

Indices	4-Dec	3-Dec	% Chg.
S&P BSE SENSEX	36,134	36,241	-0.29%
Nifty 50	10,870	10,884	-0.13%
NIFTY Midcap 100	17,589	17,630	-0.23%
NIFTY Smallcap 100	6,272	6,269	0.05%

BSE Sectoral Indices			
	4-Dec	3-Dec	% Chg.
Nifty IT	15,000	14,740	1.76%
Nifty Media	2,542	2,527	0.60%
Nifty Metal	3,237	3,228	0.27%
Nifty Energy	14,359	14,334	0.18%
Nifty Pharma	9,064	9,053	0.12%
Nifty MNC	13,839	13,877	-0.28%
Nifty Realty	237	238	-0.36%
Nifty Infrastructure	3,109	3,120	-0.36%
Nifty Auto	9,212	9,261	-0.52%
Nifty Bank	26,694	26,858	-0.61%
Nifty FMCG	30,151	30,348	-0.65%
Nifty Financial Services	11,351	11,429	-0.68%
Nifty PSU Bank	2,905	2,944	-1.34%

Major Indices	4-Dec	3-Dec	% Chg.
United States	25,027	25,826	-3.10%
S&P 500	2,700	2,790	-3.24%
London	7,023	7,062	-0.56%
Frankfurt	11,335	11,465	-1.14%

Major Asian Indices	4-Dec	3-Dec	% Chg.
Hong Kong	27,260	27,182	0.29%
Nikkei 225	22,036	22,575	-2.39%
Korea	2,114	2,132	-0.82%
Shanghai	2,666	2,655	0.42%
Taiwan	10,084	10,138	-0.54%

FII's & DII's in equity					Rs Crs
04-Dec	Buy	Sell	Net	Total %	
FII / FPI Investments	5,229	5,285	-56	33%	
DII's Investments	2,215	2,737	-521	16%	
<i>* Total % - contribution to the total turnover</i>					

FII's in Derivatives (F&O)					Rs Crs
04-Dec	Index Fut	Index Opt	Stock Fut	Stock Opt	
Net	37	747	-399	-168	
OI	23,380	55,404	85,126	5,097	
Chg.OI	4.3%	1.5%	0.8%	14.3%	
<i>FII's' contribution to the total F&O turnover</i>					31%

Curr. Derivatives (NSE)	4-Dec	3-Dec	Chg.	% Chg.
USDINR 27-DEC-2018	70.69	70.63	0.06	0.08%
EURINR 27-DEC-2018	80.83	80.20	0.64	0.79%
JPYINR 27-DEC-2018	62.85	62.37	0.48	0.77%
GBPINR 27-DEC-2018	90.79	89.94	0.85	0.95%

Commodities (MCX)	4-Dec	3-Dec	Chg.	% Chg.
Aluminium(31DEC2018)	139.7	139.8	-0.10	-0.1%
Copper (28FEB2019)	434.5	441.6	-7.10	-1.6%
Crude (18DEC2018)	3,768	3,727	41.00	1.1%
Gold (05FEB2019)	31,106	30,889	217.00	0.7%
Silver (05MAR2019)	37,481	37,108	373.00	1.0%

ADR (\$)	4-Dec	3-Dec	Chg.	% Chg.
Dr. Reddy's Lab (RDY)	38.44	38.24	0.20	0.52%
Wipro (WIT)	5.25	5.24	0.01	0.19%
Infosys (INFY)	9.85	9.90	-0.05	-0.51%
HDFC Bank (HDB)	99.29	100.18	-0.89	-0.89%
ICICI Bank (IBN)	10.00	10.13	-0.13	-1.28%
Tata Motors (TTM)	12.09	12.40	-0.31	-2.50%

Domestic Market View

Markets to make weak start; RBI monetary policy outcome eyed

Indian markets snapped six-session winning streak to settle in red territory on Tuesday as cautious investors weighed a host of factors like depreciating rupee, rising crude prices and weak global cues. Uncertainty over the longevity of recently enforced US-China trade truce also impacted sentiments. Today, the markets are likely to make pessimistic start tacking weak global cues. Investors will also be cautious ahead of the fifth Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee meeting. According to reports, the RBI will keep its repo rate unchanged at 6.50% in the upcoming policy. Moreover, Investors will be eyeing Services PMI data for the month of November to be out later in the day.

