

	Index Value	Index	P/E	AUTO	CAPITAL GOODS	CONSTRUCTION	Financial	FMCG	Info Tech	LOGISTICS	Metals	Oil & Gas	Pharma	POWER	Telecom
INDIA	4844.90	(0.88)	24.23	(0.99)	(0.57)	(3.37)	(1.01)	(0.17)	(0.35)	N.A	(2.49)	(0.73)	0.07	(1.16)	(0.66)
NIKKEI	10123.58	(2.05)	(158.03)	(1.61)	(2.19)	(3.78)	(1.68)	(1.52)	(1.90)	(1.42)	(2.30)	(0.58)	(0.86)	(1.07)	(1.76)
KOSPI	1593.90	(1.68)	22.59	(1.01)	(1.15)	(2.55)	(1.93)	0.06	(1.81)	(1.46)	(1.89)	(3.10)	0.08	(2.00)	(0.99)
SHANGHAI	3018.13	1.09	31.87	N.A	0.46	N.A	0.94	0.49	1.30	N.A	1.56	1.60	(0.51)	0.40	0.60
TAIWAN	7441.84	0.00	95.88	1.50	0.00	1.36	0.92	0.94	(0.01)	1.08	2.43	(0.66)	2.98	2.37	1.52
HANGSENG	19894.02	(2.59)	19.96	N.A	(0.48)	(2.69)	(2.27)	(2.17)	(2.72)	(2.20)	(3.50)	(3.31)	N.A	(1.22)	(2.92)
CAC	3724.56	(0.62)	15.47	N.A	(1.09)	N.A	(1.26)	(0.75)	(1.07)	N.A	(1.20)	(0.60)	(1.09)	(0.60)	(0.50)
FTSE	5311.58	(0.25)	35.36	(0.95)	(1.55)	(0.92)	(0.31)	0.73	(0.11)	(1.27)	0.15	0.08	(0.39)	(0.29)	(0.03)
DAX	5654.29	(0.46)	29.34	0.66	(0.72)	(2.07)	(0.62)	(0.85)	(0.03)	(1.10)	(0.72)	(1.09)	0.18	(1.09)	0.02
US	10392.90	0.81	15.56	0.25	0.66	1.51	0.04	0.40	0.93	0.22	2.07	0.50	0.50	0.58	(0.15)
AUSTRALIA	3799.80	(0.40)	33.90	N.A	(1.13)	(0.56)	(0.48)	(1.40)	(1.30)	(0.18)	(1.20)	(0.20)	0.43	0.47	0.88
BRAZIL	67836.06	0.82	20.29	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	0.40	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	(0.48)
MEXICO	32170.79	0.87	18.66	N.A	1.99	N.A	0.52	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS...**

**U.S. Consumer Prices Probably Rose in January on Energy Costs...**

The cost of living in the U.S. probably rose in January, pushed up by higher energy prices, economists said before a government report. The consumer price index may rise 0.3 percent after a 0.2 percent increase in December.

**U.S. Stock-Index Futures Retreat as Fed Raises Discount Rate...**

U.S. stock-index futures declined after the Federal Reserve unexpectedly raised the discount rate it charges on loans to banks, the first step in withdrawing stimulus from the world's largest economy.

**Asia Stocks, Oil Drop; Dollar Gains as Fed Raises Discount Rate...**

Asian and European shares, U.S. stock futures and oil dropped and the dollar gained as the Federal Reserve unexpectedly raised its discount rate, spurring concern the recovery will slow as stimulus programs are unwound.

**SECTOR...**

➤ The food processing sector attracted over Rs 9,000 crore Foreign Direct Investment during the April-November period of the current fiscal, the highest ever so far.

**COMPANY...**

➤ **United Bank of India** would hit the capital market with its initial public offer on February 23 to raise capital.

➤ **Reliance Industries Ltd** India's most valuable company, is working on a higher bid for LyondellBasell Industries that could include cash and stock options for shareholders and creditors. The enterprise value of the Dutch company is now pegged at a minimum \$14.5 billion and RIL is trying to tweak its bid to meet new challenges

➤ **Vision Express**, the joint venture between Reliance Retail and Dutch optical retailer Pearle Europe said it is embarking on an expansion spree with plans to open 60-70 outlets every year and tap large format stores and malls.

