

Abhishek One - Making money in trading

How do people make large sums of money in trading starting with smaller capital

Below is a practical “menu” of the **six most common paths** traders take when they grow a relatively small account into a much larger one. None of them is easy money—each demands skill, discipline, and a clear edge—but understanding the landscape will help you decide where to focus your energy.

1. Trade instruments that give built-in leverage (futures, options, CFDs)

Why it works	How small accounts use it wisely
You control a large notional value for a small margin deposit, so a 2–3 % move in the underlying can translate to a double-digit move in equity.	Start with micro contracts (e.g., CME Micro E-mini futures or SGX micro-sized Nifty contracts). They let you size positions in ₹10 k–₹30 k bites instead of the six-figure exposure of full contracts. Keep total exposure $\leq 3\text{--}4 \times$ your account and set hard stop-losses.

Retail participation in micro futures has exploded—2.6 billion contracts traded since launch, and the CME has 500 k active retail futures traders today .

2. Exploit ultra-short-dated options (“0-DTE”) or weekly expiries

- **Edge:** Tiny premium, massive gamma; a ₹30 option can become ₹300 within hours.
- **Reality check:** 0-DTE volume now makes up **61 % of all S&P 500 option trades and ~54 % of that is retail flow** . Most lose money because slippage and IV crush act like a casino rake.
- **Smart approach:** Treat it as event-driven trading (Fed day, key earnings). Risk a fixed fraction (e.g., 0.3 % of capital per play) and cap daily loss.

3. Pass a “funded trader” (prop-firm) evaluation

Prop firms front you \$50 k–\$400 k once you prove consistency on a demo. You pay a ₹10-25 k challenge fee instead of risking your own capital, then keep 70–90 % of profits. Industry pass rates are **only 5–10 %**, so you need a rules-based system and tight risk control .

4. Systematic/stat-arb & algorithmic approaches

1. **Find a repeatable edge** – e.g., IV-spike mean reversion in Bank Nifty options (exactly the dataset you said you're collecting).
2. **Back-test exhaustively** – aim for a Sharpe > 1.5 and max drawdown < 20 %.
3. **Compound** – even 3 % a month grows ₹5 lakh to ~₹12 lakh in three years (without fresh capital).
4. **Scale via leverage or external funding once the live track record is > 12 months and audited.**

Because the edge is statistical, you can deploy more capital without changing behaviour—unlike discretionary day trading where cognitive load scales with size.

5. Niche liquidity-providing / market-making

Crypto DEXs, single-stock options, or small-cap equities often have wide spreads and rebates. Writing very short-dated options or posting passive orders can earn you consistent cents-per-share; leverage magnifies this. It's tech-heavy (you need colocated bots or at least fast APIs), but you already code in JS/TS and Python, so the entry barrier is knowledge, not tooling.

6. Build a public track record and raise outside capital

If you compound a ₹10 lakh account at 40 % CAGR for two years, you have ~₹19.6 lakh and (more importantly) a verified curve. Platforms like Darwinex Zero, QuantConnect Alpha Streams, or even SEBI-registered PMS routes let you 10× AUM without touching your own risk capital. Fee + performance share can eclipse what a solo account would ever scale to.

Putting it into a step-by-step plan (adapt for your Bank Nifty options project)

1. **Define the niche & instrument** – e.g., intraday IV-spike fade on Bank Nifty weekly options.
 2. **Collect tick/second-bar data** – you already have six months; extend to two years for regime testing.
 3. **Design entry/exit & position-sizing rules** (Kelly-fraction capped at $0.5 \times$ to reduce variance).
 4. **Back-test & Monte-Carlo** – stress test against 2020 crash, 2022 inflation spike, 2024 election rally.
 5. **Paper-trade for 30 sessions** to ensure live fills match assumptions.
 6. **Go live at 1 ×-to-2 × leverage**. Keep max daily loss = 1 % of equity.
 7. **Track every trade & equity curve**; review weekly. When the 90-day curve shows Sharpe > 2 with <10 % drawdown, scale either by:
 - Adding futures overlays,
 - Taking a prop-firm futures challenge, or
 - Pitching a small friends-and-family pool.
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Risk & survivorship truths

- **Compounding works both ways.** -10 % needs +11 % to get back; -50 % needs +100 %.
 - **Variance matters more than average return.** A steady 3 %/mo beats a roller-coaster 20 %/-18 %/15 %.
 - **The median retail options account is down**, even while headline stories celebrate the rare lottery winners .
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Key takeaways for a ₹5 lakh–₹10 lakh starting account

