

	Index Value	Index	P/E	AUTO	CAPITAL GOODS	CONSTRUCTION	Financial	FMCG	Info Tech	LOGISTICS	Metals	Oil & Gas	Pharma	POWER	Telecom
INDIA	4301.40	(0.50)	15.72	3.19	6.02	12.29	6.73	(4.12)	(10.13)	N.A	2.05	(3.61)	(4.51)	2.69	(5.09)
NIKKEI	9290.29	2.78	(98.76)	N.A	N.A	3.56	2.29	3.02	1.78	N.A	4.85	2.68	0.94	1.42	N.A
KOSPI	1428.21	2.99	27.96	N.A	4.26	4.35	4.39	1.40	N.A	2.74	4.10	2.68	0.40	3.06	0.07
SHANGHAI	2676.68	0.90	26.89	N.A	0.82	N.A	1.40	(0.14)	0.94	N.A	2.74	0.62	0.68	(1.40)	0.25
TAIWAN	6655.59	1.18	62.86	(2.16)	N.A	0.61	3.60	0.58	2.47	(0.79)	(1.95)	0.98	(0.74)	0.07	N.A
HANGSENG	17544.03	3.06	15.79	N.A	2.13	1.71	2.96	2.80	0.48	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	(0.55)	2.53
CAC	3282.80	1.15	11.63	N.A	2.47	N.A	2.47	0.21	1.05	N.A	2.55	(1.58)	0.07	(1.58)	0.32
FTSE	4493.51	1.06	25.03	8.18	3.08	1.32	2.85	(0.12)	1.82	2.74	6.08	(0.19)	0.38	0.49	0.87
DAX	4956.12	2.15	25.67	2.68	4.00	3.92	5.50	0.47	1.18	2.73	4.00	2.47	0.41	2.47	(1.09)
US	8504.08	2.85	20.99	3.04	3.04	9.37	7.90	4.75	2.15	2.56	3.90	3.09	1.16	0.00	0.32
AUSTRALIA	3133.50	2.16	18.99	N.A	1.54	2.63	2.59	(1.15)	(1.69)	3.32	4.72	2.84	0.10	N.A	(0.41)
BRAZIL	51463.02	5.01	21.56	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	4.65	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	3.76
MEXICO	23935.49	2.54	15.60	N.A	2.08	Tim	3.19	N.A	N.A	N.A	Tim	N.A	N.A	N.A	Tim

KEY HIGHLIGHTS...

<i>European and Asian stocks and U.S. futures rose ...</i>
<i>European and Asian stocks and U.S. futures rose as oil climbed and speculation three American banks will repay a combined \$45 billion of government funds fueled optimism the worst of the financial crisis is over.</i>
<i>U.K. Inflation Rate Dropped to 15-Month Low in April...</i>
<i>U.K. inflation slowed more than economists forecast in April to the weakest level in 15 months as the recession undermined price pressures in the economy. Consumer prices rose 2.3 percent from a year earlier. The retail price index measure of inflation dropped an annual 1.2 percent, the most since records began in 1948.</i>
<i>Chinese Steelmakers Plan to Buy More Iron Ore on Spot...</i>
<i>Chinese steelmakers, the world's biggest consumers of iron ore, will increase purchases in the spot market to pressure producers to give bigger discounts on contracts, the China Iron & Steel Association said.</i>
<i>Hong Kong's Jobless Rate Climbs to 5.3%; Highest in Three Years...</i>
<i>Hong Kong's jobless rate rose to the highest in three years as the global economic slump cut export demand and companies shed staff to reduce costs. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the three months ended April 30 climbed to 5.3 percent from 5.2 percent through March.</i>

DOMESTIC...

- Congress party nominates Manmohan Singh as prime minister.
- PM Singh says reviving econ growth a key challenge for new govt.
- Govt not to allow FIs to raise stake in PSU banks beyond 20%.
- Met says monsoon likely to hit south Andaman Sea in next 48 hours.
- India's software service providers and pharmaceutical companies, among the country's biggest exporters, fell after the rupee extended yesterday's gain.

