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Global markets showed slight respite amidst optimism over a likely resolution of the Middle East conflict, with prospects of US looking to de-escalate. Stocks in the US inched up. DXY also softened. On macro front, US Conf. Board Consumer Confidence improved in Mar'26. JOLTS job opening data moderated. UK GDP rose by 0.1% as per Q4 final estimates. China's manufacturing PMI was stable. On domestic front, RBI has given relief to trade finance. It has extended period for realisation of both pre-shipment and post-shipment export credit to 450 days, for all disbursements made till 30 Jun'26, which was earlier till 31 Mar'26. In separate release, India's IIP growth accelerated to 5.2% in Feb'25 from 5.1% in Jan'25 led by manufacturing output expanding by 6% from 5.3% in Jan'25. On a FYTD basis, industrial output rose at a steady pace of 4.1%, same pace as last year.

- Global stocks ended mixed. While stocks in AEs advanced, Asian stocks (barring Hang Seng) ended weaker. Reports of possible de-escalation in the West Asia conflict lifted sentiments. In India, Sensex declined by 2.2%. Deep losses were noted in banking and real estate stocks. However, following global cues, Asian stocks including Sensex are trading higher today.

Table 1 – Stock markets

	30-03-2026	31-03-2026	Change, %
Dow Jones	45,216	46,342	2.5
S & P 500	6,344	6,529	2.9
FTSE	10,128	10,176	0.5
Nikkei	51,886	51,064	(1.6)
Hang Seng	24,751	24,788	0.2
Shanghai Comp	3,923	3,892	(0.8)
Sensex	73,583	71,948	(2.2)
Nifty	22,820	22,331	(2.1)

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research, Note: Indian markets were closed on 31 Mar 2026

- Except INR, other currencies ended stronger against the dollar. DXY declined by 0.5% on expectations of a possible end to geo-political tensions. EUR gained the most. INR closed broadly unchanged, monitoring rise in oil prices. It is trading marginally stronger today, Asian currencies are trading mixed.

Table 2 – Currencies

	30-03-2026	31-03-2026	Change, %
EUR/USD (1 EUR / USD)	1.1465	1.1553	0.8
GBP/USD (1 GBP / USD)	1.3186	1.3227	0.3
USD/JPY (JPY / 1 USD)	159.71	158.72	0.6
USD/INR (INR / 1 USD)	94.82	94.83	0
USD/CNY (CNY / 1 USD)	6.9125	6.8944	0.3
DXY Index	100.51	99.96	(0.5)

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research, Note: Indian markets were closed on 31 Mar 2026



- Global yields softened amidst risk off sentiments. Both US and Germany's 10Y yield softened by 3bps each. Major momentum was witnessed in India's 10Y yield which crossed the 7% mark as inflationary and fiscal concerns remained.

Table 3 – Bond 10Y yield

	30-03-2026	31-03-2026	Change, bps
US	4.35	4.32	(3)
UK	4.94	4.92	(2)
Germany	3.04	3.00	(3)
Japan	2.37	2.35	(2)
China	1.81	1.82	1
India	6.94	7.04	9

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research , Note: Indian markets were closed on 31 Mar 2026

Table 4 – Short term rates

	30-03-2026	31-03-2026	Change, bps
Tbill-91 days	5.43	5.38	(5)
Tbill-182 days	5.54	5.53	(1)
Tbill-364 days	5.65	5.64	(1)
G-Sec 2Y	6.34	6.37	3
India OIS-2M	5.53	5.62	9
India OIS-9M	6.06	6.06	0
SONIA int rate benchmark	3.73	3.73	0
US SOFR	3.63	3.63	0

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research , Note: Indian markets were closed on 31 Mar 2026

Table 5 – Liquidity

Rs tn	27-03-2026	30-03-2026	Change (Rs tn)
Net Liquidity (-deficit/+surplus)	1.1	2.5	1.4

Source: RBI, Bank of Baroda Research , Note: Indian markets were closed on 31 Mar 2026

Table 6 – Capital market flows

	25-03-2026	27-03-2026	change (US\$ mn/Rs cr)
FII (US\$ mn)	(214.5)	(237.3)	(22.9)
Debt	(47.9)	181.8	229.6
Equity	(166.6)	(419.1)	(252.5)
Mutual funds (Rs cr)	3,580.9	(145.8)	(3,726.7)
Debt	(7.9)	(4,444.4)	(4,436.4)
Equity	3,588.8	4,298.6	709.8

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research| Note: Mutual Fund data as of 19 & 20th Mar 2026

- Oil prices rose further as investors monitored developments in Middle East.

Table 7 – Commodities

	30-03-2026	31-03-2026	Change, %
Brent crude (US\$/bbl)	112.8	118.4	4.9
Gold (US\$/ Troy Ounce)	4,510.9	4,668.1	3.5
Copper (US\$/ MT)	12,141.0	12,256.8	1.0
Zinc (US\$/MT)	3,181.3	3,220.2	1.2
Aluminium (US\$/MT)	3,401.0	3,467.0	1.9

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda Research



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