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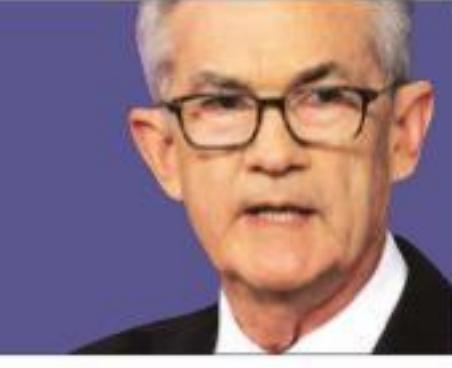
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Pradhan: No plan to undermine Bengal SAIL units

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Global funds invest in Acme Solar Raj project

ACME SOLAR SAID on Thursday that it has signed an agreement with Danish investment firm IFU and UNOPS S3i for developing 250 MW solar power generation assets in Rajasthan, reports fe Bureau in New Delhi. Acme Solar said "the total value of the project is the equivalent of just under \$200 million".

Microsoft names CEO Nadella as chairman

MICROSOFT'S CEO SATYA Nadella has been appointed as the technology giant's new chairman, an additional role in which he will "lead the work to set the agenda for the board", reports PTI.

CCI PROBE
Indians' funds in Swiss banks rise to over ₹20,000 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi/Zurich, June 17

FUNDS PARKED BY Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks, including via India-based branches and other financial institutions, jumped to 2.55 billion Swiss francs (over ₹20,700 crore) in 2020 on a sharp surge in holdings via securities and similar instruments, though customer deposits fell, annual data from Switzerland's central bank showed on Thursday.

The increase in aggregate funds of Indian clients with Swiss banks, from 899 million Swiss francs (₹6,625 crore) at the end of 2019, reverses a two-year declining trend and has taken the figure to the highest level in 13 years. It stood at a record high of nearly 6.5 billion Swiss francs in 2006, after which it has been mostly on a downward path, except for a few years including in 2011, 2013 and 2017, as per the Swiss National Bank (SNB) data.

These are official figures reported by banks to the SNB and do not indicate the quantum of the much-debated alleged black money held by Indians in Switzerland.

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AN ESTIMATE

Govt's bad bank guarantee seen costing ₹31k cr

Though banks will infuse capital into proposed entity, govt is expected to give guarantee on the security receipts issued by the body

BANIKINKAR PATTANAYAK
New Delhi, June 17

THE INDIAN BANKS' Association (IBA) has estimated that the government may have to fork out not more than ₹30,600 crore if it offers guarantee on the security receipts (SRs) issued by the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) while acquiring bad loans from lenders, a top banker told FE.

"The prospects of recovery from some of the bad loans look promising. So, government guarantee on SRs, subject to its approval, may not cost more than this amount. Details are being worked out by the IBA, and NARCL will be operationalised soon," he said.

Although the Union gov-

EXTRA COMFORT

■ IBA bankers say any govt guarantee on SRs issued by the bad bank will boost zeroes in on consultants to set up NARCL and an AMC

SBI Cap and Oliver Wyman may be roped in for advisory services, and E&Y for tax matters

■ AZB may be hired for legal matters and AON for HR services

■ Banks have identified 22 NPA accounts worth ₹89,000 crore for transfer to NARCL in the first phase

ernment backed the setting up of NARCL, it wouldn't infuse capital into it; instead, participating banks would put in the equity.

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● NO RENEWAL

India ends decades-old iron ore export pacts with Japan, Korea

SURYA SARATHI RAY
New Delhi, June 17

THE GOVERNMENT IS understood to have not renewed a long-term agreement (ITA) for supplying iron ore to Japanese steel mills and South Korean major Posco upon its March expiry, apparently in view of the uncertainty over investment plans of steel mills from these countries in India. Shortage of the key raw material for steel-making in India is also seen to be a reason for the decision.

Iron ore supply agreements with Korea and Japan have been in existence for around six decades; these got renewed uninterruptedly as New Delhi's goodwill gesture to the two Asian countries. The Union cabinet last renewed the contract on April 25, 2018; the contract was effective till March 31, 2021.

State-owned miner NMDC, which supplies iron ore to Japan and Korea, has not dispatched any material to these countries so far in the current fiscal, sources said. Japan and Korea are the only two geographies where NMDC exports the key steel-making raw material while the rest is consumed domestically.

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SUN SET

Andhra's solar plans hit HC roadblock

Court cancels state's 6,400 MW auctions ruling on Tata Power's plea

ANUPAM CHATTERJEE
New Delhi, June 17

THE ANDHRA PRADESH High Court has cancelled the auctions held by the state government in February for creation of 6,400 MW solar power capacity, denting the coastal state's ambition to reduce power tariffs by building low-cost renewable energy units. Ruling on a petition filed

NTPC, Adani, Torrent Power among the winners in February auctions

Tender provisions of a novel dispute resolution body under state govt challenged by Tata Power

New auctions likely to find higher tariffs with rise in solar equipment cost

by Tata Power Renewable Energy, the court stated the whole tendering and auction process "substantially deviated" from the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, and the guide-

lines for competitive bidding. The court allowed the state to invite fresh bids to build the capacity, after aligning the bidding conditions with the Act and the relevant terms. Analysts

feel that the new auctions, if any, will likely discover higher tariffs due to rise in price of solar modules and upcoming import restrictions which will drive up equipment costs.

This is for the second time the state's solar power plans hit the judicial hurdle. Immediately after assuming power in 2019, the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government had sought to revise the solar and wind power purchase agreements signed by the previous government, saying these were "abnormally priced" and might have been linked with "mala fide intentions".

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SKILLED TALENT

'Indian IT sector continues to be net hirer'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 17

IT INDUSTRY BODY Nasscom on Thursday said the sector continues to be a net hirer of skilled talent, and that the top 5 Indian IT companies are planning to add over 96,000 employees in 2021-22. The statement comes in the backdrop of a report by Bank of America that said domestic software firms are set to slash 3 million jobs by 2022 as automation gains pace across industries, especially in the tech space.

"With the evolution of technology and increasing automation, the nature of traditional IT jobs and roles will evolve overall leading to creation of newer jobs. The industry continues



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In contrast, a BofA report says domestic IT firms to slash 3 million jobs by 2022

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"The industry is upskilling more than 250,000 employees in digital skills and has hired more than 40,000 fresh digitally-trained talent, indicating at its commitment and investment towards rapid enhancement of workforce capabilities... With one of the strongest deal pipeline, the sector is on track to meet its vision of \$300-350 billion revenues by 2025," it said.

It added that the industry will continue to be a net creator of jobs and is "committed to people-centric innovation, relentless talent focus", and delivering a superior transformative customer experience.

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Quick View

HPCL 1st to sell ethanol-blended petrol in J&K

HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM Corporation (HPCL) has become the first oil firm to start supplies of ethanol-blended petrol in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh region. The fuel to the Ladakh region is supplied from its Leh depot, situated at an altitude of 11,500 feet, HPCL said in a statement.

Chandorkar made director at India's WTO mission

AHEAD OF THE WTO's ministerial conference later this year, the government has appointed a private person Aashish Chandorkar as counsellor in India's Permanent Mission in the World Trade Organisation for three years.

UP gets ₹13k-cr investment plans

UTTAR PRADESH has emerged as the top investment destination and has received 98 investment proposals worth ₹13,408.19 crore in the manufacturing sector during the past three-and-a-half years, an official statement said on Thursday.

SCOPE organises emotional talks

STANDING CONFERENCE of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) with Famhealth Caring-A Dialogue on Emotional Strengthening-Real life experiences' with renowned psychiatrist, Dr Nishim G Desai, director, IHBAS, New Delhi. Nearly 850 participants with their families joined the programme through SCOPE's various platforms.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coordinated efforts must for recovery, growth

The Centre has to strengthen states fiscally equitable based on their individual economic activities. Cooperation between states is also desirable to boost domestic sales of manufacturing activity. It may take much longer to come to full steam economic activity by matching supply side and demand side disruptions, if there are no coordinated efforts for which lead has to be provided by the Centre by realistic policy interventions to contain Covid pandemic onslaught fast.

— Brij B Goyal, Ludhiana

Confusing signals at Geneva meet

The just-concluded Geneva summit between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Joe Biden could signal a modest thaw in relations. But one wonders why they avoided facing each other during the photo-op, sending out confusing signals to the world community. The two sides expected a five-hour meet, but the talks wrapped up in under three hours. Ties between the two 'great powers' hit a nadir in March after Biden called Putin a killer.

— NJ Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

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Govt has room for fiscal stimulus, says CII president

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, June 17

THE CONFEDERATION OF Indian Industry (CII) has called for a fiscal stimulus of ₹3 lakh crore and government expenditure programme to boost demand in the Indian economy.

Addressing his first media interaction as CII president, TV Narendran, CEO and managing director of Tata Steel, said, "CII estimates that there is fiscal headroom of up to ₹3 lakh crore and this amount can be channelised towards direct cash transfers to the vulnerable people, higher allocation for MNREGA, short-term GST rate cuts and lower excise duty on fuel."

Demand can also be revitalised through a time bound tax concession of interest rate subvention for home buyers, a LTC cash voucher scheme as done last year and extending the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana till 31 March 2022, he said.

Narendran pegged India's GDP growth rate for 2021-22 at 9.5%. "Ultra-high frequency indicators strongly pressurise growth recovery following the second wave of the pandemic. With recent uptick in mobility indicators, traffic congestion index and daily railway passenger movement, we believe that 9.5% growth rate can be achieved this year," he said.

He added that growth needs to pick up to 9% by 2024-25 with public expenditure, reforms and vaccination as key levers. "The cumulative impact of the two waves on incomes and consumer sentiment, coupled with the

increase in household medical expenses in the second wave, is likely to affect consumer demand for some time. As the economy reopens post the second wave, a dual-pronged government strategy is required to boost consumption and support industry till demand is well-entrenched," he said.

CII further urged for expansion in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) balance sheet to meet the demand exigencies of the pandemic. Narendran also called for support to industry through increase in Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to ₹5 lakh crore along with extension of the scheme to March 31, 2022 and inclusion of more distressed sectors such as retail. He further suggested long pending structural tax reforms such as inclusion of ATF and other fuel products under GST to be considered.

Responding to a query on the state of private sector investments on capacity expansions, he said that it was a function of demand and profitability, which were both coming back. Giving the example of steel industry, he said, the companies in the sector have announced expansion plans of about ₹50,000-60,000 crore over the next three years. "As more and more sectors come back and are able to capitalise on demand growth and margin expansion, you will see private sector investment coming back. Also, government's move on PLI has been good... Also, Budget announcements on infrastructure spending will drive positive sentiment," he said.

