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ET Markets: Beating Volatility

Pressure on Banks' Margins to Continue: BoI
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TECHNICAL VIEWS

Nifty Likely to Advance Towards 25,200-25,800

Nifty is expected to extend its upward trajectory in the near term supported by easing geopolitical worries, strong FII inflows, and broad-based participation across sectors. Technically, the next upside targets range between 25,200 and 25,800, provided it sustains above the 24,800 support zone. However, a breakdown below this level could pull the index back toward 24,200. Market breadth remains healthy, with midcap and smallcap indices outperforming, indicating rising risk appetite. Overall, the near-term structure for Nifty remains bullish, with any dips likely to be viewed as buying opportunities.

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Where is Nifty headed this week?
Nifty witnessed a sharp upmove last week, supported by easing geopolitical worries and strong FII buying. The index continues its 'Higher Top, Higher Bottom' structure, with the previous resistance zone of 24,500-24,600 now acting as short-term support. Nifty could advance towards 25,200-25,250, followed by 25,700, which aligns with the October 2024 gap zone. Positionally, the index may retest all-time highs soon, and any dips should be viewed as buying opportunities.

Trading Strategies for the Week
PSU and capital market segments are showing signs of a breakout and could outperform in the near term. Short-term traders can consider buying HDFC AMC, MCX, Concor, and Hudco, where the risk-reward appears favourable. For positional traders, Eternal looks promising as it breaks out after four months of consolidation, indicating potential for a sustained uptrend.

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Where is the Nifty headed this week?
This week, Nifty rallied by 4%, staging a bullish turtle break and, in the process, it also surpassed the 45-degree downward sloping trendline on the P&F chart. We expect the follow-through move to persist post formation of a bullish anchor column. Interestingly, risk-on names/sectors like midcap IT, metals, and broader markets are back in favour. In such a scenario, focus will be beyond the index. Nifty is expected to gradually move higher post-recent rally, with 25,300 as the upside potential target for the next few weeks.

Trading Strategies for the Week
Both Midcap 100 and Smallcap indices rallied 7% and 9% respectively, outperforming the benchmark index. The ratio of Midcap 100 vs Nifty is attempting to surpass the peak of Feb 2025; a break above the same would continue Midcaps' outperformance. We expect a 10–12% rally in Bharat Forge, LTF, and LIC Housing. Post a sharp decline in April, Nifty Metal index bounced off the 2-year mean and is attempting to surpass the March 2025 peak. SAIL and Tata Steel likely to be major movers in next few weeks.

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Where is the Nifty headed this week?
Nifty has given breakout from the 24,800-25,000 resistance zone and closed with a bullish candlestick formation on the daily chart. It may witness continued buying interest if it sustains above the 24,800 level and heads towards 25,800. However, a breakdown below the 24,800 support level will take Nifty back to the 24,200 level. Bank Nifty is likely to underperform the benchmark index in the coming days.

Trading Strategies for the Week
The Metal index has given a breakout from trendline resistance and closed with a bullish candlestick formation on weekly chart. Investors are advised to accumulate Nalco and SAIL at current levels. Adani group stocks have witnessed strong buying interest last week, and they may continue upside momentum; Adani Green and Adani Enterprises are top picks from the pack. The IT index has recovered from the lows; however, it has reached near the resistance zone, and traders may witness some profit booking from current levels. BSE is now showing reversal signs on the daily chart; traders can sell on rally. Among midcaps, Titagarh, CDSL, Brigade, and Polyplex have closed with bullish breakouts, and these stocks can be bought at current levels as well as on dips.

VALUATIONS-FUNDAMENTALS GAP WIDENING, SAYS INVESTMENT FIRM

'Indian Equities Yielding Less than Fixed Income'

Our Bureau

Mumbai: Investment firm Aequitas has flagged growing concerns around stretched equity valuations in India. The asset manager, run by Siddhartha Bhaiya, pointed out that the earnings yield — often used by institutional investors to measure equities' risk-reward versus bonds — on the Nifty has fallen below the post-tax return on 10-year government securities.

"Today, from a 10-year perspective, at current yields, equities are yielding lower than fixed income," said Aequitas in a note. "With key indicators flashing red — slowing earnings, softening demand, and promoter exits — the risks of capital erosion have grown significantly."

Earnings yield is the inverse of the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio — a popular measure to evaluate valuations of an index or stock. Earnings Yield shows whether equities are compensating investors for the higher risk they carry.

