

Opening Signals

ASIA

Asian stocks edged higher at the open as investors awaited the US jobs report on Wednesday. Softer retail sales data strengthened expectations of a Federal Reserve rate cut later this year. GIFT Nifty signals a positive start for Indian markets.

US & EUROPE

US markets ended mixed yesterday, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq slipping as weak retail sales data dampened sentiment and AI-related concerns pressured financial stocks. European markets also finished lower except France as investors assessed a fresh round of corporate earnings.

COMMODITIES

Oil prices rose as Middle East tensions centred on Iran overshadowed a US industry report showing a sharp jump in crude inventories. Gold inched higher, holding above \$5,000 an ounce, with soft US retail sales reinforcing expectations of a Federal Reserve rate cut.

INFOCUS

Nifty aims to reclaim 26k.

- **Events today:** US crude oil inventories, China/ US inflation rate, Japan market holiday - National Foundation Day.
- **Q3 Earnings:** Mahindra & Mahindra, LG Electronics India, Lenskart Solutions, Ashok Leyland.
- **Ex-date:** Heromotor, Cummins, FDC, JBCChem, Page Ind, RVNL, Unominda (Dividend)
- **Exchange debut:** Grover Jewells, Brandman Retail (SME)
- **Government to divest 3% stake in BHEL** through OFS, option to sell additional 2%.The floor price for the offer has been fixed at Rs 254 per share.

Global Markets

Indices	%Chg
Nasdaq	-0.58
S&P500	-0.36
CAC40	0.06
Hang Seng	0.19
Nikkei	2.23
Shanghai	0.12
Futures	%Chg
Gift Nifty	0.35
Dow	0.27
S&P500	0.30
Nasdaq	0.39
Commodity	%Chg
Gold	1.40
Silver	0.06
Crude	1.27
Currency	%Chg
USDINR	0.15
Bitcoin	0.52

CPI

12.02.2026



WPI

16.02.2026



IIP

28.02.2026



FOMC

18.03.2026



RBI

08.04.2026



Nifty Outlook

As maintained yesterday, weak momentum remains a concern, which prompts us to be cautious on approach to 26020 before expanding the upside objective to 26600-800. That said, we will retain the upside optimism, as long as above 25900, for the day. Immediate trading range is seen as 25700-26220.

Trader's corner

Buy

JUBLFOOD

Target: 564 - 578
Stoploss: 544
MACD signal break expected

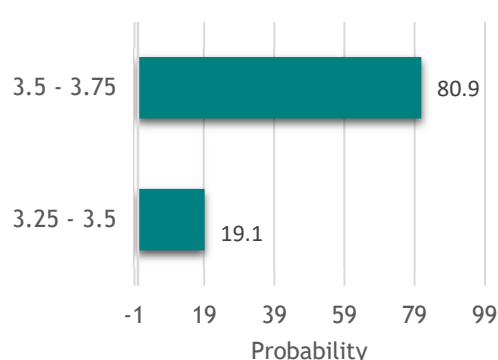
Buy

HEG

Target: 573 - 585
Stoploss: 548
MACD signal break

All 'Buy' recommendations have a holding period of 5 trading days.
All 'Sell' recommendations are for the recommended day.

Fed expectations



Source: Investing.com

Rate decision dates

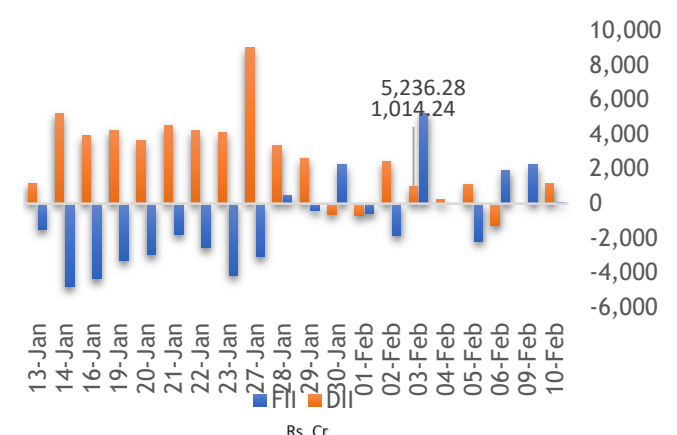
FOMC meeting dates

Jan '26	27-28
Mar '26	17-18
Apr '26	28-29
Jun '26	16-17
Jul '26	28-29
Sep '26	15-16
Oct '26	27-28
Dec '26	8-9

