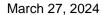
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Forthcoming Banking & Trading Holidays

March 29,2024, Friday (Good Friday) India Banking and Trading Holiday April 11,2024, Thursday (Id-Ul-Fitr (Ramadan Eid)) India Banking and Trading Holiday

Broad Indices	Mar 26	1D % Chg	3M % Chg	1Y % Chg	PE
S&P BSE Sensex	72470	-0.50	1.59	25.98	24.85
Nifty 50	22005	-0.42	2.63	29.86	22.72
BSE Mid cap	39076	0.71	8.12	65.34	27.45
Nifty Midcap 100	47808	1.05	5.33	61.70	24.79

Sectoral Indices	Mar 26	1D %	3M %	1Y %
		Chg	Chg	Chg
S&P BSE Auto	48247	-0.01	18.11	72.89
S&P BSE Bankex	52838	-0.51	-1.88	18.23
S&P BSE CD	51259	0.50	3.43	36.36
S&P BSE CG	59425	1.19	8.47	75.13
S&P BSE FMCG	19237	-0.29	-3.65	18.80
S&P BSE Healthcare	34561	0.21	11.15	60.30
S&P BSE IT	35620	-0.57	-1.09	28.17
S&P BSE Metal	27975	0.49	6.87	49.58
S&P BSE Oil & Gas	27392	0.84	20.08	57.34
S&P BSE Power	6546	0.16	13.60	78.59
S&P BSE Realty	7007	1.45	15.90	129.99

Foreign & Domestic	FII Inv	MF Inv	DII Inv
flows Rs. Cr (Equity)	Mar 22	Mar 19	Mar 26
Buy	16805	13187	14130
Sell	20677	7256	9106
Net	-3871	5931	5024
Net (YTD)	7914	69267	104590

Debt Market Indicators	Mar 26	1D Ago
Repo rate	6.50%	6.50%
Reverse repo rate	3.35%	3.35%
MSF rate	6.75%	6.75%
Call Rate	6.00%	6.70%
10 Yr Gilt^	7.09%	7.09%
91-day T-bill^	7.09%	6.92%
364-day T Bill^	7.08%	7.07%
TREPS	6.28%	6.79%
Net LAF o/s (Rs lakh Cr)*	-80,866	-72,714
M3 supply (Rs lakh Cr)**	247.37	244.94
G-sec Volume (Rs Cr)	42220	47760

^{*}Data with 1-day lag (includes fixed and variable repo & reverse repos)
** Data as of Mar 8 and Feb 23 respectively ^Weighted average yield

Key Macro Indicators			
CPI	5.09% (February-2024)		
WPI	0.2% (February -2024)		
GDP Growth Rate	8.4% (December FY24)		
IIP	3.8% (January-2024)		

Indian Equity

- Indian equities snapped a three-day winning streak on Tuesday amid weak global cues and a sell-off in the information technology shares, weighing on the sentiment.
- The top losers were Power Grid Corporation, Eicher Motors, Bharti Airtel, Wipro, and Kotak Mahindra, down 1.28-2.07%.
- The top gainers were Bajaj Finance, Hindalco, Britannia, Adani Ports, and Larsen, up 1.45-2.21%.

Indian Debt

- The interbank call money rate ended lower at 6.00% on Tuesday compared to 6.70% on Friday.
- Government bond prices ended flat on Monday as the fall due to a record-high amount of state debt sale was offset by recovery in rupee.
- The yield of the 10-year benchmark 7.18% 2033 paper ended flat at 7.09% on Tuesday.

Economy and Governments

- India current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to \$ 10.5 bn or 1.2% of GDP in the December 2023 quarter lower than \$ 11.4 bn or 1.3% of GDP in the September quarter and \$ 16.8 bn or 2.0% of GDP in the quarter ending December 2022.
- S&P Global raised India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for Financial Year 2024-25 (FY25) by 40 basis points to 6.8% or lower than the central bank and government's projection of 7%.
- Chief economic advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran said improved capital formation in the economy, accompanied by various government measures, will generate more job opportunities in this decade than the previous one.
- DGCA has put new rules on pilot rest and duty period in abeyance- days after refusing to extend the deadline of 1 June to implement the new rules.
- S&P Global Ratings said the RBI, is showing serious commitment to improving governance and transparency in the sector.
- IRDAI retains existing life insurance policy surrender values following concerns from insurers and allows sale of index linked insurance products tied to public indexes.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Adani Power's acquisition of Lanco Amarkantak Power, according to an order by the antitrust regulator.
- CCI cleared Manipal group chief Ranjan Pai's investment in online pharmacy PharmEasy.
- SWIFT is planning a new platform in the next one to two years to connect the wave
 of central bank digital currencies now in development to the existing finance
 system.
- Report: Equity fundraising through initial public offers (IPOs) rose 20% during the financial year 2023-24 (FY24).