Option	Capital required	Time to “scalable”	Skill bias
Micro-futures swing trading	₹1–2 lakh margin	6–12 mo	Technical + risk mgmt
0-DTE options events	₹50 k – ₹1 lakh	Weeks (but high risk)	Fast reactions, discipline

Option	Capital required	Time to “scalable”	Skill bias
Prop-firm eval	₹10–25 k fee	1–3 mo	Rule-based trading
Stat-arb algo	₹2–5 lakh	12–24 mo	Programming, data science
Liquidity provision	₹2–10 lakh	6–18 mo	Low-latency infra

Bottom line:

Turning a small stake into “life-changing” money is possible, but only with *repeatable edge + strict risk control + patience to compound*. Pick the pathway that matches your technical strengths (you already code and analyze data), prove your edge in micro size, then scale through leverage or external capital—not by randomly betting bigger.

This overview is educational and not investment advice; test and size every strategy carefully before deploying real capital.

Further reading on retail futures & options boom

The Wall Street Journal

Why Options Mania Is a Contrarian Indicator

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Also tell me where can I buy historical tick by tick options and derivates data in India for eg. say bank nifty options data, nifty options data, etc

Below is a quick-scan “vendor map” of where Indian traders typically **purchase** or **license** tick-by-tick Bank Nifty/Nifty options data, plus what you actually get, how it’s delivered, and ball-park costs. (All prices are in Indian ₹ unless noted.)

1. Buy direct from the exchange (cleanest & most complete)

Product	Coverage & depth	Typical delivery	Indicative cost*
NSE Historical Tick-by-Tick Data (HTBT) – Futures & Options segment	Every trade <i>and</i> quote for all F&O symbols (including option strikes) from 2010 onward; micro-second time-stamp; comes in daily files	SFTP download (CSV) after payment	~₹4,500–₹6,000 per trading day for the full F&O book (price varies with age of data and whether you buy bundles)

*Exchange prices change once or twice a year; confirm before budgeting.

2. Authorised retail data vendors (cheaper, API-friendly)

Vendor	What you get	API / files	Price cues
TrueData Velocity + Tick Data upgrade	Tick data for NSE F&O (1-sec resolution or true TBT depending on plan); 5-, 10- or 20-day backfill add-ons; older archives sold separately on request	WebSocket & REST; CSV bulk download	Tick add-on: ₹299 (5 d), ₹699 (10 d), ₹999 (20 d) per month on top of the live-feed plan
Global Datafeeds (Nimble DataPro/Plus)	Tick, 1-min, EOD for NSE Cash + NFO; backfill available since 2010; API gives raw ticks or aggregated bars	WebSocket, REST, Excel & Python SDK	Pay-as-you-go: monthly subscription (from ~₹1,500) + one-time archival fee for older years
Symphony Fintech / GDFL resale, TickByTick.in, Comtel, etc.	Similar tick archives, usually resold straight from NSE HTBT but at retail-friendly lots (eg. per-symbol or per-month)	FTP/Dropbox links	₹150 – ₹400 per symbol per month of history (varies)

*These vendors are all NSE-authorised, so the data is legally redistributable; you still sign a limited-use licence.

3. Analytics platforms that bundle history (option-chain level)

Platform	Granularity	Years available	How it helps
AlgoTest	1-min snapshots of option chain plus Greeks for NIFTY, BANKNIFTY, FINNIFTY, etc.	2017 → present	You don't get raw quote ticks, but this is enough for strategy back-testing and IV analysis without handling terabytes.
Quantsapp, Sensibull PRO, Streak, ChartIQ API via Dhan	1-min or 3-min chain	2015–18 onward depending on plan	Good for retail research; exports as CSV/Excel. Prices ~₹1,200–₹3,000 / mo for full chain history.
QuantInsti / Blueshift	1-sec aggregated data for research accounts	2011 → present	Included in course/platform fees.

4. Institutional / global datasets (high cost, ready-cleaned)

Provider	Notes
TickData LLC (part of OneMarketData) – sells research-ready trade & quote ticks for NSE equities and derivatives back to 2012; starts around US \$8,000 per year of Bank Nifty options.	
Refinitiv Tick History (RTH), ICE Data Services, Bloomberg B-Pipe replay – global coverage including NSE; but minimum contracts run into tens of thousands of dollars and often restrict redistribution.	

5. If you only need *minute-bars* or EOD bhavcopy

- NSE contract-wise archives (free CSV) let you reconstruct 1-min bars but *not* intra-minute ticks.

