

# D-Street parties as FIIs bring in big cash

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THE BSE benchmark Sensex jumped in late trading, as if it was poised to touch its lifetime high on Thursday. The index eventually achieved it, clinically.

The BSE barometer, which dropped in just two out of past 14 trading sessions, rallied 1,320 points during the said period to scale a new high of 21,525.14 on Thursday, beating its previous high achieved in the December last year.

The Nifty, in the meantime, fell just short of its peak. The NSE barometer though logged 6,400 level on closing basis for the first time ever.

The sentiments were upbeat as six out of every 10 stocks that traded on BSE ended in the black. A total of 194 stocks hit their respective upper circuit limits. India VIX, an index, which suggests the volatility in the market over the next 30 days, jumped 4.57 percentage points to 14.47.

## BSE Sensex on March 6



The hopes of economy bottoming out and industry-friendly party forming the government in May have already triggered heavy foreign inflows, which has remained a major source of rally for the 30-pack index for some time now.

"We feel strong political mandate would result into increasing level of optimism and hence new levels for the mar-

ket," said Motilal Oswal CMD Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The gains have come despite the fact that the concerns over Ukraine, weakness in emerging economies and rollback of stimulus by the US Fed have not vanished completely.

"The whole run-up in the market is driven by global liquidity and scarcity of emerging market opportunities, since China,

Russia, and Brazil are not looking that great. There is speculation about the election results too with an expectation of stability, which too is driving the market," said Vikas Gupta of Arthved Fund Management.

The Sensex gained 237.01 points, or 1.11 per cent, to settle at 21,513.87. Nifty rose 72.50 points, or 1.15 per cent, to 6,401.15. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) bought Rs 1,273 crore worth of equities for the day.

"We have seen 6,400 level troubling Nifty many a time. On Wednesday, it finally breached it on a closing basis. We see some more upside from here on," said Pankaj Pandey head of research at ICICI Securities.

Hindalco Industries, BHEL, ICICI Bank and ONGC jumped 4.33 per cent, 3.78 per cent, 3.33 per cent and 2.91 per cent, respectively. "Since we are trading at the higher end of the trading range we advise profit booking at current levels & wait out for dips to get back into the markets," said Gaurang Shah of Geojit BNP Paribas.

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