

	Index Value	Index	P/E	AUTO	CAPITAL GOODS	CONSTRUCTION	Financial	FMCG	Info Tech	LOGISTICS	Metals	Oil & Gas	Pharma	POWER	Telecom
INDIA	4233.15	0.53	15.33	(1.13)	2.87	(0.13)	1.34	0.37	1.02	N.A	(0.01)	1.18	1.96	0.85	0.87
NIKKEI	9225.81	(0.41)	(91.96)	N.A	N.A	(1.18)	(0.90)	0.65	0.18	N.A	(0.11)	0.11	(1.09)	(0.42)	N.A
KOSPI	1403.75	(1.26)	28.08	N.A	(2.99)	(2.06)	(1.06)	0.49	N.A	(0.22)	(2.84)	(1.00)	(0.72)	(2.24)	(0.81)
SHANGHAI	2597.60	(0.50)	26.09	N.A	(0.17)	N.A	(0.19)	(0.03)	1.02	N.A	(0.51)	(2.11)	(0.19)	0.47	0.16
TAIWAN	6737.29	0.28	63.64	(2.09)	N.A	5.92	(0.20)	(0.75)	1.91	(0.41)	1.05	0.59	(0.36)	(0.21)	N.A
HANGSENG	17062.52	(0.80)	15.34	N.A	(0.72)	(0.25)	(1.01)	(1.31)	(1.48)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	0.63	(0.58)
CAC	3238.98	0.67	11.47	N.A	1.34	N.A	1.04	0.22	0.58	N.A	0.96	0.38	(0.00)	0.38	0.42
FTSE	4370.89	0.58	27.50	3.38	1.88	0.91	0.81	0.29	0.55	1.45	3.60	0.18	(1.17)	0.78	0.65
DAX	4940.47	0.81	25.53	0.43	0.70	1.08	1.21	0.34	0.21	1.91	0.70	1.34	0.99	1.34	1.04
US	8292.13	(1.54)	20.50	(1.73)	(1.68)	0.03	(0.39)	(1.66)	(1.27)	(4.44)	(1.84)	(2.85)	(1.08)	(1.15)	(2.32)
AUSTRALIA	3085.60	(1.36)	18.80	N.A	(2.05)	(0.49)	(0.39)	0.30	(1.12)	(0.94)	(1.90)	(2.47)	(1.17)	N.A	(2.19)
BRAZIL	50087.33	(2.26)	20.97	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	(1.55)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	(0.81)
MEXICO	23821.26	(2.37)	15.52	N.A	(3.70)	Tim	(3.35)	N.A	N.A	N.A	Tim	N.A	N.A	N.A	Tim

KEY HIGHLIGHTS...

European Shares Fluctuate...

Stocks in Europe fluctuated as a rally by basic-resources producers offset a wider-than-estimated loss from British Airways Plc. Asian shares dropped after Lenovo Group Ltd. said it faces a "very challenging" market.

U.K. Consumer Spending, Inventories Plunged in First Quarter...

U.K. consumer spending slumped the most since 1980 and companies ran down inventories at a record pace in the first quarter as the country's recession deepened. Gross domestic product dropped 1.9 percent in the period, the most since 1979. That was in line with the original estimate last month. About a third of the contraction was due to the decline in inventories, which dropped 6 billion pounds (\$9.4 billion). Consumer spending fell 1.2 percent and investment dropped 3.8 percent.

Libor Set for Biggest Weekly Drop This Year on Recovery Signs...

The cost of borrowing in dollars between banks for three months is poised for the biggest weekly decline this year amid speculation the worst of the global recession is passing. The London interbank offered rate, or Libor, for such loans was at 0.65 percent at 7:08 a.m. in London, the investment-banking unit of Credit Agricole SA. It has already dropped 17 basis points this week, the most since the five days through Dec. 19. Libor is used to set borrowing costs on about \$360 trillion of financial products globally.

DOMESTIC...

Manmohan Singh will today take oath as prime minister for the second straight term, along with 19 Cabinet ministers. Prominent among those who would be sworn-in as Cabinet ministers from Congress include Pranab Mukherjee, A.K. Antony, P. Chidambaram, S.M. Krishna, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Sushil Kumar Shinde, M. Veerappa Moily, S. Jaipal Reddy, Kamal Nath, Vayalar Ravi, Meira Kumar, Murlidhar Deora, Shri Kapil Sibal, and Ambika Soni.

