

Indian benchmark indices keep head high despite spike in inflation; stock specific action witnessed..

- 1) Indian equities were in positive terrain led by buying in Reliance Industries, Bajaj twins, L&T, and Infosys.
- 2) Indices started gap-down amid profit booking with the frontline S&P BSE Sensex and the Nifty50 dropping to lows of 51,936 and 15,606, respectively. However, positive cues from global peers, coupled with healthy buying in IT, PSU Bank, and select pharma and FMCG counters, helped the indices end the session in the positive territory.
- 3) The frontline Sensex index was down by 655 points from day's high before ending up 77 points, or 0.15 per cent, higher from previous close at 52,551.5 levels. The Nifty50 index, meanwhile, settled at 15,812 levels, up 13 points or 0.08 per cent. India VIX index rose 4 per cent on the NSE today, suggesting high volatility in the markets.
- 4) In the broader markets, the BSE MidCap index ended the day in the red, down 0.7 per cent, amid steep losses in Adani Group stocks and BHEL while the BSE SmallCap index closed 0.2 per cent lower.
- 5) Among individual stocks, shares of Adani Group companies rebounded from their respective intra-day lows on Monday after the company clarified that the demat accounts of three foreign funds-Albula Investment Fund, Cresta Fund and APMS Investment Fund holding shares in group Companies 'are not frozen'.
- 6) Sectorally, the Nifty PSU Bank index ended the day as the top gainer on the NSE, up 1 per cent, while the Nifty Realty index closed as worst performer, down 1.4 per cent.

Index	Today's Close	Prev. close	Change	% change	Open	High	Low
Sensex	52,551.53	52,474.76	76.77	0.15	52,492.34	52,590.92	51,936.31
Nifty	15,811.85	15,799.35	12.50	0.08	15,791.40	15,823.05	15,606.50

Sectors and stocks

- 1) Shares of Adani Group companies rebounded from their respective intra-day lows on Monday after the company clarified that the demat accounts of three foreign funds-Albula Investment Fund, Cresta Fund and APMS Investment Fund holding shares in group Companies 'are not frozen'. The stocks of all six listed Adani Group companies -- Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, Adani Power, Adani Transmission, Adani Green Energy and Adani Total Gas -- were under pressure on Monday as they fell up to 25 per cent in intra-day trade on report that National Securities Depository Ltd (NSDL) has frozen accounts of three foreign funds that own stake in four of these group companies. Among individual stocks, Adani Enterprises tumbled 25 per cent at Rs. 1,201 apiece, followed by Adani Ports (down 19 per cent at Rs. 681). Adani Transmission (Rs. 1,517), Adani Power (Rs. 140.90), Adani Green Energy (Rs. 1,165.35) and Adani Total Gas (Rs. 1,544.45) were locked in their respective 5 per cent lower circuit bands on the BSE. "We regret to mention that these reports are blatantly erroneous and is done to deliberately mislead the investing community. This is causing irreparable loss of economic value to the investors at large and reputation of the group," Adani Enterprises and other group companies said on clarification on news article.
- 2) Shares of eClerx Services continued their upward movement and hit a new high of Rs 1,875 after rallying 16 per cent on the BSE in intra-day trade on Monday, on the back of heavy volumes, in an otherwise subdued market. In the past three days, the stock has rallied by 45 per cent after the company reported healthy March quarter numbers (Q4FY21) with revenues up 19.3 per cent quarter on quarter (QoQ) in constant currency terms and 19.7 per cent QoQ in reported terms. The stock surpassed its previous high of Rs. 1,775, hit on August 2016. eClerx provides business process management, automation and analytics services to a number of Fortune 2000 enterprises, including some of the world's leading financial services, communications, retail, fashion, media & entertainment, manufacturing, travel & leisure and technology companies.
- 3) Shares of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) declined by 18 per cent to Rs. 62.55 on the BSE in intra-day trade on Monday after the company reported a lower-than-expected set of numbers for the quarter ended March 2021 (Q4FY21). In Q4FY21, BHEL reported a net loss of Rs. 1,036 crore as against a loss of Rs. 1,532 crore in the



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year-ago quarter. Revenues grew 42 per cent year-on-year (YoY) at Rs. 7,171 crore on a low base, with some impact of execution headwinds and pandemic. EBITDA level loss came in at Rs. 1,264.3 crore as against a loss of Rs. 561.7 crore in Q4FY20 owing to lower-than-expected execution and higher-than-expected operating expenses.

