

Markets sink on weak global cues, strong dollar

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Benchmark indices slid 1 per cent on Tuesday on weak global cues and a firm dollar to end at their lowest in four and a half months.

Most Asian markets ended in the red as well, with analysts weighing the repercussions of an aggressive trade policy under the Trump Presidency.

The dollar index, which was near 100 in late September, closed in on the 106-mark, exerting pressure on emerging market currencies.

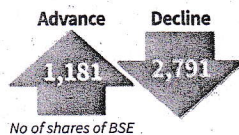
The Sensex ended at 78,675, down 820 points or 1.03 per cent while the Nifty closed at 23,883, losing 257 points. The broader market, too, under-performed, with mid- and small-cap indices losing 1.1-1.3 per cent.

TOP LOSERS

Except realty and IT, all sectoral indices ended in the red, with auto and PSU banks the top losers.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said, "FPI-triggered selling pressure continued to impact the market. The recent strengthening of the dollar, driven by an aggressive 'Trumponomics' is adding to the fear. Addition-

Bears march



Buyers vs Sellers (₹ crore)



Major losers

	BSE close (₹)	% fall
BASF	6,704.7	▼ 14.8
Globus Spirits	931.8	▼ 12.8
Electronics Mart	163.45	▼ 10.7
ITI	295.15	▼ 9.9
RateGain	755.25	▼ 9.5

ally, the anticipated rise in domestic inflation due to increasing food prices, along with a depreciating rupee, may influence the RBI's monetary policy."

FPIs sold shares worth over ₹3,000 crore on Tuesday. Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said persistent FPI selling since late September, along with softer-than-expected Q2 earnings, have been weighing on market sentiment.

"A combination of global and domestic pressures continues to dampen investor sentiment. There are concerns over US President-elect Donald Trump's potential aggressive trade policies. This has led to a strengthening of the dollar and the rupee falling to a fresh low today, which triggered fears of further foreign outflows,"

Khemka said. Markets will get further cues from the inflation and industrial production data that were announced after market hours, with stock-specific action based on Q2 numbers to be announced this week.

Among Asian peers, the Taiwan index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng slid the most, down more than 2 per cent. European indices were trading deep in the red.

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Mumbai: Jefferies India cut FY25 earnings estimates for 63 per cent of the 121 companies under its coverage that have reported second quarter results so far, in the highest downgrade ratio since early 2020. p6