- DMK, NC upset over Cabinet; Karuna, Farooq to skip swearing-in.
- RBI Subbarao says new govt may announce more fiscal stimulus steps.
- Public sector banks may soon go for another round of rate cut.

SECTOR...

- Govt mulls 100-bln-rupee soft loan package for shipping cos.
- Met says conditions favour monsoon onset over Kerala in next 48 hrs.

COMPANY...

- **National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd** has posted a net profit after tax of Rs 21133.50 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 compared to Rs 13394.80 million for the corresponding quarter of 2007-08. Total Income has increased from Rs 114875.00 million last year to Rs 124815.10 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.
- **CESC Ltd** has posted a net profit of Rs 4100 million for the year ended March 31, 2009 compared to Rs 3550 million for the year ended March 31, 2008. Total Income has increased from Rs 29040 million for the year ended March 31, 2008 to Rs 32000 million for the year ended March 31, 2009. CESC has recommended a dividend at the rate of Rs 4 per share for the year 2008-09 involving an outgo of Rs 58.47 crore.
- **Federal Bank Ltd** has posted a net profit of Rs 1141.70 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009 compared to Rs 1028.60 million in the corresponding quarter of 2008. Total income has increased from Rs 8417.90 million last year to Rs 10162.80 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2009. The bank has recommended a dividend of 50% on equity shares.
- **Tata Group** to invest 20 bln rupees to set up 8 logistics parks over 4 yrs.
- **Bharti Airtel** launches low-cost PC for 7,999 rupees.
- **Unitech** taps fixed deposit route, offers 11-12% coupon on 2 plans.
- **TCS CFO** sees "lot of" growth opportunities in domestic market.
- **Dolphin Offshore Enterprises India Ltd** was awarded a contract for charter hire of DP/DSV Vessel by Leighton India Pvt. Ltd. The value of the said contract is \$18.45 million for a period of 6 months with an option for Leighton to extend it for another 60 days. If extended, the total value of the contract will be \$24.6 million. This contract will commence end September - early October 2009.
- Northern Coalfields Ltd has awarded the work of removal of over burden at Jayant OCP of NCL for a contract price of Rs 196.24 crores to **Madhucon Projects Ltd**. The work has to be completed within a period of 36 months.
- **Dabur India Ltd** launched apple nectar under its Real brand. The apple nectar would be available in 200 ml and 1 L packs, priced at 15 rupees and 75 rupees respectively. The company also plans to launch two more variants of Real juices and nectars over the next 15 days.
- **DLF Ltd** said there will be no further equity dilution in the company. DLF promoters had sold about 168 mln shares, or 9.9% stake, to institutional investors for 38.64 bln rupees through open market transactions on May 13.
- **MARG Ltd** plans to invest 400 mln rupees in the current financial year to March to develop its Special Economic Zone near Chennai. The company has already completed 40% of the work for setting up the science park, which is located about 80 kms from Chennai. MARG had invested about 2.8 bln rupees in the science park in the last financial year. The company will raise funds for the project through banks



PRECIOUS METALS (SPOT PRICES)			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
GOLD	952.76	1.28	3.06
SILVER	14.51	1.52	4.02
PLATINUM	1145.25	(0.37)	3.22

ENERGY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
CRUDE OIL	61.48	0.70	8.30
NATURAL GAS	3.61	0.06	(12.03)

BASE METALS			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
Copper	4583	2.68	3.15
Aluminum	1447	(0.28)	(4.99)
Nickel	12490	3.01	0.32
Lead	1435	3.16	(3.17)
Zinc	1505	4.44	0.80

LME INVENTORY (metric tonnes)			
Name	Inventory	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
Copper	333375	(0.80)	(6.83)
Aluminum	4191975	0.37	6.50
Nickel	109776	0.07	(0.39)
Lead	74525	0.34	1.74
Zinc	317750	(0.09)	(1.88)

CURRENCY			
Name	Last Trade	% CHG 1D	% CHG 5D
RS/\$	47.16	0.43	5.12
\$/€	1.40	(1.17)	(2.85)
DOLLER INDEX	80.29	(0.30)	(3.30)
¥/\$	94.14	0.94	0.90

Today's Major Economic Events			
IST	Data	Expected	Prior

COMMODITY & CURRENCY...

