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INDIA TOP NEWS

[Wave of refinery shutdowns may push India into importing fuel next year](#)

A wave of shutdowns will hit Indian state-owned refineries next year as the country prepares for cleaner fuels from April 2020, company officials said, in moves that could temporarily dent oil demand and push up imports of refined fuels.

[INTERVIEW-ICICI Pru Life sees banks, capital goods driving 2019 growth](#)

India's largest private sector insurer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, expects private banks and big capital goods companies to drive growth next year, as lenders get on top of their bad loans and oil prices come off their highs.

[GSK in exclusive discussions with Unilever about Indian Horlicks unit -FT](#)

GlaxoSmithKline is in exclusive talks to sell its Indian Horlicks nutrition business to Unilever, putting an end to an auction that is expected to fetch more than \$4 billion, Financial Times reported on Tuesday.

[HSBC warms up to India ahead of general polls](#)

Brokerage firm HSBC upgraded Indian equities to "neutral" from "underweight" on Tuesday, saying valuations were more reasonable, investors' holdings were very low and strong earnings growth would continue next year.

GLOBAL TOP STORIES

[EXCLUSIVE-China envoy warns of dire consequences if U.S. hardliners hold sway](#)

China is going to this week's G-20 summit hoping for a deal to ease a damaging trade war with the United States, Beijing's ambassador to Washington said on Tuesday, while warning of dire consequences if U.S. hardliners try to separate the world's two largest economies.

[Trump threatens to cut GM subsidies in retaliation for U.S. job cuts](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump threatened on Tuesday to eliminate subsidies for General Motors Co in retaliation for the automaker cutting U.S. jobs and plants, and the automaker also took fire from Canadian political and labor leaders for cutbacks there.

[Trump says 'not even a little bit happy' with Fed's Powell -report](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday kept up his criticism of Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, saying rising interest rates and other Fed policies were damaging the U.S. economy, the Washington Post said.

STATE OF THE MARKETS

SGX Nifty nearest-month futures were trading 0.3 percent higher at 10,718.00, from its previous close. - NewsRise

The **Indian rupee** is expected to open lower against the U.S. currency after the dollar index extended its advance amid latest comments by the Federal Reserve vice chairman and uncertainty over Sino-American trade talks.- NewsRise



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Indian government bonds are likely to open higher after the central bank announced fresh rounds of open market note purchases for this week and for December. The yield on the benchmark 7.17 percent 2028 bond is likely to trade in a 7.65 percent-7.70 percent band today, a trader with a state-run bank said. - NewsRise

The **S&P 500** and the **Dow Jones Industrial Average** edged higher on Tuesday after White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said a meeting between President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart on Saturday was an opportunity to "turn the page" on a trade war.

Asian shares dithered and the dollar jumped to a near 1-1/2-year top as risk assets rowed back amid conflicting signals on prospects for de-escalating the Sino-U.S. trade dispute.

The **dollar** held near two-week highs after a senior Federal Reserve official reaffirmed the need for further rate increases and as investors sought shelter in the currency thanks to simmering Sino-U.S. trade tensions.

Treasury yields fell on Tuesday afternoon after \$40 billion of new five-year notes were sold to strong demand and on resurgent worries about U.S.-China trade tensions.

Oil prices rose ahead of an OPEC meeting next week at which the producer club is expected to decide some form of supply cut to counter an emerging glut.

Gold prices steadied after hitting their lowest in nearly two weeks in the previous session, with the U.S. dollar firm as a senior Federal Reserve official reaffirmed the need for further rate increases.

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|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| PNDF spot | 70.76/70.79 | November 27 | \$114.72 mln | \$47.64 mln |
| 10-yr bond yield | 7.73 pct | Month-to-date | \$463.18 mln | \$908.34 mln |
| | | Year-to-date | -\$5.46 bln | -\$7.20 bln |



PICTURE OF THE DAY



Schoolchildren walk along a footpath in New Delhi, November 27. REUTERS/Anushree Fadnavis

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