- 4) Shares of Lupin declined by 5 per cent to Rs. 1,173 on the BSE in intra-day trade on Monday after the pharmaceutical company said it has received a Warning Letter (WL) for its manufacturing plant at Somerset, New Jersey. This is the only manufacturing plant of Lupin located in the US. However, Lupin said the company does not believe that the warning letter will have an impact on disruption of supplies or the existing revenues from operations of this facility. "The Company has received a warning letter from the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) for the Company's Somerset, New Jersey facility. The USFDA had inspected the Lupin Somerset site from September 10, 2020 to November 5, 2020," Lupin said in exchange filing. The company further said it is committed to addressing the concerns raised by the USFDA and will work with the FDA and the New Jersey District to resolve these issues at the earliest. We uphold quality and compliance issues with utmost importance and are committed to be compliant with Good Manufacturing Practice standards across all our facilities, Lupin said. While the revenue impact from the issuance of the WL is minimal, it has prolonged the process for future approvals from this site. With this, LPC has five sites under WL / Official Action Indicated (OAI) from the USFDA.

Key recent major developments..

- 1) Wholesale inflation in the country touched a significant high of 12.94 percent in May, as the constant rise in cost of fuel, including petrol, LPG and high speed diesel percolated down into the economy and a low base effect pushed up figures. Measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), wholesale inflation in India began FY22 with a major rise. It had already spiked in the previous month of April when it reached 10.94 percent, up from March's 7.39 percent, and February's 4.17 per cent. The pace of inflation has now accelerated for the fifth-month in a row.
- 2) India's retail inflation shot up to six-month high of 6.3 per cent in May, after easing to a three-month low of 4.23 per cent in April, according to the government data released on Monday. Inflation, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), has breached the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) target range for the first time after five months.
- 3) Industrial production grew by as much as 134.4 per cent in the month of April, mainly on account of a low base from last year, government data released on Friday showed. The government has held back the release of complete data of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for April, as was done for the same month last year due to the coronavirus lockdown. Factory output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), rose 22.4 per cent in March 2021 and had contracted by a massive 57.3 per cent in the April month last year as a coronavirus-induced lockdown froze economic activity. The Centre had on March 25, 2020 enforced a nationwide lockdown to curb the spread of coronavirus. However, industrial growth was flat in April if we compare the IIP to that in the same month of 2019. This indicates that the nascent economic recovery has been impacted by the second wave of the pandemic. Manufacturing sector output, which accounts for more than three-fourths of the entire index, registered a growth of 197.1 per cent as against a de-growth of (-) 66 per cent in the year-ago period.
- 4) A Finance Ministry report has said that faster vaccine coverage and frontloading of fiscal measures announced in this year's budget would be the major factors in boosting the investment and consumption cycles and, in turn, reviving the economy. The Monthly Economic Review for May, released by the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) on Wednesday, noted that in the fourth quarter of FY21 growth in capex generated positive spillovers for consumption, including in the contact-sensitive sectors, these steps would facilitate recovery post the second wave. Further, a healthy monsoon forecasts bodes well for continued momentum in agricultural growth, it said. With state-level lockdown restrictions being more adaptive to learnings from the first wave, manufacturing and construction are expected to experience a softer economic shock in the current quarter, it said. "As we cautiously recuperate from the second wave, rapid vaccination and frontloading of the fiscal measures planned in the Union Budget hold key to invigorating the investment, and thereby consumption, cycle in the coming quarters," it said. It added that quickening the pace and coverage of vaccination is critical to help India heal and regain the momentum of economic recovery. The DEA noted that provisional GDP estimates available for January-March quarter (Q4) of FY 2020-21 confirm a V-shaped recovery in India's economic prospects in the second half of the year, after an unprecedented Covid-19 induced contraction.
- 5) Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections at over Rs 1.02 lakh crore in the month of May 2021. The monthly collection is 27 percent lower as compared to April 2021, when the GST revenue had peaked to a record-high of Rs 1.41 lakh crore. The gross revenue for the month of May, stated as Rs 1,02,709 crore, includes a collection of Rs 17,592 crore in form of CGST, Rs. 22,653 crore SGST and Rs. 53,199 crore IGST (including Rs. 26,002 crore collected on import of goods), said a statement issued by the Finance Ministry. The revenue collected through cess is Rs. 9,265 crore (including Rs. 868 crore collected on import of goods). "The above figure includes GST collection from domestic transactions till 4th of June since taxpayers were given various relief measures in the form of waiver/reduction in interest on delayed return filing for 15 days for the return filing month May'21 in the wake of Covid pandemic second wave," the government said.



