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| DOMESTIC INDICES | | | |
|------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| | CLOSE | POINTS | % CHANGE |
| SENSEX | 72102 | 90 | 0.12 |
| NIFTY | 21839 | 22 | 0.10 |
| MIDCAP | 37762 | 19 | 0.05 |
| SMALL CAP | 41487 | -59 | -0.14 |

| SECTORAL INDICES | | | |
|------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| | CLOSE | POINTS | % CHANGE |
| OIL & GAS | 26725 | 283 | 1.07 |
| POWER | 6317 | 58 | 0.92 |
| REALTY | 6588 | 34 | 0.52 |
| AUTO | 46847 | 219 | 0.47 |
| HEALTHCARE | 33770 | 74 | 0.22 |
| CG | 56480 | 126 | 0.22 |
| BANKEX | 52596 | -48 | -0.09 |
| CD | 49864 | -65 | -0.13 |
| TECK | 16395 | -26 | -0.16 |
| IT | 36249 | -107 | -0.29 |
| FINANCE | 10051 | -37 | -0.36 |
| METAL | 26904 | -235 | -0.87 |

| BSE 200 GAINERS/LOSERS | | | |
|------------------------|------|------------|-------|
| GAINERS | % | LOSERS | % |
| INDUSTOWER | 5.36 | GLAND | -3.72 |
| ZOMATO | 4.87 | TORNTPOWER | -3.64 |
| CGPOWER | 4.80 | LINDEINDIA | -3.43 |
| EICHERMOT | 4.21 | INDIANB | -3.40 |
| MAXHEALTH | 3.96 | FLUOROCHEM | -3.00 |

| ADVANCE/DECLINES | | |
|------------------|------|----|
| | BSE | % |
| ADVANCES | 1609 | 41 |
| DECLINES | 2180 | 56 |
| UNCHANGED | 114 | 3 |

| INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITY | | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Rs Cr | 19-03-2024 | 20-03-2024 | MAR TOTAL |
| FII | 1421 | -2599 | 6083 |
| DII | 7450 | 2668 | 40426 |

Indian markets could open higher, in line with higher Asian markets today and positive US markets on Mar 20

World stocks jumped on Wednesday and the dollar snapped a winning streak, after the Federal Reserve indicated that it still expects to cut U.S. interest rates three times this year despite projecting slightly slower progress on inflation. Equity investors cheered the Fed did not dial back the number of rate cuts that it projects.

Overnight the Fed left U.S. rates on hold between 5.25% and 5.5%, as expected, and nudged up inflation forecasts. Policymakers' median projection for three 25 basis point rate cuts this year was unchanged from December.

While Fed officials affirmed their view for three rate cuts this year even as they upgraded the economic outlook, they trimmed the number of cuts expected next year from four to three for a slightly shallower pace of easing.

Fed officials sharply accelerated their projections for GDP growth this year and now see the economy running at a 2.1% annualized rate, up from the 1.4% estimate in December. The unemployment rate forecast moved slightly lower from the previous estimate to 4%, while the projection for core inflation as measured by personal consumption expenditures rose to 2.6%, up 0.2 percentage point from before but slightly below the most recent level of 2.8%. The unemployment rate for February was 3.9%.

Spot gold, an expected beneficiary of lower interest rates as yields on bonds come down, spiked to a record \$2,222 an ounce.

Asian shares bounced while gold prices and Japan's Nikkei jumped to record highs on Thursday after the U.S. Federal Reserve indicated it would stick with plans for cutting interest rates.

Nifty recovered losses to end higher on March 20. At close, Nifty was up 0.1% or 21.7 points at 21839.1. Nifty formed a long legged doji on March 20 after a fall signifying possibility of a small bounce. Although on an intra day basis, Nifty fell below 21750, it did not close below it. Nifty could now stay in the 21710-22065 band for the near term.



