

Brutal Monday Crash Wipes ₹10-16 Lakh Crore, IT Hits 52-Week Lows — Nifty Ends Week -2.2% at 23,643

Two-week winning streak snapped. Sensex -1,500 pts on Monday's brutal session. Mid-week V-shape recovery proves the SIP floor still holds — but Brent back to \$109 and rupee at lifetime low ₹95.7 keep near-term volatility elevated.

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PANIC & RECOVERY

Monday Crash: Sensex -1,500 pts | IT 52-week lows on OpenAI \$4B venture | Nifty intra-week low 23,379 | Brent back to \$109 | Rupee lifetime low ₹95.7 | DIIs absorb ~90% of FII selling

NIFTY 50

23,643

▼ -2.2% WoW

SENSEX

75,238

▼ -2.7% WoW

BRENT CRUDE

\$109

▲ Back from \$101

USD/INR

~95.7

▼ Lifetime low

BANK NIFTY

~53,555

▼ -2.2% WoW

NIFTY INTRA-WEEK LOW

23,379.55

▼ Monday May 12

RBI REPO RATE

5.25%

Neutral • GDP 6.9%

Indian Equities

Monday Panic, Wednesday V-Shape, Friday Drag

The two-week winning streak snapped hard. The Nifty 50 closed at 23,643.50 (-46.10 / -0.19% Friday, down 532.65 pts / -2.2% WoW from 24,176.15). Sensex ended at 75,238 (-161 / -0.21% Friday, -2,090 pts / -2.7% WoW from 77,328). Monday May 12 was the defining session: Sensex crashed roughly 1,500 points; Nifty fell to an intra-week low of 23,379.55 — not seen since early April. The trigger: OpenAI announced a \$4 billion deployment venture, interpreted as a structural threat to Indian IT services revenue. TCS and Infosys hit 52-week lows. Across four sessions, roughly ₹10-16 lakh crore of paper wealth was wiped out; the rupee touched a lifetime low of ~₹95.7.

Wednesday May 14 delivered a textbook V-shape: Sensex +789 pts (+1.06%), Nifty +277 pts to 23,689.60 (+1.18%). IT rebounded +2.2% on bargain hunting; pharma led with +2.74%. FIIs turned net buyer at ₹187 Cr and DIIs added ₹684 Cr. Friday saw Tata Motors PV rally +5.14% on Q4 margin improvement despite lower PAT, while late selling in metals (Hindalco -3.47%) and oil & gas (Reliance -1.67%) wiped earlier gains. India VIX spiked mid-week before settling back.

MONDAY WAS THE PANIC — WEDNESDAY WAS THE LESSON

Sensex -1,500 points in a single session, IT names at 52-week lows, ₹10-16 lakh crore of paper wealth wiped, "wealth destruction" headlines everywhere. By Wednesday, the market had recovered most of the damage on a +1.18% Nifty print. Panic-sellers locked in losses at Monday's low; SIP investors accumulated units at discounted NAVs that appreciated 1.18% within 48 hours. The headline cycle and the wealth-creation cycle remain very different things.

Friday Sectoral Heatmap — Late Selling Wiped Early Gains

TATA MOTORS PV

+5.14%

DR REDDY

+3.04%

INFOSYS

+1.92%

HINDALCO

-3.47%

TATA STEEL

-1.87%

RELIANCE

-1.67%

▲ FRIDAY TOP GAINERS

Tata Motors PV

+5.14%

Dr Reddy

+3.04%

Infosys

+1.92%

Coal India

+1.84%

Tech Mahindra

+1.79%

▼ FRIDAY TOP LOSERS

Hindalco

-3.47%

Eternal

-1.96%

Nestle

-1.88%

Tata Steel

-1.87%

Reliance

-1.67%

IT SOLD ON NARRATIVE, BOUGHT ON VALUE WITHIN 48 HOURS

Monday's OpenAI-driven IT panic was a narrative trade: TCS and Infosys hitting 52-week lows on a single deployment announcement is the kind of indiscriminate selling that creates value pockets. By Wednesday, IT was up +2.2% on the day and Friday saw Infosys +1.92% and Tech Mahindra +1.79%. The week's behavioural lesson: indiscriminate single-day repricing on a thematic headline is rarely a buy signal — or a sell signal — for diversified flexi-cap and multi-cap regular plan holders. The SIP keeps buying through both ends.



