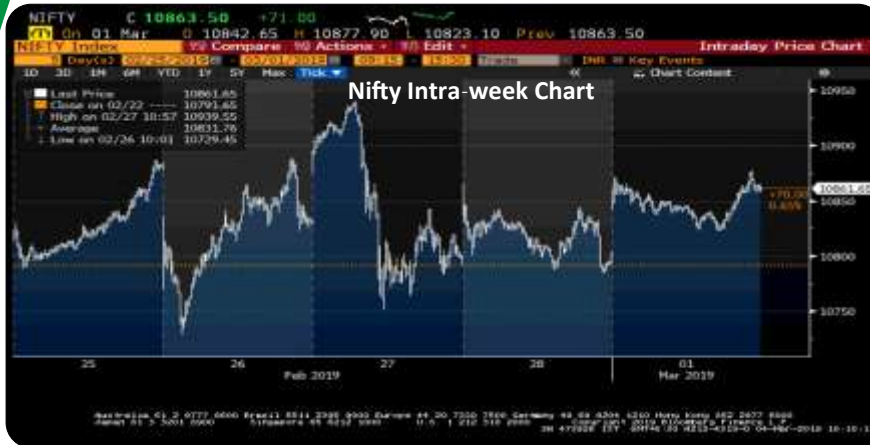


Weekly Dossier

Outlook

4 March 2019



Upcoming Events:

Domestic: India Nikkei Services PMI for February 2019., India's Foreign Exchange Reserve for the week ended March 01, 2019.

Global: The U.S. Construction Spending for December 2018., Japan Nikkei Services PMI for February 2019., China Caixin Composite and Services PMI for February 2019., The U.S. Composite and Services PMI for February 2019., The U.S. New Home Sales December 2018., Euro Area Composite and Services PMI for February 2019., Euro Area Retail Sales for January 2019., The U.S. MBA Mortgage Application for the week ended March 01, 2019., The U.S. Balance of Trade for December 2018., China Foreign Exchange Reserve for February 2019., Japan Foreign Exchange Reserve for February 2019., The U.S. Initial Jobless Claims for March 02, 2019., ECB Interest Rate Decision., Euro Area Q4 GDP., China Balance of Trade for February 2019., The U.S. Unemployment Rate for February 2019., Japan GDP for Q4 2018., Japan Current Account Balance for January 2019., Euro Area Inflation for January 2019.

The Nifty ended the week in green. It failed to breakout higher end of the range 10,600-10,950, defined by us in our previous communication, and closed within the broader trading band it has been stuck since past several weeks. Chart pattern along with position of leading indicators suggest no escape from status quo. Hence, buy-on-dips and sell-on-rise is the strategy to be followed in coming week as well. Further, thorough technical study of the weekly as well as the daily chart patterns suggests; the Nifty broader trading range for the coming week is expected to be 10,680-10,980.

The Nifty ended 0.66% up at 10,863.50. It opened gap-up followed by intraday retracement, however, recovery in the second half from day's low around 10,820 towards closing nearer to the opening price led to a positive closing on the last session of the week. Oscillation in a narrowing range continues for the sixth consecutive session. Higher resistances are placed around 10,950 and 10,980.

It ended 0.67% up on the weekly chart. It kicked started the week on a positive note, however, failing to breakout 10,900 led to an intraweek retracement towards 10,700 followed by range bound oscillation in a narrowing price band. Critical resistance placed around 10,950, as mentioned in our previous weekly communication, remained unharmed. Ending the week with a spinning top candle is pointing towards range bound oscillation in the coming week as well. Major supports are placed around 10,750 and 10,680.

Nifty patterns on multiple time frames show; the benchmark index ended with a spinning top candle. Hence, range bound oscillation is likely to continue. On an extended note, we expect Nifty to continue oscillating in the broader price band of 10,680-10,980 in coming week.

Nifty pivotal supports & resistances for the coming week-
Supports- 10750, 10680 Resistances- 10950, 10980



