

Indices Performance				
Global Indices	18-Feb	Prev_Day	Abs. Change	% Change
Russell 3000	2,047	2,056	-10	-0.47
Nasdaq	13,865	13,965	-100	-0.72
FTSE	6,617	6,711	-94	-1.40
Nikkei	30,236	30,292	-56	-0.19
Hang Seng	30,595	31,085	-490	-1.58
Indian Indices	18-Feb	Prev_Day	Abs. Change	% Change
S&P BSE Sensex	51,325	51,704	-379	-0.73
Nifty 50	15,119	15,209	-90	-0.59
Nifty 100	15,250	15,319	-69	-0.45
Nifty 500	12,566	12,597	-32	-0.25
Nifty Bank	36,587	36,911	-324	-0.88
S&P BSE Power	2,437	2,371	66	2.79
S&P BSE Small Cap	20,016	19,883	133	0.67
S&P BSE HC	21,666	21,832	-166	-0.76

P/E Dividend Yield				
Date	Sensex		Nifty	
	P/E	Div. Yield	P/E	Div. Yield
18-Feb	35.90	0.70	41.26	1.05
Month Ago	33.47	0.82	38.92	1.11
Year Ago	24.99	1.04	27.29	1.27

Nifty 50 Top 3 Gainers				
Company	18-Feb	Prev_Day	% Change	
ONGC	111	102	8.26	
GAIL	143	134	6.47	
BPCL	432	412	4.98	

Nifty 50 Top 3 Losers				
Company	18-Feb	Prev_Day	% Change	
Bajaj Finance	5563	5705	-2.49	
Shree Cements Limited	27623	28269	-2.28	
Nestle India Limited	16365	16741	-2.25	

Advance Decline Ratio			
	BSE	NSE	
Advances	1624	1064	
Declines	1342	862	
Unchanged	159	91	

Institutional Flows (Equity)			
Description (Cr)	Inflow/Outflow	YTD	
FII Flows*	1191	43676	
MF Flows**	-1220	-27494	

*18th Feb 2021; **16th Feb 2021

Economic Indicator			
YoY(%)	Current	Quarter Ago	Year Ago
CPI	4.06% (Jan-21)	7.61% (Oct-20)	7.59% (Jan-20)
IIP	1.00% (Dec-20)	1.00% (Sep-20)	0.40% (Dec-19)
GDP	-7.50% (Sep-20)	-23.90% (Jun-20)	4.40% (Sep-19)

Since May-17, MOSPI has revised base year of IIP & WPI from 2004-05 to 2011-12, and for CPI from 2010 to 2012

[1] Data as on 17 Feb, 2021

Global Indices

- Asian markets largely closed in the red, dragged by U.S. inflationary concerns, worries over probable policy tightening by Chinese central bank in coming months and reduction of equity exposure by institutional investors, after stellar gains pushed valuations of major sectors to lofty levels. Today (as on Feb 19), markets are trading mixed following overnight declines for the major indices on Wall Street. Both Nikkei and Hang Seng are down 0.89% and 1.05% (as at 8:00 AM IST), respectively.
- European markets went down with investors remaining cautious and reacting to quarterly earnings from major companies and the latest batch of economic data from the euro area and the U.S.
- U.S. markets closed low following disappointing earning number reported by one of the major retail giants and official data showing initial jobless claims came in well above estimates in the week to Feb 13.

Indian Equity Market

- Indian equity markets closed in the red for the third consecutive session, dragged by weak global cues resulting from spike in U.S. bond yield. Nonetheless, improving corporate earnings and continued inflow of foreign funds continued to provide underlying support to the domestic bourses.
- Key benchmark indices S&P BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 lost 0.73% and 0.59% to close at 51,324.69 and 15,118.95 respectively.
- The overall market breadth on BSE was strong with 1,624 scrips advancing and 1,342 scrips declining. A total of 159 scrips remained unchanged.
- On the BSE sectoral front, S&P BSE Oil & Gas was the major gainer, up 4.22% followed by S&P BSE Utilities, up 3.87% and S&P BSE Power, up 2.79%. S&P BSE Auto was the major loser, down 1.35% followed by S&P BSE Bankex, down 1.17% and S&P BSE Finance, down 1.01%.

Domestic News

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India said that its board has decided to recommend changes in the Securities Contracts Regulations 1957 to make it easier for large companies with market capitalisation of more than Rs. 1 lakh crore to list on the Indian stock exchange. Through an initial public offering by a firm with a post-issue market capitalisation of more than Rs. 1 lakh crore, the board has agreed to reduce the minimum public offer to Rs 10,000 crore plus 5% of the incremental sum above Rs. 1 lakh crore.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened norms for housing finance companies (HFCs), especially those that collect public deposits. In terms of the master directions given, if they are not in a position to repay fixed deposit holders, HFCs must cease lending. The central bank came out with a comprehensive rule book for HFCs. The comprehensive rule book for HFCs is in the wake of the central bank taking over the regulation and supervision of these specialized lenders from the National Housing Bank in 2019. The norms require all HFCs to have a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 14% by Mar 31, 2021. The master directions include liquidity coverage prescriptions, asset classification and other prudential criteria that are nearly compatible with what is recommended for banks.
- According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, India's job growth rebounded dramatically in Jan 2021, with nearly 12 million people getting jobs last month, drastically reducing the country's unemployment rate from 9.1% in Dec 2020 to 6.5% in Jan 2021.
- Global forecasting firm Oxford Economics revised India's economic growth projection to 10.2% for 2021 from the earlier 8.8%, citing the reduction of COVID-19 risks and the change in monetary policy outlook.
- Bharti Airtel announced acquisition of Warburg Pincus' 20% stake in its direct-to-home DTH arm for Rs. 3,126 crore.
- IndusInd Bank announced receiving Rs. 2,021 crore equity from the promoters after the conversion of preferential warrants into equity shares.

