

Sensex, Nifty likely to start on positive note today**Morning Market Snapshot – 18 Feb 2026 (Wednesday)**

- Indian benchmarks are expected to start the day on a positive note on Wednesday, but it would remain volatile as investors may continue to consolidate and react to stock-specific developments today.
- Asian stocks were moving higher in thin trade this morning, with markets in China, Hong Kong and South Korea closed for the Lunar New year holidays.
- On Tuesday, the 30-share benchmark index ended at 83450.96 up by 173.81 points or by 0.21 % and then NSE Nifty was at 25725.4 up by 42.65 points or by 0.17 %.
- On the global front, In the US, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite settled 0.1 per cent and 0.14 per cent higher, respectively. The Dow Jones Industrial Average ended 0.07 per cent higher.
- The pan European Stoxx 600 rose half a percent as a fresh set of bleak jobs data reinforced expectations that the Bank of England may cut interest rates as soon as March. The German DAX and the U.K.'s FTSE 100 both surged by 0.8 percent while France's CAC 40 added half a percent.
- In the commodities market, Oil held losses from the prior session as Iran-U.S. nuclear talks in Geneva showed progress, easing Middle East tensions. Gold futures were steady in early trade on Wednesday as the risk sentiment improved after signs of progress in nuclear negotiations between the US and Iran. It was trading 0.03 per cent higher at \$4,906.9.
- Back home, Top traded Volumes on NSE Nifty – ITC Ltd. 39360672.00, Kwality Wall's (India) Ltd. 34316148.00, Eternal Ltd. 34291326.00, Wipro Ltd. 26941553.00, Infosys Ltd. 25347684.00.
- On NSE, total number of shares traded was 456.71 Crore and total turnover stood at Rs. 95690.63 Crore.
- On NSE Future and Options, total number of contracts traded in index futures was 105750 with a total turnover of Rs. 18098.41 Crore. Along with this total number of contracts traded in stock futures were 1536843 with a total turnover of Rs. 103106.44 Crore.
- Total numbers of contracts for index options were 422218660 with a total turnover of Rs. 70617764.90 Crore. and total numbers of contracts for stock options were 9519473 with a total turnover of Rs. 664652.21 Crore.
- The FIIs on 17/02/2026 stood as net buyer in equity and debt. Gross equity purchased stood at Rs. 9819.76 Crore and gross debt purchased stood at Rs. 829.85 Crore, while the gross equity sold stood at Rs. 10034.14 Crore and gross debt sold stood at Rs. 98.78 Crore. Therefore, the net investment of equity and debt reported were Rs. -214.38 Crore and Rs. 731.07.

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