

Sensex, Nifty set for strong start; Asia markets gain**Morning Market Snapshot – 21 May 2026 (Thursday)**

- Domestic equity markets are likely to begin Thursday's session on a positive note, supported by strong global momentum. Nifty was trading near 23,750, higher by 100 points or 0.48 percent, indicating a firm opening for the Sensex and Nifty. Improved global sentiment and reduced geopolitical concerns are expected to keep market mood optimistic at the start of trade.
- On Wednesday, the 30-share benchmark index ended at 75318.39 up by 117.54 points or by 0.16 % and then NSE Nifty was at 23659 up by 41 points or by 0.17 %.
- On the global front, Asian shares were mostly trading higher on Thursday morning due to an improved risk sentiment. Japan's Nikkei 225 rose over 3 per cent after data showed that exports rose at the fastest pace since January. South Korea's Kospi jumped over 6 per cent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng was up 0.5 per cent.
- Overnight, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 ended 1.08 per cent and 1.31 per cent higher, respectively. The Nasdaq Composite settled 1.54 per cent higher. Back home, Top traded Volumes on NSE Nifty – Tata Steel Ltd. 56670462.00, Bharat Electronics Ltd. 28012723.00, HDFC Bank Ltd. 24013451.00, Eternal Ltd. 23420943.00, Wipro Ltd. 16201692.00,
- On NSE, total number of shares traded was 459.02 Crore and total turnover stood at Rs. 114524.98 Crore.
- On NSE Future and Options, total number of contracts traded in index futures was 109290 with a total turnover of Rs. 17072.41 Crore. Along with this total number of contracts traded in stock futures were 2098874 with a total turnover of Rs. 134172.44 Crore. Total numbers of contracts for index options were 49892227 with a total turnover of Rs. 7737917.02 Crore. and total numbers of contracts for stock options were 9546570 with a total turnover of Rs. 658859.97 Crore.
- The FII's on 20/05/2026 stood as net buyer in equity and debt. Gross equity purchased stood at Rs. 17539.94 Crore and gross debt purchased stood at Rs. 519.70 Crore, while the gross equity sold stood at Rs. 21184.29 Crore and gross debt sold stood at Rs. 71.87 Crore. Therefore, the net investment of equity and debt reported were Rs. -3644.35 Crore and Rs. 447.83.

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