

Basics of stock market

Introduction to Stock Market

- ✓ What is a stock?
- ✓ Why do companies issue shares?
- ✓ What is the stock market & how it functions?
- ✓ History and evolution of Indian stock markets

Key Market Participants

- ✓ Investors vs Traders
- ✓ Stock Exchanges: NSE, BSE
- ✓ SEBI Role and importance
- ✓ Depositories: NSDL & CDSL
- ✓ Brokers & Demat Accounts

Market Instruments

- ✓ Equity shares
- ✓ Derivatives (Futures & Options Intro only)
- ✓ Bonds & Debentures
- ✓ Mutual Funds
- ✓ IPOs (Initial Public Offerings)

Understanding Stock Prices

- ✓ What drives stock prices?
- ✓ Supply and Demand
- ✓ Market sentiments and news impact
- ✓ Bid, Ask, and Spread

Order Types & Trade Execution

- ✓ Types of Orders (Market, Limit, Stop Loss)
- ✓ Types of Trades (Intraday, Delivery, Margin)
- ✓ Basic understanding of Trading Platforms
- ✓ How to place a trade in a live terminal

Stock Market Indices

- ✓ Nifty 50, Sensex what they represent
- ✓ Sectoral Indices
- ✓ Global indices correlation

Basic Terminology

- ✓ Bull & Bear Market
- ✓ Volume, Volatility, Liquidity
- ✓ Circuit limits
- ✓ Dividend, Bonus, Stock Split, Rights Issue

Myths vs Reality

✓ Debunking common myths (e.g., stock market is gambling)

√	Realistic return expectations Discipline and psychology in trading/investing

Fundamental Analysis

Introduction to Fundamental Analysis

- ✓ What is Fundamental Analysis?
- ✓ Approaches to Fundamental Analysis (Top-Down vs Bottom-Up)
- ✓ Who Uses Fundamental Analysis?
- ✓ Limitations & Criticisms of Fundamental Analysis

Key Steps in Fundamental Analysis

- ✓ Macro-Economic Analysis (GDP, Inflation, Interest Rates)
- ✓ Economic Indicators & Business Cycles
- ✓ Industry Analysis Porter's Five Forces Model
- ✓ Company Analysis Qualitative & Quantitative
- ✓ Financial Statement Analysis
- ✓ Valuation Techniques Overview

Understanding Core Financial Concepts

- ✓ Time Value of Money (TVM)
- ✓ Net Present Value (NPV) of Assets
- ✓ Opportunity Cost and Discount Factors
- ✓ Cost of Capital WACC

Reading Financial Statements

- ✓ What is an Annual Report?
- ✓ How to Use an Annual Report for Analysis
- ✓ Key Components: Balance Sheet, P&L, Cash Flow
- ✓ Director's & Auditor's Report
- ✓ Schedule and Notes to Accounts

Intermediate Level

Balance Sheet Analysis

- ✓ Assets: Current vs Non-Current
- ✓ Liabilities: Short-term vs Long-term
- ✓ Shareholder's Equity & Capital
- ✓ Important Balance Sheet Ratios
- ✓ Reading Red Flags in Balance Sheets

Profit & Loss (Income) Statement Analysis

- ✓ Revenue Streams & Expense Breakdown
- ✓ EBITDA, EBIT, Net Profit Margins
- ✓ Earnings Per Share (EPS)
- ✓ Connecting P&L with Balance Sheet

Cash Flow Statement Analysis

- ✓ Cash Flow from Operating Activities
- ✓ Cash Flow from Investing Activities

- ✓ Cash Flow from Financing Activities
- ✓ Free Cash Flow Importance
- ✓ Detecting Liquidity Crisis

Financial Ratios & Interpretation

- ✓ Liquidity Ratios Current Ratio, Quick Ratio
- ✓ Profitability Ratios ROE, ROCE, Gross Margin
- ✓ Efficiency Ratios Asset Turnover, Inventory Days
- ✓ Leverage Ratios Debt/Equity, Interest Coverage
- ✓ Market Valuation Ratios P/E, P/B, EV/EBITDA

