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Sensex below 73,000 mark amid volatility; Nifty Pharma weak

The Nifty50 and the Sensex have turned weak after making a mixed opening as traders assessed US President's fresh threats over the weekend.

The President threatened that the US would attack Iran's power plants and civilian infrastructure if Iran failed to open the Strait of Hormuz completely. He also set a deadline of 8:00 PM Eastern Time on Tuesday. Iran said the critical waterway will only open completely when the damages due to the war are compensated.

At 9:35 AM, the frontline BSE Sensex was trading at 72,919 down 401 points or (0.55%). The broader Nifty50 was at 22,601 levels down 112 points or (0.49%).

The rupee opened 3 paise higher at 93.13 against the US dollar. It settled at 93.10 a dollar on Thursday.

Broader markets were trading on a mixed note on Monday. The Nifty Mid Cap was up 0.36 per cent, while the Nifty Small Cap was down 0.05 per cent.

Sector-wise, the Nifty Pharma fell the most shortly after opening. The Nifty Oil and Gas and the Nifty Realty also underperformed. Bucking the trend, the Nifty IT rose the most.

Brent crude's April contract rose 1.15 per cent to $110.68 per barrel on the Intercontinental Exchange as traders feared the renewed escalation might worsen the supply outlook further.

WEEKLY REVIEW – MARCH 30, 2026 – APRIL 2, 2026

Domestic equity benchmarks ended with marginal losses during the week, amid heightened volatility driven by global and domestic uncertainties. The week began on a weak note as rising US-Iran tensions and a surge in crude oil prices weighed heavily on sentiment, triggering broad-based selling.

Markets rebounded mid-week on easing geopolitical concerns and softer oil prices, which helped restore risk appetite. However, volatility persisted, with benchmarks witnessing sharp intraday swings due to fluctuating global cues and macroeconomic pressures. Despite a strong recovery in later sessions led by IT and metal stocks, caution prevailed among investors due to continued FII outflows, rupee weakness, and inflation concerns. Overall, the market remained range-bound with a slightly negative bias during the week.

In the week ended on Friday, 02 April 2025, the BSE Sensex declined 263.67 points or 0.36% to settle at 73,319.55. The Nifty 50 index slipped 106.50 points or 0.47% to settle at 22,713.10. The BSE 150 Mid Cap Index shed 0.55% to close at 14,567.37. The BSE 250 Small Cap index rose 0.82% at 5,843.57.

Markets in FY2026

India's stock markets closed FY2025–26 on a mixed note, with a clear gap between large-cap weakness and midcap strength. While benchmark indices remained under pressure, broader markets showed resilience, supported by domestic investors.

Indian markets ended FY26 with mixed trends as Nifty 50 fell 3.6 percent and Bank Nifty slipped 1 percent, while midcaps gained 6.8 percent. Heavy FII selling weighed on benchmarks, but strong DII buying supported markets, highlighting resilience in domestic flows despite global volatility and cautious investor sentiment.

Indices	Last close	One-day change in %	One month change in %	% YTD change in %
Domestic				
S&P BSE Sensex	73,319.55	0.25	-8.62	-13.97
Nifty 50	22,713.10	0.15	-8.66	-13.08
S&P BSE 200	10,347.10	0.11	-8.69	-12.38
S&P BSE 500	32,839.65	0.08	-8.3	-12.3
S&P BSE Midcap	41,404.27	-0.21	-7.78	-11.82
S&P BSE Smallcap	45,087.07	0.28	-5.12	-12.5
S&P BSE Auto	53,233.86	-0.65	-12.51	-14.9
S&P BSE Bankex	58,009.41	0.22	-13.84	-13.11
S&P BSE Cap Goods	66,360.28	0	-5.19	-1.12
S&P BSE Consumer Durables	53,320.17	-0.87	-7.81	-11.14
S&P BSE FMCG	17,087.44	0.27	-7.9	-16.01
S&P BSE Healthcare	41,371.63	-0.75	-5.42	-5.55
S&P BSE IT	29,288.17	2.42	-0.36	-20.27
S&P BSE Metal	37,815.66	0.35	-6.58	2.73
S&P BSE Oil & Gas	25,652.76	-0.76	-11.42	-10.65
S&P BSE Power	6,753.46	-0.17	-1.53	3.85
S&P BSE Realty	5,219.05	1.19	-12.55	-23.33

Data as of 02 April 2026

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asian markets that were open for trading mostly rose Monday, as investors continued to closely watch the war in Iran, soaring oil prices and what US President might say next.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 rose nearly 1.1 per cent to 53,692.42 in morning trading. South Korea's Kospi gained 1.5 per cent to 5,460.24. Trading was closed in Australia for Easter, and in Hong Kong and Shanghai for a traditional Chinese holiday.

