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Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield:

G-sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
US 10Y*	4.21	-4
US 2Y*	3.89	-2
Germany 10Y	2.73	1
UK 10Y	4.68	-2
Japan 10Y	1.49	-4

Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual

G-sec yield:

G- Sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
6.75% GS 2029*	6.45	-3
6.79% GS 2034* (10Y)	6.58	-2
6.92% GS 2039*	6.69	-2
1-Month T-bill	6.38	-11
3-Month T-bill	6.34	-17
6-Month T-bill	6.49	2
12-Month T-bill	6.44	0

Source: CCL, Bloomberg, *semi-annual

Spreads in bps for Corporates

Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	67	59	53	41
AA	151	144	139	133
A	342	337	333	329

Source: FIMMDA, as on 28 Mar, 2025

Key rates:

Policy	Rate (in %)
Repo rate	6.25
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.00
Bank rate	6.50
1-year median MCLR of SCBs	9.00
SOFR	4.34

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Money Market instruments:

Instrument	Volume (in Rs. Bn)	Weighted Avg Rate (%)
Call Money	28.1	6.03
Triparty Repo	309.4	6.18
Market Repo	23.0	6.74
Repo in corporate bond	10.4	7.54

Source: RBI, as of 28 Mar, 2025

Major Equity Indices:

Indices	Last	1-Day Change %
BSE SENSEX	77,415	-0.2
NIFTY	23,519	-0.3
NASDAQ	17,299	-0.1
S&P 500	5,612	0.6
Nikkei 225	35,826	-3.5
Euro Stoxx 50	5,248	-1.6

Source: Google Finance

Commodities futures:

Commodities	Last	1-Day Change %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	74.7	1.5
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	4.1	1.7
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	3,173.2	1.9
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	508.6	-0.9
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	536.3	1.5

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange Rates:

Currency pair	Rate	1-Day Change %
USD/ INR	85.47	0.0
GBP/ INR	110.53	-0.2
EUR/ INR	92.44	1.5
EUR/USD	1.08	0.0
DXI Index	104.09	0.1

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch

Today's Key Macro Events:

India: VRR auction; Mfg. PMI Mar'25: China, US, Japan; Eurozone: CPI Mar'25

News:

Domestic:**Current account deficit rises in Q3FY25 (Source: RBI):**

- Current account deficit increased to USD 11.5 bn (1.1% of GDP) in Q3FY25 against USD 10.4 bn in Q3FY24. In 9MFY25 CAD rose to USD 37 bn from USD 30.6 bn in 9MFY24 due to higher merchandise deficit
- Merchandise trade deficit was up 11% y/y to USD 79.2 bn, partially offset by net services rising to USD 51.2 bn on the back of rising exports of across major categories including computer, transportation, business services
- In the financial account, net FDI witnessed an outflow of USD 2.8 bn as against an inflow of USD 4.0 bn in Q3FY24. FPI recorded a net outflow of USD 11.4 bn, lower than USD 12.0 bn in Q3FY24

Fiscal deficit narrows in 11MFY25 to hit 85.8% of FY25RE (Source: CGA):

- Total receipts rose to Rs. 24.1 trn in 11MFY25 (81.2% of FY25RE). Net tax revenues rose by 9% y/y, while non-tax revenue grew 37% y/y
- Total expenditure grew by 3.9% y/y to Rs. 38.9 trn in 11MFY25. Revex grew 4.7%, while capex grew by 0.8%
- Fiscal deficit reached Rs. 13.5 trn in 11MFY25, which is 85.8% of FY25RE

Core sectors growth slows to a 5-month low in Feb'25 (Source: PIB): Growth in eight core index clocked 2.9% y/y in Feb'25, compared with 4.6% in Jan'25. Growth was in sub-indices was as follows: cement (10.5%), fertilisers (10.2%), steel (5.6%), and electricity (2.8%). Natural gas and crude oil production declined.

Union may scrap import tax on US LNG (Source: ET): As per media sources, the Union is considering to scrap import tax on US LNG. Currently, it imposes a 2.5% BCD and an additional 0.25% social welfare tax on LNG, except on UAE and Australia.

Union proposes retaliatory tariffs on EU (Source: BS): Union plans to impose retaliatory duties on EU imports after failing to reach an agreement over the EU's restrictive safeguard measures on certain steel products under WTO norms.

Oil and Gas regulator proposes tweak in pipeline tariffs (Source: The Hindu): PNGRB, in a consultation paper, proposes 66.17% of the unified tariff to be charged for first tariff zone and the 100% on either size of Zone-1. It also proposes charging CGD selling CNG and piped cooking gas Zone-1 tariff irrespective of distance.

Union Cabinet accords multiple approvals (Source: PIB):

- It approved the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme with a funding of Rs. 229 bn to achieve self-sufficiency in electronics supply chain
- Cabinet approved NBS subsidy of Rs. 372 bn for Kharif 2025

Union weighs EV charging expansion (Source: BS): As per media sources, Union is planning to expand EV charging facilities across airports, highways and ports. The facilities may come with battery swapping services with a special fund of Rs. 20 bn.

RBI revises norms for govt-guaranteed security receipts issued by ARCs (Source: RBI): Banks and FIs transferring stressed loans to ARCs can now reverse excess provisions to their P&L accounts if the sale consideration consists only of cash and Government-guaranteed SRs. However, the non-cash component (SRs) must be deducted from CET1 capital, and no dividends can be paid from this portion.

International:

US inflation surges more than expectations in Feb'25 (Source: US BEA): US PCE increased by 2.5% y/y in Feb'25 (expectations: 2.6%). The rise in Feb'25 was driven by a 3.5% y/y surge in services inflation offset by a mild fall in durable goods prices. Notably, core PCE increased by 2.8% y/y in Feb'25, above 2.7% in Jan'25.

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Trump promises comprehensive tariffs even as world leads scamper for a response (Source: ET):

- POTUS is pushing senior advisers to adopt a more aggressive tariff stance, as it gears up for a major escalation in its trade war. He promised 2 Apr'25 tariffs will cover all countries
- A German official said that EU is ready to respond to US on steel and aluminium tariffs as it has no other choice
- China likely to take resolute countermeasures if US implements its upcoming reciprocal tariffs as per its state media
- South Korea, China, and Japan agreed to promote FTAs as a counter

US Fed official thinks two rate cuts in CY25 reasonable (Source: Forexlive): Ms. Daly said she did not change her dot since last year as she believes Two rate cuts still reasonable for CY25. She believes that the policy is in good place and does not have enough information to change her forecast.

China's factory activity grows in Mar'25 (Source: CNBC, S&P Global):

- China's official manufacturing PMI printed 50.5 in Mar'25 accelerating from Feb'25 signaling prop up in economic activity due to stimulus measures. The non-manufacturing PMI also rose to 50.8 in Mar'25 from 50.4 in Feb'25.
- The Caixin manufacturing PMI rose to 51.2 in Mar'25 from 50.8 in Feb'25 on back of sustained rise in new orders supported by quickest rise in exports

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