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Seeking stakeholder comments, the ministry said the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Bill 2021 proposes to amend the present Act to "create

RESPONSE TO AMIT MITRA

No plan to undermine Bengal SAIL units: Govt

Steel minister also assures that there is no plan to terminate or reduce the employee strength of the company

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, June 17

UNION STEEL MINISTER

Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday rebutted West Bengal finance minister Amit Mitra's allegation that the Centre was trying to undermine SAIL's two units in the state — Durgapur steel plant (DSP) and Burnpur steel plant — by dismantling the raw material division in the state's capital Kolkata.

In his letter to Pradhan, Mitra had written, "I am deeply apprehensive that these two massive plants in Bengal would either be asset stripped or be sold off in the name of disinvestment, having crippled them through the current policy shift."

"While the iron ore mines of SAIL are located in Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, but iron ore is sent to all the plants of SAIL as per their annual production plan. Even though there are no iron ore mines in West Bengal, iron ore for DSP and ISP is dispatched from the SAIL mines



located in other states," Pradhan wrote in a letter to Mitra.

Pradhan added that the present system of central co-ordination for raw material allocation to different plants from various SAIL mines will continue in future also. As DSP and ISP (IISCO Steel Plant in Burnpur) are units of SAIL, there is no question of paying market price for iron ore by them, he said. He also assured that there was no plan to terminate or reduce the employee strength of the company.

"It is pertinent to note that in line with SAIL's expansion plan, it will have to expand mining operations to produce more iron ore to meet its own requirements. In addition, SAIL will also be able to generate revenue from sole of excess iron ore in the open market under the recent amendments to the MMDR Act, 2021.

SAIL's raw material division, headquartered in Kolkata, runs 15 mines including iron ore mines, flux mines and coal mines. The eight iron ore mines under the division are spread across Odisha and Jharkhand. The two flux mines are in Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh each and the remaining (coking) coal mines are in the ECL spread across Jharkhand and West Bengal.

This will require closer co-ordination with respective state governments and local authorities which can be carried out more effectively and efficiently by the plants located therein," Pradhan said. Terming the difficulties mentioned by Mitra in his June 15 letter as "perceived", Pradhan said, "DSP and ISP are two of the prestigious plants on which SAIL has made large investments."

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India maintains 43rd rank in global competitiveness

EXPEDITING PROJECT

Nitin Gadkari, Union road transport minister

...very often work at accident-prone spots gets stalled due to stay orders from courts. If such things are brought to the notice of courts, then definitely such stay orders will get lifted. Many a times, work gets delayed, people have to face troubles and innocent people lose their lives.

Annual World Competitiveness Index
Compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD)



India maintains 43rd rank in global competitiveness

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INDIA MAINTAINED 43RD

rank on an annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD) that examined the impact of Covid-19 on economies around the world.

The 64-nation list was led by Switzerland, while Sweden has moved up to the second position (from sixth last year), Denmark has lost one place to rank third, the Netherlands has retained its fourth place and Singapore has slipped to the fifth place (from first in 2020).

The top-performing Asian economies are, in order, Singapore (fifth), Hong Kong (seventh), Taiwan (eighth) and China (16th). Among the BRICS nations, India is ranked second after China (16), followed by Russia (45th), Brazil (57th) and South Africa (62th).

India has maintained its position for the past three years but this year, it had significant improvements in government efficiency, IMD said.

Economy likely contracted 12% in Q1: UBS

LOCKDOWNS IMPOSED by the states in April and May to contain the second wave of the deadly Covid-19 pandemic has likely led to the economy contracting 12% in the June quarter as against 23.9% contraction in the same quarter in 2020, says Swiss brokerage UBS Securities India.

The economy had its worst contraction on record in FY21 at 7.3% as the 2.5 months of unplanned lockdown announced by the centre with just a four-hour notice had crippled the economy in the first quarter with a massive 23.9% contraction, which improved to -17.5% in the second quarter.

—PTI

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Seeking stakeholder comments, the ministry said the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Amendment Bill 2021 proposes to amend the present Act to "create

opportunities for exploration, development and production of next-generation cleaner fuels and mitigate regulatory challenges and risks."

It also proposes a new definition of 'mineral oils' by

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From the Front Page

Andhra's solar plans hit HC roadblock

THE HC SUBSEQUENTLY struck down the government's order to renegotiate PPAs, and directed the discoms to pay more than 7,500 MW of wind and solar plants at a provisional rate of ₹2.43 per unit — against the ₹4.84 per unit tariffs they were receiving earlier — till the legal disputes are resolved.

As FE reported earlier, the state had received the lowest bid of ₹2.47/unit against tenders invited in December 2020; Adani Group, Torrent Power and state-run NTPC were among the lowest bidders, with Adani offering the most competitive rates for 3,000 MW. The solar plants were to be built in the districts of Kurnool, Ananthapuram, Prakasam and Kadapa.

Vizag with an estimated investment of ₹35,000 crore. In early 2021, the Centre decided to privatise RINL which has 6.3 MTPA steel-making capacity.

As per the official statement issued in 2018, export of iron ore under the LTAs would help to strengthen India's bilateral ties with long-standing partner countries, Japan and South Korea secure an export market and result in inflow of foreign exchange.

The agreement will enable India to secure international market for its ores and ensure stable economic ecosystem which provides direct and indirect employment in mining, logistics and related sectors.

The history of India's iron ore exports to Japan is almost six decades old and is a consistent component of India's bilateral relations with Japan. MMTC has been supplying iron ore to JSMs since 1963 and to South Korea since 1973, the note said.

India has free trade agreements with both Japan and Korea. In 2020-21, India imported 4.75 MT steel in which Korea had the largest



Tata Power Renewable Energy contended in the court that the statement in the bid document that the state government will address payment-related disputes instead of the electricity regulator, is legally untenable. The HC had earlier ordered the state government not to sign any contract regarding the auction until further hearings on the matter, and the state was to issue letters of award to the winners only after the resolution of the case.

This is good Judgment and a step in right direction," said Shri Venkatesh of SKV Law Offices which represented Tata Power, adding that "Electricity Act, 2003 is a complete code and issues such as competitive bidding must be in terms of Act and the regulator has an intrinsic role to play in such transactions".

According to sources, NTPC had quoted the lowest tariff for 600 MW, Torrent Power for 300 MW and civil contractor firm HES Infra placed the lowest bid for 300 MW under the instant auctions. Kadapa-based transformer manufacturers and EPC contractor Shirdi Sai Electricals was the lowest bidder for 2,200 MW. The tariffs range between ₹2.47/unit and ₹2.58/unit.

CHF 550 million at the end of 2019 and those through fiduciaries also more than halved from CHF 7.4 million, the money held via other banks rose sharply from CHF 88 million in this period.

However, the biggest difference has been a surge in 'other amounts due to customers' from India, which rose over six times from CHF 253 million at 2019-end.

All four components had declined during 2019.

The total amount of ₹20,706 crore, described by the NASSCOM as 'total liabilities' of Swiss banks or 'amounts due to' their Indian clients at the end of 2020, included CHF 503.9 million (over ₹4,000 crore) in customer deposits, CHF 383 million (over ₹3,100 crore) held via other banks, CHF 2 million (₹16.5 crore) through fiduciaries or trusts and the highest component of CHF 1,664.8 million (nearly ₹13,600 crore) as 'other amounts due to customers' in form of bonds, securities and various other financial instruments.

While the funds classified as 'customer account deposits' have actually declined from

These figures also do not include the money that Indians, NRIs or others might have in Swiss banks in names of third-country entities.

The association noted that

automation and RPA (robotic process automation) has been maturing in the last three years and has led to a net creation of jobs for the BPM sector.

The addressable opportunity for BPM according to a NASSCOM-McKinsey Report is \$180-220 billion, leaving significant headroom for growth and jobs, Nasscom added.

"The BPM industry in India is constantly innovating on reimagining processes for global customers – building products, leverage analytics, customer experience and the announcement by all companies showcases the growth in a pandemic year and opportunity ahead," Nasscom further stated.

CCI probe: Flipkart, Amazon knock on division bench's door against HC's order

"....irreparable injury will be caused to the appellant if the investigation was to continue pending the present appeal, as (i) it would render the appeal infructuous, and (ii) subjecting an entity to an intrusive investigation by the DG in itself causes prejudice," Flipkart said in its appeal.

"The single judge failed to appreciate that the informant before the CCI had failed to disclose to the CCI that it was sponsored by CAIT (Confederation of All India Traders), it was a member of CAIT and that CAIT had indulged in forum shopping against the appellant by approaching various judicial forums..," Flipkart said in its petition.

CAIT in a statement said that both these companies want to evade investigation and

RBI PAPER

2nd wave shaved off ₹2 lakh crore output

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Mumbai, June 17

THE SECOND WAVE of the coronavirus pandemic in April-May is estimated to have cost the nation ₹2 lakh crore in terms of output, an assessment made by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

The second wave's toll is mainly in terms of the hit to domestic demand on account of regional and specific containment rather than a nationwide lockdown, it said.

"The impact of the second wave is hence estimated at about ₹2 lakh crore of lost 2021-22 output," said a recent article on the 'State of Economy', written by functionaries of the central bank.

Moreover, this wave has fanned into smaller cities and villages, sapping rural demand.

The support from government spending may also mod-



erate from the extraordinary expansion undertaken last year, it said.

"On the brighter side, several aspects of aggregate supply conditions such as agriculture and contactless services are holding up amidst pandemic protocols. Industrial production and exports have surged on strong base effects, but there is also evidence of positive momentum," the authors said.

"The pandemic is a real shock with real consequences. Hence, there is a need to ensure that the recovery is built on a solid foundation of business investment and productivity growth," it said.

The RBI said views expressed in the article are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the central bank.

The article, published in the RBI's monthly Bulletin,

stressed that speed and scale of vaccination against Covid-19 will shape the path of economic recovery which has the resilience and the fundamentals to bounce back from the pandemic and unshackle itself from pre-existing cyclical and structural hindrances.

Observing that vaccines by themselves will not end the pandemic, the article said "we have to learn to live with the virus, complementing vaccines with ramping up investment in healthcare, logistics and research".

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Panel on energy efficiency soon: RK Singh

POWER AND RENEWABLE energy minister RK Singh has said that a committee, with members from relevant ministries, will be set up to implement the roadmap on energy efficiency and low carbon technologies.

Singh chaired a high-level meeting to review the progress of energy efficiency programmes and the preparedness for climate change actions, through video conferencing on

Wednesday, a power ministry statement said. The meeting was held to discuss activities in the field of energy efficiency across all sectors of the economy to reduce CO2 emissions.

The minister said a concerted push for renewables is already under way and a detailed action plan will be developed to identify potential areas. He said a committee/group will be set up with members from all relevant ministries

to implement the roadmap on energy efficiency and low carbon technologies.

Singh directed to keep focus on sectors with highest emissions intensity such as transport; micro, small & medium enterprises; and power plants.

He also discussed the activities defined under the Mission document 'ROSHANEE', which has been developed to implement a series of energy conservation schemes.

