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Indices	Value	Pts	Chg (%)
SENSEX	49161.8	(340.6)	-0.69
NIFTY	14850.8	(91.6)	-0.61
SGX NIFTY*	14822.8	(51.8)	-0.35
DOW Jones	34269.2	(473.7)	-1.36
S&P	4152.1	(36.3)	-0.87
Nasdaq	13389.4	(12.4)	-0.09
FTSE	6948.0	(175.7)	-2.47
CAC	6267.4	(118.6)	-1.86
DAX	15119.8	(280.7)	-1.82
Shanghai Composite*	5030.1	7.0	0.14
Nikkei*	28438.4	(170.2)	-0.59
Hang Seng*	28129.6	115.8	0.41

*As at 8.00 am

Most Active Call & Put

Symbol	Strike Price	OI (000)	Chg (%)
NIFTY	15100CE	64951	45.8
NIFTY	14800PE	47136	20.1

Commodity	Price	Pts	Chg (%)
NYMEX Crude (USD)	65.4	0.1	0.1
Brent Crude (USD)	68.6	0.1	0.1
Gold (USD)	1829.2	-6.9	-0.4
Silver (USD)	27.47	-0.2	-0.73
Copper (USD)	478.45	2.25	0.47
Cotton (USD)	88.41	0.66	0.75

Currency	Value	Pts	Chg (%)
USD/Rupee	73.38	0.01	0.02
Euro/Rupee	89.06	-0.08	-0.10
Pound/Rupee	103.58	-0.13	-0.13
USD/Euro	1.21	-0.17	-0.14
Dollar Index	90.31	0.17	0.19

Indicators	Value	Pts	Chg (%)
CBOE VIX	21.8	2.2	11.1
India VIX	19.8	-0.4	-2.0

Indicators	Value	Bps chg
India 10-Yr Yield	6.01	-0.6
US 10-Yr Yield	1.63	4.0

Trade Statistics	BSE	NSE	F & O
Turnover (INR Crs)	5759	82102	4273309
Advance (Nos)	10	22	NA
Declines (Nos)	20	28	NA
Unchanged	0	0	NA

Market Summary

Indian equity markets eyed a negative start to Wednesday's session amid a weak global market setup but a drop in active Covid cases for the third day in a row could lend some support to the sentiment on the Street.

Furthermore, stock-specific action is likely following the latest MSCI rejig while high volatility cannot be ruled out ahead of the weekly F&O expiry. SGX Nifty was ruling 52 points down at 14,823. The stock markets will remain shut for trading on May 13 on account of Id-UI-Fitr.

In the global markets, US stocks closed lower in overnight session as rising commodity prices and labor shortages fed fears that despite reassurances from the US Federal Reserve, near-term price spikes could translate into longer-term inflation. While all three indexes pared their losses from session lows, the sell-off was fairly evenly dispersed across the sectors. Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 1.36%, the S&P 500 lost 0.87% and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 0.09%.

Consequently, Asian markets too declined and traded at one-month lows amid concerns that growing inflationary pressure in the United States could lead to earlier rate hikes and higher bond yields globally. Australian stocks slipped 0.6% while South Korea's KOSPI index skidded 0.7%. Japan's Nikkei reversed early gains to be down 0.4%.

On the Covid front, active Covid cases declined for the third straight day and the fresh Covid cases remained below the 3.5 lakh mark for the second day in a row at 3,48,371. The death toll although hit the highest at 4,205. Meanwhile, amid a strong second Covid wave, Moody's followed others suit to cut India's FY22 GDP growth forecast. The rating agency slashed the projection to 9.3% for FY22 from 13.7% forecasted earlier. It also ruled out a sovereign rating upgrade, at least for now.

Macro News

Moody's cuts India's FY22 GDP forecast to 9.3%; rules out rating upgrade

Rating agency Moody's has cut India's gross domestic product (GDP) forecast for FY22 to 9.3 per cent from the earlier projection of 13.7 per cent and has ruled out a sovereign rating upgrade – at least for now. The downward revision in GDP estimates comes on the back of a second wave of Covid infections across the country, which have triggered localised lockdowns and mobility curbs, except for essential services. "As a result of the negative impact of the second wave, we have revised our real, inflation-adjusted GDP growth forecast down to 9.3 per cent from 13.7 per cent for fiscal 2021 (FY22)," the Moody's release said.

Mining, construction equipment industry may grow by 15-20% in 2021: ICRA

ICRA on Wednesday said the mining and construction equipment industry is likely to grow by 15-20 per cent in the calendar year 2021 but stressed that the economy, in the grip of a pandemic, could throw up sudden negative surprises. The first quarter of 2021 is estimated to have reported a strong equipment demand growth of 45-50 per cent, ICRA said in a statement. "Following a 10-12 per cent contraction in CY2020, dragged down primarily by the 39 per cent decline in H1 CY2020, the mining and construction equipment (MCE) industry is poised to grow by 15-20 per cent in CY2021 (5-10% in FY2022)," it said.

