

## Tables:

## Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield:

G-sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
US 10Y*	4.29	-2
US 2Y*	4.04	2
Germany 10Y	2.82	-5
UK 10Y	4.64	-3
Japan 10Y	1.50	0

Source: Bloomberg, \*semi-annual

## G-sec yield:

G-Sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
6.75% GS 2029*	6.60	0
6.79% GS 2034* (10Y)	6.69	-1
6.92% GS 2039*	6.82	-1
1-Month T-bill	6.53	6
3-Month T-bill	6.46	0
6-Month T-bill	6.57	1
12-Month T-bill	6.53	1

Source: CCL, Bloomberg, \*semi-annual

## Spreads in bps for Corporates

Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	74	65	55	40
AA	156	149	139	135
A	347	341	333	331

Source: FIMMDA, as on 13 Mar, 2025

## Key rates:

Policy	Rate (in %)
Repo rate	6.25
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.00
Bank rate	6.50
1-year median MCLR of SCBs	9.05
SOFR	4.30

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

## Money Market instruments:

Instrument	Volume (in Rs. Bn)	Weighted Avg Rate (%)
Call Money	182.8	6.34
Triparty Repo	4,152.7	6.19
Market Repo	1,770.8	6.41
Repo in corporate bond	19.9	6.55

Source: RBI, as of 17 Mar, 2025

## Major Equity Indices:

Indices	Last	1-Day Change %
BSE SENSEX	74,170	0.5
NIFTY	22,510	0.5
NASDAQ	17,809	0.3
S&P 500	5,675	0.6
Nikkei 225	37,397	0.9
Euro Stoxx 50	5,446	0.8

Source: Google Finance

## Commodities futures:

Commodities	Last	1-Day Change %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	71.3	1.0
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	4.0	-1.7
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	3,015.4	0.5
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	498.2	1.8
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	572.0	2.7

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange Rates:

Currency pair	Rate	1-Day Change %
USD/ INR	86.80	-0.2
GBP/ INR	112.49	0.0
EUR/ INR	94.51	0.8
EUR/USD	1.09	0.3
DXI Index	103.54	-0.2

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch

## Today's Key Macro Events:

**India:** VRR, SGS Auctions; **US:** Housing Starts, Industrial Production Feb'25; **Eurozone:** Trade Balance Jan'25.

## News:

Domestic:

**WPI inches up marginally in Feb'25, despite waning food prices (Source: PIB):** WPI rose 2.4% y/y in Feb'25, from 2.3% y/y in Jan'25, driven by rise in fuel prices and higher costs in manufacturing. Primary articles cooled to 2.8% y/y in Feb'25 (Jan'25: 4.7% y/y), driven by waning food prices, while manufactured products grew 2.9% y/y in Feb'25.

**Falling imports push merchandise trade deficit to record lows (Source: Reuters):** Merchandise trade deficit narrowed to the slimmest since Aug'21 at USD 14.1 bn in Feb'25 amidst rising trade uncertainty. Imports fell 16% y/y to USD 51 bn, its lowest since Apr'23, while exports fell 10% y/y to USD 37 bn in Feb'25.

**Direct tax collections rose at robust pace in YTD FY25 (Source: CBDT):** Gross direct tax collection rose 16.2% y/y to Rs. 25.9 trn in YTD FY25 as of 16<sup>th</sup> Mar'25, driven by 14.6% y/y rise in advance tax collections to Rs. 10.4 trn. Corporate tax rose 12.9% y/y to Rs. 12.4 trn, while non-corporate tax rose 18% y/y to Rs. 12.9 trn in YTD FY25.

**Union operationalizes gas power capacity to meet peak demand (Source: The Hindu Businessline):** Union has operationalized 1,774 MW of gas-based power capacity for 7MFY25 to meet expected peak demand of 270 GW during summers.

**Haryana Budget 2025-26: Highlights (Source: Haryana State Budget Documents):**

- Revenue receipts are expected to rise 13.6% y/y to Rs. 1.28 trn in FY26BE, driven by 13.6% y/y rise in State's own taxes to Rs. 921 bn.
- Expenditure is expected to grow 15.8% y/y to Rs. 1.7 trn in FY26BE, with capex set to rise 17% y/y to Rs. 208 bn.
- Borrowings are expected to rise 10.4% y/y to Rs. 400 bn in FY26BE.
- Fiscal deficit is expected to remain flattish at 2.68% of GSDP in FY26BE, while revenue deficit is expected to rise 0.5 pp to 1.53% of GSDP

**VRR auctions conducted successfully (Source: RBI):** 4-day VRR worth Rs. 238 bn were auctioned (notified amount: Rs. 1 trn), at cut-off rate of 6.26%. 1-day VRR worth Rs. 1 trn were auctioned (bids received: Rs. 1.06 trn) at cut-off rate of 6.26%.

International:**Tariff wars weigh on global growth outlook in CY25 (Source: OECD):**

- Global growth forecast was revised downwards at 3.1% y/y in CY25 and 3% y/y in CY26 (Prev: 3.3% y/y each) as trade barriers and policy uncertainty weigh on investments and household spending.
- US growth was revised downwards by 0.2pp at 2.2% y/y in CY25 and by 0.5 pp to 1.6% y/y in CY26, as tariffs stoke inflation fears
- India's growth was revised downwards at 6.4% y/y in CY25 (Prev: 6.9% y/y) and at 6.6% y/y in CY26 (Prev: 6.8% y/y).
- Notably, China's growth was unchanged at 4.8% y/y in CY25 and 4.4% y/y in CY26, driven by policy stimulus.

**POTUS reiterates commitment to tariffs (Source: Reuters):** POTUS Mr. Trump declared that there will be no exemptions on tariffs on aluminium and steel, adding that reciprocal and sectoral tariffs will be imposed as on 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr'25.

**US retail sales recovers with a tepid growth in Feb'25 (Source: US Census Bureau):**

US retail sales rose 0.2% m/m in Feb'25, after falling 1.2% m/m in Jan'25, below expectations of 0.6% m/m recovery, with retailers highlighting poor weather and declining consumer confidence impacting discretionary assortments. Strong growth in health and personal care of 1.7% m/m in Feb'25 and 2.4% m/m rise in e-commerce was offset by 0.4% m/m fall in motor vehicles and 1.7% m/m fall in departmental stores.

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**Eurozone rapid house market recovery raises affordability concerns: ECB (Source: Reuters):** ECB said that Eurozone housing market has already recovered from recent slump and prices are likely to rise further. It warns that this rapid recovery might challenge affordability despite a meanwhile less tight monetary policy.

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