— PTI

INTERVIEW: SUMANT SINHA, senior vice president, Assocham

'Renewable auctions haven't lost steam despite pandemic'

Even with the pandemic slowing down the pace of renewable energy deployments in the country, the industry and government were successful in limiting the damages to the minimum, says Sumant Sinha, senior vice president of industry group ASSOCHAM. Sinha, who is also the chairman and managing director of ReNew Power, tells Anupam Chatterjee why he thinks the sector is headed in the right direction and prospects are bright for the industry. Excerpts:

How did the industry-government team work pan out in dealing with the coronavirus crisis?

The pandemic has been a disruptor to all economic activity across the globe, but I believe the renewable energy industry and the government have worked together to ensure that the impact... was minimal on the sector... Firstly, despite the pandemic, auctions did not lose steam and competitive solar tariffs were discovered. Secondly, the government's Aatmanirbhar

Bharat package announced last year helped infuse money into the distribution sector and allowed power generators to get majority of their payment dues. Meanwhile, the PLI scheme to boost domestic manufacturing was also launched, paving the way for many Indian companies to get into solar module manufacturing.

In spite of the ₹1.25 lakh-crore loan package for discoms, dues to private power players have been rising while those for CPSE power plants have fallen. Doesn't such a development send the wrong signals to investors?

Each state and discom has its own preference and way of working. Some state discoms have accessed the loan package announced by the central government and made payments to various generators, while others are still deciding. Whether the loan package has been availed, the situation is better.

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the power ministry has already come out with a set of rules and late payment surcharge order to encourage timely payments. The long-term solution, however, lies in reforming the distribution companies to ensure they are efficient and profitable.

In renewable energy, the policy focus is seemingly moving towards domestic manufacturing. Though it will raise final tariffs in the immediate future, do you think the long-term benefits outweigh the near-term issues?

Due to the geopolitical situation, energy security has become paramount. As renewable energy sources replace fossil fuels, our import dependency on critical equipment for such energy sources should also decrease. But with critical components being imported, we will merely replace one import dependency with another. Hence, it is imperative that we start domestic manufacturing of critical components. Our domestic market, which is expected to increase and reach close to 20GW of capacity every year, is large enough to support manufacturing within the country, and as we grow in scale, we should be able to produce these components at globally competitive prices. Manufacturing will also lead to the creation of a component ecosystem, add lakhs of new jobs, and save lakhs of crores of foreign exchange from going out of the country. 'Aatmanirbhar' in critical areas is, therefore, a necessity today.

When do you expect annual renewable energy capacity additions to surpass the 12.5 GW level recorded in FY18?

Like last year, this year also Covid-19 has disrupted construction of new capacity. However, as most citizens get vaccinated, a slow revival of economic activity is inevitable. As the economy picks steam, I expect workers to get back to project sites. This means that as early as next year, when

many projects are expected to come on-line, you may see the renewable industry reaching record levels of capacity addition.

With the latest example of Uttar Pradesh, states are looking to cancel older bids in pursuit of lower renewable energy tariffs. Is the industry discussing such issues with the government?

I would not like to comment on any specific case. However, the central government is very clear on respecting the sanctity of contracts and the need to protect them. Union power minister Shri RK Singh ji has time and again reiterated the need to ensure that contracts are honoured. The international investing community takes this issue very seriously, and hence to attract international investment, long-term stability in contracts is paramount.

General public is hereby informed that re-draw of flats under Haryana Affordable Housing Policy 2013 of The Millennia II, Sector-37D, District Gurugram, being conducted on 21/06/2021 at 04:30 PM onwards at Ground Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City -1, Gurugram, Haryana-122001.

With the help of live streaming/telecast of re-draw proceeding on youtube live. Due to ongoing situation of Covid-19 pandemic, restriction were imposed by Ministry of Home Affairs, over public gathering in order to prevent spreading of corona virus disease.

As per MHA/ DTCP Haryana Guidelines re-draw shall be conducted with maximum strength of 50 persons including re-draw committee and staff at site, remaining applicants shall participate in re-draw online after login into below provided link on YouTube live.

YouTube Link - <https://www.youtube.com/user/SigntureGlobal>

Note: If any applicant wants to check his/her name in the list he/she may contact to STP Office, Gurugram as well as the office of colonizer before draw of lots.

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IDBI BANK
Sale of Equity Shares of
Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited
Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)

IDBI Bank intends to sell 6,23,23,800 (Six crore twenty three lakh twenty three thousand eight hundred) Equity Shares, constituting approximately 19.18% of the total equity share capital of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited held by IDBI Bank. The Document for Expression of Interest (EOI) can be obtained from Strategic & Associate Investment Cell, IDBI Ltd., 17th Floor, IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400 005. Tel No. +91 22 66263508 / 3558 or through email at saic.dvest@idbi.co.in. The last date of submission of EOI is on or before 1600 Hrs (IST) of June 25, 2021 or as extended from time to time. Interested parties may regularly visit Notices & Tenders section of www.idbi.com from time to time for further update, if any.

Note: IDBI Bank reserves the right to withdraw from the process and to accept or reject any/all offer(s) at any stage of the process without assigning any reason(s) thereof.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO), on behalf of the A & N Administration is engaged in development of sustainable eco-tourism projects in the Union Territory (UT) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (India).

As part of this endeavour, ANIIDCO invites Request for Qualification (RFQ) Applications from interested developers to undertake Development, Operation and Maintenance of following Projects through Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer ("the DBOT") on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis:

a. Lalaig Bay, Long Island, Eco-Tourism Resort – 220 Keys
b. Smith Island, Eco-Tourism Tents and Free Houses – 70 Keys
c. Aves Island, Eco-Tourism Tents – 50 Keys
d. Shaleed Dweep, Eco-Tourism Resort – 120 Keys

The detailed invitation for RFQ can be downloaded from website <http://aniidco.andnic.in> (under "Announcements") or www.andman.gov.in (under "What's New"). A Pre-Application Conference will be held at 3.00 pm on 14.07.2021 through video conference. Last date for submission of RFQ applications is 25.08.2021.

A Draft Concession Agreement (DCA), prepared only for the purpose of initial understanding of the interested developers, is available on the website of ANIIDCO <http://aniidco.andnic.in> or www.andman.gov.in. The project specific DCAs will be issued to shortlisted bidders at the RFP stage.

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ANIIDCO**

Sugar production up 13% this marketing year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 17

INDIA'S SUGAR PRODUCTION rose 13% till June 15 in the 2020-21 marketing year at 306.65 lakh tonne on higher sugarcane production, according to trade data. The sugar marketing year runs from October to September.

"Sugar mills across the country have produced 306.65 lakh tonne of sugar between October 1, 2020 and June 15, 2021. This is 35.54 lakh tonne higher than 271.11 lakh tonne

produced at the same time last year," Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) said in a statement. Only five mills are currently operating.

In Uttar Pradesh, sugar production stood at 110.61 lakh tonne till June 15 as against 126.30 lakh tonne in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Sugar output in Maharashtra rose to 106.28 lakh tonne from 61.69 lakh tonne during the period under review.

In Karnataka, production increased to 41.67 lakh tonne



from 33.80 lakh tonne.

As per port information and market reports, ISMA said mills have contracted for 58 lakh tonne of export of sugars

far against the government quota of 60 lakh tonne for 2020-21. Of this, about 45.74 lakh tonne have been physically exported out of the country. It is also reported that another 5-6 lakh tonne of sugar is in pipeline to be physically exported in June.

In addition, the sugar industry had exported 4.49 lakh tonne of sugar in Oct-Dec 2020 quarter against the export quota of the 2019-20 marketing year.

ISMA said sugar demand may cross 260 lakh tonne in

the 2020-21 marketing years against 253 lakh tonne in the previous year. It pegged sugar exports at 70 lakh tonne.

"In addition to higher domestic sales of 8-10 lakh tonne in the current year till the end of September 2021, over last season, sugar exports in the current year is expected to be around 70 lakh tonne, which gives the industry the confidence that the closing balance of September 2021 will be about 20-25 lakh tonne less than the closing balance of last season," ISMA said.

Govt slashes edible oil import tariff value

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 17

THE GOVERNMENT HAS reduced the tariff value for import of edible oil, including palm oil, by up to \$112 per tonne, effective from Thursday, a move which experts said can lead to lower domestic prices.

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), through a notification, has cut the tariff import value of crude palm oil by \$86 per tonne, and of RBD and crude palmolein by \$112 per tonne each. It also reduced the base import price of crude soyabean oil by \$37 per tonne.

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import price would come down.

AMRG & Associates senior partner Rajat Mohan said, "The ripple effect of this slashing of base import price could be seen in the retail prices, provided the entire supply chain, including the manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, are ready to pass on this benefit to the ultimate consumer," Mohan said.

Domestic edible oil prices have more than doubled in the past year. India meets about two-thirds of its edible oil demand through imports.

EY Tax partner Abhishek Jain said tariff value is a deemed value fixed by the government for the purposes of payment of customs duty. This is to say that irrespective of the transaction value, customs duty will have to be paid on the tariff value so fixed.

CIL to start producing CBM from its Jharkhand block

FE BUREAU
Kolkata, June 17

COALINDIA (CIL) will start producing coal bed methane (CBM) from its leasehold area under Bharat Coking Coal (BCCL) in Jharkhand. This is the first time the coal miner is producing gas from coal seams, as part of its diversification plans to produce clean energy from coal.

The company has already issued a Letter of Acceptance to a CBM developer, selected through a global bidding process, this month. CIL will be the third company after Great Eastern Energy Corporation (GEECL) and Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production (EOGEP) to extract CBM from the coal belts of eastern India.

Until 2015, CIL was only allowed to extract coal from its leasehold area. But the ministry of petroleum and natural gas has allowed the coal miner to extract CBM without alienating lease rights, with a rider to

not disclose the name of the developer/citing non-disclosure norms, though it said an Indian developer has been awarded the work.

The Jharkhand CBM block-1 has a resource base of over 26 billion cubic metres (BCM) spread over an area of 27 sq km. Average production capacity has been pegged at 1.3 million metric standard cubic metres per day once the commercial operation kick-starts from 2026. The life span of this methane extraction project has been estimated to be over 25 years, the executive said.

The miner has also floated two global tenders this month to look for developers for two more CBM projects with a combined resource potential of 2.7 BCM. A block at Raniganj under Eastern Coalfields in West Bengal has 2.2 BCM resource while Soghpur CBM Block under South Eastern Coalfields in Chattisgarh has 500 million cubic metres resource of methane.

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REGULATING SOCIAL MEDIA

TV Narendran, president, CII

India is not alone in trying to shape regulations on this (social media)...India is not different from other countries...The larger point is that there will be a more regulated environment for sure across the world and that is already starting to happen.

Quick View



Rishad Premji bats for self-governance by social media

WIPRO CHAIRMAN Rishad Premji on Thursday said social media platforms have integrated the world like never before and should be allowed to practice "responsive self-governance" to tackle the menace of hate and misinformation. "...the approach to confronting this matter is much more responsive self-governance by the technology platforms as is being practiced by some of the players today," he said.

