

Market Movers

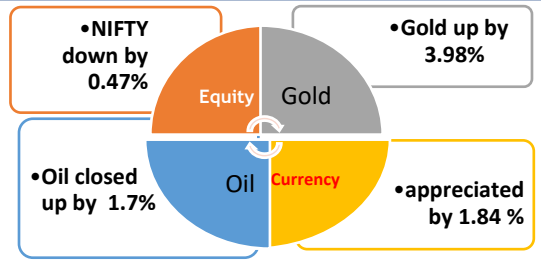
Highs & Lows of Key Market Indicators

Indicators	High*	Low*	Average
USD/INR	94.83	93.10	93.97
India 10 Yr G-Sec Yield	7.13	7.03	7.08
US 10Yr Govt Bond	4.35	4.31	4.32
Crude Brent) \$/BL	109.19	100.09	106.14
Canara Bank	127.30	123.45	125.93
Gold per Troy ounce (USD)	4758.2	4513.5	4657.9
Silver per Troy ounce (USD)	75.14	70.04	73.25

*On the basis of closing figure.

Movement Over Previous Week

(On the basis of closing figure)



News that Made News

Global

- The Trump administration has proposed a record US\$1.5 trillion defence budget. The plan includes 44% increase in defence spending, cuts in non-defence expenditure and focus on military expansion and nuclear modernisation. This increases US fiscal deficit and bond yields.
- The S&P Global US services PMI fell to 49.8 in March of 2026 from 51.7 in the previous month, signaling the first contraction in the sector over three years amid reduced client confidence and softer demand, partly linked to the impact of the Middle East Conflict.
- The FAO Food Price Index increased for a 2nd straight month to 128.5 points in March 2026, the highest since September. Prices across all commodity groups rose responses to higher energy prices linked to the conflict in the Middle East.

Domestic

- India's Industrial Production grew by 5.2% YoY in Feb'26, slightly higher than 5.1% in Jan'26, index rose from 151.1 in Feb'25 to 159.0 in Feb'26, driven mainly by manufacturing sector.
- India has reduced custom duty on SEZ goods sold domestically, with rates ranging from 5% to 12.5%. The relief is valid from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027 aimed to support exporters amid US tariffs and geopolitical uncertainties.
- India's invisible inflows rose to \$464 billion in FY26, driven by strong growth in services exports and remittances. Services receipts grew around 9% to \$310 billion, while total inflows increased 56%, supporting the balance of payments.

Banking

- Bank credit growth stood at 13.9%, with total credit reaching Rs 207.69 lakh crore, Deposit growth was 10.8% with total deposits at Rs 250.11 lakh crore, while the credit deposit ratio increased to 83.04% as of 15 Mar 2026.
- The share of low cost bank deposit in the total deposits of the banking system have fallen to a two year low of 37.9% in Dec'25 quarter compared with 40.1% in Dec'23, according to data released by RBI.
- From April 1, 2026 RBI mandated stronger authentication beyond OTP to curb fraud in digital transactions. All digital transactions will now require two factor authentication (2FA).

Macro Scenario

RBI has approved Emirates NBD to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank in a \$3bn deal, marking a major foreign entry into India banking.

Axis bank launched Aadhar based face authentication to update mobile numbers digitally. The process involves three simple steps: entering your new number, completing face verification, and confirming with an OTP.

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Policy Moves

RBI

RBI has allowed exporters to continue bringing back export earnings within 15 months (instead of 9 months) due to ongoing global disruptions. The 450-day repayment period for pre- and post-shipment export credit is now extended till June 30, 2026.

GOVT

The centre waived custom duties on key petrochemical products till June 30, 2026 to address supply disruptions caused by the Iran war and to ensure domestic availability.

Event /News of the Week:

RBI tightens NDF Market to stabilise Rupee

- RBI has implemented stringent measures in April 2026 to curb speculative trading in the foreign exchange market, aiming to stabilize the Indian Rupee which has faced significant pressure, breaching the 95-per-dollar mark due to high oil prices and geopolitical risks.
- Key measures include banning banks from offering NDF contracts to both resident and non-resident clients, imposing a cap on net open positions (a limit of \$100 million) and disallowing the rebooking of cancelled forward contract.
- RBI curbs disrupted a \$149 billion-a-day offshore rupee (NDF) market.
- Banks may face losses of around Rs 4000-5000 crore due to unwinding positions.
- These steps have contributed to a sharp, albeit potentially temporary, appreciation of the rupee.
- Subsequently, the rupee recorded its largest single-day gain in over 12 years, appreciating by nearly 2% to around 92.94 against the U.S. dollar, recovering from record lows of approximately 94.84.