The key market focus continues to be on oil prices. Benchmark US crude gained 38 cents to $111.92 a barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, added $1.71 to $110.74 a barrel.

US markets were closed for Good Friday and will reopen Monday. Some markets in Europe also did not trade on Friday.

In currency trading, the US dollar inched up to 159.65 Japanese yen Monday from 159.63. The euro cost $1.1509, down from $1.1517.

The US stock futures declined in the Asian session as renewed tension between the US and Iran soured the risk sentiment. The S&P 500 and the Dow Jones futures were trading 0.10 per cent and 0.09 per cent down, respectively.

Last Friday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average ended 0.13 per cent down. The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite ended 0.11 per cent and 0.18 per cent higher, respectively.

RUPEE, OIL, GOLD & FIIs

Indian Rupee: The Indian rupee opened stronger at 93 per US dollar on Monday (April 6), compared with Thursday's (April 2) close of 93.10, extending gains from the previous week amid continued support from recent central bank measures.

The currency had rallied 1.8% last week—its sharpest weekly rise in over four years—after the Reserve Bank of India introduced position limits for banks and corporates.

Crude Oil: Oil prices climbed on Monday on continuing fears of supply losses because of shipping disruptions in the key West Asia producing region from the US-Israeli war with Iran.

Brent crude futures rose $1.71, or 1.6 per cent, to $110.74 a barrel by 0057 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures gained $0.71, or 0.6 per cent, to trade at $112.25 per barrel.

FPIs & DIIs: Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) logged their worst month ever in March 2026, offloading Rs 1.11 lakh crore worth of equities. This eclipses the earlier figure of Rs 94,000 crore withdrawal in October 2024, the highest ever in a month.

The biggest trigger behind the sell-off was the US-Israel and Iran war, which kept the global investor sentiment toward risk-off approach.

Interestingly, FIIs offloaded equities in each trading session of March 2026. On the other hand, Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) poured in Rs 1.28 lakh crore last month, providing cushion to the equity market affected by a big selloff and higher volatility.

On the last trading day of FY26, DIIs bought shares worth Rs 14,895 crore, the strongest domestic buying in a single session in over 1.5 years.

Gold: The price of 24-carat gold fell 10 in early trade on Monday, with ten grams of the precious metal trading at 1,50,920. The price of silver also declined by 100, with one kilogram of the precious metal selling at 2,49,900.

The price of 22-carat gold decreased by 10, with ten grams of the yellow metal selling at 1,38,340.

US gold prices fell more than 1 per cent on Monday, pressured by a stronger dollar and fading hopes of US Federal Reserve interest rate cuts.

Spot gold fell 1.2 per cent to $4,620.68 per ounce by 0047 GMT. US gold futures for April delivery lost 0.7 per cent to $4,647.10. The 10-year US Treasury yield and the dollar index rose, pressuring greenback-priced bullion.

Spot silver fell 1 per cent to $72.28 per ounce, spot platinum shed 0.5 per cent to $1,979.42, while palladium edged 0.1 per cent higher at $1,504.34.

