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Economic & Business

Indian Market Trends

Indian stock markets are showing signs of a positive start, with GIFT Nifty trading higher. This follows a strong performance on Monday, where both the Sensex and Nifty 50 ended with significant gains.

The Indian Rupee settled lower against the US dollar, falling by 17 paise to 87.75 due to continued demand for the dollar from importers and a rise in crude oil prices.

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) continued to sell off shares in Indian equities, with August outflows reaching almost ₹18,000 crore. This is attributed to escalating trade tensions with the U.S. and a weaker rupee. However, Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) were net buyers, injecting over ₹5,900 crore into the market.

Several companies, including ONGC, NHPC, Jindal Steel & Power, and Oil India, are scheduled to announce their quarterly results today.

Government and Corporate Actions

The Union Cabinet has approved a ₹30,000 crore compensation package for state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs) like Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum, and Hindustan Petroleum. This aid is intended to offset their losses from selling domestic LPG at subsidized rates.

The government has also allocated ₹12,000 crore to extend the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, providing a subsidy for eligible families.

Global Economic News

Asian stocks are generally higher, cautiously reacting to the news that the U.S. and China have extended their tariff truce for another 90 days. Japan's Nikkei 225 index hit a new record high.

In contrast, U.S. stocks closed lower on Monday as investors await crucial inflation data to be released later this week, which is expected to influence the Federal Reserve's interest rate decisions.

Oil prices are on the rise, likely due to the temporary easing of trade tensions between the U.S. and China, which has allayed some fears about a decline in global fuel demand.

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MCQS

1.What was the primary reason for the Indian Rupee's decline against the US dollar?

- a. A surge in exports from India
- b. Strong performance of the Indian stock market
- c. High demand for the US dollar from importers and rising crude oil prices
- d. Increased investment by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)

Answer: c. High demand for the US dollar from importers and rising crude oil prices
The news states, "The Indian Rupee settled lower against the US dollar, falling by 17 paise...due to continued demand for the dollar from importers and a rise in crude oil prices."

2.Which type of investor was a net buyer in the Indian stock market, countering the sell-off by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)?

- a. Retail Investors
- b. High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNIs)
- c. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs)
- d. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)

Answer: c. Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs)

The text highlights that while FPIs were selling, "Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) were net buyers, injecting over ₹5,900 crore into the market."

3.What is the purpose of the ₹30,000 crore compensation package approved by the Union Cabinet for state-run oil marketing companies (OMCs)?

- a. To fund their expansion into international markets.
- b. To help them offset losses from selling domestic LPG at subsidized rates.
- c. To finance research and development of new fuels.
- d. To invest in new oil refineries.

Answer: b. To help them offset losses from selling domestic LPG at subsidized rates.

The news explains that the compensation package "is intended to offset their losses from selling domestic LPG at subsidized rates."

4.What global economic event contributed to a new record high for Japan's Nikkei 225 index and a rise in oil prices?

- a. A new trade agreement between the U.S. and Japan.
- b. The release of positive inflation data from the U.S.
- c. The extension of the tariff truce between the U.S. and China.
- d. A decrease in global oil production.





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Answer: c. The extension of the tariff truce between the U.S. and China.

The text links the positive performance of Asian stocks, including the Nikkei 225, and the rise in oil prices to the news that "the U.S. and China have extended their tariff truce for another 90 days."

5. Which of the following companies is scheduled to announce its quarterly results on August 12, 2025?

- a. Reliance Industries
- b. Infosys
- c. Tata Motors
- d. ONGC

Answer: d. ONGC

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