

Key Indices Update

Indices	Close	Change (%)
Nifty	25,454.35	1.41↓
Sensex	82,498.14	1.48↓
Midcap	59,227.65	1.59↓
Smallcap	17,020.35	1.27↓

Trend Strength Indicator

Nifty 50 Stocks above 200 EMA	NSE Advance / Decline
31	831/2307

Key Data

Data	Current	Previous
Dow Jones	49,454.5	49,663.2
U.S. Dollar Index	97.89	97.70
Brent Crude (USD/BBL)	71.77	70.28
US 10Y Bond Yield (%)	4.07	4.09
India 10Y Bond Yield (%)	6.68	6.68

Sectoral Data

Sector	Close	Change (%)
BANKNIFTY	60653.10	1.46↓
NIFTYAUTO	27693.50	2.24↓
NIFTYENERG	36032.60	1.33↓
NIFTYFINSR	30437.95	1.51↓
NIFTYFMCG	51451.70	1.82↓
NIFTYIT	32259.40	1.25↓
NIFTYMEDIA	1430.75	2.23↓
NIFTYMETAL	11823.00	1.36↓
NIFTYPHARM	22375.75	0.74↓
NIFTYREALT	818.00	2.54↓

Fundamental

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Stock for Investment

Stock Name	Sector	*CMP (₹)	^TP (₹)	Upside
VBL	Beverages	452	533	18%

*CMP as on February 19, 2026

Top News

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Technical

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- ✦ **Nifty weakened on Thursday, snapping the recent run of gains** as profit booking and broader risk-off sentiment resurfaced.
- ✦ **After opening marginally higher, the Nifty drifted into negative territory** and traded lower through the afternoon, weighed down by widespread weakness across key sectors.
- ✦ The latest decline has erased the gains of the past three sessions, and **a decisive break below the 25,400 level could further weaken sentiment**, potentially dragging the index toward the 25,100 gap area.
- ✦ On the sectoral front, **even a single session of profit booking in the banking index significantly impacted overall market mood**, as other sectors failed to provide meaningful support and also closed lower.
- ✦ We therefore **recommend maintaining a cautious stance and waiting for signs of stability** before initiating fresh positions.
- ✦ **Stock of the day - ICICIPRULI**

Fundamental

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HUL's board approved up to ₹2,000 crore investment over two years to expand capacity in premium Beauty & Wellbeing and Home Care liquids. The move targets high-growth categories, boosts supply-chain efficiency via automation, and supports renewable energy goals.

04

Pine Labs has partnered with OpenAI to build "Agentic Commerce" by integrating OpenAI APIs into its AI-native infrastructure. This moves fintech beyond rule-based automation toward contextual, reasoning-driven systems that autonomously optimize commerce workflows within secure and compliant financial environments.

05

Safari Industries has signed a 20-year licensing agreement with Carlton Retail to use the 'CARLTON' brand for luggage and related products in India, renewable for another 20 years. It will pay ₹45 lakh or 5% of net sales annually, plus a ₹99.5 crore refundable security deposit in tranches.

Stock for Investment

Varun Beverages Ltd

Stock Symbol	VBL
Sector	Beverages
*CMP (₹)	452
^Target Price (₹)	533
Upside	18%

- ✦ **Strong Q4CY25 Despite Seasonality:** Revenue rose 14% YoY and PAT grew 33%, reflecting solid execution and cost control.
- ✦ **Healthy Volume Growth:** Volumes increased 10.2% YoY, supported by India and international markets.
- ✦ **Temporary Margin Pressure:** EBITDA margin eased due to pricing, new plant costs, and one-off employee expenses, with normalization expected.
- ✦ **Positive Growth Outlook:** Africa expansion, acquisitions, new partnerships, and diversification support long-term growth; BUY maintained with ₹533 target.

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^Time horizon - upto 11 Months

Technical

Engulfed gains of last three sessions. Decline may extend.

