

ECONOMY TRACKER March 2025

INDIA

March 16, 2025

Nifty-50: 22,397

Period Under Review: Mar 10 – Mar 14, 2025

Money market and bond market during the week

- Banking sector liquidity in India was at a deficit of Rs1.4 tn on March 12 compared to deficit of Rs569 bn on March 6. The weighted average call rate (WACR) was at 6.27% on March 12 (6.21% on March 6).
- Government cash balances with the RBI (estimated) was at Rs1.3 tn on March 7; similar to the Rs1.3 tn on February 28.
- Indian 1-year T-bill was at 6.52% on March 14 (6.53% on March 7). The Indian 5-year G-sec yield was at 6.58% on March 14 (6.53% on March 7).
- Indian 10-year G-sec yield was at 6.7% on March 14 (6.69% on March 7).
- 1-year OIS was at 6.12% on March 14 (6.19% on March 7). 2-year OIS was at 5.92% on March 14 (5.96% on March 7).

FX market during the week

- Dollar index (DXY) was 103.7 on March 14 against 103.8 on March 7. EUR-USD gained 0.4% to 1.09 on March 14 from end of last week while GBP-USD gained around 0.12% to 1.3. USD-JPY fell around 0.4% to around 148.6.
- USD-INR was at 87.1 on March 14 (86.9 on March 7).
- INR 1-year forward premium was at 2.14% on March 14 (2.13% on March 7).

Equity market during the week

• Nifty-50 index fell 0.7% on March 13 from closing of last week while Nifty mid-cap. index fell 2.1% and small-cap. index fell 3.5%. Broader market index (Nifty-500) fell 1.3% from closing of last week.

Commodities market during the week

- Brent crude oil prices was around US\$71.6/bbl on March 14 compared to around US\$72/bbl on March 7.
- Gold prices increased around 2.6% over the week to around US\$2,984/oz on March 14. Copper prices (LME index) increased around 1.3% as on March 14 over end of last week.

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KEY EVENTS AND DATA RELEASES

Key events/data releases during the week

- February CPI inflation decelerated to 3.6% yoy (January: 4.3%). Headline CPI fell by 0.5% mom led by a sharp fall in food prices. Food inflation moderated to 3.7%, led by sharp decline in prices of vegetables, eggs, pulses, spices and meat and fish. Core inflation (CPI excluding food, beverages and fuel) inched up to 4% (January: 3.7%)
- IIP growth in January improved to 5% (December: 3.5%), due to a pick-up in the manufacturing sector. According to the sectoral classification, the IIP growth was led by the manufacturing sector at 5.5%, followed by mining (4.4%), and electricity (2.4%). In terms of the use-based classification, most categories registered positive growth, led by capital goods (7.8%) and consumer durables (7.2%), barring consumer non-durables ((-)0.2%).
- The Bank of Canada reduced policy rates by 25 bps on account of favorable inflationary dynamics and robust GDP growth, with global headwinds emanating from trade tensions and tariffs from the Trump 2.0 administration. The overnight rate, bank rate and deposit rate is now at 2.75%, 3%, 2.7% respectively.

GLOBAL ECONOMIC CALENDAR

Key data releases across major geographies

	17-Mar-25	18-Mar-25	19-Mar-25	20-Mar-25	21-Mar-25
India	Feb WPI inflation (Kotak: 2.8%) Feb trade balance				
China	Feb retail sales Feb unemployment rate			PBOC loan prime rate	
Euro Zone		Jan trade balance Mar ZEW economic sentiment	Feb CPI inflation		
Germany		Mar ZEW economic sentiment			
Japan			Feb trade balance BoJ monetary policy		Feb CPI inflation
UK				Jan unemployment rate BoE monetary policy	
US	Feb retail sales	Feb housing starts	FOMC monetary policy		

Source: Bloomberg, Kotak Institutional Equities

INDIA: ACTIVITY INDICATORS

Economic activity continues to impart mixed signals

Key growth indicators (yoy, %)