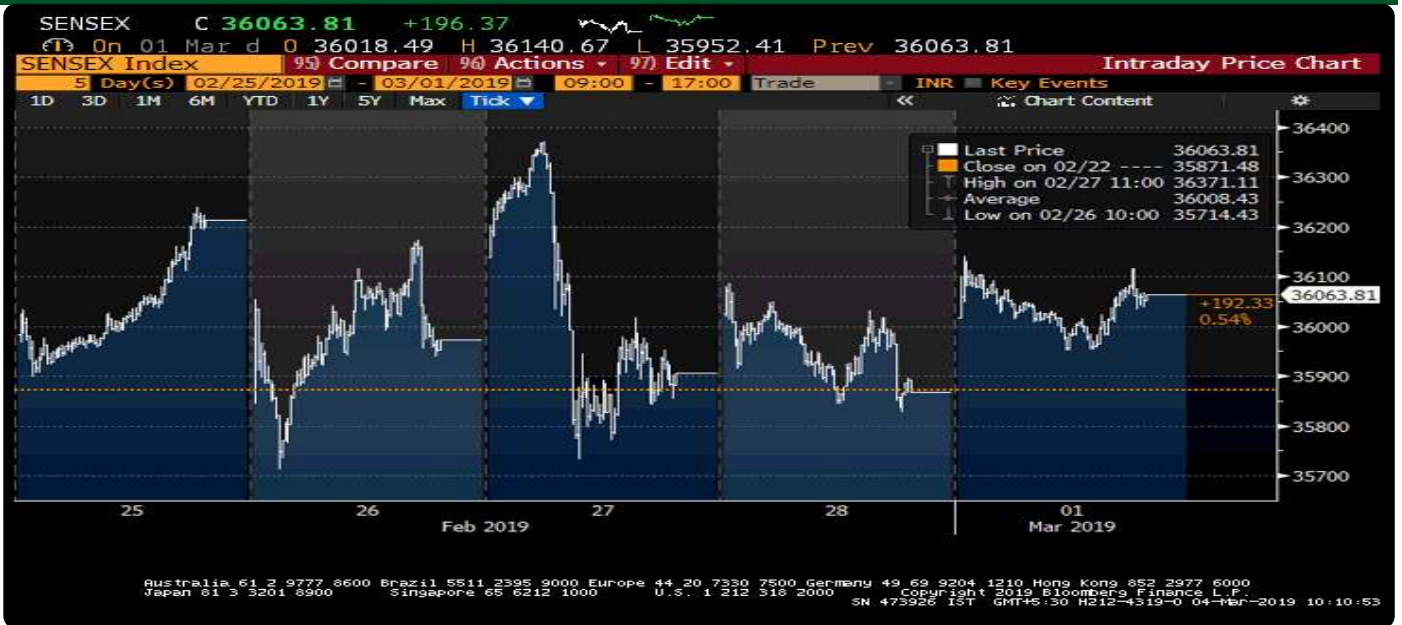
Open positional calls-

T+15 Positional Sell-
Future Segment: WIPRO Fut on rise in the price range of @ 375-378, TGT- 345, SL- closing above 390

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Sensex Intra-week Chart



Market Turnover (In Crore) 01-03-2019

Name	Last	Previous
NSE Cash	31272.94	42785.02
NSE F&O	405111.45	1701134.76
BSE Cash	7,751.01	2,082.69
BSE F&O	0.14	0.21

NIFTY Top Gainers

Name	%1D	%5D	Day Vol	Avg 5 Day Vol
Zee Enterprise	4.21	8.50	93,36,298.00	97,77,945.00
Coal India	1.91	8.23	95,26,492.00	144,05,920.00
IOCL	2.39	7.91	86,71,002.00	244,20,840.00
Yes Bank	2.79	7.03	420,06,406.00	589,06,810.00
Ultratech Cement	1.36	6.97	2,70,365.00	5,63,162.80

NIFTY Top Losers

Name	%1D	%5D	Day Vol	Avg 5 Day Vol
Titan	0.38	1.94	19,67,656.00	25,08,751.00
Bharti Airtel	3.27	1.98	266,57,232.00	92,84,685.00
Eicher Motors	0.40	3.14	98,433.00	96,399.60
Adani Ports	2.26	5.96	47,56,894.00	103,18,870.00
Bharti Infratel	0.14	6.49	21,21,450.00	39,07,839.00

Bulk and Block Deals

<https://www.nseindia.com/products/content/equities/equities/bulk.htm>

<http://www.bseindia.com/markets/equity/EQReports/BulknBlockDeals.aspx>

FII Derivatives Flow (In Crore) 01-03-2019

Instrument	Purchase	Sale	Net
Index Future	1787.49	1617.53	169.96
Index Option	53779.44	51947.01	1832.43
Stock Future	10678.02	10818.13	-140.11
Stock Option	5655.41	5154.01	501.40

Institutional Flow (In Crore) 01-03-2019

Institution	Purchase	Sale	Net (Last Day)	Net Wk	Net Mnth
FII	9442.25	9243.87	198.38	7640.54	12,447.06
DII	3650.67	3533.62	117.05	-7523.43	688.01

Market in Retrospect

Equity markets breathed a sigh of relief as tensions between India & Pakistan started to de-escalate.

Sensex gained 196 points to close at 36063 while Nifty rose 71 points to close at 10863.

Nifty Media was the top weekly gainer, gaining by 6.25% followed by Nifty Metal & Nifty Pharma, which were up by 2.87% & 2.28% respectively.

Zee Enterprise was the top gainer, gaining by 8.50%, followed by Coal India & IOCL, which were up by 8.23% & 7.91% respectively. Bharti Infratel was the top loser, losing by 6.49%, followed by Adani Ports & Eicher Motors, which fell by 5.96% & 3.14% respectively.