SECTOR...

- India's steel demand this financial year may exceed 6 percent as the government increases investments in ports, roads and bridges.
- India's government will not impose a temporary duty on steel imports. The nation's steelmakers had sought a so-called safeguard duty of 25 percent in addition to the existing levy of 5 percent to curtail imports.

COMPANY...

- **RIL, CESC** projects get carbon credits from UN climate body.
- **TCS** says not changed hedging policy drastically.
- **Punjab Lloyd** calls off housing JV with Ramprastha Builders.
- **Ranbaxy** may earn \$200 mln in Apr-Jun on forex gain.
- **Tata Motors** likely to raise 42 bln rupees via bond issue.
- **NTPC** to commission 1,500MW ahead of 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games.
- **Union Bank** launches 8% home loan scheme; rate fixed for first year.
- **KS Oils** to raise 4.5 bln rupees via private equity, GDR.
- **Indian Bank** has posted a net profit of Rs 1255.15 crore for the year ended March 31, 2009 as compared to Rs 1043.12 crore for the year ended March 31, 2008. Total income has increased to Rs 7879.19 crore for the year ended March 31, 2009 from Rs 6268.45 crore for the year ended March 31, 2008.
- **Larsen & Toubro** and GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy have signed a memorandum of understanding for co-operation of on nuclear power plants. The two companies will build nuclear reactors based on GE Hitachi's advanced boiling water reactor technology.
- **Larsen & Toubro (Oman)** has bagged three orders to the tune of Rs 518.2 crore for power transmission and distribution projects and infrastructure works in the Sultanate of Oman.
- **Unitech** has informed that its board of directors has approved the proposal of raising of additional long-terms funds through issuance of further securities in the company. It has also approved issuance of warrants in the company to the promoters on preferential basis.
- **Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd** has informed its employees union at Nashik has withdrawn its tool down strike with effect from the 2nd shift of May 18, 2009. Following the withdrawal of this strike, production has resumed in the plant and normalcy restored.
- **BHEL** has offered to take up the controversial Barh project of **NTPC** if the Russian firm that had bagged the order for it and the power major end their arbitration case and part ways. TPE had got the order for supplying boilers for the first stage of the Barh project (2x660 MW) from NTPC about three years ago but the companies went into litigation as the equipment supplier demanded higher prices in view of increase in input prices.
- Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd has entered into an agreement with **Torrent Power Limited** for power distribution in Kanpur and Agra. Under the agreement, Torrent, which will work as a franchisee in the two cities, will take over distribution system in Kanpur and Agra by August 15.
- **JSW Steel Ltd.** is considering shutting its 1.2-million-metric-ton plate plant in the U.S. by the end of this month. The demand in industries such as ship building is not good, which is why we are looking at shutting the plant.
- **Nestle India** has informed that the labour strike at its Pantnagar plant has ended and workers have resumed duty.

PRECIOUS METALS (SPOT PRICES)			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
GOLD	921.28	(0.85)	0.42
SILVER	13.88	(0.25)	(1.98)
PLATINUM	1136.50	2.43	0.93

ENERGY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
CRUDE OIL	59.76	1.27	1.58
NATURAL GAS	4.19	1.18	(5.87)

BASE METALS			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
Copper	4634	2.53	0.85
Aluminum	1525	0.33	(1.42)
Nickel	12750	3.24	(2.30)
Lead	1530	2.68	3.73
Zinc	1556	2.54	0.74

LME INVENTORY (metric tonnes)			
Name	Inventory	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
Copper	348825	(1.34)	(7.97)
Aluminum	4060600	3.14	4.80
Nickel	109788	(0.36)	(1.95)
Lead	74375	0.61	1.33
Zinc	320150	(0.16)	(0.98)

CURRENCY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
RS/\$	47.86	0.19	3.14
\$/€	1.36	(1.14)	0.14
DOLLER INDEX	82.18	(0.42)	(0.13)
¥/\$	96.32	(0.60)	1.09

Today's Major Economic Events			
IST	Data	Expected	Prior
18.00	Housing Starts	520	510
18.00	Building permits	530	513

COMMODITY & CURRENCY...

