



Markets This Week

Nifty began the week on a weak footing at 24,956.15, closing lower each day. On Tuesday, the index slipped below its 100-DMA, a level traditionally seen as strong support. Friday opened flat but turned negative, ending almost 1% lower, marking a distribution day as the decline exceeded 0.2% with higher volume than the previous session. The index closed the week at 24,180.80, down 2.71%, and is now trading 1.5% below its 100-DMA.

- This week, all broader indices posted declines. The Nifty Midcap100 dropped 5.75% to 55,277.95, while the Nifty Smallcap100 fell 6.45% to 17,847.90. The Nifty Smallcap250 declined 7.02%, closed at 16,956.05, and the Nifty Microcap250 saw the largest dip, down by 8.21% to closed at 23,443.90.
- All sectoral indices ended in the red, with Nifty Metal (-7.23%) and Realty (-6.97%) leading the declines. Banks, Pharma, and FMCG also saw notable drops, each falling approximately 3-5%.

FIIIs continued to withdraw from Indian markets, selling equities worth ₹20,024.27 crore this week. DIIs countered this outflow by purchasing equities worth ₹22,914.63 crore. So far this month, FIIIs have sold over ₹1 lakh crore, while DIIs have acquired equities totaling ₹97,090.83 crore.

The Indian rupee remained unchanged, closing at 84.08 per dollar for the week ending October 25.

Prominent Stocks (Gainers) This Week

Company Name	Last Price	Change (₹)	Change (%)
Amber Enterprises	6171.20	767.65	14.21%
Deepak Fertilizers	1133.70	113.90	11.17%
City Union Bank	171.00	16.55	10.72%
Sona BLW	699.25	61.95	9.72%
Piramal Pharma	244.43	19.04	8.45%
Crisil	5080.00	377.95	8.04%
Coforge	7739.85	529.45	7.34%
Max Financial Services	1274.85	78.20	6.53%
Aster DM Healthcare	448.75	23.50	5.53%
Varun Beverages	611.20	22.45	3.81%
HDFC Bank	1743.40	61.55	3.66%
Tube Investment of India	4627.75	139.00	3.10%
Aegis Logistics	747.45	22.20	3.06%
Persistent Systems	5670.90	164.75	2.99%
Shree Cement	24956.80	631.55	2.60%

Prominent Stocks (Losers) This Week

Company Name	Last Price	Change (₹)	Change (%)
PNC Infratech	311.20	-147.30	-32.13%
Chennai Petro	707.70	-222.25	-23.90%
KPIT Technologies	1373.60	-412.75	-23.11%
Indusind Bank	1041.60	-305.65	-22.69%
RBL Bank	161.92	-43.34	-21.11%
Poonawalla Fincorp	297.05	-78.95	-21.00%
NBCC	87.91	-20.06	-18.58%
Jindal SAW	301.85	-63.40	-17.36%
L&T Finance	140.28	-26.36	-15.82%
Motilal Oswal Financial Services	872.00	-157.70	-15.32%
BHEL	216.85	-37.00	-14.58%
ABB India	7521.65	-1261.35	-14.36%
SCI	202.75	-33.00	-14.00%
Cochin Shipyard	1365.40	-198.65	-12.70%
Mastek	2641.45	-376.15	-12.47%



Bullion Update: MCX Gold Resistance exists at 80160/81700 Support at 76900/76400

MCX Silver resistance exists at 101800/103000 Support at 93340/91240

MCX Crude oil resistance exists at 6495/6735 Support at 5760/5500

MCX Copper resistance exists at 832/867 Support at 779/765

Stocks In News This Week

Tech Mahindra reported a significant rise in consolidated net profit, which more than doubled to ₹1,250 crore in the July-September quarter of FY2024-25. This jump was primarily driven by special income from asset sales, growth in European and non-American markets, and a strong performance in the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) segment. In the same quarter last year, the company's net profit stood at ₹493.9 crore. Revenue saw a 3.49 percent increase to ₹13,313.2 crore, compared to ₹12,863.9 crore in Q2 FY2023-24.

HDFC Bank reported a 5.3 percent year-on-year rise in standalone net profit, reaching ₹16,821 crore for the July-September quarter of FY2024-25. Net interest income (NII) grew by 10 percent to ₹30,110 crore. This quarter marks the first time HDFC's YoY numbers are comparable post-merger with Housing Development Finance Corp in July 2023, a merger that added substantial loans but fewer deposits to the bank's portfolio, leading to the need for faster deposit growth or slower loan expansion in future quarters.

Kotak Mahindra Bank posted a 5 percent YoY increase in standalone profit after tax (PAT) for Q2 FY2024-25, reaching ₹3,344 crore. Net interest income (NII) rose 11 percent to ₹7,020 crore, though the bank's net interest margin (NIM) narrowed to 4.91 percent, down from 5.22 percent in the same period last year.

ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company posted strong Q2 FY2024-25 results, with revenue increasing by 16.47 percent year-over-year and profit growing by 20.21 percent. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, revenue rose by 9.93 percent, and profit grew by 19.57 percent, reflecting the company's consistent growth trajectory in both topline and profitability.

