

Pre-Session: GIFT Nifty signals negative start; Asian markets mixed**Morning Market Snapshot – 18 Aug 2026 (Monday)**

- Indian benchmark indices are expected to open on a weak note on August 18, tracking the negative cues from GIFT Nifty, which was trading around 24,325.50 in early trade.
- The domestic markets extended their losing streak for the fifth consecutive session on August 17, weighed down by selling pressure across PSU banks, IT, pharma and FMCG stocks.
- On Monday, the 30-share benchmark index ended at 77728.16 down by -281.09 points or by -0.36 % and then NSE Nifty was at 24287.65 down by -78.35 points or by -0.32 %.
- On the global front, Asia-Pacific markets were trading mixed on Tuesday morning as investors assessed the ongoing dynamics between the US and Iran. Japan's Nikkei 225 declined 1.05 per cent, while South Korea's Kospi gained 1.12 per cent.
- Overnight, US stock futures slipped as traders assessed the inflation outlook after a surge in oil prices amid continued geopolitical tensions. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 ended 0.51 per cent and 0.52 per cent lower, respectively, while the Nasdaq Composite closed down 0.32 per cent
- Back home, Top traded Volumes on NSE Nifty – Oil And Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. 25342938.00, Eternal Ltd. 18972081.00, Tata Steel Ltd. 16278106.00, HDFC Bank Ltd. 14823722.00, Reliance Industries Ltd. 13383867.00,
- On NSE, total number of shares traded was 411.93 Crore and total turnover stood at Rs. 108280.21 Crore.
- On NSE Future and Options, total number of contracts traded in index futures was 67841 with a total turnover of Rs. 11124.20 Crore. Along with this total number of contracts traded in stock futures were 819705 with a total turnover of Rs. 56432.16 Crore. Total numbers of contracts for index options were 129068277 with a total turnover of Rs. 20516509.80 Crore. and total numbers of contracts for stock options were 7317628 with a total turnover of Rs. 533323.43 Crore.
- The FIIs on 17/08/2026 stood as net buyer in equity and debt. Gross equity purchased stood at Rs. 17038.70 Crore and gross debt purchased stood at Rs. 551.85 Crore, while the gross equity sold stood at Rs. 12926.71 Crore and gross debt sold stood at Rs. 1279.40 Crore. Therefore, the net investment of equity and debt reported were Rs. 4111.99 Crore and Rs. -727.55.

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