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Index	Value	Change
Dow Jones	13,135.00	-0.27%
Nasdaq	2,971.33	-0.70%
Nikkei	9,737.56	-0.05%
Hang Seng	22,606.00	0.71%
FTSE 100	5,921.76	-0.13%
DAX	7,596.47	0.19%

NIFTY GAINERS (14.12.2012 AT 4 PM)			
Symbol	LTP (Rs)	Prev	%
BANKBARODA	847.25	816.60	3.75
HINDALCO	120.10	115.80	3.71
SESAGOA	187.20	181.05	3.40
TATASTEEL	400.00	388.65	2.92
SBIN	2,325.20	2,262.60	2.77

NIFTY LOSERS (14.12.2012 AT 4 PM)			
Symbol	LTP (Rs)	Prev	%
BHARTIARTL	311.90	317.80	(1.86)
POWERGRID	116.50	118.25	(1.48)
JPASSOCIAT	101.50	102.90	(1.36)
BHEL	225.00	227.95	(1.29)
SIEMENS	679.00	687.50	(1.24)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS	PERCENT
Retail Inflation (Nov)	9.90
Monthly Inflation (Nov)	7.24
IIP (Oct)	8.20

Market Summary

Markets gained on Friday and the BSE Sensex ended its five-day losing streak led by select bank shares after lower-than-expected November inflation rekindled hopes of a rate cut by the central bank going forward. November inflation rate eased to 7.24% from 7.45% a month earlier, compared to analysts estimate of 7.6% aided by easing annual fuel and manufacturing inflation. The Bombay Stock Exchange's Sensex index gained 88 points to end at 19,317.25 while the National Stock Exchange's Nifty-50 index rose 28 points to end at 5,879.60. Banks, real-estate, autos and metal indexes led gains while consumer durables, power and fast moving consumer goods sector led declines on BSE. Among key Sensex stocks, in the metal space, Sterlite and Hindalco Industries gained nearly 4% each while in technology space, Wipro rose 1% and TCS gained 1.6%. Among automobiles, Tata Motors and Mahindra and Mahindra rose over 1% while SBI and ICICI led in banking arena gaining 3% and 1% each on BSE. The BSE mid-cap rose 0.6% while small-cap gained 0.1%.

Buzzing News for the day

BSE

- ✓ Essar Shipping to convert Rs 800 cr of debt into dollar loans
- Exim Bank extends \$19-million line of credit to Guyana
- ✓ FIIs inflow touch \$22 bn in 2012 so far
- ✓ GMR seeks over \$800 mn from Maldives
- ✓ Free roaming: TRAI to begin public consultation soon
- ✓ Govt expects to raise Rs 20K cr from 2G spectrum auction
- ✓ GoM to take up draft coal regulator bill on Dec 18
- ✓ November inflation eases to 7.24%
- ✓ Tata Motors sells 102,337 vehicles globally in Nov

FII & DII (NSE & BSE AS ON 14.12.2012) (RS. Cr)			
	BUY	SELL	NET
FII	2,666.60	2,092.22	574.38
DII	888.98	1,401.41	(512.43)
		Advances	Decline
	NSE	699	759

1533

1657

POLICY RATES (%) (As on 14.12.2012)		
Bank Rate	9.00	
Repo Rate	8.00	
Reverse Repo Rate	7.00	
CRR	4.25	
SLR	23.00	
MSF	9.00	

Forex & Commodity Market Updates

FOREX RATES as on 14.12.2012 AT 4 PM		
Dollar	54.46	
Euro	71.26	
UK Pound	87.89	
Japanese ¥	0.65	
Singapore \$	44.58	
Renminbi	8.73	
Taiwan \$	1.88	

COMMODITIES as on 14.12.2012 AT 4 PM			
Gold (MCX) (RS./10G)	31,200.00		
Silver (MCX) (RS./KG)	61,769.00		
Crude Oil (BARREL)	4,723.00		
Aluminium (RS./KG)	114.60		
Copper (RS./KG) 445.75			
Nickel (RS./KG)	968.60		
Zinc (RS./KG)	112.20		

Company	Purpose	Date
DCM Shriram Consolidated Limited	Miscelleneous	17-Dec-12
M AND B Switchgears Limited	Miscelleneous	17-Dec-12

Corporate Action

Company	Purpose	Ex-Date
Amar Remedies Limited	Annual General Meeting	17-Dec-12
IVRCL Limited	Annual General Meeting	17-Dec-12

NEWS UPDATES

CORPORATE NEWS

Essar Shipping to convert Rs 800 cr of debt into dollar loans

Essar Shipping has said that it is planning to convert around Rs 800 crore of total Rs 5,500 crore debt into dollar loans to bring down the interest burden. "We are planning to convert around Rs 800 crore of our rupee loans into dollar debt to pare our financing cost. We are talking to some domestic and foreign banks directly for this. We had Rs 5,500 crore debt as of the September quarter," Essar Shipping Managing Director A R Ramakrishnan said. When asked how soon the conversion will happen, he said it may take a couple of months and explained that the objective is to convert some big-ticket loans in the range of Rs 700-800 crore into cheaper dollar loans.

