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*The **Federal Reserve** expectedly left the key interest rates unchanged, choosing to reserve changes to borrowing costs until after the US midterm elections next week. Two policymakers dissented in favour of a quarter-point rate hike as the US central bank noted that inflation, likely driven by AI investment boom and consumer spending, could trend higher and warrant more rate hikes in the coming months.*

*Fed Chair **Kevin Warsh** expressed confidence that inflation can be lowered to the 2% target without having to "throw sand in the gears" and slow growth or raise unemployment. The advance estimate for the third-quarter **US GDP growth** and September's **PCE inflation** data, both due later in the day, could shape expectations for where the interest rates are headed.*

*Meanwhile, Big Tech earnings trickled in with Google-parent **Alphabet** reporting disappointing results in its core search advertising business and growing cash burn due to its massive investments in the AI buildout. However, **Microsoft**'s third-quarter cash flows handily beat expectations as the software giant reported strong growth in its cloud business, offering some evidence that hefty AI bets were paying off.*

*Back home, **Jio Platforms** surged 27% in its market debut, making it India's second-largest company by market value after a record-breaking $3.2 billion IPO. Jio, now valued at about $137 billion, also pushed the broader **Reliance** group's value to $320 billion, surpassing **Tata Group** and making it the country's most valued conglomerate.*

*The rest of the markets is likely to be driven by earnings reports from more companies, including **Asian Paints** and Indigo-parent **Interglobe Aviation**. **Oil** prices continue to be elevated amid renewed concerns over Middle East supply disruptions from escalating regional conflict.*

FACTORS TO WATCH

• The National Stock Exchange added **Kaynes Technology** and retained **SAIL** in its Futures & Options ban list.

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STATE OF THE MARKETS

Indian shares are expected to open little changed after the US Federal Reserve held interest rates steady, as expected, while elevated oil prices kept investors cautious.

Indian government bonds may edge higher on Thursday, buoyed by firmer US Treasuries after the Federal Reserve held rates steady, though moves in crude prices and looming debt supply may keep gains in check. The benchmark 6.94% 2036 bond yield may oscillate between 7.42% and 7.47%.

The **Indian rupee** is likely to inch higher, tracking most Asian currencies, after the Federal Reserve's policy decision and Chair's subsequent comments were seen as modestly dovish by parts of the market.

US stock indexes advanced after the US Federal Reserve left its key policy rate unchanged, as widely expected, leaving investors betting on a rate hike at its next monetary policy meeting in December.

Asian shares gave up earlier gains as AI-related earnings announcements prompted wildly mixed responses, raising the stakes for Amazon and Intel results due later in the day.

The **US dollar** steadied after the Federal Reserve held interest rates as expected while hinting upcoming inflation data would influence future policy moves, leaving investors uncertain about the rates outlook.

Longer-dated US Treasury yields extended early gains on Wednesday, after the Federal Reserve signaled confidence in the economy despite leaving interest rates unchanged, cementing expectations for a December hike.

Oil prices fell, paring the previous day's gains, as hopes for peace talks took the edge off renewed concerns over Middle East supply disruptions from escalating regional conflict.

Gold slipped as the dollar firmed, while investors assessed policy signals from the Fed and Chair Kevin Warsh after the central bank left interest rates unchanged and awaited key US inflation data due later in the day.

Markets	Last	Change	YTD change
GIFT Nifty futures	22,667.50	-	-
Nifty 50	22,698.85	-0.22%	-13.13%
Nifty volatility	16.25	-0.96%	71.45%
Nikkei	63,984.80	0.05%	27.11%
Hang Seng	23,110.84	0.07%	-9.83%
S&P 500 e-mini futures	7,746.75	-0.47%	-
CBOE volatility	16.91	-3.48%	-81.18%
USD/INR	95.22	0.00%	5.98%
Spot gold	$4,048.34 /oz	-0.46%	-6.16%
Brent crude	$114.40 /bbl	-0.80%	88.00%
Indian 10-year bond yield	7.4390%	0.20 bps	85.00 bps
U.S. 10-year Treasury yield	4.9823%	-6.27 bps	82.93 bps

FII & DII Trading Activity in Equities Oct 28	Buy	Sell	Net
Domestic Institutional Investors (DII) in INR	156.32 bln	151.39 bln	4.93 bln
Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) in INR	160.75 bln	154.06 bln	6.69 bln

(Source: National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.)

