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"Nifty saw a thrust in the final hour of trade as the HDFC twins added some steam and helped the index enits's day above its previous days high. Eventually, it has formed a Long Legged Doji on the weekly scale & a sustained move above 10,900 should open the gates towards 11,060 for the coming week else expect the consolidated/constrained move to continue within 10,900-10,700," Sacchitanand Uttekar, Assistant Vice-President, Research at Tradebulls, told FE Online.

The BSE Sensex surged by 308.87 points to record an intra-day high of 35,741.26 points on bargain-hunting by investors. Blue chips like Sun Pharma, M&M, HDFC, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, SBI, ITC and Bharti Airtel witnessed robust buying activity. The NSE Nifty50 climbed 95.9 points to an intra-day high of 10,837 points. The Nifty Bank index closed

1.02% higher. Top five gainers on the BSE were Sun Pharma (up 3.91%), M&M (up 2.87%), HDFC (up 2.54%), Axis Bank (up 2.22%) and SBI (up 1.69%).

RIL (down 1.94%), Coal India (down 0.99%), Wipro (down 0.77%), TCS (down 0.44%) and Adani Ports (down 0.23%) were the top five losers on the BSE. "Reliance was the worst performing stock for the session after a considerable rally the stock has witnessed hitherto. Banks fared well in trade today. The indices have reached a neutral territory and look undecided at this point, the break or bounce in the markets could happen closer to expiry. For now, we would recommend holding a wait and watch approach and would not advocate entering fresh positions at the current juncture," said Nikhil Kamath, Co-Founder, Zerodha.

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