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Tables:

Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield:		
G-sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
US 10Y*	4.29	4
US 2Y*	4.65	5
Germany 10Y	2.41	4
UK 10Y	4.11	6
Japan 10Y	0.72	0

Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual

G-sec yield:

G- Sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
7.06% GS 2028*	7.08	1
7.18% GS 2033* (10Y)	7.10	1
7.18% GS 2037*	7.13	1
91-day T-bill	7.05	0
182-day T-bill	7.18	0
364-day T-bill	7.15	0
Source: CCIL, RBI, *semi-annual		

Spreads in bps for Corporates

Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	58	50	44	39
AA	115	108	108	109
Α	305	297	299	301
Source: EIMMDA, as on 15 Eeb. 2024				

Key rates:

Policy	Rate (in %)
Repo rate	6.50
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.25
Bank rate	6.75
1-year median MCLR of SCBs	8.80
SOFR	5.31
Source: BBL Federal Becarus Bank of New Yo	rk

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Money Market instruments:

Instrument	Volume (in Rs. Bn)	Weighted Avg Rate (%)
Notice Money	97.1	6.70
Term Money	2.4	-
Triparty Repo	3,588.7	6.64
Market Repo	1,619.3	6.65
Repo in corporate bond	0.0	-
Source: RBI, as of 16 Feb, 2024		

Major Equity Indices:

Indices	Last	1-Day Change %
BSE SENSEX	72,708	0.4
NIFTY	22,122	0.4
NASDAQ	15,775	0.0
S&P 500	5,005	0.0
Nikkei 225	38,438	-0.2
Euro Stoxx 50	4,763	0.0
Source: Google Finance		

Commodities futures:

Commodities	Last	1-Day Change %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	83.6	0.5
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	1.6	3.3
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	2,027.0	0.1
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	381.7	0.6
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	559.0	1.3
Source: Bloomberg		

Exchange Rates:

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Currency pair	Rate	1-Day Change %
USD/ INR	83.02	0.0
GBP/ INR	104.53	-0.2
EUR/ INR	89.33	0.0
EUR/USD	1.08	0.3
DXY Index	104.36	0.2
Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch		

Today's Key Macro Events:

India: VRR Auction, SGS Auction; China: Policy Rate

News:

International:

China trims 5Y benchmark rate, medium-term rate unchanged (Source: Reuters): China cut its 5-year loan prime rate by 25 bps to 3.9%, exceeding expectations, while keeping the 1-year rate unchanged at 3.45%, providing stimulus to the flailing economy. Meanwhile, it kept the one-year medium term lending facility rate on USD 7- bn worth of loans unchanged at 2.5%, in line with market expectations, to maintain reasonably ample banking system liquidity.

US producer prices increase more than expected in Jan'24 (Source: Reuters): US PPI rose by 0.9% y/y in Jan'24, higher than expected 0.6% y/y, above 0.8% y/y clip in Dec'23, driven by strong rise in services. PPI ex food and energy rose by 2% y/y, higher than expected 1.6% y/y and above 1.8% y/y in Dec'23.

US Fed officials surprised, yet optimistic on inflation progress (Source: ForexLive):

- Ms. Daly acknowledged the remarkable progress on inflation without significant unemployment, still feels much work is left with balanced risks.
- Mr. Bostic believes that rate cuts will start later in the summer with 2 cuts in CY24, although better data could call for early cuts.
- Mr. Barkin feels that data in Jan'24 has not been good for rate cuts.

ECB officials cautious on rate cut timings (Source: ForexLive):

- Mr. de Galhau was uncertain on the timing of rate cuts but advised not to wait too long for rate cuts to start.
- Ms. Schnabel warns against adjusting policy stance prematurely as passing of wage costs to consumers could delay disinflation process.

German central bank wary of impending recession (Source: Reuters): Bundesbank has stated that Germany could likely be in a recession with Q1CY24 output expected to decline slightly after falling in Q4CY23, on the back of high energy costs, weak external demand and rapid inflation amidst tight monetary conditions.

Russia holds key rates steady as inflation eases (Source: Reuters): Russia's Central Bank kept key rates unchanged at 16%, but signalled that tighter monetary conditions would prevail for longer as inflationary pressures remain high despite falling off peaks of yester months.

