

## **Nifty holds 13,000 mark amid volatility**

The benchmark indices were trading higher amid volatility on Tuesday, tracking mixed global cues.

Stock markets were closed on Monday, November 30, 2020 on account of Gurunanak Jayanti.

At 9:52 AM, the frontline S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 44,295, up 145 points or 0.33%. Market breadth is positive and out of a total of 2,104 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 1,349 advanced while 640 declined and 115 remained unchanged. The broader Nifty50 was at 13010, levels, up 41 point or 0.3%.

The trend among Nifty sectoral indices was mixed, with Nifty Pharma index, up 1%, leading the list of gainers.

In the broader market, the S&P BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices were trading half a per cent higher, each.

### **THE WEEK THAT WAS**

Key indices gained for fourth straight week after hitting record highs. The S&P BSE Sensex closed above the 44,000 level. The Nifty index ended a tad below 13,000 mark. Indices saw high volatility during the week. Broader markets outperformed the key indices.

In the week ended on Friday, November 27, 2020, the Sensex rose 267.47 points or 0.61% to settle at 44,149.72. The Nifty 50 index gained 109.90 points or 0.85% to settle at 12,968.95.

The BSE Midcap index advanced 478.15 or 2.91% to settle at 16,914.65. The BSE Smallcap index jumped 692.60 points or 4.28% to settle at 16,875.15.

### **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Asian stock markets faced a choppy session on Tuesday after Wall Street dipped as investors took profits at the end of a record-breaking month while still remaining upbeat about the prospect of a COVID-19 vaccine fuelling gains into next year.

MSCI's gauge of stocks across the globe was roughly flat, and Australia's S&P ASX 200 was up 0.15%. In early Asian trade, Japan's Nikkei 225 futures added 0.68%.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index futures were down 0.36%.

Wall Street's weakness on Monday was driven partly by a rebalancing of portfolios, analysts said, as investors cashed in on gains after a strong month punctuated by updates of COVID-19 vaccines progressing and hopes of a swift economic rebound next year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.91% while the S&P 500 lost 0.46%. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite ended down 0.06%.

## **OIL, RUPEE & FIIs**

**Crude Oil:** Oil prices slipped on Tuesday amid concerns over mounting supply after leading producers delayed talks on 2021 output policy that could extend production cuts as the coronavirus pandemic continues to sap fuel demand.

Opening trading for December Brent crude was down 20 cents, or 0.4% at \$47.68 a barrel, after dropping more than 1% on Monday. WTI was down by 27 cents, or 0.6 per cent at \$45.07 a barrel, having dropped 0.4% in the previous session.

**Indian Rupee:** The rupee snapped its five-day winning streak to finish 17 paise lower at 74.05 against the US dollar on Friday on emergence of demand for the greenback from banks and importers.

**FPIs:** Net-net, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) were buyers of domestic stocks to the tune of Rs 7712.98 crore, data available with NSE suggested. DIIs were net sellers to the tune of Rs 4,968.90 crore, data suggests.

**10-year Bonds:** India 10-year bond yield rose 0.66 per cent to 5.91 after trading in 5.88-5.91 range.

## **WEEK AHEAD**

Global cues, quarterly results, macro data, 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 watched.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monetary policy committee (MPC) will announce its interest rate decision on Friday.

Auto stocks will be in focus as auto companies will start announcing monthly sales numbers for November starting from today.

Markit Manufacturing PMI for November will be declared today. Markit Services PMI for November will be declared on Thursday.

Global cues will continue to be in focus as resurgence in virus cases around the world, leads to more restrictions and more pressure on economic recovery. Updates related to COVID-19 will be closely watched. Also on the radar will be news on Covid vaccine development. From here on the pace of the improvement of economic indicators along with outcomes of a possible vaccine or cure for COVID-19 would determine the movement of the market.

Overseas, China will announce the Caixin Manufacturing PMI for November today. China will announce the Caixin Composite PMI and Caixin Services PMI for November on 3 December 2020.

The US Markit Manufacturing PMI for November today. The Euro Area Markit Manufacturing PMI for November today.

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