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Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield:

G-sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
US 10Y*	4.31	-2
US 2Y*	3.81	-7
Germany 10Y	2.50	-3
UK 10Y	4.60	-5
Japan 10Y	1.29	-2

Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual

G-sec yield:

G- Sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
6.75% GS 2029*	6.12	-7
6.79% GS 2034* (10Y)	6.39	-3
6.92% GS 2039*	6.52	-2
1-Month T-bill	5.71	2
3-Month T-bill	5.92	4
6-Month T-bill	6.00	3
12-Month T-bill	6.00	-3

Source: CCIL, Bloomberg, *semi-annual

Spreads in bps for Corporates

Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	75	67	54	49
AA	160	152	140	137
A	350	341	332	334

Source: FIMMDA, as on 15 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	4.36

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Money Market instruments:

Instrument	Volume (in Rs. Bn)	Weighted Avg Rate (%)
Call Money	180.1	5.85
Triparty Repo	4,282.8	5.71
Market Repo	1,949.3	5.85
Repo in corporate bond	17.7	6.01

Source: RBI, as of 16 Apr, 2025

Major Equity Indices:

Indices	Last	1-Day Change %
BSE SENSEX	77,044	0.4
NIFTY	23,437	0.5
NASDAQ	16,307	-3.1
S&P 500	5,276	-2.2
Nikkei 225	33,920	-1.0
Euro Stoxx 50	4,967	-0.1

Source: Google Finance

Commodities futures:

Commodities	Last	1-Day Change %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	66.4	2.6
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	3.3	-0.9
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	3,348.4	1.8
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	472.6	1.6
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	563.8	1.5

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange Rates:

Currency pair	Rate	1-Day Change %
USD/ INR	85.66	-0.1
GBP/ INR	113.08	-0.3
EUR/ INR	97.19	0.3
EUR/USD	1.14	0.4
DX Index	99.38	-0.8

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch

Today's Key Macro Events:

India: VRR auction; **Eurozone:** Policy Rate; **US:** Building Permits, Housing starts Mar'25; **Japan:** Trade Balance Mar'25

News:

Domestic:

Union mulls over highway toll system rule changes (Source: ET): As per media sources, MoRTH has proposed toll exemptions for 200 toll plazas on National Highways with fewer than four lanes. The second proposal involves the introduction of annual passes priced at approximately Rs. 3,000.

Highway awarding drops in Feb'25 (Source: MoRTH): Highway awarding remained steady on year at 4,874 km in 11MFY25 despite a ~52% y/y drop of the awarding in Feb'25. Highway construction dropped 8.3% y/y to 8,330 km in 11MFY25.

Union eyes ending import tax on US ethane and LPG (Source: ET): As per media sources, Union is planning to end taxes on US ethane and LPG imports under broader negotiations with US. It may also eliminate import tax on US LNG. India currently levies import taxes of 2.5% on ethane.

Moody's revises real GDP growth (Source: BS): Moody's reported that economy may grow by 5.5-6.5% y/y during CY25 in real terms (Feb'25 projection: 6.6%). It added that the revised GDP growth accounts 10% universal reciprocal tariff by US.

T-bill and VRR auctions conclude successfully (Source: RBI):

- Rs. 109 bn 91-day T-bills were auctioned at cut-off yield of 5.9354%, with Rs. 50 bn of 182-day at 6.0198% and Rs. 54.5 bn of 364-day at 6.0154%
- 1-day VRR worth Rs. 103.5 bn were auctioned (notified amount: Rs. 250 bn) at cut-off rate of 6.01%

International:

US hikes tariffs on Chinese imports, again (Source: The Tribune): A White House Factsheet revealed that the US has likely hiked the reciprocal tariffs on China to 245% from 145% due to China's retaliatory actions. China responded by saying it shall pay no attention anymore to the tariffs game.

Strong downside risk to trade persists (Source: WTO): Volume of world merchandise trade is likely to fall by 0.2% y/y in CY25, 3% lower than expected low tariff baseline. Trade could shrink even further, to -1.5% in CY25, if the situation deteriorates. The volume of services trade is forecast to grow by 4.0% y/y, around 1pp less than expected.

US Fed officials say more time and data needed (Source: Reuters):

- Mr. Powell commented that Fed would wait for more data before change. But he warned that tariff policies risk both inflation and unemployment that could force the Fed into choosing what to prioritize
- Mr. Schmid said that we need to see how tariffs play out, expressing nervousness about tariffs in agriculture sector

US retail sales improve even as industrial production dips in Mar'25 (Source: US Census Bureau):

- US retail sales rose 1.4% m/m in Mar'25, after rising 0.2% m/m in Feb'24. The surge partly reflected significant rebound by motor vehicles and parts dealers, which soared by 5.3%
- Industrial production fell by 0.3% in Mar'25 due to steep drop by utilities output

Canada and South Korea holds interest rate steady (Source: Bloomberg):

- The Bank of Canada has held its benchmark interest rate steady at 2.75%, ending a run of seven consecutive cuts
- Central Bank of S. Korea left its policy interest rate unchanged at 2.75% as expected amid heightened economic risks due to US tariffs

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Japan's exports expand in Mar'25 (Source: Reuters): Total exports rose 3.9% y/y in Mar25 slowing from an 11.4% rise in Feb'25. Shipments to the US rose 3.1% y/y in Mar'25 driven by jump in electronic parts, pharmaceuticals and autos. Imports rose by 2% y/y in Mar'25.

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