

## **Sensex surges over 300 points, Nifty above 14,900 mark; Metal stocks shine**

The Indian benchmark indices traded firm, up over half a per cent, in Monday's early deals, tracking similar trends in their Asian peers.

At 9:47 AM, the frontline S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 49,536, up 331 points or 0.67%. Market breadth is positive and out of a total of 2,559 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 1,696 advanced while 716 declined and 147 remained unchanged. The broader Nifty50 was at 14,927, levels, up 104 points or 0.70%.

The Nifty sectoral indices were painted green, led by Nifty Metal index, up 2.9%.

In the broader markets, the S&P BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices ruled 0.5% and 0.8% higher, respectively.

## **WEEKLY REVIEW – MAY 3 – MAY 7, 2021**

Key indices logged gains in the week as robust corporate results and positive global cues propped up risk appetite despite the COVID-19 overhang. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced measures to tackle the rising second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

In the week ended on Friday, May 7, 2021, the Sensex rose 424.11 points or 0.87% to settle at 49,206.47. The Nifty50 index gained 192.05 points or 1.31% to settle at 14,823.15. The BSE Midcap index added 296.41 or 1.46% to settle at 20,608.61. The BSE Smallcap index advanced 547.99 points or 2.53% to settle at 22,218.10.

## **COVID 19- UPDATE**

India recorded 4,03,738 fresh COVID-19 cases in a day, which pushed the tally to 2,22,96,414, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Sunday.

The death count climbed to 2,42,362 with 4,092 daily deaths, the data updated at 8 am showed.

Registering a steady increase, the active cases have increased to 37,36,648, comprising 16.76 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 82.15 per cent.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 1,83,17,404 with 3,86,444 patients recovering in a day, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.09 per cent, the data stated.

## **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Stocks rose on Monday amid speculation that interest rates will remain low due to receding inflationary pressure, while oil and gas prices jumped after a cyber-attack on a U.S. pipeline operator unnerved markets.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 0.35%, while U.S. stock futures rose 0.24%.

Australian stocks hit their highest in more than a year, boosted by gains in miners, and shares in China rose 0.46%. Japanese shares gained 0.91%.

U.S. nonfarm payrolls data on Friday showed jobs growth unexpectedly slowed in April, which gave equities a lift but put downward pressure on the dollar and U.S. Treasury yields.

On Friday the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 rose to record closing highs after disappointing data on the U.S. jobs market eased concerns about a spike in consumer prices.

## **OIL, RUPEE & FIIs**

**Crude Oil:** Crude prices climbed more than 1% on Monday after a major cyber-attack that forced the shutdown of critical fuel supply pipelines in the United States, highlighting the fragility of oil infrastructure.

Brent crude was up by 76 cents, or 1.1%, at \$69.04 a barrel by 0039 GMT, having risen by 1.5% last week. U.S. West Texas Intermediate futures rose by 70 cents, or 1.1%, at \$65.60 a barrel, after gaining more than 2% last week.

**Indian Rupee:** Indian rupee ended higher by 25 paise at 73.51 per dollar, amid buying seen in the domestic equity market led by the metal stocks.

It opened 13 paise higher at 73.63 per dollar against previous close of 73.76 and traded in the range of 73.50-73.75.

**FPIs:** Foreign investors have pulled out Rs 5,936 crore from the Indian equities in the first week of May amid worries over the intense second wave of coronavirus infection and its fallout on the economy.

Foreign investors had pulled out Rs 9,659 crore in April after infusing money in the preceding six months, according to the depositories' data.

## **WEEK AHEAD**

Local and global macroeconomic data, state elections, Covid updates, Q4 March 2021 results, trend in global stock markets, movement of rupee against the dollar, Brent crude oil price movement and investments by foreign portfolio investors (FPI) and domestic institutional investors (DII) will be watched.

Global cues will continue to be in focus as resurgence in virus cases around the world, leads to more restrictions and more pressure on economic recovery. Updates related to COVID-19 will be closely watched.

In economic data, the Industrial Production and Manufacturing Production data for March will be released on 12 May 2021. Inflation rate for April is due on 12 May 2021. WPI inflation for April 2021 is due on 14 May, 2021.

On the coronavirus front, investors would continuously watch out government's course of action along with progress on vaccination drive.

Overseas, China will announce inflation rate for April on 11 May 2021.

In US will announce inflation rate for April on 12 May 2021. US Retail Sales for April will be announced on 14 May 2021.

In Europe, ZEW Economic Sentiment index for May will be released on 11 May, 2021.

*Source: Reuters, Capital Market, ET*

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