PROGRESSIVE'S EVENING STROLL DATE: 19 August, 2026

Market Snapshot:

After an early decline, the Index oscillated around 24,040 before ending the session at 24,078.30, down 76.60 points. All segments closed in the red except IT and the Capital Market Index, with Defence and Energy emerging as the biggest laggards. In the broader market, Midcaps marginally outperformed, while Smallcaps lagged.

HOW THE DAY TRENDED

INDICES

Index	Close	Points	%Chg.
Sensex	76909.68	(325.78)	**(0.42)**
Nifty50	24078.30	(76.60)	**(0.32)**
Nifty Midcap 100	63408.75	(130.65)	**(0.21)**
Nifty Small Cap 100	19707.15	(101.70)	**(0.51)**

SECTORAL GAINERS / LOSERS

Sectors	Close	Points	%Chg.
NIFTY IT	30433.05	219.60	**0.73**
NIFTY CAPITAL MKT	5327.40	11.60	**0.22**
NIFTY ENERGY	38124.45	(454.40)	**(1.18)**
NIFTY DEFENCE	9819.45	(148.80)	**(1.49)**

NIFTY TOP GAINERS / LOSERS

Gainers	CMP (Rs)	%Chg.	Losers	CMP (Rs)	%Chg.
HCL TECH	1324.80	**2.06**	MAX HEALTHCARE	997.00	**(1.72)**
JSW STEEL	1285.80	**1.44**	COAL INDIA	400.00	**(1.70)**
SUN PHARMA	1900.00	**1.33**	POWERGRID	263.50	**(1.68)**
ETERNAL	320.00	**1.30**	BAJAJ FINANCE	1080.20	**(1.29)**

INDICES LEVELS FOR August 20, 2026

Nifty (future)	
Resistance	24230
Support	24040

Bank Nifty (future)	
Resistance	57720
Support	57000

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KEY TAKEAWAYS OF THE DAY

- **HG Infra Engineering receives LoI from REC Power Development and Consultancy Ltd:**

HG Infra Engineering has received a Letter of Intent (LOI) from REC Power Development and Consultancy for the construction of 220/132/33 kV air-insulated substations at Ranipur (Mau) and Chunar (Mirzapur), along with their associated transmission lines, in Uttar Pradesh.

- **Hindustan Zinc raises renewable power share to 22%, targets 70% by FY28:**

The company has increased the share of renewable power in its overall power consumption to 22%, up from approx. 18% in FY26, marking continued progress in its clean energy transition. The company is progressing towards meeting approximately 70% of its overall power requirements through renewable energy by FY28, as it scales up clean energy adoption across its mining and smelting operations.

- **Jubilant Ingrevia approves binding term sheet to acquire 40% Zettaone stake for Rs189.2cr:**

Jubilant Ingrevia has entered into a binding agreement with Zettaone Technologies India to acquire a 40% strategic stake for Rs189.2cr. Upon completion of the proposed acquisition, Zettaone Technologies will become an associate company of Jubilant Ingrevia. The transaction will be completed in two tranches over the next year, transforming Zettaone into an associate company. This cash-funded acquisition marks the company's entry into the Electronics Development and Manufacturing Services and semiconductor space.

- **Exide Industries invests Rs200cr in lithium battery subsidiary:**

The company has invested Rs200cr in its wholly owned subsidiary, Exide Energy Solutions (EESL), through a rights issue. With this investment, the total investment made by the company in EESL stands at Rs5,102.23cr. There is no change in Exide Industries' shareholding percentage in EESL following the acquisition of the shares. The investment is part of the additional funding of up to Rs 1,400 crore approved by the board of Exide Industries for setting up a greenfield, multi-gigawatt lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility in India.

- **ONGC gets US approval to resume Venezuela operations; framework agreements under discussion:**

The company said its overseas arm ONGC Videsh (OVL) received the required approval from the US government in July 2026 to resume oil and gas operations in Venezuela. OVL has two assets in Venezuela, San Cristobal and Carabobo-1, and had been pursuing license authorisation from the US Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for operations in the country. OVL has two assets in Venezuela, San Cristobal and Carabobo-1, and had been pursuing license authorisation from the US Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for operations in the country.

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