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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the paper is to establish and validate the long term relationship of stock prices in Indian context. This gives a strong subjective background to test the existence of relationship between market index and other sector indices. The paper primarily deals with an empirical method by combining different statistical techniques to check the presence of co-integration between the stock index (Sensex) and other sector indices. Co-integration is a well accepted indicator of a long term relationship between more than one time series variables. Concepts of time series modeling and regression are also visited to the extent required for the study. A step by step process was followed, though a basic one, to bring out the conclusion regarding the existence of co-integration between the given time series variables. The study takes into consideration past ten years data which reflected in the stock index. A causal relationship could not be established without the existence of co-integration between the selected indices. The paper also tries to combine the techniques with sophisticated statistical software by using Eviews for all the statistical processes used. At the end, the paper also explains various other factors which may affect the outcome of the quantitative techniques used. It also puts emphasis on the strong subjectivity of the inferences drawn from the results.

KEYWORDS

Stock Market, Volatility of Market.

INTRODUCTION

uring the last decade the world financial market experienced a rapid growth of emerging stock markets. Studies related to these markets show that equities from emerging stock markets have different characteristics than equities from developed stock markets. Four distinguishing features of emerging market returns are higher sample average return, low correlations with developed market returns, more predictable returns and higher volatility. Because of the current international status and growth rate of emerging markets, many researchers focus on the volatility of these markets. For example, Choudhry (1996) studies volatility, risk premium and the persistence of volatility in six emerging markets; Argantina, Greece, India, Mexico, Thailand and Zimbabwe, before and after the 1987 stock market crash. Santis and Imrohoroglu (1997) study the dynamics of expected stock returns and volatility in emerging financial markets. They find clustering, predictability and persistence in conditional volatility in these markets. Bekaert and Harvey (1997) analyze the reasons that volatility is different across emerging markets, particularly with respect to the timing of capital market reforms. They find that capital market liberalizations often increase the correlation between local market returns and the world market but do not drive up local market volatility. More recently Agarwal, Inclan and Leal (1999) examine global and local events that cause large shifts in the volatility of emerging stock markets. Different statistical models such as the rolling standard deviations, parametric ARCH or stochastic-volatility models have been used in these studies. In this chapter, traditional method of volatility estimation by computing the monthly standard deviations based on daily return observation to analyze the time-varying volatility of aggregate market indices of Indian Stock Exchange is applied. The objective is to determine whether Indian Stock Exchange is characterized by high volatility. It is to examine when large changes in the volatility of Indian Stock Exchange returns occur and what events (political, social, and economic) took place around the period of increased

DATA AND VOLATILITY MEASUREMENT

The behavior of stock volatility is analyzed using eleven daily aggregate indices:

BSE 500;

BSE 200;

BSE 100; SENSEX:

Consumer Durable Sector Index (CD);

Consumer Goods Sector Index (CG);

Auto Sector Index;

FMCG Sector;

Healthcare Sector Index;

IT sector Stocks, Metal Sector; and

Oil and Gas Sector Index.

SENSEX is composed of 30 companies and it is the main index of the Indian Stock Exchange others indices are the sector indices of Indian Stock Exchange. The data is obtained from the Capitaline database and Bombay stock Exchange. The data for period January 3, 2000 to December 30, 2009 is used. Throughout this paper, stock market returns are defined as continuously compounded returns at time t calculated as the natural log difference in the closing market index between two dates.

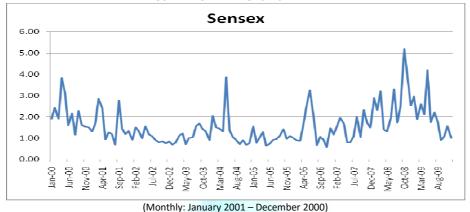
French, Schwert and Stambaugh (1987) and Schwert (1989) method is used to calculate monthly standard deviation of stock return as a measure of volatility. To estimate the monthly standard deviation of stock returns using the daily returns to Eleven market indices. The estimator of the variance of the monthly return is the sum of the squared daily returns after subtracting the average daily return in the month:

$$\sigma_{t}^{2} = \frac{1}{N_{t-1}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{t-1}} r_{ii}^{2}$$

Formula,

Where there are N_t daily returns r_{tt} in month t. Using non-overlapping samples of daily data to estimate the monthly variance creates estimation error that is uncorrelated through time.