MSCI Indices	Index	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr	PE Ratio	Est.PE	PB Ratio	Est PB
World	2096.35	0.50	0.22	2.88	3.94	0.31	17.37	15.52	2.34	2.23
ACWI	505.75	0.45	0.01	2.57	3.91	1.09	16.67	15.05	2.22	2.10
Asia Pacific	159.07	0.24	1.08	1.77	2.50	8.81	13.34	13.21	1.44	1.37
EM	1051.54	0.06	1.51	0.33	3.68	11.04	12.81	12.27	1.58	1.47

In MSCI Indices, MSCI World and ACWI ended up. While, MSCI Asia Pacific and EM ended in red territory declining 1.08% and 1.51%.

US and European Indices ended on a positive note. Among US Indices, NASDAQ gained 0.90% whereas Dow Jones declined 0.02%. FTSE100 was the top loser declining 1%.

CBOE VIX ended at 13.57, up 0.44%.

US European In	Index	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr	PE Ratio	Est.PE	PB Ratio	Est PB
Dow Jones	26026.32	0.43	0.02	3.12	3.99	6.07	16.58	15.77	3.97	3.77
NASDAQ	7595.35	0.83	0.90	3.37	6.10	4.65	34.82	21.83	4.52	4.14
S&P500	2803.69	0.69	0.39	2.89	3.84	4.18	18.48	16.79	3.32	3.08
CBOE VIX	13.57	8.19	0.44	13.73	34.57	30.73	NA	NA	NA	NA
FTSE100	7106.73	0.45	1.00	1.03	1.20	0.52	16.90	12.51	1.68	1.66
CAC40	5265.19	0.47	0.95	5.30	5.04	2.50	17.71	13.56	1.57	1.48
DAX	11601.68	0.75	1.26	3.80	2.35	2.62	14.44	12.63	1.55	1.46

Among Asian Indices, Nikkei225 and Hang Seng gained 1.44% and 0.65%. However, KOSPI and STI ended in red, declining 1.38% and 0.87%.

Apart from IBOVESPA and Russian, all the BRIC Indices ended on a positive note. SENSEX and NIFTY were up 0.54% and 0.67% during the week.

NSE VIX gained 5.34% and closed at 16.28.

Asian Indices	Index	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr	PE Ratio	Est.PE	PB Ratio	Est PB
Nikkei225	21837.90	1.09	1.44	4.57	0.90	3.10	16.11	15.86	1.68	1.63
Hang Seng	29147.64	1.16	0.65	4.14	6.92	4.69	11.12	11.18	1.38	1.24
STI	3244.00	0.73	0.87	1.87	2.41	6.76	13.37	12.82	1.12	1.09
Taiwan	10346.51	0.41	0.26	4.17	4.64	4.34	14.06	14.37	1.56	1.62
KOSPI	2199.72	0.19	1.38	0.17	4.91	9.38	10.71	10.82	0.89	0.90

BRIC Indices	Index	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr	PE Ratio	Est.PE	PB Ratio	Est PB
IBOVESPA	94603.75	1.03	3.35	4.04	6.75	10.31	18.62	11.77	2.01	1.74
Russian	1187.35	0.08	0.92	1.97	2.72	5.89	5.51	5.66	0.83	0.75
SHANGHAI Com	3073.03	2.64	3.77	17.37	15.27	5.58	14.51	11.54	1.60	1.37
SENSEX	36063.81	0.55	0.54	1.42	0.20	5.92	27.18	22.27	2.93	2.90
NIFTY	10863.50	0.66	0.67	0.45	0.06	3.87	24.42	20.83	2.88	2.78
NSE VIX	16.28	10.96	5.34	3.51	10.12	15.65	-	-	-	-

Money Mkt	Price	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
ICE LIBOR USD	2.60	0.64	1.80	4.91	5.03	28.35
MIBOR	0.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.13	6.06
INCALL	5.90	6.35	7.81	7.09	4.84	0.85

Energy	Price	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
NYMEX Crude	56.10	0.54	1.12	2.82	5.35	8.41
Natural Gas	2.85	0.17	1.39	8.02	3.48	7.37

Agro Cmdty	Price	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
Coffee	100.20	1.78	0.20	6.18	9.28	26.59
Cotton	74.48	0.85	1.89	0.54	7.99	3.37
Sugar	12.62	1.25	5.11	0.24	2.55	14.84
Wheat	459.50	0.49	2.80	13.26	12.93	18.67
Soybean	917.00	0.60	0.86	1.66	2.13	11.53

Forex	Rate	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
USD Index	96.42	0.11	0.01	0.59	0.56	7.21
EUR	1.14	0.00	0.06	0.64	0.19	7.87
GBP	0.76	0.22	1.05	1.53	3.88	4.63
BRL	3.78	0.58	0.84	3.22	1.75	13.95
JPY	111.97	0.07	0.81	1.86	0.71	5.15
INR	70.91	0.23	0.32	0.49	0.64	8.10
CNY	6.69	0.24	0.01	0.83	2.18	5.09
KRW	1124.85	0.04	0.34	0.52	1.72	3.81

Apart from INR, USD and EUR all currency ended the week in red. GBP declined 1.05% during the week followed by BRL and JPY. INR gained 0.32% and ended at 70.91, while EUR and USD gained 0.06% and 0.01%