RBI meeting dates

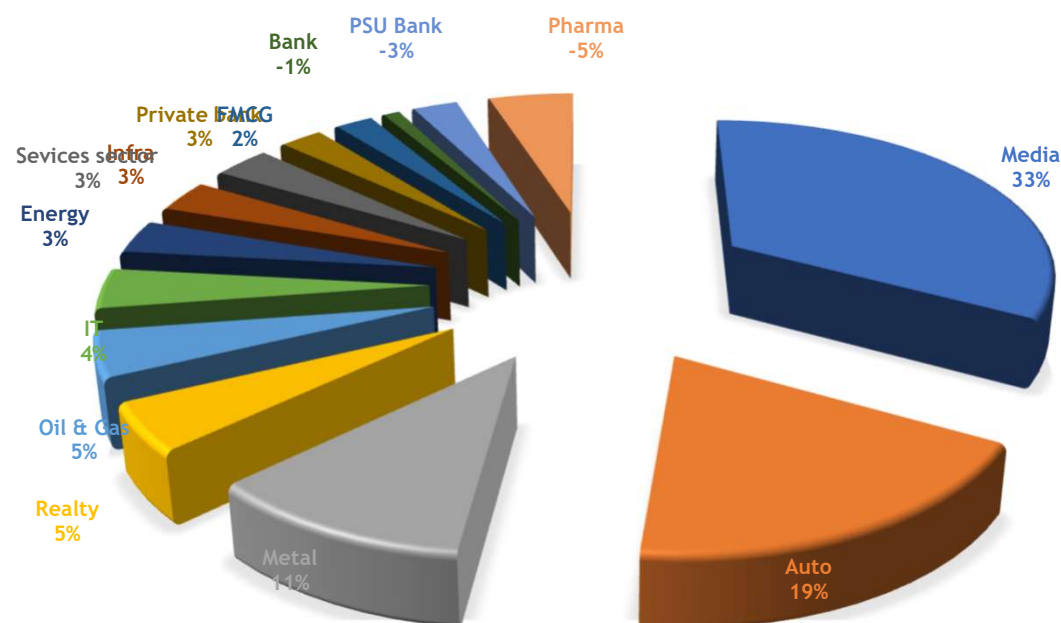
Apr '25	7 - 9
Jun '25	4 - 6
Aug '25	4 - 6
Sep '25	29 - 1st Oct
Dec '25	3 - 5
Feb '26	4 - 6
April '26	6 - 8

