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Markets This Week

Nifty extended their upward momentum for the third consecutive week, supported by strong domestic inflows, renewed foreign participation, and improving global risk sentiment. The Nifty 50 surged 424.5 points or 1.67% to close at 25,709.85, while the BSE Sensex gained 1,451 points or 1.75% to end at 83,952.19 — marking the biggest weekly gain in four months.

The rally was broad-based, driven by strength in Reliance Industries, private banking majors, and select metal stocks, which helped offset mild profit-booking in IT and pharma counters. Positive global cues, expectations of a potential U.S. Fed rate cut, and easing crude oil prices (hovering in the high-$60 range) lifted market sentiment. Softer crude also eased inflation concerns, providing a boost to rate-sensitive sectors such as banking, auto, and consumer durables.

On the global front, optimism grew after a series of encouraging macro data and hopes of monetary easing by major central banks. However, investors remained cautious amid lingering concerns over a potential U.S. government shutdown, renewed banking sector jitters, and U.S.–China trade tensions.

From a technical perspective, the Nifty maintained strong support above 25,450, closing the week well above key moving averages — 2.3% above its 21-DMA and 3.1% above its 50-DMA. The index now faces immediate resistance in the 26,000–26,300 zone, a breakout above which could open the path toward new all-time highs.

Sectoral Performance This Week:

Sectoral performance was mixed, with Nifty Metal, Auto, Pharma, and Consumer Durables showing continued strength, while Financials, Energy, FMCG, Realty, IT, and Media remained under pressure. The Nifty Realty and Capital Markets indices led gains with around 4% each, followed by FMCG (+3%) and Auto (+2%). On the downside, Media (-2.7%), IT (-1.8%), and Metal and PSU Bank (-0.5%) declined.

FIIs & DIIs Activity:

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) remained net buyers during the last three sessions of the week; however, on a weekly basis, they turned net sellers, offloading equities worth ₹586.76 crore. In contrast, Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) continued to show strong conviction, extending their buying streak for the 26th consecutive week, with substantial purchases worth ₹28,044.45 crore, which helped cushion market volatility and support the overall uptrend.

Currency Update:

During the week, the Indian rupee approached its all-time low of 88.8850 but staged a strong rebound, marking its biggest weekly gain against the U.S. dollar since late June. The currency ended 72 paise higher at 87.97 per dollar on October 17, compared to 88.69 in the previous week's close. Throughout the week, the rupee traded in a range of 88.80–87.69, supported by easing crude prices, improved risk sentiment, and steady foreign inflows into domestic equities.

Prominent Stocks (Gainers) This Week

Company Name	Last Price	Change (₹)	Change (%)
Whirlpool of India	1,384.40	214.90	18.38%
Ather Energy	693.30	98.45	16.55%
Ola Electric	57.08	7.38	14.85%
Force Motors	17,565.00	1,784.00	11.30%
Angel One	2,496.50	193.20	8.39%
Navin Fluorine	5,108.80	367.70	7.76%
Nestle India	1,289.50	90.00	7.50%
Persistent Systems	5,755.70	398.00	7.43%
ICICIGI	2,001.00	138.20	7.42%
Jubilant Ingrevia	699.35	48.15	7.39%
MCX	9,328.50	640.00	7.37%
Asian Paints	2,507.80	167.60	7.16%
Godrej Properties	2,236.20	144.30	6.90%
SONACOMS	462.20	29.40	6.79%
360One Wam	1,164.90	69.80	6.37%

Prominent Stocks (Losers) This Week

Company Name	Last Price	Change (₹)	Change (%)
Anant Raj	621.00	-73.20	-10.54%
Chennai Petro	723.60	-78.65	-9.80%
Reliance Power	44.64	-3.94	-8.11%
Jindal SAW	190.64	-15.67	-7.60%
Redington	268.90	-21.20	-7.31%
Yes Bank	22.25	-1.75	-7.29%
SYRMA	787.00	-56.65	-6.71%
PCBL	362.00	-25.55	-6.59%
IFCI	54.62	-3.19	-5.52%
ZEEL	105.37	-6.05	-5.43%
Wockhardt	1,342.70	-75.80	-5.34%
Birlasoft	341.00	-18.45	-5.13%
Bandhan Bank	160.98	-8.34	-4.93%
Infosys	1,441.10	-73.80	-4.87%
Net Web Technologies	3,833.10	-194.40	-4.83%

Bullion Update: MCX Gold Resistance exists at 130000/132000 Support at 124000/121000

MCX Silver resistance exists at 163000/170000 Support at 154000/150000

MCX Crude oil resistance exists at 5250/5430 Support at 4830/4600

MCX Copper resistance exists at 993/1000 Support at 968/950

Stocks In News This Week

Tata Motors: Monday holds significance for the company's shareholders, as it marks the final day the stock will trade as a consolidated entity. The record date for the demerger of the commercial vehicles business has been set for Tuesday, October 14.