Precious Metals	Price	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
Gold(\$/Oz)	1296.29	0.22	2.36	1.22	4.67	2.00
Silver(\$/Oz)	15.27	0.40	3.96	3.79	5.08	7.57

LME	Price	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
Copper	6478.00	0.48	0.00	5.52	4.51	6.41
Aluminium	1918.00	0.37	0.26	1.86	2.04	10.67
Zinc	2785.00	0.25	2.24	0.29	9.56	18.26
Lead	2143.00	0.37	3.28	0.75	8.73	12.35
Nickel	13195.00	1.11	1.58	4.23	17.81	1.97

Polymer Mkt	Index	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
HDPE	1060.00	0.95	0.95	13.11	20.90
LDPE	1060.00	3.92	4.43	4.07	12.40
Injection Grade	1090.00	0.00	1.87	12.10	17.42
General purpose	1125.00	0.00	2.27	10.71	16.04
Polystyrene HIPS	1390.00	4.14	2.80	7.95	16.27
Polystyrene GPPS	1320.00	3.65	2.22	9.59	16.46

Shipping Ind	Index	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
Baltic Dry	664.00	0.91	4.73	4.73	46.32	44.99
BWIRON	156.17	1.04	0.04	4.41	3.78	17.63
SG Dubai HY	5.10	7.59	27.82	42.06	23.49	22.73

Bond Yld 10Y	Yield	%Ch1D	%Ch5D	%Ch1M	%Ch3M	%Ch1Yr
US	2.76	0.33	3.74	1.42	5.20	3.56
UK	1.30	0.46	11.92	3.85	4.99	11.66
Brazil	5.36	0.38	0.54	2.53	0.91	10.43
Japan	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Aus	2.19	1.86	5.08	1.75	13.39	19.82
India	7.38	0.43	0.57	0.03	3.02	4.70

Precious Metals ended in negative territory. Gold and Silver declined 2.36% and 3.96% respectively. LME Index ended in green over the week led by Lead and Zinc which gained 3.28% and 2.24% respectively. In Energy Indices, NYMEX crude was up 1.12% whereas Natural Gas gained 1.39% over the week.

News Impact

Domestic News

India's GDP Growth

India's GDP growth for Q3 of FY2018-19 came in at 6.6% YoY against market expectation of 6.8% YoY. For Q2 of FY2018-19 has been revised to 7% YoY against 7.1% YoY reported earlier. India's FY2018-19 growth estimate also revised to 7.0% against 7.2% estimated earlier.

Record rice output to propel India's food grain production to 281.37 mn tonnes in 2018-19

With a record rice production of 115.6 mn tonnes, the overall food grain production in the country is likely to be 281.37 mn tonnes in FY19. The second advance estimate of production of major crops released by the agriculture department shows wheat production is expected to touch 99.12 mn tonnes, lower than the target of 102.20 mn tonnes. Pulses production is likely to be 24.02 mn tonnes, lower than the target of 25.95 mn tonnes. Total oilseeds production in the country during FY19 is estimated at 31.50 mn tonnes, 1.62 mn tonnes higher than the 29.88 mn. Total production of sugarcane in the country during 2018-19 is estimated at 380.83 million tonnes.

Abu Dhabi Investment commits \$500 mn for Kotak's AIF

Kotak Investment Advisors announced the launch of Kotak Special Situations Fund, structured as an Alternate Investment Fund and anchored by a USD 500mn commitment from unit of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA). It will target both pre-stress and distressed opportunities, with a key focus on providing financial support to pre-stress businesses to prevent them from entering insolvency.

KKR hunts for India corporate loan, financier M&A deals

KKR & Co is seeking to lend in partnership with Indian banks and buy more local non-bank financiers as a funding squeeze in the world's fastest growing economy creates opportunities for US private equity giants.

Bharti Airtel To Raise Upto INR32,000 Crore To Pare Debt

Bharti Airtel Ltd. will raise nearly INR32,000 crore to pare debt as it fights a tariff war with Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. The company will raise up to INR25,000 crore through a rights issue and another INR7,000 crore through perpetual bonds with equity credit. The rights issue will be priced at INR220 per share. The entitlement ratio for the rights issue will be 19 shares for every 67 held.

News Impact

Merger of regional rural banks within same state likely

The government is looking at the possibility of merging regional rural banks (RRBs) operating within the same state and has urged the state-owned banks to explore such options, as it wants further consolidation among RRBs. It eventually wants to bring them down to a more manageable number of 10-15. There are 56 RRBs functioning in the country, and State Bank of India, the biggest sponsor with 14 RRBs. Already, around 10 have been merged which will be effective from April 1 this year.

Amazon may stock up on Kishore Biyani's coupons to bag Future Retail prize

Amazon is in talks to buy a stake in Future Coupons, to ensure that the global Web retailer is in compliance with the amended foreign ownership rules that bar ecommerce companies from holding shares in entities selling on their platforms.

