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**AN EMPIRICAL STUDY ON WEAK-FORM OF MARKET EFFICIENCY OF NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE**

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**ABSTRACT**

*The purpose of present study is to investigate the weak form of market efficiency of National Stock Exchange of India. Using sample data spanning the period of January 2001 to March 2013 of daily closing price of the selected Indices of National Stock Exchange (NSE): CNX NIFTY, CNX IT, CNX FINANCE, CNX FMCG and CNX ENERGY. The random walk hypothesis is examined using runs test, unit root test (ADF) and Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) model. The results provide sufficient evidence from the runs test of the weak form of efficiency of National Stock Exchange is weak form inefficient. The result also supported with the ADF test and ARIMA model that successive price are changes in the market, it means that investor put strategy to maintain return based on past price and trends of stock market.*

**KEYWORDS**

ARIMA, Market Efficiency, NSE, Runs Test.

**INTRODUCTION**

**T**he efficient market hypothesis (EMH) asserts that financial market are influence on the basis of relevant market information, if market is efficient, trying to pickup winners will be a waste of time.

The term market efficiency is used to explain the relationship between information and share prices in the capital market literature. A capital market is said to be efficient if it fully and correctly reflects all relevant market information or previous price in determining security prices.

There are three types of efficient market hypothesis: Weak, Semi-strong and Strong forms. Weak form of efficiency suggested that all past prices of a stock are reflected in today's stock price. It means that technical analysis cannot be used to predict the market. Semi strong form of efficiency claims that all publically information reflected on current stock price. It means that neither fundamental nor technical analysis can be used to predict the market. In Strong form of efficiency all information in a market, whether public or private, is reflect in a current stock price. Not only internal information could give an investor an advantage but external also reflect on the stock price.

According to Fama (1970), suggested that the primary role of the capital market is allocation of ownership of the economy's capital stock. In general terms, the ideal is a market in which prices provide accurate signals for resource allocation: i.e., a market in which firms can make productive-investment decisions, and investors can choose among the securities that represent ownership of firms' activities under the assumption that securities prices at any time 'fully reflect' all available information.

Dyckman and Morse (1986) suggested that "a security market is generally defined as efficient if (1) the price of the security traded in the market fully reflect all available information and (2) these prices react instantaneously or nearly so, and in unbiased fashion to new information".

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

Many studies have been conducted nationally and internationally which have focused on the weak form of market efficiency. Following the theoretical literature, empirical studies on the weak form efficient market hypothesis in emerging markets have been intensively investigated, especially in recent years.