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International				
DJIA*	46,565.74	0.48	-4.93	-3.12
Nasdaq Composite*	21,840.95	1.16	-3.65	-6.03
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	52,463.27	-2.38	-9.64	4.22
Straits Times (Singapore)	4,947.50	-0.57	1.16	6.48
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	25,116.53	-0.7	-3.62	-2.01
Kospi Composite (Seoul)	5,234.05	-4.47	-16.18	24.2
FTSE 100 (London)	10,364.79	1.85	-5	4.36
Cac 40 (France)*	7,981.27	2.1	-6.99	-2.06
Xetra Dax (Germany)*	23,298.89	2.73	-7.85	-4.87
S&P 500 (US)*	6,575.32	0.72	-4.41	-3.95
Shanghai (china)	3,919.29	-0.74	-6.3	-1.25
MICEX (Russia)*	2,776.00	0.03	-2.1	0.34
Bovespa (Brazil)*	1,87,952.91	0.26	-0.44	16.65
JCI (Indonesia)	7,026.78	-2.19	-12.35	-17.7
SET (Thailand)	1,465.72	-0.36	-0.05	16.36

Data as of 02 April 2026, *Data as of 01 April 2026,

FII equity investments, Rs cr

	Buy	Sell	Net	MTD
01-Apr	41,117.00	60,954.00	-19,837.00	-1,08,342.00
Mar-26	2,72,050.15	3,84,357.33	-1,12,307.18	
Feb-26	3,82,778.64	3,65,631.19	17,147.45	
Jan-26	2,99,461.12	3,41,314.56	-41,853.44	
Dec-25	2,61,764.94	2,85,454.91	-23,689.97	
Nov-25	3,46,249.30	3,45,916.44	332.86	
Oct-25	2,73,191.46	2,64,982.41	8,209.05	
Last Close	22,117.00	26,082.00	-3,965.00	
6 Months average	3,05,915.94	3,31,276.14	-25,360.21	

-FII data as of 30 March 2026

MF equity investments, Rs cr

	Buy	Sell	Net	MTD
01-Apr	29,094.00	28,877.00	217	89,926.00*
Mar-26	224261.13	148800.08	75461.05	
Feb-26	287077.79	276638.71	10439.08	
Jan-26	351510.94	305054.58	46456.36	
Dec-25	270389.74	231450.95	38938.79	
Nov-25	246683	203217.86	43465.14	
Oct-25	233719.81	210656.93	23062.88	
Last Close	18,965.00	14,666.00	4,299.00	
6 Months average	2,68,940.40	2,29,303.19	39,637.22	

-MF data as of 27 March 2026

Week Ahead

Investor sentiment could continue to remain cautious as macro uncertainty stemming from the ongoing US-Iran war continues to keep oil prices on a boil. Surging oil prices have the potential to disrupt the fiscal maths of a number of emerging market economies, including India.

Given this backdrop, India's fiscal deficit for FY26 was reported at nearly 95% of the revised annual target by February, reflecting controlled government spending and providing comfort on macro stability.

In the US, softer-than-expected data reinforced expectations of policy easing, with core PCE inflation easing to 2.6% year-on-year in February, supporting risk appetite across global equities.

In China, official data showed manufacturing activity remaining in expansion territory, with PMI holding above the 50 mark, indicating steady industrial momentum.

With oil price shocks continuing to weigh on investor sentiment, investors would remain attentive to incoming inflation data, central-bank commentary and cross-asset volatility for near-term direction.

In India, the final reading for the HSBC Services PMI would be made on Monday (06 April 2026).

Monday would also see the release of the final value for the HSBC Composite PMI for March 2026.

On Wednesday (08 April 2026), the Reserve Bank of India would announce its latest monetary policy decision.

Lastly on Friday (10 April 2026), the Foreign Exchange Reserves position for the period ended on 03 April 2026 would be unveiled.

In China, the Balance of Trade data for March 2026 would be announced on Tuesday (14 April 2026).

On Thursday (16 April 2026), the GDP Growth Rate figure for the first quarter would be announced.

Thursday would also see the release of the Industrial Production data for the month of March 2026.

On the same day, the Retail Sales data for the month of March would also be unveiled.

In the United States, the ISM Services PMI for March 2026 would be released on Monday (06 April 2026).

On Tuesday (07 April 2026), the Durable Goods Orders for the month of February would be made public.

On Wednesday (08 April 2026), the FOMC Minutes from the US Fed's latest meeting would be released.

On Thursday (09 April 2026), the quarterly GDP growth rate for the fourth quarter would be announced.

On Friday (10 April 2026), the Inflation Rate for the month of March would be released.

Friday would also see the release of preliminary reading for the Michigan Consumer Sentiment for April 2026.

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