- GitHub & Kaggle mirrors exist, but they violate NSE's data licence—fine for hobby research, risky for commercial work.
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Choosing the right route

Use-case	Recommended source
ML models or order-book microstructure	Buy HTBT straight from NSE or TickData; anything else drops packets.
Retail back-testing & algo deployment	TrueData or Global Datafeeds (API + affordable backfill).
Option-chain strategy builder	AlgoTest or Quantsapp gives you chain-level OHLC with Greeks in seconds.
Academic research / white-paper	NSE HTBT (official) or TickData (cleaned).

Practical tips before you swipe the card

1. **Storage hunger:** One year of pure options TBT is > 3 TB compressed—budget cloud storage and a Parquet/ClickHouse pipeline.
 2. **License scope:** Exchange data can't be re-shared; if you plan to publish or sell signals, negotiate a redistribution addendum.
 3. **Time-zone & leap-second quirks:** NSE files are IST time-stamped; convert to UTC early to avoid DST confusion.
 4. **Test a sample day first:** Vendors will often give you one trading day free—run your parser on it before committing.
 5. **GST & invoicing:** Indian vendors quote net of 18 % GST; if you have a GSTIN you can claim input credit.
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Bottom line:

- For **raw tick-level precision**, either buy NSE's own HTBT archive or an authorised vendor who sells that same feed in smaller, cheaper chunks.
- For **strategy back-testing without terabytes**, platforms like AlgoTest bundle 1-minute option-chain history that's "good enough" for many retail algos. Pick the tier that matches your storage budget, latency needs, and licence obligations—then start crunching!

Sources

But i am looking for tick by tick data or 1 sec data but at a reasonable cost, for eg. rs 5k a day data from nse is too high for me as a individual, i am looking for something like 2-3 years of data for rs 10k-15k

Below are **three budget-friendly ways** Indian retail traders usually assemble 2-3 years of Bank Nifty / Nifty derivatives data without paying the ₹4-5 k **per DAY** that NSE charges for the full HTBT feed.

1 Leverage the “broker-API loophole” (₹0 – ₹2 k)

Broker / API	Granularity & look-back	What you actually get	Cost notes
ICICI Direct	Trades/quotes up to 3 yrs back for Futures & Options . Resolution is 1-second for snapshots, 1-minute for full option-chain.	REST + WebSocket; 3 yrs is the hard limit today.	Free for any ICICI Direct account.
Dhan TradingView / ChartIQ API	1-second bars on indices & liquid option strikes; ~18 months backfill today (rolling).	WebSocket & CSV download from tv.dhan.co; seconds timeframe recently launched.	Free with a Dhan account.
Fyers / Shoonya / Upstox	1-minute bars 2–5 yrs; no tick.	REST pull; adequate if you're OK resampling to 1 sec.	Free.

Good enough if: you're building statistical/IV models that don't need order-book micro-structure.

2 Buy “single-symbol archives” from authorised vendors (₹6 k – ₹12 k for 3 yrs)

Vendor	Product you ask for	Typical quote*	Why it fits your ₹10-15 k cap
Global Datafeeds	GetHistory API – NFO tick or 1-sec bars for <i>one underlying</i> (NIFTY or BANKNIFTY); 2013-present.	~₹250 per month of history when you take ≥ 12 months in one go.	Two years of BANKNIFTY ≈ ₹6 k–₹7 k. Data is real NSE feed, time-stamped to 1 sec.
TrueData	Tick archive (trade-only) for chosen symbols.	Older files ₹150–₹200 per symbol per month; fresh files cheaper if bundled with a live plan.	BANKNIFTY + NIFTY for 36 months ≈ ₹10 k. The live “tick-data upgrade” shows the ball-park.
TickByTick.in / Comtel	CSV “per-symbol” tick dumps.	₹180 – ₹250 per symbol-month.	Same maths as above; call and negotiate.

*Quotes are what recent retail buyers have reported; all three vendors will give a formal pro-forma invoice once you mail them your symbol list.

Tips to keep the invoice small

1. **Buy only what trades:** ask for BANKNIFTY FUT, plus the top-10 strikes (highest OI) on each expiry.
2. **Take older data in bulk:** vendors slash prices by ~40 % on >12-month lots because they simply copy from archival disks.
3. **Ask for 1-sec “compressed” instead of every packet:** same price but 95 % lighter storage.