With Nifty's P/E ratio of 22 times, the implied yield stands at 4.5%, while 10-year G-Secs are yielding 7.1% pre-tax, translating to roughly 4.7% post-tax.

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"Low apparent bond yields coupled with a skewed taxation structure has meant there has been an incessant flow of money into the equity markets," said Aequitas. "On the surface, the narrative is one of growth, optimism and rising participation. But beneath that lies a concerning divergence — between valuations and fundamentals, between inflows and earnings, between optimism and reality."

Aequitas said it does not subscribe to the "Greater Fool Theory, where one buys at a high P/E only with the hope of selling at an even higher P/E."

"It's time for investors to ask: are they settling for less, when better risk-reward opportunities may be within reach?"

ED Hired by Sebi During Buch's Tenure Opts Out

Reena Zachariah

Mumbai: Shikha Gupta, whose name was cleared by the board of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) for the post of executive director during former chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch's tenure, has decided against joining the regulator in a rare instance of an approved candidate opting out of the senior role.

After accepting Sebi's offer and indicating to the regulator that she would join the organisation in March, Gupta, a former tax director at Hindustan Unilever, conveyed her inability to take up the assignment, said sources.

The regulator is likely to start the search process again for the post of executive director, sources said.

Queries sent to Sebi and Gupta remained unanswered till press time.

Her appointment was controversial as she was associated with Hindustan Unilever (HUL), where the former Sebi chief's spouse Dhaval Buch had held a senior position.

Madhabi Puri Buch completed her three-year term at Sebi in February this year. On March 1, Tuhin Kanta Pandey, a career bureaucrat, took charge as the new chairman of the regulatory body.

"It's a rare instance of someone declining such an offer," said a person close to the development. Gupta's candidature also triggered discontent among Sebi executives as Gupta was chosen for the position, with just a few months left for the regulatory chief to complete her term.

"The selected candidate has a background in taxation, which raised questions about how she will contribute to the regulator in framing capital market-related policies," said a person familiar with the development.

Earlier, Buch had appointed Pramod Rao as executive director at Sebi from ICICI Bank. Buch worked with ICICI Group for the longest time of her career.

"Unlike Sebi chairman and whole-time members, who are appointed by the government, executive directors — the ones from outside Sebi's internal cadre — are selected through a search process conducted by the human resources department, with the final appointment requiring approval from the Sebi board," said Sumit Agrawal, managing partner, Regstreet Law Advisors. "The Sebi Chairman exercises overall supervisory and administrative authority under the Sebi Act."

Sebi employees' association favours all candidates to be internal. However, Sebi rules on recruitment say that a maximum of three candidates can be appointed from outside when the organisation is not able to get a suitable candidate internally.

Gupta's LinkedIn profile shows she was with HUL for a little over six years till April 2024. Before that, she was head of taxation in India at Swiss drugmaker Novartis.

IPOs a Big Draw but of Late There's Not Enough Bang

Since Jan 2024 a little over 40% have given good listing gains, finds an analysis

Ranjit Shinde

ET Intelligence Group: After a lull over the past three months, companies have gradually started floating initial offers amid the current pullback rally in the stock market.

Given the popularity of IPOs among retail investors, it makes sense to check the stock performance of the companies that were listed over the past year. An ETIG analysis of 101 mainboard companies that raised money through initial public offers (IPOs) since January 2024 shows that majority of the sample companies have not been able to improve upon their listing gains. In the sample, two out of every three companies currently trade below their listing prices.

Though listing gains are what often draws retail investors to the primary market, the analysis shows that only a handful of IPOs generate significant returns on debut. In the sample, just about 16% of the companies earned 50% or higher listing gains while around 9% companies earned 75% or more returns on debut. In addition, 17 out of 101 companies gained up to 10% on listing while 20 companies failed to earn returns.

Also, even though it seems to be encouraging that 57% companies continue to trade above their initial offer prices, just half of them have been able to earn 10% or more returns, reflecting that the remaining companies have either earned meagre returns or could not generate any. Of the total sample, only 35% companies have gained more than 25% over the offer price.

In the sample, five companies — Jyoti CNC Automation, KRN Heat Exchanger and Refrigeration, Bharti Hexacom, Premier Energies and Interarch Building Solutions — have generated more than 100% returns so far over the offer price.

