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RISING GLOBAL RISKS KEEP INDIAN INDICES UNDER PRESSURE

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Global markets presented a mixed trend during the week, with US markets showing exceptional strength despite global headwinds.

Notably, the American markets touched fresh all-time highs at a time when most global markets are struggling to maintain stability, reflecting strong economic resilience, liquidity support, and continued investor confidence in US equities.

In contrast, the Indian markets witnessed broad-based correction. The Nifty 50 declined by 2.20%, while Bank Nifty fell sharply by 2.89%, indicating weakness in the financial space. Midcap and smallcap segments underperformed further, with Nifty Small Cap 250 down by over 4%, highlighting risk-off sentiment and profit booking at higher valuations. The Sensex dropped 2.7%, reflecting overall market pressure driven by global cues, rising inflation concerns, and geopolitical tensions.

USD/INR has moved up to 95.75, showing rupee weakness, which can increase import costs and keep inflation high.

THE WEEK'S BIG STORIES

- SEBI May Launch Debt Market Distributors
- RBI Eases Outward Remittance Rules
- SEBI Plans Simpler Derivatives Rules
- Nvidia Becomes First Company to Hit $5.5 Trillion Market Cap
- India's WPI Inflation Hits 42-Month High
- Government Tightens Gold Import Rules
- Fuel Price Hike with immediate effect
- Iran Urges BRICS To Counter Sanctions
- Trump Says Iran Ceasefire Is "On Life Support"
- Copper Prices Rally Near Record Highs
- ED Freezes ₹526 Crore in Gameskraft PMLA Probe
- ZF Commercial Announces 1:5 Bonus Issue

Crude oil prices have risen sharply to $108.48, which is negative for India as it adds pressure on inflation and government finance. Gold and silver prices have risen sharply, primarily due to the government increasing import duty, which has pushed domestic prices higher.

Globally, geopolitical tensions, especially around Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, remain a critical risk for energy markets. Additionally, easing regulatory concerns around the Adani group may provide some sentiment support to select stocks.

Looking ahead, markets will closely track key global and domestic data points. The upcoming FOMC minutes, US jobless claims, and PMI data will provide cues on the US economic outlook and interest rate trajectory. Domestically, infrastructure output, PMI data, and banking growth indicators will be crucial to assess economic momentum.

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On the technical front, the Nifty continues to trade below all its key moving averages, indicating a negative bias in the market. The short-term trend is likely to turn positive only if the index sustains a closing above the 24,000 level, which currently appears challenging. Most key indicators also remain in negative territory. In the short term, the 23,850–24,000 zone is expected to act as an immediate resistance while on the downside, immediate support is placed around 23,400–23,150.

The overall near-term outlook remains cautious with a negative bias. Rising crude prices, inflationary pressures, and global geopolitical risks may keep markets volatile. Indian equities may continue to face pressure, especially in midcap and smallcap segments, while large caps could show relative stability.

However, any positive triggers such as cooling crude prices, stable global cues, or supportive policy actions may lead to short-term recovery. Investors are advised to remain selective, focus on quality stocks, and avoid aggressive positions until clearer directional cues emerge.

COMPANY SPECIFIC

ZF Commercial Announces 1:5 Bonus Issue

ZF Commercial Vehicle Control Systems India Ltd. approved a 1:5 bonus issue, meaning shareholders will receive five additional shares for every one share held. The record date has been fixed as June 24. The company reported Q4FY26 performance with net profit rising 15.5% YoY to ₹146 crore and revenue increasing 14.2% YoY to ₹1,155 crore, supported by steady business growth.

ED Freezes ₹526 Crore in Gameskraft PMLA Probe

The Enforcement Directorate froze bank deposits worth ₹526 crore in a money laundering investigation linked to Gameskraft Technologies. The action was taken under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in connection with alleged illegal online betting operations. According to the agency, the probe relates to proceeds generated through activities classified as betting, while investigations into the company's transactions are ongoing.