NIFTY

25454.35  365.00 (1.41%)

S1

25300

S2

25100

R1

25520

R2

25650

Technical Chart : Daily



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BANKNIFTY

60739.55  811.25 (1.32%)

S1

60300

S2

59800

R1

61000

R2

61400

Technical Chart : Daily



- ✦ **The banking index witnessed profit booking, resulting in a corrective move**; however, the broader trend remains positive as it continues to trade above the short-term 20 DEMA.
- ✦ **The index opened with an upward gap but failed to sustain higher levels** amid persistent selling pressure.
- ✦ **Weakness was broad-based across constituents**, with IDFC First Bank and Kotak Bank leading the decline.
- ✦ **Resistance is placed near 61,400**, while key support is seen around 59,800 in the near term.

Technical

Stock of the day

ICICIPRULI

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BUY

CMP (₹)

648.65

Range*

645-649

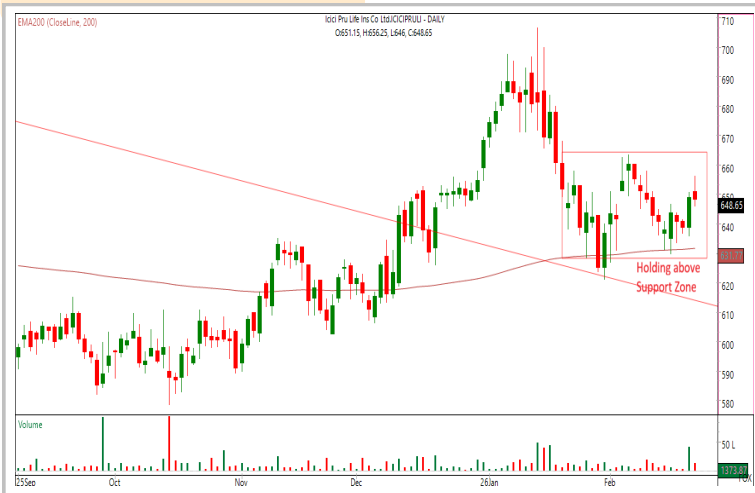
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Target

685

Technical Chart : Daily



- ✦ **ICICIPRULI is displaying a technically constructive structure** following a phase of orderly consolidation.
- ✦ **Prices continue to sustain above rising medium-term moving averages**, reinforcing underlying trend strength.
- ✦ **The recent price action reflects a pattern of higher lows**, while volume behavior indicates accumulation on minor declines.
- ✦ Momentum oscillators are stabilizing near neutral levels, suggesting scope for further upside over a short-term perspective and **investors can create long exposure in the stock** between given levels.

Momentum Stocks Midcap

Name	Price	Price %
BALAJITELE	95.89	7.12↗
OIL	477.45	5.29↗
MRPL	193.00	1.55↗
IIFL	497.00	2.91↘
KEC	583.45	3.21↘

Name	Price	Price %
ONGC	274.25	3.65↗
RBLBANK	332.00	1.90↗
NAUKRI	1093.00	2.35↘
NBCC	95.35	2.74↘
BHEL	252.50	3.48↘

Range Breakout/ Breakdown

Top 5 F&O Gainers ↗

Name	Price	Price %
OIL	477.45	5.29↗
ONGC	274.25	3.65↗
SAMMAANCAP	151.90	2.26↗
RBLBANK	332.00	1.90↗
UPL	760.00	1.65↗

Name	Price	Price %
HINDPETRO	433.30	5.20↘
KAYNES	3860.50	4.86↘
PAYTM	1143.00	4.72↘
PERSISTENT	5265.00	4.64↘
BPCL	365.90	3.94↘

Top 5 F&O Losers ↘

Bullish Charts

Name	Price	Price %
BIOCON	380.85	0.50↗
HDFCLIFE	734.35	0.65↗
IRCTC	628.00	0.73↗
SBICARD	795.00	0.73↗
TORNTPHARM	4212.10	0.03↗

Name	Price	Price %
BHEL	252.50	3.48↘
DLF	620.30	3.45↘
HERMOTOCO	5405.00	3.34↘
INDHOTEL	669.80	3.64↘
KALYANKJIL	404.00	3.44↘

Bearish Charts

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