

Markets open gap down, amid Iran war concerns; Asia mkts decline**Morning Market Snapshot – 20 May 2026 (Wednesday)**

- Indian benchmark indices, the BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 open on a weak note on Wednesday amid negative global cues, escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, and continued concerns over elevated crude oil prices.
- Early indicators suggest a cautious start, with GIFT Nifty trading 139 points lower, or 0.6 percent down, near the 23,426 level in early morning trade.
- On Tuesday, the 30-share benchmark index ended at 75200.85 down by -114.19 points or by -0.15 % and then NSE Nifty was at 23618 down by -31.95 points or by -0.14 %.
- On the global front, Asian markets were mostly down on Wednesday morning as traders assessed the US-Iran tensions. Japan's Nikkei 225 and South Korea's Kospi were trading 1.29 per cent and 0.93 per cent down, respectively.
- Overnight, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 ended 0.65 and 0.67 per cent down, respectively. The Nasdaq Composite settled 0.84 per cent.
- Back home, Top traded Volumes on NSE Nifty – HDFC Bank Ltd. 40307830.00, ICICI Bank Ltd. 38929053.00, Eternal Ltd. 33045253.00, Tata Steel Ltd. 32573663.00, Infosys Ltd. 32175705.00,
- On NSE, total number of shares traded was 544.96 Crore and total turnover stood at Rs. 131116.02 Crore. On NSE Future and Options, total number of contracts traded in index futures was 93894 with a total turnover of Rs. 14734.84 Crore. Along with this total number of contracts traded in stock futures were 1424426 with a total turnover of Rs. 91744.30 Crore. Total numbers of contracts for index options were 420310218 with a total turnover of Rs. 64781848.51 Crore. and total numbers of contracts for stock options were 9334749 with a total turnover of Rs. 633518.35 Crore.
- The FII's on 19/05/2026 stood as net buyer in equity and debt. Gross equity purchased stood at Rs. 17260.96 Crore and gross debt purchased stood at Rs. 715.01 Crore, while the gross equity sold stood at Rs. 15092.18 Crore and gross debt sold stood at Rs. 913.81 Crore. Therefore, the net investment of equity and debt reported were Rs. 2168.78 Crore and Rs. -198.80.

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