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At the start of a new week, investors are expected to analyse Saturday's election results from Maharashtra and Jharkhand, while Adani Group stocks continue to be in the limelight. In Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies are set to return to power, while in Jharkhand, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, in alliance with the Congress-led opposition will regain control. Meanwhile, a court filing showed that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has issued a summons to Gautam Adani on the bribery allegations. Adani dollar bond prices fell to almost one-year lows on Monday as investors cut their exposure to the Indian conglomerate. In the previous session, domestic shares posted their best session since June, helped by financial stocks. Benchmarks Nifty 50 and Sensex gained 1.6% and 2% respectively for the week, after two weeks of losses. Analysts said post the corrections in benchmarks investors are attracted by quality stocks that are available at reasonable valuations. Later in the week, markets will be closely watching the market debut of NTPC Green Energy. India's second quarter GDP figures, due on Friday, will be the highlight on the domestic economic calendar. The Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge, Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index, is also due this week, as markets await more signals on the U.S. central bank's future move. Separately, the Indian rupee will track portfolio flows this week as a global equity index rejig comes into effect, amid foreign portfolio outflows from local stocks and bonds, while government bond yields will track U.S. Treasuries.

FACTORS TO WATCH

• The National Stock Exchange retained Aarti Industries, Adani Enterprises, Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals, Granules India, Hindustan Copper, Indraprastha Gas and National Aluminium Company in its Futures and Options ban list. Aditya Birla Fashion & Retail was removed from the list.

STATE OF THE MARKETS

Indian shares are set to open higher, after logging their best session since early June on Friday, with analysts expecting ruling alliance's victory in Maharashtra elections to boost investor sentiment.

Indian government bond yields may dip at open on back of the decline in U.S. rates, while waiting for data on how Asia's fourth largest economy fared in the last guarter due later in the week.

The **Indian rupee** is expected to open higher aided by a pullback in dollar and expected equity inflows on account of the MSCI rebalancing.

Wall Street closed higher on Friday, with all three major indexes posting weekly gains, as investors took comfort from data pointing to robust economic activity in the world's biggest economy.

Asian stocks rallied with **U.S. equity futures**, while the dollar retreated against rivals as bond yields slid following the selection of fund manager Scott Bessent as the next U.S. Treasury secretary.



The **dollar** surrendered a little of its recent gains as investors assumed the pick for U.S. Treasury secretary would reassure the bond market and pulled yields lower, shaving some of the dollar's rate advantage.

Longer-dated U.S. Treasury yields slipped on Friday as investors awaited fresh data that will offer further clues on Federal Reserve policy and continued to assess how the policies of the Donald Trump administration will affect the economy next year.

Oil prices hovered near two-week highs following 6% gains last week, as geopolitical tensions heightened between western powers and major oil producers Russia and Iran, raising risks of supply disruption.

Gold prices fell as investors awaited more data to gauge the U.S. Federal Reserve's policy outlook.

Markets	Last	Change	YTD change	
GIFT Nifty 50	24,329.50	1.31%	-	
Nifty volatility	16.10	0.67%	-	
Nikkei	38,810.14	1.37%	15.98%	
Hang Seng	19,260.35	0.16%	12.98%	
S&P 500 e-mini futures	6,014.00	0.45%	-	
CBOE volatility	15.24	-9.66%	0.02%	
USD/INR	84.45	0.00%	1.49%	
Spot gold	\$2,701.98 /oz	-0.39%	31.00%	
Brent crude	\$75.00 /bbl	-0.23%	-2.65%	
Indian 10-year bond yield	6.8500%	1.90 bps	-32.60 bps	
U.S. 10-year Treasury yield	4.3511%	-5.89 bps	49.11 bps	

FII & DII Trading Activity in Equities Nov 22	Buy	Sell	Net
Domestic Institutional Investors (DII) in INR	122.52 bln	105.30 bln	17.22 bln
Foreign Institutional Investors (FII) in INR	169.85 bln	182.64 bln	-12.78 bln

(Source: National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.)

INDIA TOP NEWS

US SEC issues summons for India's Adani, nephew on bribery allegations

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has issued a summons to Indian billionaire Gautam Adani, indicted on U.S. bribery allegations related to a bombshell federal indictment against him, a court filing showed.

US development agency 'assessing ramifications' on Adani's Sri Lanka project

A U.S. agency said on Sunday that it is reviewing the impact of Department of Justice bribery allegations against the founder of India's Adani Group on the agency's prior agreement to lend more than \$550 million to a Sri Lankan port development backed by the group.



Adani bonds hit one-year low as investors weigh US bribery allegations

Adani dollar bond prices fell to almost one-year lows as investors cut their exposure to the Indian conglomerate in the wake of bribery and fraud allegations from U.S. authorities.

Indian regulator rejects Apple request to put antitrust report on hold

India's antitrust body has turned down a request from Apple to put a hold on an investigation report which found the company breached competition laws, allowing the case to continue, an internal order from the regulator seen by Reuters showed.

NTPC Green's IPO attracts bids worth \$1.8 billion in India's third-biggest listing this year

NTPC Green Energy, the renewable energy arm of state-owned NTPC, garnered bids worth \$1.83 billion on Friday for its \$1.2 billion initial public offering, as investors bet on the country's growing clean energy needs.

India aims to stamp out farm fires with satellite images of scorched earth

India's government plans to clamp down on polluting farm fires by measuring the areas burnt instead of live blazes, after reports that farmers were burning paddy waste or stubble at times when satellites were not passing overhead.

GLOBAL TOP STORIES

Trump taps Scott Bessent for Treasury, capping long drama over choice

President-elect Donald Trump on Friday said he will nominate prominent investor Scott Bessent as U.S. Treasury secretary, ending days of twists that saw high profile candidates pitted against each other for the cabinet position with vast influence over economic, regulatory and international affairs.

Developing nations blast \$300 billion COP29 climate deal as insufficient

Countries at the COP29 summit in Baku adopted a \$300 billion a year global finance target on Sunday to help poorer nations cope with impacts of climate change, a deal its intended recipients criticised as woefully insufficient.

UAE arrests three suspects in killing of Israeli rabbi

Three people have been arrested in the United Arab Emirates in connection with the alleged murder of an Israeli citizen, the Emirati interior ministry said on Sunday.

EX-DIVIDENDS

Power Finance Corporation Ltd: Interim Cash Dividend of gross INR 3.5 paid on Dec 8

Balrampur Chini Mills Ltd: Interim Cash Dividend of gross INR 3 paid on Dec 5



PICTURE OF THE DAY



A girl walks on a tightrope to collect money by performing at Marina Beach in Chennai, November 24. REUTERS/Riya Mariyam R

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