Global Indices	Mar 26	1D % Chg	3M % Chg	1Y % Chg
DJIA	39282	-0.08	4.63	21.85
Nasdaq	16316	-0.42	8.23	37.99
FTSE 100	7931	0.17	3.03	7.10
DAX	18384	0.67	10.05	22.91
Nikkei 225	40398	-0.04	21.29	47.52
Hang Seng	16618	0.88	1.70	-16.56
KOSPI	2757	0.71	5.94	14.17

Commodity Prices	Mar 26	1D Ago	3M Ago	1Y Ago
London Brent Crude Oil (\$/bbl)*	86.25	86.75	80.85	74.99
NYMEX Crude Oil (\$/bbl)*	81.62	81.95	75.57	69.26
Gold (Rs / 10 gm)#	66716	66268	63057	59653

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Currencies Vs INR	Mar 26	Mar 22
USD	83.29	83.55
GBP	105.40	105.25
Euro	90.41	90.65
100 Yen	55.06	55.05
Forex Reserve (\$ bn)*	642.49	636.10

* Data pertains to Mar 15 and Mar 8 respectively

Source: CRISIL

Capital Market

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) received board's approval to raise funds worth Rs 7500 cr (\$900 mn approx.).
- Bharti Hexacom pegged Rs 542-to-570 per share price band for its upcoming Rs
 4,275 cr (\$513 mn approx.) initial public offering (IPO) that opens April 3.
- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) will acquire a 95% stake in Gopalpur Port in Odisha at an enterprise value of Rs 3,080 cr (\$370 mn approx.).
- NTPC signed pact with Japanese agency for \$200 mn loan.
- Tata Capital Ltd raised \$200 mn through a three- year loan from DBS Bank and CTBC Bank.
- Avanse Financial Services limited secures Rs 1000 cr (\$120 mn approx.) equity investment from Mubadala investment company and Avendus PE investment advisors.
- Motilal Oswal Financial Services board has approved the public issuance of nonconvertible debentures worth Rs 1,000 cr (\$120 mn approx.).
- Ambit Finvest raised Rs 690 cr (\$83 mn approx.) from a Japanese securities group and other existing investors.
- Daiwa acquires a minority stake in Ambit Finvest for Rs 415 cr (\$50 mn approx.).
- Subko raised \$10 mn in a funding round led by Zerodha cofounder.
- Standard Chartered Bank-corporate banking to sell entire 7.18% stake in Central Depository Services (India) Ltd (CDSL) for \$151 mn through a block deal.
- Olympus looks to sell nearly 10% stake in Aster DM Healthcare for \$235 mn.
- Carlyle Group considers a \$1 bn IPO for Hexaware Technologies highlighting significant growth potential.

Global Equity

- Wall Street stocks ended lower on Tuesday as investors await inflation data this
 week, in a holiday shortened period to gauge the Federal Reserve's policy stance.
- FTSE index ended higher on Tuesday buoyed by retailer stocks and as investors await US inflation data.
- Straits Times index ended higher on Tuesday amid mixed regional trading.
- Nikkei 225 index ended flat on Tuesday, as gains due to chip-related stocks were
 offset by declines in the shares of Fast Retailing and Nissan Motors.
- Hang Seng index rose on Tuesday after upbeat corporate results from China Merchants Bank and China Resource Land.
- At 8.30 AM in the morning, Asian Markets were trading mixed.

International

- US Durable Goods Orders rose by 1.4% month-over-month in February, after a downwardly revised 6.9% fall in January.
- US S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price rose by 6.6% year-on-year in January, accelerating from a revised 6.2% increase in December.
- US House Price Index rose by 6.3% on year in January, easing from an upwardly revised 6.7% increase in the previous month, while down by 0.1% on month, compared to a 0.1% increase in the previous month.
- China industrial profits rose by 10.2% on year in Jan-Feb period compared to fall of 2.3% drop in December.

Commodities

 Crude oil prices fell 33 cents to \$81.62 a barrel on the NYMEX due to profit booking at higher level.

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