

# Sensex sinks 878 pts with Fed firm on more hikes

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A more-than-expected hawkish stance of the US Federal Reserve halted the rally in stock markets across the world on Thursday. Mirroring this, India's benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty, snapped their three-day gain. While the Sensex fell 1.4 per cent (878 points) to close at 61,799, the Nifty declined 1.32 per cent (245 points) to 18,414. In the US, key index futures were trading nearly 1 per cent lower when the Indian markets were open.

The Fed hiked the rate by 50 bps with its chief, Jerome Powell, declaring that the central bank would not stop yet, and may push the terminal rate to 5.1 per cent or higher to tame inflation despite ebbing price pressures and mounting fears of job losses.

## DII's BUY

"The immediate support for Nifty is placed at 18,350 levels and a move below this could drag the index down to the next support of 18,150-18,100. Immediate resistance is placed at 18,550," said Nagaraj Shetti, Technical Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

Data show FPIs have sold stocks worth ₹51,514 crore in the cash market so far in December while DIIs were net buyers for ₹9,009 crore.