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Sensex down 300 points amid global cues; Nifty PSU Bank falls

The benchmark indices were trading lower amid mixed global cues as investors assessed the sign of fresh tension in West Asia.

The rupee opened 4 paise weaker against the US dollar at 95.48, compared to Friday's close of 95.44 a dollar.

The fear gauge or the volatility index traded more than 2 percent higher at 11.54 level, indicating higher uncertainty among investors.

At 9:55 AM, the frontline BSE Sensex was trading at 77,691 down 318 points or (0.41%). The broader Nifty50 was at 24,295 levels down 71 points or (0.29%).

In the broader markets, the Nifty Mid Cap and the Nifty Small Cap were trading 0.36% and 0.17% down, respectively.

Sector-wise, the Nifty PSU Bank declined the most, while the Nifty Auto outperformed the most.

WEEKLY REVIEW – AUGUST 10, 2026 – AUGUST 14, 2026

The Indian equity market ended lower during the week as elevated crude oil prices, geopolitical uncertainty and mixed global cues weighed on sentiment, while investors assessed Q1 FY27 earnings. 5
Market sentiment remained cautious amid renewed US-Iran tensions and concerns over the impact of higher crude prices on India's inflation, currency and corporate margins.

On the domestic macroeconomic front, CPI inflation rose to 4.45% in July from 4.38% in June, while WPI inflation eased marginally to 9.78% from 9.87% in June. Investors also monitored the monsoon and developments in global markets for further cues.

In the week ended on Friday, 14 August 2026, the barometer index, the BSE Sensex declined 489.92 points or 0.62% to 78,009.25. The Nifty 50 index dropped 204.65 points or 0.83% to 24,366. The BSE 150 Mid Cap index gained 0.20% to close at 17,275.30. The BSE 250 Small Cap fell 0.32% to end at 7,216.68.

Indices	Last close	One-day change in %	One month change in %	% YTD change in %
Domestic				
S&P BSE Sensex	78,009.25	-0.09	1.24	-8.46
Nifty 50	24,366.00	-0.12	1.31	-6.75
S&P BSE 200	11,471.94	-0.1	1.87	-2.85
S&P BSE 500	36,962.93	-0.17	1.92	-1.28
S&P BSE Midcap	49,162.37	-0.34	2.02	4.7
S&P BSE Smallcap	57,712.43	-0.28	2.53	12.01
S&P BSE Auto	64,614.10	-0.3	10.12	3.29
S&P BSE Bankex	65,270.56	-0.16	0.38	-2.23
S&P BSE Cap Goods	80,120.02	0.11	2.56	19.38
S&P BSE Consumer Durables	65,702.75	0.17	5.55	9.5
S&P BSE FMCG	18,293.25	-0.3	0.8	-10.09
S&P BSE Healthcare	50,975.98	-0.11	1.54	16.38
S&P BSE IT	30,121.44	-0.26	8.14	-18
S&P BSE Metal	41,547.74	-0.38	1.86	12.87
S&P BSE Oil & Gas	26,273.21	-0.45	0.39	-8.48
S&P BSE Power	7,643.35	-0.21	-2.72	17.53
S&P BSE Realty	6,997.73	-0.05	-2.44	2.8

***Data as of Aug 13**

GLOBAL MARKETS

Asian shares drifted sideways on Monday while investors kept a wary eye on oil prices, which notched sizeable gains last week as the lack of progress towards ending the Iran war kept inflation risks tilted to the upside.

Progress towards peace talks and oil tanker traffic through the strategic Strait of Hormuz remained halted. Iran on Saturday called on the US to accept defeat, while US President urged Americans to accept higher gasoline prices while the conflict continues.

Brent crude was steady at $88.50 a barrel after rising 6% last week, while US crude slipped 0.3% to $82.12 a barrel, having gained 5.4% last week.

On Monday, MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was flat, while Japan's Nikkei edged 0.4% higher. Australia's resources-heavy shares slipped 0.3%.

South Korea's stock markets are closed on Monday for a public holiday. Trump has instructed the Pentagon to substantially reduce joint military exercises with the country.

All eyes are on the release of China's activity data for July on Monday after its exports boomed on robust global AI demand to support the world's second largest economy. Forecasts are centered on a slowdown in industrial output growth to 4.8%, from 5.3% previously, while retail sales likely rose 1.5%.

US stocks ended lower on Friday, with the S&P 500 retreating from its record high as investors assessed weaker-than-expected retail sales data. The S&P 500 declined 0.17 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite fell 0.28 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 0.20 percent. The declines followed a strong run in US equities.

RUPEE, OIL, GOLD & FIIs

Indian Rupee: The rupee appreciated 3 paise to close at 95.42 against the US dollar on Friday, due to weakness in the greenback against major rivals overseas.