Institutional flow



Markets yesterday

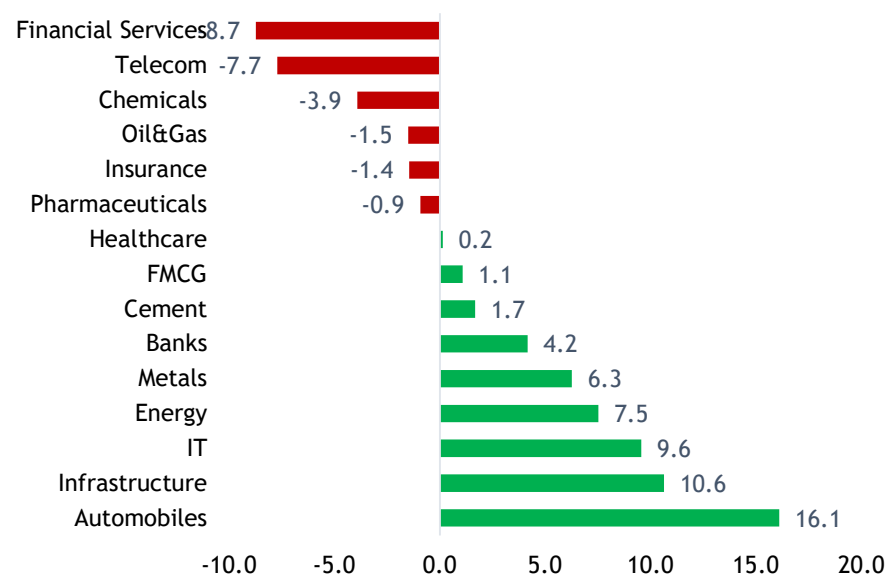
Sectoral gainers



What drove Nifty?

Nifty rose 68 pts yesterday.

ICICIBANK (13 pts) contributed the most to Nifty's 68 pt rise followed by LT. Meanwhile BAJFINANCE fell.



Quant ideas for today

For the bulls



On an upmove (Above 3d high), Momentum gaining (Rise in Volume (+5x 3davg vol)) with rise in price, sorted on volume chg% basis.

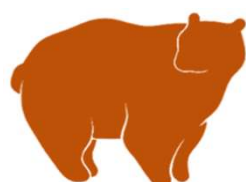
On an upmove

Stock	LTP	3D High
SIGNPOST	247	213
LUMAXIND	6136	5359.9
ISGEC	931	815
PRAJIND	342	302.7
RACE	131	117

Momentum gaining

Stock	Volume	Prc Chg%
PFIZER	944762	4.1
PRAJIND	44558250	15.6
SIGNPOST	2085083	17.2
STANLEY	5049765	8.2
PAVNAIND	792496	20.0

For the bears



Fall in Price (Below prev. 3d low), Momentum losing (Rise in price with fall in volume (vol below 1d or 3davg)) sorted on the basis of Vol%Chg.

Fall in price

Stock	LTP	3D Low
PGIL	1614	1752
SUPRAJIT	423	442.1
AUROPHARMA	1124	1166
ECLERX	3985	4124.2
SHREYANIND	162	167

Momentum losing

Stock	Volume	Prc Chg%
EIHOTEL	378876	1.0
WESTLIFE	337093	3.0
GODFRYPHLP	260340	0.3
CONCORDBIO	176529	0.8
AVALON	133514	0.3

For the swing traders



At either extremities of 3d range.

Near 3D high

Stock	LTP	3D High
LALPATHLAB	1456	1456
TITAN	4269	4269
STARHEALTH	469	469
ADVANIHOTR	57	57
ICEMAKE	750	750

Near 3D low

Stock	LTP	3D Low
CUB	287	287
AGIIL	244	244
BERGEPAIN	459	458
IFBAGRO	969	968
AARTIPHARM	764	763

Key Technical levels

Currency pair	S3	S2	S1	PV	R1	R2	R3
USDINR	90.036	90.348	90.484	90.661	90.797	90.973	91.286
EURINR	107.129	107.589	107.798	108.049	108.258	108.509	108.969
GBPINR	122.975	123.485	123.670	123.995	124.180	124.505	125.015
JPYINR	57.268	57.970	58.210	58.673	58.913	59.375	60.078

USDINR - Daily



TradingView

Morning Snapshot

Currencies	CMP	%Chg
USD/INR	90.62	0.0234
EUR/INR	108.0075	-0.133
GBP/INR	123.855	-0.244
JPY/INR	58.45	0.120
Dollar Index	100.25	0.380

Bond Market	Yield
U.S. 10Y	4.00%
India 10Y	6.48%

Central Banks	Intr. Rate	Meeting
RBI	5.25	08.Apr
FED	3.75	18.Mar
ECB	2.15	19.Mar
BOE	3.75	19.Mar
BOJ	0.75	19.Mar

Country	CPI Curr.	CPI Prev
India	1.33	0.71
US	2.7	2.7
China	0.8	0.7
Euro Area	1.9	2.1
UK	3.4	3.2
Japan	2.1	2.9

