

Markets open higher; Asian markets mixed**Morning Market Snapshot – 24 Aug 2026 (Friday)**

- Indian equity markets open on a firm note on Monday, with Nifty futures pointing to a gain of 66 points at 24,352. Sentiment is expected to get some support from softer crude oil prices, although investors may remain cautious ahead of further clarity on the US administration's proposed sanctions on Iran.
- The domestic market had ended almost unchanged in the previous session amid heightened volatility, as buying interest in metal, PSU banking and realty stocks was countered by weakness across auto, IT, media and pharmaceutical shares.
- On Friday, the 30-share benchmark index ended at 77540.83 up by 3.11 points or by 0 % and then NSE Nifty was at 24252 up by 20.15 points or by 0.08 %.
- On the global front, in the Asia-Pacific region, markets were trading on a mixed note with artificial intelligence stocks in focus ahead of Nvidia Corp and Marvell Technology's earnings this week.
- Japan's Nikkei 225 was trading 0.63 per cent higher, while South Korea's Kospi was down 2.28 per cent. Last Friday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 settled 0.98 per cent and 0.43 per cent higher, respectively. The Nasdaq Composite ended 0.43 per cent higher.
- Back home, Top traded Volumes on NSE Nifty – Eternal Ltd. 31651425.00, Tata Steel Ltd. 26299054.00, HDFC Bank Ltd. 26029811.00, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. 18031357.00, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. 15670257.00, On NSE, total number of shares traded was 483.08 Crore and total turnover stood at Rs. 111233.20 Crore.
- On NSE Future and Options, total number of contracts traded in index futures was 125236 with a total turnover of Rs. 20741.46 Crore. Along with this total number of contracts traded in stock futures were 4430191 with a total turnover of Rs. 304408.09 Crore. Total numbers of contracts for index options were 63258160 with a total turnover of Rs. 10096880.87 Crore. and total numbers of contracts for stock options were 10473619 with a total turnover of Rs. 748397.00 Crore.
- The FII's on 21/08/2026 stood as net buyer in equity and debt. Gross equity purchased stood at Rs. 12145.80 Crore and gross debt purchased stood at Rs. 13.97 Crore, while the gross equity sold stood at Rs. 12417.62 Crore and gross debt sold stood at Rs. 381.72 Crore. Therefore, the net investment of equity and debt reported were Rs. -271.82 Crore and Rs. -367.75

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