There will be some cautiousness with Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar's statement that the country's economy is likely to bounce back during the fourth quarter at a faster rate to match the overall projection for the current fiscal, but, he added that the economy is unlikely to recover in the third quarter from the slow pace during the last quarter.

However, traders may take some support later in the day with Engineering Export Promotion Council's (EEPC) statement that India's engineering exports are likely to touch \$80 billion this fiscal on account of healthy growth in key markets, including the US and Europe. Traders may also react to the Central Board of Direct Taxes chairman Sushil Chandra's statement that demonetisation led to an increase in the country's tax base, with income-tax filings jumping by as much as 50% over the previous year. He said the government will achieve its direct tax collection target of Rs 11.5 lakh crore in the current financial year.

Traders may take note of report that a high-level panel recommended market regulator SEBI to allow direct listing of Indian companies on overseas bourses and of foreign firms on Indian exchanges. Currently, Indian companies can list their shares through depository receipts abroad, while foreign companies need to go through the Indian Depository Receipt route for listing of equities.

Domestic Market Overview



Markets end in red ahead of RBI monetary policy meeting outcome

Tuesday turned out to be a lackluster day for the Indian equity benchmarks, as both the larger peers settled with losses, ahead of RBI monetary policy meeting outcome. The markets made a cautious start and remained in red terrain throughout the day, as Crisil cut India's growth forecast for current fiscal to 7.4% on the back of weakening GDP growth and lower global trade forecasts. India's growth in the July-September quarter slipped to 7.1% from 8.2% in the April-June quarter. It added that India's export, which saw a revival in early part of 2018, could likely see a slower growth. Anxiety remained among the traders, amid reports that the recent move by the US government to change the method of H-1B visa allotment is a mixed bag for India. It added that while the move is expected to have a negative impact on the Indian technology services industry. The trade also remained lackluster with a private report that the 50 percent rise in shadow-banking loans in October was on account of difficulties in arranging money from money market alternatives but is unlikely to sustain.

However, downside remained capped, supported by the finance ministry's statement that total Goods and Services Tax (GST) refunds to the tune of Rs 91,149 crore has been cleared by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and the state authorities out of the total refund claims of Rs 97,202 crore received so far. Thus, the disposal rate of 93.77 percent has been achieved. Adding some relief, Revenue Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said that the new simplified GST return forms will be rolled out from April 1, 2019. He also exuded confidence that the government will achieve the budgeted target for GST collection and said the revenue department is getting inputs about entities which are evading taxes. Meanwhile, CBDT chairman Sushil Chandra said that income tax return filing for assessment year 2018-19 has so far seen a 50 per cent rise since last year. He further said that demonetisation has been very good for increasing the tax base of the country. This year, we have already got around 6.08 crore income tax returns, which is 50 percent higher than last year by this particular date.

auto stocks ended lower, as ratings agency ICRA revised downwards its growth forecast for domestic passenger vehicles sales to 7-8 percent for the ongoing fiscal, citing sluggish customer sentiments

due to high fuel prices and rising interest rate. ICRA had earlier projected a growth of 8-9 percent. Further, telecom stocks also ended in red, impacted by credit rating agency ICRA's report that telecom industry's debt would remain elevated owing to reduction in organic cash flow generation and consistently high capex requirements and it maintains negative outlook for the sector with no respite in sight, following intense rivalry. Stocks related to the logistic industry remained in focused, with a private report stating that demand for logistics infrastructure is booming in India due to the introduction of the GST that has revolutionised how goods are delivered across the country.

