ITI Morning Boost

August 18, 2026

NIFTY – 24,287.65 (Daily Chart)

• In Monday's trading session, the Nifty opened on a negative note and remained under pressure during the first half of the session. However, in the second half, the index recovered from its intraday lows, helping it trim some of its losses, although it still closed in negative territory.

• On a daily scale, the index slipped below the 20 DEMA for the first time in thirteen trading sessions, which is a cautious sign for the bulls. However, the positive takeaway is that the index managed to hold the support of the 100 DEMA. The 24,130 level will act as a significant support. A decisive breach below this level could trigger further weakness and may lead the index to attempt to fill the gap created on 29 July.

• **For Tuesday's trading session, 24,225 will act as the initial support level, while on the higher end, 24,410 will act as the initial resistance level.**

BANK NIFTY – 57,497.80 (Daily Chart)

- In Monday's trading session, the banking index opened on a negative note and remained under pressure during the initial hours. However, the index managed to bounce back from its intraday lows, helping it recover all of its losses and close on a flattish note with a positive bias.

- On a daily scale, the index has formed a Spinning Top candlestick pattern, indicating indecisiveness among market participants. The index continues to remain in a consolidation phase, hovering within the broad range of 55,890–58,705. A decisive breakout on either side of this range will determine the next directional move.

- **For Tuesday's trading session, 57,380 will act as the initial support level, while on the higher end, 57,725 will act as the initial resistance level.**

OBEROIRLTY CMP- 1,931.00 (Daily Chart) BUY ABOVE 1,935 SL 1915 TGT 1,975.

NPTC CMP- 337.00 (Daily Chart) SELL FUT BELOW 338 SL 341.35 TGT 331.

STOCK'S IN NEWS

PAYTM : Resilient Asset Management B.V., the parent/promoter entity of Vijay Shekhar Sharma, is likely to sell up to 4.98% equity in fintech firm One97 Communications Ltd, which owns the Paytm brand, through a block deal, with the base offer size at 3% and an upsize option of 1.98%.

CMP- 1,580.20
IMPACT- **NEGATIVE**

BHARTIARTL : Airtel Payments Bank has announced a leadership transition, with Sunil Bharti Mittal set to conclude his tenure as Non-Executive Chairman and step down from the Board effective September 30, 2026. Shabnam Sinha will assume the role of Chairperson for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2026, following her appointment by the Board and approval by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

CMP- 1,969.30
IMPACT- **NEUTRAL**

MOTHERSON : The firm will acquire a controlling stake in Shenzhen Autocruis Technology Co. Ltd through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary SMR Automotive (Langfang) Co. Ltd. The acquisition will involve a primary capital increase through subscription to fresh equity of CNY 153.3 million, equivalent to approximately $22.6 million, for a 64.76% equity stake in Shenzhen Autocruis on a fully diluted basis, according to the company's exchange filing.

CMP- 168.06
IMPACT- **POSITIVE**

ECONOMIC NEWS

- India has sought consultations with the US at the World Trade Organization over Washington’s tariff-rate quota on quartz surface products, effective August 15 for four years. India, which exported about $380 million of these products to the US in FY26, said it has a “substantial interest” in the matter.

- India's unemployment rate fell to 5.1% in July 2026, showing positive labor market trends. Both labor force participation and worker population ratios saw notable improvements across the nation. Rural unemployment decreased significantly, while urban rates remained relatively stable during this period. Male unemployment declined month-on-month and year-on-year, indicating positive shifts. Female labor force participation and worker population ratios also experienced a substantial increase.

- The Reserve Bank of India shortened its zero-cost FX swap facility for banks. This action followed substantial foreign deposit inflows from non-resident Indians. Policymakers also considered domestic liquidity effects and fundraising costs. The overseas fundraising supported the rupee, which had reached record lows earlier. These measures have bolstered foreign exchange reserves significantly.

NIFTY50 TOP GAINERS

Company	Price	Change	%Gain
Hindalco	1,049.90	20.40	1.98
Tata Steel	186.00	2.50	1.36
HDFC Life	543.00	7.15	1.33
ONGC	238.49	2.09	0.88
Axis Bank	1,227.30	9.90	0.81

NIFTY50 TOP LOSERS

Company	Price	Change	%Gain
HCL Tech	1,325.00	-35.00	-2.57
Infosys	1,139.90	-29.30	-2.51
Sun Pharma	1,882.00	-48.00	-2.49
TCS	2,313.20	-47.80	-2.02
Nestle	1,470.00	-29.10	-1.94

NIFTY200 TOP GAINERS

Company	Price	Change	%Gain
Motilal Oswal	955.00	51.30	5.68
Oberoi Realty	1,931.00	85.00	4.60
SUZLON	49.00	1.90	4.03
BHEL	435.95	14.25	3.38
Godrej Prop	2,054.00	64.00	3.22