Domestic:

Union considers the listing of subsidiaries of PSE (Source: BS): According to media sources, Union is considering the listing of subsidiaries of certain public sector energy companies that have created green assets with tremendous growth prospects.

Union to roll out capex loans to states from Apr'24 (Source: FE): Union is considering rolling out 58% of Rs. 1.3 trn interest-free capex loans for states for FY25 from Apr'24, while rest would be disbursed after the formation of new government to boost economic growth and avoid controversies.

Union in talks with foreign capital in bid for capex boost (Source: FE): According to media sources, Union is in talks with host of capital rich countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE, Japan, South Korea, US and Canada to route their abundant pool of capital to support country's economic growth on a durable basis in the backdrop of moderation of public capex growth.

Outward FDI rises in Jan'24 (Source: BS): Outward FDI commitments rose by ~26% y/y in Jan'24 to USD 2.09 bn, albeit lower than USD 2.5 bn in Dec'23. Equity commitments rose to USD 760 mn in Jan'24, while debt commitments rose to USD 306 mn in Jan'24.

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Tamil Nadu presents Budget for FY25 (Government of Tamil Nadu): Highlights

- Revenue receipts are expected to grow by 10% to Rs. 2.99 trn (FY25BE vs. FY24RE). State's tax revenues are expected to grow 14%
- Total expenditure will grow 8% to Rs. 4.37 trn (FY25BE vs. FY24RE). While revenue expenditure at 3.48 trn (up 9.7% as compared to FY24RE) will constitute a major share of the total expenditure, capex will see a higher growth at 12% to Rs. 477 bn. The increase in revenue expenditure is primarily attributable to loss funding of Rs. 144 bn to TANGEDCO and expense of Rs. 57 bn towards KMUTT scheme.
- This will lead to a fiscal deficit of Rs. 1.08 trn in FY25BE (which is 3.44% of nominal GSDP vs. 3.45% in FY24RE).
- Nominal GSDP is expected to increase by 16% to Rs. 31.5 trn (FY25BE vs. FY24RE)

Karnataka presents Budget for FY25 (Government of Karnataka): Highlights:

- Revenue receipts are expected to grow by 16% to Rs. 2.63 trn (FY25BE vs. FY24RE). State's tax revenues are expected to grow 17%
- Total expenditure will grow 17% to Rs. 3.71 trn (FY25BE vs. FY24RE). While ~78% of the expenses continue to be revenue expenditures, capex will see a meagre growth of 3%. Rs. 520 bn has been earmarked for the five guarantee schemes of Shakti, Gruhajyoti, Gruha Lakshmi, Yuvanidhi and Annabhagya.
- This will lead to a fiscal deficit of Rs. 829.8 bn in FY25BE (which is 2.95% of nominal GSDP vs. 2.67% in FY24RE). This deficit is expected to be financed by an internal debt of Rs. 984 bn in FY25BE (surging up from Rs. 795 bn in FY24RE)
- Nominal GSDP is posited to increase by 9% to Rs. 28.1 trn (FY25BE vs. FY24RE)

RBI MPC official say bond inclusion unlikely to trigger any volatility (Source: BS): Ms. Goyal pointed out that FPI holding of Indian debt is expected to reach 4% of outstanding debt after flows from bond inclusion, suggesting minimal volatility in bond yields. She predicts that the headline inflation would converge to the core inflation numbers shortly, while lauding the fiscal numbers achieved by conservative approach of the Union.

G-Sec and VRR Auctions conducted successfully (Source: RBI):

- 7.33% GS 2026 worth Rs. 80 bn were auctioned against a notified amount of Rs. 80 bn at a cut-off yield of 7.0464%. 7.18% GS 2037 worth Rs. 100 bn were auctioned against a notified amount of Rs. 100 bn at a cut-off yield of 7.1172%. 7.25% GS 2063 worth Rs. 120 bn were auctioned against a notified amount of Rs. 120 bn at a cut-off yield of 7.1421%.
- 7-day VRR worth Rs. 750 bn were auctioned against a notified amount of Rs. 750 bn at a cut-off yield of 6.60%. Notably, bids worth Rs. 1,370 bn were received.

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