Top Gainers	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
CNX Nifty	BPCL	333	9	2.8
	ONGC	146	4	2.6
	UPL	752	19	2.6
	IBULHSGFIN	803	20	2.5
	IOC	136	3	2.2

Top Losers	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
CNX Nifty	SUNPHARMA	443	-12	-2.7
	M&M	742	-19	-2.6
	GRASIM	845	-20	-2.3
	HDFC	1943	-38	-1.9
	SBIN	283	-4	-1.5

Top Gainers	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
BSE 100	BPCL	334	10	3.0
	BHARATFORG	581	17	2.9
	IBULHSGFIN	802	21	2.7
	DIVISLAB	1492	38	2.6
	ONGC	146	4	2.5

Top Losers	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
BSE 100	DLF	174	-7	-3.9
	BOSCHLTD	18578	-634	-3.3
	APOLLOHOSP	1243	-41	-3.2
	SUNPHARMA	443	-13	-2.8
	COLPAL	1234	-35	-2.7

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Top Losers	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
BSE Midcap	BANKINDIA	86	-3	-3.6
	APOLLOHOSP	1243	-41	-3.2
	JINDALSTEL	157	-5	-3.1
	ADANIPOWER	56	-2	-2.8
	COLPAL	1234	-35	-2.7

Top Gainers	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
BSE Smallcap	CAPITALT	208	35	20.0
	SHRIRAMEPC	13	1	11.8
	EQUITAS	124	11	10.0
	INDIAGLYCO	314	28	9.8
	NIITLTD	93	7	8.1

Top Losers	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
BSE Smallcap	SHANKARA	564	-63	-10.0
	MOHOTAIND	73	-4	-5.5
	LUMAXTECH	200	-11	-5.2
	HINDCOMPOS	317	-17	-5.0
	IL&FSENGG	11	-1	-4.9

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Global Market Overview

Asian markets end mostly lower on Tuesday

Asian markets closed mostly lower on Tuesday as the initial euphoria over the US-China truce on import tariffs subsided and investors wondered if a 90-day tariff truce was enough for the two countries to resolve their differences on a range of issues. According to reports, US President Donald Trump has appointed Robert Lighthizer, one of his cabinet's most strident trade hawks, to oversee the next round of trade negotiations with China. China's central bank chief said in an article in the China Finance magazine that the central bank would keep its monetary policy flexible and adjust it appropriately according to changes in the country's economic situation. Japanese shares fell on profit taking after a strong rally in the previous session.

US markets end lower as trade jitters return

After gaining in the previous session, the US markets ended lower with cut of over three percent on Tuesday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping by almost 800 points, as investors worried that a US-China trade truce reached over the weekend was not all it was cracked up to be. Doubts surrounding the US and China's ability to achieve a concrete deal to avoid new, or expanded, bilateral tariffs are rising, as investors focused on the lack of specific concessions made by China at last weekend's G-20 meeting in Argentina, where President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping met. Meanwhile, confusion spread when exactly the 90-day timeline would begin, after White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow mistakenly stated that the negotiating window would begin on January 1, 2019. The White House later put out a correction, stating that it began on December 1.

Besides, sentiments were down beat as the yield on two-year notes rose above the yield on five-year notes, which is seen as an indicator of an upcoming economic slowdown. Moreover, profit taking contributed to the sell-off following the strong gains posted on Monday. The markets will be closed Wednesday as the nation stops to mourn former President George H.W. Bush, who died Friday at 94.

Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 799.36 points or 3.10 percent to 25027.07, S&P 500 plunged 90.31 points or 3.24 percent to 2700.06 and Nasdaq was down by 283.09 points or 3.80 percent to 7158.43.

Index Futures

(OI in '000)Shares)	Future	Chg	Spot	Spot	Chg	Prem /	Total Open Interest	
	4-Dec	(%)	4-Dec	3-Dec	(%)	Disc	4-Dec	Chg (%)
NIFTY	10,907.8	-0.15	10,870	10,884	-0.13	38.3	20,561	1.53
NIFTYIT	15,053.0	1.60	15,000	14,740	1.76	53.1	15	12.41
BANKNIFTY	26,813.3	-0.84	26,694	26,858	-0.61	119.5	1,629	-5.91

Increasing OI, Increasing Delivery Qty & Increasing Price in Stock Futures (Open Interest in '000 Shares)

