

MARKET DASHBOARD

SENSEX

73,583.22  
▼ -1690.23 (-2.24%)

NIFTY

22,850.15  
▼ -458.05 (-2.13%)

Markets Remain Closed

GAINERS & LOSERS

TOP GAINERS / BSE

HEG  
572.30, 69.20  
OneSource Specialty  
1,447, 113.00  
Graphite India  
640.20, 44.50  
ACME Solar Holdings  
269.41, 15.30  
Apar Industries  
10,608, 594.00

TOP LOSERS / BSE

Authum Investment  
485.90, -40.81  
Godfrey Philips  
1,901, -153.00  
Gabriel India  
823.10, -58.15  
ITD Cementation  
527.15, -36.11  
Alkyl Amines  
1,293, -85.80

TOP GAINERS / NSE

ONGC  
281.95, 11.80  
Wipro  
191.60, 2.55  
TCS  
2,390, 12.40  
Bharti Airtel  
1,844, 9.00  
Coal India Ltd  
445.05, 1.36

TOP LOSERS / NSE

Shriram Finance  
903.80, -52.21  
Siemens Energy India  
2,629, -142.00  
Tata Motors PV  
303.20, -14.75  
RIL  
1,348, -65.00  
Macrotech Developers  
700.20, -33.65

COMMODITIES

GOLD (MCDX 10 GRM)  
13,2650.00  
↑ (150.00)  
SILVER (MCDX 1 KG)  
2,40,000.00  
↓ (-10000.00)

USD (\$) / INR(₹)

93.71  
↓ (-0.82)

Middle East war, oil prices to steer markets in holiday shortened week; rupee and FII flows in focus

NEW DELHI: Developments in the month-long war in Middle East, movements in crude oil prices and broader global cues are expected to remain the biggest triggers for Indian stock markets in the holiday-shortened week ahead. Analysts cited by news agency PTI said that investors will also closely track the rupee's movement against the US dollar and the trading pattern of foreign institutional investors, with sentiment likely to stay fragile amid continued geopolitical uncertainty. Domestic equity markets will be shut on Tuesday for Shri Mahavir Jayanti and again on Friday for Good Friday, leaving traders with a shortened week. Ajit Mishra, SVP, research at Religare Broking Ltd, told PTI that global macro developments are likely to dominate market direction in the coming sessions.



in shaping market sentiment. Stability in the rupee will also be important for any revival in foreign institutional flows," Mishra said. On the domestic front, Mishra said investors will watch key economic indicators including industrial production data for February and the HSBC Manufacturing PMI for March, which could offer a clearer picture of economic momentum and fiscal positioning.

"This week is expected to remain influenced by global macro developments, particularly crude oil price trends and progress in the US-Iran ceasefire negotiations, which will be critical

The pressure on equities has already been visible. Foreign investors have withdrawn Rs 1.14 lakh crore (around \$12.3 billion) from domestic equities this month amid the widening conflict in Middle East and the weakening rupee. The

conflict in the Middle East began on February 28. Since then, the US and Israel have struck Iran, while Tehran has responded by targeting Washington's regional allies and Tel Aviv.

Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, told PTI that markets are likely to remain highly sensitive to any shift in the geopolitical situation. "Looking ahead, markets are likely to remain volatile and driven by developments on the geopolitical front. Investors will be closely watching the situation in the Middle East, where any escalation or signs of easing could quickly shift sentiment, particularly through their impact on crude oil prices," he said. "Elevated oil

prices are expected to keep pressure on markets, while any pullback could prompt short-covering and support a rebound". He added that foreign fund flows, rupee movement and broader global market trends will also shape the near-term outlook. Hariprasad K, research analyst and founder of Livelong Wealth, also said that the week ahead will largely be driven by global factors. "The week ahead is expected to be largely dictated by global drivers, with crude oil, currency movements, and geopolitical developments remaining key variables," he said. In the holiday-shortened week gone by, the BSE SENSEX fell 949.74 points, or 1.27 per cent, while the NSE Nifty dropped 294.9 points, or 1.27 per cent, reflecting the pressure from global volatility.

The broader market mood remained weak last week, with the combined market valuation of seven of the top-10 most valued firms shrinking by Rs 1.75 lakh crore, led by a sharp erosion in Reliance Industries, which took the biggest hit.