Wipro arm to issue \$750 m dollar denominated notes

WIPRO IT SERVICES will issue US dollar denominated notes worth \$750 million on June 23. The net proceeds of the notes, which are proposed to be listed on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading, are intended to be utilised for refinancing existing debt and general corporate purposes.

Natco Pharma net dips 43% to ₹53 cr in Q4

DRUG FIRM NATCO Pharma on Thursday said its consolidated net profit declined by 43% to ₹53 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2021. Total income during the Q4 stood at ₹360 crore, down from ₹477 crore in the Q4 of the financial year 2019-20, the drugmaker said.

Novartis India Q4 net profit rises 43% to ₹9.7 cr

PHARMACEUTICALS FIRM NOVARTIS India on Thursday reported a 43% increase in net profit at ₹9.7 crore for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2021. Revenue from operations stood at ₹ crore as compared to ₹93.7 crore in the year-ago quarter.

Tube Investments sees Q4 standalone PAT at ₹129 cr

TUBE INVESTMENTS OF India has reported standalone net at ₹129.12 crore for the quarter ending March 31, 2021, the city-based Murugappa Group company said. For the year ending March 31, 2021 standalone PAT stood at ₹273.18 crore as against ₹330.55 crore during corresponding quarter previous year.

Google to give ₹113-cr grant to set up 80 oxygen plants

GOOGLE ON Thursday said Google.org has announced a grant of ₹113 crore to support procurement and installation of about 80 oxygen generation plants and upskilling of healthcare workers in rural parts of the country in partnership with various organisations.

HSBC to give ₹15-cr aid to pandemic-hit dabbawalas

FOREIGN LENDER HSBC on Thursday announced a ₹15-crore grant to support the Dabbawalas of the financial capital, who have been virtually without work since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020.

CARS24 enters the UAE and Australia market

CARS24, THE INDIAN e-commerce platform for pre-owned vehicles, on Thursday said it has entered the Australian and the UAE markets, and said it is readying for a launch in Southeast Asian and Middle Eastern countries this year.

IKEA enters Bengaluru with e-commerce, mobile app

SWEDISH HOME FURNISHING retailer IKEA announced on Thursday the launch of its eCommerce services and mobile shopping app in Bengaluru. There will be over 8,000 home furnishing products and solutions to choose from, it said in a statement.

Alliance Air announces June 19-21 monsoon sale

ALLIANCE AIR, A wholly-owned subsidiary of Air India, has announced its Monsoon Bonanza with fares at ₹999. The sale period is from June 19-21. Passengers booking during the window can fly from August 1 till October 31.

Adani loses \$9 billion in three days in worst wealth rout

ALEX SAZONOV
June 17

INDIAN BILLIONAIRE GAUTAM Adani's dream run up the global wealth rankings is faltering after a media report raising questions about some offshore investors triggered a rout in his conglomerate's six listed stocks.

The 58-year-old tycoon lost more money this week than anyone else in the world, with his personal fortune tumbling by about \$9 billion to \$67.6 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index based on Wednesday closing prices. Just days ago, he was closing the gap with Mukesh Ambani's

Asia's richest man. Adani Group stocks continued to fall on Thursday.

The U-turn in shares started on Monday after media reports said India's national share depository froze the accounts of three Mauritius-based funds because of insufficient information on the owners. The bulk of the holdings of Albulia Investment Fund, Cresta Fund and APMS Investment Fund — about \$6 billion — are shares of Adani's firms.

Although the Adani group called the report "blatantly erroneous" and said it was "done to deliberately mislead the investing community," investors concerned over transparency rushed for the exit.



Industrialist Gautam Adani

according to Bloomberg Intelligence.

"There should be greater clarity to ensure who the final owners of the shares are," said Hemindra Hazari, an independent research analyst.

A spokesperson for the Adani Group declined to comment beyond the exchange filings sent this week. These overseas funds "have been investors in Adani Enterprises for more than a decade," Adani Group said in a June 14 statement. "We urge all our stakeholders not to be perturbed by market speculations."

In identical exchange filings the same day, Adani group companies said that they had written confirmation from the Regis-

trar and Transfer Agent that the offshore funds' demat accounts in which Adani shares were held "are not frozen." Albulia and APMS, in separate statements dated June 14 emailed via their management company IQ EQ Fund Services (Mauritius) on Thursday, said the funds are fully operational.

"Fact is that the relevant NSD entry for APMS Investment Fund shows a technical 'account level freeze' only that has absolutely NO relevance to its normal FPI trading activities," APMS said. The funds didn't answer questions about why they hold such concentrated positions in Adani stock, nor did they share names of their investors.

—BLOOMBERG

TRUSTED TELECOM PORTAL

Govt shares login details with telcos, Chinese firms left out

KIRAN RATHEE
New Delhi, June 17

WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION of National Security Directive on the telecommunication sector, the government has provided login credentials to operators and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) for accessing the trusted telecom products portal and submit details, but Chinese companies have not been given the login IDs.

According to sources, over the last couple of days, the concerned personnel of telecom operators, including Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and their vendors — both global and Indian like Nokia, Ericsson, Cisco, Tejas, HFCL etc — have been given the login credentials, barring companies such as Huawei and ZTE.

The government on June 15 had launched a portal for giving clearance to trusted products that telecom operators can install in their networks as part of the National Security Directive on the telecommunication sector. Telecom operators have to access the portal and indicate what telecom products they want to pro-



cure and from which vendor. After that, access to the portal will also be given to the respective vendors named by the telecom operators. But sources said Chinese firms may not be given the login details, and if any operator intends to buy their products, it will be the responsibility of the operator to fulfil all the requisite details on the portal on behalf of the Chinese firms.

After that, the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) will decide whether the products can be termed 'trusted' or not. The operators, however, can also seek a waiver

from the government, in case they want to use the products from Chinese firms.

Sources said during a familiarising meeting regarding the trusted telecom portal on Wednesday between industry and government officials, it was conveyed that all the details regarding supply chain of components have to be provided. It was indicated that extra due diligence will be done in case of any link to China — be it for components or personnel.

The government has to be provided with all the details and flow chart of telecom networks in the country. The information has to include every detail about the vendors from whom they procure as well as details about rollout of networks, their expansion and upgrades every time such things take place. The telecom vendors will also have to submit all details about their company, directors, businesses, and shareholding pattern, etc, to the NSCS.

Apart from that, the telecom operators and vendors also need to provide a certificate that the equipment does not have any malware/backdoors and is free of all known vulnerabilities.

with 26% share followed by Apple with 20% share, Samsung at 16% share and Vivo and Motorola at 6% each. The survey listed Delhi (23%), Mumbai (13%), Bangalore (11%), and Hyderabad (7%) as the top 4 for sales of pre-owned smartphones. Satellite towns such as Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Ahmedabad and Lucknow have also shown robust growth and secured top spots in the upcoming city category.

As per insights from the survey, people sold their second-hand phones at the average price of ₹4,217 in 2020. Smartphones around the age of 3 years got sold the most by users and nearly 62% of smartphone issues are screen-related, battery issues come next with about 21%. As per the survey, 80% of the men sold their smartphones while only 20% of women sold their smartphones in 2020.



UP govt says 13 firms expressed interest in setting up data centres in Noida with ₹22,000-crore investment

DEEPA JAINANI
Lucknow, June 17

AROUND 13 COMPANIES, which include domestic and international firms, have expressed interest in setting up data centres in Noida, with an investment of over ₹22,000 crore.

Among the major ones are the Hiranandani group, which has started work on the project with an investment of ₹6,000 crore and the Adani group, which is setting up two projects of 50 MW each in the district with a combined investment of ₹4,900 crore.

Indospace Capital Advisors would be investing ₹1,500 crore and has already applied for land, NTT Global Data Centres, UK, has also been allotted land in Gautam Buddha Nagar (Noida) to set up a 70 MW data centre with an investment of ₹1,500 crore, STT GDC, Singapore would be setting up an 18 MW project with an invest-

ment of ₹1,100 crore and has already got the land allotted.

Apart from these, the state government has also received intents of investment from companies like Sify Technologies, CTRLS Data Centres, Web Works, RBDC Pte, Singapore, Brookfield Asset Management, Canada, Mantra Data Centres, Spain.

Speaking to FE, Siddharth Nath Singh said due to the state government's aggressive IT policy, Uttar Pradesh is gradually turning into the country's IT hub. "The government has already spoken to all the stakeholders and shared the draft guidelines with them. The formal go could not be approved because of Covid. But we are now expediting it and it is likely to be issued soon," he said.

"There is huge interest in the data centre sector in UP and the response has been beyond our expectation. Many serious and



solid players are interested, including Microsoft and Google. The empowered committee would be meeting soon to decide on this. We would issue letters of intent (LoIs) to interested companies soon," said an official of the industry department, requesting anonymity.

In a report titled '2020 India Data Cen-

tre Market Update', JLL has said NCR-Delhi is expected to emerge as a new data centre hotspot as demand from government departments and IT/ITES are expected to drive further growth.

"As the data centre landscape continues to evolve, the industry is expected to grow exponentially to reach 1,007 MW by 2023 from its existing capacity of 447 MW," it said, adding that with the growing reliance on digital connectivity, demand is likely to ramp up further due to the imminent roll-out of 5G rollout, IoT-linked devices, data localisation and cloud adoption.

"India's data centre sector will require an investment of \$3.7 billion over the next three years to fulfil the 6 million sq ft greenfield development opportunity for the industry," it stated.

At present, the data centres are mostly located in cities like Mumbai, Chennai, NCR, Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

Domestic air passengers in May 63% lower than April: DGCA

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 17

AROUND 21.15 LAKH domestic passengers travelled by air in May, which is 63% lower than the 57.25 lakh who travelled in April, the country's aviation regulator said on Thursday.

According to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), 78.22 lakh people travelled within the country by air in March.

The drop in domestic air traffic in May was due to the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic that had badly hit the country and its aviation sector.

While IndiGo carried 11.69 lakh passengers in May, a 55.3% share of the domestic market, SpiceJet flew 1.99 lakh passengers, accounting for a 9.4% share of the market, according to data shared by the DGCA.

The occupancy rate or load factor of the six major Indian airlines was between 39.3% and 64% in May, it stated.

The occupancy rate at SpiceJet was 64% in May, the DGCA noted.

The occupancy rates for IndiGo, Vistara and AirAsia India were 51.2%, 40.9%, 63.3%, 39.3% and 44.4% respectively, it added.

India resumed domestic passenger flights on May 25 last year after a gap of two months due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Indian airlines are allowed to operate a maximum of 50% of their pre-pandemic domestic flights.

