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Sensex : Up 0.05%	
Nifty : Up 0.32%	
Best performing sector: Utilities (10.02%)	Worst performing sector: Auto (-3.83%)
Best performing Global index: Nasdaq Computer (12.32%)	Worst performing Global index: Nasdaq Bank (-24.59%)
Indian Rupee: +0.54%	Gold (International): +8.28%

MACRO ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Britain's inflation rate rose for the first time in four months in February, surprising analysts and increasing pressure on the Bank of England to raise interest rates. The consumer price index jumped to 10.4 per cent in the 12 months through February from 10.1 per cent the previous month, as high energy prices continued to squeeze household budgets, the Office for National Statistics said. The Bank of England raised interest rates by a further quarter of a percentage point and said it expects the surge in British inflation to cool faster than before, despite a surprise jump in price growth announced. US annual consumer inflation eased in line with expectations to 6.0% in February but remains elevated, according to government data released.

India's retail inflation edged down slightly to 6.44 per cent in February from January's three-month high of 6.52 per cent, according to the

data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). However, the inflation print stayed above the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) upper tolerance level of 6 per cent for second straight month. Producers' inflation based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI) slipped to 25-month low of 3.85 per cent in February mainly due to base impact and drop in the prices of manufactured products. This inflation was at 4.73 per cent in January this year and 13.4 per cent in February last year.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose to 59.4 in February from 57.2 in the previous month. The index had declined sequentially from 58.5 in December. The uptick was helped by a substantial moderation in cost pressures, input prices increased at the slowest pace in nearly two-and-a-half years, which ensured output charge inflation softened to a 12-month low. The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) eased just a tad to 55.3 in February from 55.4 in the previous month, signalling a strong improvement in the health of the sector. The headline figure was also above its long-run average of 53.7. The manufacturing sector grew at the slowest pace in four months in February but remained relatively strong due to buoyant domestic demand.

Output of eight infrastructure sectors expanded to four-month high of 7.8% in January on better show by coal, fertiliser, steel and electricity segments, according to official data released. Industrial production grew by 5.2 per cent in

January, showed data released by Statistics Ministry. The growth number derived from Index of Industrial Production (IIP) was 4.7 per cent in December and 2 per cent in January last fiscal.

India has collected ₹16.68 lakh crore in gross direct tax till March 10 in the ongoing fiscal year, a rise of 22.6% over the year-ago period, shows data released. Net of refunds, the collection was ₹13.73 lakh crore, 16.8% higher. The collection is 96.7% of the budget estimate for FY23 and 83.2% of the upward revised estimate for the year, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said in a statement.

REFORMS

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) said foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) would be allowed to participate in cash settled non-agricultural commodity derivative contracts and indices. FPIs other than individuals, family offices and corporates may participate in eligible commodity position limit norms as may be applicable to clients, issued by Sebi and the exchange, it said. However, FPIs belonging to categories such as individuals, family offices and corporates would be allowed position limit of 20% of the client level position limit in a particular commodity derivative contract.

NSE will withdraw the 'Do Not Exercise' facility for investors trading in stock options from March 30. In a circular in January, the exchange had informed of discontinuing the facility after the expiry of the March F&O contracts. However, the said facility will be available in the case of index options.

FPIs trading on Indian stock exchanges will have to follow sterner disclosure rules. The government, in a notification issued, said that offshore funds will have to inform their custodians within seven working days of any 'direct or indirect change' in their control, ownership, and structure.

In a U-turn, the Bar Council of India (BCI) has allowed foreign lawyers and law firms to practice foreign law, international arbitration matters and international legal issues in non-litigious matters in India on the principle of reciprocity. The BCI, which had earlier opposed the move, notified the rules, saying foreign lawyers or firms will be allowed to practice on transactional or corporate work such as joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property matters and other related matters on a reciprocal basis. However, they will not be allowed to appear in Indian courts, tribunals or regulatory authorities nor permitted to advise on real estate matters.

The Income Tax Department has launched a Mobile app where taxpayers can view and can request to correct any discrepancy in the Annual Information Statement (AIS) so that they can rectify it or calculate their tax liability accordingly. Taxpayers can use the app to view their information related to Tax deducted at Source (TDS), interest, dividends, share transactions, tax payments, Income Tax refunds and other Information, including GST Data and foreign Remittances as available in AIS.

