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### **BULLS PROCLAIM VICTORY FOR THE NINTH WEEK IN A ROW**

Firm market sentiments on the back of sustained buying support from foreign institutional investors (FIIs) helped the benchmark index BSE Sensex to close in the positive terrain in the week, completing its ninth winning-week. But volatility ruled the roost as some market participants booked profits ahead of the keenly-awaited general election outcome next week.

### **BSE 30-SHARE INDEX AND CNX NIFTY**

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose 473.18 points or 4.15% to 11,876.43, in week ended 8 May 2009. The broader 50-unit Nifty rose 146.75 points or 4.22% to 3620.70 in the week.

### **BSE SMALL & MID CAP INDEX**

The BSE Mid-Cap index rose 7.30% to 3,770.42 and the BSE Small-Cap index rose 8.54% to 4,277.26 in the week.

### **FII & DOMESTIC FUND ACTION**

FII inflow in May 2009 totaled Rs.3,269.60 cr, and the inflow in calendar year 2009 totaled Rs.3,982.40 cr (till 7 May 2009).

### **INFLATION NUMBERS**

Annual rate of inflation as measured by the wholesale price index rose marginally 0.7% in the week ended 25 April 2009 from 0.57% the week before, data released by government showed on 8 May 2009.

### **CORE SECTOR GROWTH**

The six core industries which constitute 26.7% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew at 2.9% in March 2009. Core sector growth in March 2009 was better due to higher output of cement and electricity, which was supported by the coal and petroleum products sectors. However, crude and finished carbon steel output contracted, compared to March 2008, pulling down the overall growth rate of the core sector.

### **FOREX**

GBP/\$	1.5061/1.5064	\$/Yen	99.2800/99.3100
EUR/\$	1.3421/1.3422	\$/INR	49.2800/2900

### **WEEK AHEAD: GLOBAL CUES, FOREIGN FUND FLOWS TO DICTATE TREND**

Volatility may surge in the forthcoming week ahead of the outcome of the month long parliamentary elections on 16 May 2009. Till the election results, the domestic bourses will take cues from global markets. Markets across the globe have rebounded sharply from March 2009 lows on signs of improving global economy. A government report on 30 April 2009 showed Japan's industrial production rose in March 2009 for the first time in six months and at twice the pace estimated by economists. Selective buying in few stocks is suggested for short term. Investors should continue to book profit.