Advanced Level

Advanced Valuation Techniques

- ✓ Intrinsic Value vs Market Price
- ✓ Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Valuation
- ✓ Relative Valuation P/E, PEG, EV/EBITDA
- ✓ Sum-of-the-Parts (SOTP) Valuation
- ✓ Valuation of Banks & Financial Firms
- ✓ Valuing Startups and Loss-Making Companies

Sectoral & Thematic Analysis

- ✓ Banking & NBFC Sector Fundamentals
- ✓ IT & Pharma Sector Analysis
- ✓ FMCG vs Cyclical Industries
- ✓ ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) Trends
- ✓ Thematic Investing (EVs, Renewable Energy, AI)

Practical Case Studies & Projects

- ✓ Live Company Report Analysis
- ✓ Industry-Wise Financial Comparison
- ✓ 10-Year Financial Trend of a Stock
- ✓ Final Project: Publish a Stock Research Report

Technical Analysis

Introduction to Technical Analysis

- ✓ What is Technical Analysis?
- ✓ Difference between Technical and Fundamental Analysis
- ✓ Assumptions of Technical Analysis (Price discounts everything, History repeats, Price moves in trends)

Basics of Price Action

- ✓ Candlestick Charting (Types of charts: Line, Bar, Candlestick)
- ✓ Understanding OHLC (Open, High, Low, Close)
- ✓ Types of trends: Uptrend, Downtrend, Sideways
- ✓ Support and Resistance Identification and Importance

Candlestick Patterns

- ✓ Single Candle: Doji, Hammer, Shooting Star, Marubozu
- ✓ Double Candle: Bullish/Bearish Engulfing, Piercing Pattern, Dark Cloud Cover
- ✓ Triple Candle: Morning Star, Evening Star, Three White Soldiers, Three Black Crows
- ✓ Psychology behind each pattern

Chart Patterns (Classical Technical Patterns)

- ✓ Reversal Patterns: Head & Shoulders, Double Top/Bottom
- ✓ Continuation Patterns: Flags, Pennants, Triangles (Symmetrical, Ascending, Descending), Cup & Handle
- ✓ Breakouts and breakdowns Confirmation techniques

Major theories in Technical Analysis

1. Dow Theory (The Foundation of Technical Analysis) Key Principles:

- √ The market discounts everything
- ✓ Three trends exist simultaneously:
 - Primary (long-term)
 - Secondary (corrections)
 - Minor (daily fluctuations)

✓ Three phases of market trends:

- Accumulation → Public Participation → Distribution
- ✓ Volume confirms the trend
- ✓ Trends continue until reversal signals appear

2. Elliott Wave Theory

Core Concepts:

- ✓ 5-wave pattern in trending phase (Impulse waves)
- √ 3-wave pattern in correction phase (ABC Correction)
- ✓ Fractals: Waves exist within waves

3. Fibonacci Theory

Based on the Fibonacci sequence and golden ratio (61.8%, 38.2%, 23.6%).

Applications:

- ✓ Fibonacci Retracement: Identify support/resistance levels during corrections
- ✓ Fibonacci Extensions: Predict price targets
- ✓ Fibonacci Fans and Arcs (less common)

Technical Indicators & Oscillators

- ✓ RSI (Relative Strength Index) Overbought/Oversold zones
- ✓ MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence)
- ✓ Bollinger Bands
- ✓ ATR (Average True Range)
- ✓ Moving Averages (SMA, EMA) Golden Cross & Death Cross
- ✓ ADX (Average Directional Index)
- ✓ Supertrend
- ✓ Exponential Moving Average (EMA)
- ✓ Williams Fractals
- ✓ Williams Alligator
- ✓ Pivot Points

Volume Analysis

- ✓ Importance of Volume in confirmation
- ✓ Volume & Price relationship
- ✓ OBV (On-Balance Volume)
- ✓ Accumulation/Distribution Indicator

Time Frame Selection

- ✓ Intraday vs Swing vs Positional Charting
- ✓ Multi-time frame analysis
- ✓ Which indicators suit which timeframes

