HSBC Mutual Fund

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Markets snap 5-day losing streak; Sensex up 550 points on easing geopolitical tensions

Markets opened sharply higher on Monday morning (snapped five-day losing streak), riding a wave of easing geopolitical tensions and a fall in crude oil prices after the US and Iran paused their military strikes.

At 10:15 AM, the frontline BSE Sensex was trading at 76,628 up 568 points or (0.75%). The broader Nifty50 was at 23,930 levels up 162 points or (0.68%).

In the broader markets, the Nifty Mid Cap and the Nifty Small Cap were trading 0.98% and 0.86% higher, respectively.

Sector-wise, the Nifty IT, the Nifty Media, and the Nifty FMCG were the top gainers, while the Nifty Oil & Gas gained the least.

Oil prices declined 7.44% to the day's low of $89.58 per barrel as the US and Iran paused their military strikes after two straight weeks of hostilities, raising hopes for diplomatic consultation to advance. The July future contract was quoted at $92.65 per barrel on the Intercontinental Exchange, down 4.27%.

WEEKLY REVIEW – JULY 20, 2026 – JULY 24, 2026

Indian equity markets witnessed a weak and volatile week, with all five trading sessions ending in the red as benchmark indices extended their losing streak. 5 Markets remained under pressure due to persistent FII selling, rising crude oil prices, escalating geopolitical tensions and concerns over inflation. Banking heavyweights faced significant selling pressure following mixed quarterly earnings, with private banks emerging as major laggards.

Broader markets also witnessed weakness as investor sentiment turned cautious amid global uncertainties and currency depreciation. Despite intermittent value buying attempts, the indices failed to recover as elevated oil prices and risk-off sentiment continued to weigh on equities.

In the week ended on Friday, 24 July 2026, the BSE Sensex tanked 2,091 points or 2.68% to settle at 76,059.77. The Nifty 50 index tumbled 566.85 points or 2.33% to settle at 23,767.45. The BSE 150 Mid Cap Index fell 1.60% to close at 16,683.27. The BSE 250 Small Cap index slumped 2.41% at 6,924.45.

Indices	Last close	One-day change in %	One month change in %	% YTD change in %
Domestic				
S&P BSE Sensex	76,059.77	-0.43	-1.21	-10.75
Nifty 50	23,767.45	-0.43	-1.06	-9.04
S&P BSE 200	11,144.69	-0.34	-0.79	-5.62
S&P BSE 500	35,829.46	-0.32	-0.89	-4.31
S&P BSE Midcap	47,475.75	-0.03	-0.56	1.11
S&P BSE Smallcap	55,384.94	0.08	-0.87	7.49
S&P BSE Auto	59,773.92	-0.96	2.48	-4.45
S&P BSE Bankex	64,297.00	0.18	-1.96	-3.69
S&P BSE Cap Goods	77,369.24	-0.47	-5.03	15.28
S&P BSE Consumer Durables	62,891.64	-0.37	5.13	4.81
S&P BSE FMCG	18,293.96	0.2	0.23	-10.08
S&P BSE Healthcare	49,395.81	-0.32	1.65	12.77
S&P BSE IT	27,714.16	0.66	3.08	-24.56
S&P BSE Metal	39,886.83	-0.5	-1.81	8.35
S&P BSE Oil & Gas	26,058.29	-0.65	-2.24	-9.23
S&P BSE Power	7,722.98	-0.67	-4.56	18.75
S&P BSE Realty	6,882.50	-0.54	7.06	1.11

Data as of Jul 24

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asian stock markets opened higher on Monday as easing concerns over the conflict between the United States and Iran lifted investor sentiment, while a sharp decline in crude oil prices supported equities ahead of a busy week for major central banks.

The rebound came after Tehran indicated it would suspend military operations provided Washington maintained its halt in attacks, raising hopes that the recent escalation in the Middle East may not intensify further. Officials from Iran and Oman also held discussions on shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, easing concerns over disruptions to a vital global energy corridor.

South Korea's Kospi advanced 1.20%, Australia's ASX 200 gained 0.84%, and Japan's Nikkei 225 edged 0.04% higher.

Wall Street ended last week on a weak note as technology shares remained under pressure. The S&P 500 fell 0.6% and the Nasdaq Composite lost 2.1%, both recording a second straight weekly decline, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 0.4% to register its third consecutive weekly loss.

The US stock futures were trading higher as oil prices declined after the US and Iran paused strikes over the weekend. The Dow Jones and the S&P 500 futures were trading 0.56% and 0.76% higher, respectively.

Last Friday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 settled 0.46% and 0.05% higher, respectively. The Nasdaq Composite ended 0.64% down.

RUPEE, OIL, GOLD & FIIs

Indian Rupee: The Indian rupee opened stronger on Monday recovering from near-record lows as easing geopolitical tensions pushed crude oil prices lower and improved sentiment around emerging market currencies.

The rupee opened at 96.15 per dollar, compared with Friday’s (July 24's) close of 96.56 per dollar, marking a gain of 41 paise.

Crude Oil: Oil prices plunged nearly 5% on Monday after the United States and Iran suspended military strikes over the weekend, following two weeks of hostilities. The pause raised hopes for a diplomatic resolution that could ease regional tensions and restore the smooth flow of oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz.