**TABLE: 1 REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

| Sr. No. | Author(s)                                       | Area/Market under Study             | Period of Study   | Methodology   | Result   |
|---------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1.      | Nikunj R. Patel, Nitesh Radadia and Juhi Dhawan | Asian four selected stock markets   | 1st January 2000 to 31st March 2011                         | Runs Test, Unit Root Test, Variance Ratio, Auto Correlation and Kolmogorov-Smirnov test   | The study indicates that the Asian stock markets under study are not found weak- form efficiency.  |
| 2.      | Gagan Deep Sharma, Mandeep Mahendru             | Indian Securities Market            | 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2007 to 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2007 | Runs Test and Autocorrelation Test  | The study indicates that the BSE is found weak form efficient. Author also, suggested that market needs to strengthen its regulatory capacity to boost investors' confidence as well as stringent in enforcing financial regulations, performing regular market.   |
| 3.      | Anand Pandey                                    | Indian Stock Market                 | January 1996 to June 2002                                   | Runs Test and Autocorrelation Test  | Author finds sufficient evidence from the Indian stock market that market is not efficient. Because of there are number of undervalued securities in the market and the investors can always excess returns by correctly picking them.   |
| 4.      | Philip Ifeakachukwu and Isiaq Olasunkanmi       | Nigerian Stock Market               | 1986 and 2010   | Serial auto-correlation and regression method   | Study revealed that the Nigeria stock market is informational inefficient, that is stock price does not exhibit random walk. Also, suggested that enhanced regulatory market and developed adequate supervision  |
| 5.      | Sunil Poshakwale                                | Indian Stock Market (BSE)           | 1987-1994   | Runs Test, Kolmogorov Smirnov Goodness of Fit Test, Serial Correlation Coefficients Test, | The results give sufficient evidence of day of the week effect and that the stock market is not weak form efficient. The weekend effect is evident as the returns achieved on Fridays are significantly higher compared to rest of the days of the week. The implication of this result for investors is that they cannot adopt a 'fair return for risk' strategy, by holding a well diversified portfolio while investing in the Indian stock market. |
| 6.      | Amalendu Bhunia                                 | Indian Stock Market (NSE)           | January 2010 to June 2011                                   | CAPM, Beta  | The author suggested that there is no strong efficiency found in the Indian market.  |
| 7.      | Divyang J Joshi                                 | Indian Stock Market (BSE)           | 1st January 2001 to 31st December 2010                      | Runs Test   | The study identified that the Indian stock market is inefficient in long run while efficient in short term.  |
| 8.      | Mirah Putu Nikita and Subiakto Soekarno         | Indonesia Stock Market              | 2008-2011   | Runs test, Autocorrelation, and Regression Analysis,                                      | The result suggested that the non-randomness behavior and significant result on autocorrelation value have confirmed the weak form market inefficiency.  |
| 9.      | Rakesh Gupta and Junhao Yang                    | Indian Capital Market (NSE and BSE) | 1997 to 2011  | ADF, PP and KPSS  | Study suggested that the rejection of weak form efficiency during all sample periods.  |
| 10.     | Uttam Sapate and Valeed Ansari                  | Bombay Stock Exchange (India)       | April 2000 to March 2010                                    | Autocorrelation Test & Ljung – Box Q (LBQ) Statistics, Runs Test,                         | The result shows that BSE has not find sufficient evidence as a efficient market. It signifies that trading strategies based on historic prices cannot be used to gain abnormal profits consistently because market is weak form efficient.  |
| 11.     | Xiaofeng Li                                     | China and Japan                     | November 2000 to November 2011                              | Runs test, Unit root test (ADF), and Variance ratio test                                  | Result shows that Shanghai and Shenzhen market has absence of random walk characteristics as well as Tokyo stock market, the indices cannot said to be pure efficient.   |

**OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

The main objective of study is to examine whether the major indices of national stock exchange (NSE) is weak form efficient over the period 2001-2013. Present study applies a classical theory of testing market efficiency, to determine whether or not the time series predictability in NSE indices returns violate the random walk model, which maintains that past stock price cannot be used to predict future stock returns.

**METHODOLOGY**

Examining the efficiency through efficient market hypothesis in its weak form from the objective of leading stock exchange in India, NSE was selected because NSE has maintained its slot as the world's largest bourse in terms of volumes in equity segment (number of equity traders) for the January-March quarter of 2013, with a total of 36.6 crore trades, as per latest data compiled by World Federation of Exchanges (WFE)<sup>1</sup>. Under the NSE four top indices were selected viz., CNX IT, CNX FINANCE, CNX FMCG and CNX ENERGY. These indices were selected keeping in the mind that highest weightage in CNX NIFTY as per given in following table.

**TABLE: 2 SECTOR REPRESENTATION**

| Sector                | Weight (%) | Sample Period            | Observations |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| NIFTY                 | --         | 01.01.2001 to 31.03.2013 | 3058         |
| Financial Services    | 28.53      | 01.01.2004 to 31.03.2013 | 2305         |
| Energy                | 15.71      | 01.01.2001 to 31.03.2013 | 3058         |
| IT                    | 14.45      | 01.01.2001 to 31.03.2013 | 3058         |
| Consumer Goods (FMCG) | 13.14      | 01.01.2001 to 31.03.2013 | 3058         |

(Source: Indian Index Services & Product Limited, CNX NIFTY dated 28.03.2013)

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.rediff.com/money/slide-show/slide-show-1-worlds-top-bourses-nse-is-no-1/20130420.htm?pos=13&src=NL20130420> accessed on 22/4/2013



The data obtained from web portal of National Stock Exchange (www.nseindia.com), on the basis of the daily closing prices from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2001 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 of the selected Indices of National Stock Exchange (NSE): CNX NIFTY, CNX IT, CNX FINANCE, CNX FMCG and CNX ENERGY.

