

# Business News Update

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**“A True Leader Is Someone Who Lifts Others**

**While Climbing Up.”**

## Market Update

<b>Nifty 50</b>	<b>22,535.85</b>
<b>BSE Sensex</b>	<b>74,227.08</b>
<b>Nifty 100</b>	<b>20,480.8</b>
<b>Nifty MidCap 50</b>	<b>14,064.25</b>
<b>BSE MidCap</b>	<b>39,837.44</b>

### Stock market crash 2025: What's different from the past market meltdowns?

The sweeping tariffs imposed by Donald Trump last week on major world economies has triggered a stock market correction across the globe. Though a market correction is healthy and brings new investors to the markets, analysts suggest a broad-based sell-off triggered by an event, on the other hand, could result in panic selling and a prolonged risk-off phase. Trump’s tariffs, according to analysts at Nuvama, seem to be wrecking ‘Pax Americana’ rather than reordering it. In just a few days post-tariffs, S&P 500 and oil are down 10 per cent and US high-yield bond spreads have widened 75–100 basis points (bps). Such a synchronous sell-off in risk assets occurred only in the global financial crisis in 2008 and the Covid pandemic of 2020. If left unchecked, Nuvama feels that asset class reflexivity could snowball into a crisis now, as the global economy and US private sector are weak.

Source: [Business Standard, April 8, 2025](#)

### OMCs stocks soar as government hikes LPG prices, excise duty on petrol, diesel

Shares of oil marketing companies (OMCs) such as Hindustan Petroleum Corp., Bharat Petroleum Corp., and Indian Oil Corp. surged in trade, lifted by the government's decision to raise the price of household LPG and the special excise duty on petrol and diesel. Oil companies are expected to recover around Rs 9,000 crore in FY26 through the Rs 50 hike in domestic LPG prices which will offset the ongoing losses, according to sources. The Oil Ministry is also planning to seek Cabinet approval for a Rs 32,000 crore compensation package to support oil marketing companies (OMCs) amid these losses. Officials said OMCs are likely to see improved margins as global crude oil prices soften to the \$60–\$65 per barrel range, compared to current inventories averaging \$75. These improved margins would allow OMCs to absorb the Rs 2 hike in excise duty. If crude remains stable around current levels, there may even be a retail fuel price cut.

Source: [Money Control, April 8, 2025](#)

### General insurance poised for 13% growth in FY26 despite under-penetration woes

India’s general insurance sector, despite a lacklustre FY25 with an estimated growth of 9 percent, is poised for a rebound in FY26, with analysts at India Ratings forecasting a 13 percent growth. The uptick, closely aligned with an expected nominal GDP growth of 10.5 percent, comes as the industry grapples with under-penetration challenges. The general insurance (GI) sector remains hampered by low penetration, lingering at sub-1 percent, a figure that trails developed markets and peers such as Thailand, Malaysia, and China, though it outperforms Vietnam and Indonesia, according to the report. A stark rural-urban divide underscores this challenge, with urban areas driving 80 percent of GI business, while rural regions, housing much of India’s population, account for just 20 percent. Affordability, tied to the country’s low per capita income and the absence of a robust rural-focused strategy are key hurdles, the report said.

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## When Elon Musk made direct appeals to Donald Trump pushing back on tariffs

Tensions are escalating between members of the US President Donald Trump's administration. Elon Musk, the chief of Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), has criticised Peter Navarro, a White House advisor for Trump for the 'aggressive' tariff strategy announced by the President. According to a *Washington Post* report, Musk tried making direct appeals to Trump, a move that has not brought any success so far, as the President threatened China with additional 50 per cent tariffs, after the latter levied 34 per cent retaliatory tariffs. A decision, which Trump later said he is willing to negotiate. Musk took to X to voice his opinion, seeking the reversal of these tariffs and singling out Navarro. Even though Musk did not directly criticise tariffs imposed by Trump, he shared a video of the economist Milton Friedman, where he explains the benefits of international trade for everyone.

Source: [Business Standard, April 8, 2025](#)

## European stocks move 1.2% higher, reversing course after streak of tariff-led losses

European markets moved higher on Tuesday, reversing course from a four-day losing streak fuelled by red-hot global tariff tensions. The regional Stoxx 600 index was around 1.2% higher by 11:12 a.m. in London, with almost every sector and all major bourses in positive territory. The index ended Monday's session around 4.5% lower, marking its lowest closing level since January 2024. Key regional indices including the U.K.'s FTSE 100, the German DAX and France's CAC 40 also all closed sharply lower. Global equity markets have been rocked by the frequent updates around U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs regime in recent days as tensions between the U.S. and its trading partners do not appear to be easing. Speculation on Monday about a potential tariff pause was quickly shut down by the White House, while Trump threatened to hike tariffs on China by another 50% unless it scrapped retaliatory duties. Beijing last week imposed a 34% tariff on American products in response to Trump announcing his full list of so-called reciprocal tariffs.

Source: [CNBC, April 8, 2025](#)

## Vietnam has been a big beneficiary of global trade, Trump's new tariffs threaten to derail that

Vietnam has long been viewed as a successful example of embracing external trade, luring some of the largest companies in the world to establish hubs to manufacture everything from footwear to electronic products that grace shops around the world. But now, concerns are mounting that U.S. President Donald Trump's aggressive tariffs could derail Vietnam's ambitious growth target despite diplomatic overtures to Washington that economists say are unlikely to shift policy soon. Trump hit the Southeast Asian nation with a 46% import duty, one of the steepest among the over 180 countries targeted, dealing a heavy blow to a nation that derived nearly 90% of its annual gross domestic product from exports of goods and services in 2023, according to estimates from the World Bank.

Source: [CNBC, April 8, 2025](#)

## Market turbulence will not impact Mediobanca deal, Monte dei Paschi CEO says

Monte dei Paschi di Siena is holding firm on its plans to acquire Mediobanca for 13 billion euros (\$14.3 billion) despite ongoing market turbulence, telling CNBC it will complete the deal in July. The world's oldest bank still in operation, surprised investors in January by making an all-share offer for Mediobanca, a prestigious institution focused on wealth management and investment banking. Mediobanca has rejected the proposal, denouncing it as a "destructive" move that is devoid of financial rationale. Monte dei Paschi has faced several challenges over the years, most notably when it was bailed out by the Italian government in 2017 after it failed to raise much-needed cash from private investors. The Italian government has sold its majority stake in Monte dei Paschi and it currently represents less than 12% of ownership. The bank's CEO Luigi Lovaglio told CNBC on Monday that Monte dei Paschi "is back" and "in control of our destiny." When asked if the ongoing market turbulence could be a problem for its expansion plans, Lovaglio said: "The [market] situation will not impact our deal."

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