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Sector Analysis: Relative Strength Performance

Sectors	Relative to Nifty	Outperforming stocks	Underperforming stocks	
Nifty Auto Index	UNDERPERFORM	TVS MOTORS	BALKRISHNA INDUSTRIES, BHARAT FORGE, M&M	
Bank Nifty Index	OUTPERFORM	KOTAK BANK, HDFC BANK, SBI	IDFC FIRST BANK, RBL BANK	
Nifty IT Index	NEUTRAL	NONE	BSOFT, WIPRO, LTTS, LTIM	
Nifty Pharma Index	NEUTRAL	ABBOTT INDIA, DIVIS LAB, SUN PHARMA	DR REDDYS LAB, GRANNULES	
Nifty Metals Index	NEUTRAL	HINDALCO, JSW STEEL	NMDC, TATA STEEL, SAIL	



From Firstcall & KSL Research Desk...

The Week That Was

March 31st to April 4th 2025.

Nifty nosedives out of the gate and stays there in the red through the close.

Investors are "terrified" as market doomsayers are proactively hinting that the Trump's Tariff Bombshell could bring more pain to Dalal Street...

...The gloom and doom has just started....

Nifty (-2.61%, 22904) Sensex (-2.65%, 75365)

Well, amidst worrisome global cues, many in the street are rightfully questioning whether a new bear market could begin at Dalal Street?

Well, there tariff related questions are justified as theme revolves around the possibility of a global trade war — But contrarians' argue that markets many a times overreact.

So buying when others are selling pays off more often than not.

Fingers crossed...

Now, before we get into details, here are catalysts in the week gone by:

- 1) President Donald Trump's Liberation Day announcement was shocking and hawkish.
- 2) Total tariffs on China now stand at 54%, while the EU and Japan face steep levies of 20% and 24%, respectively.
- 3) All the cards have gone flying even for India as the U.S. President Donald Trump has imposed a 26% reciprocal tariff on India which is higher than expected.
- 4) Wall Street plunges hard. The S&P 500 is trading at the lowest levels since early August 2024.
- 5) The Russell 2000 index slumped into bear-market territory (falling 22% from its November 2025 peak).
- 6) Simply blame it on uncertainties tied to Trump's tariff. (Interestingly, Wall Street was seen as the biggest beneficiary from Trump's election last year).
- 7) Meanwhile, the Nikkei 225 Index tumbled 9%. Trump has imposed a 24% tariff on Japanese goods.
- 8) The Hang Seng too dropped 2.46% to end at a one-month low of 22,850.
- 9) FIIs were net sellers in the week gone by to the tune of Rs. 13731 crores.

Now, the two-Good News:

- 1) India's Gross GST collection witnessed a 9.9% jump in March, reaching over Rs 1.96 lakh crore, marking the second-highest monthly revenue on record.
- 2) Hopes alive of RBI's 25bps reporate cut in the April 9th review meeting outcome.

Long story short: Despite massive sell-off and oversold technical conditions, Nifty has no way to go but down.

Here are how indices performed in the week gone by:

Instruments	LTP	Weekly % Change
Nifty	22904	-2.61%
Sensex	75365	-2.65%
Bank Nifty	51503	-0.12%
Nifty Midcap	14239	(-2.22%)
India VIX	13.75	+8.10%
Dow Jones	38315	(-7.86%)
Nasdaq	15588	(-19.13%)
Bovespa	127256	(-3.15%)
Crude Oil	61.99	-10.63%
Gold	3035.4	-2.53%
Silver	29.23	-16.03%
USD/INR	85.53	(-0.10%)



1) Nifty received massive drubbing as it snapped its two-week winning streak, down 2.61%.

(Technically speaking, Nifty is trading below its 21-DMA, 50-DMA, 100-DMA and its 200-DMA with the recent sequence of lower high/low intact on all time-frames. Technically, it's still a bearish trading market as long as Nifty is below its 200-DMA at 24077 mark.

2) Bank Nifty was a big outperformer as was down only -0.12%.

Bank Nifty remained in a 'Holding Pattern' as many a bulls hope for a 25bps rate cut from the RBI on April 9th.

- 3) Nifty Private Bank index inched -0.26% lower while Nifty PSU Bank index ended +0.14% higher on a weekly basis.
- 4) The broader markets however traded with negative bias as the Nifty Mid-cap 100 index slipped 2.19% while the Nifty Small-cap index lost 2.60%.