**DATA ANALYSIS WITH HYPOTHESES**

The data which was collected in order to find out the weak form efficiency or market followed random walk pattern of NSE with selected indices. The tests which were used in the time series analysis includes the Runs test, Unit root test (ADF) and Auto regressive test. For the data analysis GRETL version 1.7.3 and E-views 4 were used. The hypothesis of the study is:

- H<sub>0</sub>: The National Stock Exchange is a weak form efficient.
- H<sub>1</sub>: The National Stock Exchange is weak form inefficient.

**RUNS TEST**

To test for weak form efficiency 'runs test' is widely used as it does not require return to be normally distributed. The runs test is to determine whether successive price changes are independent or not, if not independent it must not follow random walk characteristics, i.e. if the positive and negative value comes out with equal or lies within an efficient scope then the market can be called to be efficient. The null hypothesis H<sub>0</sub> is accepted if the value of Z is less than 1.96 and it is rejected if the value of Z exceeds 1.96.

$$Z = \frac{r - \mu_r}{\sigma_r} \quad \mu_r = 1 + \frac{2n_1n_2}{n_1+n_2} \quad \sigma_r = \sqrt{\frac{2n_1n_2(2n_1n_2-n_1-n_2)}{(n_1+n_2)^2(n_1+n_2-1)}}$$

r = Number of runs

n<sub>1</sub> = total number of returns equal and more than the mean value

n<sub>2</sub> = total number of returns less than the mean value

**UNIT ROOT TEST- AUGMENTED DICKEY-FULLER TEST**

Most time series data are non-stationary i.e., they tend to exhibit a deterministic and stochastic trend. Before apply any statistical test researcher need to be check whether the series is stationary or not. A more formal method of detecting non-stationarity is often described as testing for unit roots, for reasons that need not concern us here. The standard test, pioneered by Dickey and Fuller (1979), is based on the model

$$X_t = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_{t-1} + \gamma_t + \epsilon_t$$

Rewritten as:

$$\Delta X_t = \beta_1 + (\beta_2 - 1)X_{t-1} + \gamma_t + \epsilon_t$$

Where  $\Delta X_t = X_t - X_{t-1}$ , the series will be non-stationary if either the coefficient of  $X_{t-1}$  is zero or the coefficient of  $t$  is non zero.

**AUTOREGRESSIVE INTEGRATED MOVING AVERAGE (ARIMA (p, d, q))**

Model for non-seasonal series are called Autoregressive integrated moving average model, denoted by ARIMA (p, d, q). Here p indicates the order of the autoregressive part, d indicates the amount of differencing, and q indicates the order of the moving average part. If the original series is stationary, d = 0 and the ARIMA models reduce to the ARMA models. The deference linear operator ( $\Delta$ ), defined by

$$\Delta Y_t = Y_t - Y_{t-1} = Y_t - BY_t = (1 - B)Y_t$$

The stationary series  $W_t$  obtained as the dth difference ( $\Delta^d$ ) of  $Y_t$ ,

$$W_t = \Delta^d Y_t = (1 - B)^d Y_t$$

ARIMA (p, d, q) has the general form:

$$\phi_p(B) (1 - B)^d Y_t = \mu + \theta_q(B)\epsilon_t \quad \text{or} \quad \phi_p(B) W_t = \mu + \theta_q(B)\epsilon_t$$

**EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE**

**RUNS TESTS**

A random stock price behaviour supported weak from market efficiency. This can be studied though the runs test is given in Table 3.