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- 6) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept repo rate unchanged for the sixth consecutive time at 4 per cent and maintained the policy stance as Accommodative. The six-member monetary policy committee (MPC), however, revised the growth projection downward to 9.5 per cent from 10.5 per cent for the current financial year and revised the inflation projection upward to 5.1 per cent. "The MPC also decided unanimously to continue with the accommodative stance as long as necessary to revive and sustain growth on a durable basis and continue to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target going forward," said RBI governor Shaktikanta Das while announcing the policy review decision.
- 7) Furthermore, RBI announced the third tranche of bond buying worth Rs. 40,000 crore under G-SAP 1.0. It also announced G-SAP 2.0, under which it will buy bonds worth Rs 1.2 trillion. The central bank will also buy bonds issued by state governments, unlike G-SAP 1.0 that was only for central government securities. Post the announcement, 10-year government bond yields hardened by 0.4 per cent to top 6 per cent-mark while the equity markets gave up their gains.
- 8) Moody's said it expects the damage to the economy from the second wave of Covid-19 and the ensuing lockdowns to be restricted to the April-June 2021 quarter. Taking the slowdown into account, it now expects India's GDP in the fiscal year ending March 2022 to grow at 9.3 per cent and at 7.9 per cent in FY23. According to global rating agency Fitch Solutions, the impact of the second Covid-19 wave on rated Indian firms is expected to be manageable, as most companies' credit profiles are supported by their strong market positions, adequate balance sheets, liquidity and diversified operations.
- 9) India's gross domestic product (GDP) grew at 1.6 per cent in the January-March quarter of fiscal year 2020-21, but witnessed a contraction of 7.3 per cent for the entire fiscal year, showed government data on Monday. This is the first full-year contraction in the Indian economy in the last four decades since 1979-80, when GDP had shrunk by 5.2 per cent. However, this is also the second straight quarter of expansion amidst COVID-19 crisis. India's GDP figures showed the growth at 3 per cent in Q4 of FY20, while growth for FY20 came at 4 per cent, an 11-year low. According to the National Statistical Office data, gross value added (GVA) growth in the manufacturing sector accelerated to 6.9 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2020-21 compared to a contraction 4.2 per cent a year ago.
- 10) The Centre's fiscal deficit for the financial year 2020-21 settled at 9.2 per cent of the gross domestic product, marginally below the government's revised target of 9.5 per cent. This was on the back of better-than-expected revenue receipts with expenditure staying broadly at the level targeted in the revised estimates of the Budget. In absolute terms, India's fiscal deficit was Rs. 18.21 trillion, about Rs. 27,194 crore lower than the projected Rs. 18.48 trillion, as per the provisional estimates released by Controller General of Accounts. The fiscal deficit of 9.2 per cent has been estimated based on provisional estimates for FY21 GDP of Rs 197.46 trillion. The Centre had revised its fiscal deficit target in the Budget from 3.5 per cent to 9.5 per cent due to increased expenditure on various schemes announced by the government to tide over the Covid-19 pandemic, and a sharp shortfall in revenue receipts (both tax and non-tax).
- 11) Data released by IHS Markit showed that domestic factory orders and production slowed to a 10-month low in May as most states restricted businesses amid localised lockdowns. The Manufacturing PMI slipped to 50.8 in May against 55.5 in April, making it one of the steepest fall.