	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25
Industry															
PMI manufacturing	54.9	56.5	56.9	59.1	58.8	57.5	58.3	58.1	57.5	56.5	57.5	56.5	56.4	57.7	56.3
Credit growth (industry)	8.0	8.0	8.9	8.5	7.4	9.4	8.1	10.2	9.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.2	8.0	
Petroleum products consumption (industrials)	14.8	11.3	11.1	(4.0)	15.5	(0.7)	3.1	21.7	(10.8)	(13.4)	7.2	16.0	(8.1)	(1.4)	(16.5)
Bitumen consumption	3.6	6.4	0.9	(1.0)	(4.8)	8.8	(1.1)	(20.5)	(42.9)	(16.6)	(14.6)	13.5	6.7	1.7	(5.3)
Diesel consumption	(2.4)	3.4	6.3	2.7	1.4	2.4	1.0	4.5	(2.5)	(1.9)	0.1	8.5	6.0	4.2	(1.3)
Core infrastructure	5.1	4.2	7.1	6.3	6.9	6.9	5.0	6.3	(1.5)	2.4	3.8	4.4	4.8	4.6	
IIP mining	5.2	6.0	8.1	1.3	6.8	6.6	10.3	3.8	(4.3)	0.2	0.9	1.9	2.7	4.4	
IIP manufacturing	4.6	3.6	4.9	5.9	4.2	5.1	3.5	4.7	1.2	4.0	4.4	5.5	3.4	5.5	
IIP electricity	1.2	5.6	7.6	8.6	10.2	13.7	8.6	7.9	(3.7)	0.5	2.0	4.4	6.2	2.4	
IIP coal	10.8	10.6	11.6	8.7	7.5	10.2	14.8	6.8	(8.1)	2.6	7.8	7.5	5.3	4.6	
Railways freight traffic	6.4	6.4	10.1	NA	1.4	3.7	10.1	4.5	0.0	NA	1.5				
Steel production	10.1	7.0	8.3	7.2	5.7	6.2	1.0	10.0	3.9	1.6	4.1	4.0	3.3	7.6	
Services															
PMI services	59.0	61.8	60.6	61.2	60.8	60.2	60.5	60.3	60.9	57.7	58.5	58.4	59.3	56.5	59.0
Credit growth (services)	23.3	24.2	24.3	23.5	22.0	23.2	17.4	14.5	13.9	13.7	12.7	13.0	11.7	12.5	
Airport passenger traffic	8.3	4.6	4.8	3.7	2.4	4.4	5.8	7.3	5.7	6.4	8.1	11.9	8.2	11.3	
Airport cargo	11.5	10.7	14.0	7.4	0.1	7.6	7.2	5.2	2.3	9.6	11.4	(4.5)	5.4	6.1	
Foreign tourist arrivals	11.0	7.6	12.3	4.2	4.0	(2.8)	5.7	(1.3)	(4.2)	0.4	(1.4)	(0.1)	(6.6)		
Demand															
Credit growth (personal loans)	28.4	28.6	28.1	27.5	26.7	28.7	25.6	13.9	13.9	13.4	12.9	13.3	12.0	11.8	
Center's expenditure (net of interest payments)	9.3	(22.2)	25.5	(10.1)	15.2	(21.1)	(29.3)	(2.6)	25.2	4.1	31.0	5.2	30.4	19.3	
Fuel consumption (retail)	(0.9)	5.7	7.4	4.8	5.7	2.6	2.2	7.1	2.3	0.2	3.8	8.4	7.0	5.0	(0.2)
Passenger vehicle sales	21.7	31.9	27.0	26.0	1.3	4.0	3.1	(2.5)	(1.8)	(1.4)	0.9	4.0	10.0	1.6	1.9
Two wheeler sales	16.0	26.2	34.6	15.3	30.8	10.1	21.3	12.5	9.3	15.8	14.2	(1.1)	(8.8)	2.1	(9.0)
Non-oil imports	0.8	3.8	20.0	(5.2)	7.5	(0.5)	0.0	3.1	12.1	2.6	(6.0)	19.5	5.8	19.9	

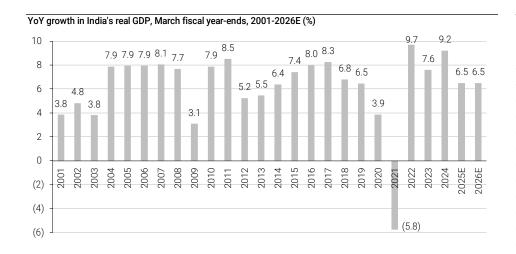
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Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

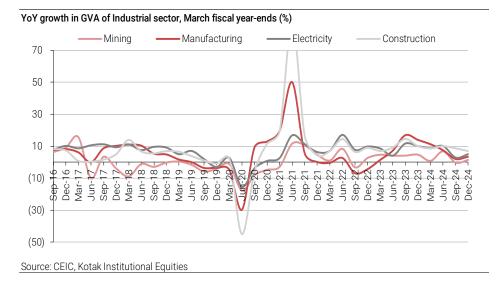
⁽a) Petroleum products consumption comprise naphtha, NGL, LDO, furnace oil, LSHS, etc.

⁽b) Fuel consumption comprise LPG, kerosene, gasoline and diesel.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) / GROSS VALUE ADDED (GVA)



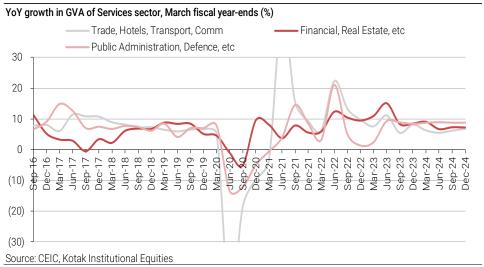
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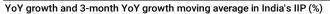
India's quarterly real GVA growth, March fiscal year-ends (%)

Sector	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25	3QFY25
Agriculture and allied	0.4	0.6	2.0	3.5	6.2
Industry	10.5	8.4	8.3	3.6	5.6
Mining	7.5	4.3	7.2	(0.1)	4.5
Manufacturing	11.5	8.9	7.0	2.2	1.4
Electricity	9.0	7.7	10.4	3.3	3.5
Construction	9.6	8.7	10.5	7.7	5.1
Services	7.1	6.7	7.2	7.1	7.0
Trade, hotel, transport, communication	6.9	5.1	5.7	6.0	7.4
Financial, real estate, professional services	7.0	7.6	7.1	6.7	6.7
Public admin, defence, and others	7.5	7.8	9.5	9.2	7.2
Real GVA (basic prices)	6.8	6.3	6.8	5.6	8.8

Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities



INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION (IIP)





Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

Sectoral classification of IIP growth, March fiscal year-ends, 2023-25 (%)