Entry, Exit & Stop Loss Strategies

- ✓ How to define entry points using patterns or indicators
- ✓ Stop-loss placement techniques
- ✓ Risk-to-reward ratio understanding
- ✓ Position sizing basics

Backtesting & Trading Psychology

- ✓ Importance of backtesting
- ✓ Building a trading journal
- ✓ Avoiding overtrading
- ✓ Handling emotions in trading (Fear, Greed, Impatience)

Building a Trading System

- ✓ Combining 2–3 indicators or tools
- ✓ Creating a rule-based system
- ✓ Live demo of backtesting on TradingView

Future & Options (From the universe of Derivatives)

Introduction to Derivatives

- ✓ What are Derivatives?
- ✓ Types: Forwards, Futures, Options, Swaps (overview only)
- ✓ Why Derivatives are used (Hedging, Speculation, Arbitrage)
- ✓ Spot Market vs Derivatives Market

Futures Contracts

- ✓ What is a Futures Contract?
- ✓ Contract specifications (Lot size, Tick size, Expiry, Margin, MTM)
- ✓ Index Futures vs Stock Futures
- ✓ Long vs Short Futures Positions
- ✓ Margin requirements and leverage in futures
- ✓ Futures Pricing & Cost of Carry Concept

Options Contracts – Basics

- ✓ What is an Option?
- ✓ Call Option vs Put Option
- ✓ Option Buyer vs Seller (Writer)
- ✓ Strike Price, Premium, Expiry, ITM/ATM/OTM
- ✓ Option Chain How to read it

Options – Advanced Concepts

- ✓ Moneyness of Options
- ✓ Option Greeks: Delta, Gamma, Theta, Vega, Rho (basic explanation)
- ✓ Time Decay and Volatility Effect
- ✓ Break-even Point Calculation
- ✓ Intrinsic Value vs Time Value

Future & Option Strategies

Futures Strategies

- ✓ Long Futures
- ✓ Short Futures
- ✓ Hedging with Futures
- ✓ Short Futures against cash holdings
- ✓ Long Futures to hedge short delivery position

Options – Single-Leg Strategies

- ✓ Long Call
- ✓ Long Put
- ✓ Short Call
- ✓ Short Put

Multi-leg (Spread) Strategies

- ✓ Bull Call Spread
- ✓ Bear Put Spread

- ✓ Covered Call
- ✓ Protective Put

Neutral Market Strategies

- ✓ Long Straddle
- ✓ Long Strangle
- ✓ Short Straddle
- ✓ Short Strangle

Advanced Neutral/Volatility Strategies

- ✓ Iron Condor
- ✓ Iron Butterfly
- ✓ Calendar Spread (Time Spread)

Hedging & Risk Management

- ✓ Using options to hedge equity portfolio
- ✓ Portfolio insurance using Put Options
- ✓ Stop-loss techniques in F&O
- ✓ Risk-to-Reward evaluation
- ✓ Importance of discipline & position sizing

F&O Expiry & Settlement

- ✓ Weekly vs Monthly Expiry
- ✓ Physical vs Cash Settlement (recent SEBI rules)
- ✓ How options expire (in-the-money vs out-of-the-money)

Regulatory Framework

- ✓ Role of SEBI in Derivatives market
- ✓ F&O restrictions on retail investors
- ✓ Ban Period (F&O Ban Stocks)
- ✓ Margin rules (SPAN, ELM)

Practical: Strategy Building & Analysis

- ✓ Building directional & neutral strategies
- ✓ Live market examples using chart + OI data
- ✓ Backtesting basic option strategies
- ✓ Paper Trading F&O

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ✓ Over-leveraging
- ✓ Misunderstanding time decay
- ✓ Holding positions till expiry blindly
- ✓ Emotional trading (FOMO, Greed)

Live training for one month (Free)