GMR seeks over \$800 mn from Maldives

GMR will seek a compensation of over \$800 million from Maldives for the termination of its airport deal but Male is insisting on a "forensic audit" as it feels the actual amount would be less than half. "We have sent a letter to the Maldivian government indicating a number of more than \$800 million as compensation amount. This is our initial estimate. The final figure would be based upon various calculations, loss of profit among others," GMR (Airports) CFO Sidharath Kapur said. The Maldivian government, however, debunked the calculations and insisted on getting a forensic audit done through an international firm.

Nipro begins manufacture of first made-in-India dialyser at Pune unit

Nipro Corporation has begun the manufacture of the first made-in-India artificial kidney (dialyser) at a Greenfield facility at Shirwal near Pune. The company has invested Rs 700 crore in the new facility and has been accorded approval by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board of the Bhaba Atomic Research Centre to introduce in-house Gamma technology for sterilising devices for the first time in the country. The project has been given mega project status by the State Government. Nipro, which operates in India through its wholly owned subsidiary, plans to manufacture a complete range of dialysis products including dialysers and blood tube sets at Shirwal. Established to provide a one-stop solution for dialysis patients, the India plant will cater essentially to the domestic market, Yoshhiko Sano, President, Nipro Corporation, said.

Tata Motors sells 102,337 vehicles globally in Nov

Tata Motors global wholesales of vehicles, including that of Jaguar Land Rover, stood at 102,337 in November. The automobile manufacturer's cumulative wholesales for the fiscal stood at 782,043 units. In November 2011, the company had reported 1.08 lakh units sales. The global wholesales of all commercial vehicles – Tata, Tata Daewoo and Tata Hispano Carrocera range – stood at 49,248 units, while the cumulative wholesales for the fiscal stood at 384,199 vehicles. Tata Motors' global wholesales of all passenger vehicles stood at 53,089 units and the cumulative wholesales for the fiscal at 397,844. The global wholesales stood at 18,440 units and cumulative wholesales for the fiscal at 174,404 units.

ECONOMY

Exim Bank extends \$19-million line of credit to Guyana

Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has, at the behest of the Government of India, extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of \$19 million to the Government of Guyana for setting up a multi-specialty hospital. The LoC agreement to this effect was signed by David Rasquinha, Executive Director on behalf of Exim Bank and Ashni Kumar Singh, Minister of Finance, on behalf of the Government of Guyana. This is the fourth LoC extended by Exim Bank to Guyana, taking the total value of LoCs extended to \$44.10 million. The LoCs have supported construction of a cricket stadium in Georgetown, executing a traffic signalling system project and, fixed and movable irrigation pumps, Exim Bank said. With the signing of this LoC agreement, Exim Bank has in place 163 Lines of Credit covering 75 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, Oceania and the CIS, with credit commitments of over \$8.53 billion available for financing exports from India.

Free roaming: TRAI to begin public consultation soon

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) said it will soon begin a public consultation process for implementation of free telecom roaming in the country. "These are matters that are still to be decided. The question of whether national roaming should be free is a tariff related issue. "It is a matter on which TRAI is competent to take a decision," TRAI Chairman Rahul Khullar said. "Very soon, you will see us take the first move in that direction. There will be a public consultation preceding any final decision in the matter," he added. Asked if TRAI has received any reference from the Department of Telecom (DoT) so far, Khullar said free roaming was announced as part of the National Telecom Policy 2012.