	М	ining (%)		Manu	facturing	(%)	Electricity (%)			General (%)			
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	
April	8.4	5.1	6.8	5.6	5.5	4.2	11.8	(1.1)	10.2	6.7	4.6	5.2	
May	11.2	6.4	6.6	20.7	6.3	5.1	23.5	0.9	13.7	19.7	5.7	6.3	
June	7.8	7.6	10.3	12.9	3.5	3.5	16.4	4.2	8.6	12.6	4.0	4.9	
July	(3.3)	10.7	3.8	3.1	5.3	4.7	2.3	8.0	7.9	2.2	6.2	5.0	
August	(3.9)	12.3	(4.3)	(0.5)	10.0	1.2	1.4	15.3	(3.7)	(0.7)	10.9	0.0	
September	5.2	11.5	0.2	2.0	5.1	4.0	11.6	9.9	0.5	3.3	6.4	3.2	
October	2.6	13.1	0.9	(5.8)	10.6	4.4	1.2	20.4	2.0	(4.1)	11.9	3.7	
November	9.7	7.0	1.9	6.7	1.3	5.5	12.7	5.8	4.4	7.6	2.5	5.0	
December	10.1	5.2	2.7	3.6	4.6	3.4	10.4	1.2	6.2	5.1	4.4	3.5	
January	9.0	6.0	4.4	4.5	3.6	5.5	12.7	5.6	2.4	5.8	4.2	5.0	
February	4.8	8.1		5.9	4.9		8.2	7.6		6.0	5.6		
March	6.8	1.3		1.5	5.9		(1.6)	8.6		1.9	5.5		
Average	5.7	7.9		5.0	5.6		9.2	7.2		5.5	6.0		

Source: CEIC. Kotak Economics Research

Use-based classification of IIP growth, March fiscal year-ends, 2023-25 (%)

	Prim	Primary goods 2023 2024 2025		Сар	ital goods		Interm	ediate go	oods	Infra an	d constr	uction	Consu	mer durab	les		sumer n urables	
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
April	10.3	1.9	7.0	12.0	4.4	2.8	7.1	1.7	3.8	4.0	13.4	8.5	7.2	(2.3)	10.5	(0.8)	11.4	(2.5)
May	17.8	3.6	7.3	53.3	8.1	2.6	17.5	3.4	3.5	18.4	13.0	7.6	59.1	1.5	12.6	1.4	8.9	2.8
June	13.8	5.3	6.3	28.6	2.9	3.6	10.5	5.2	3.2	9.4	13.3	8.2	25.2	(6.8)	8.8	2.9	0.5	(1.0)
July	2.5	7.7	5.9	5.1	5.1	11.7	3.7	3.2	7.0	4.8	12.6	5.5	2.3	(3.6)	8.2	(2.9)	8.3	(4.2)
August	1.7	12.4	(2.6)	4.3	13.1	0.0	1.3	7.4	3.1	3.0	15.7	2.7	(4.4)	6.0	5.4	(9.0)	9.9	(4.4)
September	9.5	8.0	1.8	11.4	8.4	3.5	1.7	6.1	4.3	8.2	10.1	3.5	(5.5)	1.0	6.3	(5.7)	2.7	2.2
October	2.1	11.4	2.5	(2.9)	21.7	2.9	(2.3)	9.5	4.8	1.7	12.6	4.7	(18.1)	15.9	5.5	(13.0)	9.3	2.8
November	4.8	8.4	2.7	20.7	(1.1)	8.8	3.5	3.4	4.8	14.3	1.5	8.1	5.0	(4.8)	14.1	10.0	(3.4)	0.4
December	8.5	4.8	3.8	7.8	3.7	10.4	1.5	3.7	6.4	11.0	5.5	7.4	(11.2)	5.2	8.3	7.9	3.0	(7.5)
January	9.8	2.9	5.5	10.5	3.2	7.8	1.4	5.3	5.2	11.3	5.5	7.0	(8.2)	11.6	7.2	6.5	0.3	(0.2)
February	7.0	5.9		11.0	1.7		1.0	8.6		9.0	8.3		(4.1)	12.6		12.5	(3.2)	
March	3.3	3.0		10.0	7.0		1.8	6.1		7.2	7.4		(8.0)	9.5		(1.9)	5.2	
Average	7.6	6.3		14.3	6.5		4.1	5.3		8.5	9.9		3.3	3.8		0.7	4.4	

Source: CEIC. Kotak Economics Research

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA – BALANCE SHEET

Liabilities and assets of	f Reserve Bank of	f India, March 1	fiscal y	ear-ends (Rs bn))

			_		chg (%				
				2025	5	2024			
Date	07-Mar-25	08-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	yoy	ytd	yoy	ytd	28-Feb-25	chg (%)
Liabilities									
Notes Issued	36,479	34,594	34,823	5.4	4.8	3.5	3.3	36,156	0.9
Deposits	14,513	15,342	17,823	(5.4)	(19)	15	13.3	14,450	0.4
Central Government	1.0	1.0	1.0	(1.0)	(1.0)	1.0	(98)	1.0	(1.0)
State Government	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	(2.3)	0.0	0.4	0.0
Market Stabilization Scheme	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SCBs and other banks	9,462	9,654	10,738	(2.0)	(11.9)	11.2	3.8	9,861	(4.0)
Others	5,050	5,687	7,083	(11.2)	(29)	23	36	4,588	10.1
Other Liabilities	21,966	17,705	18,047	24	22	21	7.8	21,732	1.1
Assets	72,958	67,641	70,694	7.9	3.2	10.2	6.6	72,338	0.9
Foreign Currency Assets	48,765	46,955	47,993	3.9	1.6	15	11.4	47,913	1.8
Gold Coin and Bullion	6,458	4,199	4,350	54	48	22	13.0	6,412	0.7
Rupee Securities (incl. T-Bills)	14,002	13,633	13,634	2.7	2.7	(2.3)	(3.1)	13,996	0.0
Loans and Advances	3,476	2,641	4,434	32	(22)	(9.1)	(8.5)	3,761	(7.6)
Central Govt.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
State Govt.	397	93	23	329	1,625	1,158	1,069	229	73
SCBs	1,834	894	2,660	105	(31)	(50)	(21)	2,295	(20)
NABARD, other banks and FIs	1,245	1,655	1,750	(25)	(29)	47	31	1,237	0.6
Investments	21	21	21	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21	0.0
Other Assets	237	192	263	23	(10.0)	9.8	(68)	236	0.4

Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

MONETARY AGGREGATES

Components and sources of money stock in India, March fiscal year-ends (Rs bn)

					chg (%)				
				2025		2024			
Date	21-Feb-25	23-Feb-24	22-Mar-24	yoy	ytd	yoy	ytd	07-Feb-25	chg (%)
Components									
M3 (broad money)	268,516	244,941	248,303	9.6	8.1	10.9	9.7	268,722	(0.1)
M1 (narrow money)	63,361	59,560	60,904	6.4	4.0	6.7	5.1	62,833	0.8
Currency with the public	35,578	33,616	34,187	5.8	4.1	4.3	2.5	35,373	0.6
Demand deposits with banks	26,650	25,105	25,869	6.2	3.0	9.5	8.2	26,340	1.2
Time deposits with banks	205,155	185,381	187,399	10.7	9.5	12.3	11.2	205,889	(0.4)
Sources									
Net bank credit to government	80,997	72,238	73,132	12.1	10.8	5.4	4.4	81,569	(0.7)
Net bank credit to commercial	183,684	164,346	166,696	11.8	10.2	16	13.9	183,308	0.2
Net bank foreign assets	57,633	52,846	54,845	9.1	5.1	11.6	7.2	57,910	(0.5)
Net bank non-monetary liabilities	54,158	44,821	46,702	21	16	21	13.0	54,425	(0.5)

Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

Components and sources of reserve money in India, March fiscal year-ends (Rs bn)

				chg (%)				
			2025		2024			
07-Mar-25	08-Mar-24	29-Mar-24	yoy	ytd	yoy	ytd	28-Feb-25	chg (%)
47,392	45,415	46,821	4.4	1.2	5.5	3.5	47,507	(0.2)
36,842	34,926	35,155	5.5	4.8	3.5	3.4	36,519	0.9
9,462	9,654	10,738	(2.0)	(11.9)	11.2	3.8	9,861	(4.0)
1,088	836	927	30	17	30	7.4	1,127	(3.5)
12,745	11,343	11,346	12.4	12.3	(12.2)	(22)	12,741	0.0
12,349	11,251	11,323	9.8	9.1	(12.8)	(22)	12,512	(1.3)
845	167	643	408	31	223	(118)	1,631	(48)
576	53	499	997	15	(139)	(104)	1,322	(56)
55,221	51,140	52,338	8.0	5.5	15	11.5	54,321	1.7
363	332	332	9.4	9.4	10.6	9.6	363	0.0
21,783	17,566	17,838	24	22	21	10.6	21,549	1.1
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Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

BANKING AND FOREX AGGREGATES

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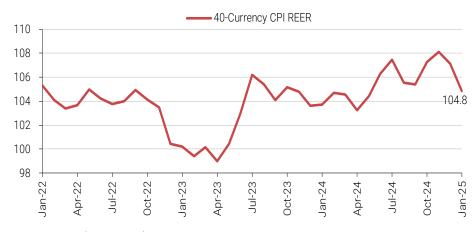
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			2025		2024			
21-Feb-25	23-Feb-24	22-Mar-24	yoy	ytd	yoy	ytd	07-Feb-25	chg (%)
222,844	202,048	204,752	10.3	8.8	13.1	12.0	223,254	(0.2)
25,241	23,683	24,439	6.6	3.3	10.1	8.6	24,925	1.3
197,604	178,365	180,314	10.8	9.6	13.5	12.4	198,329	(0.4)
222,226	200,921	203,670	10.6	9.1	12.5	11.4	222,716	(0.2)
9,702	9,924	10,209	(2.2)	(5.0)	10.9	10.3	9,622	0.8
66,510	60,487	61,066	10.0	8.9	13.3	11.7	66,824	(0.5)
179,900	162,141	164,322	11.0	9.5	21	19	179,634	0.1
179,425	161,736	164,091	10.9	9.3	21	18	179,095	0.2
474	405	231	17	106	15	103	539	(12.0)
175,568	156,710	159,040	12.0	10.4	17	15	175,296	0.2
4.4	4.9	5.0					4.3	
30	30	30					30	
81	80	80					80	
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Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

India's foreign exchange reserves (US\$ bn)



Real effective exchange rate of Indian currency (X)



Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

EXTERNAL SECTOR AGGREGATES

Monthly foreign trade aggregates of India, March fiscal year-ends (US\$ bn)

				chg (%)	FYTD (Ap	or-Jan)	chg (%)
Date	Jan-25	Jan-24	Dec-24	yoy	mom	2025	2024	yoy
Exports	36	37	38	(2.4)	(4.2)	358	354	1.2
Oil exports	3.6	8.6	4.9	(59)	(28)	52	71	(27)
Non-oil exports	33	29	33	14.5	(0.7)	307	283	8.1
Imports	59	54	60	10.3	(0.9)	592	560	5.6
Oil imports	13.4	16	15	(13.5)	(12.1)	152	146	4.3
Non-oil imports	46	38	45	20	2.9	440	415	6.1
- gold imports	2.7	1.9	4.7	41	(43)	56	38	49
Trade balance	(23)	(17)	(22)			(234)	(206)	