**HYPOTHESIS**

H<sub>0</sub> = Series of each index return are random

**TABLE: 3 SUMMARY OF RUNS TEST**

|                         | CNX NIFTY | CNX Finance | CNX IT  | CNX FMCG | CNX Energy |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------|------------|
| Test Value <sup>a</sup> | 3460.00   | 2862.42     | 5862.50 | 5076.74  | 5724.06    |
| Cases < Test Value      | 1529      | 1152        | 1529    | 1529     | 1529       |
| Cases >= Test Value     | 1529      | 1153        | 1529    | 1529     | 1529       |
| Total Case              | 3058      | 2305        | 3058    | 3058     | 3058       |
| Number of Runs          | 22        | 28          | 39      | 50       | 32         |
| Z                       | -54.549   | -46.896     | -53.934 | -53.536  | -54.187    |
| Asymp. Sig. (2-tailed)  | 0.000     | 0.000       | 0.000   | 0.000    | 0.000      |

a. Median

Runs test revels that, the resulting p-value of all indices (0.000) are smaller than the alpha level of 0.05, there is sufficient evidence to conclude that the null hypothesis is rejected i.e., indices are not followed random pattern and market is inefficient. It means that the help of past prices and trend an investor can predict the future market.

**UNIT ROOT TEST**

This empirical work commenced its analysis by testing the stationarity status of the times series used in this study.

H<sub>0</sub> = There is a presence of unit root in the series. (non-stationary)

**TABLE: 4 SUMMARY OF UNIT ROOT TEST**

|             | ADF Test                              |                                       | ARIMA Model | R <sup>2</sup> | DW   |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|------|
|             | With intercept                        | With intercept and trend              |             |                |      |
| CNX NIFTY   | t static = -40.654<br>p-value = 0.000 | t static = -40.648<br>p-value = 0.000 | (3,1,3)     | 0.7859         | 2.05 |
| CNXIT       | t static = -43.834<br>p-value = 0.000 | t static = -43.827<br>p-value = 0.000 | (3,2,3)     | 0.7953         | 2.04 |
| CNX Finance | t static = -34.825<br>p-value = 0.000 | t static = -34.818<br>p-value = 0.000 | (3,2,3)     | 0.7625         | 2.06 |
| CNX Energy  | t static = -41.116<br>p-value = 0.000 | t static = -41.109<br>p-value = 0.000 | (3,1,3)     | 0.7831         | 2.08 |
| CNX FMCG    | t static = -43.130<br>p-value = 0.000 | t static = -43.123<br>p-value = 0.000 | (0,2,1)     | 0.8031         | 2.05 |

Table 4 clearly shows that all five series are statistical significant as seen in the result of ADF test, the times series was non stationary at level but became stationary after first difference and second difference with leg length 4, implying that the variables are of order one (CNX nifty and CNX Energy) and order two

(CNX IT, CNX Finance and CNX FMCG). Hence, the null hypothesis on stationarity was rejected in the series. It suggested that all indices are weak forms inefficient. DW statistics shows that the error series is free from autocorrelation.

#### ARIMA MODEL CHECKING

In CNX Nifty, can be applied ARIMA (3, 1, 3) model. Model parameter were shown as following:

| Type  | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob.  |
|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| AR(1) | 0.2004      | 0.0667     | 3.0063      | 0.0027 |
| AR(2) | 0.3526      | 0.0567     | 6.2213      | 0.0000 |
| AR(3) | -0.8441     | 0.0589     | -14.3368    | 0.0000 |
| MA(1) | -0.1514     | 0.0714     | -2.1207     | 0.0340 |
| MA(2) | -0.3301     | 0.0641     | -5.1504     | 0.0000 |
| MA(3) | 0.8095      | 0.0640     | 12.645      | 0.0000 |

We obtained the model in the form

$$\hat{Y}_t = Y_{t-1} + 0.200448(Y_{t-1}) + 0.3526(Y_{t-2}) - 0.8441(Y_{t-3}) - 0.1514(\epsilon_{t-1}) - 0.3301(\epsilon_{t-2}) + 0.8095(\epsilon_{t-3})$$

In CNX IT, can be applied ARIMA (3, 2, 3) model. Model parameter were shown as following:

| Type  | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob.  |
|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| AR(1) | -0.4124     | 0.0669     | -6.1626     | 0.0000 |
| AR(2) | -0.7287     | 0.0549     | -13.275     | 0.0000 |
| AR(3) | 0.0407      | 0.0180     | 2.2511      | 0.0245 |
| MA(1) | -0.5510     | 0.0660     | -8.3434     | 0.0000 |
| MA(2) | 0.3065      | 0.0650     | 4.7142      | 0.0000 |
| MA(3) | -0.7501     | 0.0552     | -13.5993    | 0.0000 |

