

# Business News Update

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**“Learning Is A Treasure That Will Follow Its Owner  
Everywhere.”**

## Market Update

<b>Nifty 50</b>	<b>22,834.3</b>
<b>BSE Sensex</b>	<b>75,301.26</b>
<b>Nifty 500</b>	<b>20,657.2</b>
<b>Nifty MidCap 50</b>	<b>14,041.3</b>
<b>BSE MidCap</b>	<b>40,189.53</b>

### **Sensex jumps 900 points; Nifty 50 nears 22,800. Why is Indian stock market rising? Explained with 5 key factors**

Despite global turmoil stemming from US President Donald Trump's aggressive tariff policies and a fresh escalation in geopolitical tensions, India's stock market benchmarks—the Sensex and the Nifty 50—rallied with solid gains in morning trade on Tuesday, March 18. The Sensex jumped over 900 points, while the Nifty 50 reached near 22,800 amid an across-the-board buying. The BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices jumped up to 2 per cent. Around 12:05 PM, the Sensex was 865 points, or 1.17 per cent, up at 75,035, while the Nifty 50 was 262 points, or 1.16 per cent, up at 22,770. The overall market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms rose to over ₹397 lakh crore from ₹393 lakh crore in the previous session, making investors richer by about ₹4 lakh crore in a single session. While the world grapples with economic uncertainty stemming from the trade war, simmering tensions in the Middle East have created new challenges for global stock markets.

Source: [Livemint, March 18, 2025](#)

### **Paytm Money receives SEBI nod to offer research services, shares surge**

Shares of One 97 Communications Ltd, the parent company of Paytm, surged up to 7.54 per cent at 11:30 am on Tuesday to a trading price of Rs 740.75 after its subsidiary Paytm Money received green light from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) to offer services as a research analyst. With this registration, Paytm Money will offer SEBI-compliant research services, including investment insights, research reports, and data-driven analysis. In a regulatory filing, Paytm said, “...we wish to inform you that Paytm Money Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of One 97 Communications Limited, has been granted a Certificate of Registration as a Research Analyst by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) under the SEBI (Research Analysts) Regulations, 2014. The registration number for Paytm Money Limited as a Research Analyst is INH000020086.”

Source: [Financial Express, March 18, 2025](#)

### **FY25 advance taxes grow 14.6%; Q4 rise at just 2.4%**

Advance tax collections from the corporate sector, other firms and individuals in the current fiscal stood at Rs 10.45 lakh crore as on Sunday, up 14.6% on year. In the corresponding period of last fiscal, these collections — a proxy of corporate profitability and the state of the economy — stood at Rs 9.11 lakh crore. The last instalment of the advance tax payment was due on March 15, 2025, for FY25. The Centre’s direct tax collections net of refunds have still risen 13.1% year-on-year so far in FY25 to Rs 21.3 lakh crore, data released by the finance ministry on Monday showed. The collections till March 16 account for 95% of the revised estimates (RE) for FY25. Advance tax collections under the corporate tax (CIT) category rose by 12.5% to Rs 7.57 lakh crore so far in the current financial year, while non-corporates, mainly personal income tax (PIT), witnessed a growth rate of 20.5% to ₹2.87 lakh crore. The CIT mop-up after refunds between April 1-March 16 rose 7.1% on year, compared with 7.6% growth pegged in the revised estimates (RE). CIT mop-up, too, grew 17.3%, lower than 20.3% pegged in RE.

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## Employment boom in India: Over 40% rise in Q2 2025

Company expansion (45%) is cited as the prime reason for rise in hiring intentions, while change in the market dynamics (36%) was listed as the main reason for companies expecting a staffing decrease in the second quarter, according to the latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey. Apart from company expansion, 24% of companies report intentions to increase hiring to meet the demands of tech advancements and upgradation, especially among companies in the Asia-Pacific region, it said. The survey further indicated that more than 55% of employers intended to hire, 12% foresee a decrease, 29% do not expect any change in their workforce, and 4% remain unsure about the move. The survey is based on multiple inputs gathered from about 40,000 employers across at least 41 countries, including 3,000 headhunters across different regions of India from January 2-31, 2025. Information Technology (55%), industrial and materials (48%), healthcare and life sciences (42%), transport and

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## German stocks up 1.3% ahead of debt reform vote to enable higher defense spend; Thyssenkrupp up 5%

European markets traded in positive territory on Tuesday, with investor focus turning to the German government as it sets out to vote on historic debt reforms. The pan-European Stoxx 600 was around 0.8% higher on Tuesday morning, with most sectors and all major bourses in positive territory. Frankfurt's DAX index, home to Germany's biggest companies, added 1.3% at 9:39 a.m. London time. Bayer, Continental and Infineon rose to the top of the DAX after gaining 3.5%, 3.4% and 3.1% respectively. Meanwhile, the MDAX index, which houses 50 German mid-cap firms, jumped 2% higher on Tuesday morning. Its top movers included Siltronic, up 5.9%, Thyssenkrupp, up 5%, and Puma, which was 4.5% higher. German shares will be closely watched Tuesday as lawmakers in Berlin vote on reforms to the country's so-called debt brake rule to enable a rise in public borrowing in order to fund a hike in defense spending. The motion, which requires a change to the German Constitution, needs backing from

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## Asia-Pacific markets rise as Hong Kong tech stocks rally; Baidu shares pop 12%

Asia-Pacific markets rose on Tuesday, tracking gains on Wall Street, which ticked up after U.S. retail sales data appeared to ease recession concerns. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index led gains in Asia, rising 2.29% in its last hour on the back of strong moves in tech giants like Baidu, which was up 12.11% as at 3.45 p.m. local time. Meanwhile, mainland China's CSI 300 advanced 0.27% to end the day at 4,007.72. Investors will be keeping a close watch on Japanese markets, as the Bank of Japan kicks off its two-day monetary policy meeting on Tuesday. The central bank is widely expected to hold interest rates steady at 0.5% when the meeting concludes on Wednesday. The BOJ's two-day meeting coincides with the U.S. Federal Reserve, with the latter also expected to keep interest rates unchanged. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 ended the day 1.20% higher at 37,845.42, while the broader Topix index rose 1.29% to 2,783.56. Over in South Korea, the Kospi index closed flat at 2,612.34 while

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## Why is China spending billions to get people to open their wallets?

The Chinese government has promised new child care subsidies, increased wages and better paid leave to revive a slowing economy. That is on top of a \$41bn discount programme for all sorts of things, from dishwashers and home decor to electric vehicles and smartwatches. Beijing is going on a spending spree that will encourage Chinese people to crack open their wallets. Simply put, they are not spending enough. Monday brought some positive news. Official data said retail sales grew 4% in the first two months of 2025, a positive sign for consumption data. But, with a few exceptions like Shanghai aside, new and existing home prices continued to decline compared to last year. While the US and other major powers have struggled with post-Covid inflation, China is experiencing the opposite: deflation - when the rate of inflation falls below zero, meaning that prices decrease. In China, prices fell for 18 months in a row in the past two years.

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