Mercedes-Benz says 50% of new S Class booked; hopeful of strong growth from July

FE BUREAU
Pune, June 17

LUXURY CARMAKER MERCEDES-BENZ on Thursday said 50% of the new S Class Mercedes-Benz was sold out before the commercial launch. The company launched the new S Class, which is their flagship limousine in India, at ₹2.17 crore for the ₹400d 4 MATIC variant and at ₹2.19 crore for the S 450 4 MATIC. The on-road price of these cars adds up to ₹2.8 crore.

The company has seen a revival of demand in the ultra-luxurious car segment of its portfolio.

Martin Schwenk, MD & CEO, Mercedes-Benz India, said 90 of the 150 CBU S-Class sedans had already been booked. New products are helping in a strong rebound and the company is hopeful of significant growth from next month, Schwenk said.

Despite the rise of SUVs in the luxury car market, their Sedan sales had continued to grow and accounted for 56% of the company's sales in the last five years, Schwenk said. A strong order book would be bringing the momentum back, he said.

The company received a similar response when the Mercedes-Maybach GLS 600 SUV was launched in the Indian market with a price tag of ₹2.4 crore (ex-showroom India). The first lot of 50 ultra-luxury Maybach SUV allocated for India was also sold out before its debut. The next set of 'Mercedes-Maybach GLS 600



4 MATIC' were being ordered and configured by customers that would be delivered by Q1 of 2022. These customized GLS Maybach could cost upwards ₹4 crore ex-showroom.

Schwenk said Mercedes-Benz was on track to launch 15 products in 2021. The company has completed the launch of the new A-Class, new E Class, new C Class and the S Class on Thursday. With an updated sedan portfolio, he expected a 50% growth in the remaining six months of 2021.

The new S Class was launched globally in the Q4 of 2020. The S Class come with frontal airbags for the rear seat passengers and it is the first such car in the world to have it.

The car also comes with the first of its kind rear-axle steering, 4D surround sound systems, driving assist systems and seats with 10 massage programmes.

Sputnik V to be available at Fortis Gurgaon, Mohali from tomorrow

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 17

PRIVATE HOSPITAL CHAIN Fortis Healthcare on Thursday announced that Sputnik V, the third anti-coronavirus vaccine approved for use in India, will be available at its Gurgaon and Mohali facilities as part of a limited pilot roll-out from Saturday.

The vaccine stock has been procured directly from Dr Reddy's Laboratories according to government guidelines, it said. "The two-dose vaccine will be available at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram, and Fortis Hospital, Mohali," the private hospital chain said in a statement.

The company's consolidated net profit had stood at ₹3,313.47 crore in the quarter ended on March 31, 2020, according to a BSE filing.

Its total income during January-March increased to ₹10,816.33 crore, from ₹10,526.75 crore in the year-ago period.

For the full financial year 2020-21, the consolidated net profit stood at ₹12,036.46 crore, compared with ₹11,059.40 crore in 2019-20. Total income for the fiscal stood at ₹3,313.47 crore in the quarter ended on March 31, 2020, according to a BSE filing.

The company's board in its meeting on Thursday recommended a final dividend of ₹3 per share for the financial year 2020-21, subject to the shareholders' approval at its ensuing AGM.

Global funds invest in Acme Solar's 250 MW project in Rajasthan

FE BUREAU

New Delhi, June 17

ACME SOLAR ON Thursday said it has signed an agreement with Danish investment firm IFU and United Nations' operational arm UNOPS \$3 i for developing 250 megawatt (MW) solar power generation assets in Rajasthan.

Though the financial details of the deal were not disclosed, Acme Solar said in a statement "the total value of the project is the equivalent of just under \$200 million, of which about a quarter are financed through equity contributions by the three co-investors".

The project is expected to be commissioned in December.

"This partnership is a key milestone towards Acme's vision for developing a portfolio of 25,000 MW of renewable energy projects which comes in line with India's plans to achieve 4,50,000 MW of renewable energy power by 2030," said Manoj Upadhyay, founder and chairman of ACME Group. Acme Solar's current portfolio stands at 5,000 MW, out of which 2,300 MW are operating and the remaining under construction. For this 250 MW plant



where the two foreign firms are investing. Acme had quoted a tariff of ₹2.48/unit in the auctions conducted by the Solar Energy Corporation of India (Sebi), and was issued the letter of award in March 2019. The power from the solar unit is scheduled to be supplied to Rajasthan.

"UNOPS is proud to support India's climate targets and all of the partners in this landmark renewable energy project," Grete Faremo, UN under-secretary-general and UNOPS executive director, said.

The deal also marks the first investment under the India-Denmark green strategic partnership signed in 2020. Ifu will hold 39% ownership in the project, and its investment is made on behalf of the Danish SDG Investment Fund, which is backed by the Danish state, larger Danish pension funds and other private investors.

TVS Motor rolls out e-scooter in Chennai

TVS MOTOR COMPANY on Thursday announced the launch of its iQube electric scooter in Chennai, following its successful roll-out in Delhi and Bengaluru.

The company had reduced the price of its electric scooter by ₹11,250 following the recently announced revision in subsidy under the FAME II scheme by the Centre. It had plans to roll out its e-two-wheeler in 20 new cities in

the current fiscal. iQube Electric can be booked through website with an amount of ₹5,000.

KN Radhakrishnan, director & CEO, TVS Motor, said: "The TVS iQube Electric ecosystem is built around digital platforms that enable customers to have the convenience of booking and paying online, along with getting assured contactless deliveries."

—fe Bureau/Chennai

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INFORMATION REGARDING 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING / OTHER AUDIO VISUAL MEANS AND NOTICE OF BOOK CLOSURE

The shareholders may please note that the 35th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Swaraj Engines Limited ("the Company") will be held on Monday, 19th July, 2021 at 12:30 PM, through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the businesses that will be set forth in the Notice of the 35th AGM, in compliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), the General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5th May, 2020, read with General Circular No. 14/2020, 17/2020 and 02/2021 dated 8th April, 2020, 13th April, 2020 and 13th January, 2021 respectively (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and all other applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA"), and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations").

In compliance with the above Circulars, the electronic copies of the Notice of the 35th AGM, procedure and instructions for e-voting, and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2020-21 will be sent to all the shareholders whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s). The Notice of the 35th AGM and Annual Report 2020-21 will also be available on the Company's website at www.swarajenterprise.com and on the website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com.

The Members holding shares in physical mode and who have not yet registered / updated their e-mail addresses with the Company are requested to register / update their e-mail addresses by writing to the Company at selinvestor@swarajenterprise.com along with the copy of the signed request letter mentioning the name and address of the Member, self-attested copy of the PAN and self-attested copy of any document (e.g. Driving License, Aadhaar Card, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Member. The Members holding shares in dematerialised mode are requested to register / update their e-mail addresses with the relevant Depository Participants.

The Company will provide the facility to its Members to exercise their right to vote by electronic means both through remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM. The instructions on the process of remote e-voting before the AGM / e-voting during the AGM, including the manner in which the Members holding shares in physical form or who have not registered their e-mail addresses can cast their vote through remote e-voting / e-voting, will be provided as part of the Notice of the 35th AGM.

The shareholders may note that the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 20th April, 2021 has recommended a dividend of Rs. 69.00 per share. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, and Regulation 42 of SEBI Listing Regulations, the Register of Members and share transfer books will remain closed from 3rd July, 2021 to 9th July, 2021 (both days inclusive).

The dividend, subject to the approval of the Members, will be paid on or after 20th July, 2021 electronically through various online transfer modes to the shareholders who have updated their bank account details. To avoid delay in receiving the dividend, the shareholders are requested to update their complete bank details with their Depositories (where shares are held in dematerialised mode) and with the Company (where shares are held in physical mode) at selinvestor@swarajenterprise.com along with the copy of the signed request letter mentioning the name, folio number, bank details, self-attested copy of the PAN card and cancelled cheque. In case, the Company is unable to pay the dividend to any shareholder by the electronic mode due to non-availability of the details of the bank account, the Company shall dispatch the dividend warrant to such shareholder by post.

The shareholders may note that the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, mandates that dividends paid or distributed by a Company after 1st April, 2020 shall be taxable in the hands of the shareholders. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct Tax at Source ("TDS") at the time of making payment of the dividend. In order to enable us to determine the appropriate TDS rate, as applicable, the shareholders are requested to submit the requisite documents in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 at selinvestor@swarajenterprise.com. The relevant details in this regard will be available in the Notice of the 35th AGM.

This notice is being issued for the information and benefit of all the shareholders of the Company in compliance with the applicable circulars of the MCA and SEBI.

For SWARAJ ENGINES LIMITED

Sd/-

Rajesh K. Kapila
Company Secretary

Place : S.A.S.Nagar (Mohali)

Date : 17.06.2021

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INDIA PESTICIDES LIMITED

Our Company was originally incorporated as 'India Pesticides Private Limited', a private limited company at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh under the Companies Act, 1956 on December 13, 1984 and was granted a certificate of incorporation by the Registrar of Companies, Uttar Pradesh at Kanpur. Subsequently, pursuant to a deed of dissolution dated June 30, 1987, our Company acquired the entire rights and liabilities of 'India Pesticides' a partnership firm formed under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, where our Company was one of the partners at the time of dissolution of the firm. With effect from March 31, 1993, our Company became a deemed public company under Section 43(1)(a) of the Companies Act, 1956, the word 'Private' was removed from the name of our Company and the certificate of incorporation of our Company was endorsed by the Registrar of Companies, Uttar Pradesh at Kanpur to that effect. Subsequently, pursuant to a special resolution passed by the Shareholders of our Company in its annual general meeting on September 30, 2002, our Company was converted into a public limited company. A fresh certificate of incorporation dated April 24, 2003 consequent upon conversion into a public limited company under the Companies Act, 1956 was issued to our Company by the Registrar of Companies, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand at Kanpur. For further details in relation to change in name of our Company, see 'History and Certain Corporate Matters' on page 160 of the Red Herring Prospectus dated June 16, 2021 ('RHP').

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OUR PROMOTERS: ANAND SWARUP AGARWAL AND THE ASA FAMILY TRUST

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹1 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF INDIA PESTICIDES LIMITED ("COMPANY" OR "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹[•] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹[•] PER EQUITY SHARE) AGGRGATING UP TO ₹8,000 MILLION (THE "OFFER") COMPRISING A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES AGGRGATING UP TO ₹1,000 MILLION (THE "FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES, INCLUDING UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES AGGRGATING UP TO ₹2,814 MILLION BY ANAND SWARUP AGARWAL (THE "PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER") AND UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES AGGRGATING UP TO ₹4,186 MILLION, BY THE OTHER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS (AS DEFINED IN THE RHP, AND COLLECTIVELY WITH THE PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER, REFERRED TO AS THE "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS", AND SUCH EQUITY SHARES, THE "OFFERED SHARES") AGGRGATING UP TO ₹7,000 MILLION (THE "OFFER FOR SALE"). THE OFFER SHALL CONSTITUTE [•] % OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY.

