

Key International events:

Citing a highly uncertain outlook due in part to President Donald Trump's new tariffs, **Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell indicated the central bank will wait for greater clarity before considering any adjustments to interest rates.** Powell also noted that it will be very difficult to assess the likely economic effects of the higher tariffs until there is greater certainty about the details.

The Labor Department said that **US non-farm payroll employment jumped by 228,000 jobs in March 2025 after climbing by a downwardly revised 117,000 jobs in February 2025.** Economists had expected employment to rise by 135,000 jobs.

As per the US Labor Department, **the consumer price index of US edged down by 0.1% MoM in March 2025 after rising by 0.2% MoM in February 2025.** Economists had expected consumer prices to inch up by 0.1% MoM.

As per the US commerce department, **the US was the only major source nation from which crude flows rose in January 2025, with imports rising 3.4x by value and 4x by volume.** The rise in US oil coincided with lower volumes coming in from Russia and traditional West Asian suppliers such as Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. **Overall crude oil imports were down by 16.3% YoY basis.**

Due to high uncertainty about the net effect of an array of government policies on the economic outlook, **the minutes of the Federal Reserve's latest monetary policy revealed officials believe it remains appropriate to take a "cautious approach" to future interest rate decisions.** The minutes also reiterated recent comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell calling the central bank "well positioned" to wait for more clarity on the outlook for inflation and economic activity.

As per Sentix, **the investor confidence index of Eurozone fell more-than-expected to -19.5 in April 2025 from -2.9 in March 2025.** The latest score was the weakest since October 2023.

As per Eurostat, **Eurozone retail sales grew for the first time in five months in February 2025 but the pace of growth was weaker than expected. Retail trade increased 0.3% MoM in February 2025, after remaining flat in the previous three months.**

The China's National Bureau of Statistics reported that **Consumer Prices in China dropped by 0.1% YoY in March 2025, following the 0.7% YoY fall in February 2025.** Prices were expected to remain flat.

The White House has said that a new round of steep US tariffs on Chinese goods initiated under President Donald Trump took effect on April 10, 2025, **bringing the total additional duties on certain items to 145%.** Trump has intensified pressure on China by imposing fresh tariffs of 125% on selected imports.

Key Domestic events:

S&P Global showed that **the HSBC final services Purchasing Managers' Index dropped to 58.5 in March 2025 from 59.0 in the previous month.** India's service sector activity continued to expand strongly in March amid strong demand conditions.

As per the RBI, **India's forex kitty jumped USD 6.60 bn to USD 665.40 bn during the week ended March 28, 2025.** In the previous reporting week, the overall reserves rose by USD 4.53 bn to USD 658.8 bn.

As per official sources, **the new consumer price index (CPI) series will measure housing inflation in rural areas, in tune with shifting consumption patterns and emergence of rental markets beyond urban centres.** At present, housing is only measured as a part of urban inflation because there are only a minuscule number of rented homes in rural areas.

Railways and Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that **the Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved four railway projects across Maharashtra, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh worth Rs186.58 bn.** These multi-tracking projects will add 1,247 kilometres to the existing Indian Railways track network, with 680 km of routes being added.

According to the data analysis of think tank GTRI, **India's merchandise exports to the US from sectors such as marine items, gold, electrical, and electronics are expected to decline by USD 5.76 bn in FY26 due to increased American duties.** However, it added that India's competitive position in select product segments may help cushion some of the losses. Sectors which can witness modest gains include textiles made-up, apparel, ceramic products, inorganic chemicals, and pharmaceuticals.

As per FADA, **automobile retail sales grew 6.5% YoY in FY25, driven primarily by a 5% YoY rise in passenger vehicle (PV) sales, an 8% YoY increase in two-wheeler numbers, and a 5% YoY uptick in commercial vehicle (CV) sales.**

According to a report by Anarock, Private Equity (PE) investments in the Indian real estate sector continued to soften in FY25 amid shifting investor preferences against the backdrop of global economic headwinds. **From a peak of USD 6.4 bn in FY21, investment volumes declined to USD 3.7 bn in FY25, a fall of 43% over five years. In FY24, the investments stood at USD 3.8 bn.**

India Ratings penciled a **13% YoY growth in gross written premium of the general insurance segment in FY26 compared to 8.5% YoY in FY25.** Premium growth led by value would be a larger contributor than new policyholder additions for the sector.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology notified the **Rs 229.19 bn scheme to promote domestic manufacturing of electronics components, display and camera modules, non-surface mount devices, multi-layer printed circuit boards and lithium-ion cells for digital applications, among others.** The scheme is likely to be operationalised in the next 2-3 weeks.