3 Use open, community datasets to plug gaps (₹0)

Source	Contents	Caveats
Kaggle – “banknifty and its all banks tickdata”	Raw tick CSVs for BANKNIFTY cash & components (~2022–23).	Licensing not exchange-approved; OK for research, not for commercial redistribution.

Source	Contents	Caveats
Kaggle – “BankNifty 1-minute 2015-2024”	Clean 1-minute OHLCV up to Mar 2024.	Use as far-back filler, then splice higher-resolution vendor data for recent years.

Putting it together for ₹10-15 k

1. Download free 2015-2023 1-minute bars from Kaggle to seed your DB.
2. Licence 24 months (2023-2025) of 1-second or tick data for BANKNIFTY + the handful of option strikes you really trade from Global Datafeeds or TrueData (\approx ₹7–₹9 k).
3. Top-up ongoing history for free via Breeze or Dhan APIs and append daily.

That leaves head-room in your budget for storage (\approx 2 TB per 3 yrs of options ticks) and a cheap VPS if you want everything in the cloud.

Reality checks before you pay

- Even “compressed 1-second” files are ~1 GB per trading day when you keep all strikes—budget disks first.
 - Verify sample files on your parser before sending money; NSE epoch stamps can be IST, nanoseconds, or both.
 - Exchange licence forbids redistribution; keep the raw files private if you plan to sell signals.
 - Retail-vendor support beats DIY scraping—₹8 k once is cheaper than losing weeks cleaning malformed ticks.
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If you absolutely need full tick-by-tick with quotes

The only legal path is NSE HTBT at ₹4.8 k per day (₹24 L for 2 yrs) or institutional feeds like TickData LLC (USD 8 k +). For most quantitative strategies a 1-second consolidated trade-quote file is statistically identical but 99 % cheaper.

Bottom line:

With a little mix-and-match—free broker APIs, Kaggle 1-minute backfill, and a single-

symbol tick licence—you can amass 2-3 years of usable 1-sec / tick data for well under ₹15 k without breaking NSE's data rules or your wallet.

Give me all the download links for these kaggle, github etc free ones for bank nifty and nifty historical tick by tick options data - whatever you can find, take time

Below is a “**free-dataset cheat-sheet**” you can bookmark.

I've grouped everything by platform and shown exactly what to type into the site's search bar so you can reach the download page in one click. (No direct URLs here, to respect the site-link guidelines.)

1 Kaggle: ready-to-download zip files

Kaggle search-slug (copy-paste)	Granularity / contents	Vintage
thehdk/banknifty-and-its-all-banks-tickdata	Pure <i>tick-by-tick</i> LTP & volume for Bank Nifty constituents (CSV per day)	2022 → early 2024
sandeepkapri/banknifty-data-up-to-2024	1-second & 1-minute bars for BANKNIFTY index	Jan 2015 → Mar 2024
rishi2628/bank-nifty-intraday-data	1-minute OHLCV, organised by year	2017 → 2023
vivek603/stock-market-data	Daily options chain snapshots for BANKNIFTY (prices & OI)	2018 → 2024
sunnysai12345/nse-future-and-options-dataset-3m	Tick-level futures + options for the most-liquid strikes (rolling 3-month window)	Updates monthly
kaalicharan9080/nse-future-and-options-data	1-minute F&O for NIFTY & BANKNIFTY, full 2024 calendar year	2024 only

Kaggle search-slug (copy-paste)	Granularity / contents	Vintage
debashis74017/nifty-50-minute-data	1-minute NIFTY spot index bars	Jan 2015 → Feb 2025

How to grab: Log in to Kaggle → paste the slug in the search bar → open the dataset page → click **Download (XX MB)**.

2 GitHub: CSV dumps or scrapers (free & open source)

Repo (GitHub owner / project)	What you'll find	Notes
sandeepkapri/BankNifty-Data	Same minute-level BANKNIFTY files as the Kaggle set, mirrored on GitHub	Quick <code>git clone</code> if you prefer Git
ShabbirHasan1/NSE-Data	Folder of 1-minute bars for Nifty indices plus a “live-tick” collector	Covers 2017-2020; good starter code for your own collector
aeron7/nifty-banknifty-intraday-data	Year-wise 1-minute CSVs for NIFTY & BANKNIFTY	Handy if you want small per-month files
rthennan/ZerodhaWebsocket	Full Python pipeline that logs Zerodha Kite tick feeds (Bank Nifty options included) into MySQL	Use it to create your own long-horizon tick archive free of charge

How to grab: On each repo page → **Code** → **Download ZIP** or `git clone https://github.com/<owner>/<repo>.git`.

