

# The Week that was

August 22, 2025

## “Indian Equities - Resilient Week, Cautious Close”

### Indian Developments

On August 22, 2025 equity markets ended the day in red, though over the course of the week, the performance was positive. The Nifty 50, Nifty Midcap 150 and Nifty Small Cap 250 indices increased by 0.97%, 2.00% and 2.36% over the week. The Indian rupee concluded the week with minor gains. Market weakness stemmed from caution ahead of Fed Chair Jerome **Powell's Jackson Hole** speech, concerns over global trade and geopolitical tensions, and domestic profit-booking post the recent market rally. A pause in FPI inflows also weighed on sentiment.

### Sectoral Developments

During the week, the market saw sharp rally in select sectors such as automobiles, consumer staples, and cement amid government's plan for GST rationalization. Leading gainers of this week were Auto (5.02%), Realty (3.50%), and FMCG (1.98%).

On the downside, laggards based on weekly performance were Energy (0.2%) and Media (0.048%).

### Global Developments

Globally, uncertainty persists due to mixed U.S. economic data and ambiguity surrounding the U.S. Federal Reserve's interest rate decisions ahead of Powell's speech at the Jackson Hole Symposium.

U.S. stock indices—Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500 — tumbled by -0.28%, and -1.52% respectively

In Europe, the FTSE 100 gained 1.91% while **Germany's DAX** ended the week flat, experiencing a fall of -0.19%

Among the Asian indices, Shanghai Composite grew by 4.18%, and **Hong Kong's Hang Seng** Index was weakly positive with a rise of 0.27%. On the other hand, **Japan's Nikkei index** and **South Korea's KOSPI** ended the week in red, declining by -1.72% and -1.76% respectively over the week.

### Other Markets:

- Brent Crude oil prices closed at \$66.75 per barrel.
- The rupee ended the week at 87.52 against the US dollar
- The 10 Year Benchmark G-Sec yield closed at 6.54% this week.
- Gold prices closed at Rs 98,855 per 10 grams.

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Source: [www.nseindices.com](http://www.nseindices.com); MCX Gold Prices; Economic times, Bloomberg.

Data for week ended on August 22 , 2025.

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