Brent crude futures dropped $4.89, or 5.05%, to $91.89 a barrel, briefly falling below the crucial $90 support level earlier in the session. Meanwhile, US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude declined $4.67, or 5.23%, to $84.64 per barrel.

FPIs & DIIs: Foreign Institutional Investors sold approximately Rs 7,200 crore worth of equities through the previous week, while Domestic Institutional Investors bought roughly Rs 8,600 crore. On Friday alone, DIIs purchased Rs 5,453 crore in net terms, while FIIs were net sellers of Rs 3,892 crore in the cash market.

Gold: Gold prices moved higher on Monday (July 27), supported by a weaker US dollar and lower Treasury yields, even as easing tensions in the West Asia reduced fears of a prolonged inflation spike.

Spot gold was trading around $4,104 an ounce, while COMEX gold futures rose to $4,102.10 an ounce, up 0.77% in the latest trade. Silver also advanced, with COMEX silver gaining 1.59% to $59.845 an ounce.

Indices	Last close	One-day change in %	One month change in %	% YTD change in %
International				
DJIA*	51,711.65	-0.97	0.09	7.59
Nasdaq Composite*	25,137.69	-2.15	-1.76	8.16
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	64,611.15	-2.73	-6.6	28.35
Straits Times (Singapore)	5,588.34	0.12	7.14	20.28
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	24,963.23	-0.98	6.62	-2.6
Kospi Composite (Seoul)	6,690.62	-5.72	-21.02	58.76
FTSE 100 (London)	10,639.17	-0.73	2.02	7.13
Cac 40 (France)*	8,299.09	-1.64	-0.5	1.84
Xetra Dax (Germany)*	24,763.12	-1.56	-0.52	1.11
S&P 500 (US)*	7,408.30	-1.21	0.58	8.22
Shanghai (china)	3,814.20	-1.61	-7.22	-3.9
MICEX (Russia)*	2,112.58	-1.51	-5.83	-23.64
Bovespa (Brazil)*	1,76,723.63	-0.46	3.19	9.68
JCI (Indonesia)	6,196.43	-1.88	5.31	-27.42
SET (Thailand)	1,644.39	0.2	6.21	30.54

***Data as of 23July 2026**

FII equity investments, Rs cr

	Buy	Sell	Net	MTD
23-Jul	12,726.00	15,333.00	-2,607.00	16,727.00
Jun-26	3,62,181.25	3,91,353.21	-29,171.96	
May-26	3,65,202.02	4,12,090.84	-46,888.82	
Apr-26	3,23,226.40	3,92,097.98	-68,871.58	
Mar-26	2,72,050.15	3,84,357.33	-1,12,307.18	
Feb-26	3,82,778.64	3,65,631.19	17,147.45	
Jan-26	2,99,461.12	3,41,314.56	-41,853.44	
Last Close	14,114.00	13,788.00	326	
6 Months average	3,34,149.93	3,81,140.85	-46,990.92	

MF equity investments, Rs cr

	Buy	Sell	Net	MTD
23-Jul	13,154.00	13,090.00	64	12,679.00*
Jun-26	348939.79	296100.29	52839.5	
May-26	295585.04	232497.6	63087.44	
Apr-26	286465.08	255871.12	30593.96	
Mar-26	337683.32	238937.33	98745.99	
Feb-26	287077.79	276638.71	10439.08	
Jan-26	351510.94	305054.58	46456.36	
Last Close	13,154.00	13,090.00	64	
6 Months average	3,17,876.99	2,67,516.61	50,360.39	

-MF data as of Jul 17

WEEK AHEAD

The week gone by was defined by a sharp re-escalation in the Hormuz corridor that overshadowed an otherwise constructive set of domestic data.

On the energy front, Strait of Hormuz weekly transits plunged significantly as various oil refiners suspended crude loadings from Iraq amid security risks.

Brent climbed above the $100 per barrel mark this week, which is its highest level since May, as Iran-backed Houthi militants attacked two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea. Further, Kazakhstan has also suspended crude exports through the Caspian Pipeline Consortium terminal following drone strikes, compounding the supply anxiety.

On the domestic front, the data was more encouraging. India's Index of Core Industries grew 5.0% year-on-year in June under the new 2022-23 base series, accelerating from 3.2% in May.

Globally, the FOMC meeting on 28–29 July is the week's primary event.

The ongoing earnings season along with management outlook for the remainder of FY27 would be closely monitored by investors.

In India, the Industrial Production data for the month of June would be announced on Tuesday (28 July 2026).

On Friday (31 July 2026), the Government Budget Value for June 2026 would be made public.

Friday would also see the release of Foreign Exchange Reserves position for the period ended on July 24.

In China, the year-to-date (YTD) Industrial Profits for the period ended in June 2026 would be announced on Monday (27 July 2026).

On Friday (31 July 2026), the NBS Manufacturing PMI for July 2026 would be released.

In the United States, the Durable Goods Orders for June 2026 would be announced on Monday (27 July 2026).

On Wednesday (29 July 2026), the US Federal Reserve will announce its latest interest rate decision.

On Thursday (30 July 2026), the advanced figures for the GDP Growth Rate for the second quarter would be unveiled.

Lastly, Friday (31 July 2026), the ISM Manufacturing PMI for July 2026 would be announced.

Source: Bloomberg, Morningstar, Capital Market, MOSL & HSBC MF estimates as on July 27, 2026 or as latest available.