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Market Wrap

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Domestic bourses end in a positive territory ahead of the expiry of derivative contracts for February series..

The benchmark indices ended firm on Wednesday ahead of the expiry of derivative contracts for February series on Thursday.

The S&P BSE Sensex ended at 33,845, up 141 points while the broader Nifty50 index settled at 10,397, up 37 points.

IT stocks ended 2.3% higher led by a over 4% rise in shares of HCL Technologies and Mindtree Ltd.

Stocks of pharmaceutical companies ended came under pressure, with the Nifty Pharma index settling nearly 2 per cent lower. Sun Pharma was the biggest loser of the day among the pharmaceutical companies, shedding 6.4% to settle at 523.90.

Sectors and stocks

Gitanjali Gems hits an all-time low of Rs 27.45, down 10% on the BSE with only sellers were seen on the counter. The stock is frozen maximum lower circuit of the day in past five straight trading sessions. It fallen below its earlier low of Rs 29.95 recorded in March 1, 2016 on BSE in intra-day trade. In past six trading sessions, the stock has tanked 56% from Rs 62.85 February 12, 2018 after the Gitanjali Gems and few related companies linked with the Punjab National Bank (PNB) scam. PNB disclosed to the stock exchanges on February 14, 2018 about the detection of a massive banking fraud amounting about of Rs 114 billion (\$1771.69 million) in one of its branches in Mumbai. The scam allegedly involves jeweller Nirav Modi as the prime accused in connivance with some PNB officials. The name of Mehul Choksi, promoter of Gitanjali Gems, also figured in this scam. Mehul Choksi is uncle of Nirav Modi. The Enforcement Directorate also suspects that Mehul Choksi and Nirav Modi used various shell companies to siphon off millions in the form of bank loans.

Meanwhile, three key officials, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), VP- Compliance and Company Secretary and a board member of Gitanjali Gems resign citing 'conscience', personal reasons.

Shares of Schneider Electric Infrastructure surged 12% to Rs 115 on the BSE in intra-day trade after nearly three percent stake of the company changed hands through block deals. Schneider Electric Infrastructure, engaged in heavy electrical equipment business, said that the company have positive trend in order book in December quarter (Q3FY18) with Rs 3,906 million orders, 66% up from last quarter and 15% up from the last year same quarter. The company had reported a net loss of Rs 73 million in Q3FY18, on account of Rs 365 million exceptional expenses mainly consist of provision of doubtful debts for 2015 & 2016. EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization) margin during the quarter under review improved to 10% from 6.8% in previous year quarter.

Global Markets

In global markets, Asian stocks gained on Wednesday, while the dollar advanced as traders near-term focus shifted to the minutes of the Federal Reserve's last policy meeting for hints on the future pace of US monetary tightening. The Japanese Nikkei 225 ended at 21,971, up 0.2 per cent from the previous close.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan rose 0.7 per cent after slipping earlier in the session following the US market losses, which snapped a six-session winning streak..



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