

The Week that was

March 21st , 2025

"Indian Markets Shine Bright: Sensex and Nifty Surge to Best Weekly Performance Since July 2022 Amid Bullish Sentiment and FII Buying"

Indian Developments

During the week ending March 21, 2025, the Indian stock market experienced significant movements and robust market activity. After a prolonged period of selling, FIIs turned net buyers in the cash market.

The drop in U.S. Treasury yields and a weaker dollar further supported inflows into Indian equities. The 10-year Treasury yield fell to around 4.25%, making Indian stocks comparatively more appealing for foreign investors. Overall market capitalization of BSE-listed companies increased significantly during the week with attractive valuations prompting domestic investors to buy on dips.

The rally was broad-based, with all major sectors showing positive movement, particularly in domestic consumption themes that are less sensitive to global trade tensions

The Nifty 50, Nifty Midcap 150, and Nifty Small cap 250 indices significantly increased by 4.26%, 7.27% and 8.14% respectively during the week ending March 21, 2025.

Sectoral Developments

All the major sectors closing in the green for the week ended on 21st March 2025, notable gains across various industries with the Realty, financials and automobile sectors leading the charge amidst favorable economic indicators.

Top Gainers for the week are Nifty Realty (7.82%), Nifty Pharma(6.08%), Nifty Bank (5.27%), Nifty Auto(5.85%), Nifty Financial Services (5.49%), Nifty Oil and Gas (5.21%).

Global Developments

During the week ending March 21, 2025, global stock markets exhibited mixed performances, influenced by various economic factors. Key factors were Dovish Federal Reserve Stance, Economic Data Concerns, Geopolitical Tensions and Currency Fluctuations. Overall, some markets reacted positively.

All the major indices gained significantly starting with US market - S&P 500 (2.60%), Dow Jones Industrial Average(2.8%), Nasdaq 100 (2.38%). In Asia, Japan's Nikkei **Up**surged by 2.5%. On the other hand, Hang Sang was the best performing market with total returns of 3.5% vis-à-vis last week. Kospi and Sanghai increased by 2.50% and 1.50% respectively. The FTSE index boost from last week by 1.90%.

Other Markets:

- Brent crude prices slightly increased to around \$ 71.71 per barrel.
- The rupee was appreciated to 86.30 levels against the US dollar on the back of RBI intervention.

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- The Gold spot price stood at ~Rs 90,670 per 10 grams.
- The 10 Year Benchmark G-Sec yield closed at 6.63% this week.

Gold prices have significantly increased due to Geopolitical and Economic Uncertainty, U.S. Federal Reserve's Monetary Policy, Central Bank Purchases.

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