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FII Derivative Trade Statistics		18-Feb	
(Rs Cr)	Buy	Sell	Open Int.
Index Futures	4275.15	4457.46	13190.03
Index Options	527632.49	527593.37	118327.71
Stock Futures	15705.36	16355.88	107967.20
Stock Options	16241.84	16337.78	18236.97
Total	563854.84	564744.49	257721.91

Derivative Statistics- Nifty Options			
	18-Feb	Prev_Day	Change
Put Call Ratio (OI)	1.12	1.17	-0.05
Put Call Ratio(Vol)	0.92	0.93	-0.01

Debt Watch				
	18-Feb	Wk. Ago	Mth. Ago	Year Ago
Call Rate	3.21%	3.25%	3.16%	4.95%
T-Repo	2.48%	3.20%	3.21%	4.89%
Repo	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	5.15%
Reverse Repo	3.35%	3.35%	3.35%	4.90%
91 Day T-Bill	3.19%	3.25%	3.26%	5.02%
364 Day T-Bill	3.66%	3.69%	3.45%	5.18%
10 Year Gilt	6.13%	5.96%	5.91%	6.39%
G-Sec Vol. (Rs.Cr)	22074	67260	29790	52556
FBIL MIBOR ⁽¹⁾	3.46%	3.47%	3.47%	5.10%
3 Month CP Rate	3.65%	3.75%	3.80%	5.70%
5 Year Corp Bond	6.77%	6.59%	6.52%	6.96%
1 Month CD Rate	2.80%	3.38%	3.52%	5.10%
3 Month CD Rate	3.27%	3.38%	3.27%	5.27%
1 Year CD Rate	3.95%	4.08%	3.90%	5.81%

Currency Market			
Currency	18-Feb	Prev_Day	Change
USD/INR	72.73	72.84	-0.10
GBP/INR	100.71	101.15	-0.43
EURO/INR	87.61	88.06	-0.44
JPY/INR	0.69	0.69	0.00

Commodity Prices				
Commodity	18-Feb	Wk Ago	Mth. Ago	Year Ago
NYMEX Crude(\$/bl)	60.37	58.19	52.22	52.05
Brent Crude(\$/bl)	65.48	61.72	54.39	58.19
Gold(\$/oz)	1775	1825	1837	1602
Gold(Rs./10 gm)	46263	47776	48812	40976

Source: Refinitiv

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Derivatives Market

- Nifty Feb 2021 Futures stood at 15,116.10, a discount of 2.85 points below the spot closing of 15,118.95. The turnover on NSE's Futures and Options segment rose to Rs. 80,21,078.07 crore on February 18, 2021, compared with Rs. 43,17,511.33 crore on February 17, 2021.
- The Put-Call ratio stood at 0.95 compared with the previous session's close of 0.91.
- The Nifty Put-Call ratio stood at 1.12 compared with the previous session's close of 1.17.
- Open interest on Nifty Futures stood at 13.08 million, compared with the previous session's close of 13.04 million.

Indian Debt Market

- Bond yields jumped after the Reserve bank of India (RBI) at its weekly government auctions devolves Rs. 21,593.58 involving two securities on primary dealers.
- Yield on the 10-year benchmark paper (5.85% GS 2030) surged 10 bps to close at 6.13% from the previous close of 6.03% after moving in a range of 6.02% to 6.14%.
- RBI conducted the auction of four government securities- 3.96% GS 2022, 5.15% GS 2025, 5.85% GS 2030 and New GS 2061 for a cumulative amount of Rs. 31,000 crore, which was not completely accepted with devolvement on primary dealers. 5.15% GS 2025 and 5.85% GS 2030 securities saw almost full devolvement on primary dealers of Rs. 10,699.76 crore and Rs. 10,893.82 crore, respectively.
- RBI announced the auction of 91 days, 182 days and 364 days Treasury Bills auction for the notified amount of Rs. 4,000 crore, Rs. 7,000 crore and Rs. 8,000 crore, respectively on Feb 24, 2021.

Currency Market Update

- The Indian rupee rose against the U.S. dollar on foreign banks greenback sales likely on behalf of their clients.
- Euro rose against the U.S. dollar as disappointing U.S. weekly jobless claims data diminished expectations of a speedy recovery from the global health crisis.

Commodity Market Update

- Gold prices fell as market participants remained optimistic of a global economic recovery.
- Brent crude prices rose as severe cold weather in Texas and surrounding regions in U.S. led to a fall in oil production in the region.

International News

- According to the U.S. Federal Reserve's Jan 2021 monetary policy meeting minutes, the economy was described by participants as far from achieving the Fed's objective of maximum jobs. Participants noted that achieving this goal would take some time, even with a brisk rate of change in the labor market.
- According to the Commerce Department, U.S. retail sales rose much more than expected by 5.3% in Jan 2021 after sliding by a revised 1% in Dec 2020.
- According to the Labor Department, U.S. producer price index for final demand rose 1.3% in Jan 2021 after increasing 0.3% in Dec 2020.
- According to the U.S. Federal Reserve, U.S. industrial production rose 0.9% in Jan 2021 after increasing by downwardly revised 1.3% in Dec 2020.

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