BLS International: The Ministry of External Affairs has imposed a two-year ban on the company, preventing it from participating in new tenders for Indian missions.

Avenue Supermarts: The company that owns DMart posted a 4% increase in net profit compared to the same period last year, with revenue up 15.5% and EBITDA rising 11%.

Welspun Enterprises: The board will meet on October 15 to review proposals for raising funds through the issuance of convertible warrants or a preferential allotment of shares

Zen Technologies: The company has secured an order worth around ₹37 crore from the Ministry of Defence to supply anti-drone systems equipped with Hard Kill capabilities.

Infosys: The digital services and consulting firm has unveiled a complete set of offerings — the Infosys Customer Experience Suite for Salesforce — designed to provide enhanced Agentforce solutions and assist businesses in their digital transformation efforts.

Axis Bank: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has sent a 'Letter of Caution' to Axis Bank, urging the bank to exercise heightened vigilance and strictly adhere to RBI's KYC regulations. Axis Bank has confirmed that it has already taken corrective actions.

Kotak Mahindra Bank: Kotak Mahindra Bank stated that Sonata Finance has merged with BSS Microfinance, and consequently, Sonata Finance is no longer a subsidiary of the bank, effective October 11. Both companies were previously wholly owned subsidiaries of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Lupin: The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) carried out a pre-approval inspection at the company's manufacturing site in Somerset, New Jersey, from September 29 to October 10, resulting in a single observation.

Waaree Renewable Technologies: In Q2 FY26, the solar company recorded its strongest quarterly performance to date, with net profit jumping 117% year-on-year to ₹116.3 crore and revenue rising 47.7% to ₹774.8 crore, driven by improved project execution and higher margins.

HCL Tech: The IT giant declared an interim dividend of ₹12 per share, marking its 91st consecutive quarterly payout. The company reported consolidated revenue of ₹31,942 crore for the quarter, reflecting a 5% sequential rise and an 11% year-on-year increase, driven by strong growth in its services and engineering divisions.

KFin Technologies: The financial services platform announced that it has completed a $34.68 million investment to acquire a 51% controlling stake in Ascent Fund Services (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., thereby becoming the company's sole promoter.

Anand Rathi Wealth: The company posted a 30.5% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit to ₹99 crore for the September quarter (Q2 FY26), up from ₹76 crore in the same period last year.

Asian Paints: The Supreme Court declined to hear Asian Paints' petition challenging the Competition Commission of India's order that called for an investigation into the company for allegedly abusing its dominant position in the decorative paints market.

KEC International: The global infrastructure EPC leader and RPG Group company announced securing new Transmission and Distribution (T&D) project orders worth ₹1,174 crore across India and the Middle East.

Hero Motocorp: The world's leading two-wheeler maker has officially made its debut in the Italian market via a distribution partnership with Pelpi International.

ONGC: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is set to start its oil trading operations in the upcoming financial year in collaboration with an international partner, aiming for an annual profit of $1 billion, according to media reports.

Oil India: The state-owned company has declared the mechanical completion of its Numaligarh–Siliguri Product Pipeline (NSPL) upgrade project, a significant milestone in enhancing petroleum product transportation infrastructure across India's northeast.

Lodha Developers: The real estate giant announced the acquisition of a 100% stake in Chaitanya Bilva Private Ltd (CBPL) for ₹499.61 crore in cash, making CBPL its wholly owned subsidiary.

Tech Mahindra: Net profit declines 4.4 per cent to ₹1,194.5 crore from ₹1,250.1 crore, while revenue rises 5.1 per cent to ₹13,994.9 crore from ₹13,313.2 crore.

Ola Electric: Ola Electric is poised to foray into the energy storage market, projected to surpass $30 billion by 2030, according to PTI report.

ICICI Lombard: ICICI Lombard General Insurance posted a net profit of ₹819.5 crore for Q2 FY26, marking an 18.1% year-on-year rise. The company's total income increased 12.5% to ₹6,582.7 crore, while the board declared an interim dividend of ₹6.5 per share.