



Navigating Global Shifts With Precision

Market Data & Macros

MARKET SNAPSHOT

BSE Sensex: 77,415 (5.76% MoM)
Nifty 50: 23,519 (6.30 % MoM)
Nifty Bank: 51,565 (6.66 % MoM)
Nifty Midcap: 51, 672 (7.84 % MoM)
Nifty Small-Cap: 16, 096 (9.49 % MoM)
Nifty PE Ratio: 21.37

** MoM" an abbreviation for "Month on Month Performance".
 Data as on 28th March, 2025

Brent Crude: 74.77
USD/INR: 85.58
Gold (Rs/10 gms): 89, 164
10-year G-sec yield: 6.58 %

Data as on 29th Nov



April 2025 sees continued volatility in Indian markets, influenced by a mix of global uncertainties and domestic challenges. The Indian market exhibited resilience, rebounding modestly in March, with the Nifty gaining 6.3%. Despite this recovery, caution remains advised due to sustained Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) outflows and persistent concerns regarding market valuations, particularly in mid-cap and small-cap segments. For the fiscal year FY2025, markets experienced a marked dichotomy; strong growth in the first half (Nifty up 15.6% until September 2024) was followed by significant corrections, resulting in an overall modest annual gain of 5.3%. Domestically, corporate earnings remain subdued, dampening investor sentiment. Market participants are closely watching upcoming quarterly results, hoping for signals of improving growth after several quarters of underperformance. Globally, shifting fund flows have emerged as a significant factor, with increased attention turning towards China due to relatively attractive valuations in technology and AI sectors. This shift poses a competitive threat to capital inflows traditionally favoring India and other emerging markets.

Further compounding global uncertainty, U.S. President Donald Trump recently introduced a comprehensive set of tariffs, including a substantial 26% tariff specifically targeting Indian exports to the U.S. Commodity markets also reflected investor uncertainty, with gold prices maintaining robust momentum, hovering near decade-high levels. Factors driving gold's strength include heightened geopolitical tensions and a relatively strong U.S. dollar, reinforcing its role as a critical hedge in diversified portfolios. Key strategies for navigating these complexities remain focused on caution and diversification. Investors must selectively engage in market rallies, prioritize investments in high-quality, fundamentally strong companies trading at attractive valuations, and remain vigilant regarding evolving global and domestic macroeconomic developments. Maintaining a balanced, diversified approach continues to be critical in effectively managing market volatility and uncertainty.



In The News:

1. US PCE Price Index held steady at 2.5% in February 2025, unchanged from January.
2. China's official Manufacturing PMI improved to 50.5 in March 2025 (previously 50.2), while Non-Manufacturing PMI increased to 50.8 (previously 50.4).
3. India's current account deficit rose to \$11.5 billion (1.1% of GDP) in Oct-Dec 2024-25, driven primarily by an increased trade deficit.

4. India's core sector growth slowed to 2.9% in February from 4.6% in January 2025.
5. RBI increased liquidity support limit for Standalone Primary Dealers from ₹10,000 crore to ₹15,000 crore, effective April 2, 2025.



From Director's Desk

Trade Winds Ahead

The global financial landscape is entering a phase of recalibration, driven by evolving geopolitical and trade dynamics. The U.S. administration's aggressive tariff policies, aimed at protecting domestic manufacturing and encouraging capital repatriation, are reshaping global trade. This approach echoes the 1980s Plaza Accord, with the U.S. aiming to regain a competitive edge by deliberately keeping the dollar weaker.

For global investors, this is not a "business-as-usual" moment. Markets may experience heightened volatility as trade relationships get redefined and capital flows respond to shifting currency values.

While India is strategically positioned to benefit, thanks to its rising role in global services, pharmaceutical exports, and electronics manufacturing, the road ahead may still be bumpy.

The realignment of supply chains could be a tailwind for India, but we must stay vigilant. Any retaliatory measures by China, especially in sectors like rare earths or intermediate goods, could ripple through global markets. Add to this a likely uptick in protectionism and currency movements, and we are looking at an environment where uncertainty is the only constant.

In such times, capital preservation and asset diversification become more critical than ever. We know how market cycles are often shaped by forces beyond fundamentals: policy shifts, geopolitical risks, and currency realignments. We strongly encourage investors to reassess their portfolios with a lens on risk-adjusted returns. Pay close attention to any overexposure to sectors that are highly sensitive to trade disruptions or currency fluctuations. Maintain a balanced allocation, and avoid reactionary decisions based on short-term news flow. The urge to react impulsively to headlines can be difficult. Volatility often tempts short-term decisions, but strategic discipline is what protects long-term wealth.

In periods of global flux, it's easy to let short-term noise derail long-term plans. This is precisely when goals-based investing becomes essential. Linking your investment strategy to defined financial goals—be it retirement, children's education, or a second home—helps anchor decisions in purpose rather than panic. When portfolios are aligned to timelines and objectives, they are less likely to suffer from reactive churn. Asset allocation, then, is not just about market opportunities but about matching investment horizons with appropriate instruments. Equity for long-term growth, debt for stability, and alternatives or gold for risk balancing all should reflect the 'why' behind the investment. In a world of uncertainty, clarity of purpose can be your strongest compass. As always, we remain available to help evaluate your risk profile, rebalance your investments, and position your portfolio for stability in an uncertain world.