

Sensex, Nifty set for higher start; Asian markets rally**Morning Market Snapshot – 22 May 2026 (Friday)**

- Indian benchmark indices are set for a strong start on Friday, tracking positive global cues and firm gains across Asian markets after a largely range-bound session in the previous trading day. Early signals remain upbeat, with Nifty trading around 23,690, higher by 34 points or 0.17 percent, indicating a positive opening for both Sensex and Nifty.
- On Thursday, the 30-share benchmark index ended at 75183.36 down by -135.03 points or by -0.18 % and then NSE Nifty was at 23654.7 down by -4.3 points or by -0.02 %.
- On the global front, Asian markets traded higher on Friday morning, mirroring positive cues from Wall Street overnight. Japan's Nikkei 225 surged 1.83 per cent after inflation data showed the country's core inflation rose at a slower-than-expected pace.
- South Korea's Kospi gained 0.38 per cent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng advanced 0.68 per cent in early trade.
- On Wall Street, overnight gains remained modest but positive, with the S&P 500 rising 0.17 per cent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average climbing 0.55 per cent. The Nasdaq Composite also ended 0.09 per cent higher.
- Back home, Top traded Volumes on NSE Nifty – HDFC Bank Ltd. 34664725.00, Tata Steel Ltd. 24385712.00, ITC Ltd. 21868988.00, Eternal Ltd. 21676835.00, Bharat Electronics Ltd. 19789651.00,
- On NSE, total number of shares traded was 490.04 Crore and total turnover stood at Rs. 121251.10 Crore. On NSE Future and Options, total number of contracts traded in index futures was 183753 with a total turnover of Rs. 28902.41 Crore. Along with this total number of contracts traded in stock futures were 4979547 with a total turnover of Rs. 315829.94 Crore. Total numbers of contracts for index options were 54640181 with a total turnover of Rs. 8485669.60 Crore. and total numbers of contracts for stock options were 10063684 with a total turnover of Rs. 698256.31 Crore.
- The FII's on 21/05/2026 stood as net buyer in equity and debt. Gross equity purchased stood at Rs. 14134.31 Crore and gross debt purchased stood at Rs. 18.82 Crore, while the gross equity sold stood at Rs. 16412.92 Crore and gross debt sold stood at Rs. 92.65 Crore. Therefore, the net investment of equity and debt reported were Rs. -2278.61 Crore and Rs. -73.83.

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