FIGURE 1: VOLATILITY OF SENSEX INDEX



DISCUSSION ON CYCLICAL BEHVIOUR OF AGGREGATE MARKET INDICES

This section discusses the result of the data analysis keeping in view the objective of the study. The main focus is to investigate the level of long – run relationship and the integration that exists between market index and sector based indices. The statistical and econometric methods applied to investigate are follows:

- Descriptive Statistics of daily returns.
- Correlation Test
- Unit root test
- Johansen Co-integration Analysis (Bilateral and Multilateral) and Dickey fuller test
- Granger Causality Test

TABLE - 1: DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS OF DAILY RETURNS OF MARKET INDEX AND SECTOR INDICES

Indices	AUTO	BSE 100	BSE 200	BSE 500	CD	CG	FMCG	HC	IT	METAL	OIL	SENSEX
Mean	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.12	0.10	0.06
Median	0.14	0.19	0.19	0.21	0.11	0.16	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.18	0.12	0.14
Maximum	11.21	16.75	16.31	15.74	13.29	21.90	8.76	8.06	15.61	16.10	19.11	17.34
Minimum	-10.43	-11.25	-11.87	-11.70	-11.01	-14.58	-10.55	-8.31	-19.99	-13.30	-14.97	-11.14
Std. Dev.	1.70	1.84	1.81	1.79	2.14	2.06	1.58	1.46	2.64	2.46	2.10	1.79
Skewness	-0.27	-0.15	-0.25	-0.32	-0.14	0.22	-0.04	-0.36	-0.08	-0.21	-0.10	0.02
Kurtosis	6.04	8.65	8.84	8.68	6.71	11.07	6.47	7.19	8.46	6.61	10.15	9.40
Jarque-Bera	989.79	3323.51	3572.74	3394.52	1441.83	6793.95	1249.91	1879.91	2978.58	1375.08	5314.48	4253.98
Probability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sum	204.48	160.86	164.37	167.05	147.97	299.52	117.84	106.99	142.03	299.04	250.15	157.63
Sum Sq. Dev.	7247.72	8442.24	8167.17	7953.84	11393.21	10541.64	6212.07	5298.07	16621.07	15063.66	10958.74	7947.84
Observations	2495.00	2494.00	2494.00	2494.00	2494.00	2494.00	2494.00	2494.00	2392.00	2495.00	2495.00	2494.00

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

Table 3 Provides descriptive statistics of daily returns on index respectively four market indices and eight sector indices are included in the study from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2009. Daily renters are calculates as log of price relative. It is evident from the table that there is significant positive mean return for all the indices. The highest mean return for all the indices. The highest mean return is found in consumer goods sector and metal with 0.12 percent. Mean returns of market is 0.06 percent and returns in health care sector with 0.04 percent. The volatility of a measured by standard deviation less volatility is found in health care sector 1.58 followed by FMCG with 1.58. Highest volatility is found in IT sector 2.64 followed by metal with 2.46 all market indices have almost same level of volatility between 1.79-1.84.

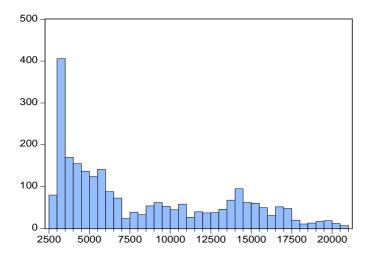
Sensex return is skewed to the right while the rest are skewed to the left and all other indices are skewed right indicating that distribution is spread to the low-value end i.e. excess tail is on left-hand side. Kurtosis³ measures the peakedness of the return, the coefficient of kurtosis are high for all selected indices inferring it is more close bunched around the mode since coefficient of kurtosis is greater than 3 it is mores peaked than the normal curve. Jarque-Bera is a test statistic for testing whether the series is normally distributed. The test statistic measures the difference of the skewness and kurtosis of the series with those from the normal distribution. Jorque - Bera statistics is high in all the indices, which means that the null-hypothesis of normal distribution of return in selected indices rejected.

