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Brief Headlines

- Ashok Leyland: The commercial vehicle manufacturer will be setting up a new integrated commercial vehicle plant focused on green mobility in Uttar Pradesh.
- Wipro: The technology services and consulting company launched Wipro Enterprise Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Ready Platform, a new service that will allow clients to create their enterprise-level, fully integrated, and customized AI environments. The Wipro
- Enterprise AI-ReadyPlatform leverages the IBM Watsonx AI and data platform.
  Hindalco Industries: Its US subsidiary Novelis filed for an initial public offering (IPO) with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The shares are expected to be offered by Novelis' sole shareholder, AV Minerals (Netherlands), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hindalco. No other details about the IPO were available, as the draft registration statement has been filed confidentially.
- Whirlpool of India: Promoter Whirlpool Mauritius sold 3,03,89,239 equity shares, which is equivalent to 23.95 percent of paid-up equity via open market transactions, at an average price of Rs 1,277.02 per share, valued at Rs 3,880.8 crore. It held a 75 percent stake in the company as of December 2023. However, Aditya Birla Sunlife Mutual Fund, DSP Mutual Fund, ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund, Nippon India Mutual
  Fund, SBI Mutual Fund, and Societe Generale ODI picked 1,30,66,018 equity shares, valued at Rs 1,668.52 crore.
- Zee Entertainment Enterprises: Zee clarified on a media report that the company is reviving Sony merger talks. Zee said it has not been involved in any negotiations. It categorically confirmed that the report resuming Sony merger talks is factually incorrect.
- ABB India: The technology leader in electrification and automation, has recorded net profit of Rs 345 crore for the quarter ended December 2023, growing 13 percent over a year-ago period. Revenue from operations grew by 14 percent year-on-year to Rs 2,757 crore for the quarter, with order intake increasing by 35 percent to Rs 3,147 crore during the fourth quarter of CY23. The order backlog as of December 2023 stood at Rs 8,404 crore, an increase of 30 percent YoY. The board recommended a final dividend of Rs. 23.8 per share.
- Shilpa Medicare: TA FII Investors sold 5 lakh shares in the pharma company at an average price of Rs 422.22 per share.
- GOCL Corporation: Promoter Hinduja Capital, Mauritius, is going to reduce the shareholding in GOCL by about 1 percent, i.e., from the present 73.83 percent to about 72.83 percent, through a bulk or block deal. This will enable the company to obtain the necessary licenses to take up and expand its business in the defense sector. Hinduja Capital's shareholding in GOCL Corporation is considered a foreign direct investment.
- Swan Energy: The company said the board has approved the launch of qualified institution placement (QIP) on February 20. The floor price has been fixed at Rs. 703.29 per share. The board members will be meeting on February 26 to consider the issue price for equity shares.
- Devyani International: Yum Restaurant India is likely to sell a 4.4 percent equity stake in Devyani International via block deals, reports CNBC-TV18, quoting sources. The floor price has been fixed at Rs 153.5 per share, which is a 7.4 percent discount to the closing price of February 20. The total size of the block deal is likely to be Rs 814.8 crore.
- Thermax: The company has entered into a license and technical assistance agreement with South Korea-based Flowtech Co. to obtain technology to manufacture poly carboxylate ether products to strengthen its construction chemicals business portfolio.
- Tourism Finance Corporation of India: Investor Aditya Kumar Halwasiya has bought 1,18,02,094 equity shares (equivalent to 13.05 percent of paid-up equity) via open market transactions at an average price of Rs 209.75 per share. However, foreign investor Varanium India Opportunity exited TFCI by selling the entire 30,97,461 equity shares, and Varanium Capital Advisors offloaded 10,04,400 equity shares. Promoters Pransatree Holdings Pte sold 42,56,100 equity shares, and Koppara Sajeeve Thomas sold 34,44,133 equity shares in TFCI. These shares were sold at an average price of Rs 209.75 per share.
- Union Bank of India: The Committee of Directors for Raising Capital Funds has approved the raising of funds up to Rs 3,000 crore through qualified institution placement (QIP) issues. The QIP issue opened on February 20, with a floor price of Rs 142.78 per equity share.