SBI calls lenders' meeting with Jet Airways chairman Naresh Goyal, Etihad CEO Douglas

State Bank of India has called an urgent meeting of lenders with Jet Airways Chairman Naresh Goyal and the domestic carrier's significant shareholder Etihad Airways' CEO Tony Douglas on Wednesday to discuss a way forward for the debt-laden airline. The meeting, to be held at SBI's office in Mumbai, assumes significance amid differences persisting between Goyal, the lenders and Etihad.

Indian e-commerce market to touch USD 84 billion in 2021

The fast growing e-commerce market in the country will touch USD 84 billion in 2021 from USD 24 billion in 2017 on account of a healthy growth in organized retail sector. As per the report by Deloitte India and Retail Association of India a fast growing economy and robust demographics provide a positive outlook to the consumer businesses in India.

BEML bags order worth INR400 cr for Bengaluru metro

BEML has received a contract for seven metro train sets of six cars configuration to augment the metro services in Bengaluru valued around INR400 crore. BEML manufactures rail coaches and spare parts and mining equipment at its Bengaluru complex. The company operates under three major business verticals -- mining and construction, defence and rail and metro.

ONGC to sell 9.5 million tonnes of liquefied natural gas a year from Mozambique project

ONGC and its joint venture partners have struck long-term agreements to sell 9.5 million tonnes a year of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from their Mozambique Rovuma Offshore Area 1 project, and will take a final investment decision for the project in the first half of 2019. Indian companies together own 30% participating interest in the Mozambique project, with ONGC owning 16%, Oil India 4%, and Bharat Petroleum 10%. Anadarko is the operator of the project with 26.5% participating interest. The project is progressing towards developing initially an onshore LNG plant consisting of two LNG trains with a total nameplate capacity of 12.88 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to support the development of the Golfinho -Atum field located entirely within Offshore Area 1.

News Impact

As investment in power projects dries up, Thermax eyes 'captive' biz boost

Thermax Ltd., an Indian maker of electricity-generation equipment, expects demand for captive power plants, typically small units to meet the internal needs of a business, to rise in the next 4-5 years as investments in large power projects slow down and state utilities struggle to give reliable supplies. Industries such as food processing, textiles, pharmaceuticals and automobiles are expanding capacities and will look at generating their own power rather than depending on the unreliable grid, as per Thermax's M.D Mr. M.S. Unnikrishnan .

Jet will re-emerge as a robust airline

Jet Airways and Etihad Airways are working together on a resolution plan to make the airline robust and viable. Jet Airways, its principal shareholders, including Etihad Airways, and key financial stakeholders are working towards the finalization and subsequent implementation of the bank-led provisional resolution plan (BLPRP) to ensure the carrier emerges as a financially strong and resilient airline. The approval of the BLPRP by the board of directors of Jet Airways last week was an important step in this direction

True North to acquire 51% in Max Bupa Health

Homegrown private equity fund True North Capital is set to purchase a 51% stake owned by Max Group in Max Bupa Health Insurance Co for INR1100 crore. The deal is in the final stages and may be discussed by the Max Bupa board, which is scheduled to meet soon.

ICRA downgrades DHFL

ICRA downgraded the company's commercial papers by two notches citing its contracting ability to raise money and generate new business. The rating revision takes into account the moderation in the company's financial flexibility owing to challenges faced in raising funds from traditional bank lines and debt market instruments and the consequent impact on the company's ability to generate fresh business.

Adani Group makes an entry into airports business

Adani Group, splashed into the airports business by emerging the highest bidder for five of the six non-metro airports run by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) being privatised by the Central Government. The Adani Group placed the highest price bids for Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mangalore and Thiruvananthapuram airports, when the bids were opened. AAI has sought bids for the operation and management of existing airport assets as well as their upgradation and development of additional air- side terminals, city-side and land-side infrastructure for 50 years for Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mangalore and Thiruvananthapuram airports under a single stage bidding process. The winning bid is decided on the basis of the highest monthly per-passenger fee that the concessionaire will offer to the AAI.

News Impact

India likely to have normal monsoon in 2019

Monsoon rains in India are expected to be normal in 2019 according to the country's only private weather forecasting agency. This raises prospects of higher farm and economic growth in the USD2 trillion economy. There is a more than 50% chance that India will get normal rainfall and only a small probability of excessive rainfall, Skymet CEO Jatin Singh mentioned. India defines average, or normal, rainfall as between 96% and 104% of a 50-year average of 89cm for the entire four-month season beginning June. The monsoon season delivers about 70% of India's annual rainfall and is key to the success of the farm sector in Asia's third-biggest economy.

Odisha government hikes DA by 3%

Ahead of the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls in Odisha, the Naveen Patnaik government announced a hike of Dearness Allowance (DA) by an additional 3% for its employees. It also announced the same hike in Dearness Relief (TI) of pension holders. The move comes just on the heels of the Centre's decision to increase the DA by 3% for its employees and pensioners. The hiked allowance, approved by Patnaik, would become applicable retrospectively from January 1, 2019, said a statement from the Chief Minister's Office (CMO).