➤ **Chettinad Cement** announced its plans to expand its wings in Karnataka, Maharashtra and other states within 10 years with an aim to produce 25 million tonnes of cement and to attain a turnover of Rs 5,000 crore.

➤ **T V S Electronics** reported the loss for the quarter ended December 2009 has narrowed. During the quarter, the loss of the company declined to Rs 15.20 million compared with a loss of Rs 47.00 million in the same quarter last year.

➤ **Spentex Industries** reported the loss for the quarter ended December 2009 has narrowed. During the quarter, the loss of the company declined to Rs 55.84 million compared with a loss of Rs 309.75 million in the same quarter last year.

➤ **Suashish Diamonds** swung to profit for the quarter ended December 2009. During the quarter, the company reported profit of Rs 171.49 million compared with a loss of Rs 304.31 million in the same quarter previous year.

➤ **ETC Networks** disclosed a substantial drop in standalone net profit for the quarter ended December 2009. During the quarter, the profit of the company declined 51.61% to Rs 9.76 million from Rs 20.17 million in the same quarter previous year.

➤ **BGR Energy Systems** announced a phenomenal rise in standalone net profit for the quarter ended December 2009. During the quarter, the profit of the company rose 54.03% to Rs 419.10 million from Rs 272.08 million in the same quarter previous year.

➤ **Sujana Towers** reported a substantial rise in standalone net profit for the quarter ended December 2009. During the quarter, the profit of the company rose 47.28% to Rs 56.30 million from Rs 38.22 million in the same quarter last year.

➤ **L M L** reported the loss for the quarter ended December 2009 has narrowed. During the quarter, the loss of the company decreased to Rs 82.61 million compared with a loss of Rs 300.85 million in the same quarter previous year.

➤ **Gaekwar Mills** announced that a meeting of the board of directors will be held on Feb. 19, 2010, to consider sale of part of the land belonging to the company, placed under reservation, situated at Billimora, to Billimora Nagarpalika for the construction of a sewage treatment plant, by the Nagarpalika.

➤ **Mini Diamonds India** announced that a meeting of the board of directors will be held on Feb. 20, 2010, to consider and approve the draft purchase agreement between the company and Gold Leaf Design, a Hongkong based company.

PRECIOUS METALS (SPOT PRICES)			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
<b>GOLD</b>	1109.40	0.06	1.46
<b>SILVER</b>	15.94	0.58	2.66
<b>PLATINUM</b>	1503.20	(0.97)	(0.78)

ENERGY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
<b>CRUDE OIL</b>	78.06	(1.28)	3.68
<b>NATURAL GAS</b>	5.15	(0.46)	(4.60)

BASE METALS			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
<b>Copper</b>	7199	(1.03)	5.58
<b>Aluminum</b>	2095	(0.90)	1.95
<b>Nickel</b>	20195	(1.22)	8.37
<b>Lead</b>	2300	(0.82)	7.78
<b>Zinc</b>	2287	(0.87)	5.53

LME INVENTORY (metric tonnes)			
Name	Inventory	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
<b>Copper</b>	554775	(0.05)	1.28
<b>Aluminum</b>	4598650	(0.15)	0.94
<b>Nickel</b>	163542	(0.17)	(1.16)
<b>Lead</b>	160250	0.00	0.64
<b>Zinc</b>	541300	0.00	8.30

CURRENCY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
<b>RS/\$</b>	46.33	(0.14)	0.17
<b>\$/€</b>	1.35	0.25	1.03
<b>DOLLER INDEX</b>	81.19	0.32	1.49
<b>¥/\$</b>	91.86	(0.04)	(2.06)

Today's Major Economic Events			
IST	Data	Expected	Prior
19:00	Consumer Price Index (MoM)	0.30%	0.10%
19:00	CPI Ex Food & Energy (MoM)	0.10%	0.10%
19:00	Consumer Price Index (YoY)	2.80%	2.70%
19:00	CPI Ex Food & Energy (YoY)	1.80%	1.80%
19:00	CPI Core Index SA	221.175	220.774
19:00	Consumer Price Index NSA	217.053	215.949
20:30	Mortgage Delinquencies	--	9.64%

