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Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield:

G-sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
US 10Y*	4.33	-2
US 2Y*	3.88	5
Germany 10Y	2.53	2
UK 10Y	4.65	-1
Japan 10Y	1.31	-2

Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual

G-sec yield:

G- Sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
6.75% GS 2029*	6.19	-4
6.79% GS 2034* (10Y)	6.41	-3
6.92% GS 2039*	6.54	-2
1-Month T-bill	5.69	-7
3-Month T-bill	5.88	-7
6-Month T-bill	5.97	-7
12-Month T-bill	6.03	-1

Source: CCL, Bloomberg, *semi-annual

Spreads in bps for Corporates

Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	97	108	55	89
AA	181	193	141	178
A	372	386	335	374

Source: FIMMDA, as on 11 Apr, 2025

Key rates:

Policy	Rate (in %)
Repo rate	6.00
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	5.75
Bank rate	6.25
1-year median MCLR of SCBs	9.00
SOFR	4.33

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Money Market instruments:

Instrument	Volume (in Rs. Bn)	Weighted Avg Rate (%)
Call Money	149.7	5.84
Triparty Repo	4,074.3	5.74
Market Repo	2,019.6	5.79
Repo in corporate bond	16.4	5.96

Source: RBI, as of 15 Apr, 2025

Major Equity Indices:

Indices	Last	1-Day Change %
BSE SENSEX	76,735	2.1
NIFTY	23,329	2.2
NASDAQ	16,823	0.0
S&P 500	5,397	-0.2
Nikkei 225	34,268	0.8
Euro Stoxx 50	4,970	1.2

Source: Google Finance

Commodities futures:

Commodities	Last	1-Day Change %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	64.7	-0.4
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	3.3	-1.5
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	3,287.6	1.5
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	465.0	0.2
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	555.3	-1.0

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange Rates:

Currency pair	Rate	1-Day Change %
USD/ INR	85.77	-0.3
GBP/ INR	113.38	0.1
EUR/ INR	96.94	-0.4
EUR/USD	1.13	-0.1
DXI Index	100.22	0.6

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch

Today's Key Macro Events:

India: T-Bill, VRR auction; **China:** GDP Q1CY25, Industrial Production, Retail Sales Mar'25; **US:** Retail Sales Mar'25; **Canada:** Policy Rate; **UK:** CPI Mar'25

News:

Domestic:

Consumer prices rise slower than expected in Mar'25 (Source: PIB): CPI clocked 3.34% y/y in Mar'25 (Feb'25: 3.61%, forecast: 3.60%), falling within RBI's target for the second consecutive month. This is the lowest on-year CPI since Aug'19. CFPI fell below headline to register 2.7% rise as prices of vegetables, pulses, and spices underwent corrections. Core inflation clocked 4.1% rise as personal care items became dearer by 13.5%.

Wholesale inflation eases further as the fiscal closes (Source: PIB): WPI registered 2.05% y/y in Mar'25 (Feb'25: 2.38%, forecast: 2.50%) owing to a sharp deceleration in the prices of primary articles, which counteracted moderate rises in the other two components. Amongst manufactured products, heady inflation was seen in edible oils and food products. Sequentially, WPI dipped 0.19% m/m.

Trade balance deteriorates in Mar'25 (Source: CEIC): Goods exports rose 0.7% y/y to USD 42 bn while imports rose sharply by 11.4% to USD 63.5 bn. This resulted in a merchandise trade deficit of USD 21.5 bn. Total exports rose 2.6% to USD 73.6 bn while total imports showed a sharper increase to USD 77.2 bn. For FY25, goods exports remained flattish at USD 437.6 bn, while imports rose moderately by 6.2% y/y to USD 720 bn, resulting in a trade deficit of USD 282.6 bn.

Above normal rainfall expected in CY25 (Source: ET): The IMD announced that the country is likely to experience rainfall to the extent of 105% of long period average (LPA) in the monsoon. Below normal rainfall is expected in some parts of NW, NE, and South Peninsular India. El Nino impact is expected to be neutral.

Countercyclical buffer not activated by RBI (Source: RBI): Based on review and empirical analysis of CCyB indicators, the RBI decided that it is not necessary to activate CCyB at this point in time.

International:

Chinese data shows strength in Q1CY25 (Source: Reuters):

- Real GDP expanded by 5.4% y/y in Q1CY25 (forecast: 5.1%). The figure was helped by stellar exports performance
- Industrial production rose 7.7% y/y (forecast: 5.6%) in Mar'25, helped by growth in fixed asset investment in Q1CY25 of 4.2% (estimate: 4.1%)
- Retail sales rose 5.9% (forecast: 4.2%) in Mar'25

Economies ponder strategies to counter tariffs (Source: Reuters, Bloomberg):

- Chinese Premier Mr. Li said that external conditions had changed dramatically and urged exporters to diversify. He pledged greater support for consumption while saying there was room for property development.
- Chinese President encouraged Vietnam to counter US tariff 'bullying'
- As per media sources, the EU expects tariffs to stay as little headroom has been made in talks. It is said that the US wants European pharma majors to produce in the US and remove digital, AI regulations and food standards. EU's offer to purchase LNG has been met with scorn
- India is planning to slash tariffs on over half of its US imports as per media sources
- Canada is set to spare automakers and some other sectors from tariffs on US imports
- S. Korea unveiled a USD 23 bn support package for chips

World oil demand to be slower than anticipated in CY25 (Source: IEA): Global oil demand growth for CY25 has been revised down by 300 kbpd since last month's Report to 730 kbpd. Global supply growth for CY25 has been cut by 260 kbpd to 1.2 mbpd, due to a decrease in US and Venezuelan output.

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