According to rating agency ICRA, **the incremental credit is likely to rise 10.8% to Rs 19-20.5 trillion in FY26 compared to Rs 18 trillion or a 10.9% growth in FY25.**

An ET poll showed participants **expect another quarter-percentage point reduction in rates this week, taking the repo rate to 6%.**

According to analysts' estimates, **net profit of 19 listed banks is likely to decline by 4% YoY for Q4 FY25 mainly due to pressure on net interest margins (NIM) as a result of rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).** According to Bloomberg estimates, private banks' net profit may decline by 5.3% YoY while that of state-owned banks by 2.5% YoY.

As per Reuters, **India became a net importer of finished steel for the second consecutive year, with imports rising 14.6% YoY to 9.5 mn metric tons. Exports declined by 35.1% YoY to 4.9 mn metric tons.** To curb imports, India has recommended a temporary 12% tax on some steel products. Crude steel production reached 151.1 mn metric tons, while finished steel consumption stood at 150.

The US has announced the suspension of additional tariffs on India for 90 days until July 9, 2025. On April 2, 2025, US President Donald Trump slapped universal duties on about 60 countries exporting goods to America and additional steep levies on countries like India, potentially impacting sales of products in the world's biggest economy.

Moody's Analytics revised its **India Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast for CY25 downward by 30 bps to 6.1% YoY** due to tariff threats from the US hitting gems and jewellery, medical devices, and textile industries.

The RBI MPC unanimously lowered the policy repo rate by 25 bps to 6%, marking a second consecutive cut. It also changed its policy stance to "accommodative", signalling the likelihood of further easing in the coming months. **The central bank lowered its GDP growth forecast for FY26 to 6.5% YoY from the 6.7% YoY projected in February 2025. The inflation forecast for FY26 was also revised downwards to 4% YoY from 4.2% YoY earlier.**

Equity Round up: S&P BSE Sensex opened at 71450. It made a weekly high of 75467 and a low of 71425 before closing 207 points lower at 75157.

Events to watch out for the next week:

International Events

1. Eurozone Current Account for Feb'25 on 16 April 2025
2. China GDP Growth Rate for Q1 CY26 on 16 April 2025

Domestic Events

1. Forex Reserves for week ended 11 April 2025 on 18 April 2025
2. WPI Inflation for Mar'25 on 15 April 2025
3. Balance of Trade for Mar'25 on 15 April 2025
4. M3 Money Supply on 16 April 2025

Key Equity Market Indices	Closing	% Change WoW
BSE Sensex	75,157	-0.28
Nifty 50	22,829	-0.33
BSE 100	23,890	-0.24
BSE 200	10,304	-0.28
BSE Midcap	40,274	-0.58
BSE Smallcap	45,798	-0.15
BSE FMCG	20,166	3.34
BSE HC	40,399	-0.33
BSE IT	32,299	-2.35
BSE Auto	46,056	-0.15
BSE BANKEX	58,402	-1.27
BSE CG	58,546	-1.84
BSE CD	55,087	3.49
BSE Oil & Gas	24,535	1.25

Other Key Indices#	Closing	Change WoW
10 Year G-Sec (6.79% 2034)	6.44%	(-) 6 bps
Interbank Call	5.91%	(-) 8 bps
INR/USD	86.05	0.95%
Gold (Rs/10gm)	93,353	2.57%

Taken during market hours , 10 Year G-Sec (6.79% 2034) and Interbank Call as on 10 Apr '25

World Indices	Closing	% Change WoW
Dow Jones*	39,594	-2.35
Nasdaq*	16,387	-0.99
FTSE	7,974	-2.11
DAX	20,411	-1.24
Hang Seng	20,915	-8.47
Nikkei	33,586	-0.58
Bovespa*	1,26,355	-3.65
Indonesia Jakarta	6,262	-3.82

* Dow Jones, Nasdaq and Bovespa as on Thursday

Rs. Bn	Gross Buying	Gross Selling	Net (WoW)
FPIs	753.7	-212.2	-103.5
DIIs	372.0	259.0	113.0

Data for FPI from 04 Apr 2025 to 09 Apr 2025. Data for DII from 04 Apr 2025 to 08 Apr 2025.

Arbitrage Spreads	Spot	Future*	Prem/(Dis)
Nifty 50	22,829	22,948	119

*April 2025 Expiry

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