

The Week that was

October 31, 2025

“Markets End October on a Cautious Note; IT and Pharma Outperform Amid Mixed Global Cues”

Indian Developments

Indian equity markets closed the week on a muted note after a volatile session, as investors weighed mixed global signals and quarterly earnings. Benchmark indices oscillated within a narrow range, with IT and Pharma sectors providing support while Metals and PSU Banks saw profit booking.

Sensex ended at **84,112**, down **0.28%**, while **Nifty 50** settled at **25,722**, gained by **0.65%** for the week. **Midcap** index down by **0.48%**, while **Small cap** index falls by **0.39%**, indicating selective buying in broader markets.

INR traded near **₹88.70 per USD**, showing depreciation amid global dollar strength. **Brent Crude** slipped to **\$64.55 per barrel**, down **2.1%** on demand concerns.

Sectoral Developments

IT and Pharma led gains, supported by strong Q2 results and defensive positioning.

Metals and PSU Banks witnessed profit booking after recent rallies.

FMCG remained range-bound, while Auto stocks saw mild weakness post festive season demand normalization.

Global Developments

Global markets reflected caution as US indices ended mixed ahead of key macro data and Fed commentary.

- **Dow Jones: 46,812 (-0.72%)**
- **NASDAQ: 17,248 (+0.18%)**
- **S&P 500: 6,721 (-0.45%)**

Europe: FTSE 100 and CAC 40 posted modest gains, while DAX slipped slightly.

Asia: Nikkei gained **0.92%**, Hang Seng rose **0.35%**, Shanghai Composite ended flat.

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

Data for week ended on October 31, 2025.

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Other Markets:

- Brent Crude: **\$64.55 per barrel**
- Rupee ended the week at **₹88.70 against the US dollar**
- 10-Year Benchmark Yield: **6.59%**
- Gold prices closed at Rs 1,20,395 per 10 grams.

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