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Share Market

Top stocks in focus on 30 January 2018

Here are some key news highlights related to the Nifty 50 and Sensex during January 2018:

1. **Bullish Start:** January 2018 began on a positive note for the

Indian stock markets, with both the Nifty 50 and the Sensex touching record highs. The Nifty 50 crossed the 10,600 mark for the first time, while the Sensex crossed the 34,000 level.

2. **Budget Expectations:** Investors were eagerly awaiting the Union Budget, which was scheduled to be presented on February 1, 2018. Expectations were high regarding reforms, infrastructure spending, and fiscal discipline.

3. **Earnings Season:** The third-quarter earnings season began in January 2018, with companies reporting their financial results for the October-December 2017 period. Positive earnings announcements from several companies helped sustain the market's positive sentiment.

4. **Auto Sector Growth:** The Indian auto sector witnessed robust growth in January 2018, with strong sales reported by leading automobile

manufacturers. The positive performance of the auto sector contributed to the overall market optimism.

5. **Global Factors:** International

events, such as the tax reform in the United States, geopolitical tensions, and concerns about inflation and interest rates, influenced the global markets and had some impact on the Indian stock market.

TOP 10 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS NEWS

Here are ten significant international business news stories from January 2018, along with their respective dates:

1. **U.S. Tax Reform Takes Effect**: On January 2nd The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, a major overhaul of the U.S. tax code,

officially goes into effect, reducing the corporate tax rate

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and implementing other significant changes.

2. **Car Manufacturers Announce Electric Vehicle Plans**: On January 8th several major automakers, including Ford and General Motors, unveil plans to increase their investments in electric vehicles and develop new models to compete with Tesla.

3. **Walmart Raises Minimum Wage:** On January 10th Walmart, the world's largest retailer, announces an increase in its minimum wage for hourly workers from $9 to $11 per hour and offers bonuses to eligible employees.

4. **Amazon Chooses Finalists for HQ2**: On January 11th Amazon announces the shortlist of 20 cities being considered for its second headquarters, dubbed "HQ2," generating significant competition among municipalities to attract the tech giant.

5. **Carillion's Collapse**: On January 15th Carillion, a major British construction and services company, goes into compulsory liquidation, causing concerns about the impact on infrastructure projects and the company's employees.

6. **Cryptocurrency Market Correction:** On January 16th the value of cryptocurrencies, including Bitcoin, experiences a

significant market correction after a period of rapid growth, leading to uncertainty and investor concerns.

7. **Airbus Delays A380 Deliveries:** On January 18th Airbus, the European aircraft manufacturer, announces a delay in the delivery of its A380 superjumbo jets due to production challenges and a reduction in orders.

8. **U.S. Government Shutdown:** On January 19th The U.S. government enters a partial shutdown as Congress fails to reach an agreement on a budget, impacting federal services and causing economic uncertainty.

9. **North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Talks:** On January 23rd the sixth round of renegotiations for NAFTA takes place in Montreal, Canada, as the United States, Canada, and Mexico discuss potential changes to the trade agreement.

10. **Facebook Announces News Feed Changes**: On January 25th Facebook announces changes to its news feed algorithm, prioritizing content from friends and family over posts from businesses and publishers, leading to concerns among marketers and publishers.

DOMESTIC BUSINESS

TOP 10 BUSINESS NEWS IN INDIA

Here are ten notable business news stories from January 2018 in India, along with their respective dates:

1. **January 1: Indian Railways Imposes Surge Pricing**: The Indian Railways introduces dynamic or surge pricing for its premium trains, resulting in higher ticket fares during peak seasons and holidays.

2. **January 5: Flipkart Raises Funds:** E-commerce giant Flipkart announces a successful fundraising round, raising $1.4 billion from investors including Tencent, Microsoft, and eBay.

3. **January 15: Bharti Airtel Acquires Telenor India:** Bharti Airtel, one of India's largest telecommunications companies, completes its acquisition of Telenor India, expanding its customer base and network reach.

4. **January 17: India Bans Price-Fixing Cartels**: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposes a penalty on several cement companies for forming a price-fixing cartel, aiming to promote fair competition in the industry.

5. **January 20: Cryptocurrency**

Regulations: The Indian government expresses concerns

about the use of cryptocurrencies and forms a committee to explore regulations and potential frameworks for their use.

6. **January 22: Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular Merger Approved:** The merger between Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular, two major telecom operators, receives approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

7. **January 23: SEBI Tightens Listing Regulations:** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) tightens regulations for companies seeking to list on the stock exchange, aiming to enhance transparency and protect investor interests.

8. **January 24: Walmart Acquires Flipkart:** U.S. retail giant Walmart acquires a 77% stake in Flipkart for $16 billion, marking one of the largest-ever foreign direct investments in India.

9. **January 29: Quarterly GDP Growth Slows:** India's GDP growth rate for the October-December 2017 quarter slows to 7.2%, slightly lower than the previous quarter's growth rate of 7.3%.

10. **January 31: WhatsApp**

Launches Business App in India: WhatsApp, the popular

messaging app, launches its business-focused application in India, allowing small and medium-sized enterprises to connect with customers more effectively.

NEW TECHNOLOGY

THREE IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY NEWS ON JANUVARY 2018

Here are three significant technology news stories from January 2018, along with their respective dates:

1. **January 4: Intel Faces Security Vulnerabilities:** Security researchers discover two major security vulnerabilities, named Meltdown and Spectre, affecting Intel processors. These vulnerabilities allow attackers to access sensitive data, prompting widespread concern and the development of software patches and updates.

2. **January 8: CES 2018 Showcases New Technology:** The Consumer Electronics Show (CES) takes place in Las Vegas, showcasing the latest advancements in technology. Key highlights include the

unveiling of new smartphones, virtual reality devices, smart home products, and advancements in autonomous vehicles.

3. **January 23: Google's Arts & Culture App Goes Viral:** Google's Arts & Culture app gains significant popularity as it introduces a feature that matches users' selfies with famous artworks, resulting in a viral trend on social media platforms.

EDUCATION NEW

WORLD EDUCATION

NEWS ON JAN 2018

Here are two noteworthy education news stories from January 2018, along with their respective dates:

1. **January 10: Education Minister Launches National Digital Library:** The Education Minister of India, Prakash Javadekar, inaugurates the National Digital Library (NDL) to provide students and researchers with access to a vast collection of digital educational resources, including books, journals, and multimedia content.

2. **January 25: Ontario, Canada, Introduces Free Tuition for Low-Income Students:** The provincial government of Ontario announces the introduction of the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), which provides free tuition to low-income students attending publicly funded

colles and universities in the province.

INDIAN EDUCATION NEWS ON JAN 2018

1. **January 4: Haryana Government Launches Free Education for Girls:** The government of Haryana announces free education for girls in government schools and colleges from kindergarten to postgraduate level. The initiative aims to promote female education and empower women in the state.

2. **January 9: CBSE Board Exam Dates Released: The Central Board** of Secondary Education (CBSE) releases the exam dates for the 10th and 12th grade board examinations, which are scheduled to take place in March 2018. This announcement helps students and schools prepare for the upcoming exams.

3. **January 17: Online Examination System for Teachers Announced:** The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) announces the introduction of an online examination system

for teachers called the "National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement" (NISHTHA). The system aims to improve the quality of teaching by assessing teachers' competencies and providing necessary training.