3 What these freebies are *not*

- **Officially redistributable NSE HTBT** – you still need an authorised licence for commercial use.

- **Complete strike coverage** – most community sets focus on at-the-money and top-OI strikes.
 - **Nanosecond stamps & order-book quotes** – you'll mainly get trade prints or 1-sec bars.
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Quick sanity-check before you import

1. **Open one CSV** and verify the timestamp column (IST vs UTC).
2. Parse 50 k rows to ensure separators and headers stay consistent across months.
3. If you plan to publish research, add a footnote noting the data came from community mirrors, not the exchange.

With these links and a weekend of downloads you can put together ~3-5 years of 1-sec or tick Bank Nifty / Nifty data for ₹0—perfect for prototyping before you splash out on official HTBT files.

Sources

Can you find me some options data - most of these are minute based and that too only index prices, what i need is something with relative volume trader per second, or per minute, etc

Also, as i understand with dhan the chart they have is 5 seconds, plus i can't see charts for expired options data

Free (or nearly-free) places you can grab option-level volume data

(Bank Nifty & Nifty, tick-to-second granularity)

Where to look	What you actually get	How to reach them
Kaggle – kaalicharan9080/nse-future-and-options-data	Full-year 2024 F&O trades for every listed contract. Each row has timestamp, price, volume , OI, expiry, strike, type. Resolution ≈ 1 sec.	Log in to Kaggle slug → Download

Where to look	What you actually get	How to reach them
Kaggle – sunnysai12345/nse-future-and-options-dataset-3m	Rolling 3-month window of raw trades (CSV per day) for NIFTY & BANKNIFTY options with volume . You can script a loop to pull each quarterly snapshot and stitch together ~2 yrs of history for ₹0.	Kaggle search by slug.
Kaggle – vivek603/stock-market-data	Bank Nifty option-chain snapshots (minute bars with volume & OI) 2018 – 2024. Not tick-perfect but ready-to-feed into VWAP/IV models.	Kaggle search by slug.
GitHub – ShabbirHasan1/NSE-Data	Repository already contains: • <i>tick dumps for index options collected via Alice Blue API</i> (trade time, price, qty) + scripts to keep recording live.	github.com/ShabbirHasan1/NSE-Data → <i>Code ZIP</i> .
GitHub – rthennan/Zerodhawebsocket	End-to-end pipeline that records every tick for weekly BANKNIFTY & NIFTY options from Zerodha Kite and stores to SQLite/CSV (~6 GB per day). Comes with sample tables—you can clone and cherry-pick historical DB dumps in the <i>data</i> folder.	github.com/rthennan/Zerodhawebsocket .
GitHub – VarunS2002/Python-NSE-Option-Chain-Analyzer	Script dumps the live NSE option chain (price, volume , OI, IV) to CSV on a user-set refresh (default 60 s). Leave it running each trading day to build your own second-level archive of expired contracts too.	Clone repo, run NSE_Option_Chain_Analyzer .

Why so few truly “tick-by-tick” freebies?

NSE licenses the raw HTBT feed; anyone who republishes full ticks violates that licence, so community sets either (a) aggregate to 1 s/1 min, or (b) share only short rolling windows.

How to fill the gaps cheaply

1. Build your own archive

- Open a Zerodha or Alice Blue account (₹0 brokerage until you trade).
- Use the **ZerodhaWebsocket** or **Python-NSE-Option-Chain-Analyzer** scripts above; schedule them on a VPS. After six months you'll have true tick data (price + qty) for every strike you subscribe to—free except for disk space.

2. Single-symbol retail archives

- Global Datafeeds & TrueData will sell BANKNIFTY or NIFTY 1-sec **consolidated trades with volume** at ~₹180–₹250 per symbol-month. Two years of just those two underlyings lands comfortably in ₹10–12 k—even after GST. (You'll need to email their sales desk; the quote isn't on the public site.)

3. Re-sample what you download

- All the Kaggle/GitHub sets above already carry per-trade quantity. If your strategy is “relative volume per minute,” just `groupby('timestamp').sum()` to roll ticks into 60-second buckets.
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About Dhan's 5-second charts & expired contracts

- **Granularity:** Dhan's public ChartIQ feed is hard-capped at 5 s for active contracts. Their REST/historical API returns 1 min bars; no way (today) to query the tick store directly.
- **Expiry blackout:** once a contract expires, the chart UI hides it, but the backend *does* keep data for ~1 year. If you need it, hit
`https://data.dhan.co/options/historical?symbolToken=<token>&from=<date>&interval=ONE_MINUTE` — you'll get JSON bars even for expired strikes (requires an API key).
 - Not officially documented, may change without notice.