- Take real trades, monitor positions, manage risk.
 - ✓ Placing trades on live terminal (Zerodha, Angel One, etc.)
 - ✓ Using bracket/cover orders for safety
 - ✓ Live commentary on decision-making logic
 - ✓ Partial booking, trailing stop-loss techniques
 - ✓ Trade journaling: entry, exit, reason, outcome
- Exit trades, learnings, prepare for next day.
 - ✓ Square-off all intraday positions (if applicable)
 - ✓ Evaluate P&L, journal learnings
 - ✓ Note high OI stocks for next day setups
 - ✓ Prepare evening watchlist for gap-up/gap-down moves
- Reflect, Learn & Strategize.
 - ✓ Recording review of today's trades
 - ✓ Discussing missed opportunities and avoidable mistakes
 - ✓ Learning from the community/trainer feedback
 - ✓ Homework: 2–3 paper trades with analysis
- Skills Students Will Develop
 - ✓ Spotting entries in real-time
 - ✓ Discipline with stop-loss and target
 - ✓ Risk management under pressure
 - ✓ Handling losses and missed opportunities
 - ✓ Building trading confidence

Introduction to Algo trading, Algo Strategies and Implementation

What is Algo Trading?

- ✓ How it differs from manual trading.
- ✓ Real-world examples (e.g., HFT, market-making bots)

Why Algo Trading?

- ✓ Speed and efficiency
- ✓ Elimination of emotional trading
- ✓ Backtesting and optimization
- ✓ Scalability for multiple strategies
- ✓ Reduced human error

Basic Components of an Algo System

- ✓ Strategy Logic (technical indicators, price action, arbitrage)
- ✓ Execution Layer (Broker APIs like Zerodha Kite, Angel SmartAPI)
- ✓ Data Feed (Real-time and historical data)
- ✓ Risk Management (Stop-loss, position sizing, capital allocation)

Types of Algo Strategies

- ✓ Trend-following (e.g., Moving Average Crossovers)
- ✓ Mean Reversion
- ✓ Arbitrage (Cash-Futures, Index)
- ✓ Scalping Algorithms
- ✓ News-based or Sentiment Analysis (advanced)

Backtesting and Paper Trading

- ✓ Importance of historical testing
- ✓ How to measure accuracy, drawdown, Sharpe ratio
- ✓ Using tools like Amibroker, Python Backtrader, QuantConnect

Career or Business Use Cases

- ✓ Freelance strategy developer
- ✓ Algo strategy seller (on marketplaces)
- ✓ Working with prop trading firms
- ✓ Starting a quant trading desk

Concept of Risk Management and Discipline

Importance of Risk Management in Trading

- ✓ Why managing risk is more important than finding winning trades
- ✓ Real-world examples of failure due to lack of risk control
- ✓ Difference between professional and retail trader approach

Types of Risk in Stock Market

- ✓ Market Risk: Price fluctuation risk
- ✓ Liquidity Risk: Inability to exit positions
- ✓ Execution Risk: Slippage, order errors
- ✓ Overtrading Risk: Fatigue and decision burnout
- ✓ Emotional Risk: Fear, greed, revenge trading

Understanding Risk-Reward Ratio

- ✓ Concept of Reward:Risk (e.g., 2:1, 3:1)
- ✓ How to calculate it before entering a trade
- ✓ Filtering trades based on risk-reward potential
- ✓ Risking ₹1 to make ₹2 or more consistently

Setting Stop Loss and Target

- ✓ Technical stop-loss (below support, ATR-based)
- ✓ Psychological stop-loss (max daily loss)
- ✓ Dynamic vs Fixed stop-loss
- ✓ Trailing stop-loss for locking profits

Capital Protection Techniques

- ✓ Risk of ruin & compounding losses
- ✓ Avoiding pyramiding and over-leverage
- ✓ Daily/weekly drawdown limits
- ✓ Why "no trade" is sometimes the best trade

Trading Discipline & Rules

- ✓ Sticking to strategy (no impulsive entries)
- ✓ Following pre-market plan
- ✓ Avoiding overtrading after 1–2 wins/losses
- ✓ Consistent journaling of trades