According to forex traders, the rupee stayed under pressure due to rising crude oil prices amid geopolitical uncertainties.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.39 and moved in a tight range of 95.38 to 95.44 against the American currency before ending the session at 95.42, up 3 paise from its previous close.

Crude Oil: Oil prices remained largely steady in early Asian trade on Monday as tanker movements through the Strait of Hormuz weakened over the weekend, while no agreement has emerged between the United States and Iran to bring an end to the Middle East conflict.

Brent crude futures rose 20 cents, or 0.2%, to $88.72 a barrel. Meanwhile, US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures edged down 5 cents to $82.35 per barrel.

FPIs & DIIs: Institutional flows offered some support to the domestic market in the previous session. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) turned net buyers on August 14, purchasing Indian equities worth Rs 508.12 crore. Domestic institutional investors (DIIs) also remained buyers, investing Rs 356.40 crore. The return of foreign buying could provide some support after recent bouts of FII selling, although geopolitical developments and crude oil prices are likely to remain important drivers of near-term sentiment.

Gold: Gold prices inched higher in early Asian trade on Monday, supported by a softer dollar and recent economic data that curbed expectations of a US interest rate hike next month.

Spot gold was up 0.3% at $4,388.62 per ounce, as of 0028 GMT, while US gold futures for December delivery edged 0.2% higher to $4,444.30.

The US dollar index was down 0.1%, making greenback-priced metals more affordable for other currency holders.

Indices	Last close	One-day change in %	One month change in %	% YTD change in %
International				
DJIA*	53,839.99	0.13	2.56	2.56
Nasdaq Composite*	26,803.03	0.81	3.59	3.59
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	68,713.80	0.59	1.43	1.43
Straits Times (Singapore)	5,743.59	0.41	4.51	4.51
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	25,116.85	-1.1	3.19	3.19
Kospi Composite (Seoul)	6,977.94	2.42	1.77	1.77
FTSE 100 (London)	10,772.67	-0.56	2.61	2.61
Cac 40 (France)*	8,650.56	-0.28	3.42	3.42
Xetra Dax (Germany)*	26,299.74	-0.12	4.72	4.72
S&P 500 (US)*	7,798.99	0.65	3.77	3.77
Shanghai (china)	3,927.18	0.01	-1.01	-1.01
MICEX (Russia)*	2,137.02	-4.26	-1.56	-1.56
Bovespa (Brazil)*	1,67,100.95	-0.23	-4.92	-4.92
JCI (Indonesia)	6,401.88	1.59	6	6
SET (Thailand)	1,609.06	-0.33	-1.04	-1.04

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FII equity investments, Rs cr

	Buy	Sell	Net	MTD
13-Aug	16,143.00	15,791.00	352	15,270.00
Jul-26	3,68,704.21	3,45,372.36	23,331.85	
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	
Last Close	17,013.00	18,019.00	-1,006.00	
6 Months average	3,45,690.45	3,81,817.15	-36,126.71	

MF equity investments, Rs cr

	Buy	Sell	Net	MTD
13-Aug	17,325.00	12,533.00	4,792.00	23,811.00*
Jul-26	313494.65	298027.32	15467.33	
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	
Last Close	17,325.00	12,533.00	4,792.00	
6 Months average	3,11,540.95	2,66,345.40	45,195.55	

-MF data as of Aug 12

WEEK AHEAD

Dalal Street heads into the new week navigating a difficult confluence of global and domestic headwinds, with investor sentiment remaining guarded amid a re-escalating Hormuz crisis and a weakening US labour market.

At the macro level, the energy overhang remains the most pressing concern. Brent traded at $87.18 per barrel on 14 August, up over 32% year-on-year, as attacks on shipping in the Strait of Hormuz continued to derail reopening negotiations.

For India, crude at these levels keeps import costs elevated, widens the current account deficit, and sustains pressure on the rupee, which is a triple drag that limits the RBI's room to ease even as growth moderates.

Globally, the FOMC minutes are the week's most consequential global events. Any hawkish signal there could quickly unwind EM inflow optimism and pressure Indian equities.

On the data front, in India, the Unemployment Rate for the month of July would be announced on Monday (17 August 2026).

On Thursday (20 August 2026), the Infrastructure Output for July 2026 would be made public.

On Friday (21 August 2026), the flash reading for the HSBC Manufacturing PMI, the HSBC Services PMI and the HSBC Composite PMI for the month of August would be released.

In China, the Industrial Production data for July 2026 would be announced on Monday (August 17 2026).

Monday would also see the release of Retail Sales data for the month of July.

On Thursday (20 August 2026), the Loan Prime Rate (LPR) for one-year and five-year tenors would be unveiled.

In the United States, the preliminary Building Permits data for the month of July would be made public on Tuesday (18 August 2026).

The Housing Starts data for July 2026 would also be announced on the same day.

On Wednesday (19 August 2026), the minutes from the US Federal Reserve's July 2026 meeting would be unveiled.

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