Benchmark indices are trading lower in Monday’s morning session, weighed down by financials.

At 10:30 AM, the S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 38,081, down 255 points or 0.7%. Market breadth was negative and out of a total of 1,989 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 586 advanced while 1,293 declined and 110 remained unchanged. The Nifty50 was down 73 points or 0.6% at 11,366.

10-year Indian G-Sec yields were trading at 6.44 in morning against the previous close of 6.361.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Domestic stocks posted their second straight weekly loss as investors sentiment was hurt after the Finance Bill for current financial year was passed in the parliament without any amendments. The Nifty 50 index fell below 11,500 level.

In the week ended on Friday, July 19, 2019, the Sensex fell 399 points or 1% to settle at 38,337. The Nifty 50 index fell 133 points or 1.2% to settle at 11,419. The BSE Mid-Cap index fell 476 points or 3.3% to settle at 14,078. The BSE Small-Cap index fell 466 points or 3.4% to settle at 13,310.

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asia stocks eased on Monday as investors reduced expectations of an aggressive interest rate cut by the Federal Reserve, while heightened West Asia tensions following an Iranian seizure of a British tanker lifted crude oil prices.
MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was down 0.1%. South Korea's KOSPI shed 0.3%, Australian stocks lost 0.2% and Japan's Nikkei fell 0.5%.

Global equity markets had risen briefly towards the end of last week after dovish comments by New York Fed President John Williams boosted the prospect of the central bank lowering rates by 50 basis points at its July 30-31 meeting.

INDIAN RUPEE

On the domestic front, FIIs continue to remain on the sell side in the equity segment but are net buyers in the debt segment. For the month, FIIs have sold $1.1 billion in the equity segment, whereas they have bought debt worth $1.3 billion.

CRUDE OIL

Oil prices rose on Monday amid high tensions in the Middle East after a British tanker was seized by the Iranian military at the end of last week.

Brent crude futures were up 51 cents, or 0.8%, at $62.98 a barrel. The international benchmark rose to as high as $63.47 earlier.

WEEK AHEAD

June quarterly earnings, progress of monsoon, trend in global markets, the movement of rupee against the dollar and crude oil price movement, inflows from foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and domestic institutional investors (DIIs) will be closely watched in the forthcoming week.

Trading could be volatile next week as traders roll over positions in the F&O segment from the near month July 2019 series to August 2019 series. The July 2019 F&O contracts expire on Thursday.

Overseas, the European Central Bank will announce its interest rate decision on July 25, 2019. Policymakers might also unveil plans for fresh monetary stimulus.

In Europe, the ruling Conservative Party is in the process of selecting a new leader, who will replace Theresa May as prime minister and head of the party. Voting closes on 22 July.
2019 and the new leader will be announced on 23 July 2019. Britain is due to appoint a new prime minister and attempt to renegotiate the terms of its Brexit deal, all before October 31, when it is scheduled to leave the European Union.

The US Q2 gross domestic product (GDP) advance reading will be published on Friday.

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¹ As on 17th July 2019

Source: Reuters, Capital Market, Internal

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