FIGURE 2: INDEX PRICE SERIES OF SELECTED INDICES FROM 2000 - 2009

24,000 20,000 -16,000 -12,000 -8,000 -4,000 -4,000 -0 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 AUTO BANK BSE100 BSE200 BSE500 CD FMCG HC

Figure shows the long-run stock price variations in each of selected indices. The market crashed in 2001 and started picking up from 2004. Between 2006 - 07 market was at all time high reaching 23,000 marks. In 2008 again market crashed owing the downturn in world market. A complement to standard descriptive statistics is displayed along with the histogram. All of the statistics are calculated using the observations in the current sample Histogram is used to study the distribution of indices. It includes mean, median, standard deviation, maximum, minimum value, skewness and kurtosis.

FIGURE3: DISTRIBUTION OF SENSEX FROM JANUARY 2000 TO DECEMBER 2009/FIGURE 4: STOCK PRICE MOVEMENT, TREND AND CYCLE OF SENSEX



Series: SENSEX Sample 1/03/2000 12/31/2009 Observations 2495							
Mean	8301.749						
Median	6227.830						
Maximum	20873.33						
Minimum	2600.120						
Std. Dev.	4976.311						
Skewness	0.672417						
Kurtosis	2.109829						
Jarque-Bera	270.3937						
Probability	0.000000						

TABLE - 2: CORRELATION MATRIX FOR INDICES BASED ON RETURN

	AUTO	BSE100	BSE200	BSE500	CD	CG	FMCG	HC	IT	METAL	OIL
BSE100	0.25										
BSE200	0.27	1.00									
BSE500	0.28	0.99	1.00								
CD	0.28	0.71	0.73	0.74							
CG	0.29	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.68						
FMCG	0.20	0.67	0.67	0.66	0.50	0.54					
HC	0.29	0.73	0.75	0.75	0.63	0.66	0.58				
IT	-0.02	0.002	0.004	0.004	-0.003	0.02	0.01	-0.02			
METAL	0.71	0.23	0.25	0.26	0.26	0.27	0.17	0.25	-0.02		
OIL	0.67	0.25	0.28	0.29	0.25	0.28	0.17	0.24	-0.02	0.72	
SENSEX	0.24	0.97	0.97	0.96	0.67	0.81	0.71	0.72	-0.003	0.20	0.22

Correlation test, preliminarily indication of relationship, is correlation between market indices and sector indices. Table gives the correlation coefficient (two – tailed) for 12 bilateral pairs of selected indices. It is observed that there is high positive correlation between BSE 100, BSE 200 BSE 500 and consumer durables r =0.83. There is perfect positive correlation between all the market indices. r = 1. The return of IT sector does not have relationship with the returns of other sector return as r =0. The return on IT sector is not even selected to the return on market indices. The return of Consumer Durable, Consumer Goods, FMCG, and Health Care has high positive relationship with market. Whereas metal, oil, auto show less positive association. Correlation of Index movement of market and other sector are highly positive correlated with r-value ranging from 0.67 to 1.

UNIT ROOT TEST

HYPOTHESIS 1

 H_0 : Unit root exits, the time series is non-stationary and the series I (1).

 H_1 : Unit root does not exist, the time series is stationary and the series is I (0).

TABLE 3: AUGMENTED DICKEY-FULLER TEST (ADF) FINDING FOR LEVEL FOR VARIOUS

	AUTO	CD	CG	FMCG	HC	IT	METAL	OIL	SENSEX	BSE100	BSE200	BSE500
ADF t-value	0.68	-0.84	-0.39	0.09	0.27	-0.73	-0.23	-0.45	-0.25	-0.26	-0.26	-0.27
Critical Value of t (1%)	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43
Critical Value of t (5%)	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86
Lag Length	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
H₀	Accepte	Accepted										
Data Character	Non - Stationary											

TABLE 4: AUGMENTED DICKEY-FULLER TEST (ADF) FINDING FOR FIRST DIFFERENCE

	AUTO	CD	CG	FMCG	НС	IT	METAL	OIL	SENSEX	BSE100	BSE200	BSE500
ADF t-value	-43.39	-31.19	-42.86	-48.11	-45.17	-36.05	-44.11	-45.65	-46.05	-44.92	-44.46	-43.91
Critical Value of t (1%)	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43	-3.43
Critical Value of t (5%)	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86	-2.86
Lag Length	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
H₀	Rejecte	Rejected										
Data Character	ata Character Integrated of order one I (1)											