Global Macro & Fed

Iran MoU Looks Fragile, OpenAI \$4B Hits IT, Brent Back To \$109

The risk-on pivot of the prior week unwound sharply. Brent crude surged from ~\$101 back to ~\$109/bbl as the 14-point Iran framework began to look fragile — Trump himself described the ceasefire as "on massive life support". The second hammer-blow came from OpenAI, which announced a \$4 billion deployment venture that the Indian market interpreted as a structural threat to IT services revenue: TCS and Infosys hit 52-week lows on Monday May 12 and the Sensex crashed roughly 1,500 points in a single session. The US 10-year continued to trade firm with Treasury auctions on watch. The Fed's hold remains the binding constraint and the rupee touched a fresh lifetime low of ~₹95.7 against the dollar mid-week.

VARIABLE	LEVEL	NOTE
Brent Crude	~\$109/bbl	Up from \$101 prior wk
Iran Ceasefire	Fragile	"On massive life support"
USD/INR	~₹95.7	Lifetime low mid-week
OpenAI Venture	\$4 billion	IT 52-week lows trigger
US Treasury Auctions	On watch	10-yr direction key

BRENT \$109 + RUPEE LIFETIME LOW = NEAR-TERM PRESSURE

Every \$10/bbl above \$100 adds roughly \$15 billion to India's annual import bill and widens CAD by approximately 0.3% of GDP. With Brent back to \$109 and the rupee at a lifetime low of ~₹95.7, the macro backdrop has flipped from "healing" to "pressured" within one week. The June MPC will almost certainly hold; the burden on RBI to defend the rupee has returned. Equity discipline matters more here, not less.



Currency & Forex

Rupee Hits Fresh Lifetime Low of ~₹95.7

The rupee's recovery from the prior week was completely undone. Mid-week the USD/INR pair touched a fresh lifetime low of approximately ₹95.7 as Brent surged back to \$109/bbl and the Iran ceasefire framework began to look fragile. Two simultaneous pressures hit at once: oil importers re-built dollar demand, and FIIs continued unloading Indian equities. The pair closed near the lifetime low by Friday with no clean recovery. RBI is widely expected to defend the band rather than allow disorderly depreciation, but the rate-cut path has now been firmly closed for the June MPC.

USD/INR Mid-Week Low	~₹95.7 (lifetime)
Friday Close	Near lifetime low
Prior Week Close	₹94.48
Driver	Brent \$109 + FII outflow
RBI Stance	Defend band, no disorderly move



Institutional Flows

FII YTD ₹1.92L Cr Out — Already Eclipses Full CY2025

FII selling is now the single most important institutional story of CY2026. Year-to-date outflows have reached ₹1.92 lakh crore — already eclipsing the entire calendar 2025 outflow of ₹1.66 lakh crore, with seven months still left in the year. The pressure intensified through this week's volatility. DIIs absorbed the bulk through the SIP floor: YTD inflows of ₹1.7 lakh crore cover roughly 90% of FII selling. On Wednesday May 14 alone, FIIs turned briefly net buyer (₹187 Cr) while DIIs added ₹684 Cr.

FLOW	YTD CY26	NOTE
FII (Cash Equity)	-₹1.92 lakh crore	Eclipses full CY25 (-₹1.66L Cr)
DII (Cash Equity)	+₹1.7 lakh crore	Covers ~90% of FII selling
Wed May 14 FII	+₹187 Cr	Brief net buyer
Wed May 14 DII	+₹684 Cr	Added on the recovery day

DII ABSORPTION AT ~90% — SIP FLOOR IS DOING ITS JOB

The fact that FII outflows of ₹1.92 lakh crore (already larger than full calendar 2025) have produced a Nifty drawdown of only -2.2% on the week is the strongest possible evidence that the domestic SIP floor is structurally large enough to absorb extreme FII volatility. April SIP at ₹31,115 Cr (the next data release) is what makes this absorption possible. Without DIIs at this scale, this week would have looked materially worse.



Commodities

Brent Surges Back To \$109; Gold At ₹15,693/g

Brent crude reversed all of last week's relief, surging from ~\$101 back to approximately \$109/bbl as the 14-point Iran framework looked fragile and ceasefire violations intensified. Trump's own characterisation of the ceasefire as "on massive life support" set the tone. Gold held firm at ₹15,693/gram (24K) as safe-haven demand returned with the rupee at lifetime lows. The energy backdrop has flipped from "actively healing" to "pressured again" in a single week.

