

**Key International events:**

According to the US Labor Department, **non-farm payroll employment in the US rose by 227,000 jobs in November 2024 after rising by an upwardly revised 36,000 jobs in October 2024.** Economists had expected employment to jump by 200,000 jobs.

According to the University of Michigan, **the US Consumer Sentiment index climbed to 74.0 in December 2024 from 71.8 in November 2024.** Economists had expected the index to rise to 73.0. The consumer sentiment index reached its highest level since April 2024, as the US Current Economic Conditions index spiked to 77.7 in December 2024 from 63.9 in November 2024.

According to the US Commerce Department, **wholesale inventories in the US rose by 0.2% MoM in October 2024 after slipping by 0.2% MoM in September 2024, in line with economist estimates.** Inventories of durable goods crept up by 0.1% MoM and inventories of non-durable goods climbed by 0.3% MoM. Meanwhile, wholesale sales edged down by 0.1% MoM in October 2024 after rising by 0.5% MoM in September.

As per the US Labor Department data, **the US Consumer Price Index climbed by 0.3% MoM in November 2024 after rising by 0.2% MoM in October 2024, in line with expectations.** Core consumer prices in November 2024 jumped by 3.3% YoY, unchanged from October 2024.

**The European Central Bank (ECB) lowered its key interest rate, the deposit rate, by 25 basis points to 3%, in line with economists' expectations.** The main refinancing rate was reduced to 3.15% and the marginal lending facility rate to 3.40%. Policymakers assessed that the disinflation process is on track though growth concerns remain.

As per data from Sentix, **the Sentix investor confidence index for Eurozone fell to -17.5 in December 2024 from -12.8 in November 2024.** This was the lowest value since November 2023 and remained well below economists' forecast of -12.4.

According to China's National Bureau of Statistics, **consumer prices in China were down 0.6% MoM in November 2024.** That missed expectations for a decline of 0.4% MoM following the 0.3% MoM drop in October 2024. Inflation was up just 0.2% YoY, falling shy of forecasts for an increase of 0.5% YoY.

According to data from China's Customs Office, **China's exports grew 6.7% YoY in November 2024, weaker than the 12.7% YoY increase posted in October 2024. At the same time, imports decreased 3.9% YoY compared to the 2.3% YoY fall in October 2024.** The trade balance showed a surplus of USD 97.44 bn in November 2024, up from USD 95.27 bn in October 2024.

**Key Domestic events:**

**RBI's MPC decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged, at 6.5%, and maintained a "neutral" stance. However, it reduced the CRR by 50 bps to 4% to boost liquidity in the system.** The GDP growth projection for FY25 was revised downwards to 6.6% YoY from the earlier estimates of 7.2% YoY and the inflation projection was increased by 30 bps to 4.8% YoY.

According to the Railway Ministry data, **freight loading on Indian Railways continued to show sluggish growth in November 2024, with the national transporter handling 130 mn tonnes (mt) of goods, marking a 1.36% YoY increase.** Coal, which makes up half of the railway's freight volume, saw a 3.4% YoY growth, reaching 65.5 mt.

As per DPIIT data, **FDI inflows into India have crossed the USD 1 trillion milestone in the April 2000-September 2024 period.** The cumulative amount of FDI, including equity, reinvested earnings and other capital, stood at \$ 1,033.40 bn during the period. Mauritius accounted for about 25%, followed by Singapore at 24% and the US at 10%.

As per RBI data, **India's forex reserves increased by USD 1.51 bn to USD 658.09 bn for the week ended November 29, 2024.** The overall reserves had dropped by USD 1.31 bn to USD 656.58 bn in the week ended November 22, 2024. Foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by USD 2.06 bn to USD 568.85 bn.

As per Labour Ministry Data, **the All-India Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL) eased to 5.96% YoY and for Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) to 6% YoY respectively, in October 2024.** The CPI-AL was 6.36% and CPI-RL 6.39% in September 2024.

As per data released by the Ministry of Agriculture, **sowing of rabi crops has increased by 1.50% YoY as on December 9, 2024 as farmers have increased area under wheat and chana, the crops whose prices remained firm during last year.** However, sowing of oilseeds like mustard, sesamum, groundnut etc is trailing by 4.34% YoY as their prices have been subdued.

According to DPIIT data, **FDI in equities witnessed a 45% YoY jump at USD 29.8 bn in H1 FY25. The rise in FDI equity inflows comes after a contraction in inflows for three consecutive financial years in FY22, FY23 and FY24.** Singapore continued as the top investor with USD 7.53 bn during H1 FY25.

According to S&P Global Ratings, **India's GDP is set to grow at 6.8% YoY in FY25 on the back of strong urban consumption, steady services sector growth, and ongoing investment in infrastructure.** For FY26 and FY27, the previous GDP growth estimates were pegged downwards by 20 bps at 6.7% YoY and 6.8% YoY, respectively.