Qualified Institutional Buyers Portion: Not more than 50% of the Offer

Retail Individual Investors Portion: Not less than 35% of the Offer

Non-Institutional Investors Portion: Not less than 15% of the Offer

Price Band: ₹ 290 to ₹ 296 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 1 each.

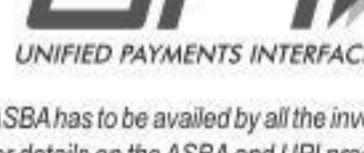
The Floor Price is 290 times the face value of the Equity Shares and the Cap Price is 296 times the face value of the Equity Shares.
Bids can be made for a minimum of 50 Equity Shares and in multiples of 50 Equity Shares thereafter.

ASBA*

Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!

*Applications Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") is a better way of applying to offers by simply blocking the fund in the bank account. For further details, check section on ASBA below.

Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.



UPI-Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Bidders ("RIBs")**.

Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN.

UPI – Now available in ASBA for RIBs applying through Syndicate Members, sub-syndicate members, Registered Brokers, CDPs and RTAs.

RIBs also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank ("SCSBs") or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account.

*ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except Anchor Investors (as defined in the RHP). UPI may be availed by RIBs.

For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA Form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 335 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("AIB") and Stock Exchanges in the General Information Document. ASBA bid cum application forms can be downloaded from the websites of BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges") and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in.

**List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. For the list of UPI Apps and Banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. ICICI Bank Limited has been appointed as Sponsor Bank for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018. For Offer related grievances and UPI related queries/ grievances investors may contact: Axis Capital Limited – Ms. Mayuri Arya (+91 22 4325 2183) (complaints@axiscap.in; ipo.ipo@axiscap.in) and JM Financial Limited – Ms. Prachee Dhuri (+91 22 6630 3030) (grievance.ibd@jmfi.com; indiapesticides.ipo@jmfi.com). For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and Mail Id: ipo.upi@npci.org.in, the Sponsor Bank, ICICI Bank Limited at +91 22 66818911/23/24 (kmr.saurabh@icicibank.com) and the Registrar to the Offer, KFin Technologies Private Limited at +91 40 6716 2222 (iplo.ipo@kfinotech.com). UPI Mechanism will also be governed by the SEBI circular dated March 31, 2021.

Risks to Investors:

- Average Cost of acquisition of Equity Shares held by the Selling Shareholders, Anand Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.03, Mahendra Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.01, Virendra Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Asha Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Nupur Goyal is ₹ 0.00 (negligible), Sugandha Swarup Arora is ₹ 0.01, Sneha Lata Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Sudha Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Shalini Pawan Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Saurabh Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Pramod Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Vishal Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.06, Aparna Gupta is ₹ 0.00 (negligible), Vishwas Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.03, Sanju Agarwal is ₹ 0.94, Kajaree Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.29, Anurag Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, and Komal Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.29 per Equity Share, respectively, and the Offer Price at the upper end of the Price Band is at ₹ 296 per Equity Share.
- The two Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 25 public issues in the past 3 years out of which 11 closed below the Offer price on listing date.

BID/ OFFER SCHEDULE

BID/ OFFER OPENS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021⁽¹⁾

BID/ OFFER CLOSES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021⁽²⁾⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ Our Company and the Promoter Selling Shareholder, in consultation with the BRLMs, may consider participation by Anchor Investors in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period shall be one Working Day prior to the Bid/ Offer Opening Date. ⁽²⁾ Our Company and the Promoter Selling Shareholder, in consultation with the BRLMs, may consider closing the Bid/ Offer Period for QIBs one Working Day prior to the Bid/ Offer Closing Date in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations and the UPI Circulars. ⁽³⁾ UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 12:00 pm on Monday, June 28, 2021.

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/ Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days after such revision in the Price Band, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company and the Promoter Selling Shareholder may, in consultation with the BRLMs, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/ Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/ Offer Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Member and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank.

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("SCR") read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and in compliance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") (the "QIB Portion") provided that our Company and the Promoter Selling Shareholder, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("Anchor Investor Portion"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid bids being received from the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Member and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank.

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Opinion

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021

On vaccine interval, follow the science

Review of Covishield dose-interval is welcome; to quell controversy, let independent experts appraise evidence cited

AGAINST THE BACKDROP of senior scientists saying the NTAGI didn't have enough data to back the recommendation to increase the gap between two doses of the Covishield vaccine from 8-12 weeks to 12-16 weeks, chairman NK Arora has said the government is reviewing the move. The scientists were quoted on the inadequate data in a *Reuters* report earlier this week. The government has denied this, saying the decision was unanimous and there were no dissenting scientists. It has cited the minutes of meetings of the Covid-19 working group of the NTAGI on May 10 and the Standing Technical Sub-Committee of NTAGI on May 13. While the working group's recommendation was "based on real-life evidences particularly from the United Kingdom", increasing the interval between the two doses to 12-16 weeks, the technical sub-committee had talked of "an interval of a minimum three months" (or roughly 12 weeks), as per a government release. The government is yet to clarify whether it had endorsed a gap of 12-16 weeks, and if it didn't, how it settled on 16 weeks as the maximum interval. The example of Spain has been cited with regards to the 16-week gap. However, the fact is Spain recommended the 16-week interval only for those under 60 years of age. The controversy can be quelled if independent experts can examine real-life evidence that the government says corroborates the scientific strength of India's decision. Right now, the Centre can't afford further trust deficit over vaccines. The deadly second wave has had the unfortunate consequence of stoking vaccine hesitancy because of breakthrough infections, despite this being a very small number. As such, even if it manages to get NTAGI scientists to put up a 'unanimous front', it needs to do much more to engender trust.

Around the time the Indian government announced the 12-16 weeks gap, the UK had reduced the interval between two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine from 12 weeks to 8 weeks at the maximum. This was done in light of the increasing prevalence of the Delta variant—it now accounts for 98% of the cases in the country. Bear in mind, the Delta variant is widely held to have been one of the primary factors behind India's deadly surge. Data from Public Health England analysed by researchers, as Dr Srinath Reddy of PHFI has pointed out in this newspaper, shows a single-dose of AstraZeneca—with caveats on the sample size—registers a very low efficacy against Covid-19. Two doses, on the other hand, offer reasonable protection, making a strong case for shortening the dose-gap. Thus, if the government is indeed considering a review of the interval, it is good news. In the interim, it must consider narrowing the interval for those who are more vulnerable to the disease, because of their age or immunocompromised status. Those arguing against further categorisation for targetting vaccines would do well to keep in mind the government only recently created a category for prioritisation of vaccines: students up for admission abroad. The INSACOG episode—*Reuters* reported how the ministry and some scientists within INSACOG were not on the same page initially regarding the seriousness of the threat from the Delta variant—and now the NTAGI episode underscore the need to let science drive the response to the pandemic, not concerns of the politically-minded.

Protecting IBC's spirit

NCLT focus on confidentiality clause in VIL resolution welcome

THE MUMBAI BENCH of the NCLT has done well to red-flag the results of the resolution of Videocon Industries Limited (VIL) and highlight how surprisingly close the winning bid—of Anil-Agarwal-led Twin Star Technologies—was to the liquidation value. By observing, in its order, that "surprisingly, the resolution applicant also valued all the assets and liabilities of all the 13 companies and arrived at almost the same value as the registered valuers," the tribunal has done the insolvency process a service.

It has requested the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) to examine the issue in depth and to ensure the confidentiality clause was not compromised, in letter or in spirit. "Even if the confidentiality clause is in existence, in view of the facts and circumstances...a doubt arises upon the confidentiality clause being in real-time use," the bench comprising H P Chaturvedi and Ravikumar Duraisamy wrote. Twin Star was paying ₹2,962 crore for VIL against the admitted claims of ₹64,838 crore; in other words, the creditors agreed to a haircut of an astounding 96%. The assets were valued at a fair value of ₹4,069 crore and at a liquidation value of ₹2,568 crore. In other words, Twin Star was able to get the company at a little more than the liquidation value and well below the fair value. To be sure, the final decision on the extent of the haircut to be taken, when stressed assets are being sold in the insolvency courts, rests with the lenders. Nonetheless, the NCLT's observations are seminal and, hopefully, the IBBI will look into them. It may be of academic interest, but given the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code is still a relatively new piece of legislation, it is important all stakeholders highlight any concerns they may have. The government has been proactive in amending the law and inserting new sections to ensure the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) is a fair one. The VIL-Twin Star case draws attention to the fact that creditors, at times, are realising pitifully small amounts—in the Alok Industries case, where a whopping ₹29,523 crore was at stake, the recovery was a paltry 17%.

Perhaps there is a better way to arrive at the final price that the winner pays. Most importantly, critical information cannot leak. Indeed, without casting aspersions on any of the participants in the process, it is truly surprising that the lenders did not strive to get a better price for the asset. Of the 4,376 cases admitted to the CIRP till the end of March 2021, about 30% ended up in liquidation. That is not a small ratio but perhaps the assets were not of good quality. Nonetheless, lenders owe it to taxpayers to try and recover as much as possible. Till March 2020, the value realised by financial creditors, as a share of their claims admitted was only 46%; this is uninspiring. It is also important that operational creditors are able to get back their dues; else, we are in for a fresh round of insolvencies.

international climate negotiations. It is time to abandon the silo-ed approach and recognise that India's environmental resilience and business competitiveness are both going to be tested severely in the years to come. If it does not align its climate policies with its economic transformation plans, India will not only become more vulnerable to climate shocks but also miss out on new technologies, investment and market access in a rapidly shifting global economy. The signs are all there.

First, there are signs from governments. More than 100 countries have pledged net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the next 30-40 years. G-7 members have said they would stop international financing of coal by next year for projects not fitted with carbon capture and storage technology. These are, of course, hypocritical because net-zero targets are unambitious. During 2008-20 developed countries emitted 18.1 billion tonnes of CO2 in excess of their pledges. That is seven years' worth India's emissions. The less they did in the past means the greater the burden others have to bear in future. It is



BULLDOZING TWITTER?

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee

They (Centre) can't control Twitter, so they are trying to do so with everyone they are unable to manage

RENEWABLE POWER COSTS HAVE FALLEN DRAMATICALLY, OBVIATING NEED FOR RENEWABLE POWER OBLIGATIONS. TIME TO THINK OF POWER DECARBONISATION OBLIGATIONS FOR DISCOMS

From RPOs to PDOs

V SUBRAMANIAN & SRINIVAS KRISHNASWAMY

Subramanian is former secretary, ministry of new and renewable energy and Krishnaswamy is CEO, Vasudha Foundation

THE PARIS AGREEMENT aims to keep the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and further limit the increase to 1.5°C, to reduce risks and impact of climate change (Article 2 of Paris Agreement). Further, with the new IEA-prescribed scenario to phase out fossil fuels to achieve the 1.5°C target suggesting that the power sector achieves net zero by 2040 globally, pressure on countries to develop long term deep decarbonisation plans, with the ultimate goal of net zero emissions by the earliest possible year, would grow.

