

Nifty signals flat start; Asia markets mixed**Morning Market Snapshot – 21 Aug 2026 (Friday)**

- Indian equity markets are set for a flat start on August 21 after staging a strong rebound in the previous session, with the Nifty snapping a seven-session losing streak. The recovery was supported by broad-based buying across key sectors amid positive global cues and easing US Treasury yields.
- After a firm opening, the market witnessed some profit booking in the initial hours but regained momentum as the session progressed, with the Nifty hitting an intraday high of 24,265.15, led by gains in media, financial and realty stocks.
- On Thursday, the 30-share benchmark index ended at 77537.72 up by 628.04 points or by 0.82 % and then NSE Nifty was at 24231.85 up by 153.55 points or by 0.64 %.
- On the global front, Asia-Pacific markets were trading on a mixed note on Friday morning following an overnight steep decline on Wall Street peers as bond yields rebounded. Japan's Nikkei 225 was down 0.65 per cent, and South Korea's Kospi was up 0.47 per cent.
- Overnight, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 settled 1.32 per cent and 0.87 per cent down, respectively. The Nasdaq Composite ended 1 per cent lower.
- Back home, Top traded Volumes on NSE Nifty – Eternal Ltd. 36661268.00, ITC Ltd. 28272797.00, Tata Steel Ltd. 21782667.00, HDFC Bank Ltd. 17603805.00, Oil And Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. 11886277.00, On NSE, total number of shares traded was 450.76 Crore and total turnover stood at Rs. 110062.15 Crore.
- On NSE Future and Options, total number of contracts traded in index futures was 138452 with a total turnover of Rs. 22488.85 Crore. Along with this total number of contracts traded in stock futures were 4447711 with a total turnover of Rs. 301307.60 Crore. Total numbers of contracts for index options were 47928161 with a total turnover of Rs. 7636598.52 Crore. and total numbers of contracts for stock options were 9447233 with a total turnover of Rs. 680279.18 Crore.
- The FII's on 20/08/2026 stood as net buyer in equity and debt. Gross equity purchased stood at Rs. 13413.77 Crore and gross debt purchased stood at Rs. 283.69 Crore, while the gross equity sold stood at Rs. 12918.33 Crore and gross debt sold stood at Rs. 149.11 Crore. Therefore, the net investment of equity and debt reported were Rs. 495.44 Crore and Rs. 134.58.

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