Derivative Analysis

Increase in open interest with increase in price indicates long positon in the stock

Symbol	Expiry Date	Last Price	Chg (Rs)	Chg (%)	High / Low	Open Interest	Increase in OI	Increase (%)
HDFCBANK	28-Mar-24	1465	32.05	2.24%	1467.9 / 1425.55	3,73,31,800	95,45,800	34.35%
RBLBANK	28-Mar-24	264.9	1.8	0.68%	271.6 / 262.35	1,87,00,000	80,95,000	76.33%
NTPC	29-Feb-24	345.5	6.8	2.01%	345.55 / 337.85	8,72,67,000	54,39,000	6.65%
RBLBANK	29-Feb-24	262.95	1.8	0.69%	269.75 / 260.15	6,32,60,000	39,47,500	6.66%
GAIL	29-Feb-24	184.6	0.7	0.38%	186 / 182.65	11,84,74,200	32,75,700	2.84%
POWERGRID	29-Feb-24	287.55	11.05	4.00%	288.85 / 278.05	5,89,17,600	23,40,000	4.14%
BEL	29-Feb-24	191.3	1.95	1.03%	191.9 / 186.6	10,18,53,300	18,01,200	1.80%
NTPC	28-Mar-24	347.95	6.6	1.93%	348.1 / 340.5	63,96,000	15,03,000	30.72%

Increase in open interest with decrease in price indicates short buildup in the stock

Symbol	Expiry Date	Last Price	Chg (Rs)	Chg (%)	High / Low	Open Interest	Increase in OI	Increase (%)
IDEA	28-Mar-24	16.15	-0.1	-0.62%	16.65 / 16.05	28,56,00,000	4,69,60,000	19.68%
GMRINFRA	28-Mar-24	90.5	-2.35	-2.53%	94.7 / 90.45	3,76,53,750	1,68,75,000	81.21%
TATASTEEL	28-Mar-24	142.5	-0.75	-0.52%	143.2 / 141.4	3,90,61,000	1,65,22,000	73.30%
FEDERALBNK	29-Feb-24	154.5	-8.6	-5.27%	155.8 / 149.85	8,44,20,000	82,70,000	10.86%
IDFCFIRSTB	28-Mar-24	82.05	-0.25	-0.30%	82.35 / 81.5	5,34,67,500	43,20,000	8.79%
MANAPPURAM	29-Feb-24	183.25	-0.4	-0.22%	187.35 / 180.45	5,56,56,000	26,04,000	4.91%
NMDC	29-Feb-24	241.6	-4.9	-1.99%	248.3 / 239.15	7,89,30,000	25,33,500	3.32%
BALRAMCHIN	29-Feb-24	382.2	-3.85	-1.00%	397.65 / 377.4	1,23,05,600	20,64,000	20.15%

Derivatives are securities that derive their value form an underlying asset. Most common form of derivatives are future contracts.

Open interest refers to total number of outstanding derivatives contracts that have not been settled. For every buyer of a future contract there must be a seller. If a bought contract is not sold then it is considered open. When options have large open interest, it indicates it has large number of buyers and sellers,

From the table above let us take an example of HDFC Bank. The contract of JDFC Bank stands with an open interest of 3,73,31,800 which portray huge momentum and many players in the contract. The increase from the previous day in OI is 34.35%. One of the indicators to invest in contracts is when there is an increase in open interest with an increase in price which indicates a possibility for price of the contract to grow further in the coming days and could be a good trading bet for short term.

In addition to, the stock trading downward until a reverse positive trend came into play, where from the low of 1363.55 the following stock has made a high of 1457 in the past 5 days, which means that now both price and open interest are in a similar upwards positive direction and have prospective to be promoted even further.

This is one of the indicators to be studied and in the same way all the options cans be analysed first and depending on results money could be invested as per individual requirement.

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Economic Calendar

Thursday February 22 2024			Actual	Previous	Consensus	Forecast
10:30 AM	IN	HSBC Composite PMI Flash FEB		61.2		61.3
10:30 AM	IN	HSBC Manufacturing PMI Flash FEB		56.9		57
10:30 AM	IN	HSBC Services PMI Flash FEB		61.8		61.9
	IN	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes				
Friday February 23 2024			**Actual**	**Previous**	**Consensus**	**Forecast**
5:00 PM	IN	Bank Loan Growth YoY FEB/09		20.30%		
5:00 PM	IN	Deposit Growth YoY FEB/09		13.20%		
5:00 PM	IN	Foreign Exchange Reserves FEB/16		$617.23B		

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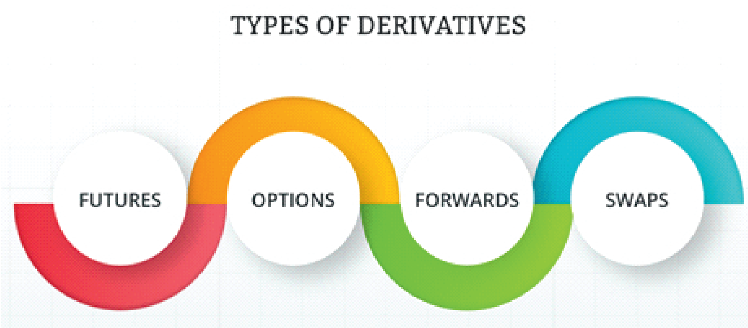
EVOLUTION OF INDIAN DERIVATIVES MARKET