- **Gold, little changed near a two-month high** in London today, headed for a third weekly gain as a weaker dollar boosted the metal's appeal as an alternative investment. The U.S. Dollar Index fell today to its lowest since Dec. 29 on speculation the country's AAA credit rating may be cut, taking the gauge's weekly drop to 3.1 percent. Equities in Asia slid as European stocks and U.S. index futures fluctuated. Bullion typically gains when the dollar weakens, and some investors buy gold as a store of value when stocks retreat. Investors are flocking to gold as an ultimate safe haven against the sliding dollar. There is an extreme fear that the U.S. economy may lose its AAA credit rating in due course, and this has been feeding the gold bulls pretty well.
- **Crude oil rose in New York**, poised for an 8.9 percent gain this week, as the dollar fell to a four-month low against the euro, drawing investors to crude as an inflation hedge. Oil also climbed after an index of leading U.S. economic indicators rose 1 percent April, raising expectations of improved fuel demand. The dollar declined on speculation the
- **U.S. government's creditworthiness** is weakening, sapping demand for the currency. The market has got ahead of fundamentals, but as long as sentiment and risk appetite remain positive prices might go higher. Crude oil for July delivery rose as much as 68 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$61.73 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was at \$61.37 a barrel at 9:32 a.m. in London.
- **Copper advanced after Chinese imports** of the metal rose to a record in April, renewing expectations that the country's 4 trillion yuan (\$586 billion) stimulus program will sustain prices in the short term. Inbound shipments of refined copper advanced 7 percent from the previous month to 317,947 metric tons, according to final data released today from the Beijing-based customs office. The shipments for the month were a record. China has boosted imports of the metal used to make pipes and wires as the government ramps up its stimulus program to counter the impact of the global recession. China's record imports, which probably peaked, may still bolster sentiment and spur a short-term rebound in copper prices.
- **The dollar declined to a more than four-month low** against the euro and weakened versus the yen on speculation the U.S. may lose its AAA credit rating. The yen rose to a nine-week high versus the dollar after Japan's Finance Minister Kaoru Yosano the government won't intervene in the currency market and the Bank of Japan raised its economic assessment. The dollar headed for its biggest weekly drop in two months versus the euro after Standard & Poor's yesterday cut its outlook on the U.K.'s AAA credit rating, and Pacific Investment Management Co.'s Bill Gross said the same will happen to the U.S. "eventually. The impact of a possible downgrade on the U.S. would be much greater than the one on the U.K. because the dollar still represents 60 percent of the global foreign reserves.
- **The pound and gilts tumbled** as growing concern about the U.K.'s creditworthiness prompted investors to sell assets denominated in the currency. Ten-year government bonds headed for their biggest weekly decline in two months after Standard & Poor's cut the outlook on the U.K.'s AAA credit rating yesterday to "negative." The Treasury plans to auction a record 220 billion pounds (\$347 billion) of gilts this fiscal year, 50 percent more than last year, to help drag the economy out of the recession. Worries over the supply outlook and the long-term prognosis for sovereign debt ratings is keeping government debt markets under pressure," said John Wraith, head of sterling interest-rate strategy in London at RBC Capital Markets. The pound fell 0.5 percent against the dollar to \$1.5767 as of 8:50 a.m. in London, and 0.8 percent to 88.39 pence per euro.
- **Asian currencies rose**, with India's rupee poised for the best week in more than a decade, as global investors piled into emerging-market equities and the dollar slumped on concern the U.S. will lose its top credit rating. The Bloomberg-JPMorgan Asia Dollar Index, which tracks the 10 most-active regional currencies against the greenback, climbed to the highest level in four months. Standard & Poor's lowered its outlook on the U.K.'s AAA rating to negative yesterday because of rising debt levels, while Bill Gross at Pacific Investment Management Co. said the U.S. may "eventually" have to forfeit its top grade. Asian currencies are strong as market participants focus on a possible downgrade of the U.S. sovereign

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