Economic Calendar

01.Feb.26 - India – Union Budget - OPEC and non-OPEC ministerial meeting - China Market holiday – Chinese New Year (28 Jan -04 Feb 2026)	02.Feb.26 - BoJ Summary of Opinions - Japan/ China/ India/ UK/ US Manufacturing PMI - China Market holiday – Chinese New Year (28 Jan -04 Feb 2026)	03.Feb.26 - US JOLTs job openings/ Treasury refunding Financing estimates - ECB consumer inflations expectations - Nifty Weekly expiry - China Market holiday – Chinese New Year (28 Jan -04 Feb 2026)	04.Feb.26 - India RBI monetary policy meeting begins - US crude oil inventories - Japan/ China/ India/ UK/ US services PMI - US ADP Employment change/ Factory orders - China Market holiday – Chinese New	05.Feb.26 - India RBI monetary policy meeting continues - EA retail sales - UK new car sales/ BoE interest rate decision outcome - US Challenger job cuts/ initial & continuing jobless claims/ total vehicle sales/ trade balance - ECB interest rate decision
06.Feb.26 - India RBI monetary policy meeting outcome - US Non-Farm Payrolls/ Fed balance sheet, Michigan Consumer Sentiment Prel/ Baker Hughes oil rig count - Japan/ India FX reserves	07.Feb.26 China FX Reserves	08.Feb.26 Japan Snap General Election	09.Feb.26 US Wholesale Inventories MoM	10.Feb.26 - US ADP employment change weekly - Nifty Weekly expiry
11.Feb.26 - US crude oil inventories - China/ US inflation rate - Japan market holiday – National Foundation Day	12.Feb.26 - US initial & continuing jobless claims/ monthly budget statement/ Existing home sales - Japan PPI - UK GDP growth rate/ Industrial production/ trade balance - India CPI	13.Feb.26 - US Baker Hughes oil rig count/ Fed balance sheet - India WPI/ FX reserves/ SIAM auto sales report	14.Feb.26 China current account Prel	15.Feb.26 India flash report
16.Feb.26 - US markets holiday – Washington's birthday - Japan GDP growth rate/ Industrial production - India unemployment rate/ trade balance - China FDI - Hong Kong market holiday (16-19 Feb 2026)	17.Feb.26 - RBA meeting minutes - UK unemployment rate - US ADP employment change weekly/ retail sales - China weekly sales - Nifty Weekly expiry	18.Feb.26 - Japan trade balance - UK inflation rate - US industrial production/ housing starts	19.Feb.26 - India currency markets holiday - Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti - FOMC minutes/ crude oil inventories/ Initial & continuing jobless claims/ pending home sales	20.Feb.26 - US GDP growth rate/ Michigan Consumer sentiment Prel/ Fed balance sheet/ Baker Hugh oil rig count/ core PCR price index - Japan inflation rate - Japan/ India/ UK/ US composite PMI flash - UK retail sales - India FX reserves
21.Feb.26 No relevant event(s) on this date	22.Feb.26 No relevant event(s) on this date	23.Feb.26 - US Dallas fed manufacturing index - Japan market holiday – Emperor's birthday	24.Feb.26 - China loan prime rate (1/5 Y) - US ADP employment change weekly/ CB consumer confidence - Nifty Monthly expiry	25.Feb.26 - US crude oil inventories/ new home sales - ECB non-monetary policy meeting - EA core inflation rate
26.Feb.26 - EA consumer confidence final - US initial & continuing jobless claims	27.Feb.26 India GDP - first revised estimates for FY 2024-25/ Final estimates of FY 2023-24/ Q3 FY 2025-26/ Second advance estimates for FY 2025-26	28.Feb.26 India IIP		

Abbreviations

H'st - Highest
FII - Foreign Institutional Investors
F&O - Futures and Options
Fut - Futures
OI - Open Interest
BTST - Buy Today, Sell Tomorrow
CMP - Current Market Price
LTP - Last Traded Price
Prc - Price

Macroeconomic terms

FOMC/Fed - The FOMC, shortform for the Federal Open Market Committee, is the policy-making body of the Federal Reserve System in the United States. It is responsible for setting monetary policy, including decisions on interest rates and measures aimed at promoting economic stability, managing inflation, and fostering employment growth.

