

# Benchmarks wilt under IT, telecom selling pressure

Investors turned cautious ahead of the start of earnings season, Tariff-related uncertainty also dampened investor sentiment

- WANING MOMENTUM
- FII's bought Rs 77 cr on Wednesday
  - BSE Sensex dropped 345.80 pts or 0.41% to 83,190.28
  - Intraday, BSE declined 401.11 pts or 0.48% to 83,134.97
  - NSE Nifty declined 120.85 pts or 0.47% to 25,355.25



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BENCHMARK indices Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure on Thursday due to weakness in IT and telecom stocks as investors turned cautious ahead of the start of earnings season, with tech major TCS scheduled to announce its Q1 numbers later in the day. Tariff-related uncertainty also dampened investor sentiment in the market, traders said.

Sliding for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 345.80 points or 0.41 per cent to settle at 83,190.28. During the day, it declined 401.11 points or 0.48 per cent to 83,134.97. As many as 2,064 stocks declined, while 1,959 advanced and 138 remained

unchanged on the BSE. On similar lines, the 50-share NSE Nifty declined 120.85 points or 0.47 per cent to 25,355.25. A positive momentum in global equities, however, restricted the loss in the domestic markets.

“Indian equities concluded the day in the red, weighed down by weakness in IT stocks ahead of TCS’ Q1 results. Investor sentiment remains cautious ahead of the Q1 results in anticipation of a muted start to the season from the IT and finance sectors. However, the recent consolidation in the IT stocks largely factors in the muted outlook, limiting further worries,” Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

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Infosys, Bharat Electronics, Tech Mahindra and Eternal were major laggards. How-

ever, Maruti, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Trent and Tata Consultancy Services were among the gainers. “Dalal Street ended in the red on Thursday, as investors remained cautious ahead of two key events -- US President Donald Trump’s upcoming tariff announcement and the start of India’s Q1FY26 earnings season, with TCS scheduled to report results post market hours,” Gaurav Garg, Analyst, Lemon Markets Desk, said.

The BSE midcap gauge dipped 0.28 per cent while the smallcap index inched higher by 0.12 per cent. Among BSE sectoral indices, teck dropped 1.17 per cent, telecommunication (1.11 per cent), BSE Focused IT (0.77 per cent), IT (0.71 per cent) and consumer durables (0.44 per cent). Realty, metal, oil & gas and utilities were the gainers.

“On the sectoral front, profit booking in IT majors ahead of TCS results weighed on the index, followed closely by weakness in FMCG and pharma stocks. However, the realty and metal sectors bucked the trend and closed in the green. The broader indices also ended with modest losses, continuing their profit-taking phase,” Ajit Mishra – SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said.

# Technical data indicates continuation of bearish bias

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- Negative Market Breadth
- 1524 declines
  - 1392 advances
  - RSI declined into neutral zone
  - 68 stocks hit a new 52-wk high
  - 101 stocks traded in upper circuit
  - MACD gives a fresh bearish signal
  - India VIX is down by 2.24% to 11.67



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THE equity indices closed negatively, as the profit booking intensified. The Nifty is down by 120.85 points or 0.47 per cent and closed at 25355.25. The Realty, Metal, Microcap and Consumer Durable indices closed with moderate gains. The India Defence index is the top loser with 2.03 per cent. The PSU bank, IT, Consumption, CPSE, Infra, Pharma, FMCG, and Healthcare indices declined by over 0.50 per cent. The India VIX is also down by 2.24 per cent to 11.67. The market breadth is negative as 1524 declines

and 1392 advances. About 68 stocks hit a new 52-week high, and 101 stocks traded in the upper circuit. HDFC Bank, Reliance, Kotak Bank, BSE, and Crizac were the top trading counters in terms of value.

On a weekly expiry day, the Nifty declined sharply to a four-day low. It closed below the previous day's low and formed a big bearish candle. Though it recovered in the afternoon session, it failed to close on a positive note, but closed at the low of the day. It tested the previous week's low.

The volumes were subdued again. Soon after opening, the index declined sharply by over 120 points. It decisively closed below the 8 EMA, which was a strong support for the last six days. The MACD has given a fresh bearish signal. The RSI declined into the neutral zone. In any case, the index declines

below last Friday's low of 25331 will be negative, which is a close below the previous week's low. It will be the first sign of reversal. For the last four days, the Nifty traded in a 191-point range. The index registered its lowest closing after 25th June.

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## Gold rises ₹250; silver trades flat

NEW DELHI: Gold prices rose by Rs 250 to Rs 98,670 per 10 grams in the national capital on Thursday due to renewed buying interest by investors and stockists, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal of 99.9 per cent purity had settled at Rs 98,420 per 10 grams on Wednesday. Gold of 99.5 per cent purity appreciated by Rs 200 to Rs 98,200 per 10 grams. The yellow metal had closed at Rs 98,000 per 10 grams in the previous market session. Meanwhile, silver prices traded flat at Rs 1,04,000 per kilogram on Thursday. “Gold traded higher on Thursday, buoyed by renewed demand for safe-haven assets. “Ongoing uncertainties surrounding US President Donald Trump’s trade policies and their potential impact on the global economy supported gold prices,” Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said. In the international markets, spot gold went up marginally to \$3,324.40 per ounce. On Wednesday, President Trump announced that the US would impose a 50 per cent tariff on Brazilian goods starting from August 1.



