

Indian equity benchmarks extend gains on EU trade deal

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Men walk past a screen displaying market results outside the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) in Mumbai, India, April 7, 2025. REUTERS/Francis Mascarenhas [Purchase Licensing Rights](#)

BENGALURU, Jan 28 (Reuters) - India's equity benchmarks advanced on Wednesday, extending gains from the previous session after a landmark trade deal with the European Union raised hopes of an economic boost.

The Nifty 50 ([.NSEI](#), [opens new tab](#)) rose 0.44% to 25,289.10, while the BSE Sensex ([.BSESN](#), [opens new tab](#)) was up 0.46% at 82,225.69, as of 9:48 a.m. IST.

The 50-stock benchmark index rose 0.5% on Tuesday as a trade deal with the EU scrapped all tariffs on 90% of Indian goods.

"The India-EU free trade agreement marks a transformational shift for India's export sectors, which could lead to a rise in bilateral trade to \$250 billion by 2031 from \$136.5 billion currently," said Rajeev Sharan, head of criteria of model development and research at Brickwork Ratings.

"For foreign investors, the deal offers long-term structural confidence on Indian markets," Sharan said.

FPIs have offloaded Indian shares worth \$4.1 billion in January after a record \$19 billion outflows in 2025.

Ten of the 16 major sectors logged gains. High weightage financials ([.NIFTYFIN](#), [opens new tab](#)) rose 1% while energy stocks ([.NIFTYENR](#), [opens new tab](#)) gained 2.5%.

Index heavyweights HDFC Bank ([HDBK.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)), ICICI Bank ([ICBK.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) and Reliance Industries ([RELI.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) rose about 1.5% each.

The broader small-caps ([.NIFSMCP100](#), [opens new tab](#)) and mid-caps ([.NIFMDCP100](#), [opens new tab](#)) advanced 1% and 0.5%, respectively.

MSCI's broadest index for Asia Pacific stocks outside Japan ([.MIAPJ0000PUS](#), [opens new tab](#)) was up 1.3% ahead of the U.S. Federal Reserve's policy decision later in the day, while the dollar sank to a four-year low.

Among stocks, ONGC ([ONGC.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) gained 6.3% after signing a pact with Samsung Heavy Industries to build very large ethane carriers. The upstream oil company also benefitted from higher oil prices on U.S. supply worries.

Oil India ([OILI.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) jumped 8%.

ABB India ([ABB.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) climbed 3.6% after the engineering services firm received orders from Titagarh Rail ([TITG.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) to supply equipment for trainsets. Shares of Titagarh gained 2%.

Motilal Oswal ([MOFS.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) gained 6.3% while Mahindra Logistics ([MALO.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) surged 11.5% after reporting upbeat results in the December quarter.

Petronet LNG ([PLNG.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) added 3.4% after executing pacts with ONGC ([ONGC.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) and Mahanagar Gas ([MGAS.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) for sale of regasified LNG.

Bucking the trend, shares of Asian Paints ([ASPN.NS](#), [opens new tab](#)) fell 5.4%, after losing 3% in the previous session following a surprise drop in December-quarter profit.