

(For the week ending: May 03rd 2024)

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Weekly Capsule (Apr 29 – May 03) and Impact Analysis

	News Announcement	Impact Analysis	
>	India core sector growth for March came in at 5.2%, despite lower base	 The pressure on the core sector came from refinery products, while coal, electricity, steel, and cement outperformed The full year core sector growth for FY24 stood at a robust level of 7.2%, despite a much higher base in last two years 	
7	US Fed statement holds rates at 5.25%- 5.50%, rules out rate cuts for now	 Surprisingly, the Fed statement or the speech by Jerome Powell did not mention any change from the 3 rate cuts stand However, the CME Fedwatch is pegging just one rate cut to happen in 2024, and that too either in September or later 	
7	A total of 42% small caps delivered negative returns in March 2024 quarter	 This is much higher than the 35% negative returns delivered by the mid-cap companies in the same quarter of FY24 While the Nifty gave 11% returns in the quarter, the median returns of the top 250 small cap companies was just 3.8% 	
7	According to McKinsey report, MSMEs made up 62% of the jobs created	 However, this is still sharply lower than the 77% contribution that MSMEs typically make to employment in other nations Also, the contribution of MSMEs to value added is 30% to overall business, compared to 49% in other countries 	
7	Britannia Industries net profits fell by 3.8% in Q4FY24 to Rs537 crore	 This was an outcome of muted rural demand, which also led to a 4% sequential fall in the net profits in the fourth quarter Due to the price cuts taken during the quarter, the operating profit margins also contracted by 110 basis points to 17.3% 	
7	FPIs domiciled at Gift City have been allowed to issue participatory notes	 Participatory notes are offshore derivative instruments issued by registered FPIs on behalf of other key investors The hope is that it would raw a lot of P-Note volume to India rather than exporting these volumes to other geographies 	
7	It looks like end of the road for Go First after HC order on deregistration	 That will bring an end to the one-year long stalemate after Go First of the Wadia group filed for bankruptcy in May 2023 With the planes being deregistered, the lessors of the aircraft can now take possession of these aircraft to recover dues 	
7	RBI data suggests that India service exports may have slowed in FY24	 While the gross service exports growth fell to just 4.9%, the net service exports still grew at an impressive rate of 13.6% This comes on the back of 2 consecutive years of double-digit growth in service exports boosted by IT and IT related services 	
>	US job growth fell in April even as the unemployment rate rose to 3.9%	 Non-farm payrolls increased by just 1,75,000 jobs in April, much lower than the street estimated 2,43,000 jobs On a MOM basis, the non-farm payrolls fell nearly 40%, hinting at pressure on jobs and labour market tightening 	



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•	NSE reports 20% spike in net profits in quarter to Q4FY24 to Rs2,488 crore	 The total operating revenues in the quarter were up 34% yoy at Rs4,625 crore led by trading and index data services NSE also announced 4 for 1 bonus and a dividend of Rs90 per share for the shareholders on a pre-bonus basis
•	RBI dividend to government for FY24 may be in the region of Rs85,000 crore	 This would be approximately at par with the Rs87,416 crore that the government had received as dividend last year This is lower than the interim budget estimate, which pegs the RBI transfer to the government for the year at Rs1.02 trillion
•	Maiva Pharma raises Rs1,000 crore from Morgan Stanley and others	 Maiva is one of the major players in the CDMO (contract manufacturing) space with focus on injectables Avendus was the advisor to the deal and this stake purchase will give controlling stake to the Morgan Stanley affiliate fund
•	India's April crude oil imports fell by 8% to 4.50 million barrels per day (bpd)	 However, despite the overall reduction in import volumes, Indian crude oil imports from Russia spiked by 18% in April Despite the discounts narrowing, Russia still accounts for 38% of the total oil import basket for India, the clear leader
>	Coal India saw a 2% drop in revenues but net profits were up 27% in Q4	 While sales were below street expectations in Q4FY24, the net profits were much better than what the analysts had pegged This is despite the fact that thermal power companies are now operating at full capacity amidst peak summer time demand
8	SK Finance Ltd files DRHP with SEBI for its proposed Rs2,200 crore IPO	 The overall IPO will comprise of a fresh issue of Rs500 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of Rs1,700 crore by promoters SK Finance is an NBFC that is purely focused on the vehicle finance segment and the business loans segment
>	ICICI Bank rushes to deny rumours of Sandeep Bakshi exiting from CEO post	 The bank had clarified that these were just random news flows and had absolutely no basis at all in reality For ICICI Bank, the presence of Bakshi is critical as he had taken the bank out of the mess and grown market cap 4-fold
>	GST collections for April 2024 came in at a record level of Rs2,10,000 crore	 The GST collections are not only a record high, but also represent a full 12.5% spike over April of the previous year Today, there are a total of 1.45 crore GST tax payers and the collections improved on better compliance and use of tech
~	FPIs end up net sellers in equity worth Rs8,700 crore in April 2024	 Surprisingly, the FPIs emerged net sellers in the month of April in equity as well as in debt, despite index inclusion hopes The FPI selling has been relentless in the secondary markets, but the IPO FPI flows have compensated for that to an extent
~	The Rs3,000 crore IPO of Aadhar Housing Finance opens on 08-April	 The IPO of Aadhar comprises of Rs1,000 crore fresh issue and Rs2,000 crore offer for sale by an affiliate of Blackstone Blackstone holds 98.5% of Aadhar share capital through its affiliate fund, while ICICI Bank holds the balance shares



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A	Over 100 minority shareholders of ICICI Securities protest the merger ratio	AA	ICICI Securities was proposed to be merged into ICICI Bank in the ratio of 67:10, which investors find unfair to I-Sec holders Quantum Mutual Fund, has led the fight against the merger as a minority shareholder of ICICI Securities Ltd
A	Promoters have used the rally to cut their pledged shares with banks	A A	FY24 alone saw promoter pledges falling by \$7 billion, with Adani group one of the biggest contributors to the fall Promoter pledges have to be reported quarterly to the stock exchange and it is a price sensitive information for stocks

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