Source: Bloomberg, Kotak Institutional Equities

Current account deficit at 1.2% of GDP in 2QFY25

India's quarterly balance of payments, March fiscal year-ends, 2QFY24-2QFY25 (US\$ bn)

	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	1QFY25	2QFY25
Current account	(11.3)	(10.4)	4.6	(10.2)	(11.2)
GDP	858	909	943	927	915
CAD/GDP (%)	(1.3)	(1.1)	0.5	(1.1)	(1.2)
Trade balance	(65)	(72)	(52)	(65)	(75)
Trade balance/GDP (%)	(7.5)	(7.9)	(5.5)	(7.0)	(8.2)
- Exports	108	107	122	111	104
- oil exports	23	20	22	21	16
- non-oil exports	86	86	99	91	88
- Imports	173	178	174	176	179
- oil imports	42	46	49	51	37
- non-oil imports	131	132	125	125	142
- gold imports	13	14	10	10	18
Invisibles (net)	53	61	57	55	64
- Services	40	45	43	40	45
o/w Software	35	36	37	37	40
o/w Non-software	5	9	6	2	5
- Transfers	25	29	29	26	29
- Income (net)	(12)	(13)	(15)	(11)	(10)
Capital account	12.8	17.3	25.6	14.7	30.5
% of GDP	1.5	1.9	2.7	1.6	3.3
Foreign investment	4	16	14	8	18
- FDI	(1)	4	2	7	(2)
- FPI	5	12	11	1	20
- Equities	4	7	1	(1)	11
- Debt	2	5	10	2	9
Banking capital	4	16	7	3	6
- NRI deposits	3	4	5	4	6
Short-term credit	5	(1)	0	3	3
ECBs	(3)	(4)	2	2	2
External assistance	1	3	2	1	2
Other capital account items	1	(12)	1	(2)	(1)
E&O	1	(1)	1	1	(1)
Overall balance	2.5	6.0	30.8	5.2	18.6
memo items:					
Average exchange rate (US\$/Rs)	82.7	83.3	83.0	83.4	83.8
Average Brent price (US\$/bbl)	85.9	84.3	83.1	83.0	80.3

Source: RBI. Kotak Institutional Equities

FISCAL AGGREGATES

Decent improvement in tax revenues in FYTD24

Monthly tax receipts of the Indian government, March fiscal year-ends (Rs bn)

			_	Chg. (%)		FYTD (Apr-Jan)		Chg. (%)
Date	Jan-25	Jan-24	Dec-24	yoy	mom	2025	2024	yoy
Gross tax revenues	2,339	2,237	4,895	4.6	(52)	29,844	27,062	10.3
Direct taxes	902	1,011	3,711	(10.8)	(76)	17,148	15,358	11.7
Corporation tax	104	339	2,293	(69)	(95)	7,513	7,556	(0.6)
Income tax	750	627	1,370	20	(45)	9,128	7,483	22
Other taxes	48	45	47	6.5	1.2	507	319	59
Indirect taxes	1,429	1,222	1,181	17	21	12,660	11,665	8.5
Customs duty	200	169	160	19	25	1,902	1,751	8.6
Excise duty	263	265	245	(0.9)	7.1	2,259	2,290	(1.3)
Service tax	(0.3)	0.7	(0.6)	(140)	(52)	0.1	4.7	(99)
GST	967	787	776	23	25	8,499	7,620	11.5
CGST	793	737	694	7.6	14.2	7,525	6,764	11.3
IGST	40	(65)	(37)	(161)	(207)	(276)	(306)	(9.8)
Compensation cess	134	116	120	16	12.2	1,250	1,162	7.6
Net tax revenues	605	1,499	3,996	(60)	(85)	19,036	18,798	1.3
Non-tax revenues	200	257	206	(22)	(3.2)	4,676	3,381	38
Non-debt capital receipts	19	46	33	(58)	(42)	292	342	(14.6)

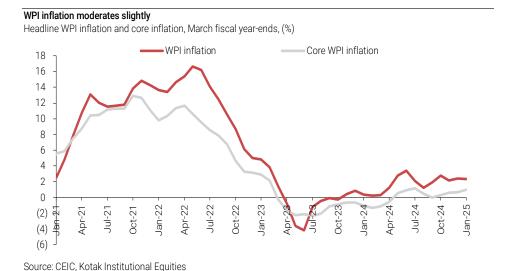
Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

Monthly fiscal aggregates of the Indian government, March fiscal year-ends (Rs bn)

				Chg. (%)		FYTD (Apr-Jan)		Chg. (%)
Date	Jan-25	Jan-24	Dec-24	yoy	mom	2025	2024	yoy
Total receipts	824	1,802	4,236	(54)	(81)	24,004	22,521	6.6
Total expenditure	3,379	3,005	4,911	12.4	(31)	35,700	33,547	6.4
Revenue expenditure	2,658	2,530	3,193	5.1	(17)	28,126	26,335	6.8
Capital expenditure	720	476	1,718	51	(58)	7,574	7,212	5.0
Fiscal deficit	2,555	1,203	675	112	278	11,695	11,026	6.1
Revenue deficit	1,854	773	(1,010)	140	(284)	4,414	4,156	6.2
Primary deficit	1,883	468	(823)	302	(329)	2,941	2,809	4.7

Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

INFLATION



CPI inflation declines further Contribution to CPI inflation by major segments (%) Food and beverages Misc. Others CPI inflation

May-23

Aug-23

Nov-23

Feb-24

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Nov-24

Feb-23

Source: CEIC, Kotak Institutional Equities

May-22

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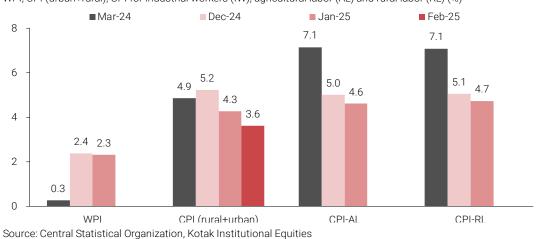
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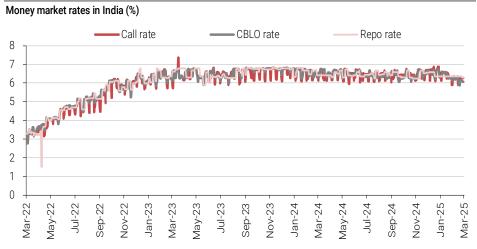
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Inflation coming off

WPI, CPI (urban+rural), CPI for industrial workers (IW), agricultural labor (AL) and rural labor (RL) (%)

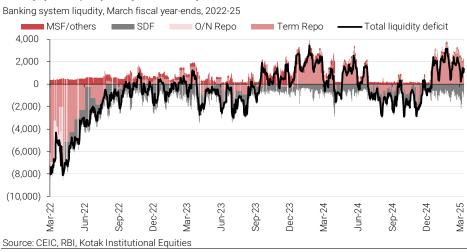


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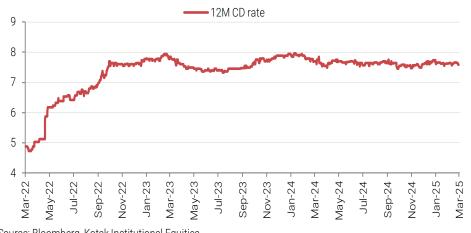




Banking system liquidity has tightened recently

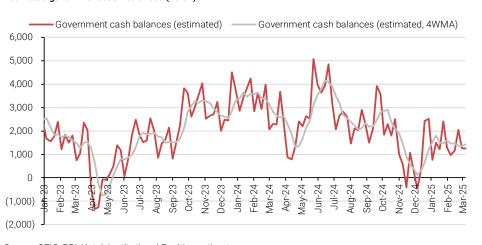


12-months Certificate of Deposit rates in India (%)



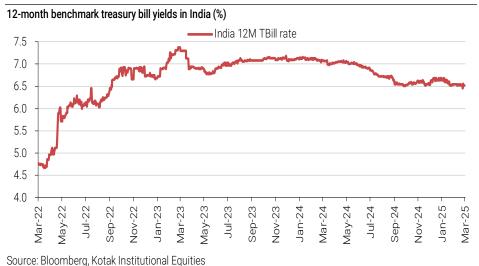
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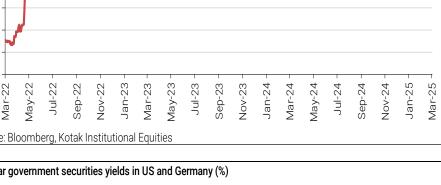
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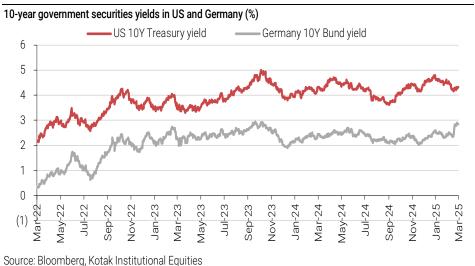


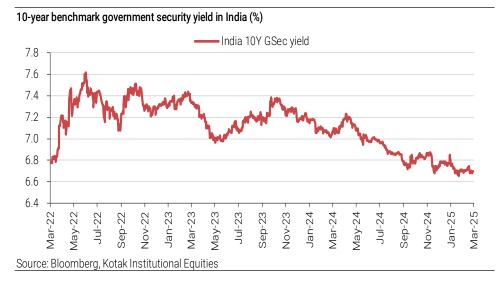
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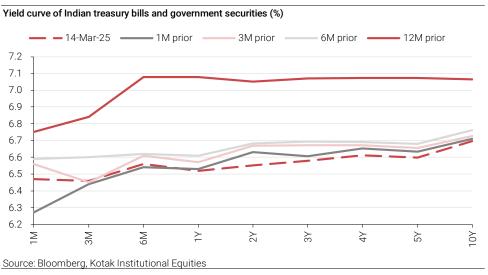
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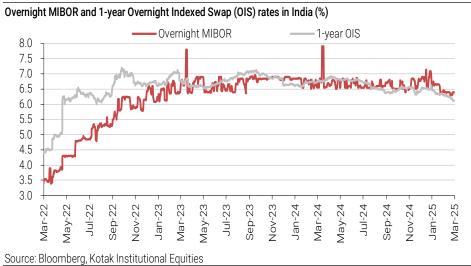


