Benchmark indices were trading over half a per cent higher amid volatility with pharma stocks leading the gains following Saturday's carnage.

At 11:00 AM, the S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 39,971, up 235 points or 0.6%. Market breadth are marginally negative and out of a total of 1,968 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 894 advanced while 965 declined and 109 remained unchanged. The Nifty50 was up 82 points or 0.7% at 11,744.

10-year Indian G-Sec yields were trading at 6.510 in morning against the previous close of 6.599.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Key equity indices fell for the second straight week on negative global cues while the Union Budget failed to cheer investor’ sentiments. Coronavirus fears hit the market the hardest last week, as the outbreak reached over 8,200 cases worldwide and continued to spread across multiple countries.

The Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange, which are otherwise closed on a Saturday, were open to trading as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented Union Budget 2020-21 in Parliament.

Domestic equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty crashed over 2.5 per cent each, as Union Budget disappointed the investors in the trade. In the final hour of the trade, S&P BSE Sensex crashed around 1,100 points, while the broader Nifty 50 index dropped 318 points or 2.67% and slipped below the crucial level of 11,650 points.

At close, Sensex ended 988 points or 2.43% at 39,735.53 while the NSE’s Nifty 50 finished 318 points or 2.66 per cent at 11,643.80 points.
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Union Budget 2020-21 in the Lok Sabha on Feb 1, 2020. This is the second budget after Narendra Modi led National Democratic Alliance returned to power for a second term. This year's Union Budget centres around three ideas — Aspirational India, Economic development, A Caring Society. Central government to provide Rs 99,300 crore for educational sector in FY21. New education policy will be revealed soon, said Sitharaman.

Sitharaman also proposed new income tax slabs and lower rates. These income tax rates are optional and are available to those who are willing to forego some exemptions and some deductions.

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asian shares stumbled on Monday, oil skidded and commodities on Chinese exchanges plunged on their first trading day after a long break on fears the coronavirus epidemic will hit demand in the world’s second-largest economy.

Aiming to head off any panic, the Chinese government took a range of steps to shore up an economy hit by travel curbs and business shut-downs because of the epidemic, including cutting its key interest rate.

Despite the measures, MSCI’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan fell 0.4%, on track for its eighth straight day of losses.

Chinese shares slumped at the open with the blue-chip index down about 7%. Japan’s Nikkei stumbled 0.9% while Australia’s benchmark index skidded 1.2%, while New Zealand shares dropped 1.5%.

On Friday, the Dow fell 2.1%, the S&P 500 declined 1.8% and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 1.6% as economists tempered their outlook for China while economic data out of the United States and Europe together with a mixed batch of corporate earnings also added to the gloom.
INDIAN RUPEE

The Indian rupee opened near three week low at 71.65 per dollar on Monday, down 32 paise from Friday's close 71.33.

The Indian rupee on Friday appreciated by 25 paise to end at 71.33 against the US dollar on Friday after the Economic Survey 2019-20 predicted bullish growth figures for the next financial year.

CRUDE OIL

Oil prices extended their losses on Monday, dragged down by worries about lower demand in China, the world's largest oil importer, following a coronavirus outbreak there.

Brent crude was at $55.83 a barrel, down 79 cents, or 1.4%, after losing nearly 12% in January, the steepest monthly decline since November 2018.

WEEK AHEAD

Markets this week would closely track the earnings from major companies, track rupee-dollar trend, Brent crude oil movement, inflows from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and domestic institutional investors (DIIs).

Participants would also keep an eye on the spread of the deadly coronavirus in China and other countries.

On the macro front, Markit Manufacturing PMI for January will be unveiled today. Markit Services PMI for January will be unveiled on 5 February 2020. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will make its next interest rate decision on 6 February 2020.
On the political front, Delhi Assembly elections will be held in single phase on 8 February 2020 while results will be announced on 11 February 2020.

Overseas, the Caixin China Manufacturing PMI, United States Markit Manufacturing PMI and Euro Area’s Markit Manufacturing PMI for January will be announced today.

**Source:** Reuters, Capital Market, Internal, HT Mint

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