L&T Finance reported a robust Q2 FY2024-25 performance, with year-over-year revenue growth of 13.62 percent and a profit increase of 16.88 percent. Quarter-on-quarter, revenue increased by 5.48 percent, and profit saw a modest rise of 1.47 percent, indicating the company's ability to maintain steady growth amid fluctuating market conditions.

Tata Consumer reported solid Q2 FY2024-25 results, with a 12.87 percent year-over-year increase in revenue and a 7.74 percent rise in profit. However, quarter-on-quarter, revenue declined by 3.16 percent, while profits surged by 25.52 percent. Operating income faced challenges, falling by 10.45 percent quarter-over-quarter, but saw a 4.94 percent year-over-year rise, indicating mixed operational performance as the company adapts to shifting market dynamics.

Bajaj Housing Finance: It reported a 21% year-on-year (YoY) increase in net profit, reaching ₹545.6 crore for the second quarter ending September 30, 2024. This is a rise from the ₹451.1 crore net profit posted in the same quarter last year, according to the company's regulatory filing. Additionally, the company's revenue from operations also saw a 21.1% increase, amounting to ₹2,410 crore compared to ₹1,911.5 crore in the year-ago period.

Cyient DLM: It reported a 5.5% year-on-year (YoY) increase in net profit, reaching ₹15.4 crore for the second quarter ending September 30, 2024, compared to ₹14.6 crore in the corresponding period last year. According to the company's regulatory filing, revenue from operations rose 33.4%, climbing to ₹389.4 crore from ₹291.8 crore in the same period last year.

Union Bank of India: The public sector bank posted a 34.4% year-on-year (YoY) increase in standalone net profit for the second quarter, reaching ₹4,720 crore, up from ₹3,511 crore in the same quarter last year. However, net interest income (NII) saw a marginal decline of 0.9%, dropping to ₹9,047 crore compared to ₹9,126 crore in the year-ago quarter. The bank's asset quality also saw improvements, with gross non-performing assets (NPA) dropping to 4.36% from 4.54% in the previous quarter, although net NPA rose slightly to 0.98% from 0.90% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ).

City Union Bank: The private sector lender reported a net profit of ₹285.2 crore for the second quarter of FY25, reflecting a 1.6% increase compared to ₹280.6 crore in the same quarter last year. Its net interest income (NII) for Q2 FY25 rose by 8.2%, reaching ₹582.5 crore, up from ₹538.4 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. In comparison, the bank posted a 4.5% NII growth in Q1 FY25, recording ₹546 crore.

Mahindra Logistics: It reported a net loss of ₹9.6 crore for the second quarter ending September 30, 2024, which narrowed from a net loss of ₹15.5 crore in the same period last year. Revenue from operations increased by 11.4%, reaching ₹1,521 crore compared to ₹1,364.8 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal year.

Aurum PropTech: The company posted a consolidated net loss of ₹95.5 crore for the second quarter, a significant improvement from the ₹201 crore loss recorded in the same period last year (YoY). The company's Q2 revenue stood at ₹63.96 crore, up from ₹52.77 crore in the year-ago period. Aurum PropTech also posted an EBITDA profit of ₹10.91 crore for Q2, compared to an EBITDA loss of ₹7.6 crore in the previous year (YoY), with an EBITDA margin of 17.06%.

Aurionpro Solutions: The firm reported its Q2 consolidated net profit at ₹45.1 crore, up from ₹43.4 crore in the previous quarter (QoQ). The company's Q2 revenue stood at ₹278 crore, rising from ₹261 crore in the prior quarter (QoQ). Q2 EBITDA came in at ₹49.1 crore, slightly down from ₹49.8 crore in the previous quarter, with an EBITDA margin of 17.65%, compared to 19.56% in the previous quarter.

HFCL: The company's consolidated revenue saw a marginal decline of 1.62% year-on-year (YoY), reaching ₹1,094 crore from ₹1,112 crore. Despite this, consolidated EBITDA rose 19.54%, increasing to ₹159 crore from ₹133 crore YoY, with an improvement in the EBITDA margin to 14.53% from 11.96%. The company's consolidated net profit grew by 4.28% to ₹73 crore, up from ₹70 crore YoY.

Eicher Motors' subsidiary, Royal Enfield, has commenced operations at its new manufacturing unit and flagship showroom in Bangladesh. This development is in partnership with IFAD Motors and marks Royal Enfield's sixth assembly unit outside India. The company has similar facilities in Nepal, Brazil, Thailand, Colombia, and Argentina.

Zomato: Zomato's board approved a proposal to raise ₹8,500 crore through a qualified institutional placement (QIP) of shares. The capital infusion is aimed at strengthening the company's position in the competitive food and grocery delivery market, where it faces challenges from IPO-bound rivals such as Swiggy and Zepto. Zomato's net profit witnessed a significant increase, growing nearly fivefold to ₹176 crore in the September quarter, compared to ₹36 crore in the same quarter last year. The impressive growth was driven primarily by the rapid expansion of its quick commerce business, Blinkit, and the success of its restaurant supplies business, Hyperpure.