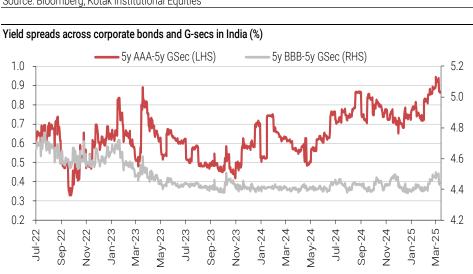


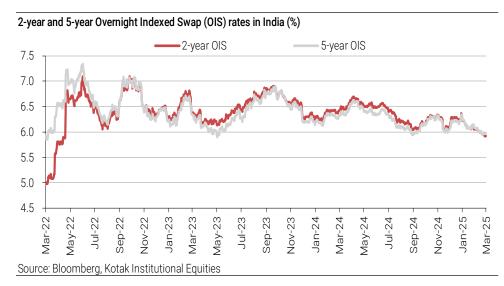


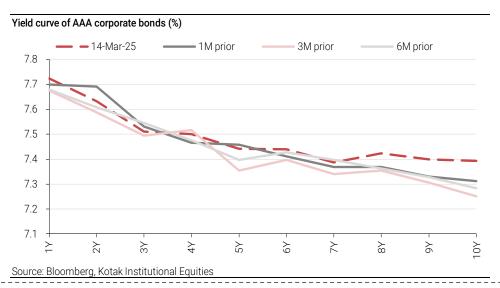
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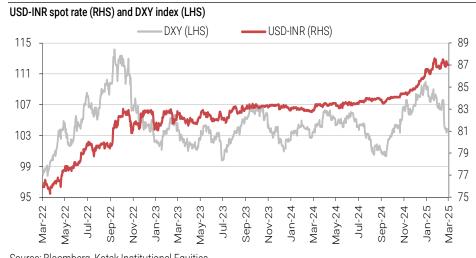






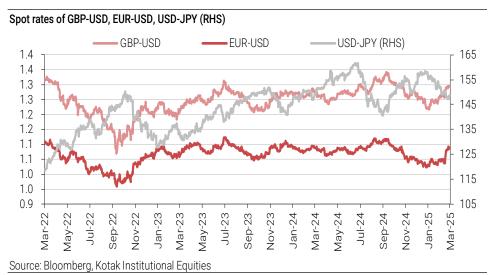


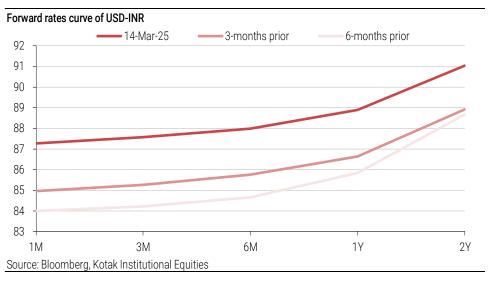
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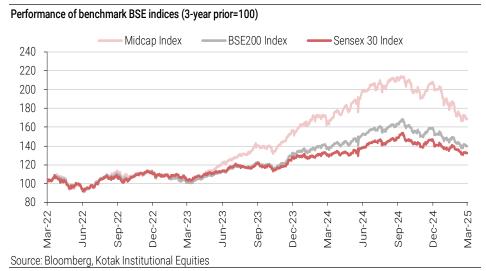


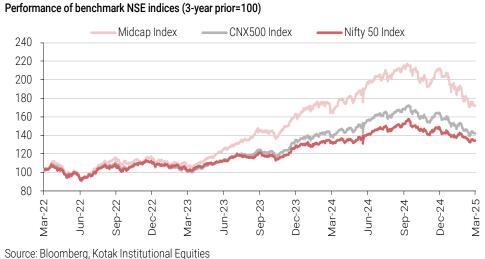


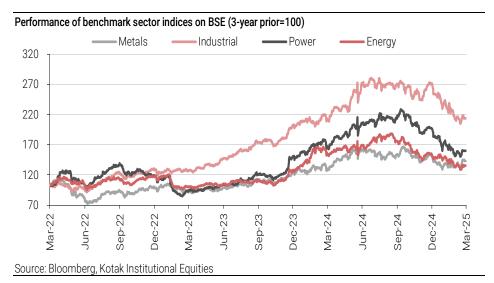


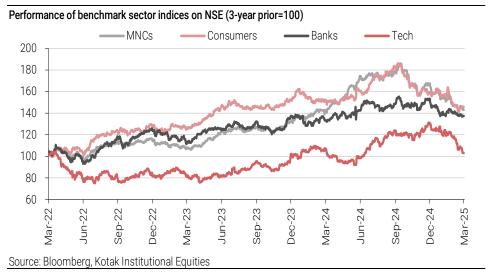


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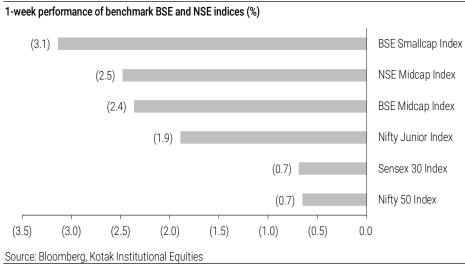
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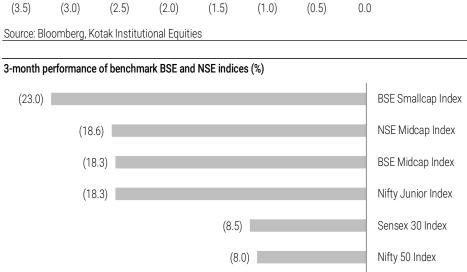
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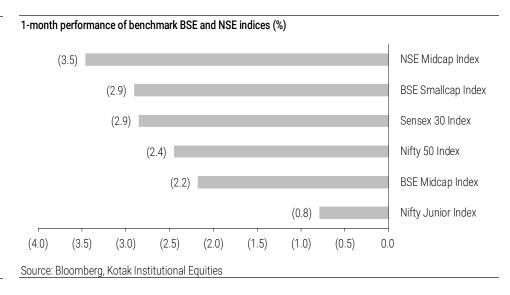


