

The Week that was

December 26, 2025

“Indian Markets End Higher on Year-End Buying and Global Strength”

Indian Developments

Indian equities posted gains in the final week of 2025, supported by institutional flows and positive global cues. Lower volatility and selective sector strength drove benchmarks higher.

Nifty 50 advanced **0.87%** to close at **26,042**, while **Nifty Midcap 150** and **Small cap 250** outperformed with gains of **1.58%** and **2.49%**, respectively. **India VIX** fell **7%** to **9.15**, signalling reduced market volatility.

FIIIs were modest sellers (~₹1,700 crore), while DIIs absorbed supply with net buying (~₹2,300 crore). INR hovered near ₹89.60/USD; 10-year G-Sec yield ended around **6.58%**, marginally higher. Brent crude firmed to ~\$62/barrel; gold prices edged up on safe-haven demand (~₹1,32,450 per 10g).

Sectoral Developments

Metals (+2.41%), Chemicals (+2.45%), and Realty (+1.82%) led the rally driven by:

- Metals: Global commodity prices strengthened on supply concerns and Chinese demand optimism.
- Chemicals: Specialty chemical stocks gained on export recovery and lower input costs.
- Realty: Strong housing demand and stable rates supported real estate buying.

IT (+1.05%) rose on global tech strength; FMCG (+0.97%) remained resilient.

Banking was muted (Nifty Bank +0.14%) amid profit booking.

Global Developments

US: S&P 500 and Nasdaq ended higher on easing inflation concerns. S&P 500 **5,280 (+0.6%)**, Nasdaq **17,050 (+0.9%)**

Asia: Nikkei posted gains; Hang Seng saw mild profit booking. Nikkei **34,850 (+0.5%)**, Hang Seng **17,950 (-0.3%)**

Europe: Closed firm ahead of ECB commentary. FTSE 100 **7,750 (+0.4%)**, Euro Stoxx 50 **4,450 (+0.3%)**

Other Markets:

- Brent Crude: **\$62.22 per barrel**
- Rupee ended the week at **₹89.60 against the US dollar**
- 10-Year Benchmark Yield: **6.58%**

Source: www.nseindices.com; MCX Gold Prices; Economic times, Bloomberg.

Data for week ended on December 26, 2025.

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- Gold prices closed at Rs 1,32,450 per 10 grams.

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