Sugarcane arrears to growers to come down by INR9000 crore

Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) Director General Abinash Verma said mills interest burden will reduce by INR800-900 crore with the government providing the interest subvention. Sugar cane arrears to farmers have crossed INR20,000 crore in the current marketing year 2018-19 (October-September). Soft loans approved by CCEA for the sugar industry will be over and above the existing loans, the same will help reduce cane price arrears to the extent of around INR8000-9000 crore. The interest subsidy of 7-10 % will reduce expenditure of INR800-900 crore on account of interest burden of mills.

JSW Group seeks to be in driver's seat at GM Talegaon plant

The JSW Group is in advanced negotiations with General Motors India to buy its Talegaon plant as part of the steel maker's ambition to venture into electric vehicles. Under the plan, JSW Energy will take over the plant and become a contract manufacturer for the Beat and Essentia compact cars, which are being made for Mexico and other overseas markets. This will mean GM India fully exiting vehicle manufacturing in the country by the end of 2019, having already stopped local sales in mid-2017. JSW Energy could also use the Beat architecture to develop its own electric vehicles for the Indian market by 2021-2022. It has committed INR3500-4000 crore for its electric vehicle venture.

News Impact

Tata Explores Options for Struggling Jaguar Land Rover

Tata Group is exploring strategic options for its Jaguar Land Rover Automotive Plc unit including a potential stake sale in the struggling luxury carmaker. India's biggest conglomerate is considering alternatives ranging from a minority stake sale to finding a venture partner that would jointly develop vehicles and lower costs. Just over a decade after purchasing the Jaguar and Land Rover brands, the business has turned from crown jewel to burden, culminating in the biggest corporate loss in Indian history just last month when Tata drastically slashed the value of the asset. Jaguar Land Rover has been hit hard by slumping sales in China, the shift away from combustion and diesel engines, and the brand's strong historic links to the U.K., where concern over a disruptive Brexit has weighed on demand and prompted some brands to move production. The company would be reluctant to give up control and may prefer instead to seek fresh equity from investors such as a strategic partner or sovereign wealth fund.

News Impact

Global News

U.S. Said to Ready Final China Trade Deal as Hawks Urge Caution

U.S. officials are preparing a final trade deal that President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping could sign in weeks, even as a debate continues in Washington over whether to push Beijing for more concessions. The U.S. is eyeing a summit between the two presidents as soon as mid-March, said one of the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the preparations are confidential.

North Korea's Kim Vows to Meet Trump Again After Summit Collapse

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed to meet again with President Donald Trump to continue nuclear negotiations after a two-day summit between the leaders collapsed Thursday amid discord over sanctions and conflicting accounts of Pyongyang's demands.

China Debt Defaults Put Focus on Key Gauge of Industrial Strains

China's mounting pile of distressed debt has elevated market players' attention to one of the nation's less obvious economic data points: the producer-price index. With many of the debtors that ran into trouble in the past year coming from the industrial world, gauges of manufacturing strain are particularly important.

India's Economic Growth Slows as New Risks Emerge From Pakistan

India's economy slowed considerably last quarter, with little signs of a quick recovery amid rising political tensions with neighboring Pakistan and weaker global demand. Gross domestic product rose 6.6 percent in the three months to December from a year ago, lower than the 6.7 percent median estimate in a Bloomberg survey and down from a revised 7 percent in the previous quarter.

Oil Rises as OPEC Discipline, U.S. Growth Tighten Supply Outlook

Oil held onto gains for a third straight day as evidence of OPEC cuts and strengthening economic trends in the U.S. signaled tightening supplies. Output from the oil cartel fell by more than a half-million barrels this month, according to JBC Energy. That comes on the heels of a dramatic drop in American crude inventories and a plunge in crude imports by the world's biggest economy. The Commerce Department, meanwhile, said the U.S. economy had grown more than expected in the fourth quarter.

India Clears \$1.5 Billion Subsidized Loan Plan for Sugar Mills

India, which jostles with Brazil for the title of the world's top sugar producer, approved a plan to provide subsidized loans to mills to help pay off some of the money owed to farmers. The government will ask commercial banks to lend 79 billion to 105.4 billion rupees (\$1.5 billion), it said in the statement after a cabinet meeting. The loans will be given to mills that have cleared at least 25 percent of their outstanding dues this season.

Indonesia Considering Raising Import Duty on India's Soybeans

Govt may raise the tax if India rejected request to reduce import duty on Indonesia's refined palm oil products, says Oke Nurwan, director general of foreign trade at Trade Ministry, tells reporters in Jakarta on Thursday. India sets 50% import duty on refined palm oil from Indonesia, higher than 45% duty on Malaysia's shipments.

News Impact

KKR Searches for India Corporate Loan, Shadow Lender M&A Deals

KKR & Co. is seeking to lend in partnership with Indian banks and buy more local non-bank financiers as a funding squeeze in the world's fastest growing economy creates opportunities for U.S. private equity giants. Global investors from Oaktree Capital Group LLC to Varde Partners have mulled lending to companies in India, where the lack of a deep bond market and a bad-debt crisis have constrained borrowers' attempts to access longer-term funds. Financing for smaller firms has dried up since a string of shock defaults by shadow lender Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Ltd. put the non-bank financing industry under a spotlight.

