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Option OI Spectrum - Indices

Upcoming Expiry

MONTHLY	NIFTY		BANK NIFTY		SENSEX	
	Calls	Puts	Calls	Puts	Calls	Puts
H'st OI Chg	23500	23500	54900	55000	76000	76000
H'st OI	24000	23000	56000	54000	79000	76000
H'st Vol	23500	23500	55000	54500	76000	76000

WEEKLY	NIFTY		SENSEX		SENSEX Weekly	19.03.2026
	Calls	Puts	Calls	Puts		
H'st OI Chg	24000	23000	77500	76000	NIFTY Weekly	24.03.2026
H'st OI	24000	23000	77500	74500	SENSEX Monthly	25.03.2026
H'st Vol	24000	23500	76000	75500	BANK NIFTY Monthly	30.03.2026
					NIFTY Monthly	30.03.2026

Stock Futures in Focus

Future*	Pr Close	Pr % Chg	OI % Chg	Comments
OIL	474.75	2.95	0.74	Long Buildup
CAMS	634.90	-1.04	-0.66	Long Unwinding

Comments:

Nifty weekly contract has the highest open interest at 24000 CE and 23000 PE while monthly contracts have the highest open interest at 24000 CE and 23000 PE. The highest OI addition was seen at 24000 CE and 23000 PE in weekly and at 23500 CE and 23500 PE in monthly contracts. FILs increased their future index long holdings by 5.20%, decreased future index shorts by 2.09% and in index options, 25.16% decrease in Call longs, 21.29% decrease in Call short, 27.29% decrease in Put longs and 29.40% decrease in Put shorts.

Index F&O

	NIFTY		BANK NIFTY		SENSEX	
	Last	Chg	Last	Chg	Last	Chg
Near Future	23613	223	55009	523	76150	624
Discount	32	51	133	60	79	56
Straddle*	695	-153	1812	-433	1000	-585

FII Activity in Index F&O

	Fut longs	Fut shorts	CE Longs	CE Shorts	PE Longs	PE Shorts
OI % Change	5.20	-2.09	-25.16	-21.29	-27.29	-29.40
Open Interest	40496	281271	466168	853355	630816	464611

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Stock Options

Upmoves Nearing Resistance

Ticker Symbol	CMP	Call strike
VEDL	699.35	700
POLICYBZR	1498.2	1500
RELIANCE	1397.6	1400
TVSMOTOR	3493.05	3500
RBLBANK	297.7	300

These stocks have shown uptrend, but await break of key resistance as indicated by the strike with the highest CE OI.

Consolidation Underway

Ticker Symbol	CMP	CE Strike	PE Strike	% Range
BPCL	300	440	300	46.67
AMBER	6778.05	8500	6000	36.88
TMPV	319.2	400	290	34.46
PNB	112	140	105	31.25
INOXWIND	78.21	100	80	25.57

These stocks are undergoing consolidation, unable to break beyond previous congestion points, as indicated by the CE and PE strikes with the highest OI. Given the distance between the key CE and PE strikes, upmoves/downmoves may take time to gain momentum.

Upside Breakout Underway

Ticker Symbol	CMP	Call strike
HINDALCO	936.65	920
BAJAJ-AUTO	9109.95	9000
JSWENERGY	505.8	500
SHRIRAMFIN	1004.6	1000

These stocks have shown uptrend, and have just broken above resistance as indicated by the strike with the highest CE OI.

Downmoves Nearing Support

Ticker Symbol	CMP	Put strike
TECHM	1341.8	1340
NBCC	83.13	83
AUBANK	902.05	900
GLENMARK	2145.9	2140
NAUKRI	963.1	960

Downtrend may have started for these stocks, but await break of support as indicated by the strike with the highest PE OI.

Narrow Range

Ticker Symbol	CMP	CE Strike	PE Strike	% Range
ITC	304.85	310	305	1.64
JINDALSTEL	1157.3	1200	1180	1.73
MAXHEALTH	976.4	1000	1020	2.05
NYKAA	240	265	260	2.08
HINDALCO	936.65	920	900	2.14

These stocks are undergoing consolidation, in a narrow trading range as indicated by the strikes with the highest CE and PE OI. Potential candidates for buying straddles/strangles in anticipation of breakout.

Downside Breakout Underway

Ticker Symbol	CMP	Put strike
AMBUJACEM	434.2	600
KPITTECH	653.7	800
IEX	119.9	140
HINDPETRO	346.2	400
LTF	263.15	300

These stocks have shown downtrend, and have just broken below support as indicated by the strike with the highest PE OI, pointing to more downsides.

Stock Futures

Long buildup			Short covering			Short buildup			Long unwinding		
Scripcode	Prc%	OI%	Scripcode	Prc%	OI%	Scripcode	Prc%	OI%	Scripcode	Prc%	OI%
MCX	4.34	0.12	SAIL	5.92	-0.51	TATAELXSI	-2.64	4.04	BANDHANBNK	-1.93	-1.44
PGEL	3.77	0.78	NATIONALUM	5.80	-4.51	HINDPETRO	-2.20	4.46	WIPRO	-1.70	-3.20
BSE	3.62	0.95	ETERNAL	5.48	-5.35	OFSS	-1.83	0.59	IOC	-1.58	-0.33
APLAPOLLO	3.61	0.54	TATASTEEL	4.55	-5.62	SBICARD	-1.81	1.84	IDEA	-1.38	-0.85
TVSMOTOR	3.44	1.51	AMBER	4.07	-0.34	BPCL	-1.65	3.08	INFY	-1.33	-2.14
OBROIRLTY	3.40	1.31	UNOMINDA	3.34	-3.36	DABUR	-1.48	1.67	TATACONSUM	-1.17	-1.39
WAAREENER	3.34	2.42	SWIGGY	3.30	-2.18	PERSISTENT	-1.38	3.04	DMART	-1.12	-0.36
OIL	2.95	0.74	M&M	3.09	-2.04	CIPLA	-1.28	2.86	CAMS	-1.04	-0.66
PFC	2.94	0.29	KPITTECH	3.04	-5.24	UNITDSPR	-1.26	5.86	ITC	-0.94	-1.15

Data source: Bloomberg, NSE, BSE

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