NIFTY200 TOP LOSERS

Company	Price	Change	%Gain
Voltas	1,267.00	-53.50	-4.05
LG Electronics	1,667.60	-62.10	-3.59
BSE Limited	3,332.00	-115.00	-3.34
Vodafone Idea	13.71	-0.40	-2.83
Cochin Shipyard	1,457.80	-38.70	-2.59

OPEN INTEREST GAINERS

Symbol	Price	Change	Change%	Open Interest ('000)	Open Int Chg %
VOLTAS	1,263.50	-62.70	-4.73%	9,035.60	19.74%
OBEROIRLTY	1,938.60	90.30	4.89%	5,708.20	10.18%
KFINTECH	963.00	25.25	2.69%	4,825.40	9.24%
NAUKRI	1,362.40	9.00	0.66%	13,552.00	8.40%
UNOMINDA	1,270.50	31.10	2.51%	5,665	6.63%

OPEN INTEREST LOSERS

Symbol	Price	Change	Change%	Open Interest ('000)	Open Int Chg %
PFC	376.95	-0.15	-0.04%	56,444.70	-11.99%
ADANIPORTS	1,692.60	-8.90	-0.52%	18,582.50	-5.51%
360ONE	1,178.10	10.70	0.92%	4,007.50	-4.66%
ASHOKLEY	178.27	5.71	3.31%	1,32,620.00	-4.34%
MOTILALOFS	960.65	52.90	5.83%	6,317	-4.32%

INDEX HIGHEST OI

F&O Ban list
BANDHANBNK
SAIL
LICI
MANAPPURAM

Monthly exp	Indices	Highest CE strike	Highest PE strike	PCR OI
25/08/26	NIFTY	25,000	24,000	0.99
25/08/26	BANKNIFTY	58,000	58,000	0.83

FII & DII TRADING ACTIVITY CASH

	FII Rs Crores			DII Rs Crores		
Date	Gross Purchase	Gross Sales	Net Purchase / Sales	Gross Purchase	Gross Sales	Net Purchase / Sales
Month till date	1,56,563.23	1,54,982.40	1,580.83	1,88,232.54	1,66,078.08	22,154.46
17-Aug-26	11,546.16	14,081.26	-2,535.10	16,654.08	11,552.62	5,101.46
14-Aug-26	12,854.44	12,346.32	508.12	14,295.49	13,939.09	356.40
13-Aug-26	14,492.46	15,003.15	-510.69	16,565.14	12,212.05	4,353.09
12-Aug-26	16,584.64	17,587.14	-1,002.50	21,518.55	15,676.89	5,841.66

FII & DII TRADING ACTIVITY STOCK F&O

	FII Stock Fut			FII Stock Opt		
Date	Gross Purchase	Gross Sales	Net Purchase / Sales	Gross Purchase	Gross Sales	Net Purchase / Sales
Month till date	1,78,898.13	1,80,360.97	-1,462.84	2,35,004.84	2,38,991.36	-3,986.52
17-Aug-26	12,975.58	12,829.03	146.55	21,598.43	22,027.06	-428.63
14-Aug-26	13,934.61	14,108.71	-174.10	22,502.13	23,034.52	-532.39
13-Aug-26	14,131.07	13,770.22	360.85	19,160.25	19,563.35	-403.10
12-Aug-26	19,027.78	17,979.78	1,048.00	22,839.80	23,146.02	-306.22

*Data in above table is based on previous day closing bases.

TOP SECTORS PERFORMANCE OF THE DAY

Name	Daily (%)	1 Week (%)	1 Month (%)	3 Months (%)	6 Months (%)	1 Year (%)
Air Transport Service	4.11	-1.27	1.25	17.23	18.85	-11.81
Oil Drill/Allied	3.79	7.81	10.46	9.64	27.1	5.76
Sugar	3.25	2.64	4.34	3.86	15.3	-2.11
Crude Oil & Natural Gas	1.65	1.41	8.15	3.45	14.88	7.33
Alcoholic Beverages	1.32	-1.81	1.33	2.48	6.41	0.38

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UPCOMING ECONOMIC EVENTS

Wednesday, 19 August 2026	Country	Event’s	Forecast		Previous
11:30	UK	CPI (YoY) (Jul)	2.5%		2.6%
14:30	EU	CPI (YoY) (Jul)	2.9%		2.8%
20:00	US	Crude Oil Inventories			17.423M
23:30	US	FOMC Meeting Minutes			
Thursday, 20 August 2026					
18:00	US	Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index (Aug)	24.3		41.4
18:00	US	Initial Jobless Claims	210K		209K
Friday, 21 August 2026					
10:30	IN	S&P Global Services PMI (Aug)			5.30
10:30	IN	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Aug)			53.50
17:00	IN	FX Reserves, USD			707.00B
19:15	US	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Aug)	54.00		53.90

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