RBI MPC refers to the Reserve Bank of India Monetary Policy Committee. It is a committee established by the Reserve Bank of India to determine and implement monetary policy decisions, including setting interest rates and managing inflation, with the objective of maintaining price stability and supporting economic growth in India.

CPI, in economics, refers to the Consumer Price Index, which is a commonly used measure of inflation. It tracks the average price change of a basket of goods and services consumed by households, providing insights into changes in the cost of living and the purchasing power of consumers.

IIP stands for Index of Industrial Production. It is an economic indicator that measures the output of industrial sectors in an economy over a specific period of time. The IIP provides insights into the overall performance and growth of the industrial sector, serving as a gauge of industrial production activity and contributing to the analysis of economic trends and business cycles.

WPI stands for Wholesale Price Index. It is an economic indicator that measures the average change in the prices of goods at the wholesale level. The WPI provides insights into inflationary pressures in the early stages of the supply chain and serves as a benchmark for price movements in the wholesale market, which can impact consumer prices in the broader economy.

Trade Deficit occurs when a country imports more goods and services than it exports, resulting in a negative balance of trade. It indicates that a country is spending more on imports than it is earning from exports, potentially leading to a decrease in domestic production and an outflow of currency.

Fed Expectation or implied rate refers to the market's expectation of the future interest rate set by the Federal Reserve. It is derived from the pricing of interest rate futures contracts and other financial instruments, reflecting the market's perception of the likely direction and magnitude of future changes in monetary policy.

Technical Jargons

Intraday, in the context of technical analysis, refers to the time frame within a trading day where price movements and trading activities occur. It specifically focuses on analyzing short-term price fluctuations and market dynamics that unfold during a single trading session.

BTST, in technical analysis, stands for "Buy Today, Sell Tomorrow." It is a trading strategy where traders purchase a stock or security near the end of a trading day and aim to sell it the next trading day, anticipating a favorable price movement overnight or in the near future. The BTST strategy allows traders to take advantage of potential short-term price swings or news events that may impact the stock's value.

Momentum in technical analysis refers to the strength and speed of price movement in a particular direction. It is commonly measured using indicators such as the Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD) or Relative Strength Index (RSI), and it helps traders assess the speed at which prices are changing and identify potential trend reversals or continuations.

Quant ideas in technical analysis refer to trading strategies and insights derived from quantitative analysis and mathematical models. These ideas involve using statistical methods, algorithms, and historical data to identify patterns, trends, and signals in the market.

Institutional flow or FII flows refer to the movement of funds by institutional investors, such as mutual funds, pension funds, and foreign institutional investors (FIIs), into or out of a particular market. These flows are closely monitored as they can significantly impact market liquidity, investor sentiment, and overall market trends, often serving as indicators of institutional investor sentiment and influencing market performance.

Technical Indicators

MACD, which stands for Moving Average Convergence Divergence, is a popular technical indicator used to identify potential trend reversals and generate buy or sell signals. It calculates the difference between two moving averages of an asset's price and plots it on a chart, allowing traders to observe changes in momentum and potential entry or exit points in the market.

Stochastics is a technical indicator used to identify overbought and oversold conditions in the market. It compares the current closing price of an asset to its price range over a specific period, generating a reading between 0 and 100. A reading above 80 suggests the asset is overbought and may experience a price correction, while a reading below 20 indicates oversold conditions and a potential rebound in price.

RSI, which stands for Relative Strength Index, is a popular technical indicator used to measure the strength and momentum of price movements. It calculates the ratio of upward price changes to downward price changes over a specified period, generating a value between 0 and 100. A reading above 70 suggests the asset is overbought and may experience a price correction, while a reading below 30 indicates oversold conditions and a potential rebound in price.

