

The week that was...

The Nifty failed to hold on to its new record and closed off the day's high on January 10. The likely signing of the US-China phase one trade deal in the coming week and stable oil prices saw the index continue its uptrend for the second consecutive session but it formed a Doji pattern on daily charts.nFor the week, the index gained 0.24 percent and formed a small bodied bullish candle on the weekly scale as closing was higher than opening value. The inability of bulls to sustain at higher levels despite registering new life time highs is clearly suggesting lack of conviction on their part about sustainability of the rally.

Technical...

The index to see sideways corrective phase in the coming days if it breaks the crucial 12,213 levels. India VIX moved up marginally by 0.55 percent to 14.07 levels. The Nifty after gap-up opening at 12,271 extended gains to cross the psychological 12,300-mark for the first time and hit a record high of 12,311.20 intraday, but wiped out some gains post lunch and hit the day's low of 12,213.20. The index closed 40.90 points higher at 12,256.80. If the correction in next couple of days drags down the index into the bullish gap zone of 12,132–12,044, then that should be seen as an opportunity to create fresh longs.

Option front...

On options front, maximum Put open interest was seen at 12,000 followed by 11,500 strike, while maximum Call open interest was at 12,500 followed by 12,400 strike. Call writing was seen at 12,600 followed by 12,500 strike while Put writing was seen at 12,300 then 12,200 strike.

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India's industrial output grew 1.8 percent in November 2019 against a contraction of 3.8 percent in October 2019, as per data on the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) released by the government on January 10. Industrial output, or factory output, is the closest approximation for measuring the economic activity of the country's business landscape. Positive IIP numbers have certainly given some relief at a time when the economy is struggling. Experts point out that the IIP numbers have come in positive for the first time in the past four months as production activity in cement and fertilisers picked up.

The government recently released its advance estimates for gross domestic product (GDP) growth in FY2020 in which it pegged the economic growth rate for 2019-20 at 5 percent, slower than the 2018-19 expansion rate of 6.8 percent. At 5 percent, the growth would be roughly at an 11-year low. India's GDP — the total value of goods and services produced in the country — slumped to over a 6-year low of 5 percent in the April -June quarter and 4.5 percent in the July - September quarter of 2019.

PHDCCI Chairman (Telecom Committee) Sandeep Aggarwal has said that auction of 5G spectrum should be taken up after 2-3 years, which will help the government get proper valuations of the 5G airwaves. He said 'while auctions should be held at the earliest, a lot of things need to be kept in mind. We need to look at whether 4G itself has been used to full capacity, and need to keep in mind that 5G standards haven't been set.'

The Chairman has said that 5G has the potential to transform the world and have an impact on how organisations think, work and serve their customers and new innovations will flourish. He also emphasized that India should buy 5G technology and ensure local manufacturing through licensing as it would enable domestic telecom equipment manufacturing companies to develop and flourish. He added that 5G can give India, with its proven prowess in IT, an edge and an opportunity to become a manufacturing hub of the world.

Stocks in News...

- GMR Infrastructure's step down subsidiary -- GMR Hyderabad Aerotropolis (GHAL) has formed a joint venture with ESR Hyderabad 1 (ESR), a subsidiary of the Hong Kong headquartered ESR Cayman, to develop a 66-acre logistics and industrial park at the Hyderabad airport city.
- Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) has completed the acquisition of majority stake in Apollo Munich Health Insurance for Rs 1,495.81 crore. The company bought 50.80 per cent stake of Apollo Hospitals Group in Apollo Munich for Rs 1,485.14 crore and 0.36 per cent shareholding of employees for Rs 10.67 crore.
- Delta Corp's subsidiary has been issued a license for operating a Casino in Nepal. The company had earlier entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for leasing space at the five star Marriot Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal to operate a casino. The operations of the casino at the Marriot Hotel in Kathmandu are expected to commence soon.
- ABB India's subsidiary -- ABB Power Products and Systems India and Ashok Leyland, flagship of Hinduja Group have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the public e-mobility space, to expand the ecosystem for efficient and greener electric bus transportation systems in India.
- Tata Motors is planning to start roll-out of over 100 BS-VI compliant models, including passenger vehicles in January 2019. The company also plans to have four global unveils and display 14 commercial and 12 passenger vehicle at the upcoming Auto Expo.
- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has made an application to list Commercial Paper at BSE for Issue Size of Rs 6,750 crore. Post process, the effective date of listing for the same at BSE is January 10, 2020.
- ICICI Securities has filed an application to list Commercial Paper at BSE for Issue Size of Rs 1,175 crore. Post process, the effective date of listing for the same at BSE is January 10, 2020.

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