Symbol	Total OI		Del Qty Cash Market			Prev % Del.	Increase Del Qty	Spot (₹)	Fut (₹)	Spot Chg (%)	Fut Chg (%)	Prem / Disc
	4-Dec	% Chg.	4-Dec	3-Dec	% Del.							
SRF	582	11.7%	46,254	21,403	11%	12%	24,851	2,170	2,171	1.3%	0.8%	1.6
OFSS	192	8.1%	75,108	35,449	41%	66%	39,659	3,563	3,578	3.9%	3.7%	15.7
NIITTECH	1,955	8.0%	1,26,016	1,14,918	11%	17%	11,098	1116	1121	1.1%	1.1%	5.3
CUMMINSIND	1,456	7.2%	1,22,481	63,777	29%	28%	58,704	811	816	0.1%	0.5%	4.9
ENGINEERSIN	6,080	4.7%	3,50,496	3,20,821	39%	32%	29,675	117	117	0.4%	0.3%	0.5
PCJEWELLER	7,629	4.1%	15,29,894	11,86,301	8%	9%	3,43,593	71	71	2.9%	2.7%	0.0
EQUITAS	10,444	3.1%	17,51,259	14,28,174	12%	40%	3,23,085	125	125	10.0%	10.0%	0.2
TCS	11,219	3.1%	15,25,770	8,57,300	44%	51%	6,68,470	2011	2020	1.4%	1.3%	8.7
UJJIVAN	3,637	2.6%	4,71,936	2,39,983	8%	30%	2,31,953	231	231	5.0%	5.2%	-0.2

Increasing OI, Increasing Delivery Qty & Decreasing Price, (Open Interest in '000 Shares)

Symbol	Total OI		Del Qty Cash Market			Prev % Del.	Increase in Del Qty	Spot (₹)	Fut (₹)	Spot Chg (%)	Fut Chg (%)	Prem / Disc
	4-Dec	% Chg.	4-Dec	3-Dec	% Del.							
STAR	3,986	4.9%	4,22,042	2,38,346	16%	17%	1,83,696	460	462	-3.1%	-3.4%	1.4
MINDTREE	2,434	4.7%	2,36,737	1,96,726	19%	15%	40,011	885	890	-1.0%	-0.6%	4.6
M&M	13,952	4.6%	45,83,592	30,61,089	61%	50%	15,22,503	740	744	-3.0%	-2.5%	4.0
SYNDIBANK	23,814	4.6%	5,45,335	2,79,843	28%	15%	2,65,492	35	35	-1.4%	-1.7%	0.1
BANKINDIA	23,316	4.5%	18,22,911	15,98,777	18%	15%	2,24,134	86	86	-4.0%	-3.6%	0.2
MUTHOOTFIN	1,637	4.3%	2,43,938	53,729	33%	17%	1,90,209	445	446	-0.7%	-0.6%	0.6
ARVIND	5,790	3.8%	12,09,942	9,67,999	20%	14%	2,41,943	101	101	-1.3%	-1.3%	0.7