INDIA TOP NEWS

Ambani’s Jio reaches $137 billion valuation, becoming India’s second-most valuable firm

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's telecom-to-digital firm Reliance Jio Platforms soared 27% in its Mumbai debut on Wednesday, making it India's second-largest company by market capitalisation after a record-breaking $3.2 billion IPO.

Unilever India slips after joining peers in flagging commodity inflation

India's Hindustan Unilever said it expects commodity prices to stay high, echoing Nestle India's comments, after reporting a 6% rise in quarterly profit on healthy demand for beauty and home care goods.

Adani Ports logs higher quarterly profit on cargo volume growth

India's Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone reported a 16.5% rise in second-quarter profit on Wednesday, helped by strong cargo volumes and growing container traffic across its domestic and international ports.

Hero MotoCorp misses quarterly profit view on rising costs

Hero MotoCorp reported a second-quarter profit that missed estimates on Wednesday, as rising costs offset resilient demand for its motorcycles and scooters.

India will listen to media concerns on disputed privacy law, Modi's minister says

India is open to hearing concerns from media groups about its privacy law and wants to protect press freedom, its IT minister said on Wednesday, in the first government comments since major media publishers challenged the legislation in the Supreme Court.

GLOBAL TOP STORIES

Fed leaves rates unchanged as it awaits 'accumulation of more information'

The Federal Reserve held interest rates steady on Wednesday, as expected, opting to delay any changes to borrowing costs until after next week's US midterm elections while it awaits further data on inflation, which the central bank said "remains elevated."

Alphabet stock sinks as search woes cause revenue miss, cash burn worsens

Google parent Alphabet reported disappointing results in the core business of search advertising and a massive acceleration in cash burn as it poured resources into building out AI.

Microsoft's cloud growth, cash flow offer respite from AI spending fears

Microsoft on Wednesday delivered a big cash flow beat and forecast strong cloud growth, offering fresh evidence that its hefty AI bets were paying off even as concerns mount over Big Tech's spending spree.

ANALYSIS

Weak domestic returns fuel India's overseas retail investing boom

India's top money managers are launching a flurry of funds in a tax-neutral hub to absorb the record sums that domestic investors are sending overseas, frustrated by weak returns at home and craving exposure to AI-related assets.

COMPANIES REPORTING RESULTS

Ambuja Cements Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Apar Industries Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Asian Paints Limited: HY earnings release
Blue Star Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Coal India Limited: Q2 earnings release
Deepak Nitrite Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Firstsource Solutions Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Godrej Consumer Products Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Grindwell Norton Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Interglobe Aviation Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Laurus Labs Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited: Q2 earnings release
Suzlon Energy Limited: Q2 earnings release
Timken India Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Trent Ltd: Q2 earnings release
Welspun Corp Ltd: Q2 earnings release

CORPORATE EVENTS

ACC Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
ACME Solar Holdings Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Ambuja Cements Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Apar Industries Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Asian Paints Limited: HY earnings conference call
Craftsman Automation Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Firstsource Solutions Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
GMR Airports Ltd (India): Q2 earnings conference call
Godrej Consumer Products Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Hero MotoCorp Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Hexaware Technologies Ltd: Q3 earnings conference call
Interglobe Aviation Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Laurus Labs Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
Pidilite Industries Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
R R Kabel Ltd: Q2 earnings conference call
REC Limited: Q2 earnings conference call
Schaeffler India Ltd: Q3 earnings conference call
Suzlon Energy Limited: Q2 earnings conference call
United Spirits Limited: Q2 earnings conference call

EX-DIVIDENDS

CRISIL Ltd: Interim Cash Dividend of gross INR 17 paid on Nov 17, 2026
Shriram Finance Limited: Interim Cash Dividend of gross INR 6.5 paid on Nov 20, 2026

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Akash Ambani, managing director of Jio Platforms, Nita Ambani, Mukesh Ambani, Anant Ambani and Isha Ambani, non-executive director of Jio Platforms Ltd, attend a bell-ringing ceremony on the day of the listing of Jio Platforms Limited during its IPO at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) in Mumbai, October 28. REUTERS/Francis Mascarenhas

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