The analysis does not consider the period for which these companies have been traded on bourses. That means companies which have been listed for a short period such as a week or a month may show a different trend in stock returns as time passes.

Top IPO Gainers Since Jan 1, 2024

	Listing date	Offer price (₹)	CMP (₹)	Return (%)
Jyoti CNC Automation	16-01-2024	331	1,257	280.0
KRN Heat Exchanger	03-10-2024	220	800	263.8
Bharti Hexacom	12-04-2024	570	1,665	192.2
Premier Energies	03-09-2024	450	1,127	150.5
Interarch Building Solutions	26-08-2024	900	1,811	101.2
Waaree Energies	28-10-2024	1,503	2,920	94.3
Le Travenues Technology	18-06-2024	93	177	90.4
Orient Technologies	28-08-2024	195	355	82.3
Bajaj Housing Finance	16-09-2024	70	124	77.1
SRM Contractors	03-04-2024	210	361	72.2

Returns Over the Offer Price

Return Range	No. of cos
100% or above	5
50% or more but below 100%	17
25% or more but below 50%	13
10% or more but below 25%	15
Positive return below 10%	8
CMP below offer price	43
Total sample size	101

Wall St Banks say EMs' Wasted Years Seem Over

Bloomberg

Wall Street's emerging-market faithful are finally seeing better returns after missing out for years as US stocks soared.

Morgan Stanley Investment Management, AQR Capital Management, Bank of America and Franklin Templeton are among those betting the tables may finally be turning in favour of developing-market equities.

Bank of America's Michael Hartnett calls them "the next bull market." AQR predicts they'll deliver local-currency returns of almost 6% annually in the coming five to 10 years, outpacing a 4% gain for US shares in dollars.

Despite the S&P 500's rebound of recent weeks, the gauge was flat on the year as of Friday's close, while an emerging-market equivalent is up 10%. The gain is kindling hopes that a decade and a half of thwarted promise — in which the US benchmark rocketed more than 400% versus a meager 7% advance for developing-nation shares — could be at an end.

Among the reasons: a struggling dollar, rollercoaster S&P and questions over the safe-haven status of Treasuries, all of which have investors increasingly looking away from the US as President Donald Trump's trade war takes off. Concerns about ballooning debt and deficits, which prompted Moody's Ratings on Friday to downgrade the US credit rating, add to the headwinds for continued US market outperformance.

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REVENUE	EBIDTA	PBT
46% YoY	58% YoY	112% YoY
₹5106.57 crores	₹524.94 crores	₹344.61 crores

COMPARISON ON CONSOLIDATED RESULT

EXTRACT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

₹ in Lakhs

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	CONSOLIDATED				
		Quarter ended			Year ended	
		31-Mar-2025	31-Dec-2024	31-Mar-2024	31-Mar-2025	31-Mar-2024
		(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	1,36,299.85	1,33,423.10	1,16,408.38	5,16,424.69	3,57,241.72
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	6,901.98	9,313.95	6,671.36	34,460.61	16,219.18
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	6,901.98	9,313.95	6,671.36	34,460.61	16,219.18
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3,545.52	6,988.16	4,168.80	22,550.67	9,618.16
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	3,789.67	7,819.79	4,496.18	24,825.84	11,426.95
6	Equity Share Capital	3,994.67	3,994.67	3,994.67	3,994.67	3,994.67
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)				2,75,726.91	2,49,301.05
8	Earnings Per Share (of Re. 1/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -					
	Basic (Rs.)	1.00	1.92	1.32	6.24	3.29
	Diluted (Rs.)	0.99	1.91	1.32	6.21	3.29

Notes :

1. Key numbers of Standalone Results are as under:

₹ in Lakhs

PARTICULARS	Quarter ended 31.03.2025 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2024 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.03.2024 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2025 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2024 (Audited)
Total Income from Operations	1,18,052.88	1,09,743.27	1,16,945.84	4,33,090.67	3,58,730.66
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	6,238.42	6,135.88	7,201.86	25,862.84	17,870.17
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	6,238.42	6,135.88	7,201.86	25,862.84	17,870.17
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3,641.85	4,701.97	4,699.30	17,213.26	11,269.01

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Audited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The said Results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their Meetings held on 16th May, 2025. The full format of the Quarter/Year ended Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) i.e. **www.nseindia.com** and **www.bseindia.com** and on the Company's website **www.texmaco.in**.

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