COMMODITY	LEVEL	TREND
Brent Crude	~\$109/bbl	▲ From \$101 prior wk
Gold (24K)	₹15,693/g	Safe-haven bid firm
Iran Ceasefire	"On massive life support"	Trump statement
CAD Risk	+0.3% of GDP	Per \$10/bbl above \$100
Import Bill Risk	+\$15B/yr	Per \$10/bbl above \$100

TRUSTNER VIEW — VOLATILITY IS THE PRICE OF ADMISSION

Brent's round-trip from \$126 to \$101 to \$109 in three weeks is a textbook illustration of how oil-driven volatility works. The macro arithmetic is unforgiving: each \$10/bbl above \$100 adds ~\$15B to India's annual import bill and widens CAD by ~0.3% of GDP. For SIP investors, the playbook is unchanged: continue without interruption; the 5-10% tactical gold sleeve already in your portfolio is performing its job as a hedge. Do NOT chase gold at these levels; rebalance back to target weights at year-end.



Fixed Income

10-Yr G-Sec Near 7% (Month High); Rupee At Lifetime Low

India's 10-year G-Sec yield pushed back near 7.00% — the month's high — as Brent surged back to \$109/bbl and the rupee touched a lifetime low. Inflation expectations re-firmed and duration appetite softened. The US 10-year continued to trade firm with Treasury auctions on the calendar for the week ahead; OIS swap-implied odds of a June MPC cut have moved further from zero toward outright "hold". The yield curve steepened modestly as the long end re-priced.

BOND	YIELD	MOVE
India 10-Yr G-Sec	~7.00%	▲ Near month high
US 10-Yr Treasury	Firm	Auctions in focus next wk
June MPC Cut Odds	Near-zero	Rupee defence binding



RBI & Policy

Rupee Defence Now The Binding Constraint

Repo Rate	5.25% (Neutral)	Stance	Neutral
GDP Projection	6.9%	Governor	Sanjay Malhotra
Next MPC			June 3-5, 2026

RBI OUTLOOK — JUNE HOLD ALMOST CERTAIN

With the rupee at a lifetime low of ~₹95.7 and Brent at \$109, the June MPC will hold rates at 5.25%. Any cut now would risk a disorderly rupee move. For debt-fund investors with new capital, short-duration regular plans (low-duration funds, money market) remain the safer positioning. Existing long-duration holdings can be retained but not added to until the global rate-cut window reopens.



Economy Watch & Q4 Earnings

Tata Motors Margins Improve, 56% Beat Rate on 1,254 Results

COMPANY / STAT	DETAIL	READ
Tata Motors Q4	PAT down, margins & FCF improved seq.	+5.14% Friday rally
Q4 Beat Rate	56% of 1,254 stocks positive	vs 46% prior quarter
Q4 Pending	~70 more results due	Earnings season continues
Maruti Suzuki Q4	Rev ₹38.5-41K Cr; PAT ₹3.9-4.5K Cr	Expected next week
RBI GDP Projection	6.9%	Held in MPC review
April SIP	₹31,115 Cr	vs Mar ₹32,087 Cr

Q4 QUALITY IMPROVING EVEN AS HEADLINES WOBBLE

The under-appreciated story this week: 56% of 1,254 Q4 results delivered positive outcomes versus 46% in the prior quarter. Tata Motors itself is the case study — quarterly profit fell, but margins and free cash flow improved sequentially, and the stock rallied +5.14% on Friday as the market rewarded the quality improvement. Roughly 70 more Q4 results are pending. The Maruti Q4 print (expected revenue ₹38.5-41K Cr, PAT ₹3.9-4.5K Cr) is next week's headline event for the auto sector.



Digital Assets

Risk-Off Returns As Iran Framework Wobbles

India Crypto Tax	30% flat + 1% TDS
Risk Backdrop	Risk-off pulse mid-week
Portfolio Allocation	Zero (Trustner View)

Crypto softened as the risk-off pulse from Brent surging back to \$109 and the rupee at lifetime lows hit speculative assets first. India's 30% flat tax + 1% TDS regulatory regime is unchanged. For goal-based portfolios we continue to recommend zero crypto exposure — this week's drawdown again confirms that the asset class is correlated with equity stress and fails the diversification test exactly when the diversification is most needed.