Building a Trading Plan

- ✓ Entry/Exit rules
- ✓ Risk per trade
- ✓ Number of trades per day
- ✓ Review frequency (daily/weekly)
- ✓ Checklists before entering trades

Trader Psychology & Emotional Control

✓ Managing greed, fear, hope, FOMO

- ✓ Handling loss gracefully
- ✓ Confidence vs Overconfidence
- ✓ Developing patience and consistency

Trade Journal & Review

- ✓ What to record: Entry, exit, reason, outcome
- ✓ Benefits of journaling mistakes & success
- ✓ Reviewing trades weekly to improve
- ✓ Tools: Excel, Notion, Trading journal apps

Mutual Funds

Introduction to Mutual Funds

- ✓ What is a Mutual Fund?
- ✓ How it works (pooling money → fund manager → investment)
- ✓ Who should invest in mutual funds?
- ✓ Benefits over direct stock investment.

Types of Mutual Funds

- ✓ Equity Funds (Large cap, Mid cap, Small cap)
- ✓ Debt Funds (Liquid, Gilt, Short-term, Long-duration)
- ✓ Hybrid Funds (Balanced, Aggressive hybrid)
- ✓ Gold & Commodity Funds
- ✓ Index Funds / ETFs
- ✓ Growth Fund
- ✓ Income Fund
- ✓ Tax Saving Fund (ELSS)

Key Concepts & Terminologies

- ✓ NAV (Net Asset Value)
- ✓ SIP (Systematic Investment Plan)
- ✓ Lumpsum Investment
- ✓ Expense Ratio
- ✓ AUM (Assets Under Management)
- ✓ Exit Load
- ✓ Benchmark Index (e.g., Nifty 50)

Mutual Fund Returns

- ✓ Simple Return vs CAGR (Compounded Annual Growth Rate)
- ✓ Absolute Return vs Annualized Return
- ✓ Past performance analysis (1Y, 3Y, 5Y)

Investment Modes

- ✓ SIP Benefits of compounding and rupee cost averaging
- ✓ Lumpsum When and how to invest
- ✓ SWP (Systematic Withdrawal Plan)
- ✓ STP (Systematic Transfer Plan)

Mutual Fund Myths vs Facts

- ✓ "You need a lot of money to invest"
- ✓ "MFs guarantee returns"
- ✓ "SIPs are only for small investors"
- ✓ "Mutual funds are only for the long term"

NISM series 8

What is NISM Series VIII?

✓ The NISM Series VIII: Equity Derivatives Certification is mandated by SEBI for individuals involved in trading, advisory, or dealing in equity futures and options.

Top Benefits of Clearing NISM Series VIII

- ✓ Mandatory for Derivatives Segment Activation
- ✓ Required to activate Futures & Options (F&O) segment in trading accounts (especially for sub-brokers, APs, dealers).
- ✓ Helps in fulfilling SEBI compliance requirements.

Improves Career Opportunities

- ✓ Boosts eligibility for roles in:
 - Brokerage firms
 - Research & advisory companies
 - Trading desks
 - Financial institutions
- Preferred for jobs like Dealer, Equity Analyst, or Derivatives Advisor

Strong Understanding of Derivatives

- ✓ Develops conceptual clarity on:
 - Futures, Options, Hedging, Arbitrage
 - Margin systems, settlement, and regulations
 - Option Greeks, strategy formulation
- ✓ Builds confidence in handling real trades

Essential for Authorized Persons (APs) & Dealers

- ✓ APs and sub-brokers must hold this certification to operate in the F&O segment
- ✓ Ensures ethical and compliant trading practices

Industry-Wide Recognition

- Recognized by SEBI, NSE, BSE, and all major financial intermediaries
- ✓ Valid proof of your knowledge in equity derivatives

Certification Validity:

- ✓ Valid for 3 years
- ✓ Can be renewed by re-appearing for the exam

Other features of the course

- Training sessions with mutual fund experts
- Certifications
- Premium membership of WhatsApp group for 1 year
- Session repetition provision for all students (Depends on batch availability) NISM Series 8 preparation
- Placement assistance