Govt expects to raise Rs 20K cr from 2G spectrum auction

The Government said it expects to raise around Rs 20,000 crore from the 2G spectrum auction and it is hopeful of completing the auction before March. "We would expect approximately Rs 20,000 crore for the 1,800 MHz and 900 MHz spectrum band that is put on the auction block. For 1,800 MHz, it would be approximately the base price of Rs 5,000 crore for 5 Mhz," Telecom Secretary R. Chandrashekhar said. He said two such blocks have been put for auction and for 900 MHz, it would be twice the price of that for Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata. The Government also plans to sell 900 MHz band airwaves in a separate but simultaneous auction. In the last 2G auction held in November, no bidding took place in the four circles — Delhi, Mumbai, Karnataka and Rajasthan. The reserve price for last month's sale per block in Delhi was fixed at Rs 693.06 crore, Rs 678.45 crore for Mumbai and for Karnataka and Rajasthan, it was fixed at Rs 330.12 crore and Rs 67.08 crore, respectively.

Govt to take more steps to turnaround economy: FM

Finance Minister P Chidambaram said the government will take some more steps in the next few weeks to revive the economy and boost investment sentiments. "I am confident that the steps we have taken, and some more steps that we will take in the next few weeks, will help turn the Indian economy around," he said. In the recent past, government has taken a number of measures, including opening up of FDI in multi-brand retail and hiking foreign investment cap in the aviation sector, to boost economic growth and restore investor confidence. Besides, the Union Cabinet cleared setting up of Cabinet Committee of Investment to fast-track large projects entailing investment of over Rs 1,000 crore. "It is too early to say whether the measures have begun to bear fruit, although it is our expectation that they will do so," Chidambaram said. Concerned over sticky retail inflation, the Minister said, "There is no reason at all to become complacent".

Govt reaching limits on providing growth stimulus: Raghuram Rajan

Stating that the Government is reaching the limits on providing fiscal or monetary stimulus, Chief Economic Adviser Raghuram Rajan said the need of the hour was to improve investor confidence and create better environment for achieving sustainable growth. "After the initial policy burst in the immediate wake of crisis, stimulus both on the fiscal side and on the monetary side, we ourselves in India are reaching the limits of stimulus and we must contemplate ways of generating sustainable growth again," he said. The Government had doled out large fiscal stimulus in the aftermath of the 2008 global financial meltdown to arrest the economic downturn.

GoM to take up draft coal regulator bill on Dec 18

The Group of Ministers (GoM) headed by Finance Minister P. Chidambaram is likely to meet on December 18 to discuss the Draft Coal Regulator Bill. This would be the third deliberation on the issue by the law makers. Pricing power for the regulator was one of the contentious issues to emerge when the Draft Coal Regulator Bill was taken up by the Cabinet in May. The Cabinet had referred the matter to the GoM. The GoM last met on July 25 where several Ministers objected to the powers proposed to be given to the coal regulator. According to the first draft note circulated by the nodal Coal Ministry, the price of raw and washed coal as well as any other by-product generated during the process of coal washing has to be determined by the regulator.

'Govt confident of meeting fiscal deficit target of 5.3% in FY13'

The Government is confident of meeting the fiscal deficit target of 5.3 per cent in the current fiscal and the steps to boost investments have already started showing green shoots of revival, a top Finance Ministry official said. "5.3 per cent is the fiscal deficit target for this year. And 5.3 per cent it shall be," Department of Economic Affairs Secretary Arvind Mayaram said. The Government had originally fixed the fiscal deficit target at 5.1 per cent in the current fiscal. But tight finances due to increased expenditure has led to revising the deficit number higher to 5.3 per cent. Mayaram said the challenge now is to find ways to rapidly integrate with the global world.

November inflation eases to 7.24%

Inflation declined to 7.24% in November from 9.46% in the same month a year ago although prices of food items like potato, wheat, cereals, rice, pulses, edible oil and sugar went up during the period. Inflation, as measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), stood at 7.45% in the previous month. Food inflation, as a category, rose to 8.5% during the month, from 8.32% a year ago. Vegetables prices declined by 1.19% in November this year as compared to surge of 10.68% in same month a year ago. Potato and onion prices, however, shot up by 72.20% and 17% respectively year on year in November this year as compared to a decline of 9.31% and 35.15% in the same period last year. Wheat turned expensive by 23.19% in November from a decline of 4.86% in the same month a year ago. Cereals became dearer by 15.85% from a rise of 2.15% in the same month last year.

TN plans to set up over 100 industrial clusters

There are plans to establish more than 100 industrial clusters across the State under Cluster Development Programme (CDP) that would provide common facilities for taking up activities collectively, according to Harmander Singh, Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, Tamil Nadu. He said the allocation to the MSME sector has also been stepped up from more than Rs 100 crore last year to over Rs 150 crore this year and with the Central assistance included this may top Rs 200 crore.

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