Table results of the unit root test bases on ADF t - statistical are presented in the table. The critical values of the tests are obtained from the table values. Tables by Mackinnon (1996) one - side value are used. Lag length is chosen automatically based on SIC, MAXLAG. Table - 4 shows that the null hypotheses of unit root is not be rejected at 5 percent and I percent confidence levels in all of selected market and sector indices. As illustrated in the table, ADF t- values for all indices are higher than the critical values, implying that the series are non-stationary. The null hypothesis of the unit root at first difference is rejected for all indices as

shows in table 5.8. Statistics of the ADF lie to the left of the critical values implying that the series are stationary at first difference level. The result for all the indices are consistent there is a possibility that co-integration among the series exist.

BI-LATERAL CO-INTEGRATION

Johannes co integration test is performed for each of 58 bilateral pairs identifies with in the group of selected indices for each pair, co integration rack of a and I are examined by comparing the trace statistic to corresponding critical values at 5% and 1% if the trace value is higher than critical values, then co integration exist at that level and vice versa the null hypothesis in the test holds that r = 0 (No co- integration exists) while the alterative holds. That r = 1 (co-integration exists) failure to reject the null hypothesis implies that variables are not co-integrated, where as positive rejection implies that there is at least on co-integrated equation. The result of the Johansen co-integration test for each of the 58 bilateral pair of the selected indices is summarized in Table - 5. **HYPOTHESIS-2**

H₀: No bi-variate co integration exists.

H₁: Bi-variate co –integration exists.

TABLE 5: RESULT OF BILATERAL CO-INTEGRATION AMONG SELECTED STOCK INDICES

Indices	F BILATERAL CO-INTEGRATION AMONG SELECTED S Hypothesized number of co-integrated equation	Trace Statistic	5% Critical Value	5% Critical Value
Auto - BSE – 100	None	9.0313	15.49	19.94
Auto - BSE 200	None	9.2056	15.49	19.94
Auto -BSE 500	None	9.7881	15.49	19.94
Auto – Sensex	None	8.5891	15.49	19.94
Auto – Selisex	None	14.244	15.49	19.94
Auto – CG	None	6.8863	15.49	19.94
Auto – CG Auto – FMCG	None	4.6846		19.94
Auto – HC	None	14.75	15.49 15.49	19.94
Auto – HC Auto – IT	None	11.641	15.49	19.94
Auto – Metal	None	9.8128	15.49	19.94
Auto – Oil	None	4.3995	15.49	19.94
BSE 100 - BSE 500	None	5.2735	15.49	19.94
BSE 100 - BSE 200	None	5.4597	15.49	19.94
BSE 100 - BSE 200 BSE 100 - Sensex	None	13.391	15.49	19.94
BSE 100 – Selisex	None	5.978	15.49	19.94
BSE 100 – CG	None	10.584	15.49	19.94
BSE 100 – FMCG BSE 100 – HC	None	5.7428	15.49	19.94
BSE 100 – HC BSE 100 – IT	None None	5.1621 15.194	15.49 15.49	19.94 19.94
BSE 100 – Metal BSE 100 – Oil	None None	5.9018 5.4798	15.49 15.49	19.94 19.94
BSE 200 - BSE 500		4.6116	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 – BSE 300 BSE 200 – Sensex	None None	7.3326	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 – CD	None	5.9767	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 – CG	None	9.6421	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 – CG	None	5.2345	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 – HC	None	5.5364	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 - IT	None	14.205	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 – Metal	None	6.6874	15.49	19.94
BSE 200 – Oil	None	5.1352	15.49	19.94
Sensex – CD	None	7.1019	15.49	19.94
Sensex – CG	None	9.9021	15.49	19.94
Sensex – FMCG	None	5.7298	15.49	19.94
Sensex – HC	None	4.9416	15.49	19.94
Sensex – IT	None *	15.715	15.49	19.94
Sensex – Metal	None	5.907	15.49	19.94
Sensex – Oil	None	5.6342	15.49	19.94
CD – CG	None	8.3818	15.49	19.94
CD – FMCG	None	4.219	15.49	19.94
CD – HC	None	4.4186	15.49	19.94
CD – IT	None	14.707	15.49	19.94
CD – Metal	None	2.8532	15.49	19.94
CD – Oil	None	4.7511	15.49	19.94
CG – FMCG	None	6.6586	15.49	19.94
CG – HC	None	4.9201	15.49	19.94
CG- IT	None	10.157	15.49	19.94
CG – Metal	None	7.7091	15.49	19.94
CG – Oil	None	11.725	15.49	19.94
FMCG – HC	None	4.8452	15.49	19.94
FMCG- IT	None	8.1655	15.49	19.94
	None	5.6534	15.49	19.94
FMCG – Metal			15.49	19.94
FMCG – Metal FMCG – Oil	None	6.38	13.45	
	•	6.38 6.8341	15.49	19.94
FMCG – Oil	None			
FMCG – Oil HC – IT	None None	6.8341	15.49	19.94
FMCG – Oil HC – IT HC – Metal	None None	6.8341 8.2677	15.49 15.49	19.94 19.94
FMCG – Oil HC – IT HC – Metal HC – Oil	None None None	6.8341 8.2677 4.9889	15.49 15.49 15.49	19.94 19.94 19.94