Oil Holds Gains on U.S. Crude Inventory Down as OPEC+ Cut Supply

Oil held gains after jumping by the most in almost a month after government data showed a surprise drop in U.S. crude stockpiles as OPEC and allies cut supplies. U.S. crude inventories fell for the first time in six weeks with imports dropping to the lowest in 23 years as shipments from Saudi Arabia and Venezuela declined, Energy Information Administration data Wednesday showed. Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia signaled OPEC may continue production cuts in the second half of this year.

Metals shoot Out of the Gate in the Best Start since 2008

Industrial metals are back. Prices that plunged last year on concerns over trade and global economic growth are getting a boost from signs of resilient demand, tight supplies and early indications of an improving economy in China, the biggest metals buyer. A Bloomberg gauge tracking total returns in copper, aluminum, zinc and nickel has advanced the most in the first two months of the year since early 2008.

Iron ore prices in India may rise 3-4 pc in 2019

Domestic iron ore prices are likely to rise by three to four per cent in 2019 on account of global supply glitch. We foresee domestic iron ore prices rising three to four per cent during 2019. This would have a direct bearing on 62 per cent of the steel production that is based on supply from merchant miners. Further, domestic steel prices are likely to soften following global cues. Global iron ore prices, the rating agency said, have surged 30 per cent to USD 90 per tonne as of February 2019 from USD 69 per tonne in December 2018 because of supply disruption at Vale's mines in Brazil, which account for 90 per cent of the country's production of high-grade ore.

India Jan. Natural Rubber Output Falls 1.4% Y/y to 72,000 Tons

Production fell from 73,000 tons a year earlier, state-run Rubber Board says in emailed statement. Jan. rubber consumption 97,000 tons vs 99,350 tons year ago. Imports 39,997 tons vs 42,018 tons. April-Jan. consumption 1.02m tons vs 913,410 tons. Imports 489,085 tons vs 375,339 tons. Stockpiles at 296,000 tons by end of Jan. vs 280,000 tons year earlier.

Trump Hands Xi Breathing Room on Economy With Deadline Extension

Donald Trump's decision to extend a deadline on additional tariffs on Chinese goods provides Xi Jinping with some temporary relief as he struggles to arrest an economic slowdown. Trump announced the extension of the trade truce between the two nations on Sunday, tweeting that if they made further headway in negotiations, he planned to meet Xi at the Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida to end the dispute.

News Impact

Iron Ore Spike to \$100 'Looking Remote' as Demand Subdued

With iron ore demand subdued, “the likelihood of a \$100/ton spike is looking remote” and prices are likely to remain in the \$80s over next six months, according to Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The bank’s earlier view of the potential for a surge to \$100 was predicated on about 70 million tons/year, or about 4.5% of seaborne supply, being sidelined immediately. But the subdued demand response, potential for rising Chinese supply, and Vale SA’s uncertain production outlook means markets have had to absorb disruption closer to 3% of seaborne supply.

India Is Said to Ask Power Giants to Help Revive State Retailers

The Indian government has asked its biggest state power producer and transmission company to form a joint venture that would take over electricity distribution in some areas from financially troubled state retailers, according to people familiar with the plan. The proposed venture between NTPC Ltd. and Power Grid Corp. of India Ltd. would manage challenging distribution areas where the retailers, known as dis-coms, face power theft and other difficulties.

Max India exits health insurance biz, divests stake in Max Bupa to True North for INR510 cr

Max India Tuesday said it has sold its entire 51 per cent stake in Max Bupa Health Insurance Co Ltd to private equity firm True North Fund VI LLP for over INR510 crore. The stake has been sold either directly or through its affiliates. The proposed transaction is an all-cash deal and it values Max Bupa at an enterprise value of INR1,001 crore.

Macquarie Says Zinc Price to Drop in Six Months on Higher Supply

Supply deficit for refined metal seen narrowing this year and next before the market swings to a surplus in 2021, Macquarie Group says. Too Much Zinc has Miners Begging for smelters as new mines open. Price of the metal will move lower in “six months and beyond,” but nearby contracts will likely to move higher. Zinc rose 10% in January amid falling stockpiles in part after some Chinese smelters curbed output amid tougher environmental standards.

Tata Steel Approves Raising Up to 50B Rupees Via Debentures

Tata Steel approves raising 40 billion rupees via issue of non-convertible debentures; issue to have 10 billion rupee greenshoe: exchange filing. Bonds to mature on March 1, 2034. Debentures to carry fixed rate coupon with annual payout.