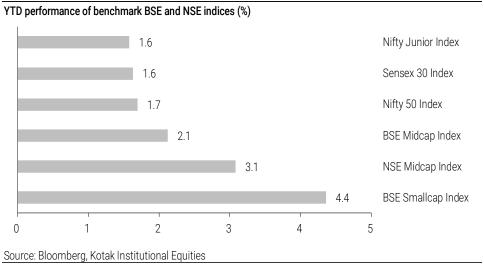


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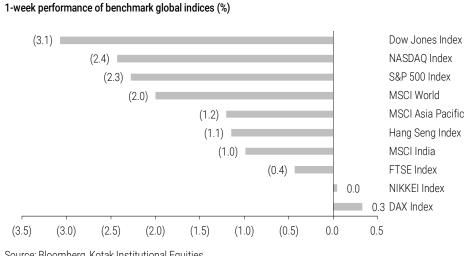
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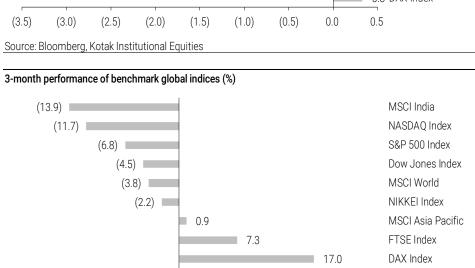
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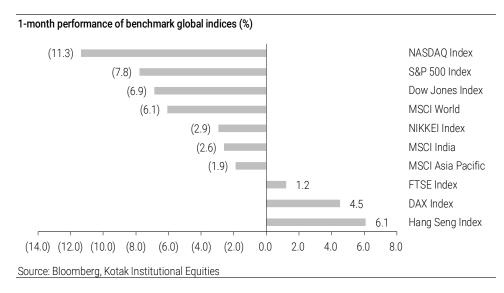
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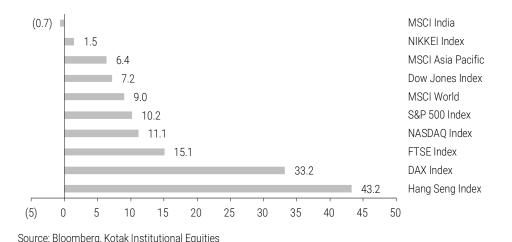
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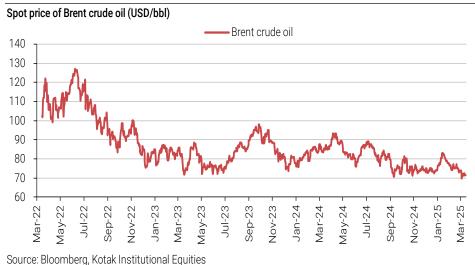


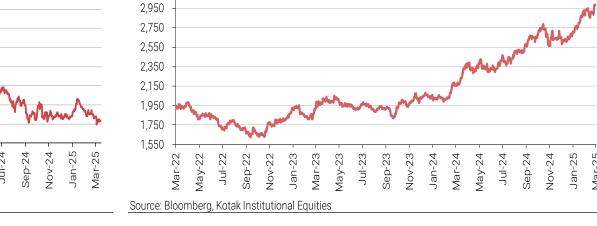
YTD performance of benchmark global indices (%)

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GLOBAL COMMODITY MARKETS

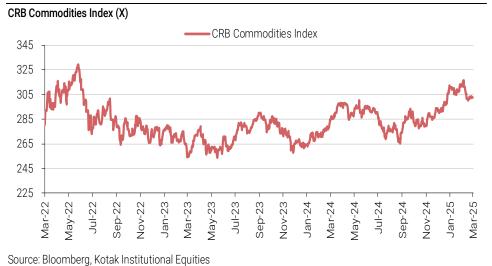




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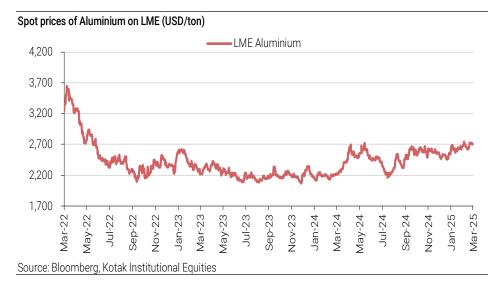
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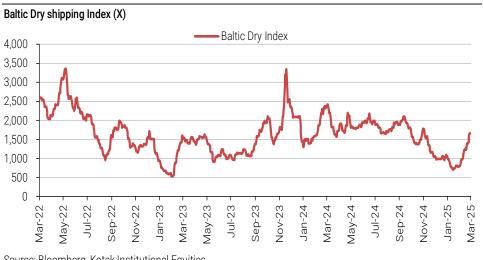
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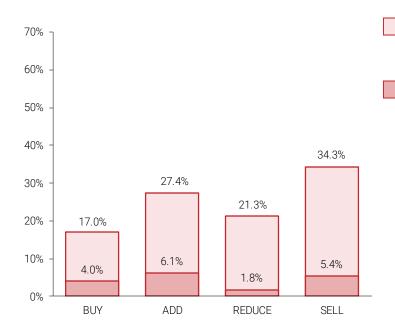
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