Bullish Sectors:

Nifty Media (+1.07%) Nifty FMCG (+0.45%) Nifty PSU Bank (+0.14%)

Bearish Sectors:

Nifty IT (-9.16%) Nifty Metal (-7.43%) Nifty Oil & Gas (-3.92%) Nifty Energy (-3.73%) Nifty Pharma (-2.74%)

STOCK SPECIFIC NEWS:

- 1) Bajaj Finance (-2.53%) was trading with negative bias after it received RBI's 'letter of displeasure' over lapses in credit card business.
- 2) Tejas Networks (+11%) stock price jumped on likely boost and reports of BSNL's Rs 61,000 crore 5G expansion plan. (Tejas Networks is a key supplier of 4G/5G RAN equipment and routers and is expected to benefit from the telco's 5G network expansion).
- 3) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (-7%) was depressed after the company said that the overall disbursement for Q4 FY25 were Rs 15,480 crore, which is higher by just 1% as compared with Q4 FY24.
- 4) Adani Ports (-3%) stock price slipped despite reports of it handling 450 million metric tonnes (MMT) of cargo in FY 2024-25, marking a 7% year-on-year growth.
- 5) Bharat Dynamics (+4.4%) was star outperformer on reports that it achieved a turnover of over Rs 3,300 crore (provisional and unaudited) in FY25 as against Rs 2,369 crore in the year-ago period, registering a record growth of around 40%.
- 6) Godrej Properties stock price traded sluggish, down 3% despite selling Rs 2,000-crore homes at launch of luxury project in Noida.
- 7) Meanwhile, Bharat Electronic (BEL) stock price fell 7% due to a miss on its revenue guidance for FY25. The stock recovered a bit at close, cutting its losses to 3.34%.
- 8) Indusind Bank (+5%) was top outperformer on reports that it has carried out multiple deals with private banks such as Federal Bank and ICICI Bank by transferring highly-rated corporate loans, aiming to shore up liquidity.
- 9) The Vodafone Idea (Vi) stock price surged 16% after the government resolved to convert a sizeable chunk of the telco's spectrum dues into equity shares worth Rs 36,950 crore.

In the week gone by, notable gainers amongst Nifty 50 were:

Tata Consumer +11.74% Apollo Hospitals +3.43% Trent 2.59% Zomato 2.06% Shree Cement 1.82%

And the losers were:

Hindalco (-13.47%) HCL Tech (-12.76%) Tata Steel (-9.67%) TCS (-9.64%) Wipro (-9.52%)



The Week Ahead: All eyes on RBI MPC Outcome this week!

Before we start, please note that our stock markets will remain closed on Thursday, April 10th on account of Shri Mahavir Jayanti.

As we enter into a truncated trading week, the pains from the past week likely to intensify where we witnessed a dismal start to a new fiscal year FY-26. In last week's trade, Nifty received fresh drubbing, down 2.61% and joining the conga-line of falling global stock markets.

In last week's trade, Nasdaq and Russell's 2000 Index did enter the bear market territory, down over 20% each from their respective recent peaks. GIFT Nifty too was seen sulking as it ended 2.75% lower on Friday. Hence, markets are likely to open gap-down when open for trading on Monday.

To add to the dilemma, last Friday, the non-farm payrolls in the US came in stronger-than-expected, thus, dwindling Fed's intention of rate cuts, which they had hinted towards in their March meeting. Powell already has hit the pause button on further rate cuts, a wait-and-see stance on rate cuts citing rising risks of inflation and slower growth. Usually, the Fed aims at full employment and low prices. If tariffs challenge both, choosing whether to ease to support growth or tighten to fight inflation won't be easy. For now, we feel that Fed likely to maintain a wait-and-see approach when they meet next on 6th-7th May. Before that, if there is any positive development on easing of tariffs globally, then that might provide some clarity to the Fed on the rate-cut front.

Before the Fed meets, back at home, the RBI is set to announce its bi-monthly monetary policy this week on Wednesday, 9th April at 10:00 AM IST. The six-member rate-setting panel is meeting from 7th to 9th April amid heightened uncertainty in the global market following the recent announcement of reciprocals tariffs by US President Donald Trump. Although there is a buzz of a 25-basis point rate cut, any unpleasant surprises warranted given the on-going tariff war. We say so because there are fears that higher tariff rates may lead to inflation, increase in trade tensions and a lower growth in the world economy.

Technically, we suspect, its still a trading market until Nifty clears its psychological 24000 mark. Before that, we suspect a test of Nifty's psychological support at 22000 mark this week. Selling on strength likely to be preferred by traders.