Corporate News

- **Kesoram Industries** has received approval to demerge the company's Tyre Undertaking into Birla Tyres, to be implemented in terms of the scheme of arrangement between the company, Birla Tyres and their respective Shareholders and Creditors. The Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on December 04, 2018 has approved the same.
- **Jain Irrigation Systems' (JISL)** subsidiary -- Jain Farm Fresh Foods has introduced Valley Spice, a complete range of pure and authentic spices that are 100% Natural and have no preservatives, artificial flavors or colors.
- **Kridhan Infra's** associate company Vijay Nirman Company (VNC) has received a Letter of Intent (LoI) worth Rs 105 crore. The company has been mandated to construct major and minor bridges, etc. for Package 4 of the Mumbai - Nagpur Super Communication Expressway in Maharashtra. The project is expected to be completed over a period of 12 months.
- **Hinduja Global Solutions (HGS)** will be creating up to 150 brand new permanent jobs and investing into its site in Selkirk (UK) over the course of 2019. The company has purchased the site from its lease holder, has recruited a new management team and is about to embark on a 12-month site-investment programme giving further security to the 265 existing employees based there.
- **Energy Development Company's** Unit 2 of 7 MW Ullunkal Hydro Electric Project has started generation on November 30, 2018 in the State of Kerala. The said unit operated via company's wholly owned subsidiary namely, EDCL Power Projects. Unit 1 of the said Project is expected to start generation soon.
- **Lupin** has launched Silodosin Capsules 4mg and 8mg, having received an approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) earlier.
- Inditrade Capital has decided to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Robocash Pte (Robocash), a company incorporated under the laws of Singapore, engaged in the business of online and offline retail lending, for entering into a joint venture which will be engaged in online and offline consumer lending.
- **Meera Industries (MIL)** has secured new orders of \$1,30,000 from Uganda, Ecuador and Kazakhstan. These countries are new addition in the company's 'Exporting to Countries List'. Addition of new flags are a testimony to the company's proven technological prowess in the domain of twisting. The orders will also provide fillip to the company's focus on globalization as a driver for growth.
- **Tata Motors** is planning a large-scale overhaul of its sales network across the country over the next one year as it prepares to bring in new products, including premium SUV Harrier. The company, which plans to have all its future products on just two platforms -- Omega and Alpha, currently has around 790 dealerships across the country.
- **Cox and Kings** owned, Meininger hotel group has inked an agreement for a hotel in Reykjavik. The property is located on Vesturbaer district in Reykjavik, which is close to the city centre and the Harpa concert hall. The opening is scheduled for the second quarter of 2020. The Meininger Hotel will be accommodated in the iconic JL House, a famous 1940s warehouse, and will be completely modernized to meet Meininger's latest standards.
- **HCL Technologies (HCL)** has expanded its strategic relationship with Barclays. In addition to HCL being named as Barclays' preferred partner for IT infrastructure services, the two companies will commit to building the partnership globally, with particular opportunities regarding digital workplace services.
- **GE Power's** Grid Solutions business has completed a first-of-its-kind project for a 400/200 kV Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) at Magam village in the Baramulla block of north Kashmir. Part of the Northern Region System Strengthening 29 (NRSS 29) project, this project was awarded to Sterlite Power by the Indian Government through tariff-based competitive bidding in May 2014.
- **Raj Packaging Industries** has commenced commercial production of the first lot of 1900 Metric Tons of Co-ex Film and 720 Metric Tons of Laminates on December 3, 2018.
- **Infosys** has published a global research on data analytics from the Infosys Knowledge Institute. The survey titled, 'Endless possibilities with data: Navigate from now to your next', reveals that a majority of organizations are deploying analytics to enhance customer experiences and mitigate risk.
- **Jet Airways** has decided to stop providing complimentary meals for economy class passengers travelling on domestic routes under two more fare categories. The revision in fares will be effective for tickets booked from December 21, for travel starting January 7.
- **Tata Steel** has joined the CII led collegium of futuristic business houses to pledge support to the start-up ecosystem. The steel giant is among the 10 corporate houses who have supported the CII initiative to connect start-ups with the corporate houses. As part of this unique effort, Tata Steel joined the CII Startuppreneur Awards 2018 to award India's top start-ups at an event held in

