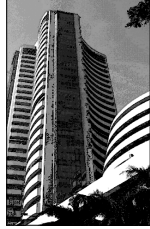


## Markets stay firm on macro cheer, earnings optimism; post 3rd weekly gains

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and 34,103.53, finally closed at 34,192.65, up 91.52 points, or 0.27 per cent.

This was its highest closing since February 27 when it had ended at 34,346.38. The index has now gained 22 points to 10,480.60. Investor sentiment was upbeat on positive macro data announced after trading hours yesterday, and optimism ahead of earnings by Infosys coupled with a firming trend after Asian bourses, brokers said.

The BSE Sensex after shutting between 34,313.14

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## Gold imports shrink 40% to \$2.49b in March

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13 --/India's gold imports fell 40.31 per cent to USD 2.49 billion in March, which is expected to keep a lid on the current account deficit (CAD).

Total imports of the precious metal in the corresponding period of 2016-17 stood at USD 4.17 billion, according to Commerce Ministry data.

According to industry experts, softening prices of the precious metal in the global markets could be the reason for the decline in the value of imports.

The imports had recorded negative growth in January and February as well.

India is one of the largest gold consumers in the world and the shipments mainly take care of the jewellery industry demand.

Silver imports, however, grew by 31 per cent to USD 267.33 million in March.

At present, gold import attracts 10 per cent duty. The gems and jewellery industry along with the Commerce Ministry have time and again urged the Finance Ministry to consider reducing the import duty.

In volume terms, India imported 500 tonnes of gold in 2016-17.

The CAD more than doubled to 1.9 per cent of GDP in the April-December 2017 period from 0.7 per cent in the corresponding period of 2016-17 due to wider trade deficit.

The CAD, which shows the difference between foreign exchange earned and spent, rose to 2 per cent of the GDP at USD 13.5 billion in the December quarter. (PTI)

## Rupee gains 6 paise against \$ on bullish macro data

MUMBAI, APRIL 13 --/ The rupee strengthened further by 6 paise to close at 65.20 against the US dollar on the back of positive macroeconomic data and upbeat local equities.

Easing global trade war fears after US President Donald Trump hinted that military action in Syria might not be imminent along with some consolidation in global crude prices kept forex market sentiment buoyant.

A number of favourable factors, including encouraging growth-inflation dynamics driven by high industrial growth and lower inflation further aided overall trading mood.

Economic data and continued inflows from foreign investors supported the domestic currency," Anand James Chief Market Strategist at Geojit Financial Services said.

Foreign investors had infused around USD 100 million in capital markets on Thursday. Reflecting improvement in the economic situation, industrial production grew by a healthy 7.1 per cent in February while the key retail inflation slipped to a five-month low of 4.28 per cent in March, official data showed on Thursday.

On the energy front, crude oil prices backedtracked on the perceived easing of Syrian tension and higher US crude output data.

Brent crude, an international benchmark, was trading marginally higher at USD 71.6 a barrel in early Asian trade.

Rupee opened on a backfoot at 65.31 per dollar from overnight close of 65.26 at the inter-bank foreign exchange (forex) market on stray dollar demand from importers.

However, the local unit made a strong recovery in mid-afternoon deals to hit its peak at 65.18 before ending at 65.20, showing a gain of 6 paise, or 0.09 per cent.

For the week, the Indian unit dropped sharply by a staggering 23 paise against the US dollar.

The RBI, meanwhile, fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 65.22 and for the euro at 80.3412.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose 91.52 points to end at 34,192.65, while the broader NSE Nifty gained 22 points to 10,480.60.

Globally, the dollar struggled to gain ground on Thursday. The dollar index, which measures the greenback's value against a basket of six major currencies, was up at 89.50.