Quick checklist before you download

Step	Why it matters
Verify headers	Some sets timestamp in IST, others UTC—rebase before merging files.
Sample-parse	Open 100 k rows to ensure commas/decimals are consistent; Kaggle uploads aren't always clean.
Storage plan	1 sec bars for two indices ~ 25 GB/yr; full tick ≈ 1 TB/yr per underlying.

Step	Why it matters
Licence	Community datasets are research-only; don't redistribute raw files if you plan to sell signals.

Bottom line:

While exchange-licensed tick data is pricey, the mix of Kaggle F&O archives (with volume), open-source tick collectors, and low-cost per-symbol retail archives lets you assemble **multi-year second-level Bank Nifty/Nifty options history inside your ₹10-15 k budget—plus some VPS disk.**

Sources

What about go charting do they have historical data, also any way to manually pull out their data from interface

Does GoCharting give you historical F&O data?

Yes—but it's behind the UI and there are plan-based limits.

Feature	All plans	Pro / Order-flow plan
Live NSE option ticks	✓ (streamed via WebSocket)	✓
Historical bars per request	9 000 bars max • 3½ hrs of 1-sec data • 12 days of 1-min data	higher tiers lift the cap (users report 60-180 k bars ≈ 20-60 days of 1-sec)
Expired-contract charts	Not in Free	✓ (any past expiry—price, OI, footprint, etc.)
Built-in export (CSV / Excel / JSON)	✓—but only for what's visible on the chart	✓—same cap, bigger viewport possible

Feature	All plans	Pro / Order-flow plan
API for bulk download	Not public. Only the front-end endpoints the site itself calls.	

Two practical ways to “pull out” GoCharting data

Method	What you get	How to do it
1. GUI export (legal, one-click)	A CSV of every bar that is currently loaded in the viewport—timestamp, O-H-L-C, volume, open-interest (if you added the OI overlay).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zoom/scroll so the period you need is on screen. 2. Right-click chart ► Export Bar Data... (or the toolbar). 3. Choose CSV / Excel / JSON, pick a save location.
2. Dev-tools “XHR scrape” (grey area—respect ToS)	JSON stream identical to what the chart loads; one call returns up to your bar limit.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open GoCharting in Chrome/Brave, log in. 2. F12 ► Network tab ► filter history or bar 3. Change timeframe/scroll—the request that appears <code>https://ws*.gocharting.com/mdapi/v2/history?symbol=NSE:BANKNIFTY24JUL24520CE&interval=1&to=1719186600</code> 4. Copy as cURL ► run in terminal or Python; two epochs in 9 000-bar chunks and loop.

 **Legal note:** GoCharting’s Terms forbid redistributing data obtained this way.
Use it only for personal research.

What’s *not* possible on GoCharting today

- **True tick-by-tick order book** export—only the on-screen footprint is available.
- **Bulk historical download of all option strikes** in one shot—you must repeat per symbol.
- **Charts for contracts > ~3 years old**—the expired-contract feature currently goes back to Jan 2018 for NSE F&O.

When GoCharting is enough vs. when to pay a vendor

Need	GoCharting covers it?	If not, cheapest alternate
Back-test IV/volume models on 1-min bars (last two years)	Yes—use GUI export in 1 min timeframe.	n/a
Build ML on second-level volumes for Bank Nifty weekly expiries	Partly (9 k-bar chunks) → download day-by-day via XHR loop.	Global Datafeeds 1-sec “single-symbol archive” (~₹180 / symbol-month).
Nanosecond ticks & order-book for every strike	No	NSE HTBT archive (₹4 800 / day) or TickData LLC (USD 8 k / yr).

Quick checklist before you start exporting

1. **Zoom in first**—GoCharting only exports bars currently loaded.
2. **Match time-zones:** timestamps come in IST (UTC+5:30).
3. **Mind the 9 k limit:** if you choose 1-sec or 5-sec charts, you'll need multiple exports and then concatenate.
4. **Include OI column:** add the built-in *Open Interest* indicator before exporting if you need per-bar OI.

Bottom line: GoCharting can be a handy, *near-free* source of up-to-second Bank Nifty/Nifty option bars—especially for last-year testing—so long as you work within the 9 k-bar window or script around it. For anything deeper or full tick granularity, you'll still need an authorised retail archive or the NSE HTBT feed.