Baba Kalyani to decide on mediation by April 15; sister Sugandha onboard

NEW DELHI: The Bombay high court has urged the feuding Kalyani family to consider mediation in a high-value dispute over a decades-old agreement. Hearing the case on Friday, Justice Rajesh Patil suggested that the siblings, Baba Kalyani, chairman of Bharat Forge; Sugandha Hiremath, director of Hikal; and Gaurishankar Kalyani, director of Kalyani Forge, attempt to resolve not only this dispute but also related intra-family cases pending across courts in Pune, Wai, and Karad. Sugandha told the court she was open to mediation, despite a previous failed attempt. The court has listed the matter for April 15, by which time Baba and Gaurishankar must indicate whether they agree to appoint a mediator to settle all cases. At the heart of the dispute is a 1994 family agreement, the enforcement of which Sugandha has sought before the court. She claims Baba failed to transfer his 34% stake in Hikal as stipulated in the agreement.

Baba denies that any such clause exists and has challenged the maintainability of her suit.

NSE to launch Brent Crude futures from April after Sebi nod

MUMBAI: The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced that launching Dated Brent Crude Oil (Platts) futures contracts in its commodity derivatives segment after receiving approval from Sebi. Trading in these contracts will begin on April 13, 2026. According to an NSE circular, the contracts will be introduced with monthly expiries extending up to 2027. They will be based on the S&P Global Energy (Platts) Dated Brent assessment and will trade under the symbol "BRCRUDEOIL". The exchange said that the launch is aimed at expanding its commodity derivatives offerings and giving market participants a tool linked to a global crude oil benchmark.

The Platts Dated Brent assessment tracks international crude oil prices, and the contracts are expected to help improve price discovery and support hedging in line with global markets. Each contract will have a trading unit of 100 barrels, with a maximum limit of 10,000 barrels. A 6% daily price limit will apply at first. If this limit is crossed, trading will pause for 15 minutes, after which the limit

can be widened to 9%.

"In case price movement in international markets is more than the maximum daily price limit (currently 9%), or if the international price is beyond the maximum daily price limit range (after appropriate currency conversion) when compared with the previous day's closing price on the domestic exchange, the same may be further relaxed in steps of 3% beyond the maximum permitted limit, by giving appropriate notice to the market," the circular noted. The contracts will be cash-settled. The final settlement price will be based on the monthly simple average of the Platts Dated Brent assessments in rupee terms. The NSE circular states, "Final Settlement Price shall be the monthly simple average price, in Indian rupees, of the S&P Global Energy's (Platts) Dated Brent assessments (midpoint of the high and low) for the respective contract month. The monthly simple average RBI USD/INR reference rate of the respective contract month will be used for conversion. The price so arrived at will be rounded off to the nearest tick."

FUEL's Social IPO to be listed on NSE on March 30

PUNE: FUEL (Friends union for Energising Lives), a pioneering educational institution providing free professional training to students through CSR initiatives, is set to launch its Social IPO on the Social Stock Exchange of the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

With this, FUEL becomes the first educational institution in the country to be listed on the NSE Social Stock Exchange.

The bell-ringing ceremony for the IPO will take place on March 30 at the NSE Atrium in Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), Mumbai. Maharashtra's Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha will attend the event as chief guests, said release. FUEL Group of Institutions Founder and Chairman Dr. Ketan Deshpande expressed confidence that the IPO will receive a strong response due to the institution's credibility and impact.

He stated that the funds raised through the IPO—targeted at rupees 1 crore—will be used to provide scholarships to 40 selected girl students.

ACROSS THE GLOBE

MAGA attacks Indian shoppers at stores with viral videos and 'invasion' claims

WASHINGTON: While the presence of the Indian-American community in the job and housing markets has long faced online criticism, a new front has opened in the social media culture war: everyday grocery shopping. A viral post on X (formerly Twitter) featuring a video from a Texas Costco has sparked a wave of "invasion" rhetoric and targeted harassment against Indian-Americans. "Costco has opened their first store in New Delhi! Just kidding, this was filmed at a Costco in Texas," said the caption sarcastically, as the clip showed families shopping at Costco. The post quickly became a lightning rod for anti-immigrant sentiment, with one user sharing a photo of a Home Depot about 3 miles away and another claiming that three other Costcos in the area looked the same.

years on previously farmland and large lots.. Was wondering who are all these people moving here? Guess we know now and I bet they all are allowed to vote and being put in top roles by corrupt woke HR departments.. Americans and westerners being kicked out of course" a user claimed while adding that a similar scene could be spotted in gyms and local grocery stores. "I like people all over the world. I'm a really I do, but living in North Dallas, I feel the invasion. If they were willing to assimilate, it might be tolerable, but when they want to change everything, no, no thank you. America, love it or leave it," one wrote. Many blamed Texas governor Greg Abbott for the increase in the number of Indian-American residents in the state, with Frisco in particular elevating by 4510% in the past 20 years.