An issue that appears top-priority is power-sector decarbonisation "in all the countries." To put this in context, the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from India's electricity generation stood at 958 Mt Co2e, constituting 51% of the total GHG emissions from the energy sector and approximately 40% of India's total GHG emissions for 2015.

Against this backdrop, this article explores options for India's march towards decarbonisation of the power sector.

Decarbonising the power sector would essentially entail maximising renewable power in the overall sourcing and use. Targets of 175 GW and 450GW have been announced. Given the structure of the Constitution, it is necessary to take the states into confidence and work out an acceptable solution.

An early renewables-promotion initiative power was the Renewable Power Obligations (RPOs). This was not so much from the point of view of reducing emissions than to make additional power available to the grid and discoms. In order to incentivise renewable energy, the Indian Electricity Act 2003, gave legal teeth to RPOs that mandate all electricity distribution licensees must purchase or produce a minimum specified quantity of their electricity requirements from renewable energy sources. It further empowered state electricity regulators to determine the quantum of such RPO based on the renewable potential of the states. The rationale was to give a level playing field for renewable energy that was more expensive in the first decade of the 21st Century. At that point of time, the cost of renewable power was higher than that of coal-based power that was in the region of ₹3.72 per kWh. Also note, such RPOs were prescribed for states as a whole, not for each discom.

It was also seen that all the states were not equally endowed with renewable resources, as a result of which a market-driven mechanism of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) was also introduced. In brief, the concept was one of a few discoms absorbing the energy from renewable sources at the Average Power Purchase Cost (APPC) and granting certificates to the energy producers who could sell them to other discoms and other obligated entities to fulfil their RPO commitments. Though there were provisions for penalties for non-compliance with RPOs, they were

hardly imposed by the regulators. The law existed more in breach than in observance. The system of RPOs and RECs is continuing for historic and academic reasons alone.

However, the new cost dynamics, the creation of a national grid and technological developments have changed the scenario and increased the number of options available significantly. Cost of renewable power is lower, transmission of power from one region to another is seamless and with better technological tools, power scheduling has become well planned and executed.

Though critics of renewable power may state that the CUFs are much lower than that of coal-based thermal power, cost of renewable power is far below that of conventional coal thermal power. As of 2021, the lowest bid price for solar is ₹1.99 per kWh, while the average price of wind is ₹2.65 per kWh, hydro is in the region of ₹2.72 per kWh—in sharp contrast to the situation a decade earlier. Further, compared to installed capacity of mere 10 GW of RE in the decade of 2000s, the current installed capacity of renewable power (January 31, 2021)—including solar, wind, small hydro and bio-power—is well over 94GW. Given this backdrop, it is time to revisit the incentive and penalty structure in the power sector.

Given the decline in the prices of renewable energy, coupled with increased capacities, a number of discoms have dramatically increased their share of purchase of electricity from such sources. The share of renewable energy in a few discoms is as high as 33%. This has been further facilitated by the completion of the

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Further, a number of states have also exceeded their RPOs. Notable amongst them are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat. The accompanying graphic gives a snapshot of select states' RE purchase.

However, this trend is still not a pan-India trend, though a number of states have definitely increased their RE share. One of the reasons for this not happening is that many of the discoms are still saddled with long-term power purchase agreements with coal power by discoms.

In addition to such compulsions of PPAs, the discoms continue to incur "fixed costs" even when they do not draw power. In quite a few cases, the fixed costs paid by discoms to coal-based gencos may actually be more than the current prices of solar or wind power per kWh.

This then leads us to question the continued relevance of RPOs and RECs and the option of evolving a more logical and robust system that can expedite decarbonisation of India's power sector by 2050 or a reasonable time period if not 2050. We propose a new system that could incentivise both the renewable energy gencos to meet and perhaps even exceed the set targets by 2030 and ensure optimum "capacity utilisation factor", apart from incentivising discoms to increase the share of renewable power in their portfolio.

Our proposal is to have a progressive and a time-bound cap on the purchase of coal-based power, reducing this on an annual basis. Naturally, this

has to be done discom-wise, by looking at the historical break up of procurement of power from various sources and targets or trajectories for future procurement of power.

This data is not hard to come by since all the discoms disclose their source of power supply and cost. This new system could be called Power Decarbonisation Standards. The system would set a progressive threshold for decrease in purchase of coal-based power and a corresponding increase in purchase and absorption of renewable power by discoms.

Taking into account the present extent of purchase of both renewable and coal-based power, it should not be difficult for the regulators to set a trajectory of annual reduction of coal-based. The Power Decarbonisation Standards, if adopted, would also ensure that a comprehensive plan is put in place to limit the setting up of new coal plants, while also retiring vintage coal-fired power plants—more polluting than the recent ones—over a period of 20-odd years.

These can also be designated as Carbon Credit Certificates (CCCs) to be granted to the discoms by the regulators for annual reduction in purchase of coal power after a cut-off date. These CCCs could also become market-based financial instruments that can be traded domestically to start with, and, later on, internationally when the markets mature.

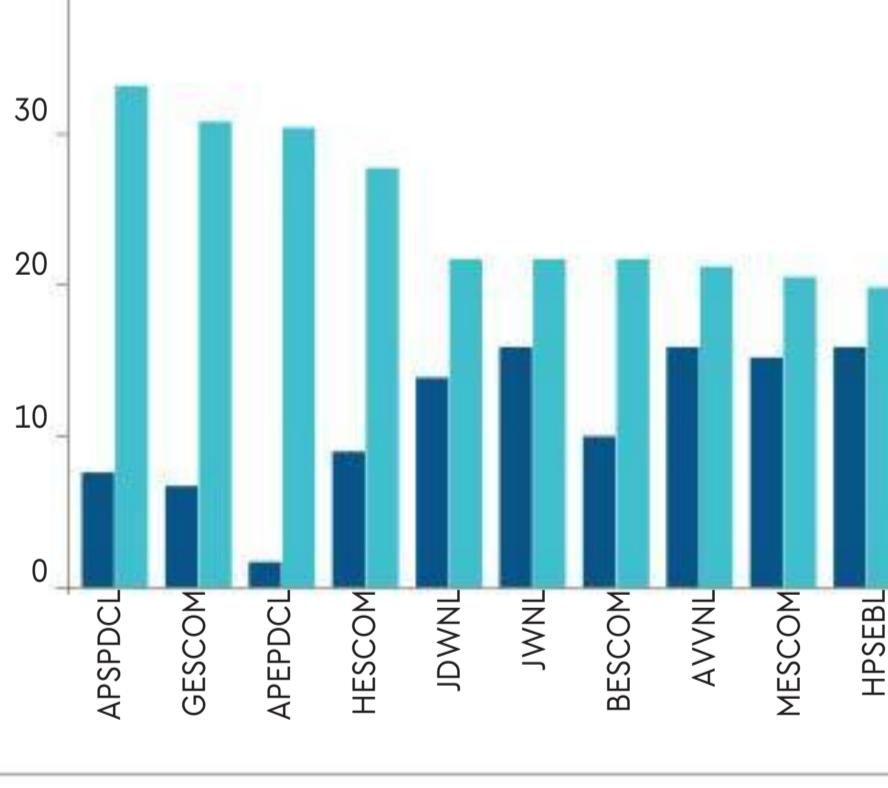
Further, in order to incentivise decarbonisation of the power sector, the scheme could also include captive power plants operating on coal to shift to renewable power.

To conclude, the concept of Power Decarbonisation Obligations could work only with a finely-tuned coordination and implementation mechanism that involves policy, regulations and enforcement, with state governments on board.

If the solution lies in reducing coal-based power in the system, it is high time the government looked at innovative options rather than tinkering with the existing structure alone.

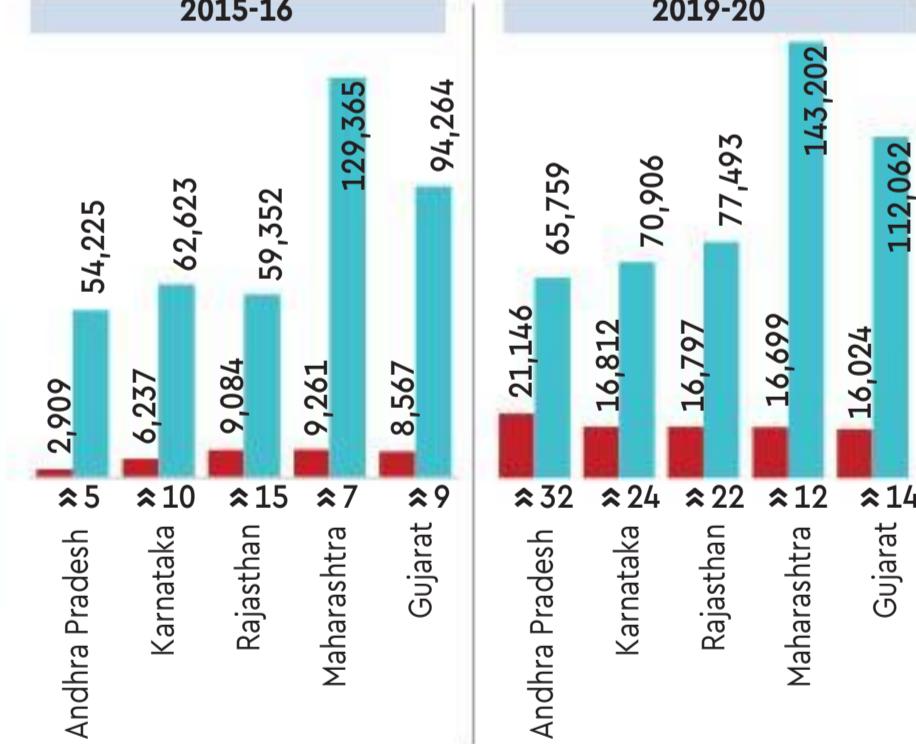
Top 10 discoms with high RE-power-purchase share

RE purchase share (%) 2015-16 2019-20



Top 5 states registering high RE power purchase in 2019-20

RE Quantum (MU) Total Quantum (MU)



INFLEXION POINTS

Need a 'greenprint' for the economy

Without this, India will become more vulnerable to climate shocks and miss out on tech, funding & market access

also hypocritical because G-7 could not agree to a date to end their own coal use. They also have little leverage over the biggest current polluter, China, which plans to increase coal use to 4.2 billion tonnes by 2025 (more than the rest of the world combined). But double standards don't come in the way of dominant narratives. Despite their poor record of climate action, the developed world is continuing to shape the narrative.

Secondly, there are signs from markets. On a momentous May 26, a district court in The Hague ruled that Shell must cut its net carbon emissions 45% by 2030 against 2019 levels. A small investor, Engine No. 1, led the charge (with backing from larger investors like BlackRock) to install three nominees on Exxon's 12-member board, forcing it to take seriously the risks of climate change to long-term business profitability. And Chevron's

shareholders passed a resolution forcing it to cut its scope 3 emissions—the gases released by use of its oil and gas products. These are not merely guerrilla attacks by small players. There is a swathe of large institutional investors and asset managers who are asking for more stringent environmental, social and governance norms or are being targeted themselves for not demanding enough climate action. The day of reckoning for Indian companies dependent on fossil fuels is not far.