Mutual Fund Pulse

April SIP ₹31,115 Cr Holds — The Floor Did Its Job This Week

April SIP Flow	₹31,115 Cr
March SIP Flow	₹32,087 Cr (record)
DII YTD CY26	+₹1.7 lakh crore
FII YTD CY26 (Out)	-₹1.92 lakh crore
DII Absorption	~90% of FII selling
AMFI May Data	June 9-10 expected

TRUSTNER VIEW — DISCIPLINE BEAT DRAMA THIS WEEK

April SIP at ₹31,115 Cr is what made it possible for DIIs to absorb roughly 90% of FII selling YTD. The Monday May 12 panic was real: Sensex -1,500 points, IT at 52-week lows, ₹10-16 lakh crore wiped on paper. But by Wednesday the market was back up +1.18%. Panic-sellers locked in losses; SIP investors accumulated discounted NAVs that appreciated within 48 hours. Continue your SIPs without interruption. If you have surplus cash, top up into existing flexi-cap and multi-cap regular plans through this volatility — do NOT pause.



IPO Watch

Volatility Returns — Window Narrows Again

ACTIVITY	STATUS	NOTE
Mainboard	Window narrowing	VIX spike mid-week
SME segment	Selective	Quality launches preferred
Reliance Jio IPO	Q3 FY27	On track per guidance
NSE IPO	FY27	Awaiting clearances

The brief reopening of the primary-market window from the prior week narrowed again as Brent surged back to \$109 and the Nifty dropped -2.2% on the week. Issuers will wait for the next calmer window. Mega IPOs (Reliance Jio, NSE) remain on the FY27 calendar and are insulated from short-term tactical noise.



Trustner View — The Panic-To-Recovery Lesson

Discipline Beat Drama: Monday Panic, Wednesday V-Shape, SIP Floor Held

A textbook panic-and-recovery week. Monday May 12 delivered "wealth destruction" headlines: Sensex -1,500 points, Nifty to 23,379.55, TCS and Infosys at 52-week lows on the OpenAI \$4B venture, ₹10-16 lakh crore of paper wealth wiped across four sessions. By Wednesday the Nifty was back +1.18%. Panic-sellers locked in losses; SIP investors accumulated units at discounted NAVs that appreciated within 48 hours.

- Monday crash: Sensex -1,500 pts; Nifty low 23,379.55
- Wednesday V-shape: Nifty +277 pts (+1.18%); IT +2.2%
- FII YTD ₹1.92 lakh crore out (eclipses full CY25)
- DII YTD ₹1.7L Cr in — covers ~90% of FII selling
- April SIP ₹31,115 Cr: the floor is real
- Brent back to \$109, rupee lifetime low ~₹95.7

FOR ACTION: STAY THE COURSE

SIP investor: continue without interruption — you ARE the floor. Monday's panic and Wednesday's V-shape were the same market 48 hours apart; only the SIP investor captured both. Top up flexi-cap and multi-cap regular plans if you have surplus cash. **Debt:** short-duration regular plans are safer while rupee is at lifetime lows. Volatility is the price of admission for long-term equity returns.



Week Ahead

Key Events (May 18 – May 23)

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MAY

Iran Ceasefire Watch • US Treasury Auctions

Does Trump's 14-point framework hold or collapse? US 10-year direction will be set by Treasury auctions early in the week. Both are the dominant macro variables for Brent and the rupee.

20
MAY

Tata Motors Q4 Broker Reaction

Already reported; broker upgrades/downgrades through the week will drive auto-sector tape. Friday's +5.14% rally on margin improvement set the bar.

22
MAY

Maruti Suzuki Q4 Expected

Street estimates: Rev ₹38.5-41K Cr; PAT ₹3.9-4.5K Cr. The marquee large-cap auto print of the season.

23
MAY

Q4 Results Continue • AMFI May Data (Jun 9-10)

Approximately 70 more Q4 results pending; beat rate currently 56% (vs 46% prior quarter). AMFI May SIP data due June 9-10 will be the next floor-confirmation print.



This Week's Wisdom

Quote • Trustner Action

"In the short run, the market is a voting machine, but in the long run, it is a weighing machine."

— Benjamin Graham

Monday's Panic Was Wednesday's Discount

Sensex fell 1,500 pts Monday on OpenAI fears; IT hit 52-week lows. By Wednesday, the market was up +1.18%. Panic-sellers locked in losses; SIP investors accumulated discounted NAVs that appreciated within 48 hours. April SIP ₹31,115 Cr is the floor at work.

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