RBI Cancels Licence of Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank

The Reserve Bank of India cancelled the licence of Mumbai-based Sarvodaya Co-operative Bank due to weak financial condition and inadequate earning prospects. RBI stated that the bank lacked sufficient capital and future business viability. The regulator added that the bank will cease operations and depositors will be eligible for insurance claims up to the permitted limit under deposit insurance regulations.

CMS Info Systems Announces ₹340 Per Share Buyback

CMS Info Systems announced a share buyback offer at ₹340 per share, representing a premium over the previous closing price. It fixed May 22, 2026 as the record date to determine shareholder eligibility for the buyback. The total buyback size stands at around ₹167 crore, aimed at enhancing shareholder value.

Bharti Airtel Approves ₹28,220 Crore Share Issuance & Leadership Reappointment

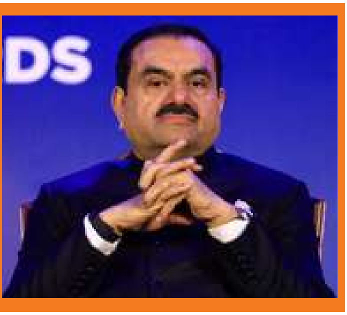
The board approved issuance of up to 14.6 crore shares worth Rs 28,220 crore to Indian Continent Investment as part of a $2.9 billion stock-swap deal for a 16.31% stake in Airtel Africa. The board also reappointed Sunil Bharti Mittal as Chairman for five years from October 1.

Milk Prices Rise as Mother Dairy And Amul Announce Hikes

Rising input and procurement costs have led major dairy companies to increase milk prices from May 15. Mother Dairy raised prices by ₹2 per litre across key variants in Delhi-NCR and nearby regions, citing higher farmer procurement and operational expenses. Similarly, Amul increased milk prices by up to ₹4 per litre across multiple variants due to rising production, transportation and cattle feed costs, aiming to support milk producers amid continued inflationary pressure in the dairy sector.

US Authorities May End Fraud Cases Against Gautam Adani

US authorities are reportedly moving toward ending fraud-related cases linked to Gautam Adani. According to the report, discussions are progressing around closing investigations connected to allegations against the Adani Group chairman. The development could reduce legal uncertainty surrounding the group, although no final decision has been officially confirmed by US authorities at this stage.



REGULATORY & POLICY UPDATES

SEBI May Introduce Specialised Debt Market Distributors

SEBI is evaluating a new category of specialised distributors to improve retail participation in debt markets. The proposal aims to simplify KYC, documentation and transaction processes for first-time investors, similar to mutual fund distributors. SEBI Whole-Time Member Amarjeet Singh highlighted that distributor reach has expanded significantly over the last five years, helping financial products penetrate deeper across retail investors.

SEBI Proposes Easier Borrowing Rules For Mutual Funds

SEBI has proposed easing intraday borrowing rules for mutual funds to manage short-term liquidity mismatches more efficiently. Under the proposal, fund houses may use intraday borrowing not only for investor redemptions but also for operational needs like trade settlements, FX transactions and derivative obligations. SEBI clarified that borrowings must still remain temporary and be repaid within the same trading day.

SEBI Proposes Higher Position Limits In Agri Commodity Derivatives

SEBI has proposed doubling client-level position limits for agricultural commodity derivatives to improve market participation and liquidity. The proposal aims to allow traders and participants to take larger exposure in agri commodity futures contracts. SEBI believes the move can strengthen price discovery and deepen India's commodity derivatives market while supporting better hedging opportunities for market participants.

SEBI Proposes Faster AIF Scheme Launch Process

SEBI has proposed reducing the waiting period for launching Alternative Investment Fund schemes from 30 days to 10 days. Angel Funds may also get permission for instant fundraising through accredited investors. The regulator aims to improve ease of doing business, reduce operational delays and help investment managers raise capital faster while maintaining regulatory oversight across the AIF ecosystem.

India May Cut Taxes On Foreign Bond Investments

India is considering reducing taxes on foreign investments in bonds to attract overseas capital and counter FII outflows. The government is evaluating tax relief measures for foreign investors purchasing Indian debt securities. The move aims to improve India's appeal in global fixed-income markets, support capital inflows and strengthen participation from international investors amid rising global market volatility.

