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Market Update

Nifty 50	22,031.45
BSE Sensex	72,617.01
Nifty 500	19,931.4
Nifty MidCap 50	13,631.85
BSE MidCap	38,705.57

Black Monday 2.0 on cards? What happened in 1987 market crash? Why do experts warn of another 'bloodbath' | All we know

Markets across the world crashed, with the US Dow Jones Industrial Average plunging 22.6%, the largest one-day percentage loss in its history. Fast forward to 2025. On Sunday, April 6, 2025, Jim Cramer, American TV personality and market analyst, warned of a similar 'bloodbath' on April 7, Monday, owing to US President Donald Trump's tariff tantrums that have spooked markets worldwide so far. Cramer encouraged the POTUS to 'reach out' to countries that have not imposed retaliatory tariffs, apparently to avoid a similar rout across global markets. October 19, 1987, also known as 'Black Monday', saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) plummet by 22.6% in just one day. This event triggered a global stock market downturn, cementing Black Monday as one of the most infamous days in financial history. The S&P 500 experienced an even steeper decline, falling by 30% on the same day. The mayhem continued throughout the month, and by early November 1987, most major stock market indexes had lost over 20% of their value.

Source: Livemint, April 7, 2025

Bloodbath, markets slide to 9-month lows, VIX surges 50%; Nifty, Sensex crash 5%, small caps plunge 7%

It's bloodbath on Dalal Street. The Nifty 50 and Sensex crashed around 5% each to 9-month lows, succumbing to global pressure. The measure of fear on the street or the Volatility Index has surged well over 50% and almost all sectoral indices are in the red. The cuts are even more severe in the small and the midcap indices. Tech and metal stocks are bearing the brunt of the selling with Nifty IT Index sliding 6% and Nifty Metal Index is down 7%. It's a sea of red across Asia as markets respond to Friday's massive sell-off across Wall Street. Japan's Nikkei 225 and Topix have plunged 7% triggering a trading halt as futures were suspended due to circuit breakers, and US Futures slid as much as 1,500 points. What's particularly worrying is that the selloff was seen across asset classes. The crude prices are down to below \$60 per barrel and gold is at \$3,037.79 after crashing nearly 3% on Friday.

Source: Financial Express, April 7, 2025

RBI may infuse up to Rs 4 trillion to shield economy from global risks

The Reserve Bank of India is set to extend its record cash infusions into the banking system as it shields the economy from mounting global headwinds, analysts say. The authority is expected to inject as much as Rs 4 trillion (\$47 billion) through bond purchases and foreign-exchange swaps in the current fiscal year, according to IDFC FIRST Bank. SBM India estimates that up to Rs 2 trillion could be injected in the first half, adding to an unprecedented \$80 billion already pumped in since January. A boost in liquidity is vital to ensure that interest-rate cuts are effectively transmitted, particularly amid rising risks such as the impact of the new US tariff regime on Indian exports. The RBI is expected to cut rates again on April 9, building on its first reduction in five years in February, with bulls predicting the easing will push benchmark yields to new three-year lows. At the same time, the RBI may want to keep the banking system in surplus as upcoming net maturities of about \$35 billion in the forwards market in April-June could once again lead to a cash deficit. The central bank needs to return the dollars

Source: Business Standard, April 7, 2025

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Meta rivals ChatGPT and Gemini with new Llama 4 models: What is it, how to use and more

Mark Zuckerberg led Meta has launched its latest AI models in the Llama 4 series that will power its chatbot by the same name on WhatsApp, Instagram and other company services. The two new Llama 4 models: Llama 4 Scout and Llama 4 Maverick are available to download from today from Meta website and Hugging Face. Apart from these models, Meta also previewed another model called Llama 4 Behemoth which it says is "one of the smartest LLMs in the world and our most powerful yet to serve as a teacher for our new models." Meta has trained its Llama 4 models to be natively multimodal by pre-training them on vast amounts of unlabeled text, image, and video data. In simple terms, this means the models can understand and respond to both images and text seamlessly.

Source: <u>Livemint</u>, April 6, 2025

Global markets crash: Asian stocks tumble to multi-year lows on recession fears; Nikkei,

Hang Seng, Topix drop up to 10% Asian equity markets plunged on Monday, hitting multi-year lows, as concerns over a potential global recession intensified following the announcement of harsher-than-expected US tariffs by President Donald Trump. Investor sentiment deteriorated sharply across the region, with no signs of a de-escalation in the ongoing US-China trade dispute. The sell-off was triggered by the White House's firm stance on implementing sweeping tariffs, coupled with China's retaliatory measures, which included additional levies on US imports. China declared the markets had spoken on their retaliation through levies on US goods. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index plunged as much as 8.8% to a 1.5-year low of 30,792.74. a level not seen since October 2023 — before recovering slightly to trade down 7.3% at 31,318.79. All 225 constituents of the index were in negative territory. Mainland Chinese equities and Hong Kong stocks suffered heavy losses amid deepening concerns of a prolonged trade war. The CSI300 blue-chip index in China declined 4.5%, while Hong Kong's Hang

Source: Livemint, April 7, 2025

Bitcoin price today: Token slumps to \$78,000 levels, crypto markets face sharp sell-off amid Donald Trump's tariffs hit

The impact of United States President Donald Trump's global tariffs war finally hit cryptocurrencies on April 7, with the markets seeing a sharp sell-off at Asia open, Bloomberg reported. Coinglass data show about \$745 million worth of bullish crypto bets were sold over the past 24 hours, the highest in nearly six weeks, it added. The significant slump indicates "a clear risk-off sentiment across markets", the report added. Notably, the world's biggest cryptocurrency, Bitcoin, plummeted by 7 per cent to \$77,077 at markets open in Singapore on April 7. Ethereum, the second largest crypto, also sunk to its lowest intra-day levels since October 2023 to \$1,538, it said. The global crypto markets capitalisation (m-cap) on April 7 is \$2.5 trillion, a 6.59 per cent decrease over the past 24 hours, according to data on CoinMarketCap. Overall, the total crypto market trading volume over the last 24 hours is \$101.84 billon, up 137.91 per cent.

Source: Livemint, April 7, 2025

Monday mayhem? China braces for 'ugly start'; Japan looks at 'available means'; India 'unlikely' to retaliate to tariffs

The world is still reeling from Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs, which spooked Asian and US stocks. While the baseline charge has kicked in, higher duties on some countries — which replace, rather than add to the 10% rate are due to start on April 9. Although China retaliated with 34% tariffs on all US goods, its markets expect a battering Monday, April 7, as trading resumed. Japan, South Korea, India, and other Asian trading partners have also been lukewarm in responding to Donald Trump's tariff onslaught. "It will be an ugly start on Monday, which will be a buying opportunity for me," said Xin-Yao Ng, a fund manager at Aberdeen Investments. "Some estimates suggest tariff wars can bring down China's GDP growth by 2 percentage points, but the government will negate t pain with stimulus and trade deals with non-US countries in the due course," said the fund

Source: Livemint, April 7, 2025