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# Trillion Thursday

## Bourses Hit Rs 1 Lakh Crore Turnover Mark In Single Day

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**Ahmedabad:** Indian stock markets on Thursday achieved a historical landmark, as the combined volume of business crossed Rs 1 lakh crore (Rs 1 trillion) for the first time.

With bench-mark indices continuing to rise, the combined trading volume of cash and derivatives segment on Thursday posted a record turnover of Rs 1,01,186 crore. The combined trading turnover of the markets have gone up 62.88% in the last seven trading sessions. As on July 18, the market had posted a combine turnover of Rs 62,121 crore. During the same period the benchmark Sensex rose only 3.10% or 475.14 points.

The spurt in the trading turnover is mainly on account of rising exposure to the futures and options (F&O) segment, said VK Sharma, research-head, Anagram Securities. The cash segment of BSE and NSE recorded turnover of Rs 5,719 crore and Rs 15,472 crore respectively, while

F&O segment posted a whopping turnover of Rs 79,995.85 crore.

Trading volumes have been on a sustained upswing since the last few months as all segments of market players are bullish about the India story. Among emerging markets, India has shown the second-highest growth rate, after China.

Dinesh Thakkar, chairman and managing director, Angel Broking said that FII inflows have hit \$5 billion in just July '07, as compared with inflows of just over \$10 billion in fiscal 06-07. Besides, the increased exposure of retail investors in the derivatives segment is also adding

to the huge volumes.

Thursday was the last day of the July futures expiry and on such days, volumes are typically higher due to the roll-over. However, the rise in volumes are evident from the fact that on June 28 - last month's roll-over - the turnover was Rs 77,540 crore. This marks an increase of 30.49% in one month, which is huge considering that the sensex rose only 3.76% during this period.

Narayan S A, managing director Kotak Securities, said that the turnover had risen owing largely to growing interest in the futures and options segment, apart from the fact that more scrips have been added in the F & O segment. "Large investors have started using Nifty Futures as a hedging tool to mitigate their risks," he said. In 2007 alone, 39 scrips have been added to the F&O segment, taking the total number of companies in this category to 189. The total market capitalisation of the Indian markets is expected to rise going forward with the strong GDP growth. Given this backdrop, volumes are likely to surpass even the current levels, according to market analysts.

### IN SIX MONTHS

Month	Average daily turnover
July	62,777
June	52,164
May	49,040
April	43,174
March	44,745
February	51,180

(Rs in crore)

### IN ONE WEEK

Date	Daily turnover
July 26	1,01,187
July 25	91,110
July 24	84,108
July 23	66,790
July 20	66,264
July 19	63,892
July 18	62,121