RBI Removes Approval Requirement For Outward Remittance Tie-Ups

The Reserve Bank of India removed the requirement for authorised payment system operators to seek prior approval before partnering with non-bank entities for outward remittance services. The move is expected to simplify business operations, improve ease of compliance and encourage faster expansion of cross-border remittance services. RBI clarified that operators must continue complying with all existing regulatory and anti-money laundering guidelines.

SEBI Proposes Simpler Derivatives Rulebook

SEBI proposed simplifying the derivatives market rulebook to reduce compliance burden for stock exchanges and market infrastructure institutions. The proposal aims to streamline operational guidelines, improve regulatory clarity and make compliance processes more efficient. SEBI believes the move can help exchanges operate more smoothly while maintaining necessary market safeguards and improving ease of doing business in the derivatives segment

INDIAN ECONOMY & MARKET

India’s WPI Inflation Hits 42-Month High

India’s wholesale inflation rose to a 42-month high of 8.30% in April, mainly driven by higher fuel prices and continued pressure in core inflation segments. Rising manufacturing and commodity costs also contributed to the increase. The data reflects persistent input cost pressures across industries, which could keep inflation concerns elevated and may impact corporate margins in the coming quarters.

Rupee Falls to Record Low against US Dollar

The Indian rupee touched of 96 against the US dollar amid global uncertainty linked to the Trump-Xi meeting and rising US-Iran tensions. Weak risk sentiment and volatility in global markets pressured emerging market currencies. Cited higher crude oil prices and foreign fund outflows as additional factors weighing on the rupee’s movement.

Jaishankar Urges BRICS to Play Bigger Role Globally

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar urged BRICS nations to take a stronger role in a fragmented global environment marked by geopolitical tensions and economic uncertainty. He highlighted the need for deeper cooperation among member nations in trade, finance and global governance. Jaishankar also stressed that BRICS can contribute significantly toward building a more balanced and multipolar international economic framework.

Government-Backed NBFCs May Seek RBI Exemption

Government-backed NBFCs may approach the Reserve Bank of India seeking exemption from upper-layer classification norms. The concern relates to stricter exposure and compliance requirements that could impact lending operations. According to the report, these institutions believe their sovereign backing and policy-driven role differentiate them from private NBFCs, and regulatory relaxations could help maintain credit flow to priority and infrastructure sectors.

India Extends Sugar Export Ban till September 2026

India has extended restrictions on sugar exports until September 2026 to control domestic prices and ensure adequate local availability. The government aims to maintain supply stability amid rising food inflation concerns. India had earlier imposed export curbs after lower sugar production expectations. The move is expected to prioritise domestic consumption while supporting price stability in the local sugar market.

PM Modi's UAE Visit May Focus on Energy Security

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UAE may include discussions on strengthening India's energy security through agreements related to LPG supply and petroleum reserves. Sources indicated that both countries are expected to deepen cooperation in the energy sector. The discussions may also focus on long-term strategic partnerships to improve India's fuel supply stability and storage capabilities.

India Targets $1 Trillion Exports through FTAs

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said India is targeting $1 trillion (by FY27) in exports by leveraging free trade agreements with multiple countries. He highlighted that ongoing and upcoming FTAs are expected to improve market access for Indian goods and strengthen global trade competitiveness. The government believes trade partnerships will play a major role in expanding exports and supporting long-term economic growth.

Government Raises MSP For Kharif Crops For 2026-27

The government increased Minimum Support Prices for Kharif crops for the 2026-27 season, with an estimated payout impact of ₹2.6 lakh crore. The revision aims to support farmer income amid rising cultivation costs. Higher MSPs were announced across key crops including paddy and pulses. The government stated that the increase is intended to ensure better returns for farmers and encourage crop production.

Cabinet Approves India's First Indigenous Semi-High-Speed Rail Corridor

Union Cabinet approved India's first indigenous semi-high-speed rail corridor in Gujarat with 20,667 crore. The project will use domestically developed technology and is aimed at improving regional connectivity and faster passenger movement. The corridor is expected to strengthen railway infrastructure, support industrial development and enhance transportation efficiency while promoting the government's focus on indigenous manufacturing and modern rail networks.