Bajaj Finance: Bajaj Finance recorded a 13 percent year-on-year increase in net profit for Q2 FY25, amounting to ₹4,013.7 crore, up from ₹3,550.8 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year. However, this figure came slightly below the CNBC-TV18 poll estimate of ₹4,043.4 crore. The company's earnings benefited from a one-time gain of ₹2,544.11 crore from the sale of its stake in Bajaj Housing Finance Ltd (BHFL). Meanwhile, net interest income (NII) jumped 22.8 percent to ₹8,837.7 crore, compared to ₹7,196.3 crore in Q2 FY24, and net total income rose by 24 percent to ₹10,946 crore.

Indus Towers: Telecom infrastructure firm Indus Towers posted a significant 71.7 percent year-on-year increase in net profit, reaching ₹2,223.5 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2024. This compares to ₹1,294.7 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal year. The company's revenue from operations also grew by 4.7 percent, climbing to ₹7,465.3 crore against ₹7,132.5 crore in the year-ago period.

OUTLOOK FOR NEXT WEEK:

Last week in our preview columns we did categorically mentioned that the markets have lost the momentum quite noticeably & this week the markets simply went ahead & gave a decisive signal that the momentum is not just snapped but is now presenting a picture that suggests a possibility of a sizable break down. In fact, the extent of damage that has transpired during the course of the week, especially more in the Broader spaces of the markets has resulted in inflicting huge gashes in the Portfolios of all sizes of investors.

Yes, we have to agree that our faint hopes of optimism in visualizing a possible pull back from a situation that seemed already a fair degree of correction, in the preceding couple of weeks or say from the onset of October, has been quashed out rightly & the magnitude of destruction simply spiked up to extremely painful levels that caused a situation of profusely bleeding portfolios. In fact, we can go to the extent of terming this week's market performance as possibly the "WORST" in 18 months (from March' 23) if not scaling back to the days of the first Lockdown times of the pandemic in March'2020!

So let's look in absolute numbers: Firstly, the NIFTY itself slipped quite awkwardly to pare losses of 663 points for the week, on a close-to-close basis & if that does NOT look so bad, we may have to see it in a bigger perspective. The losses in the preceding couple of weeks to have been sizable as well. So, on a net basis, the NIFTY has now seen a fall of 2,193 points or 8.35% from the peaks of 26,267-35 seen on 27th September to a low point of 24,074 in this Friday session. The very fact that even 24K was threatened to be breached would be sending shivers down the spine of even Large FUND guys!

The NIFTY SMALLCAP-100 had seen a slam down of near 6% this week or 3371 points in absolute terms, extending the number to a whopping 6,185 points (or 10.2%) from peak levels of 60,926 & the NIFTY SMALLCAP-100 matching it exactly in percentage fall terms at just over 10% or 1970 points from heights of 19,641 to 17,671. Needless to say, a few other vulnerable segments & indices fell quite a bit more in terms of percentages & presented a picture of significant distress.

PLAUSIBLE REASONS OF MARKET FALL? While it is never a simple, straight forward reason to ascertain any moves of this magnitude, in such a squeezed space the headline definition can ONLY be seen as a “TECHNICAL” Shake up but that again is induced by a confluence of underlying factors. In the current context we may attribute it to a host of factors like the Chinese effect inducing a Mass FII Exodus (with outflows for the month of October topping \$ 10 Billion (85K crs) The unpleasant & damaging Diplomatic tussle with CANADA, the overhang of Domestic State Elections that causes such unhealthy noises in the media & then the very basic Economic issues themselves.

The MACRO data points from domestic Economy have been quite noticeably disappointing, albeit excused as transitional. The September GST Collections were quite a shocker actually at a 3-year low point in terms of growth. The Consumption number from various segments have been consistently disappointing while the all-important Corporate Sector Quarterly Earnings is a key negative overhang for the markets.

IMMEDIATE WEEK OUTLOOK: For a start, the first “Hope” factor for the week ahead is that it is the DIWALI week which has a history of lifting the spirits of the entire Financial Markets, driven by the Optimism generated by the extent of celebrations, which in turn is a reminder of the ever rampant increase of Spending Power which eventually drives the Consumption theme & has a rub off on the Economy.

Adding to the never ending “Hope” factor is the fact the sizable extent of correction seen across the board in the last 4 weeks, with the deadliest slash seen in this week may turn out to be a “Process of Capitulation” that usually happens in the last lap of a corrective wave wherein a “Mental Stop-Loss” triggers amongst the hordes of market players of all shapes & sizes & results in a situation of excessive slam down in valuations. Of course, the Best of the Positive Factors that still linger in the horizons are the Handsome state of affairs in the Global Markets & the continuing positive scope from the North Block which can be expected to take cognizance of the current despair situation in the Markets & may act in good stead

Friday late trades from the WALL STREET were not very supportive with much of the initial gains given back in the likes of NASDAQ & S&P-500 while the DOW actually closing with a 260 points loss. The GIFT NIFTY too trailed with a 50-odd points loss but may not be any extent of indicator. Net-net, the outlook for the week remains challenging but with overall expectations being very low, we may still hope for a better outcome by the end of the week!