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Foreign G-Sec Bond Yield:

G-sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
US 10Y*	4.40	8
US 2Y*	3.77	-3
Germany 10Y	2.47	0
UK 10Y	4.57	0
Japan 10Y	1.32	5

Source: Bloomberg, *semi-annual

G-sec yield:

G- Sec	Yield (in %)	1-Day Change in Bps
6.75% GS 2029*	6.07	-3
6.79% GS 2034* (10Y)	6.32	-5
6.92% GS 2039*	6.45	-6
1-Month T-bill	5.85	-1
3-Month T-bill	5.91	2
6-Month T-bill	5.96	0
12-Month T-bill	5.97	3

Source: CCL, Bloomberg, *semi-annual

Spreads in bps for Corporates

Annualized Spreads	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
AAA	101	102	99	50
AA	186	187	185	140
A	376	376	377	337

Source: FIMMDA, as on 17 Apr, 2025

Key rates:

Policy	Rate (in %)
Repo rate	6.00
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	5.75
Bank rate	6.25
1-year median MCLR of SCBs	9.00
SOFR	4.32

Source: RBI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Money Market instruments (Term segment):

Instrument	Volume (in Rs. Bn)	Weighted Avg Rate (%)
Call Money	184.2	5.87
Triparty Repo	4,163.1	5.83
Market Repo	1,909.4	5.90
Repo in corporate bond	18.0	6.06

Source: RBI, as of 21 Apr, 2025

Major Equity Indices:

Indices	Last	1-Day Change %
BSE SENSEX	79,409	1.1
NIFTY	24,126	1.2
NASDAQ	15,871	-2.5
S&P 500	5,158	-2.3
Nikkei 225	34,280	-1.3
Euro Stoxx 50	4,935	0.0

Source: Google Finance

Commodities futures:

Commodities	Last	1-Day Change %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	66.8	-1.8
Natural gas Nymex (USD/MMBtu)	3.1	-6.2
Gold Comex (USD/t oz.)	3,463.4	4.1
Copper Comex (USD/lb)	480.2	0.2
Wheat cbot (USD/bu.)	552.8	-1.7

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange Rates:

Currency pair	Rate	1-Day Change %
USD/ INR	85.14	-0.3
GBP/ INR	114.05	0.7
EUR/ INR	97.02	0.0
EUR/USD	1.15	1.0
DXI Index	98.32	-0.9

Source: Morningstar, Bloomberg, Marketwatch

Today's Key Macro Events:

India: SGS, VRR, OMO Auctions

News:

Domestic:

RBI announces amendments to liquidity coverage ratio framework (LCR) (Source: RBI, ET): In a move expected to improve banking system LCR by 6pp (as of Dec'24) and ensure all banks satisfy LCR norms, the RBI:

- Directed banks to assign additional run-off rates of 2.5pp, halved from proposed 5pp addition to internet and mobile banking-enabled retail and small business customer deposits
- Guided banks to adjust the market value of G-Sec (Level 1 HQLA) with haircuts in line with margin requirements under the LAF and MSF
- Imposed a lower run-off rate of 40% (currently 100%) for funding from non-financial entities like trusts, partnerships, LLPs

The revised instructions shall become applicable from 1 Apr'26. Rs. 2.7-3 trn of additional funds for lending are expected to be freed up.

Core sectors' growth picks up in Mar'25 (Source: PIB):

- Growth in eight core index clocked 3.8% y/y in Mar'25, compared with 3.4% in Feb'25. Growth was in sub-indices was as follows: cement (11.6%), fertilisers (8.8%), steel (7.1%), and electricity (6.2%).
- Consequently, core sectors printed 4.4% y/y growth in FY25 driven by steel (6.7%), cement (6.3%) and electricity (5.1%). Natural gas and crude oil production declined.

Union imposes safeguard duty on steel imports (Source: ET): The Union has implemented a 12% safeguard duty on specific steel imports for 200 days to curb cheap Chinese imports. The move follows DGTR recommendations, prompted by concerns that rising imports are harming the domestic steel industry.

Fertilisers subsidy falls in FY25 (Source: The Hindu Businessline): Fertilisers subsidy dropped by 6% y/y to Rs. 1.77 trn in FY25. The fall is mainly due to a reported decline in the import of urea and DAP coupled with lower international prices. Despite the drop, the actual subsidy was 3.4% higher than budgeted in FY25RE.

Union may sign first phase of bilateral pact in Oct'25: FM (Source: BS): Ms. Sitharaman said that the first tranche of bilateral trade agreement with US may fall in Oct'25. The proposed BTA is decided to conclude in two tranches. Mr. Modi and Mr. Vance expressed joy at the progress in trade talks.

AIFs investments cross Rs. 5 trn as of Dec'24 (Source: The Hindu Businessline): Within this, AIFs have infused nearly Rs. 740 bn in the real estate, highest among all sectors, followed by IT/ITes, financial services, NBFCs and banks.

International:

Blame game between POTUS and US Fed on expected slowdown ensues (Source: Reuters): Mr. Trump warned that US economy could slow down unless interest rates are lowered immediately. In response the US Fed's Mr. Goolsbee commented that Fed's independence is critically important for its inflation fight.

EU explores tweaking methane rules for US gas (Source: Reuters): EU is working on its offer for trade negotiations with the US, to attempt to avoid POTUS's planned tariffs. As per media sources, EU is considering tweaking methane emission rules to make it easier for US gas exports to comply with.

China central bank urges state-owned businesses to prioritise CNY (Source: Reuters): The PBoC is encouraging state-owned enterprises to prioritise CNY usage in payment and settlement in their overseas expansion to accelerate CNY internationalisation. It will strengthen the Cross-Border Interbank Payment System (CIPS) and push forward the application of blockchain technology.

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