- **Crude oil** rose to the highest in six months in New York as gains in the stock market increased optimism that the global economy is recovering. Oil also got a boost on speculation inventories fell last week, while Sunoco Inc. said a refinery fire forced the shutdown of the plant's main gasoline unit. Sentiment has driven this market from its lows in the hopes of an imminent recovery. Crude oil for June delivery climbed as much as \$1.12, or 1.9 percent, to \$60.15 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the highest since Nov. 11. Oil traded at \$60.14. Futures are up 35 percent this year. Prices were also supported by concerns of disruptions to African oil supplies as Nigerian militants threatened to block waterways used for energy exports. The June crude contract expires today. The more-actively traded July contract gained \$1.19, or 2 percent, to \$60.78 a barrel at 2:43 p.m. in Singapore.
- **Gold fell** the most this month in New York, halting a four-day rally, as gains in global equity markets eroded the appeal of the precious metal as an alternative asset. Silver also declined, and platinum rose. Some investors buy precious metals to preserve wealth and as a haven during financial turmoil. Gold jumped 1.8 percent last week as equities fell. Safe-haven flows seem to have ebbed out of the gold market. People see the gains in stocks and they think, 'Let's take a little bit of money off the gold table and put it into where the action is.' Gold futures for June delivery dropped \$9.60, or 1 percent, to \$921.70 an ounce on the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange. The drop is the steepest since April 30. The price rallied to \$934.80 last week, the highest since April 1, as equity declines spurred concern that the economy may slow and boosted the precious metal's appeal as a haven. Some of the funds that have been piling into gold in the last few weeks have pulled the profit trigger once again after the rally.
- **Copper** traded near a one-week high in London as improved sentiment among U.S. builders and rising equity markets increased investor confidence in the demand outlook for industrial metals. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo index of builder confidence rose a second month to its highest since September, the Washington-based NAHB said. The housing "news and the gain in the U.S. stock market subsequently showed sentiment has further improved and bolstered metals as well," analysts led by Tan Wentao at HNA Topwin Futures Co. wrote in an e-mailed report today. "We'll need more concrete data to sustain the positive mood." Copper for three-month delivery on the London Metal Exchange rose as much as 0.8 percent to \$4,556 a ton, the highest intra-day price since May 13. It traded at \$4,515.
- **Nickel** futures renounced in the positive zone at the MCX today, recording nearly 2% rise in prices due to short covering by speculators. The most actively trading, MCX Nickel May contract is trading higher by 1.62% at Rs 600.80 per kg. It opened at Rs 592 as against its earlier close of Rs 591.20. The open interest of the same is 10,155. June contract is also trading up by 1.63% at Rs 605.50 per kg (with an open interest of 2,679) after opening at Rs 597. It tossed in the range of Rs 612-590.30 in today's session. Similarly, Nickel July contract is trading upward by 2.10% at Rs 6160.40 per kg as compared to its earlier close of Rs 603.70.
- **The yen fell** against the dollar and the euro as rising confidence in the banking industry sapped demand for the Japanese currency after three financial institutions applied to refund government-bailout cash. The yen fell most against the New Zealand dollar, Australian dollar and South African rand as the MSCI World Index advanced for a second day. South Korea's won approached a seven-month high versus the dollar as equity gains spurred demand for higher-yielding emerging-market assets. The pound rose to a five-month high against the dollar as banking stocks climbed. The correlation between the level of confidence and risk appetite is still intact. The yen accelerated declines since the announcement of U.S. banks' ability and desire to repay funds, which boosted confidence. The yen weakened to 96.57 per dollar from 96.30 yesterday in New York. It depreciated to 131.52 per euro from 130.61. The euro strengthened to \$1.3623, from \$1.3562.

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