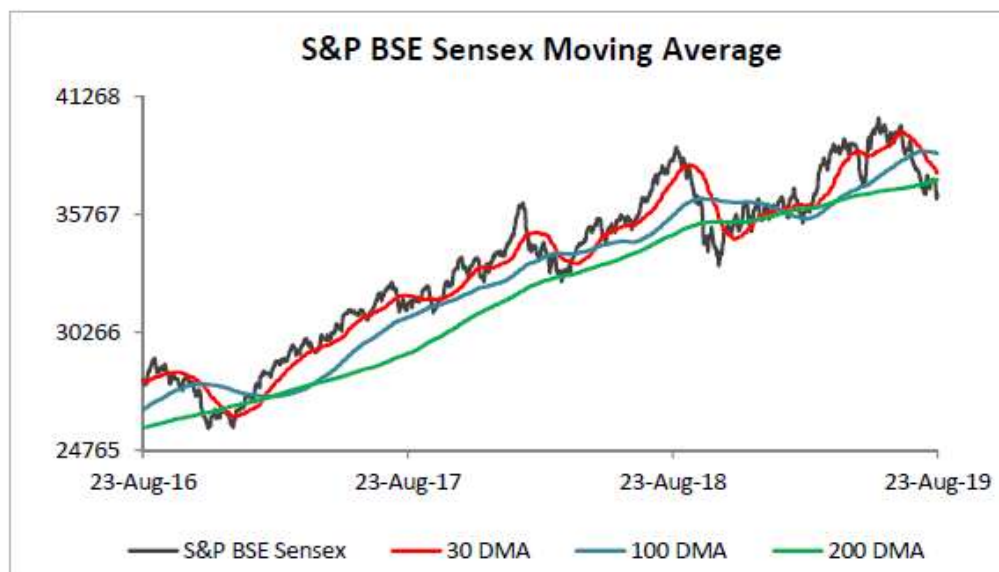
Benchmark indices have turned weak after making a gap-up opening following the rollback of an additional levy on foreign funds and several stimulus measures announced by the government to boost economic growth.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday announced rollback of enhanced surcharge on foreign portfolio investors levied in the Budget. The Centre also announced a raft of measures to revive growth momentum, including exempting startups from 'angel tax'.

She also announced an immediate infusion of Rs 70,000 crore to boost capital of banks, and lifting of curbs on government departments to buy new vehicles.

At 10:10 AM, the S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 36,559, down 142 points or 0.4%. Market breadth was marginally positive and out of a total of 1,812 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 976 advanced while 761 declined and 75 remained unchanged. The Nifty50 was down 46 points or 0.4% at 10,778.

10-year Indian G-Sec yields were trading at 6.517 in morning against the previous close of 6.564.



THE WEEK THAT WAS

Benchmark indices settled with losses for second week in a row on selling pressure in index pivots. The Nifty ended below the psychological 11,000 level while the Sensex also shut shop below 37,000 mark. Local indices dropped in tandem with global markets. The US benchmarks faced selling pressure due to fears of recession in near future.

In the week ended on Friday, the Sensex fell 649 points or 1.74% to settle at 36,701. The Nifty 50 index fell 218 points or 1.98% to settle at 10,829. The BSE Mid-Cap index fell 289

points or 2.14% to settle at 13,202. The BSE Small-Cap index fell 398 points or 3.2% to settle at 12,186.

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asian shares sank on Monday as the latest salvo in the Sino-US trade war shook confidence in the world economy and sent investors steaming to the safe harbors of sovereign bonds and gold, while slugging emerging market currencies. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan still shed 2.0%, and Australia 1.5%. Japan's Nikkei lost 2.3%, while Shanghai blue chips fell 1.2%.

Wall Street nose-dived on Friday when President Donald Trump announced a 5% additional duty on \$550 billion in targeted Chinese goods, hours after China unveiled retaliatory tariffs on \$75 billion worth of US products.

Global Indices	Px Last	Change in %		52 Week		PE
		1 Day	1 Month	High	Low	
Russell 1000	1576	-2.57	-5.32	1640	1296	18.03
Russell 3000	1260	-2.70	-4.43	1297	989	18.39
Nasdaq	7752	-3.00	-6.06	8176	6190	22.42
FTSE 100	7095	-0.47	-6.11	7790	6537	14.09
CAC 40	5327	-1.14	-5.18	5601	4556	17.16
DAX	11612	-1.15	-7.04	12887	10279	16.65
Nikkei	20711	0.40	-4.21	24448	18949	14.48
Hang Seng	26179	0.50	-8.03	30280	24541	10.28
Shanghai Comp.	2897	0.49	-0.09	3288	2441	11.96

INDIAN RUPEE

The Indian rupee slipped in the early trade on August 26. It opened lower by 32 paise at 71.98 per dollar against previous close 71.66.

CRUDE OIL

Oil prices fell on Monday, pushing US crude to its lowest in more than two weeks, as a ratcheting up of tensions in the US-China war knocked confidence in the global economy. Brent crude was down 89 cents, or 1.5%, at \$58.45 a barrel, having earlier touched \$58.24, the lowest since August 15.

WEEK AHEAD

Global cues, progress of monsoon, movement of rupee against the dollar, Brent crude oil price movement and investments by foreign portfolio investors (FPI) and domestic institutional investors (DII) will be closely watched this week.

Trading could be volatile next week as traders roll over positions in the F&O segment from the near month August 2019 series to September 2019 series. The August 2019 F&O contracts expire on Thursday.

On the macro front, India's Q2 gross domestic product (GDP) growth data will be released after market hours on Friday, August 30, 2019. Infrastructure output data for July will be unveiled after market hours on Friday.

Overseas, investors are awaiting Fed Chair Jerome Powell's speech at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on Friday for signals on the path of interest rates. In Japan, the industrial production year-on-year for July 2019 will be announced on Friday.

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F&O Trends	Px Last	Previous	Change %
Near Futures	10,842.70	10,732.10	1.03
Near Basis	13.35	-9.25	-244.32
Mid Futures	10,880.70	10,771.90	1.01
Mid Basis	51.35	30.55	68.09
Near Open Interest (Cr.)	1.81	1.90	-4.51
Mid Open Interest (Cr.)	0.39	0.35	11.41
Rollover (%)	18.87	16.65	13.35

Source: Reuters, Capital Market, Internal

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

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