From the beginnings, we have witnessed the phenomenal evolution of India's derivatives market over the past decade. As the market matured from Fiscal 2013 to 2023, trading volumes and turnover grew exponentially - empowering better manage of risk while providing new avenues for retail participation. Through government initiatives and regulatory reforms, the foundation strengthened to support market integrity and innovation. With an eye to the future, India cemented its position as a dominant global trading hub. Yet, the next chapter of this market's rise relies on traders' continued participation and engagement, to seize the Derivatives Market's boundless potential.



MAJOR PLAYERS IN THE DERIVATIVES MARKET

• Individual/Retail Investors
Individual investors, also known as retail participants, have shown increasing interest in derivatives trading. They participate in the market to hedge risks or for speculative purposes. The rise of online trading platforms and low brokerage fees have made it easier for individuals to access derivatives.

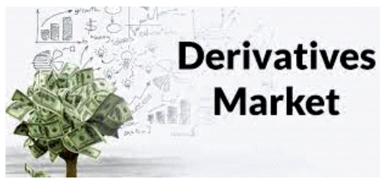
• Institutional Investors
This includes banks, insurance companies, mutual funds, and foreign institutional investors (FIIs). They mainly use derivatives for hedging and portfolio balancing. Institutions account for the majority of trading volumes in the derivatives market.

• Arbitrageurs
Arbitrageurs aim to make low-risk profits through price discrepancies in the derivatives market. They buy and sell similar or identical derivatives contracts simultaneously in different markets to benefit from price differences. Arbitrage activity helps ensure efficiency in the derivatives market.

• Speculators
Speculators aim to profit from price fluctuations in the underlying assets. They typically buy and sell derivatives contracts with the goal of making a profit. Speculators play an important role in increasing liquidity and efficiency in the derivatives market.

• Hedgers
Hedgers use derivatives to reduce or mitigate risks associated with fluctuations in asset prices or market variables. They utilize derivatives to hedge their positions in the cash/spot market. For example, a farmer can hedge against price risks by entering into a forward contract to sell crops at a predetermined price.

The derivatives market in India has witnessed tremendous growth over the past decade due to increased participation from all these major players. With supportive government policies, improving infrastructure, and financial literacy, the Indian derivatives market is poised for strong growth and development in the coming years. Overall, the major participants in India's derivatives market have been instrumental to its success and continue to shape its future.



A GLANCE BACK IN 2013

The story of this meteoric rise began in 2013, where, as per National Stock Exchange (NSE) data, the yearly trade volume for derivatives stood at around 1,284 million contracts with a turnover close to INR 3,82,114 Lakh crore. Such figures showcased the high potentiality and promising acceptance of derivatives trading among the investor fraternity.

MOMENTUM PICKED UP

As time progressed, derivatives markets began attracting a variety of traders. The pivotal moment arrived when global investment banking and securities firms, like Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan, marked their robust presence in Indian derivative markets. They joined hands with local participants, comprising mainly institutional investors like LIC and mutual fund companies. With retail investors and high-net-worth individuals (HNI) joining the fray, there was a diversified range of players in the derivative trading spectrum, contributing significantly to the market growth.

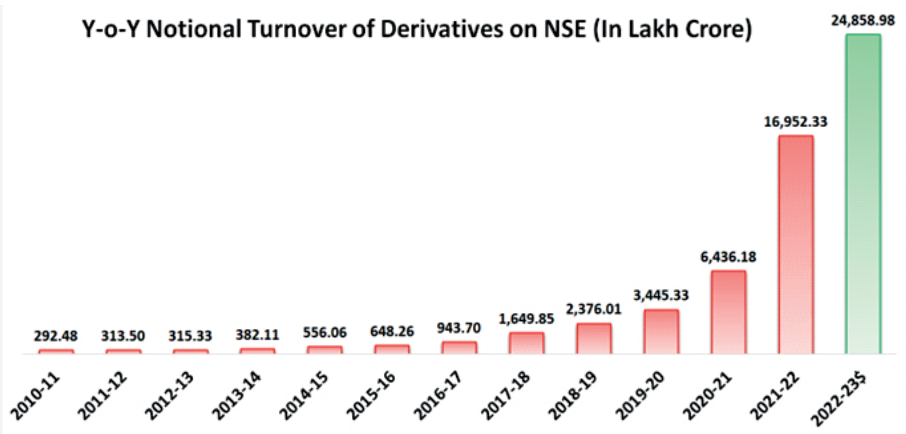
YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION AND GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

The transformation has its roots in many critical factors and policies. One significant trigger was the Indian government's numerous initiatives that established an efficient regulatory framework and simplified trading procedures.