**COMMODITY & CURRENCY...**

- **Crude oil fell** for the first day in four after the Federal Reserve raised its discount rate, pushing the dollar higher and damping investor demand for commodities. Oil pared yesterday's 2.2 percent rally as the U.S. currency traded at a nine-month high against the euro after the Fed increased the rate it charges banks for direct loans, for the first time in more than three years. Energy Department data showed U.S. crude inventories rose 3.09 million barrels last week, topping a forecast for a 1.73 million-barrel increase. "The decline we're seeing is on the stronger dollar after the Fed action and the re-appearance of risk aversion across riskier assets," said Tobias Merath, head of commodities research at Credit Suisse Group AG in Zurich. "There is an improvement in fundamentals, but we still have an inventory overhang in oil products that's weighing on refinery margins."
- **Gold declined** after the Federal Reserve raised its discount rate for the first time in three years, boosting the dollar and reducing investor appetite for the precious metal as a store of value. "There are few incentives for gold buying at the moment as the rising dollar continues to keep investors away and the IMF's gold sales threw cold water on sentiment," said Hwang Il Doo, a senior trader with KEB Futures Co. in Seoul. The dollar is set for a sixth week of gains against the euro after the Federal Reserve raised the discount rate it charges banks by a quarter point to 0.75 percent. The IMF, which set out in September to sell 13 percent of its gold reserves, said this week it will extend sales to the open market after central banks bought 212 metric tons in private deals.
- **Copper fell** the most in a week in London as the dollar strengthened, reducing the appeal of raw materials as an alternative investment, after the Federal Reserve raised the discount rate. The dollar jumped to a nine-month high against the euro after the Fed increased the rate charged to banks for direct loans for the first time in more than three years. Gains by the U.S. currency make dollar-priced commodities more expensive for holders of other monies. "It's a dollar story today," Robin Bhar, said an analyst at Credit Agricole SA's Calyon unit in London. "That's put pressure on all the metals. There is a lot of speculative money in copper."
- **The pound slid** to its lowest level in nine months against the dollar as the Federal Reserve unexpectedly raised its discount rate and concern deepened that Britain's economic growth will trail that of the U.S. Sterling fell against all 16 of its most-traded peers as the Fed raised the rate charged to banks for direct loans for the first time in more than three years, taking another step to withdraw from emergency monetary stimulus and driving the dollar higher against other currencies. Barclays Plc cut its forecast for the pound, citing U.K. "monetary policy and fiscal concerns." British data yesterday showed the government posted an unexpected deficit for January after tax revenue collapsed. "Risks have grown that the Bank of England will be left behind as other G-10 central banks begin the process of policy normalization," wrote Brian Kim.
- **The dollar climbed** to a nine-month high against the euro after the Federal Reserve raised the discount rate charged to banks for direct loans for the first time in more than three years. The U.S. currency headed for a sixth week of gains against the 16-nation euro as the central bank took another step to withdraw from the unprecedented measures it used to combat the financial crisis. The Australian and New Zealand currencies fell for a third day on concern higher U.S. borrowing costs will weaken the yield advantage of the nations' assets. "The Fed's increase in the discount rate represents a step towards greater monetary normalization rather than earlier monetary tightening," wrote by Todd Elmer and Michael Hart in a report. "Nevertheless, short-term yields have room to rise further, supporting euro-dollar downside and dollar-yen upside."
- **The euro may fall to a 10-month low** of \$1.3091 after dropping below a key support level, according to Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ Ltd. The 16-nation currency slid to as low as \$1.3444, dropping through support at \$1.3483, said Sumino Kamei, a Tokyo-based senior analyst at Mitsubishi UFJ. That level represents a 61.8 percent Fibonacci retracement of the currency's gain from \$1.2457 on March 4 to \$1.5144 on Nov. 25. "The next mid- and long-term target should be" a 76.4 percent retracement, Kamei said. "But that level is still far away. There should be additional support levels before that."

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