- New Delhi on December 03, 2018. Tata Steel awarded the 'Top Start-up in the Manufacturing 2018' to Innocule Materials and Additives.
- **Ramco Systems (Ramco)** and KPMG Management & Risk Consulting Sdn Bhd (KPMG) will collaborate to use Kuala Lumpur as a springboard to offer advanced cloud-based human resources (HR) and payroll solutions for growth companies across the region.
 - **Gravity (India)** is planning to sell premises of the company situated on second floor at Kondivita 202, Building No. 2, CTS 468, Kondivita Village, Opposite Saidev Hotel, Andheri East, Mumbai. The meeting of the Board of Directors of the company is scheduled to be held on December 13, 2018, to consider the same.
 - **Shriram EPC** has bagged two separate orders worth Rs 166.16 crore and Rs 59.55 crore from Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development for augmentation and strengthening of Dhanbad Water Supply Scheme - Phase 1 under Dhanbad Municipal Corporation and Water Supply for Khunti Nagar Panchayat (Jharkhand).
 - **Ramky Infrastructure** has completed the sale of 100% of the company's shareholding in NAM Expressway to Cube Highways and Infrastructure Pte, Singapore. Pursuant to the completion of the 100% share transfer, the consolidated debt of the company is reduced by about Rs 15,590 million.
 - **Alembic Pharmaceuticals'** wholly owned subsidiary, Orit Laboratories LLC has received US Food & Drug Administration (USFDA) approval for Glycopyrrolate tablets USP, 1 mg and 2 mg.
 - **Reliance Communications' (RCom)** subsidiary -- Reliance Realty has furnished corporate guarantee of Rs 1,400 crore to Telecom Department as directed by the Supreme Court, stepping closer towards concluding its spectrum sale to Reliance Jio.
 - **Reliance Industries' (RIL)** subsidiary -- Saavn Media has launched JioSaavn, South Asia's largest streaming, entertainment and artist platform. JioSaavn represents the official integration of JioMusic and Saavn, the new integrated JioSaavn app will be available across all App Stores including the Jio app store, on JioPhone, as well as at www.jio.com/jiosaavn.
 - **NCC** has received two new orders totaling to Rs 220.2 crore in the month of November, 2018. Out of this, one order of Rs 174.2 crore pertains to Electrical Division and one order of Rs 46 crore pertains to Water Division. These orders are received from state government agencies.
 - **Infibeam Avenues (Infibeam)** has entered into an agreement for investment in Instant Global Paytech. The company aim to make strategic investment to enable access of digital payment platform for unbanked and underbanked individuals with deeper penetration of digital payment capabilities. The cost of acquisition is Rs 6 crore.
 - **Tata Motors'** wholly owned subsidiary -- Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has launched a special edition of its Jaguar XJ model for Rs 1.11 crore in India to celebrate 50 years of the company's flagship luxury saloon. The special edition, XJ50 will be available in long wheelbase with 3 litre diesel engine option.
 - **Pricol** has commenced its commercial production at its new Plant situated at 650, Benjamin Road, in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The company has commenced production with effect from December 03, 2018.
 - **Uflex's** global film manufacturing subsidiary -- FlexFilms has been granted United States Patent covering entire categories of Formable Films that include one or more BOPET layers used in Alu Alu blister packaging. The patent US 10131122 was issued to Flex Films (USA) Inc on November 20, 2018 for a period of 20 years. With the patent issuance, the company gets exclusive right of manufacturing & sale of this special BOPET film in US, Europe and India.
 - **Zydus Wellness** is planning to raise funds through issue of securities on a preferential allotment basis and raising debt through issue of secured or unsecured redeemable, Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) on private placement basis. The Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting to be held on December 06, 2018, to consider the same.
 - **VST Tillers Tractors** has reported sales of Power Tillers and Tractors for the month of November 2018. The company has sold 2108 units of Power Tillers, while the Tractors sales of the company stood at 628 units for the month ended November 2018.
 - **Welspun Enterprises'** subsidiary -- Welspun Sattanathapuram Nagapattinam Road (WSNRPL) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) have executed the Concession Agreement on December 3, 2018 for four-laning of Sattanathapuram to Nagapattinam (Design Ch Km 123+800 to Km 179+555) section of NH-45A (New NH - 332) in the State of Tamil Nadu under NHDP Phase-IV on Hybrid Annuity Mode.

Economy

➤ **ICRA cuts growth forecast of domestic PV sales to 7-8% for current fiscal**

Amid sluggish customer sentiments on the back of rising interest rate and fuel prices, rating agency ICRA in its latest reports has revised its growth forecast for domestic passenger vehicles (PV) sales to 7-8 percent for the current fiscal from the earlier projected growth of 8-9 percent. But, the agency maintained stable outlook on domestic passenger vehicles industry for the year.

As per the report, the domestic PV sales declined to 6.1 percent during the first seven months of the FY2019. Besides, it said that factors like floods in Kerala (during peak Onam season) delayed festive season and high base of Q2 FY2018 also weighed on overall growth rate during Q2 FY2019 resulting in domestic wholesale PV dispatched declining by 3.6 percent.

However, ICRA found that the credit profile of most PV original equipment manufacturer (OEMs) remains strong, on account of healthy cash accruals and financial flexibility provided by strong parentage. The rating agency further added that the overall capacity utilisation level in the industry also remains modest.

➤ **Barriers to free trade should be dismantled: Finance Minister**

Stressing on need for open borders, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has said that trading across national boundaries is an economic imperative of the times and that barriers to free trade should be dismantled. His remarks come amid mounting worries over tariff wars across the world, especially after the US initiated a slew of actions against select goods to address its trade balance with select countries, including a few items like steel from the country.

The minister has stated that it is in the larger interest of every country to make sure that trade barriers are brought down to the extent it is possible. He pointed out that there is a need for open trade as no country can manufacture all goods or specialize in rendering all services which are needed by consumers wanting the best quality at the lowest prices.