Global markets

- 1) European equities hit a record high on Monday as investors bet on global central banks sticking to an accommodative stance on monetary policy even as the post-pandemic economic recovery gathers pace. The pan-European STOXX 600 was up 0.3 per cent, Germany's DAX hit an all-time high, while the UK's FTSE 100 scaled its highest since February 2020 ahead of a decision by the government on whether to delay England's reopening from a third national lockdown.
- 2) In Asia, investors were seen taking a wait-and-see stance ahead of the Federal Reserve's meeting and economic indicators from the United States and China. Japan's Nikkei gained 0.74 per cent, and South Korea's Kospi added 0.09 per cent. China and Australian markets were shut for holidays.
- 3) Meanwhile, futures of all three main Wall Street indices indicated a positive start later in the day.
- 4) Data published on last Thursday showed that the US consumer price index swelled the most in a month since August 2008 at 5 per cent, following a 4.2 per cent rise in April. Yet global stocks hit record peaks as investors believed the Federal Reserve would continue to keep interest rates low to maintain the recovery pace.
- 5) Moreover, the European Central Bank's statement that a policy tightening at this stage would be premature and would pose a risk to the ongoing economic recovery further lent support to the bullish sentiment on the Street.
- 6) The third factor adding to global rally was data from the UK which showed that Britain's economic output grew by 2.3 cent on a monthly basis in April, marking the fastest growth since July last year.



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- 7) Earlier, the U.S. economy added 559,000 jobs in May, vs estimate of 671,000 and revised 278,000 payrolls added in April. The unemployment rate fell to 5.8% from 6.1%, which was better than the estimate of 5.9%.

Ajcon Global's observations and view

- 1) Today, Indian equities came back sharply after Adani's group clarification on a media report. However, the rise in inflation capped gains. The overall sentiments continue to remain good in market led by significant decline of COVID-19 cases in the second wave with recoveries surpassing new cases by a big margin on a daily basis, positive GDP figure, talks of US\$6 trillion stimulus package by Biden administration and strong Q4FY21 result by majority of the Companies so far with good management commentary for the future. In addition to liquidity provided by FPIs in equities, there is good spike in retail participation from Tier II and Tier III cities as people have become more financial literate in COVID-19 crisis.
- 2) Investors are also hopeful that vaccine shortages will be resolved in some months as vaccine manufacturers' ramp up supplies. The entry of new vaccines is also expected to ease the supply crunch. India has given the first dose of covid antidote to 25.48 crores beneficiaries in the nationwide vaccination till date. According to a government official, two billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines will be made available in the country between August and December, enough to vaccinate the entire population.
- 3) Key domestic factors like good GST collections in May 2021 despite second wave of COVID-19, positive GDP data, good proposals presented in Union Budget 2021-22 will always keep bulls in the hunt for long term. Improved US GDP data, talks about US\$6 trillion package in US will also support bulls. The Nifty valuations are trading in the range of 35x-40x. Q4FY21 results season has been good so far led by SBI, Asian Paints, Reliance Industries, L&T, Hindustan Unilever, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Finance, Shriram Transport Finance, SAIL, Tata Steel, Tata Elxsi, Tata Coffee, UPL, Siemens, Bosch, Borosil Renewables, Orient Electric, Godrej Consumer Products, HDFC Life, SBI Cards, Castrol, Marico, Torrent Pharma, Birla Corp, Container Corporation of India, DCB Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Dr. Lal Path Labs, Lux Industries, Indoco Remedies, Angel Broking, TCI, TCI Express, Shakti Pumps etc. No doubt Q4FY21 results have been strong and encouraging but the second wave of COVID-19 would impact Q1FY22 results to some extent.
- 4) We recommend investors to look out for stock specific opportunities. We are in the fag end of the result season and majority of states have Unlocked. Investors will track global cues, economic activity and COVID-19 cases in Unlock phase.



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