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The BSE Sensex tanked 103.64 points to a low of 35,444.62 points, while the NSE Nifty50 gave up 39.55 points to hit a low of 10,760.30 points during the early morning trade on Tuesday. Shares of Vedanta tanked over 1 per cent on the BSE, followed by Hindustan Unilever, Infosys, Bajaj Auto, Wipro, Coal India, and NTPC. Bharti Airtel, <u>Tata</u> Steel, ONGC, Tata Motors and HDFC Bank led the pack of gainers. The NSE Bank Nifty edged lower by 0.17 per cent.

On Tuesday, Asian stocks slipped to a four-month low on Tuesday as U.S. President Donald Trump threatened new tariffs on Chinese goods in an escalating tit-for-tat trade war between the world's two biggest economies that has rattled financial markets, Reuters reported. The Shanghai Composite Index, Hong Kong's Hang Seng and Japan's Nikkei fell. South Korea's KOSPI retreated 0.85 per cent while Australian stocks added 0.3 per cent.

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