Oil Holds Losses Below \$56 After Trump Warns Against High Prices

Oil held losses below \$56 a barrel after tumbling the most in four weeks as U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted that prices are too high and called on OPEC to “relax and take it easy.” Futures in New York were little changed after declining 3.1 percent on Monday. Trump’s war of words with the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries punctuated big price swings last year, as he pressured the group to keep the taps open to help consumers. On Monday, he warned the world cannot take a price hike.

News Impact

Economy News

GDP growth declines to 6.6% in Q3, the slowest in five quarters

The India's GDP growth slowed to 6.6% YoY in Q3 of FY2018-19 to the lowest in five quarters. The slower-than-expected growth can be attributed to slower growth in Government Consumption. The Central Statistics Office (CSO) also revised downward its full-year growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 7% YoY from the 7.2 YoY estimated earlier. The data for Q1 and Q2 were also revised downward to 8% YoY and 7% YoY respectively. Thus, in the March quarter, the economy is implicitly assumed to decelerate to 6.4% YoY.

During Q3, Gross Value Added (GVA) grew by 6.3% YoY against 6.8% YoY in Q2 of FY2018-19. GVA for FY2018-19 also revised downwards to 6.8% YoY from 7% earlier. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing marginally grew by 2.7% YoY in Q3 against 4.2% YoY in Q2. Manufacturing grew by 6.7% YoY in Q3 compared to 6.9% YoY in Q2.

Nikkei India Manufacturing PMI rises to 14-months high in February

The Nikkei India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) reached a 14-month high of 54.3 in February 2019, up from 53.9 in January. The latest figure was consistent with a robust improvement in business conditions that was stronger than seen on average over the 14-year survey history. There was a solid rise in input buying and a modest accumulation in preproduction inventories, but stocks of finished goods decreased as firms utilized them to fulfill orders. Rates of both input cost and output charge inflation remained subdued by historical standards, despite picking up from January. Inflows of new work at Indian goods producers continued to expand during February. The increase was the sixteenth in as many months and the most pronounced since October 2016. The growth of total order books was supported by gains from international sources, as seen by a marked and accelerated upturn in new export work. For FY19, IHS Markit has revised higher its GDP growth forecast, from 7.0% to 7.1%, amid the announcement of fiscal stimulus for the new interim budget and the policy rate cut announced in February.

India Core sector growth slows to 1.8% in January

Decline in output of crude oil, refinery products and electricity pulled down the growth of eight core sectors to 1.8% YoY in January. The eight sectors had expanded 6.2% YoY in January 2018 and 2.7% YoY in December. Production of crude oil, refinery products and electricity contracted 4.3% YoY, 2.6% YoY and 0.4% YoY, respectively, in January. However, Coal and cement output grew by 1.7% YoY and 11% YoY in January. Natural gas, fertilizers and steel output also grew 6.2% YoY, 10.5% YoY and 8.2% YoY respectively in January.

Events

CORPORATE ACTION BONUS / RIGHTS / STOCK SPLIT / DIVIDEND / FCCB / M&A / WARRANTS ETC.

Company	Record Date	Ex-Date	Details
ACC Ltd			Cash dividend of INR14 effective 05/03/2019
Future Retail Ltd			Corporate meeting effective 05/03/2019
HDFC Asset Management Co Ltd			Cash dividend of INR12 effective 06/03/2019
RamInfo Ltd			Corporate meeting effective 06/03/2019
Wipro Ltd			Stock dividend effective 06/03/2019
Standard Chartered PLC			Cash dividend of INR0.15 effective 07/03/2019
Siel Financial Services Ltd			Corporate meeting effective 07/03/2019
NACL Industries Ltd			Corporate meeting effective 07/03/2019
Kaarya Facilities & Services Ltd			Corporate meeting effective 07/03/2019
Akash Infra-Projects Ltd			Stock dividend effective 07/03/2019
HEG Ltd			1.364M shares buyback effective 08/03/2019
ISL Consulting Ltd			2 of 1 stock split effective 08/03/2019

Domestic Events

- **March 05, 2019:** India Nikkei Services PMI for February 2019.
- **March 08, 2019:** India's Foreign Exchange Reserve for the week ended March 01, 2019.

Global Events

- **March 04, 2019:** The U.S. Construction Spending for December 2018.
- **March 05, 2019:** Japan Nikkei Services PMI for February 2019., China Caixin Composite and Services PMI for February 2019., The U.S. Composite and Services PMI for February 2019., The U.S. New Home Sales December 2018., Euro Area Composite and Services PMI for February 2019., Euro Area Retail Sales for January 2019.
- **March 06, 2019:** The U.S. MBA Mortgage Application for the week ended March 01, 2019., The U.S. Balance of Trade for December 2018.
- **March 07, 2019:** China Foreign Exchange Reserve for February 2019., Japan Foreign Exchange Reserve for February 2019., The U.S. Initial Jobless Claims for March 02, 2019., ECB Interest Rate Decision., Euro Area Q4 GDP.
- **March 08, 2019:** China Balance of Trade for February 2019., The U.S. Unemployment Rate for February 2019., Japan GDP for Q4 2018., Japan Current Account Balance for January 2019., Euro Area Inflation for January 2019.

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