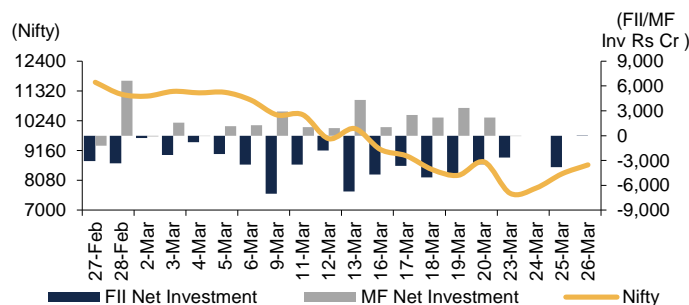


Indian equity benchmark indices' returns

Broad Indices	Mar 27	% chg week	% chg 3 Mon	% chg Year
S&P BSE Sensex	29,816	-0.34	-28.29	-21.81
Nifty 50	8,660	-0.97	-29.28	-24.33
Nifty 500	7,003	-2.19	-29.32	-26.30
S&P BSE 100	8,693	-1.52	-29.38	-25.18
S&P BSE Midcap	10,538	-5.42	-29.41	-30.52
S&P BSE Smallcap	9,497	-6.09	-29.90	-35.74

FII and mutual fund investment vs. Nifty



Sectoral Indices	Mar 27	% chg week	% chg 3 Mon	% chg Year
S&P BSE IT	12,791	3.63	-18.11	-14.78
S&P BSE FMCG	9,633	-0.50	-15.66	-17.04
S&P BSE Bankex	22,966	-1.29	-37.87	-31.80
S&P BSE Power	1,366	-2.32	-28.51	-32.54
S&P BSE CD	19,475	-2.48	-22.13	-16.78
S&P BSE Healthcare	11,629	-3.03	-13.32	-17.54
S&P BSE CG	11,200	-4.61	-33.90	-38.39
S&P BSE Realty Index	1,428	-5.34	-36.98	-29.73
S&P BSE Auto	11,224	-7.76	-38.98	-39.51
S&P BSE Oil & Gas	9,340	-8.48	-36.89	-37.97
S&P BSE Metal	5,605	-8.59	-45.53	-49.67

Source: BSE, NSE, SEBI, NSDL

Indian debt market indicators

Indicators	Mar 27	Previous Week	1 month ago
Call Rate	4.70%	5.15%	4.95%
10 Yr G-Sec*\$	6.14%	6.24%	6.38%
3-M USD Libor^	1.37%	1.20%	1.58%
6-M USD Libor^	1.06%	0.99%	1.53%
1-Y USD Libor^	0.97%	0.93%	1.54%

*6.45% 2029 paper ^As of Mar 26 \$Weighted Average Yield

Currencies vs INR

Currency	Mar 27	Week ago	3 months ago	1 year ago
USD	74.86	75.18	71.35	68.88
GBP	91.45	88.29	93.28	91.01
Euro	82.45	80.53	79.54	77.73
Yen*	69.01	68.17	65.18	62.45

*exchange rate represents 100 units of the currency

Markets update

A. Domestic

1. Equity

- Indian equity indices fell for the sixth consecutive week. S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 fell 0.3% and 1%, respectively.
- Market was dented earlier after the government announced lockdown of several districts to contain the spread of coronavirus pandemic.
- A sell-off in metal, oil & gas and auto counters weighed on the market further. S&P BSE Metal (biggest sectoral decliner), S&P BSE Oil & Gas and S&P BSE Auto lost 8.6%, 8.5% and 7.8%, respectively.
- Shares of Vedanta declined nearly 16%, among the top losers in the week, to settle at Rs 63.75 per share, in line with the fall in other metal counters.
- However, losses were trimmed on tracking upbeat global equities after the US government and the Federal Reserve rolled out a slew of stimulus measures to fight the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.
- Sentiments were supported further after the domestic government and the RBI announced various measures to prop up the economy.
- Buying interest in information technology (IT) firms also buoyed the market. S&P BSE IT was the only sectoral gainer - up 3.6%.
- Shares of Infosys emerged the biggest gainer for the week, rising 11.5% to settle at Rs 652.7 per share aided by value-buying.

2. Debt

- Government bond prices erased early losses to end higher. The yield of the 10 year benchmark 6.45% 2029 paper settled at 6.14% on March 27 as against 6.26% on March 20.
- Bonds began the week on a dim note tracking sharp weakness in the rupee.
- Prices were supported by the central bank's open market bond purchase auctions midweek.
- Sentiment for dated securities remained supported as the government did not announce any additional borrowing despite having launched a massive relief package for the economy.
- The RBI's decision to slash the repo rate by 75 basis points to 4.40% gave gilts a boost in the last session.

3. Forex

- The rupee recovered early losses to end higher against the US dollar aided by banks' dollar sales.
- Broad weakness in the US dollar index following the release of a weekly jobless claims report helped the local unit.
- The US Fed's decision to purchase an unlimited amount of assets as part of quantitative easing measures to combat the coronavirus pandemic enhanced sentiment for the local currency.
- More rupee buying was witnessed after the Centre came out with a package to support the economically weak sections of society affected by the coronavirus.
- Further rupee gains were limited by the lockdown announced by the Centre.

