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Stock Market Today Highlights, Closing Bell: Sensex was up 39.78 pts or 0.05 per cent to settle at 83,978.49 while Nifty50 advanced 41.25 or 0.16 per cent to end at 25,763.35. From the Sensex pack, Maruti Suzuki slipped over 3 per cent and was among the top losers. Titan Company, BEL, TCS, ITC, NTPC, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Steel and tech Mahindra were among the other losers. On the other hand, Mahindra & Mahindra, State Bank of India, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, and HCL Tech were the major gainers.

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Indian equity benchmarks closed today's (November 3) volatile session in positive territory, snapping a two-day losing streak. Despite an early dip, the indices were lifted by strong gains in the real estate and state-owned bank sectors.

The ended 39.78 points or 0.05 per cent higher at 83,978.49. Before that, it recovered to touch an intra-day high of 84,127.

Shravan Shetty, Managing Director at Primus Partners, said, "Markets are taking a breather post the last few days fall. It's waiting for a trigger so it can move decisively. Any trade deal announcement can be one of them which can help market move upwards. Also expect earnings to play a role as we enter the 3rd quarter with festival season helping numbers across the consumer driven industry."

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Amruta Shinde, Technical & Derivative Analyst at Choice Equity Broking Private Limited, stated, "Indian equity markets ended on a positive note on November 3rd, though the session witnessed significant volatility throughout the day. At the close, the Sensex gained 39.78 points, or 0.05%, to settle at 83,978.49, while the 50 advanced 41.25 points, or 0.16%, to close at 25,763.35. Broader market indices outperformed the benchmarks, with the BSE Midcap index rising 0.6% and the BSE Small cap index gaining 0.7% by the end of the session."

The Nifty 50 opened on a flat note but maintained an upward bias through the session, indicating a steady buying interest at lower levels. Immediate resistance is placed at 25,850, followed by higher levels at 25,900 and 26,000. On the downside, support levels are seen at 25,600 and 25,650, which may act as potential accumulation zones for positional traders, Shinde stated.

"The Bank Nifty also reflected underlying market strength, closing 325 points higher, signalling early signs of a short-term recovery. Key support is positioned at 58,000, and a break below this level could trigger further weakness toward 57,800 and 57,500. On the upside, resistance is seen at 58,200–58,400, with a breakout above this range potentially extending the rally toward 58,850," she added.

"Meanwhile, the India VIX, the volatility index, climbed 4.22% to 12.66, indicating heightened market volatility amid prevailing uncertainty. In the derivatives segment, open interest (OI) data highlighted the highest call writing at the 25,800 and 25,900 strike prices, while the maximum put OI was observed at the 25,700 strikes, suggesting strong resistance around the 26,000 marks. Overall, market sentiment remains cautiously optimistic, with traders awaiting a decisive close above 25,800 to confirm a continuation of bullish momentum. Sustaining above this key resistance zone will be crucial to drive the next leg of the uptrend in the near term," Shinde concluded.

Sectoral indices performance

The broader markets showed significant strength beyond the frontline stocks with Nifty MidCap index climbing 0.77 per cent and the Nifty SmallCap index advancing 0.72 per cent.

Among sectoral indices, PSU bank stocks led the rally, with the Nifty PSU Bank index surging 1.92 per cent. Shares of Bank of Baroda climbed 5 per cent, while Canara Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, Bank of India, and Indian Bank also gained significantly.

The Nifty Metal and Realty indices also added up to 2 per cent each.

The FMCG, Private Bank, and IT indices fell up to 0.4 per cent, capping the market's overall gains.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 6,769.34 crore on Friday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) bought stocks worth Rs 7,068.44 crore, according to exchange data.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index settled in positive territory.

Markets in Europe were trading with gains. US markets ended higher on Friday.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.14 per cent to USD 64.71 a barrel.

On Friday, the Sensex tanked 465.75 points or 0.55 per cent to settle at 83,938.71. The Nifty fell by 155.75 points or 0.60 per cent to 25,722.10.