• In 2014, as per the NSE data, the total trade volume crossed 1837 million contracts, a milestone signifying growing interest in the derivatives market.

• Post-2015, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed Algorithmic Trading and introduced weekly expiry in the options segment, thus increasing the traders' strategies. The period of 2015-16 was groundbreaking. The total turnover for derivatives trading was almost INR 6,48,258 lakh crore, as per NSE data, showing an increasing growth trend.

• This trajectory remained positive till 2017. By the end of fiscal year 2017-18, derivative turnover on the NSE alone had crossed the INR 16,49,849 lakh crore mark. Furthermore, Government eased participation for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and introduced Physical Settlements in the derivatives markets in 2018, bringing stability.



• In the fiscal year 2018-19, the Indian government took initiatives to foster bond market growth, thereby strengthening the nation's derivative markets. The financial year 2018-19 registered an all-time high yearly trade volume for derivatives at around 3,165 million contracts.

• The 2019 budget brought derivative trading within the purview of the commodities market regulation. Further, NSE and BSE started cross-listing of their derivatives products. As a result, the derivative markets expanded significantly. Data shows that derivatives' total turnover was around INR 34,45,329 lakh crore.

• By 2021, SEBI reports confirmed that the derivative trading turnover exceeded INR 1,69,52,331 lakh crore, making it a momentous year. The past two years have further confirmed the bullish trend in the derivatives market, with turnovers surpassing all expectations. The year 2022 registered a volume growth of 46% with a turnover close to INR 24,858,977 lakh crore.

In the recently concluded fiscal year 2023, NSE has witnessed year on year growth in number of clients traded for the 10th consecutive year beginning 2014 to 2023 in its equity segment. The year also saw record high turnover on single day in equity segment of Rs 167,942.47 crores on November 30, 2023, and Rs 381,623.12 crores on December 2, 2023, in the equity derivatives segment.

DRIVERS OF GROWTH

India's derivatives market has expanded rapidly over the past decade, fueled by several factors. Government regulations have progressively opened India's markets, attracting foreign investors and spurring competition. 2003 and foreign investors in 2004. These steps boosted the activity and depth.

• Regulatory Reforms
The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) implemented reforms enabling the launch of new derivatives like options contracts in 2001 and interest rate futures in 2003. SEBI also permitted new market participants like mutual funds in 2003 and foreign investors in 2004. These steps boosted the activity and depth.

• Foreign Investment
When India opened its derivatives market to foreign investors in 2004, many overseas entities entered. Foreign portfolio investors, foreign institutional investors, and non-resident Indians began actively trading equity, currency, and commodity derivatives. Their participation enhanced liquidity, volume, and asset classes.

•Growing Sophistication
investors and high-net- worth individuals dominated. Now, retail investors and traders also participate in sizeable numbers. This expanding pool of participants with diverse objectives has fueled turnover growth.

•Product Expansion
iIndian exchanges have introduced new derivatives products to meet diverse needs. Equity options and futures lead, but there are also currency, interest rate, and commodity derivatives. Single stock futures and long-dated equity options cater to hedging and speculative needs. This product expansion appeals to more participants, boosting market activity.

India's derivatives market evolution over the past decade demonstrates the power of policy reforms, foreign investment, growing investor sophistication, and product expansion in enabling rapid growth. With supportive regulations and global links, India's derivatives market is poised to achieve further milestones in the coming years.

The Future Outlook: Challenges and Opportunities

The Indian derivatives market has seen tremendous growth over the past decade, but several challenges remain for further development. Regulatory changes, technological improvements, and globalization pressures will shape the market's future trajectory.

• Regulatory Reforms

Policymakers must continue easing restrictions on new products and participants to enable healthy expansion. Permitting more foreign investors and new types of derivatives contracts will boost liquidity and risk management options. However, regulators must safeguard against potential abuses and systemic risks. Striking a balance between openness and oversight will be crucial.

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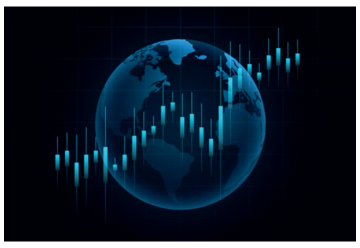
• Globalization and Competition



Growing global connections mean increased foreign competition. To remain attractive, Indian exchanges must offer products and services comparable to major international hubs. They must also strengthen ties with overseas counterparts through cooperation agreements and cross-listings. Failure to keep up with global standards could see market share and talent move abroad.