### STOCK QUOTATIONS

Company	LTP	Change	%Change	Company	LTP	Change	%Change
<b>GAINERS</b>							
IBVENTUREPP	140.40	23.90	20.00	SYSCO	28.20	-4.70	-19.20
7025	10.75	0.55	5.33	SRL	48.50	-1.50	-3.07
ADITYA	25.29	4.21	19.57	HYPERSOFT	8.02	-0.99	-10.99
MIDHANI	111.10	18.15	16.33	DHAMPUR	13.75	-1.60	-10.92
IBVENTURES	97.95	8.20	8.37	TALWARARS	43.25	-0.90	-2.06
ZIMCOONS	54.40	6.45	13.45	JTAPARIA	8.47	-0.94	-9.99
RUPA	447.05	50.20	12.65	KRINFRA	102.95	-11.00	-9.65
11531	33.40	1.34	4.01	CARNATI	3.50	-0.50	-14.29
HOTELS	176.20	20.80	12.54	HIGHGROUND	12.08	-1.11	-9.10
CHAMBERFERT	287.20	28.95	11.90	KMSUGAR	12.14	-1.19	-8.52
SORLINFRA	14.20	0.95	7.04	HARDCAS	343.00	-3.55	-1.03
KIRKLER	406.40	39.50	10.27	MMWL	4.92	-0.43	-8.04
MAZDALT	48.25	4.50	10.29	GARNET	22.70	-1.80	-7.35
GUTHHEM	28.95	2.70	9.37	SHRETHA	12.62	-0.86	-6.38
REMEDEL	7.81	0.71	10.00	SMPL	1.16	-0.09	-7.20
INDSWFTLD	23.65	2.15	10.00	DHAMPURSUG	114.80	-8.90	-7.19
MSLNINRA	31.00	31.00	100.00	SHILASE	112.40	-7.25	-6.14
ANILWEST	11.00	1.00	10.00	CARNATI	52.95	-4.05	-7.11
ABSLRIFERD	46.75	4.25	10.00	RPIL	10.28	-0.74	-6.72
SCRSFL	74.65	6.70	9.55	WFOODRIVE	1.28	-0.21	-16.40
SORLHOLD	84.00	8.60	9.88	RCCL	41.00	-2.90	-6.61
RELCHEMO	92.00	8.35	9.98	OILCOUNTAB	29.40	-2.05	-6.52
DANLAW	25.35	2.70	9.37	SHRETHA	12.62	-0.86	-6.38
ICOLP	122.95	11.15	9.97	SIMPLEXCAS	153.00	-10.20	-6.23
SANKHYAIN	15.12	1.37	9.96	INDRAIN	10.42	-0.75	-6.15
ORIENTALT	61.45	10.00	16.27	INDRAIN	10.42	-0.75	-6.14
ZENTHEPRO	34.25	3.10	9.95	GALLISPT	230.00	-18.90	-8.12
DIUCON	10.72	0.97	9.95	TCGFINOQ	34.00	-1.20	-3.42
SCFL	61.45	10.00	16.27	SCRSFL	74.65	6.70	9.55
WEDMANIND	16.37	1.47	9.87	JINDALHOT	56.35	-3.35	-5.61
COMPUSOFT	4.25	0.38	9.82	TVISION	15.00	-0.90	-5.59
EASTSLK	17.00	1.50	9.82	SKPML	12.75	-0.75	-5.59
VKASWSP	1.24	0.11	9.73	HINDMILL	346.00	-20.00	-5.46
MANGIND	21.90	1.90	9.50	MIRCELECTRA	85.15	-3.00	-3.44
SCANSTL	0.65	0.05	8.57	KANOTEC	85.15	-3.00	-3.44
STEELECO	37.00	3.20	9.47	PERMANG	89.00	-5.00	-5.32
MADRASPERT	877.90	751.85	9.37	ILAFSENGG	31.50	-2.00	-6.31
TASTVBT	30.25	2.50	9.03	WAGND	5.26	-0.23	-4.22
TEXT	10.44	0.85	8.86	SYNCOM	5.99	-0.29	-4.53
1575	60.25	5.00	8.30	PVP	5.26	-0.23	-4.22
IPRSD09	10.44	0.85	8.86	WAGND	5.26	-0.23	-4.22
COLMED	38.20	3.00	8.10	KIOCL	257.05	-13.60	-5.02
MUCO	511.45	39.60	8.29	TALANT	142.35	-7.50	-5.01
MHEL	41.15	3.15	8.29	SPINALL	1.90	-0.21	-10.00
CEAGRO	28.75	2.15	8.10	GARWAMAR	3.99	-0.21	-5.00
INDKEM	21.30	1.60	8.10	KGOLKINDIA	19.00	-1.00	-5.00
ITL	28.75	2.15	8.10	WGL	1.33	-0.07	-4.92
3404YAPROP	4644.25	340.65	7.82	MFLINDIA	0.19	-0.01	-5.00
KAMHOLD	3.15	0.23	7.88	SUPROOD	1.33	-0.07	-5.00
PAWANSUT	6.75	4.20	7.88	SRPROM	5.13	-0.27	-5.00
FACT	20.00	1.40	7.50	MIC	7.00	-0.30	-4.00
ZIARIGLOB	27.40	1.95	7.66	RADERAN	1.90	-0.10	-5.00
STEELKIND	36.10	2.40	7.10	AKANTEXCH	36.10	1.90	5.00
BAJAJST	314.45	18.85	7.44	KRISHNA	52.35	-2.75	-4.99
HPCOTTON	23.45	2.30	7.38	INCINDO	88.00	-4.65	-4.99
INTLCOMB	149.70	10.95	7.37	AKANTEXCH	138.95	-7.30	-4.99