"Why are we importing millions of people when the country is \$39T in debt and actual Americans are having trouble getting jobs and paying for basic things," questioned one user. "I live just north of Dallas. I regularly go to three different Costcos depending on what part of town I'm in at the time. All three of those Costcos are 90% Indian. They all drive brand new Teslas and they all live in homes that are at least \$600k. @GregAbbott\_TX did this on purpose and quite frankly as a Texas resident, it hurts."

The rhetoric, while heated, points to a very real and rapid demographic change in North Texas suburbs. According to a survey conducted by the city government, Indians and other Asians comprised 33% of Frisco's population, up from 10% in 2010. According to Indian-Americans, they are contributing to the economy. "When we buy homes we are not just buying the real estate," said Muni Janagaran, according to The Dallas Morning News. "We are funding the world-class parks and Frisco ISD, one of the top-rated school districts in Texas that benefits every child in the city." However, since the beginning of 2026, there has been a targeted attack against the presence of Indians in the state and cities, particularly, Frisco and Plano. Recently, city council meetings have transformed into a verbal showdown between right-wing individuals and Indian-origin people.

Iran Parliament Speaker slams US '15-Point Plan'

TEHRAN: Warning that Tehran will not yield to pressure, Iran's Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said on Sunday that the United States was plotting a ground attack despite publicly engaging in diplomatic efforts aimed at ending the war.

"The enemy publicly sends messages of negotiation and dialogue while secretly planning a ground attack," Ghalibaf said in a statement carried by the official IRNA news agency.

He described the US's 15-point plan, which Pakistan passed to Iran last week, as "their wishes" and said the Trump administration is attempting to do through the plan what it has failed to achieve by force.

"The enemy talks of negotiations but plans a ground invasion. The US seeks in a 15-point list what it couldn't win in war. Our forces are ready, and we will never be humiliated," he said

Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warned that the United States and Israel may seek to widen the scope of the ongoing conflict by drawing other countries or staging "false-flag operations", according to the Iranian media, Press TV.



Araghchi made the remarks during a phone call with his Greek counterpart, Georgios Gerapetritis.

As quoted by Press TV, Araghchi cautioned that

Washington and Tel Aviv could attempt to expand "unprovoked aggression" against Iran "by compelling other countries to participate in the aggression or conduct false-flag operations against third countries."

Earlier, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said that a response from Tehran to the US proposal aimed at ending the conflict in the

region could come "at any moment", while also urging US allies to play a greater role in securing the Strait of Hormuz in the post-war period.

Speaking after a G7 foreign ministers' meeting here, Rubio said Washington is awaiting a reply to a 15-point proposal put forward by the administration of US President Donald Trump.

Saudi, Egypt and Turkiye foreign ministers in Pakistan to discuss West Asia tensions

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Ministers of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Turkiye are in Pakistan on Sunday to attend a two-day quadrilateral summit organised to find a way to de-escalate the ongoing conflict in West Asia.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelattay and Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan arrived in Islamabad on Saturday, while their Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud reached here on Sunday at the invitation of Pakistan Deputy Prime

Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar.

The summit is Pakistan's attempt to broker peace in West Asia. Dar held bilateral talks with his counterparts from Egypt and Turkiye on Sunday on the sidelines of the summit. He is expected to hold talks with his Saudi counterpart separately as well.

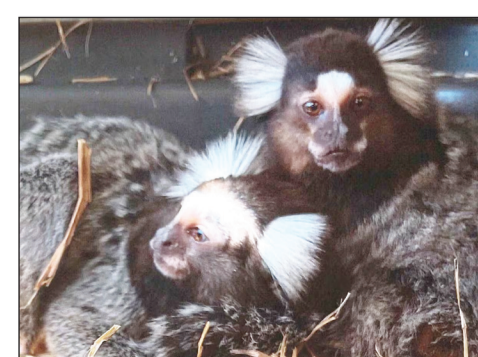
During the visit, the leaders will hold consultations on regional developments and also call on Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, the FO added.

'The Monkey Whisperer': Florida man arrested for illegal trading of exotic animals, fined \$60,000

WASHINGTON: A Florida man who called himself "The Monkey Whisperer" has been sent to prison after continuing to traffic exotic animals even while on probation for the same crime, US prosecutors have said. 62-year-old Jimmy Wayne Hammonds from Parrish was sentenced to nine months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release, according to the US Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida. He had pleaded

guilty on October 23, 2025, to conspiring to violate the Lacey Act, a federal law that bans illegal wildlife trade. Hammonds ran a business called The Monkey Whisperer, LLC and specialised in selling primates and other exotic animals.

Authorities said he continued operating the business despite already being on federal probation for similar offences. According to court documents, Hammonds made contact with an undercover agent through



his business's social media account. "At Hammonds's

request, the conversations moved to an encrypted texting app to discuss potential wildlife sales. Hammonds agreed to sell the undercover agent two common marmosets for \$7,400."