Parabolic SAR or Psar, is a technical indicator used to determine potential price trends and reversals. It places dots above or below the price chart, indicating the potential direction of the trend. When the dots are below the price, it suggests an uptrend, and when the dots are above the price, it suggests a downtrend.

Bollinger Bands is a technical indicator that consists of a moving average line in the middle, along with an upper band and a lower band that represent volatility levels. The bands widen during periods of high volatility and narrow during periods of low volatility, providing a visual representation of price volatility and potential trading opportunities when the price touches or crosses the bands.

MACD Forest exhaustion refers to a situation where the Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD) indicator exhibits signs of losing momentum and reaching a potential turning point in the price trend. It suggests that the prevailing trend may be running out of steam and could potentially reverse in the near future.

MACD signal break refers to a technical analysis term that occurs when the MACD line crosses over the signal line, indicating a potential change in the market direction. This crossover is often considered a significant trading signal, as it suggests a shift in momentum and can be used by traders to confirm entry or exit points.

Candlestick Formations

Bullish engulfing is a bullish candlestick chart pattern that occurs during a downtrend, where a large bullish candle completely engulfs the prior bearish candle. It suggests a potential trend reversal, indicating that buyers have gained control and may lead to an upward price movement.

Bearish engulfing is a candlestick chart pattern in technical analysis that typically indicates a reversal of an upward trend. It occurs when a large bearish candle completely engulfs the previous smaller bullish candle, suggesting a shift in market sentiment from bullish to bearish.

tweezer top/bottom is a candlestick pattern in technical analysis that consists of two consecutive candles with matching highs or lows. In a tweezer top, the pattern occurs at the end of an uptrend and suggests a potential reversal, while in a tweezer bottom, it occurs at the end of a downtrend and indicates a possible bullish reversal.

Hanging man is a bearish candlestick pattern in technical analysis that typically appears at the end of an uptrend. It is characterized by a small body located at the upper end of the trading range and a long lower shadow, indicating potential selling pressure and a possible trend reversal.

Shooting star is a bearish candlestick pattern in technical analysis that occurs at the end of an uptrend. It is characterized by a small body near the lower end of the trading range and a long upper shadow, suggesting a potential reversal in the market as buyers lose control and sellers step in.

Morning star is a bullish candlestick pattern in technical analysis that signals a potential trend reversal from bearish to bullish. It consists of three candles, starting with a long bearish candle, followed by a smaller bullish or bearish candle, and concluding with a long bullish candle, indicating a shift in market sentiment and potential buying pressure.

Hammer is a bullish reversal candlestick pattern typically found at the end of a downtrend. It is characterized by a small body located at the upper end of the overall candle range, with a long lower shadow, indicating that buyers have stepped in to push the price higher after a significant decline.

Doji candle is a specific candlestick pattern characterized by its short body and almost equal opening and closing prices. It indicates a state of indecision in the market, where buyers and sellers are in equilibrium, often signaling a potential trend reversal or a period of consolidation.

Inside bar candle is a candlestick pattern that forms when the entire price range of a candle is engulfed within the price range of the preceding candle. It suggests a period of consolidation and indecision in the market, often indicating a potential breakout or continuation of the existing trend depending on the subsequent price action.

Chart Patterns

Channel pattern in technical analysis refers to a price movement where the price action of an asset oscillates between two parallel trendlines, often forming a channel. The upper trendline represents resistance, while the lower trendline represents support.

Head and shoulders pattern is a chart pattern that can indicate a shift from an upward trend to a downward trend. It looks like three humps, with the middle one being the highest. When the price falls below a certain level called the neckline, it suggests that the trend may reverse and prices could start going down.

Wedge pattern in technical analysis refer to chart patterns that form when the price consolidates between two converging trendlines, creating a narrowing price range resembling a wedge. There are two types of wedge patterns: ascending wedge (bearish) and descending wedge (bullish), and they are often considered potential reversal patterns that can precede significant price movements.