The Nifty options data suggests Nifty is likely to be in a trading range of 21500-23500 zone. Maximum Call OI is at 23500 followed by 24000 strike prices. 23500 mark is now Nifty's major resistance zone on closing basis. Maximum Put open interest stands at 23500 levels followed by 22500 levels. Call writing was seen at 23100 and then at 22900 strike price, while there was meaningful Put writing at 22000 and then at 21800 strike prices.

Price Forecast:

Nifty CMP	(22904)
Support:	22501/22000
RESISTANCE:	23501/24001
RANGE:	22522-23221
200 DMA:	24077
Nifty PCR:	0.97
BIAS:	Negative
Bank Nifty CMP	(51503)
Bank Nifty CMP Support:	(51503) 50200/48900
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Support: RESISTANCE:	50200/48900 52335/54000
Support: RESISTANCE: RANGE:	50200/48900 52335/54000 50323-52275



NIFTY AUTO Index vs NIFTY



- NIFTY AUTO Index: 20,593: UNDERPERFORM.
- In Last Week's Trade: Nifty Auto index was sliding and most importantly, ended the week on a precarious note.
- Relative Strength vs Nifty: The Nifty Auto index was seen underperforming Nifty's drubbing action, ending the week, down 3.30% as against Nifty's 2.61% fall.
- Nifty Auto index 200 DMA: 24003 mark.
- **Support:** 20171/19601/18700.
- **Resistance:** 21503/22100/23000. The biggest hurdles seen only at 22100 resistance. Biggest support now at 20171 mark.
- **Outperforming Stocks:** TVS MOTORS.
- Underperforming Stocks: BALKRISHNA INDUSTRIES, BHARAT FORGE, TATA MOTORS



BANK NIFTY Index vs NIFTY



- BANK NIFTY Index: 51,503: OUTPERFORM.
- In Last Week's Trade: Bank Nifty index ended the week almost unchanged and the positive takeaway was that Bank Nifty held steady despite hawkish Trump tariff.
- Relative Strength vs Nifty: Bank Nifty was seen outperforming Nifty's bullish action as the Bank Nifty index ended the week, down 0.08% as against Nifty's 2.41% loss.
- Bank Nifty 200 DMA: 51036 mark.
- **Support:** 50407/49383/47500.
- **Resistance:** 52300/52700/54467.
- Outperforming Stocks: KOTAK BANK, HDFC BANK, SBI.
- **Underperforming Stocks:** IDFC FIRST BANK, AU BANK, RBL BANK.



NIFTY IT Index vs NIFTY



NIFTY IT Index: 33,511: NEUTRAL

- In Last Week's Trade: Nifty IT index witnessed massive drubbing with the recent sequence of lower high/low intact on the daily and weekly time frame.
- Relative Strength vs Nifty: Nifty IT index was underperforming Nifty's drubbing action. Nifty IT index ended the week, 9.15% lower as against Nifty's 2.61% loss.
- Nifty IT index 200 DMA: 40966 mark. Biggest support seen only at 35750 mark. Oversold technical conditions.
- Support: 33105/31250/30500.
- Resistance: 35700/36750/38901.
- Outperforming Stocks: COFORGE
- Underperforming Stocks: SONATA SOFTWARE, BSOFT, LTTS, LTIM



NIFTY PHARMA Index vs NIFTY



- NIFTY PHARMA Index: 20,560: NEUTRAL.
- In Last Week's Trade: Nifty Pharma index was seen drifting lower amidst profit booking and the negative takeaway was that the index ended on a precarious note.
- **Relative Strength vs Nifty:** Nifty Pharma index was seen mirroring Nifty's drifting action. Nifty Pharma index ended the week, 2.73% lower as against Nifty's 2.61% loss.
- **Nifty Pharma index 200 DMA:** 21905 mark. Biggest support seen at 19167 mark.
- Support: 20850/20350/19600.
- Resistance: 21900/22350/20100.
- Outperforming Stocks: ABBOT INDIA, DIVIS LAB, CIPLA, SUN PHARMA, LUPIN.
- Underperforming Stocks: DR REDDYS LAB, GRANNULES