## Futures rebound on increased bets

GOLD prices increased by Rs 199 to Rs 96,660 per 10 grams in futures trade, as speculators created fresh positions on a firm spot demand. Gold contracts for August delivery traded higher by 0.21 per cent in a business turnover of 11,934 lots. Globally, gold futures rose 0.32 per cent to \$3,324.39 per ounce.

Silver prices rose Rs 328 to Rs 1,07,593 kilogram in futures trade as participants increased their bets. Silver contracts for September delivery increased 0.31 per cent in a business turnover of 16,939 lots. Globally, silver was trading 0.32 per cent higher at \$36.01 per ounce in New York.

## Brent Crude decline to \$70.24/bbl

CRUDE oil futures fell Rs 17 to Rs 5,765 per barrel, as participants trimmed their positions, tracking weak demand in the spot market. crude oil for August delivery declined Rs 17, or 0.29 per cent, to Rs 5,765 per barrel in 4,596 lots. Analysts said the prices were affected after participants offloaded their holdings amid weak demand in the spot market. Globally, West Texas Intermediate crude oil was trading 0.02 per cent lower at \$68.36 per barrel, while Brent Crude fell 0.47 per cent to \$70.24 per barrel in New York.

# Market is largely negative

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ON Thursday, the benchmark indices witnessed selling pressure at higher levels. The Sensex was down by 346 points. Among sectors, intraday buying was seen in selective Reality and Metal stocks, whereas the Defense index was the top loser, shedding nearly 2 per cent.

Technically, after a muted open, the market experienced consistent selling pressure throughout the day at higher levels. It also formed a bearish candle on daily charts and is exhibiting a lower top formation on intraday charts, which is largely negative.

Shrikant Chouhan, Head - Equity Research, Kotak Securities, said: “We are of the view that the intraday market outlook is weak; however, a fresh selloff is possible only



## STOCK PICKS

QUALITY POWER | TRADE-BUY | CMP: RS805 | SL: RS770 | TARGET: RS900

Q Power has surged past the Rs790-800 resistance level with increasing volume, signalling renewed buying interest in the power solutions segment. The stock is now trading above its 20-day and 50-day moving averages, confirming a bullish shift in trend. The Relative Strength Index (RSI) sits near 66, indicating healthy momentum with room to grow. Its chart structure shows higher highs and higher lows, reinforcing the strength. As long as Q Power stays above Rs770, the near-term outlook remains positive, with the potential to reach Rs900. Traders may initiate positions on dips, protecting downside with Rs770 as a stop-loss.

MAMATA MACHINERY | TRADE-BUY | CMP:RS485 | SL: RS450 | TARGET: RS555

Mamata Machinery has recently broken out above the Rs470-480 resistance range on strong volume, indicating consolidation completion and fresh buying. The stock is now trading above its short-term moving averages—signalling technical strength. The RSI is currently around 67, reflecting positive momentum without overextension. The price structure shows a clear uptrend of higher highs and lows, supporting further upside. Provided it holds above Rs450, the stock may rally toward Rs555 in the near term. Traders may consider entering on mild pull-backs, with Rs450 as a prudent stop-loss to manage risk.

(Source: Riyank Arora, technical analyst at Mehta Equities)

after the dismissal of 83,000. Below these levels, the market could slip to 82,700.” Further selling pressure may continue, potentially drag-

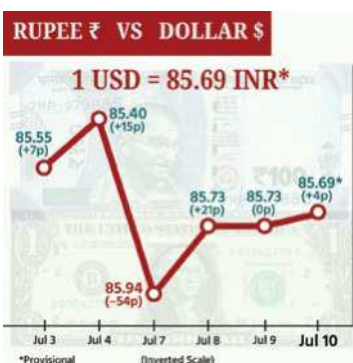
ging the market down to 82,500. On the upside, above 83,400, we could see a quick intraday rally toward 83,700-84,000.

## Smartworks Coworking IPO subscribed 50%

NEW DELHI: The initial public offer of Smartworks Coworking Spaces Ltd got subscribed 50 per cent on the first day of share sale on Thursday. The IPO received bids for 52,21,188 shares against 1,04,01,828 shares on offer, according to NSE data. The portion for non-institutional investors got fully subscribed, while the quota for Retail Individual Investors (RIIs) garnered 57 per cent subscription. Smartworks Coworking Spaces has raised Rs 173.64 crore from anchor investors. The initial public offer (IPO) of Smartworks Coworking Spaces hit the capital market on Thursday to raise nearly Rs 600 crore as the company intends to expand its business and reduce debt. The company has fixed a price band of Rs 387-407 per share for its IPO, which will close on July 14. The size of the fresh issue has been reduced to Rs 445 crore from the earlier planned Rs 550 crore, while the Offer For Sale (OFS) by promoters has been cut to 33.79 lakh shares from 67.59 lakh shares. At the upper end of the price band, the company's IPO size is now estimated at Rs 583 crore, with a market valuation of about Rs 4,645 crore. Of the total proceeds from the fresh issue of shares, the company will use Rs 226 crore for capital expenditure.