We obtained the model in the form

$$\hat{Y}_t = Y_{t-1} - 0.4124(Y_{t-1}) - 0.7287(Y_{t-2}) + 0.0406(Y_{t-3}) - 0.5509(\epsilon_{t-1}) + 0.3066(\epsilon_{t-2}) - 0.7501(\epsilon_{t-3})$$

In CNX FMCG, can be applied ARIMA (0, 2, 1) model. Model parameter were shown as following:

| Type  | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob.  |
|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| AR(1) | 0.0088      | 0.0182     | 0.4850      | 0.6277 |
| MA(1) | -0.9975     | 0.0017     | -562.6614   | 0.0000 |

We obtained the model in the form

$$\hat{Y}_t = Y_{t-1} - 0.9974(\epsilon_{t-1})$$

In CNX Finance, can be applied ARIMA (3, 2, 3) model. Model parameter were shown as following:

| Type  | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob.  |
|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| AR(1) | -0.7736     | 0.0220     | -35.1449    | 0.0000 |
| AR(2) | -0.8685     | 0.0198     | -43.7830    | 0.0000 |
| AR(3) | 0.1098      | 0.0211     | 5.21006     | 0.0000 |
| MA(1) | -0.0920     | 0.0072     | -12.706     | 0.0000 |
| MA(2) | 0.0764      | 0.0075     | 10.1586     | 0.0000 |
| MA(3) | -0.9836     | 0.0072     | -136.6882   | 0.0000 |

We obtained the model in the form

$$\hat{Y}_t = Y_{t-1} - 0.7736(Y_{t-1}) - 0.8685(Y_{t-2}) + 0.1098(Y_{t-3}) - 0.0920(\epsilon_{t-1}) + 0.0764(\epsilon_{t-2}) - 0.9834(\epsilon_{t-3})$$

In CNX Energy, can be applied ARIMA (3, 1, 3) model. Model parameter were shown as following:

| Type  | Coefficient | Std. Error | t-Statistic | Prob.  |
|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------|
| AR(1) | 0.2074      | 0.0305     | 6.8003      | 0.0000 |
| AR(2) | 0.2986      | 0.0263     | 11.3495     | 0.0000 |
| AR(3) | -0.9006     | 0.0281     | -32.083     | 0.0000 |
| MA(1) | -0.1482     | 0.0352     | -4.2054     | 0.0000 |
| MA(2) | -0.2720     | 0.0324     | -8.4011     | 0.0000 |
| MA(3) | 0.8573      | 0.0331     | 25.8657     | 0.0000 |

We obtained the model in the form

$$\hat{Y}_t = Y_{t-1} + 0.2074(Y_{t-1}) + 0.2986(Y_{t-2}) - 0.9006(Y_{t-3}) - 0.1482(\epsilon_{t-1}) - 0.2720(\epsilon_{t-2}) + 0.8573(\epsilon_{t-3})$$

Based on the ARIMA model, investor can put their strategies to earn profit based on past price trend because one order or two order successive price interval will help them to make decisions on their investment.

#### CONCLUSIONS & IMPLICATIONS

Based on the theoretical and empirical literature that is reviewed in this study, the weak form market efficiency in the context of an emerging market, like National Stock Exchange is investigated. The national stock exchange has experienced significant positive developments as reflected in its market capitalization, liquidity, turnover and increase in value of stock prices.

This paper primarily examines the weak form efficiency of the Indian stock exchanges (NSE). We employ different tests like, Runs Test, ADF, and model building for forecasting future market value and find similar results.

The results of Runs test and ADF test supported that weak form market inefficiency and abnormal returns can be generated based on past price trends / information. That can be viewed with the help of ARIMA model i.e. autoregressive integrated average moving model in integrated with one order or two order integrated successive change in price depending on the movement of stock price.

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