

## **Sensex gains over 200 points, Nifty aims 17,950 mark; Bank Nifty surges**

The benchmark indices have kicked off the week on an upbeat note, tracking positive cues from global peers although oil prices at a 3-year high could roil the sentiments.

Nifty Bank led the gainers in the sectoral space after it hit a fresh record high of 38,177. The index was trading nearly 1% higher. Other sectors that were gaining included Nifty Realty, Auto, PSU Bank, and Media. Some selling was seen in IT, FMCG and pharma stocks.

At 9:55 AM, the frontline S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 60,310, up 261 points or 0.44%. Market breadth is positive and out of a total of 2,852 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 1,612 advanced while 1,074 declined and 166 remained unchanged. The broader Nifty50 was at 17,920 levels, up 61 points or 0.38%.

The broader indices, too, opened in the positive territory with the Nifty Midcap 100 up 0.1% and the Smallcap 100 higher by 0.3%. The volatility indicator--India VIX--rose by 3.3% at 17.47 level.

## **WEEKLY REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 21– SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

Indian shares registered their fifth straight weekly gain, with both major indexes rising over 1.5%. The Sensex and Nifty, both, scaled record highs. The Nifty managed to close above the 17,800 level while the Sensex ended above 60,000 mark. Positive global cues and receding pandemic fears boosted sentiment.

In the week ended on Friday, 24 September 2021, the Sensex jumped 1,032.58 points or 1.75% to settle at 60,048.47. The Nifty50 index surged 268.05 points or 1.52% to settle at 17,853.20. Both the indices attained record closing levels.

The BSE Midcap index rose 148.36 or 0.59% to settle at 25,194.84. The BSE Smallcap index gained 16.55 points or 0.06% to settle at 28,023.34.

## **COVID 19- UPDATE**

India recorded just over 2 lakh fresh cases of Covid-19 in the week ending Sunday, a 6.4% decline from the previous seven days and the lowest weekly count in nearly six months. India reports 26,041 new Covid cases, 276 deaths in last 24 hours.

## **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Asian shares got off to a cautious start on Monday as a jump in oil prices to three-year highs could inflame inflation fears and aggravate the recent hawkish turn by some major central banks.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was flat, after three consecutive weeks of loss.

Japan's Nikkei gained 0.4% on hopes for further fiscal stimulus once a new prime minister is chosen.

Nasdaq futures edged up 0.1%, and S&P 500 futures 0.3%.

## OIL, RUPEE & FIIs

**Crude Oil:** Oil pushed past its July peaks as global output disruptions forced energy companies to pull large amounts of crude out of inventories, while a shortage of natural gas in Europe pushed costs up across the continent.

Brent added another 62 cents on Monday to \$78.71 a barrel, while U.S. crude rose 71 cents to \$74.69.

**Indian Rupee:** The Indian rupee slipped 4 paise to close at 73.68 (provisional) against the U.S. dollar on Friday, following weaker Asian peers against the American currency.

At the interbank Foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 73.77. It touched an intra-day high of 73.61 and a low of 73.78 during the day.

**FPIs:** Remaining positive about the long-term outlook of Indian markets, foreign portfolio investors (FPI) were net buyers so far in September with an investment of Rs 21,875 crore. According to data from depositories, FPIs pumped in Rs 13,536 crore into equities and Rs 8,339 crore into the debt segment during September 1-23, taking the total net investment to Rs 21,875 crore.

FPIs were net buyers at Rs 16,459 crore in August.

## WEEK AHEAD

Trading could be volatile in the forthcoming week as traders roll over positions in the F&O segment from the near month September series to October series. The September 2021 F&O contracts will expire on Thursday, 30 September 2021.

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 be watched.

On the coronavirus front, investors would continuously watch out government's course of action along with progress on vaccination drive. Besides, as new COVID cases have seen a considerable decline, all eyes would be on state governments for further easing of the restrictions. Globally, the trend of rise in COVID cases on account of the delta variant, especially in UK and Asia.

On the macro front, the Infrastructure Output data for August will be released on 30 September, 2021. Markit Manufacturing PMI for September will be declared on 1 October 2021.

Auto stocks will be in focus as auto companies will start announcing monthly sales numbers for September starting from 1 October 2021.

Overseas, China will announce the NBS Manufacturing PMI for September on 30 September 2021. China will announce the Caixin Manufacturing PMI for September on the same day.

US Durable Goods Orders for August will be declared today.

*Source: Reuters, Capital Market, ET*

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