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Current news

World economy

- Japanese household spending likely rose for a second straight month in February but higher food costs and cold weather are expected to have slowed the pace of growth, a poll showed on Friday.
- Germany's jobless total dropped more than expected in March and unemployment hit a record low, adding impetus to a labour market that has already become the linchpin of a consumer-led upswing.
- China's new banking and insurance regulator said on Thursday it will deepen the reform and opening up of the banking and insurance systems and will crack down on financial risk.
- Consumers in Britain were their most confident in 10 months in March, according to a survey which suggested that they took comfort from a fall in inflation and this month's Brexit transition deal.
- U.S. economic growth slowed less than previously estimated in the fourth quarter as the biggest gain in consumer spending in three years partially offset the drag from a jump in imports.

Indian economy

- The Reserve Bank of India will keep monetary policy steady at its April meeting but shift to a hawkish stance by the end of this year and raise interest rates early in 2019 as inflation pressures build, according to a poll of economists.
- Several budget proposals including the reintroduction of tax on long term capital gains(LTCG) exceeding Rs 1 lakh from sale of shares will kick in from April 1, the beginning of 2018-19 financial year.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's much-talked about promise of doubling minimum support prices (MSP) is still far from the price hike that farmers need, said a report by Japanese brokerage Nomura which also warned that even at this low level, it will spawn inflation risks.
- Demand for diesel in India is set to hit a record in 2018 as the government targets massive infrastructure spending in the fiscal year that starts April 1, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking a second term in elections in 2019.
- India's oil import bill is likely to jump by a quarter to USD 87.7 billion in the current fiscal year which ends this weekend as international oil prices have surged.

MACRO ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT AS ON 31/03/2018

USA	Period	Current	Previous	UK	Period	Current
Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	2.60	2.30	GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	1.4
flation Rate	Monthly	2.20	2.10	Inflation Rate	Monthly	2.70
Jnemployment Rate	Monthly	4.10	4.10	Unemployment Rate	Monthly	4.30
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	1.75	1.50	Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	0.50
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓ 2.76	2.83	Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓1.35
Euro Area	Period	Current	Previous	India	Period	Current
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	2.70	2.70	GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	7.20
nflation Rate	Monthly	1.10	1.30	Inflation Rate	Monthly	4.44
Jnemployment Rate	Monthly	8.60	8.60	Unemployment Rate	Monthly	no o
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	0.00	0.00	Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	6.00
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	-0.43	-0.43	Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓ 7.40
China	Period	Current	Previous	Brazil	Period	Current
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	6.80	6.80	GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	2.10
nflation Rate	Monthly	2.90	1.50	Inflation Rate	Monthly	2.84
Jnemployment Rate	Monthly	3.90	3.95	Unemployment Rate	Monthly	个12.60
Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	4.35	4.35	Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	6.50
Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↑3.80	3.74	Govt. bond 10 year Rate	Weekly	↓9.46
Japan	Period	Current	Previous	Russia	Period	Current
GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	2.00	1.90	GDP Annual Growth Rate	Quarterly	1.80
nflation Rate	Monthly	1.50	1.40	Inflation Rate	Monthly	2.20
Jnemployment Rate	Monthly	个2.50	2.40	Unemployment Rate	Monthly	5.00
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Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	-0.10	-0.10	Benchmark Interest Rate	Weekly	7.25

WORLD MARKETS - A SNAPSHOT

	Name	Description	Week ended 31st Mar 2018	% Change
STOCKS	Australia	Aus Ordinaries	5868.80	(1.02)
	Brazil	Bovespa	85366.00	1.17
	China	Shanghai	3169.01	0.52
	France	CAC	5167.30	1.41
	Germany	DAX	12096.73	1.77
	Hong Kong	HANGSENG	30093.38	(0.71)
	India	Sensex	32968.68	1.14
	Japan	Nikkei	21454.30	4.06
	UK	FTSE	7056.60	1.95
	USA	DJIA	24103.11	2.42
COMMODITIES	Copper	\$/Pound	3.03	1.34
	Crude	\$/Barrel	64.94	(1.43)
	Gold	\$/Troy Ounce	1327.30	(1.67)
	Natural Gas	\$/MMBtu	2.73	3.80
	Silver	\$/Troy Ounce	16.27	(1.87)
	Aluminium	\$/Tonne	2004.50	(2.24)
	Lead	\$/Tonne	2395.00	2.31
	Nickel	\$/Tonne	13300.00	2.70
	Zinc	\$/Tonne	3274.00	1.77
CURRENCIES	USD/GBP		1.40	(0.71)
	USD/EUR		1.23	(0.81)
	USD/AUD		0.77	0.00
	JPY/USD		106.26	(1.47)
	INR/USD		65.11	(0.20)
	HKD/USD		7.85	0.00
	BRL/USD		3.30	0.30
	CNY/USD		6.27	0.63

WORLD MARKETS - TECHNICAL SNAPSHOT

	Very Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Very Bearish
STOCKS	Brazil		HongKong	Australia ↓	
			India	China	
			Japan 个	France	
			USA	Germany ↑	
				UK ↑	
COMMODITIES	Crude Oil 个	Gold Nickel Zinc 个	Copper Lead	Aluminium ↓ Natural Gas Silver	
CURRENCIES	CNY		AUD	BRL	HKD
(against USD)	EUR			INR	
	GBP				
	JPY				

 \uparrow = moved up from last week, \downarrow = moved dn from last week

INDIAN MARKETS - A SNAPSHOT

	Name	Description	Week ended 31st Mar 2018	% Change
STOCKS	Nifty	Large Cap	10113.70	1.16
	Sensex	Large Cap	32968.68	1.14
	BSE Midcap	Mid Cap	15962.59	1.71
	BSE Smallcap	Small Cap	16994.36	1.15
Some Major	ACC	Rs/share	1502.00	(1.74)
Shares	Bharti Airtel		398.70	(3.39)
	HDFC Ltd		1825.60	2.01
	Infosys		1131.80	(3.07)
	L&T		1310.90	3.39
	Reliance Inds		882.70	(1.25)
	Tata Motors		326.85	(1.21)
	Tata Steel		571.05	0.80
COMMODITIES	Aluminium	INR/Kg	130.30	(1.59)
	Copper	INR/Kg	436.80	0.78
	Crude	INR/Barrel	4234.00	(0.75)
	Gold	INR/10gms	30408.00	(1.61)
	Lead	INR/Kg	156.75	2.92
	Natural Gas	INR/1mmBtu	179.40	6.15
	Nickel	INR/Kg	868.90	3.01
	Silver	INR/Kg	38322.00	(1.42)
	Zinc	INR/Kg	213.70	2.13
CURRENCIES	INR/EUR		80.22	0.05
	INR/GBP		91.25	0.63
	INR/100 JPY		61.26	1.24
	INR/USD		65.11	(0.20)

INDIAN MARKETS - TECHNICAL SNAPSHOT

	Very Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bearish	Very Bearish
INDICES			Mid Cap 个 Nifty Sensex Small Cap		
SECTORS	Cons Durable 个	IT↓	Auto 个 Bankex 个 Cap Goods FMCG Metal 个 Realty Teck	Oil & Gas	Healthcare Power
COMMODITIES	Crude Oil	Gold ↓ Nickel	Aluminium Copper Lead Natural Gas 个 Zinc	Silver ↓	
CURRENCIES (against INR)	EUR GBP JPY	USD			
	↑ =	moved up from last we	eek, 🗸 = moved dn froi	n last week	

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