



## Sensex opens flat; healthcare, metal, consumer durables up

Indian markets continued to rise in early trade for the fourth day on Friday. Both Sensex and Nifty were trading above 2-month high.

The 30-share benchmark index, BSE Sensex opened flat with a rise of 12.21 points or 0.07% at 17,531.47, while the broad based NSE Nifty started with a fall of 13.35 points or 0.25%, at 5,232.55.

At 9.05., the Sensex was trading up 27.78 points or 0.16% at 17,547.04 with 24 components gaining. Meanwhile, the Nifty was trading higher by 10.70 points or 0.20% at 5,256.60 with 41 components gaining.

### Sectors in Limelight

The HC index was at 5,205.70, up by 37.03 points or by 0.72%. The major gainers were Bilcare (2.67%), Aurobindo Pharma (1.05%), Cipla (0.53%), Apollo Hospitals Enterprise (0.47%) and Biocon (0.14%).

The Metal index was at 17,905.22, up by 67.03 points or by 0.38%. The major gainers were Gujarat N R E Coke (0.75%), Jai Corp (0.63%), Jindal Steel & Power (0.35%), Hindalco Industries (0.34%) and Hindustan Zinc (0.29%).

The Consumer Durables index was at 4,162.42, up by 14.56 points or by 0.35%. The major gainers were Videocon Industries (1.21%), Gitanjali Gems (1.07%), Titan Industries (0.57%) and Rajesh Exports (0.29%).

On the other hand, the IT index was at 5,534.94, down by 3.39 points or by 0.06%. The major losers were Infosys Technologies (0.24%), Financial Technologies (India) (0.11%) and H C L Technologies (0.01%).

### Market Breadth

Market breadth was positive with 758 advances against 289 declines.

## **Value and Volume Toppers**

ARSS Infrastructure Projects topped the value chart on the BSE with a turnover of Rs. 83.02 million. It was followed by Amtek Auto (Rs. 79.68 million), Texmo Pipes and Products (Rs. 42.90 million) and MSK Projects (India) (Rs. 27.87 million).

The volume chart was led by Meghmani Organics with trades of over 0.91 million shares. It was followed by Amtek Auto (0.45 million), Texmo Pipes and Products (0.39 million) and S Kumars Nationwide (0.27 million).