

TODAYS MARKET OUTLOOK

Markets to make a soft-to-flat start

Indian shares fluctuated before closing modestly lower yesterday, as investors digested the government's last full budget before the 2019 general election as well as disappointing manufacturing data after December's stellar performance.

Today, the start is likely to be mildly soft-to-cautious amid weak global cues. Traders will be taking bet after analyzing the budget fine prints. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has reduced tax rate to 25% for companies that have a reported turnover of up to Rs 250 crore.

Meanwhile, consumers are continuing to hold back on discretionary spending with categories such as television, home appliances, fashion, lifestyle and apparel posting poor sales in the October-December quarter, with no recovery in sight in January as well, despite almost all brands and retailers running end-of-season and Republic Day sales.

Finally, the BSE Sensex declined 58.36 points or 0.16% to 35,906.66, while the CNX Nifty was down by 10.80 points or 0.10% to 11,016.90.

ECONOMY & MARKET PULSE

- Manufacturing PMI slows down to 52.4 in January
- Cement demand likely to register modest growth in FY18: ICRA
- Core sector growth slows to 4% in December
- Govt keeps FY17 GDP growth unchanged at 7.1%, revises FY16 GDP growth upwards to 8.2%

Indices Performance

Index	1-Feb-18	Previous Close	% Change*
S&P BSE Sensex	35,769.79	35,965.02	-0.54%
CNX Nifty	11,016.90	11,027.70	-0.10%
CNX Midcap	20,657.40	20,785.20	-0.61%
CNX 500	9,687.05	9,697.90	-0.11%
S&P BSE Smallcap	18,658.26	18,716.77	-0.31%

Global Markets

Index		Previous Close	% Change*
Dow Jones	26,149.39	26,076.89	0.28%
Nasdaq	7,411.48	7,402.48	0.12%
S&P 500	2,690.16	2,690.16	0.00%
FTSE	7,533.60	7,588.00	-0.72%
CAC	5,481.93	5,473.78	0.15%

Institutional Flows (Equity)

Description (Rs in Cr)	Purchases	Sales	Net
FII Flows	7,080.10	7,344.98	-264.88
DII Flows	5,001.78	5,360.28	-358.50

Commodity Market

Commodities (INR)		Gains+/Loss	% Change*
Gold (10gm)	30,505.00	4.00	1.29%
Silver (1Kg)	39,309.00	311.00	-0.03%
Crude Oil (1 barrel)	4,195.00	3.00	2.02%
Aluminium (1 Kg)	142.55	1.05	1.39%
Copper (1Kg)	454.70	3.00	0.84%

Currency Market

Currency	1-Feb-18	Gains+/Loss	% Change*
INR / 1 USD	63.6113	0.08	0.12%
INR / 1 GBP	90.1754	0.18	0.20%
INR / 1 EURO	78.9480	0.27	0.34%
INR / 100 JPY	58.0900	0.51	0.87%