

Sensex inches 58,500 mark to gain over 300 points; Nifty above 17,400

Benchmark indices extended their bull-run and hit new peaks on Monday. The NSE Nifty50 surpassed the 17,400-mark and touched a new lifetime high of 17,411 while the S&P BSE Sensex clocked 58,447.

At 9:50 AM, the frontline S&P BSE Sensex was trading at 58,452, up 322 points or 0.55%. Market breadth is positive and out of a total of 2,774 shares traded on the Bombay Stock Exchange, 1,709 advanced while 915 declined and 150 remained unchanged. The broader Nifty50 was at 17,407 levels, up 84 points or 0.48%.

In the broader markets, the BSE Midcap index hit new record high of 24,521. The Smallcap index, meanwhile, claimed new high of 27,477.

WEEKLY REVIEW – AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

Local indices logged strong gains this week, helped by positive global cues. The Sensex and Nifty ended at record high levels on Friday. Benchmark Sensex touched a new high to close above 58,000-mark while Nifty sustained above the psychological 17,000 level.

In the week ended on Friday, 3 September 2021, the Sensex surged 2,005.23 points or 3.57% to settle at 58,129.95. The Nifty 50 index soared 618.40 points or 3.70% to settle at 17,323.60. The BSE Mid-Cap index jumped 1,126.80 or 4.85% to settle at 24,382.19. The BSE Small-Cap index rallied 1,021.16 points or 3.89% to settle at 27,305.31.

COVID 19- UPDATE

India's COVID-19 infection tally rose by 42,618 in a day to reach 3,29,45,907 while the number of active cases touched 4,05,681 following an increase for the fourth consecutive day, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Saturday. The death toll climbed to 4,40,225 with 330 more people succumbing to the viral disease.

In a span of 24 hours, the active caseload rose by 5,903. The number of active cases now comprises 1.23 percent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate was recorded at 97.43 percent, the ministry said. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 2.50 percent and the weekly positivity rate was 2.63 percent. It has been below three percent for the last 71 days.

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asian shares edged higher on Monday as a disappointing U.S. payrolls report promised to keep policy there super-loose for longer, but also clouded the outlook for global growth and inflation.

A holiday in the United States made for thin conditions and kept MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan to a small gain of 0.2%, though that was the highest since late July.

Japan's Nikkei added 1.7%, extending a rally on hopes a new prime minister there would bring added fiscal stimulus.

Chinese blue chips gained 1.3% amid speculation Beijing would also be adding stimulus through fiscal and monetary policy.

Nasdaq futures were barely changed, while S&P 500 futures dipped 0.1%. EUROSTOXX 50 futures and FTSE futures were little moved.

OIL, RUPEE & FIIs

Crude Oil: Oil investors were more concerned the poor pace of U.S. hiring would be a drag on demand and prices slipped.

Brent fell 82 cents to \$71.79 a barrel, while U.S. crude lost 73 cents to \$68.56.

Indian Rupee: The Indian rupee ended at 73.02 against the US dollar amid a strong rally with a record-setting spree in domestic equities.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the domestic unit opened at 73.05 against the dollar and registered an intra-day high of 73.01/\$.

MF & FIIs: Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) were net buyers to the tune of Rs 16,459 crore in Indian markets in August, with majority of investment coming in the debt segment.

In equities, they invested just Rs 2,082.94 crore while debt segment saw inflow of Rs 14,376.2 crore between August 2-31, depositories data showed.

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 be watched. Stock markets will remain closed on Friday, 10 September 2021 on account of Ganesh Chaturthi.

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 Industrial Production and Manufacturing Production data for July will be released on 10 September 2021.

Overseas, China will announce inflation rate for August on 9 September, 2021.

In Europe, the ECB will announce interest rate decision on 9 September, 2021.

The ZEW Economic Sentiment Index for September will be declared tomorrow. **Source:** Reuters, Capital Market, ET

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