

## Weekly Capsule (Apr 15 – Apr 19) and Impact Analysis

News Announcement	Impact Analysis
➤ RBI MPC minutes refuses to lower its guard on inflation control for now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Five of the six members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted for status quo on rates and on the stance</li> <li>➤ Jayanth Varma was the sole member voting for lowering the repo rates by 25 bps and for changing stance to Neutral</li> </ul>
➤ Fed speak in the week veers towards just about 1 rate cut in year 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fed members, not only ruled out rate cuts before September, but also hinted that there may be just one rate cut this year</li> <li>➤ This is a far cry from the US Fed chair giving a virtual assurance of 3 rate cuts in 2024 and 3 more in calendar 2025</li> </ul>
➤ Israel reportedly retaliates to the Iran attacks by targeting nuclear facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ While Iran has not commented on the casualties, the level of alertness has been raised to the highest level in Iran</li> <li>➤ Global markets are worried that a prolonged stand-off in the Middle East / West Asia region could really hit world trade</li> </ul>
➤ Jio Financial net profits at Rs310 crore in Q4FY24 with NII at Rs280 crore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Over the last 1 year, the loan book of Jio Financial has grown by 4-fold to Rs173 crore, largely based on vendor financing</li> <li>➤ Meanwhile, the company also announced its JV with Blackrock of the US for broking and wealth management services too</li> </ul>
➤ Hindustan Zinc plans to start demerger of divisions after centre stake sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For now, the government is only planning to divest 3.5% out of its 29% stake and the centre has opposed the demerger</li> <li>➤ HZL wants to split the company into divisions to boost shareholder value, but the government stays sceptical</li> </ul>
➤ NTPC Green Energy and Indus Towers to jointly develop renewable projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The joint venture will venture into the areas of solar power, wind power and energy storage solutions for RE businesses</li> <li>➤ NTPC has the biggest power capacity of 76 GW in India and has plans to touch 60 GW RE capacity by the year 2032</li> </ul>
➤ SEBI proposes special call auction for price discovery of holding companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This new approach is intended to address the vast gap between their traded value and the portfolio book value</li> <li>➤ Most listed holding companies trade at a discount of 28% to 30% and this new method will be without auction price band</li> </ul>
➤ Tata group may buy Pegatron India iPhone operations as early as May-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This will give the Tatas a unique positioning as the partner of choice for its phone manufacturing business in India</li> <li>➤ Tata Electronics Ltd will run the Pegatron operations in India after the takeover helping Apple diversify its supply chain</li> </ul>
➤ IREDA reports 33% growth in net profits in FY24 to Rs337 crore on top line boost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The top line revenues of IREDA also increased by 34.3% on a yoy basis for FY24 at Rs1,392 crore, even as expenses rose too</li> <li>➤ It may be recollected that IREDA had hit the IPO market late last year and has been an outperformer since its listing</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Infosys profits beat the street, but falters on revenues and guidance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Net profits were higher by 30% at Rs7,969 crore in Q4, but that was largely on the back of a huge tax refund in Q4</li> <li>➤ Revenues were lower than estimated, but the disappointment was the guidance on revenue growth reduced to 1-3% range</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ NSE to introduced futures and options on the NSE Next 50 index too</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The F&amp;O trading will have a settlement of last Friday of the month and will be entirely a cash settled derivative</li> <li>➤ The NSE Next 50 index is the NSE 100 stocks after removing the Nifty stocks and is also popularly called Junior Nifty</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bajaj reports 18% growth in net profits at Rs2,011 crore for Q4FY24 quarter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ This is was on the back of a 29.6% growth in net revenues for the fourth quarter at Rs11,915 crore in Q4FY24</li> <li>➤ Profits and revenues were sequentially lower compared to Q3FY24 on account of the impact of Red Sea crisis on exports</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Muthoot Finance may plan a mega ECB fund raising of close to \$2 billion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The group is looking to keep its funding kitty robust after the RBI has tightened norms for NBFCs giving gold loans</li> <li>➤ The ECB notes will be listed under the GMTN (Global Medium Term Notes) program on the NSE IFSC in Gujarat</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Adani Enterprises plans mega outlays into the data centre business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ AdaniConneX will invest close to \$5 billion over the next 5 years to give a veritable boost to its data centre business</li> <li>➤ Adani Enterprises has also entered into a joint venture with EQT AB of Sweden, a global leader in data centre solutions</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Nestle takes a big price hit in the week after reports of high sugar levels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ These were after a lab in Europe certified that Nestle was adding much higher levels of sugar to Cerelac in EMs like India</li> <li>➤ This comes at a time when baby foods companies have been increasingly urged to work to control childhood obesity</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Even as the Adani FPOs is on, it raised Rs5,400 crore via anchor allocation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The anchor portion accounts for nearly 30% of the total IPO size of Rs18,000 crore and will be reduced from QIB quota</li> <li>➤ This FPO will be the third largest public issue in India by size after LIC IPO in 2022 and the Paytm IPO in late 2021</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Aditya Birla Capital launches its ambitious ABCD mobile application</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The ABCD app, according to Visakha Mulye, will be a one-stop shop for all financial needs and Birlas has invested Rs100 crore</li> <li>➤ Aditya Birla Capital currently has 35 million customers and this app will boost their customer base by another 30 million</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Exports were flat and imports lower for March; trade deficit at \$15.6 billion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The exports were hit by the Red Sea crisis, but the imports were hit more so merchandise deficit turned in lower</li> <li>➤ Based on the full year overall deficit of \$78 billion, it looks very likely that the CAD for FY24 may end up near 1% of GDP</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ WPI inflation spiked for the third month to 0.53% in March 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Still, FY24 saw overall WPI inflation at -0.70% after the Indian economy spent 7 months of FY24 in negative inflation zone</li> <li>➤ The spike in March WPI inflation was triggered by food products, crude petroleum, electricity, and natural gas</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ambuja Cements to acquire 1.5 MTPA cement plant of My Home Group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ This will take the current cement capacity of the Adani group to 78.9 MTPA, with plans to double capacity by 2030</li><li>➤ The plant will be located in South India with easy access to its own Tuticorin port facility in the state of Tamil Nadu</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ WTO expects world trade to grow at 1.2% in 2024 with trade value down 5%</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The year 2024 is expected to see a revival in global trade by 1.2% as global demand is expected to improve</li><li>➤ However, the volatile situation in the Middle East and West Asia will remain an overhang as a key global trade route</li></ul>

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