

## **Sensex slumps over 600 points led by oil shares; Nifty below 17,600 mark**

Equity markets started the week on a dismal note amid across-the-board selloff and the return of COVID-19 restrictions in Europe also weighed on investor sentiment. All the sectoral indices are trading in the red with Auto, Oil & Gas, PSU Bank and Realty down 1-2%. In the broader markets, the BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices fell 0.9% each.

At 10:25 AM, the frontline S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 59,029, down 623 points or 1.05%. Market breadth is negative and out of a total of 3,233 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 1,185 advanced while 1,859 declined and 189 remained unchanged. The broader Nifty50 was at 17,595 levels, down 169 points or 0.95%.

## **WEEKLY REVIEW – NOVEMBER 15– NOVEMBER 19, 2021**

The benchmark indices registered losses amid volatility during the truncated trading week. The Nifty index closed below the 18,000 level. The Sensex settled below the psychological 60,000 mark.

In the week ended on Thursday, 18 November 2021, the Sensex fell 1,050.68 points or 1.73% to settle at 59,636.01. The Nifty 50 index declined 337.95 points or 1.86% to settle at 17,764.80. The BSE Midcap index lost 450.16 or 1.7% to settle at 25,918.62. The BSE Smallcap index declined 434.3 points or 1.48% to settle at 28,798.23.

## **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Asian markets mostly fell Monday with fears about renewed containment measures to battle a surge in European Covid cases adding to growing speculation that central banks will have to tighten monetary policy quicker to tame a spike in inflation.

While the Nasdaq ended at a new record above 16,000 for the first time, the S&P 500, Dow and European markets provided a negative lead after Austria said it would reintroduce lockdowns -- and make vaccination mandatory from February -- to fight a worrying jump in new infections.

## **OIL, RUPEE & FIIs**

**Crude Oil:** Oil extended losses as major consumers including the United States considered releasing some of their reserves to keep a lid on prices, which have been a key reason for the jump in inflation this year.

**Indian Rupee:** In the currency market, rupee opened weaker at 74.35 per US dollar relative to Thursday's close of 74.24/\$.

**FPIs:** The depository data for this month shows the net FPI buying was to the tune of over Rs 14,000 crore in equities (until November 18). The net buy figure, however, is inclusive of the large primary

market investment of Rs 23,169 crore during this period. So, FPIs have actually offloaded stocks worth over Rs9,000 crore in the secondary market in November.

## WEEK AHEAD

Local and global macroeconomic data, Covid updates, trend in global stock markets, movement of rupee against the dollar, progress of monsoon, Brent crude oil price movement and investments by foreign portfolio investors (FPI) and domestic institutional investors (DII) will also be watched. Investors will continue to watch quarterly earnings for direction.

On the coronavirus front, India has seen a significant dip in its coronavirus caseload over the past few weeks. However, health care workers and policymakers are warning of a possible third wave during the winter months. India crossed the milestone of 100 crore doses in Covid-19 vaccination. The country achieved the feat in just about nine months after the beginning of the nationwide vaccination drive in January.

Trading could be volatile in the forthcoming week as traders roll over positions in the F&O segment from the near month November series to Deember series. The November 2021 F&O contracts will expire on Thursday.

Overseas, China will announce Loan Prime Rate for 1 year and 5 years today.

The United States Durable Goods Orders for October will be announced 24 November 2021.**Source:** *Reuters, Capital Market, ET*

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