Trace test indicates 1 co-integrating eqn (s) at the 0.05 level

^{*} denotes rejection of the hypothesis at the 0.05 level

The result of Johansen co-integration test indicates that integration among selected stock indices is minimal. Out of 58 bilateral pairs of 11 stock indices, one pair is found to be co-integrated i.e., the market index Sensex and Information Technology stock. The selected market indices and sector indices are not cointegrated because; the trace statistics are less than the Critical value at both 5% and 1%. Only in case of integration between Sensex and IT sector exist as the trace statistics so null hypothesis is accepted. Table 5 shows that no co-integration exist between all other pairs

MULTILATERAL CO INTEGRATION

The Johansen co –integration test is performed for twelve set of selected market indices to investigate integration of these indices as group analysis using the Multiple Equation, is based on VAR model, the VAR model of order 2, is chosen acceding to AIC contain 12x1 vector that contain Logarithms of share price index of 12 indices. The multivariate approach examines co integrating vector in the stochastic matrix possible number of matrix. A sequence of hypotheses test using maximum likelihood method, establishing the greatest possible number of vector within the system.

The analysis of Johansen multivariate approach is to test null hypothesis of r co integrated vectors against the alternative that r+1 co integrated vectors are present where r is the number of hypothesized co integration equations. The Null hypotheses assume that for each row of numbers: zero at most one, at most two so on till at most eleven. The alternative hypotheses states one, two, three, four to eleven co - integration equation respectively for each row. As long as trace statistics exceeds critical values at 5% or 1%, the alternative accepted. The results of test are present in Table 4.10. **HYPOTHESIS -3**

 H_0 : r = 0 NO multilateral co-integration exists.

 H_1 : r =1 Multilateral co-integration exists.

TABLE 6: RESULT OF MULTILATERAL CO-INTEGRATION AMONG SELECTED STOCK INDICES

Trend assumption: Linear deterministic trend			
Hypothesized	Trace	5%	1%
No. of CE(s)	Statistic	Critical Value	Critical Value
None *	417.6811	334.9837	351.2421
At most 1 *	321.4965	285.1425	300.2879
At most 2 *	245.2836	239.2354	253.2348
At most 3	189.9102	197.3709	210.0548
At most 4	142.7832	159.5297	171.0905
At most 5	101.6739	125 <mark>.61</mark> 54	135.9732
At most 6	72.35678	95.75366	104.9615
At most 7	47.40551	69.81889	77.81884
At most 8	27.10295	47.85613	54.68150
At most 9	14.50918	29.79707	35.45817
At most 10	6.379869	15.49471	19.93711
At most 11	0.472348	3.841466	6.634897

Trace test indicates 3 co-integrating eqn(s) at the 0.05 level

As illustrated in the table, the trace statistics indicate three co integration vector at 5% and 1% significance level among the indices selected. Since trace statistics 417.68 exceeds the 5% and 1% critical values, it is possible to reject the null hypothesis of no co integration vector, indicating that there are three cointegration equations. For the fourth null hypothesis, the trace statistics of 189.91 is less than the 5% and 1% critical values, which implies that the hypothesis cannot be rejected, indicating that there is at most one co integrating vector. Findings of multilateral co-integration indicate that the level of integration with respect to the group of twelve selected indices is low because only three co-integrated vector is found. The result of the Johansen multivariate test on the group of twelve selected indices has supported the proposition of integration across all twelve indices on bilateral basis because only one pair is found to be integrated.