International equity benchmark indices' returns

Indices	Mar 27	% chg week	% chg 3 mon	% chg Year
DJIA*	22,552	17.62	-21.21	-11.99
Nasdaq Composite*	7,798	13.34	-13.58	2.02
FTSE 100*	5,816	12.04	-23.80	-19.16
Nikkei 225	19,389	17.14	-21.99	-9.31
Straits Times	2,529	4.90	-21.63	-20.94
Hang Seng	23,484	2.98	-16.80	-18.25
Shanghai Comp	2,772	0.97	-7.75	-8.29

*As of Mar 26

International debt market indicators

Indicators	Mar 27	Mar 20
US 10-Year*	0.81	0.94
UK 10-Year*	0.38	0.54
German 10-Year*	-0.37	-0.33
Japan 10-Year^	0.01	0.11

*As of Mar 26 ^As of Mar 19

Commodities

Commodity	Mar 27	% chg week	% chg 3 mon	% chg Year
Brent Crude Oil (\$ per barrel)*	26.34	-2.37	-61.36	-61.17
Gold (\$ per troy ounce)*	1634.80	9.40	8.16	24.82
Silver (\$ per ounce)*	14.42	14.13	-19.13	-6.40
Indian gold (Rs per 10 gm)	40989.00	0.00	5.67	27.90
Indian Silver (Rs per Kg)	36871.00	0.00	-20.18	-2.87

*As of Mar 26

Source: Respective commodity exchanges, LBMA, MCX

B. International

1. Equity

- A series of stimulus measures taken up by the US to mitigate the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic breathed life into global equities.
- US stocks surged in the week mainly boosted by a \$2 trillion rescue package unveiled by the government to check the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Trump administration struck a deal with Senate Democrats and Republicans on a \$2 trillion rescue package to boost the US economy that is affected by Covid-19 outbreak.
- US Federal Reserve (Fed) decided to purchase an unlimited amount of Treasuries and securities tied to residential and commercial real estate to prevent a credit crunch; also announced new lending programs worth \$300 bn to support the financial markets.
- Sentiments were dim earlier as rapidly spreading coronavirus forced more US states into lockdown.
- Britain's FTSE soared 12% on optimism that relief package announced by the US government would soften the economic impact by coronavirus outbreak and on hopes that central banks and governments across the world will follow suit.
- Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee governed by Andrew Bailey decided to maintain the interest rate at 0.1% and the quantitative easing at 645 bn pounds.
- UK consumer prices advanced 1.7% in February, slower than the 1.8% gain in January; producer prices were 0.4% on the year to February 2020, down from 1.0% in January 2020.
- Asian equities ended in positive territory. Japan's Nikkei index rallied 17% on tracking gains in US equities after the US central bank and the government announced massive stimulus measures to rescue the economy hit by coronavirus outbreak.
- Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 3% as investors cheered a massive stimulus plan announced by the US and as Fed acted to ease liquidity concerns.
- Gains were trimmed on profit booking and worries about a global recession.
- China's Shanghai Composite rose 1% after the US announced a plethora of measures to boost the economy.

2. Commodity

- Crude oil prices ended slightly higher in the week on optimism that stimulus measures announced by policy makers around the globe would support demand growth.
- Indian gold prices remained flat this week due to lockdown announced by the central government to contain the spread of coronavirus.
- Indian silver prices remained flat this week after central and state governments announced lockdown in the country.

• News summary

1. Domestic

- RBI's Monetary Policy Committee decided to cut the repo rate by 75 basis points (bps) to 4.4% and reduced reverse repo-rate and cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 90 bps and 100 bps to 4% and 3%, respectively.
- RBI allowed lending institutions and banks a 3-month moratorium, and allowed them to defer interest on all loans and working capital repayments.
- S&P Global Ratings cut estimate for India's GDP growth in fiscal 2021 to 5.2% from its earlier estimate of 6.5% citing that outbreak of coronavirus costing economies around the globe.
- Fitch cut India's fiscal 2021 growth forecast for India to 5.1% amid the coronavirus crisis.
- CRISIL scaled down its domestic growth estimate for fiscal 2021 to 3.5% from 5.2% expected earlier citing material risk to the economic outlook posed by the pandemic and the consequent lockdown.
- Moody's cut India's economic growth estimate in 2020 calendar year to 2.5% from 5.3% earlier following the rising economic cost of the coronavirus pandemic.

2. International

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) warned that the negative impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on global foreign direct investment will be much stronger than previously thought and that global FDI could shrink by 30% to 40% in FY21 against 5% to 15% estimated earlier this month.
- UN Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) estimated the economic impact of Covid-19 at \$1 trillion in 2020.
- IMF said the global economy could be staring at a recession that is as bad as or worse than the global financial crisis of 2008 because of the Covid-19 outbreak.
- G20 nations to inject \$5 trillion into the global economy to counter the pandemic.
- The Trump administration struck a deal with Senate Democrats and Republicans on a \$2 trillion rescue package to boost the US economy that is affected by Covid-19 outbreak.
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C. Week ahead

Day	Events
Monday, March 30, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Dallas Fed Manufacturing Business Index, March • US Pending Home Sales, February
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Consumer Confidence, March • US S&P Case Shiller Home Price Index, January • US Chicago Purchasing Managers' Index, March • UK GDP, Q4 2019
Wednesday, April 1, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US ADP Employment Report, March • US ISM Manufacturing Index, March • US Markit Manufacturing PMI, March
Thursday, April 2, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Trade Balance, February • US Factory Orders, February • Eurozone Producer Price Index, February
Friday, April 3, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Nonfarm Payrolls & Unemployment Rate, March • US Markit Services & Composite PMI, March • US ISM Non-Manufacturing Index, March

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