Triangle pattern in technical analysis refer to chart patterns that form when the price consolidates between two converging trendlines, creating a contracting price range resembling a triangle shape. These patterns indicate a period of indecision in the market, and they can be either bullish (ascending triangle) or bearish (descending triangle), suggesting potential breakout or continuation of the prevailing trend.

Derivative Jargons

Open interest/OI in derivatives represents the total number of outstanding contracts in a particular derivative instrument. It provides insights into the liquidity and activity of a market, with an increase in open interest suggesting new positions being created, while a decrease may indicate positions being closed or liquidated.

Put-call ratio is a measure that compares the trading volume/open interest of put options to call options within a specific market or security. It is used as an indicator of market sentiment, with a high put-call ratio suggesting a bearish sentiment, while a low put-call ratio indicates a more bullish sentiment among market participants.

Long unwinding refers to the process where traders or investors who previously held long positions (buying positions) in derivatives contracts start selling their positions. It usually occurs when there is a decline in the market sentiment or a perception that the price of the underlying asset may decrease, leading to a decrease in open long positions as traders exit their positions by selling.

Short buildup/addition refers to the process where traders or investors start taking short positions (selling positions) in derivatives contracts. It typically occurs when there is a bearish market sentiment or an expectation of a decrease in the price of the underlying asset, leading to an increase in open short positions as traders enter these positions by selling.

Long buildup/addition refers to the process where traders or investors start taking long positions (buying positions) in derivatives contracts. It typically occurs when there is a bullish market sentiment or an expectation of an increase in the price of the underlying asset, leading to an increase in open long positions as traders enter these positions by buying.

Short covering refers to the process where traders or investors who previously held short positions (selling positions) in derivatives contracts start buying back those positions. It typically occurs when there is a favorable change in market conditions or a rise in the price of the underlying asset, prompting short sellers to close their positions by purchasing the contracts and realizing their profits or limiting their losses.

Options Spectrum refers to the range of different options contracts available, each with varying combinations of strike prices, expiration dates, and option types (such as calls or puts). The spectrum ranges from deep out-of-the-money options with low probability of being exercised to deep in-the-money options with higher intrinsic value, providing traders and investors with a wide range of choices to suit their desired risk-reward profiles and market expectations.

Discount in a futures contract refers to a situation where the futures price is lower than the spot price of the underlying asset.
Straddle premium refers to the combined cost of purchasing both a call option and a put option as part of a straddle strategy. The premium represents the total amount paid for acquiring the options and reflects the market's expectation of potential price volatility and the probability of a significant price movement in either direction.

Product basket

EQUITY				
	PRODUCT	HOLDING PERIOD	CHARACTERISTICS	FREQUENCY
CASH	INTRADAY	Same day	All the recommendations that do not hit the target or stop loss are advised to be closed out at 3 10	10-15 per day
	5 DAY CASH	5 days	At times, some of the price moves do not mature fully during the day. Such set ups are best played by entering in the second half of the day with expectations of a momentum surge on the next day.	1-3 per day
	SHORT TERM	30 days	Uses classical technical studies to deliver moves that takes a while to mature. However, they are less volatile than BTST or intraday products, are directional and have the potential to be multibaggers.	4-8 per month
DERIVATIVE				
	PRODUCT	HOLDING PERIOD	CHARACTERISTICS	FREQUENCY
OPTION	OPTIONS	1-5 days	Naked options are best ploy to make use of sudden price spurts, but also brilliant in making use of time decay, especially on approach of expiry.	2-3 per day
	OPTION STRATEGY	Till expiry	Multi legged option strategies are best suited for volatile and uncertain conditions especially ahead of events, earnings, etc. They are also ideal for generating small, but consistent incomes without worrying about direction.	4-8 per month
FUTURE	FUTURE	1-5 days	Suited for those with higher risk appetite, who are looking to gain more from the underlying's (stock/index) move.	1-2 per day
	BTST/STBT	5 days	Characteristics are similar to BTST product in Cash	1 per day

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