| GLOBAL INDICES | | | |
|----------------|--------|---------|----------|
| | CLOSE | POINTS | % CHANGE |
| DOW JONES | 39512 | 401.37 | 1.03 |
| S & P 500 | 5225 | 46.11 | 0.89 |
| NASDAQ | 18240 | 207.90 | 1.15 |
| FTSE | 7737 | -0.92 | -0.01 |
| CAC | 8161 | -39.64 | -0.48 |
| DAX | 18013 | 25.44 | 0.14 |
| NIKKEI | 40592 | 588.40 | 1.47 |
| SHANGHAI | 3087 | 7.15 | 0.23 |
| HANG SENG | 16937 | 393.93 | 2.38 |
| BOVESPA | 129125 | 1596.00 | 1.25 |

| EXCHANGE RATES | | |
|----------------|-------|----------|
| | VALUE | % CHANGE |
| USD/INR | 83.1 | 0.20 |
| EURO/USD | 1.094 | 0.17 |
| USD/GBP | 1.280 | 0.11 |
| USD/JPY | 150.4 | -0.58 |

| COMMODITIES | | |
|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| | VALUE | % CHANGE |
| GOLD (\$ / Oz) | 2208.0 | 2.17 |
| SILVER (\$ / Oz) | 26.0 | 3.42 |
| CRUDE OIL FUTURES | 81.8 | 0.59 |
| BRENT OIL (\$ / Barrel) | 86.5 | 0.62 |

| BOND YIELD | | |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| | VALUE | ABS CHANGE |
| IND10 YEAR BOND YIELD | 7.097 | +0.002 |

| ADR | | |
|----------------|-------|----------|
| | VALUE | % CHANGE |
| DR REDDY'S LAB | 72.8 | -0.31 |
| HDFC BANK | 55.7 | 0.52 |
| ICICI BANK | 26.2 | 1.08 |
| TATA MOTORS | 25.1 | 0.00 |
| WIPRO | 5.95 | 0.00 |
| VEDANTA LTD | 16.50 | 0.00 |
| INFOSYS | 18.93 | 0.42 |

JSW Group announces JV with China MG Motor, aims to launch a new product every 3-6 months

JSW Group and SAIC-owned MG Motor has formed a joint venture to manufacture new electric vehicles (NEVs) in India, with plans to launch a new product, including NEVs, every three to six months beginning September with two new products to be launched this calendar year. The JV, called JSW MG Motor India Pvt Ltd, aims to become a market leader in the NEV category with an extensive product portfolio

India's Russian oil imports edged up in February from January

India's import of Russian oil edged up in February over January, reversing declines seen in the past two months, as refiners received some parcels of Russian light sweet Sokol grade.

HFCL announced setting up of Optical Fibre Cable plant in Poland at FTTH Conference 2024

HFCL Limited (HFCL), a leading technology enterprise and integrated next-gen communications product and solution provider, has announced the setting up of optical fibre manufacturing plant in Poland at the FTTH Conference 2024 in Berlin, Europe's leading fibre optic summit. This strategic expansion underscores HFCL's commitment to address increasing demand for optical fibre cable (OFC) in European markets and accelerate 5G and Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) adoption to align with Europe's vision of gigabit connectivity by 2028.

Thomas Cook eyes complete recovery of international biz

Thomas Cook (India) Ltd. expects to reach its pre-covid international business volumes in FY25, as airfares moderate and visa wait times ease. Supply-chain constraints for airlines have eased post-covid, but input costs such as labour and fuel remain high and are trending upwards, particularly for international flights. Yet, Thomas Cook (India) looks to make a complete recovery in its international business.



BPCL signs 4-month US oil purchase deal with BP

Bharat Petroleum Corp has signed a deal with BP to buy 1 million barrels per month of U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for four months. BPCL would start taking delivery of the oil from June. The Indian refiner has also separately bought 2 million barrels of WTI crude for loading in April via a spot tender.

ASM Technologies announces Rs 170 crore Equity Fund raise from Promoters and Non promoter

ASM Technologies announced preferential allotment of equity shares and warrants amounting to Rs 170 crore of which Rs 70 crore has been raised and the balance of Rs 100 crore will be received over the period of 18 months. The fund raise was led by stock market investor Mr. Mukul Agrawal in which the promoters also participated, is part of a larger fund raise in pursuance of its strategic objectives to be a global leader in design- led manufacturing.

Company would utilize the proceeds of the issue to fuel organic and inorganic growth opportunities. The company's strategic initiatives include funding for takeovers, acquisitions in increasing space of design- led manufacturing. Additionally, ASM plans to channel the raised capital towards addressing general corporate exigencies, investment in subsidiaries, joint ventures, associates, and other permissible purposes in accordance with applicable laws.

Prince Pipes to acquire Aquel brand, expand bathware presence

Prince Pipes & Fittings Ltd. has entered into an asset purchase agreement with Klaus Waren Fixtures Pvt. Ltd. and NM Shah to purchase assets including the "Aquel" brand, along with all intellectual property, land, buildings, civil structures and other office equipment in two tranches.

A cash consideration of Rs 55 crore will be paid for this acquisition, which will be funded via internal accruals.

