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Markets Tumble Amid U.S. Tariff Shock, Raising Recession Fears

On April 4, 2025, Indian markets saw a sharp drop as global trade tensions flared up. The BSE Sensex fell 0.97% to 75,552, while the NSE Nifty declined 1.17% to 22,977.85. The plunge followed former U.S. President Donald Trump's call for reciprocal tariffs on over 180 nations, including India, stoking fears of a renewed global trade war.

Mid-cap and small-cap stocks took heavier hits, dropping 3% and 3.5% respectively. Pharma and IT sectors were among the worst performers, as worries about reduced U.S. client spending and possible tariffs on drug exports mounted.

Will ongoing trade tensions continue to weigh on global markets?

NSE Achieves Record 268 IPOs in 2024

In 2024, the National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India witnessed an unprecedented surge in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), with a record-breaking 268 companies going public 90 on the mainboard and 178 in the SME segment collectively raising ₹1.67 lakh crore. This feat made India the leader in Asia in terms of the number of IPOs and the top global market for equity capital raised in the primary market. This IPO boom was driven by India's robust economic growth, a favorable regulatory environment, and strong investor appetite, particularly in emerging sectors.



ASIAN EXCHANGES & NUMBER OF IPOs

Exchange	No. of IPOs (2024)
NSE (India)	268*
Shanghai Stock Exchange	101
Japan Exchange group**	93
Hong Kong Stock Exchange	66

Source : Reuters

Gold Shines Bright for Indian Investors Amid Global Unrest

On April 22, 2025, global gold prices soared to a record \$3,500.05 per ounce, sending ripples across Indian markets, where gold is both a cultural asset and a key investment tool. Indian gold prices touched a historic high of ₹70,000 per 10 grams in major cities like Mumbai and Delhi. This surge was fueled by escalating geopolitical tensions, especially former U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff war and his criticism of the U.S. Federal Reserve, which weakened the dollar and pushed investors worldwide towards safe-haven assets like gold.



Is this a short-term response to global tensions, or should Indian households rethink their gold strategy for long-term financial planning?



Source : Reuters

Apple, Meta fined as EU presses ahead with tech probes

April 23, 2025 - Apple was fined 500 million euros (\$570 million) on Wednesday and Meta 200 million euros, as European Union antitrust regulators handed out the first sanctions under landmark legislation aimed at curbing the power of Big Tech. The fines signal that the EU is sticking to its guns in enforcing the new rules, which were introduced in 2023.

Is a Stock Market Correction Coming in 2025?



Economic Survey 2025 Warns of Potential Market Correction

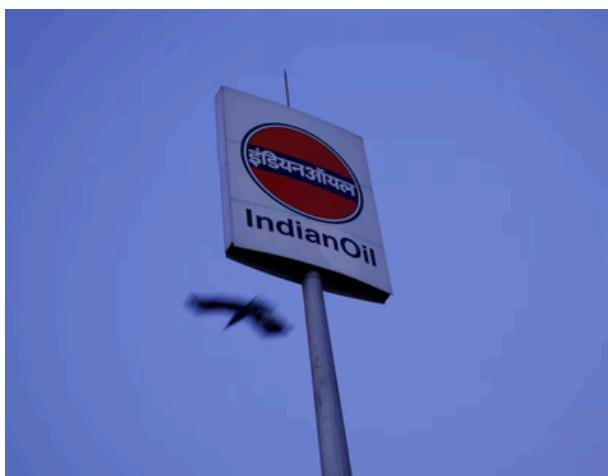
The Economic Survey 2025, presented in the Indian Parliament, issued a cautious note about the potential for a significant correction in the Indian stock market during the year. The warning stemmed from concerns over inflated valuations and the growing influx of retail investors, many of whom lack experience with prolonged market downturns. This surge in retail participation, while boosting market liquidity, also increases vulnerability especially if global economic conditions worsen. Are we prepared for a market correction, or are we overlooking the warning signs?



India's interest rate setters back growth-supportive monetary policy

April 23 (Reuters) - Inflation in India is expected to stay near target this fiscal year, providing space to support growth through further monetary easing, members of the country's rate-setting panel said in the minutes of April policy that were released on Wednesday.

India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which consists of three members of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and three external members, cut the key repo rate by 25 basis points to 6% earlier at the meeting while changing the stance to "accommodative" from "neutral".



Indian Oil plans to operate Gujarat refinery at higher capacity from mid-2026

Indian Oil Corp (IOC.NS) the country's top refiner, plans to operate its Gujarat refinery in western India at an expanded capacity of 360,000 barrels per day (bpd) by mid-2026,



Top Indian funds bet on domestic sectors to lead market rebound amid global jitters

April 23 (Reuters) - India's top investment funds are pivoting inward, betting on the resilience of the domestic economy and a rebound in corporate earnings, while retreating from export-driven bets amid escalating global trade tensions.

The NSE Nifty 50 index , NSEI recovered from a tariff-driven slump earlier this month, turning positive for 2025 with a nearly 8% jump in just two weeks. However, it remains 8% below the record highs of September 27, weighed by muted earnings, record foreign outflows, and ongoing trade tensions.

executive director Biplob Biswas said on Wednesday.IOC is revamping one of the five crude units at the 274,000 bpd refinery in Gujarat to raise overall capacity by 86,000 bpd.

"Our expansion is on track for completion by June-July of next year... The project will be completed in two phases," Biswas said during a press conference.

The refinery expansion will cost 178.25 billion rupees (\$2.09 billion), he said.