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Current news

World economy

- The Federal Reserve on Wednesday offered a strong signal that it was on track to raise interest rates sometime next year, altering a pledge to keep rates near zero for a "considerable time" in a show of confidence in the U.S. economy.
- The U.S. Federal Reserve stared down a volatile global economy in October to keep its plans for an eventual interest rate hike on track, and is likely to do so again this week amid plunging oil prices and a potential currency crisis in Russia.
- Iron ore prices and shipping costs fell to the lowest levels in five years amid signs China's slowing growth is sapping demand for cargoes just as the world's largest mining companies press on with raising output and spur a glut.
- The yen fell for a third day against the dollar as Japan's two- and five-year bond yields dropped to records after the Bank of Japan maintained unprecedented stimulus.

Indian economy

- To check illicit financial flows across borders, the government is renegotiating bilateral treaties with many countries to limit tax benefits to genuine investments and curb the routing of Indian money to safe havens, a senior Finance Ministry official said on Wednesday.
- The continued weakening of the rupee driven by external factors is likely to delay any interest rate cut by the Reserve Bank, according to a survey.
- In a big step forward for the long-delayed goods and services tax (GST), the Union Cabinet gave its assent late on Wednesday to the constitutional amendment bill that needs to be approved before the levy can become reality, with the Centre having made significant concession to get states on board.
- India faces a "major challenge" in achieving its 2014/15 fiscal deficit aim of 4.1 percent of gross domestic product, its lowest in seven years, the finance ministry said in a report on Friday.

MACRO ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT AS ON 20/12/2014

USA	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	2.40	2.30
Inflation Rate	Monthly	↓1.30	1.70
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	5.80	5.80
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	0.25	0.25
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↑2.20	2.17

Euro Area	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	0.80	0.80
Inflation Rate	Monthly	0.30	0.40
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	11.50	11.50
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	0.05	0.05
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓0.16	0.17

China	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	7.30	7.30
Inflation Rate	Monthly	1.40	1.60
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	4.10	4.10
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	5.60	6.00
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓3.77	3.80

Japan	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	-1.20	-0.20
Inflation Rate	Monthly	2.90	3.20
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	3.50	3.60
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	0.00	0.00
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓0.35	0.40

UK	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	3.00	3.20
Inflation Rate	Monthly	↓1.00	1.30
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	6.00	6.00
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	0.50	0.50
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↑1.86	1.80

India	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	5.30	5.70
Inflation Rate	Monthly	4.38	5.52
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	no data	
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	8.00	8.00
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↑7.96	7.83

Brazil	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	-0.20	-0.90
Inflation Rate	Monthly	6.56	6.59
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	↑4.80	4.70
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	11.75	11.25
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓12.57	12.63

Russia	Period	Current	Previous
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	0.70	0.80
Inflation Rate	Monthly	9.10	8.30
Unemployment Rate	Monthly	↑5.20	5.10
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	↑17.00	10.50
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↑13.51	12.99

WORLD MARKETS - A SNAPSHOT

	Name	Description	Week ended 20th Dec 2014	% Change
STOCKS	Brazil	Bovespa	49650.98	3.44
	China	Shanghai	3108.60	5.80
	France	CAC	4241.65	3.23
	Germany	DAX	9786.96	2.00
	India	Sensex	27371.84	0.08
	Japan	Nikkei	17621.40	1.44
	UK	FTSE	6545.27	3.88
	USA	DJIA	17804.80	3.03
COMMODITIES	Copper	\$/Pound	2.88	(1.71)
	Crude	\$/Barrel	57.13	(1.18)
	Gold	\$/Troy Ounce	1196.00	(2.17)
	Natural Gas	\$/MMBtu	3.46	(8.95)
	Silver	\$/Troy Ounce	16.03	(6.04)
	Aluminium	\$/Tonne	1906.50	(1.47)
	Lead	\$/Tonne	1879.00	(5.81)
	Nickel	\$/Tonne	15600.00	(6.45)
CURRENCIES	Zinc	\$/Tonne	2176.00	(0.68)
	USD/GBP		1.56	(0.64)
	USD/EUR		1.22	(2.40)
	USD/AUD		0.81	(1.22)
	JPY/USD		119.49	0.61
	INR/USD		63.24	1.17
	HKD/USD		7.75	0.00
	BRL/USD		2.66	0.38
BONDS	2 Year	US Treasury	109.69	(0.16)
	10 Year		127.14	(0.63)
	30 Year		145.78	(0.58)

WORLD MARKETS - TECHNICAL SNAPSHOT

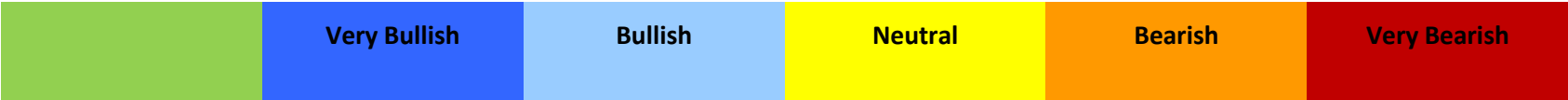
		Very Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Very Bearish
STOCKS	China Japan USA		India ↓	France Germany ↓ UK		Brazil ↓
COMMODITIES				Aluminium	Gold Natural Gas ↓ Nickel ↓ Zinc	Copper Crude Oil Lead ↓ Silver
CURRENCIES (against USD)			HKD			AUD BRL EUR GBP INR JPY
BONDS (US Treasury)	30 Year		10 Year ↓	2 Year		

↑ = moved up from last week, ↓ = moved dn from last week

INDIAN MARKETS - A SNAPSHOT

	Name	Description	Week ended 20th Dec 2014	% Change
STOCKS	Nifty	Large Cap	8225.20	0.01
	Sensex	Large Cap	27371.84	0.08
	BSE Midcap	Mid Cap	10000.41	(1.07)
	BSE Smallcap	Small Cap	10922.21	(1.32)
Some Major Shares	ACC	Rs/share	1380.40	(3.47)
	Bharti Airtel		343.10	(1.39)
	HDFC Ltd		1114.95	4.25
	Infosys		1998.65	3.09
	L&T		1535.15	1.60
	Reliance Inds		900.55	2.06
	Tata Motors		485.90	(2.81)
	Tata Steel		405.45	0.68
COMMODITIES	Aluminium	INR/Kg	119.80	(0.70)
	Copper	INR/Kg	409.10	(0.37)
	Crude	INR/Barrel	3616.00	(0.60)
	Gold	INR/10gms	26998.00	(0.78)
	Lead	INR/Kg	119.25	(4.22)
	Natural Gas	INR/1mmBtu	221.40	(6.50)
	Nickel	INR/Kg	990.80	(4.80)
	Silver	INR/Kg	36940.00	(4.57)
	Zinc	INR/Kg	137.75	0.69
CURRENCIES	INR/EUR		77.32	(0.73)
	INR/GBP		98.84	0.59
	INR/100 JPY		53.00	0.00
	INR/USD		63.24	1.17

INDIAN MARKETS - TECHNICAL SNAPSHOT



INDICES	Mid Cap	Nifty ↓ Sensex ↓	Small Cap ↓		
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SECTORS	Auto	IT	Cap Goods ↓	Oil & Gas ↓	Metal
	Bankex	Teck	Cons Durable ↓	Realty	
	FMCG		Power		
	Healthcare				

COMMODITIES			Aluminium	Copper ↓	Crude Oil
			Gold	Nickel ↓	Lead ↓
			Natural Gas	Silver	
			Zinc		

CURRENCIES (against INR)	USD		GBP ↑	EUR ↑	JPY
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