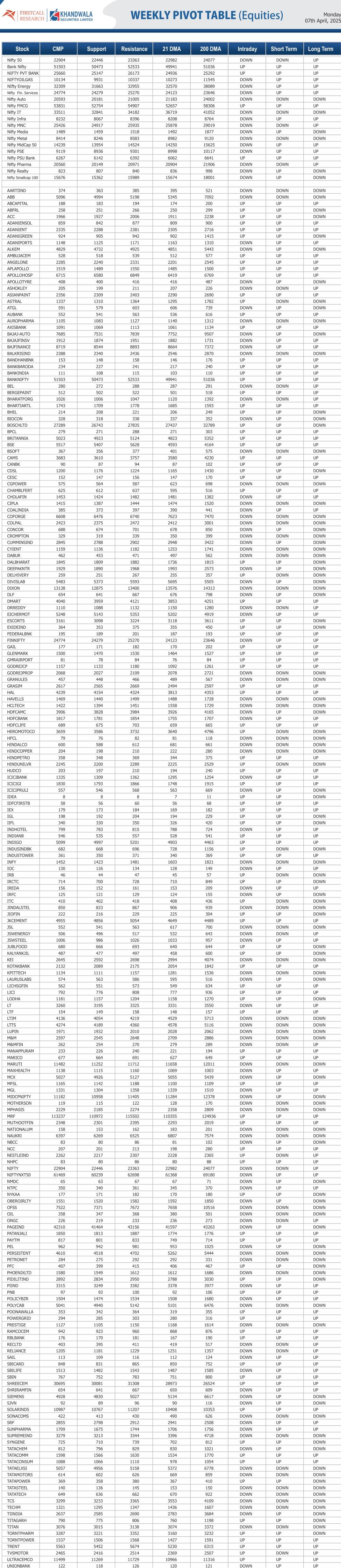


NIFTY METAL Index vs NIFTY



• NIFTY METAL Index: 8,414: NEUTRAL.

- **In Last Week's Trade:** Nifty Metal index was seen slipping hard amidst massive profit booking.
- Relative Strength vs Nifty: Nifty Metal index was seen underperforming Nifty's falling action. Nifty Metal index ended the week, down 7.46% as against Nifty's 2.61% loss.
- **Nifty Metal index 200 DMA:** 9129 mark. The make or break support seen at 7951 mark
- **Support:** 8451/7951/6750.
- Resistance: 8951/9325/9700.
- Outperforming Stocks: HINDALCO, JSW STEEL.
- **Underperforming Stocks:** NMDC, TATA STEEL, JINDAL STEEL, SAIL.



All level indicated above are based on cash market prices. Pivot Point

PP: Pivot Point

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This is trigger point for weekly buy/sell based on the price range of the previous week.
1st Resistance over PP. R2 : Resistance two : 2nd Resistance over R1.
1st support after PP. S2 : Support Two : 2nd support after S1. R1: Resistance one : 1st Resistance over PP.
S1: Support one : 1st support after PP. 2nd Resistance 3.12nd support after S1.

S1: Support one As per the tool, the trader should take BUY position just above PP and keep the stop loss of PP and the first target would be R1. If R1 is crossed then R2 becomes the next target with the stop loss at R1.

Similarly if price goes below PP the trader should SELL and keep the PP as Stop loss and the first target would be S1. If S1 is crossed then S2 becomes the next target with the stop loss at S1. This is a trading tool. The key to use of this tool is the use of STOP LOSS.

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WEEKLY PIVOT TABLE (Commodities)

Monday 07th April, 2025

Stock	СМР	Support	Resistance	21 DMA	200 DMA	Intraday	Short Term	Long Term
ALUMINIUM 1	251	244	259	260	241	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN
COPPER 1	804	788	820	892	830	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN
CRUDEOIL 1	5332	5225	5439	5887	6186	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN
GOLD 1	88130	86367	89893	87090	77014	UP	DOWN	UP
LEAD 1	178	173	184	181	183	DOWN	DOWN	UP
NATURALGAS 1	330	320	339	358	256	UP	DOWN	UP
NICKEL	1587	1556	1619	1634	1950	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN
SILVER 1	87431	85682	89180	98372	90369	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN
STEEL 1	43720	42846	44594	42125	44492	UP	UP	UP
ZINC 1	268	260	276	274	273	DOWN	DOWN	UP
COTWASOIL 1	1345	1318	1372	1248	3307	UP	UP	UP
CASTOR 1	6195	6071	6319	6281	6324	UP	UP	DOWN
DHANIYA 1	7940	7781	8099	7949	7514	DOWN	DOWN	DOWN
GUARGUM5 1	10100	9898	10302	10150	10436	UP	DOWN	UP
GUARSEED10 1	5268	5163	5373	5304	5334	UP	DOWN	UP
JEERAUNJHA 1	23450	22981	23919	21543	24828	UP	UP	UP
MENTHAOIL 1	925	907	944	929	933	UP	DOWN	UP
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