Introducing Kids to The World Of Finance

Have you ever wondered that your life would have been a lot easier if you were taught basics of finance and investing at school?! It must have been quite over-whelming to figure out how to manage your finances once you realized how important it is to make goal based investments and not let inflation erode your hard earned money. Thus let us not repeat the grave mistake of letting kids be financially illiterate and help them develop good money habits early on so that they can lead a financially healthy life later on. Let us see how we can achieve this without making it seem boring or difficult to the kids.

1. It is important that instant gratification is not encouraged by parents. As you make your children wait for having their wants fulfilled, you are inculcating a very important quality of patience in them. Patience and delayed gratification are the star ingredients for achieving success not only in investing but across all walks of life.
2. Assign them tasks and reward them occasionally so that they don't feel entitled to receive everything that they demand but appreciate that one has to put an effort and offer something valuable in order to receive what they value.
3. Show them your health and life insurance documents and tell them why it is important to cover such risks. Also show them the investments that you make towards goals specifically related to them ie their higher education etc. This would not only help them value money but also make them feel more responsible towards their own goals.
4. Give them pocket money with a fixed and a variable component. The variable component would act similar to a performance linked incentive for a corporate employee. This way you can reward them for their virtues and punish them for their vices.
5. Let them spend, save and invest this money. Help them with investing in suitable options.
6. It is the best to lead kids by example. Teach them value vs price. Hence instead of wasting a lot of time in bargaining with vendors for saving a few pennies, try to create more sources of income and invest optimally. Be careful about where you invest your time and money. Examine if it adds value to your life. Do not waste money on buying luxury items as status symbols or to seek validation from others. Focus on your own financial goals instead.

Monthly Mantra

Working a job and never owning any assets means spending your entire life being someone else's passive income.

Cartoon of the Month





Good News!

The government has finalised two new production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes worth over Rs 7,000 crore to give impetus to domestic manufacturing of items such as toys and bicycle components. As much as Rs 3,489 crore is expected to be allocated towards the PLI scheme for toys and Rs 3,597 crore for bicycle components. A Cabinet note regarding the same has already been floated.

The cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEA) allowed NTPC to raise its investment in its subsidiary NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL) and approved a proposal to list the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency on the stock exchanges, boosting India's green economy credentials. The move would help achieve a target of 60 GW renewable energy (RE) capacity by NTPC Ltd, an official statement said. Further, the CCEA also exempted NGEL's investment in NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NREL) and its other joint ventures or subsidiaries subject to a ceiling of 15% of its net worth beyond the monetary ceiling of ₹5,000 crore to ₹7,500 crore. In line with its global climate commitments, India is working toward a low carbon emission NTPC through this investment in renewable energy. Its green energy arm NGEL aims to be the flag bearer of NTPC's renewable energy ambitions.

Union Minister Anurag Thakur announced a 4% hike in dearness allowance for Central government employees. Reports citing Union Minister Anurag Thakur added that the DA now stands at 42%. This increase is in accordance with the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.

Over 36 per cent of senior management positions in mid-market businesses in India are being held by women, which is more than the global average of 32 per cent, according to Grant Thornton's International Business Report on 'Women in Business 2023 - The push for parity'. With 36 per cent of women in leadership roles, India is ahead of the current global (32 per cent), BRIC (34 per cent) and G7 (30 per cent) averages, it noted.

Several banks, including HDFC Bank and UCO Bank, have opened as many as 30 special vostro accounts so far to facilitate overseas trade in the rupee, a top government official said. Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Santosh Kumar Sarangi said, some 18 countries have already opened special vostro accounts with Indian banks.

Anurag Jain, DPIIT secretary said real-time digital transactions that India does are more than that are done in the US, China, and Europe put together. A recent report by PhonePe and Boston Consulting Group concluded that India's digital payments market will more than triple from \$3 trillion to \$10 trillion by 2026.

The proposed Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CEA) between India and Australia will likely be finalised this year, visiting Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said. It is expected to cover 90% of the bilateral trade between the two countries. India will benefit from preferential market access provided by Australia on 100% of its tariff lines. India will be offering preferential access to Australia on most of its tariff lines, including lines of export interest to Australia, which are primarily raw materials and intermediaries such as coal, mineral ores and wines.

Top Personal Finance News – March 2023

1. Mutual fund nomination deadline of March 31 extended; check details [Click here](#)
2. SGB Premature redemption: RBI notifies price for premature redemption of SGB 2016-II and 2016-17-Series II [Click here](#)
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20. PAN-Aadhaar linking deadline extended to 30 June. Details here [Click here](#)