Overall, India's derivatives market is poised for continued success but not without diligent efforts to enact policy reforms, invest in technology, and match international competition. By rising to these challenges, the market can cement its status as a dominant global financial market over the next decade. The future right, but hard work remains to realize the full potential.

To wrap up, *as we have seen, the evolution of India's derivatives market from 2013 to 2023 has been remarkable. Volumes and turnover have grown exponentially over the decade thanks to increased participation, favourable regulations, financial innovation, and technological advancements. While the journey has had its fair share of ups and downs, the overall trend points to the continued growth of the Indian derivatives space. There is still ample room for further growth whether in terms of product diversification, retail participation, or integration with global markets. If the positives of the past decade can be sustained and the risks mitigated, India's derivatives revolution likely has a long runway ahead.*

CONSERVATIVE HYBRID FUND

Conservative Hybrid Fund : These mutual funds invest in both Stocks and Debt/Bonds. However focus on bonds is higher with 75-90% of investments in bonds and rest in stocks.

Scheme Name	AuM (Cr)	1Y	2Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
SBI Liquid Fund	64,615.13	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
HDFC Liquid Fund	50,906.49	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
ICICI Prudential Liquid Fund	45,939.22	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Aditya Birla Sun Life Liquid Fund	38,638.26	7%	6%	5%	5%	7%
Kotak Liquid Fund	29,656.82	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Nippon India Liquid Fund	25,877.01	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Axis Liquid Fund	25,538.10	7%	6%	5%	5%	7%
Tata Liquid Fund	24,373.08	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
UTI Liquid Fund	22,271.69	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
HSBC Liquid Fund	20,474.90	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
DSP Liquidity Fund	11,703.79	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
LIC MF Liquid Fund	11,415.52	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Bandhan Liquid Fund	11,186.87	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Mirae Asset Liquid Fund	11,105.85	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%

Chart Setup

Alembic Ltd.

The stock is trading continuously in an upward trend.
Buy at CMP with SL at 95 and target around 115.

Hero MotoCorp Ltd

Gap down opening with huge selling volume. Sell at CMP with SL at 4700 and target around 4300.

ABB India Ltd.

Visible breakout with huge volume support.
Buy at CMP with SL at 4900 and target around 5200.

Avenue Supermarts Ltd.

Trendline Breakout. Buy at CMP with SL at 3780 and target around 3950.

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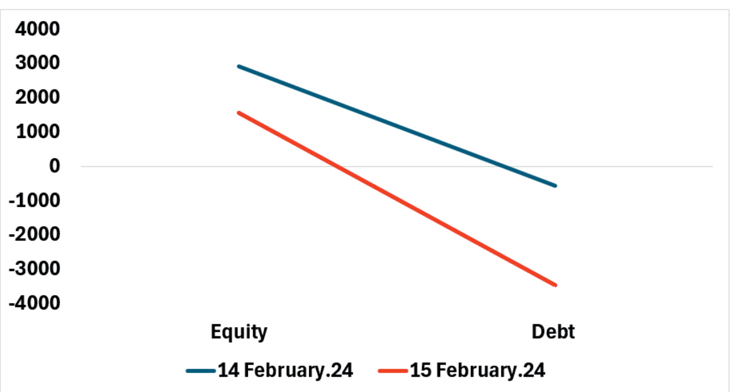
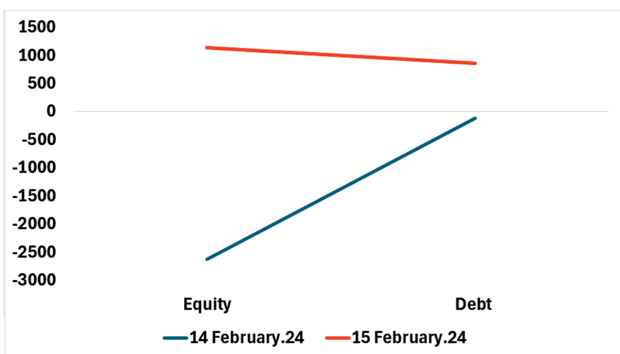
Mutual Fund Activity
MF SEBI

Value In Cr.		
Date	Equity	Debt
14 February.24	2906.52	-571.33
15 February.24	1563.05	-3464.82



Foreign Institutional Investors
FII SEBI

Value In Cr.		
Date	Equity	Debt
14 February.24	-2628.3	-113.54
15 February.24	1143.05	858.18



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