Besides, Jaitley reiterated that nations across the world are now realising that increased trade helps not just the global economy but also its own economy. He also affirmed the Centre's commitment to improving trade facilitation across borders and also adopt the best practices across the world. He added that the steps taken by the government have helped in massive improvement in the ranking in trade across borders to 80 this year, from 146 earlier.

➤ **CBIC clears GST refunds worth Rs 91,149 crore so far; Rs 6,053 crore still pending**

The finance ministry has said that total Goods and Services Tax (GST) refunds to the tune of Rs 91,149 crore has been cleared by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and the state authorities out of the total refund claims of Rs 97,202 crore received so far. Thus, the disposal rate of 93.77 percent has been achieved. It also indicated that the pending GST refund claims amounting to Rs 6,053 crore are being expeditiously processed so as to give relief to eligible exporters.

Giving the refunds' break-up, the Ministry said that Rs 48,455 crore of IGST refunds have been disposed of as on November 28, which is 95 per cent of the total such claims. It also indicated that as much as Rs 2,473 crore worth of IGST refund claims are held up on account of various deficiencies which have been communicated to exporters for remedial action. In the case of input tax credit claims, it noted that the total claims of Rs 46,274 crore, the pendency as on December 3 stood at Rs 3,580 crore.

It further said that efforts are being made continuously to clear all the pending refund claims, where ever requisite information is provided and found eligible. It also noted that co-operation of the exporter community is solicited to ensure that they respond to the deficiency memos and errors communicated by Centre and State GST as well as Customs Authorities and also exercise due diligence while filing GSTR 1 and GSTR 3B returns as well as Shipping Bills.

➤ **CAD likely to rise to 3% of GDP in Q2FY19 on high crude prices, gold imports: ICRA**

ICRA in its latest report has said it is expecting that India's current account deficit (CAD) will rise to 3% of Gross domestic product (GDP) in the July-September quarter of current financial year (Q2FY19), from 2.4% in the preceding quarter, driven mainly by high crude oil prices and gold imports. The rating agency expects the CAD to widen sharply to \$19-21 billion in Q2 (July-September) FY19, from the modest \$7 billion in Q2 FY18.

It further said that CAD is likely to widen to \$68-73 billion in FY 19 from \$48.7 billion in FY18, if the price of the Indian basket of crude oil averages at \$72/barrel in FY2019. Besides, the CAD, which is the difference between the inflow and outflow of foreign currency, stood at 1.9% of GDP in FY18 and 0.6% of GDP in FY17. However, it noted that the subsequent correction in crude oil prices has eased concerns regarding the size of the current account deficit in October-March period of current fiscal.

Additionally, the report highlighted that India's net import bill related to petroleum, crude and crude related products increased by a sharp 60% to \$23 billion in Q2 FY19, from \$14 billion in the same period last fiscal following the year-on-year surge in crude oil prices. Meanwhile, gold

imports rose by 61% to \$9 billion in Q2FY19, from \$6 billion in the year-ago period. These two item groups account for around 80% of the rise in India's merchandise trade deficit in the Q2FY19, relative to the year-ago quarter.