4% more households demand work under MGNREGA in April, shows data

With more than half the country under some sort of lockdown, the flagship employment programme — MGNREGA — is once again in demand. In April, around 27.3 million households demanded work under the scheme, 4.1 per cent more than the number of households that sought work in March 2021, and also among the highest work demand for April in the last few years.

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Institutional Activity	Cash	
	07-May-21	06-May-21
FIIs (INR Crs)		
Buy	6577.06	6860.97
Sell	6913.06	6277.28
Net	(336.00)	583.69
DII (INR Crs)		
Buy	5172.16	5851.72
Sell	5848.83	6327.98
Net	(676.67)	(476.26)

FII Derivative Statistics

Particulars	Buy (INR Crs)	Sell (INR Crs)	OI (Nos)
INDEX FUTURES	2681.92	3004.01	101137
INDEX OPTIONS	245491.15	242869.54	999806
STOCK FUTURES	11750.71	13425.06	1399251
STOCK OPTIONS	12838.39	12769.85	186359
Total	272762.17	272068.46	

Gainers & Losers	Price	Chg (%)
Gainers (INR)		
COALINDIA	155.65	5.85
NTPC	112.95	4.87
IOC	103.50	4.39
ONGC	118.00	3.60
BPCL	462.45	1.93
Losers (INR)		
JSWSTEEL	733.00	-3.38
HINDALCO	413.00	-2.99
KOTAKBANK	1755.65	-2.97
HDFC	2460.00	-2.82
DIVISLAB	4073.00	-1.60

Sectoral Performance	Value	Pts	Chg (%)
S&P BSE Small Cap	22606.17	180.01	0.80
S&P BSE Mid-Cap	20932.96	124.99	0.60
S&P BSE Auto	22429.33	28.77	0.13
S&P BSE BANKEX	37437.34	-386.32	-1.02
S&P BSE Capital Goods	21268.83	130.18	0.62
S&P BSE FMCG	12772.27	-17.38	-0.14
S&P BSE Healthcare	24527.43	-66.53	-0.27
S&P BSE IT	26552.46	-190.05	-0.71
S&P BSE Metals	20129.75	-218.64	-1.07
S&P Oil & Gas	16047.55	419.13	2.68

Key News

Reliance Jio beats Bharti Airtel, adds 4.3 million users in February

Reliance Jio added 4.3 million and Bharti Airtel added 3.7 million users to their networks in February, according to latest data by the telecom regulator. Vodafone Idea barely added 652,625 subscribers to its network in the month of February, shows Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) data. Total wireless subscribers increased from 1.1 billion, in January to 1.2 billion in February, thereby registering a monthly growth rate of 0.72 per cent. Out of the total wireless subscribers, 981.92 million wireless subscribers were active users. The proportion of active wireless subscribers was approximately 84.09 per cent of the total wireless subscriber base. Bharti Airtel has the maximum proportion (97.47 per cent) of its active wireless subscribers.

Arbitration case: Cairn digs in heels, PSBs say prepared for legal battle

Indian public sector banks with substantial presence abroad are legally ready to mount a challenge abroad to counter any efforts by Cairn Energy to attach their assets. The development comes on the back of Cairn Energy saying on Tuesday that it was taking all necessary action to access the \$1.7 billion it was awarded by the international arbitration tribunal after overturning the retroactive tax demand slapped by the Indian government. Given that deposits with overseas branches is public money and not a sovereign asset, attaching funds in such accounts is beyond the realm of rights of the said company, said people in the know.

HCL provides Delhi govt with O2 plants, cylinders to support relief efforts

HCL Group on Tuesday said it is supporting the Delhi government by providing oxygen plants and cylinders to support COVID-19 relief efforts. "HCL is supporting the Delhi Government with 12,000 oxygen cylinders each with a capacity of 40 litres and 21 oxygen plants which will generate 8,800 litres of oxygen per minute, catering to around 1,500 patients at a time," it said in a statement. Two of these ready-to-use oxygen plants, which were imported from France, have already been delivered and will get installed at Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital in the national capital, it added.

Fintech firm Groww enters Rs 32-trillion MF space with Indiabulls purchase

Groww, a fast-growing technology-oriented investment platform, has signed an agreement with Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBHFL) to acquire Indiabulls Asset Management Company and Trustee Company for consideration of Rs 175 crore (including cash and cash equivalents of Rs 100 crore). With this acquisition, Groww will become one of the first fintech companies to enter the Rs 32-trillion asset management space.

Godrej Consumer Products' consolidated net profit up 59% in March quarter

FMCG major Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL) on Tuesday reported a 59.13 per cent increase in its consolidated net profit to Rs 365.84 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 2021. The company, whose board on Tuesday appointed HUL former executive director Sudhir Sitapati as the managing director and CEO, had posted a net profit of Rs 229.90 crore in the January-March quarter a year ago, GCPL said in a BSE filing. Its net sales during the January-March 2021 were up by 26.87 per cent to Rs 2,705.69 crore, against Rs 2,132.69 crore in the year-ago period. GCPL Chairperson and Managing Director Nisaba Godrej said, "We delivered a third consecutive quarter of double-digit sales growth. Consolidated sales grew 27 per cent and Ebitda (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) grew by 21 per cent."

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