Cabinet Clears ₹37,500 Crore Coal Gasification Scheme

The Cabinet approved a ₹37,500 crore coal gasification scheme aimed at reducing dependence on imported natural gas and crude oil. The government expects the initiative to attract nearly ₹3 lakh crore in investment and generate around 50,000 jobs. The project focuses on converting coal into synthetic gas for industrial use while supporting India's long-term energy security and domestic manufacturing goals.

Government Tightens Gold Import Rules

The government has capped duty-free gold imports under the advance authorisation scheme at 100 kg per licence to improve monitoring and prevent diversion of imported gold. In addition, import duty on gold & silver has been sharply increased from 6% to 15% with immediate effect. The move aims to control rising imports, manage trade imbalance and reduce pressure on foreign exchange reserves.

PM Modi Urges Fuel Conservation amid West Asia Tensions

PM Narendra Modi reportedly made remarks amid West Asia tensions highlighting the need to conserve fuel and reduce non-essential foreign exchange outflows. He urged citizens to use petrol, diesel and gas with limitation, prefer public transport, metro and carpooling, and increase work-from-home and virtual meetings. He also suggested postponing non-essential foreign travel and advised avoiding non-essential gold purchases to help manage external pressure during global energy uncertainty.

Fuel Price Hike with immediate effect

Petrol and diesel prices have been increased by ~₹3 per litre across major cities due to rising global crude oil prices and higher input costs for oil marketing companies facing margin pressure. In a similar move, CNG prices up by ~₹2 per kg with immediate effect, driven by higher input gas costs and supply conditions. The combined hikes are expected to increase transportation and logistics expenses, impacting both commercial operators and daily commuters.

India's April Exports Jump 13.6% Despite Middle East Disruptions

India's overall exports rose 13.6% YoY to $80.8 billion in April despite ongoing disruptions in the Middle East region. The strong growth was supported by resilience in merchandise and services exports even amid geopolitical tensions and supply-chain challenges. The data highlights continued strength in India's external trade performance despite pressure from global uncertainty and regional logistical disruptions.

WORLD ECONOMY

Copper Prices Rally Near Record Highs

Copper prices surged above $14,000 per tonne on COMEX, nearing record highs amid supply concerns and strong demand expectations. The rally was driven by heavy buying after potential US tariff concerns increased the rush for copper shipments into America. Tightening inventories, strong electrification demand and global infrastructure spending are also supporting bullish momentum in the base metal market.

Iran Calls On BRICS To Counter Sanctions And Economic Pressure

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister urged BRICS nations to strengthen cooperation against sanctions, economic coercion and monopoly-driven systems. He stated that member countries should work together to create a more balanced global financial and trade structure. The remarks came amid increasing geopolitical tensions, with Iran highlighting the importance of stronger economic coordination and alternative frameworks among emerging economies.

Trump-Xi Talks Focus On Iran and Strait Of Hormuz

Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed that Iran should never possess nuclear weapons and should not control the Strait of Hormuz. According to the White House, discussions focused on global energy security and Middle East stability. The Strait of Hormuz remains strategically important for global crude oil shipments and international trade flows.

Nvidia Becomes First Company to Hit $5.5 Trillion Market Cap

The first company in history to reach a $5.5 trillion market capitalization, marking a major milestone in global equity markets. The surge reflects strong investor optimism driven by AI demand, data center growth and advanced chip leadership. It's valuation milestone highlights its dominant position in the semiconductor and artificial intelligence ecosystem, making it one of the most influential stocks globally.

Trump Says Iran Ceasefire Is “On Life Support”

U.S. President Donald Trump said the ceasefire between the U.S. and Iran is “on life support.” He stated the deal is extremely weak after rejecting Iran's latest peace proposal. According to the report, tensions remain high as both sides exchange strong statements, raising concerns that the fragile ceasefire could collapse if negotiations do not progress soon.