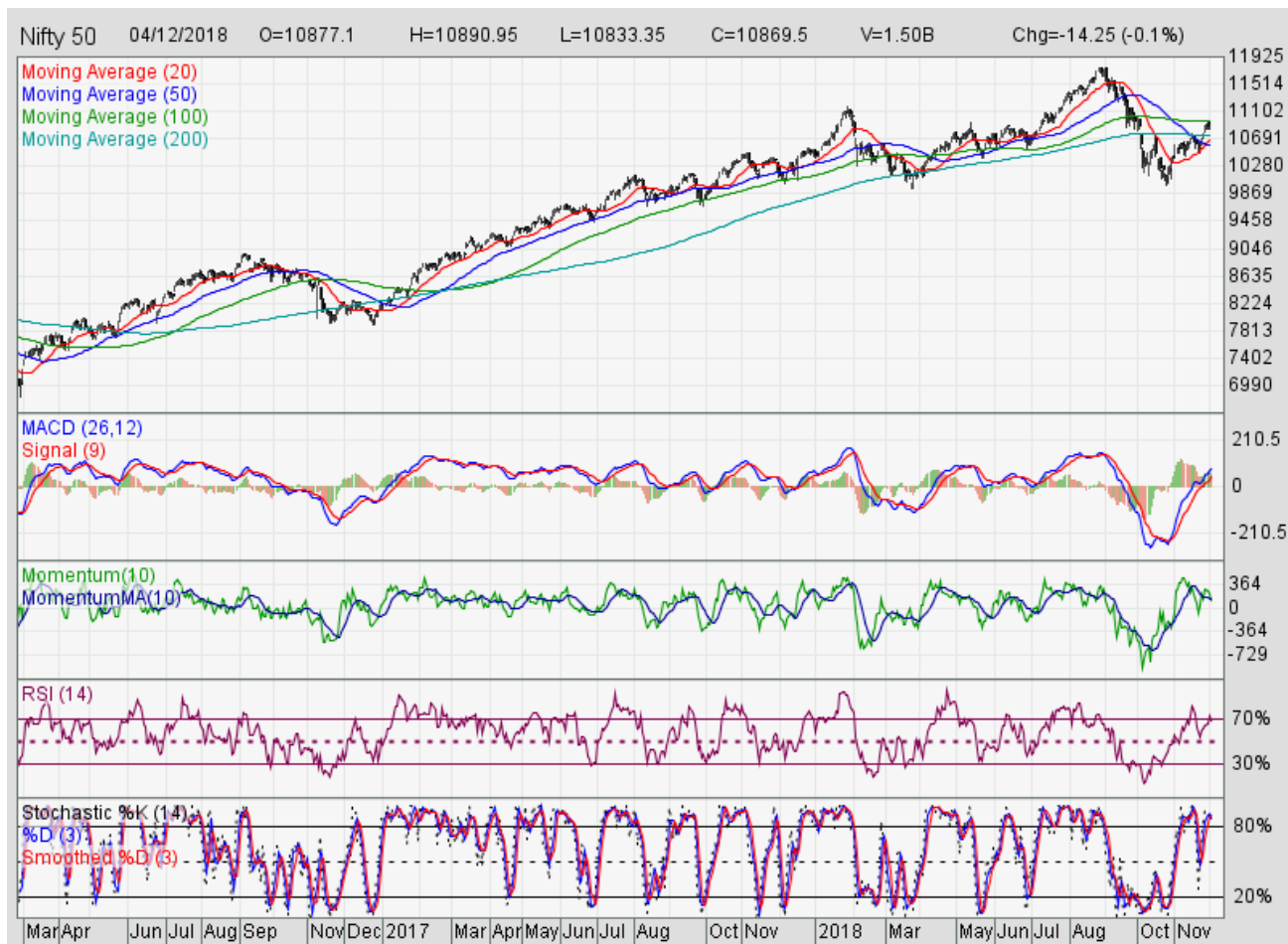
➤ **Crisil lowers India's GDP growth forecast by 10 bps to 7.4% for FY19**

Citing weak Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth and forecasts of lower global trade, rating agency Crisil in its latest report has lowered India's economic growth forecast by 10 basis points (bps) to 7.4% for the current fiscal year (FY19), from 7.5% forecasted earlier. Besides, the country's growth in the July-September quarter slipped to 7.1% from 8.2% in the April-June quarter.

Crisil also projected that India's export, which saw a revival in early part of 2018, could likely see a slower growth. It further said that the forecast has a downward bias given that global growth prospects are turning weaker than estimated earlier. Also, if liquidity issues persist in the financial system, demand could get further dented. The report noted that for the rest of the current financial year, growth will find support from private consumption, driven by continues government spending on construction activities, benign inflation and revision in government salaries at the state level.

However, the rating agency said that despite the downward revision at 7.4%, India's growth in the financial year 2019 will be faster than both, the 6.7% seen in financial year 2018 and the trend rate of growth. It said the long-term average growth rate seen in the last 13 years, as per the recently released GDP back series data is 6.9%.

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Technical View

Index closed a day at 10870 with loss of 14 points on Tuesday session and formed dragonfly kind of candle pattern on daily chart. Now index has formed support near 10830-10780, holding these levels we may see index to move higher and resistance for index is coming around 10900-10950 zone. Nifty bank is formed support near 26570-26450 and resistance is near 26800-20940.

Source: LKP Research, BSE & Ace Equity

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