

TRIGGERS WEEKLY – STOCK MARKETS

(For the week ahead: Feb 17th – Feb 21st 2025)

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	Trigger for the Week		How will it impact?
>	Nifty down -2.68%, Sensex -2.47%	>	The sell-off was heavy across all the major heavyweight
	lower for the week ending 14-Feb		sectors as Trump tariffs continue to be an overhang
>	Mid-cap index -7.38% lower; small cap index -9.41% lower in the week	>	The panic was visible in the smaller stocks as Trump tariffs and global uncertainty relegate alpha hunting
>	Key Dividend, Rights, Bonus, and Split record dates in this week	>	OIL, Bector, Campus Activewear, HAL, Natco (Dividend); Kothari Products, Guj Toolroom, RDB (Bonus/Split)
>	Last round Q3FY25 results expected to be announced in coming week	>	With the results season almost over, upcoming results include ABB India, Elantas Beck, CIE India, John Cockerill
>	Rupee and oil prices will hold the key to macroeconomic response	>	While Brent Crude has hovered near \$75/bbl, the Indian rupee strengthened last week from ₹87.5/\$ to ₹86.5/\$
>	External trade and deficit data to be announced by DGFT o 17-February	>	The trade deficit is likely to deepen from the \$21.9 billion of last month, and overall deficit may widen
>	RBI MPC minutes of the February meeting to be put out on Friday	>	While the RBI had cut rates by 25 bps, the markets will look at the minutes for clues on future rates trajectory
>	US Fed minutes to be announced on Wednesday, February 19, 2025	>	The Fed had refrained from rate cuts in Jan-25, but the minutes will be seen in the light of higher CPI inflation
>	Gold prices will hold the key to the global markets in the coming weeks	>	Gold has already cross \$2,930/oz and with the current levels of uncertainty, \$3,000/oz looks likely this month
>	Markets await action plan post the visit by PM Modi to the US	>	Modi has tackled the tariff threat diplomatically, but a lot will depend on India's oil procurement plans
>	With the Hexaware IPO subscribed 2.7 times, action shifts to next week	>	The coming will see the listing of Ajax Engineering and Hexaware, as well as closure of IPO of Quality Power
>	Nifty S/R at (22,758/23,476); Sensex S/R (74,381/77,512) for next week	>	With the VIX spiking above the 15 levels, it does open up the prospects of the indices breaking the lower targets
>	Key data points from US markets to be keenly watched this week	>	Fed minutes, FOMC speak, Building Permits, Housing Starts, Atlanta Fed GDP, crude stocks, jobless claims
>	Key data points from ROW markets to be keenly watched this week	>	PBOC prime rate (China); Trade balance, PMI (EU); GDP, Trade, CPI (Japan); Unemployment, CPI, PPI (UK)



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