As per AMFI data, **Equity mutual funds witnessed an inflow of Rs 359.43 bn in November 2024 down from Rs 418.87 bn in October 2024, marking a drop of 14% MoM.** November 2024 marked the 45th consecutive month of net inflows into equity-oriented funds. The mutual fund industry's Net AUM rose to Rs 68.08 trillion in November 2024 from Rs 67.25 trillion in October 2024.

**The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has lowered its India growth forecast for FY25 to 6.5% YoY from its earlier estimates of 7% YoY.** ADB also revised its growth forecast for FY26 to 7% YoY from 7.2% YoY earlier, citing India's slower than expected growth in private capex and housing demand.

According to Union Minister Jitendra Singh, **India's atomic power capacity has almost doubled in the past decade from 4,780 megawatts in 2014 to 8,081 megawatts in 2024.** The atomic power capacity is projected to rise to 22,480 megawatts by FY32.

According to NSO data, **India's retail inflation rate, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), came in at 5.48% YoY in November 2024, down from 6.21% YoY in October 2024.** Food inflation rate moderated to 9% YoY in November 2024, from a 15-month high of 10.87% YoY in October 2024. Vegetable inflation declined to 29% YoY in November 2024 from 42% YoY in October 2024.

As per official data, **India's industrial output, measures by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) rose 3.5% YoY in October 2024, up from 3.1% YoY the previous month.** Manufacturing output rose 4.1% YoY in October 2024, electricity generation grew 2% YoY and mining activity was up 0.9% YoY.

According to RBI data, **credit growth slowed to 10.64% YoY in the fortnight ending November 29, 2024, growing almost in tandem with deposits, which posted a growth of 10.72% YoY during the same period.** Outstanding deposits in the fortnight ending November 29, 2024 stood at Rs 220.17 trillion, while outstanding credit stood at Rs 175.09 trillion.

As per RBI data, **India's outward FDI commitments, which comprise equity, loans and guarantees, almost halved to USD 2.28 bn in November 2024, from USD 4.17 bn in November 2023.**

According to data from the Finance Ministry, **Gross NPAs of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have declined to a decade low of 3.12% at the end of September 2024 from a peak of 14.98% in March 2018.** Capital adequacy ratio of PSBs improved 393 bps to reach 15.43% in September 2024 from 11.45% in March 2015.

**Equity Round up:** S&P BSE Sensex opened at 81603. It made a weekly high of 82214 and a low of 80083 before closing 623 points higher at 82133.

**Events to watch out for the next week:**

**International Events**

1. US Industrial Production for Nov'24 on 17 Dec'24
2. US Current Account Balance for Q3 CY24 on 18 Dec'24
3. US FOMC Rate Decision on 19 Dec'24
4. US GDP for Q3 CY24 on 19 Dec'24
5. Eurozone Trade Balance for Oct'24 on 17 Dec'24
6. Eurozone CPI for Nov'24 on 18 Dec'24
7. China Industrial Production for Nov'24 on 16 Dec'24
8. China 1 & 5-Year Loan Prime Rate on 20 Dec'24

**Domestic Events**

1. Forex Reserves for week ended 13 December 2024 on 20 December 2024
2. Wholesale Prices for Nov'24 on 16 Dec'24

Key Equity Market Indices	Closing	% Change WoW
BSE Sensex	82,133	0.52
Nifty 50	24,768	0.37
BSE 100	26,274	0.30
BSE 200	11,442	0.25
BSE Midcap	47,777	0.22
BSE Smallcap	56,957	-0.16
BSE FMCG	20,864	-1.45
BSE HC	44,050	-1.03
BSE IT	45,688	2.62
BSE Auto	53,861	-0.56
BSE BANKEX	60,997	0.00
BSE CG	73,066	0.34
BSE CD	66,839	1.76
BSE Oil & Gas	27,081	-0.91

Other Key Indices#	Closing	Change WoW
10 Year G-Sec (7.10% 2034)	6.78%	5 bps
Interbank Call	6.62%	9 bps
INR/USD	84.80	0.12%
Gold (Rs/10gm)	76,922	0.96%

# Taken during market hours , 10 Year G-Sec (7.10% 2034) and Interbank Call as on 12 Dec 24

World Indices	Closing	% Change WoW
Dow Jones*	43,914	-1.90
Nasdaq*	19,903	1.03
FTSE	8,320	-0.40
DAX	20,510	0.57
Hang Seng	19,971	0.53
Nikkei	39,470	0.97
Bovespa*	1,26,042	-1.42
Indonesia Jakarta	7,325	-0.79

\* Dow Jones, Nasdaq and Bovespa as on Thursday

Rs. Bn	Gross Buying	Gross Selling	Net (WoW)
FPIs	788.2	805.1	788.2
DIIs	354.9	316.7	354.9

Data for FPI from 06 Dec 2024 to 12 Dec 2024. Data for DII from 06 Dec 2024 to 11 Dec 2024.

Arbitrage Spreads	Spot	Future*	Prem/(Dis)
Nifty 50	24,768	24,860	92

\*December 2024 Expiry

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