The acquisition of the Aquel brand will help Prince Pipes set up an in-house manufacturing facility and expand its presence in the bathware segment.

Aquel is a key player in the Western, Central and certain parts of Southern India. Currently, nine (9) ranges and 250 SKUs are being produced under the Aquel brand.

Jupiter Wagons acquires Bonatrans India, becomes first Indian Rolling Stock Manufacturer with own wheel plant

Jupiter Wagons Limited (JWL) announced acquisition of Bonatrans India Private Limited (BIPL) for a sum of Rs 271 crore. This strategic move marks a significant milestone for JWL, positioning it as the first rolling stock manufacturing company to have its own wheel plant.

BIPL, situated in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad), Maharashtra, stands as a distinguished manufacturer of rolling stock wheelsets. With a production capacity of 20,000 Wheels and 10,000 Axles annually, the acquisition promises to bolster JWL's self-reliance and operational efficiency while reducing dependency on imported wheels. BIPL's clientele includes JWL, BEML Ltd., Alstom Rail Transportation India Pvt. Ltd., Plasser India Pvt. Ltd., and Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd.

Aeroflex Industries completed phase I expansion

Aeroflex Industries announced that it has completed phase I expansion. The installed capacity has been increased to 13.5 million meters p.a. and Phase I expansion plan is completed as per the committed timeline. Phase II expansion plan is to increase its installed capacity from 13.5 million meters p.a. to 16.5 million meters p.a. The Phase II expansion plan is expected to be completed by December-2024, with an investment of approx. Rs 39 crore, which will be funded through internal accruals.



Important news/developments to influence markets

Easing UK inflation keeps BoE on track for rate cuts later in 2024

British inflation slowed in February, keeping the Bank of England on track to start cutting interest rates in the months ahead and offering some better economic news to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak before an election expected later this year.

Euro zone consumer confidence rises to -14.9 in March

Euro zone consumer confidence rose by 0.6 points in March from the February number



| Index | CMP | View | R1 | R2 | S1 | S2 |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Nifty Mar Fut | 21919 | Bullish | 22005 | 22092 | 21815 | 21711 |
| BankNifty Mar Fut | 46464 | Bullish | 46835 | 47206 | 46047 | 45631 |

Daily Technical View on Nifty



- Nifty recovered losses to end higher on March 20.
- At close, Nifty was up 0.1% or 21.7 points at 21839.1.
- Cash market volumes on the NSE fell further to Rs.0.81 lakh cr.
- Broad market indices also ended flat even as the advance decline ratio rose to 0.75:1.
- Nifty formed a long legged doji on March 20 after a fall signifying possibility of a small bounce.
- Although on an intra day basis, Nifty fell below 21750, it did not close below it.
- Nifty could now stay in the 21710-22065 band for the near term.
- The high and low made on 20th March becomes crucial levels to watch out for. The high is placed at 21930, close above which could turn the trend to bullish, while break below the low of 21710 would resume the down trend.



OPEN SHORT-TERM TRADING CALLS

| NO. | RECO DT. | RECO | COMPANY NAME | ENTRY | CMP | SL | TARGET | UPSIDE % | VALID TILL |
|-----|-----------|------|--------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------------|
| 1 | 18-MAR-24 | BUY | TATA STEEL MAR FUT | 149.20-145.50 | 145.9 | 143.0 | 156.5 | 7.3 | 1-APR-24 |
| 2 | 19-MAR-24 | SELL | POLYCAB MAR FUT | 4745-4826 | 4,753.4 | 4,885.0 | 4,510.0 | 5.1 | 2-APR-24 |
| 3 | 19-MAR-24 | SELL | ULTRATECH MAR FUT | 9494.0-9684 | 9,528.9 | 9,779.0 | 9,067.0 | 4.8 | 2-APR-24 |
| 4 | 20-MAR-24 | BUY | LT FOODS | 175.60-170.75 | 179.8 | 167.3 | 187 | 4.0 | 3-APR-24 |

OPEN E-MARGIN POSITIONAL CALLS

| NO. | RECO DT. | RECO | COMPANY NAME | ENTRY | CMP | SL | TARGET 1 | TARGET 2 | UPSIDE % | VALID TILL |
|-----|----------|------|--------------|--------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| 1 | 7-FEB-24 | BUY | IPCA LAB | 1160-1204.60 | 1161.0 | 1100.0 | 1309.0 | 1413.0 | 22 | 7-APR-24 |

*= 1st Target Achieved



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