## Asia Index launches BSE Insurance Index

NEW DELHI: Asia Index, a wholly owned subsidiary of BSE, on Thursday announced the launch of a new index-- BSE Insurance. The BSE Insurance Index is derived from the constituents of BSE 1000 Index that are classified under the insurance industry. “This new index can be used for running passive strategies such as ETFs and Index Funds as well as gauging the performance of various sectors in India,” Asia Index said in a statement. Also, it can also be used for benchmarking PMS strategies, mutual fund schemes and fund portfolios. The index would be reconstituted semi annually in June and December and individual stock weight is capped at 25 per cent.



Rupee rises 4ps to 85.69/\$

Amid the positive sentiments investors expect that India and the US will reach a deal soon

MUMBAI: The rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day higher by 4paise at 85.69 against the US dollar on Thursday, supported by US-India trade deal optimism, even as domestic equity markets were closed in the negative territory. Forex traders said the Indian rupee ended the day in green against the US dollar amid firm expectations that India and the US will reach a deal soon. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened on a positive note at 85.62 against the US dollar and traded in a range of 85.69 and 85.53 during the day. The local unit finally settled for the day at 85.69, up 4paise from its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee closed flat at 85.73 against the US dollar on Wednesday. According to a government official, an Indian commerce ministry team will soon visit Washington for another round of talks on the proposed trade agreement with the US to iron out differences in sectors like agriculture and automobiles. “The dates for the US visit have not been finalised yet. However, the team is expected to visit Washington next week.

# Asian shares gain after big tech rally on Wall Street

The S&P 500 remained near the record it set last week after a better-than-expected US jobs report

NEW YORK: Asian shares mostly gained on Thursday after a rally in US tech stocks lifted the Nasdaq to an all-time high and helped Wall Street claw back most of its losses from earlier in the week. South Korea's Kospi climbed 1 per cent to 3,164.26 after the Bank of Korea kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged and as semiconductor shares rose following Nvidia's overnight rally on Wall Street.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 fell 0.6 per cent to 39,583.78, while the Hang Seng in Hong



Kong added 0.1 per cent to 23,926.09. The Shanghai Composite index rose 0.4 per cent to 3,505.58 while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 climbed 0.6 per cent to 8,589.70. The dollar weakened against the Japanese yen and euro and oil prices dropped.

On Wall Street on Wednesday,

the S&P 500 rose 0.6 per cent for its first gain this week. The benchmark index remains near the record it set last week after a better-than-expected US jobs report. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 0.5 per cent. The Nasdaq composite, which is heavily weighted with technology stocks, closed 0.9 per cent higher. The gain was good enough to nudge the index past the record high it set last Thursday. Nvidia rose 1.8 per cent and became the first public company to exceed \$4 trillion in value after

its share price briefly topped \$164 each in the early going. Shares in the AI boom poster child were going for around \$14 per share at the start of 2023. The tech rally came as Wall Street continued to weigh the latest developments in President Donald Trump's renewed push this week to use threats of higher tariffs on goods imported into the US in hopes of securing new trade agreements with countries around the globe, with the window for negotiations extended to August 1.

# Hero Motors files fresh IPO documents

The company aims to raise Rs1,200 cr through selling equity shares at face value of Rs 10 each -- up from Rs900 cr in its earlier filing

MUMBAI: Hero Motors Limited (HML) on Thursday placed its fresh IPO document on the capital markets regulator SEBI's website. According to the document, the company's profit declined around 60 per cent to Rs 17.03 crore in the year ended on March 31, 2024 as compared to Rs 40.50 crore in preceding financial year (FY23). The company aims to raise Rs 1,200 crore through selling equity shares at face value of Rs 10 each -- up from Rs 900 crore in its earlier filing. The company had originally submitted its DRHP in August last year, but subsequently withdrew the application.

According to the fresh IPO document, the company's profit for the 9 months of FY25 ended in December 2024 stood at Rs 22.39 crore. Meanwhile, its net revenue (revenue from operations +

other income) increased marginally to Rs 1,083.41 crore in the year FY24. It was Rs 1,069.9 crore in FY23. The net revenue stood at Rs 823.8 crore for the 9 months of FY25. The public issue is a combination of fresh shares and offer for sale, wherein the company issues fresh shares worth Rs 800 crore, and stakes worth Rs 400 crore will be offloaded by the promoters. OP Munjak Holdings, Bhagyoday Investment, and Hero Cycles are among the promoters and promoter group offloading stakes.

The shares of the firm are proposed to be listed on both the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). ICICI Securities, DAM Capital Advisors, and JM Financials are book-running lead managers, and KFin Tech is the registrar for the IPO.