SCANGPEOM	22.15	1.50	7.26	SALONACOT	121.00	-6.35	-4.99
SKYIND	46.75	3.15	7.26	SVCRE	12.19	-0.64	-4.99
LLOYDSE	1.10	0.10	7.14	WOLFO	7.04	7.37	105.00
ORIENTHOT	47.70	3.15	7.07	ARTEFAC	33.35	-1.75	-4.99
ABROINDIA	6497.45	421.70	6.94	RATHIST	1.99	-0.10	-4.98
PREMERPOL	140.00	8.00	6.78	WANGANGEE	132.60	-9.95	-6.98
SPENTA	100.00	6.00	6.78	SANCTRN	265.90	-13.95	-4.98
BIBCI	24.40	1.55	6.87	KSIND	5.15	-0.27	-4.98
KALPANANIND	47.70	3.15	6.78	SANJUNIN	4.95	-0.26	-4.98
ELIXIR	49.70	3.15	6.77	SWITCHTE	65.90	-3.45	-4.97
VELHO	6.99	0.44	6.72	DIVINUS	110.85	-5.80	-4.97
25TOSTPAPR	253.00	15.00	5.93	STURKNSKEES	263.10	-6.90	-2.62
THANGAMVAL	541.85	32.90	6.46	BNL	13.97	-0.73	-4.97
ARMANFIN	357.15	21.20	6.31	DUTRON	122.60	-6.40	-4.97
9GS	29.50	1.80	6.27	GUSTAFIN	2.49	-0.13	-4.97
AMRAPAN	5.69	0.33	6.16	HIGARMT	84.90	-4.95	-4.96
KANANIND	9.50	0.55	6.15	DWITYA	93.30	-3.35	-4.96
SHREYANIND	18.00	1.05	6.15	MANUSRI	9.77	-0.51	-4.96
AMTL	245.15	14.00	6.05	HAWAENG	55.60	-2.90	-4.96
COMPEAU	303.75	17.00	5.93	UNITDOR	16.30	-0.85	-4.96
APL	162.00	8.20	5.93	HANCHAM	15.20	-0.80	-4.96
SKPSEC	74.00	4.00	5.71	GUTLHM	10.57	-0.55	-4.95
PFLINFOC	10.00	0.50	5.60	KANSTH	10.55	-0.55	-4.95
GENG	26.35	1.35	5.60	BLUCOENO	92.10	-4.80	-4.95
SAMTEX	3.50	0.18	5.42	LEHAR	41.25	-2.15	-4.95
2825	28.25	1.45	5.41	OASIS	43.25	-2.25	-4.95
LAFANSO	26.35	1.35	5.40	NEZHANT	7.14	-0.37	-4.93
SCPL	140.10	7.00	5.26	BRAWN	53.90	-2.80	-4.94
BLSCHIPT	256.90	12.80	5.24	ENERGYDEV	23.10	-1.20	-4.94
NELCAST	92.35	4.60	5.21	ARSNINRA	53.85	-2.90	-4.94
RCF	82.00	4.05	5.20	JPNFRATEC	8.09	-0.42	-4.94
RESTLE	6.49	0.32	5.19	KRISHNACAP	8.09	-0.42	-4.94
INDCEMCP	12.25	0.58	5.19	NEZHANT	7.14	-0.37	-4.93
CHOKSILA	27.75	1.35	5.11	TECHIN	7.90	-0.41	-4.93
VASINRA	9.57	0.46	5.05	WOMENNET	2.89	-0.15	-4.93
PHILPCARB	118.90	5.95	4.99	SULABEN	7.35	-0.38	-4.92
WILLAMAGOR	91.35	4.34	5.00	RAMGOPOLY	54.15	-2.80	-4.92
CALCOM	17.64	0.84	5.00	ECOSTYL	7.35	-0.38	-4.92
DIWYAYO	3.45	0.16	5.00	SHRIL	10.63	-0.54	-4.92
KEMP	752.90	36.85	5.00	SABABA	10.05	-0.52	-4.92
GSFIN	8.40	0.40	5.00	DHARFIN	8.32	-0.43	-4.91
PRISMEDD	1.80	0.07	4.99	SANWARIA	22.25	-1.15	-4.91
EVERLON	13.65	0.65	5.00	FUNNY	5.04	-0.26	-4.91
PERFEPA	297.25	14.15	5.00	RAJNINRA	5.04	-0.26	-4.91
REKPLAS	9.45	0.45	4.99	HSCAL	8.30	-0.43	-4.91
GARGFUR	11.55	0.55	5.00	AROMATE	4.40	-0.20	-4.91
MERCURYLAB	424.45	20.20	5.00	STAMPED	6.02	-0.31	-4.90
AINRA	19.20	0.95	4.99	ISCAP	99.75	-4.95	-4.90
FLORACORP	9.45	0.45	5.00	ISTLD	1026.15	-52.85	-4.90
AREAST	319.80	15.20	4.99	INPATSTI	38.80	-2.00	-4.90
TIARA	12.20	0.58	4.99	SAMKOND	33.00	-1.70	-4.90
NINTACAST	143.20	6.80	4.99	LEDOTEA	5.05	-0.26	-4.90
OASISEC	40.00	1.90	4.99	MELGON	7.75	-0.40	-4.90
MADRURIND	20.00	0.95	4.99	SHRIL	10.63	-0.54	-4.92
SADHANIND	248.35	11.80	4.99	SWORDSH	7.95	-0.41	-4.90
2107	12.20	0.58	4.99	PINCON	7.25	-1.40	-4.89
PREESAKHTI	8.83	0.42	4.99	ICAP	1.96	-0.07	-4.90
NIRAVCOM	245.60	11.65	4.98	GBFL	3.90	-1.95	-4.89
742	9.45	0.45	4.99	UNCRSE	2.92	-0.15	-4.89
RSDFIN	51.60	2.45	4.98	GRANINF			