GRANGER CAUALITY TEST

The finding of co-integration testing do not indicate the direction of relationship among selected market indices, Granger causality test is performed to examine the casual relationship among these indices. If two variables are co-integrated, Granger causality must exist at least in one direction. The Granger causality approach seeks to determine how much of a current variable Y can be explained by past values of Y and lagged values of another variable X. There are four possible patterns of the test. There can be unconditional causality from X to Y. There can be unconditional causality occurs from Y to X, There can be bidirectional causality. NO causality exists between X and Y.

HYPOTHESIS-3

H₀: No Causality exists between Sensex and Sector Indices.

H₁: Causality exists between Sensex and Sector Indices.

The Granger causality test is applied to log values for the twelve selected indices Table 7 presents the output of the test, which includes calculated F- statistics and the probability for each pair of the market index and sector indices. If the probability of non – causality is less than 0.25, the hypothesis of non – causality is rejected implying that the casual relationship exists. Findings of Granger causality test show clearly that the causality in terms of co - dependencies on each other's lagged indices runs from Sensex i.e. market index and other selected sector indices. As illustrated in Table 7, the probability of accepting the null hypothesis that Sensex returns does not cause Auto sector return is 0%, which means the auto return is affected by Sensex return by 100 percent. Likewise the Consumer Durable sector return is also affected by market return by 99 percent. Consumer Goods sector return is affected by 95 percent by Sensex return, FMCG returns are affected by 80 percent. Health-Care returns are affected by 88 percent. IT sector returns are affected by 93 percent and Metal sector and Oil sector returns are affected by market return by 100 percent. The causality test indicates that market returns are independent variable. The result suggests a Granger causality running from only Market to other sector indices.

^{*} denotes rejection of the hypothesis at the 0.05 level and 0.01 level

^{**}MacKinnon-Haug-Michelis (1999) p-values

TABLE 7 : RESULT OF GRANGER CAUSALITY AMONG SENSEX AND SECTORAL INDICE									
Null Hypothesis:	Obs	F-Statistic	Prob.						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause AUTORETURN	2492	725.61	0.00						
AUTORETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		0.0733	0.9293						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause CDRETURN	2492	6.25156	0.002						
CDRETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		2.39797	0.0911						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause CGRETURN	2492	3.10794	0.0449						
CGRETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		3.6097	0.0272						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause FMCGRETURN	2492	1.63498	0.1952						
FMCGRETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		8.83762	0.0001						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause HCRETURN	2492	2.14256	0.1176						
HCRETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		3.74642	0.0237						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause ITRETURN	2390	2.61673	0.0733						
ITRETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		0.97827	0.3761						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause METALRETURN	2492	833.871	0.00						
METALRETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		1.39489	0.2481						
SENSEXRETURN does not Granger Cause OILRETURN	2492	855.885	0.00						
OILRETURN does not Granger Cause SENSEXRETURN		1.28192	0.2777						

CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

Aggregate volatility is analyzed using market and sectoral indices: Sensex, BSE 100, BSE 200, and BSE 500 Indices. Financial sector index, consumer durable sector index, consumer goods sector index and other indices. Using the daily returns, the monthly standard deviations of stock returns are estimated as a measure of volatility. The plots of the volatility measures show an upward trend in volatility in all indices. This result confirms that the investor has the correct impression about the increased stock market volatility in Indian Stock Exchange. The plots also reveal that the sectoral indices also shows upward trend. All volatility plots have significant jumps during the times of important political and economic events of India.

The increased volatility during 2000 - 2001 was due to dot com bust. Beginning of year 2000, the market was bolstered by a positive investment environment supported by the IMF-backed disinflation program, with 5.6% GDP increase year-to- year, high confidence due to financial sector reforms, new license policy, FEMA, and a decline in interest rates and inflation. Positive news included a new law snowing international arbitration between the government and foreign investors, and new measures to prevent insider trading. Despite these reforms, investor confidence declined and share prices plunged because of political

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