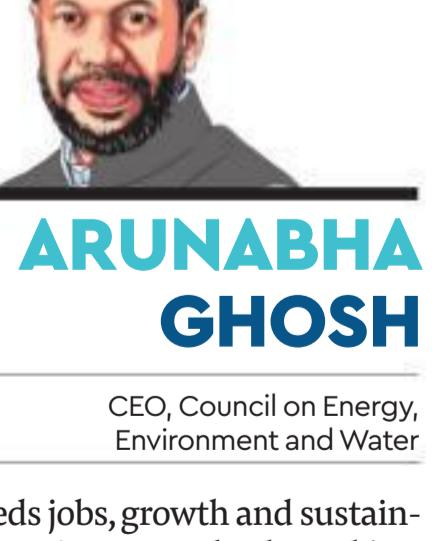
Thirdly, there are signs from the border. After months of consultations, on July 14, the European Commission is expected to propose carbon border tariffs. The aim is to put EU firms on a par with competitors from countries where the EU would deem, climate policies are weaker. The transition period would begin in 2023 with full application from 2026, targeting aluminium, cement, fertilisers, iron & steel, and power.

The draft policy proposes that importers would buy digital certificates, each representing one tonne of embedded CO2 emissions. The price of the certificates would be based on the average weekly price of auctioned permits in the EU carbon market. The costs could be lower if exporting countries have a CO2 price. The UK is mulling carbon border taxes as well and there are growing calls within the US for president Joe Biden to consider the same. But who will judge the policies of other countries?

India's response should be a mix of the tactical and the strategic. Tactically, India must strongly highlight the failure of the larger polluters to meet their targets (for emission reduction and for climate finance). It should also target the EU's carbon border tariffs proposal, building a coalition of other major economies opposed to the unilateral move—and preparing a legal challenge at the WTO. Equality means everyone follows the same rules. Equity means the playing field is intentionally tilted to account for historical responsibilities. If India waits to react on either front, it will be too late.

The strategic response is a domestic one. Scoring points in negotiations is not a substitute for giving serious thought to the long-term challenges to India's industrial competitiveness. The tactical moves would not change the direction in which the winds are blowing. India must ask itself a strategic question: Will we wait to decarbonise until the economy gets buffeted by climate shocks (many times worse than the pandemic) or by institutional investors insisting on greener credentials or by carbon tariffs in our major export markets? Or will we move proactively to be an industrial leader in the green economy?

The economic reforms launched in July 1991 were not conceived that month. Throughout the late 1980s there were calls for reform. Previous governments had prepared blueprints for reform. The political moment came when India confronted a foreign exchange crisis. In June 2021, as we recall the events of thirty years ago, should we not ask where we will be thirty years hence? Is it time to start drafting a "greenprint" to convert India's economy into a sustainability powerhouse?



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International climate negotiations. It is time to abandon the silo-ed approach and recognise that India's environmental resilience and business competitiveness are both going to be tested severely in the years to come. If it does not align its climate policies with its economic transformation plans, India will not only become more vulnerable to climate shocks but also miss out on new technologies, investment and market access in a rapidly shifting global economy. The signs are all there.

First, there are signs from governments. More than 100 countries have pledged net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in the next 30-40 years. G-7 members have said they would stop international financing of coal by next year for projects not fitted with carbon capture and storage technology. These are, of course,

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INTERVIEW: SHRITI MALHOTRA

CEO, The Body Shop, India

'Revenue from e-commerce has grown threefold'

Beauty brand The Body Shop has completed 15 years in India. While e-commerce has emerged as a significant retail channel, offline expansion will remain key for the company, says Shriti Malhotra. She talks to Venkata Susmita Biswas about the brand's retail channel experiments, the product categories that are driving sales, and the influx of D2C players in the beauty business.

Before the second wave hit, to what extent had business for The Body Shop recovered? Were sales mainly taking place on online marketplaces? Last year, during the lockdown, we thought we would come out of it in a couple of months, and we expected to see a V-shaped recovery. But that has not been the case. The sentiment of the consumer was buoyant during the festive period — we saw a 70-80% recovery in business. After that, demand plateaued and plummeted recently in the wake of the second wave. Categories like skincare and body care have been in demand throughout, whereas the demand

for make-up and fragrances has been impacted. Recovery is following a cyclical pattern and stands compromised now.

We have had a threefold growth in our e-commerce sales. Revenue from online marketplaces and our own website has grown from 15-18% pre-Covid to 40-50% in 2021.

Other than e-commerce, what digital interventions are you leveraging to reach out to consumers?

Providing convenience has been the most important cornerstone during the past one year. Customers want assistance, and our assisted sales approach has been a growth driver. We offer video consultations, WhatsApp shopping, same-day delivery and three-hour delivery through partnerships with local logistics providers. There is no fixed solution; it is a fluid multichannel approach to interact with consumers wherever they are comfortable. WhatsApp shopping started off as a test, and we plan to expand it. We are also adopting an



omnichannel view of the consumer.

What kind of products are seeing an increase in uptake?

We are addressing the requirements of consumers and providing products that they need. We are approaching it from a 'care over commerce' point of view. The essential products category has been a big anchor for us throughout the pandemic. We have also seen that specific performance products — those that provide a salon-like experience at home — have also done well.

People are looking to invest in products that improve hygiene and safety. For instance, our tea tree antibacterial range has seen a huge upsurge. Consumers also want products to help calm them and enhance their mental health. To address this, we will be launching a wellbeing range next year.

The personal care industry has seen an influx of online D2C brands lately. How do you retain your edge in this competitive market?

The Body Shop is a brand that stands for natural ingredients, and sources them from local communities. As a result, the emotional connection that consumers have with the brand is very strong. Our business philosophy has been our differentiator. The D2C brand phenomenon is global in nature. Most of these brands adopt a targeted approach, making 10-20 products. We have an umbrella approach and cater to all the needs of a consumer, from skincare to make-up.

Will you be adding more offline retail stores in 2021?

We have faith that the market will rebound. We plan to open 15 new stores this year. Since January, we have opened stores in Srinagar, Gangtok and Dimapur. We have about 200 stores across 65 cities in India. We are going beyond the metro cities and approaching micro-markets. Both malls and high streets will remain a key part of our expansion strategy. We plan to be present in more neighbourhood markets, as proximity to the consumer is important to us.

The Body Shop has been taking up several sustainability initiatives. How do you make consumers equal stakeholders in your projects?

The customer has transformed in the last few years. With more young customers coming into the fold, there is a lot of awareness about social good and environmental issues. However, there is a larger drive required to find ways to involve people beyond the store and 'talk the walk' by creating greater awareness. This is a huge task and that is why, for the next few years, working towards bringing activism around waste management, recycling and pollution will be a top priority.

BLOGGER'S PARK

Audio is the next wave

Changes in content consumption habits have put audio in the spotlight



Abraham Thomas

THE GERMAN ROCK band Scorpions' song, "The future is in the air...can feel it everywhere, blowing with the winds of change" is the perfect way to define the rise of audio across the world. From FM radio, vinyl cassettes and compact discs to iPods, digital radio and audio streaming platforms — the journey of audio has been long and highly rewarding.

Audio is in the spotlight as our preferences have drastically evolved over time. While video content ruled the roost, with countless platforms making their way to our television sets over the last few years, causing a sense of screen fatigue, its dominance has faded. The growth in multi-device, multi-platform consumption of video content has also grown the consumption of audio content. Audiences are now rooting for mediums and platforms that are less disruptive in nature. As someone said, audio is eyes-free content. It can be easily consumed while doing other tasks. Visual overstimulation has caused the audio industry to mushroom as a vital escape, age no bar.

Radio revamp

Terrestrial radio has been an effortless and engaging companion for generations now. It is friendly, comforting, entertaining and informative, all at once. The pandemic further enabled it to become a beacon of hope and positivity. One cannot deny its imperative transformation into digital, but what is more interesting is mapping the emergence of the ongoing audio revolution. Changes in content consumption patterns have seen platforms and networks lay impetus to foster the bond with their listeners through multiple touchpoints.

Today, leading radio networks around the country are taking the platform-agnostic route. It became the need of the hour for organisations to become digital-first entities. Many radio networks have embraced the acceleration in their growth as audio platforms like podcasts and smart speaker solutions are thriving. As per a recent PwC report, India is the world's third-largest podcast listening market with 57.6 million monthly listeners. Also, India saw a 29.3% increase in podcast consumption in the first year of the pandemic, according to a KPMG report. Radio has grown from a background mantlepiece medium to an engaging on-the-go mobile medium.



Newer tunes

In essence, podcast is another form of radio storytelling converted into audio episodes for portable and easy consumption for modern consumers. While many would like to pit one against the other, I personally believe radio and audio OTTs are complementing each other, giving rise to immense opportunities where audio content is distributed to a global audience. With marquee properties of radio turning into podcasts for wider reach, people across all ages and geographies are enjoying this melange at just a click.

Another new wave that we see emerging is that of social audio. Clubhouse has already piqued everyone's attention, and we will further see its contemporary avatars being adopted across different social media tools. As we go further, this audio revolution promises to be no longer dependent on a carri medium or a dedicated device.

Today, it is crucial to be updated with every cultural phenomenon. In our fast-paced lives, with never-ending deadlines and just 24 hours in a day, how does one cope? This is where audio comes in. With a plethora of genres and formats, it is highly convenient — one can learn a new language, finish a book, get updated on the news and be entertained.

Propelled by the right technology and digital tools, we are at the crux of audio entertainment being further redefined. From innovative listening experiences, ubiquitous access and imaginative engaging content, the industry is flourishing like never before.

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Personal Finance

CREDIT CARDS

Tips to make the best use of credit cards

Financial discipline while using credit cards helps build credit history and good credit score that hold in good stead when you apply for bigger loans

ADHIL SHETTY

CREDIT CARDS NOT just allow us to make desired expenses even if there are temporary liquidity issues but also ensure we maximise the value of those expenses with benefits like cashback, reward points, special discounts, etc., at no extra cost if we clear our total outstanding in full on time during every billing cycle.

Financial discipline while using credit cards also help their users in building their credit histories and improving their credit scores over a period of time — things that hold them in good stead when they apply for bigger loans like home loans, personal loans and car loans in the future. While many of you have been using this payment tool for a while now, there are still a few important credit card facts that you might not be aware of.

Let's discuss some of them to help you make informed decisions.

Credit card against FD

It's a fact that a bank doesn't offer credit cards to all its customers — they do so to only those customers who meet their eligibility requirements pertaining to minimum income, credit score, type of occupation, etc. However, if you don't meet all the eligibility criteria, you can approach your bank requesting them to extend a secured



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credit card against your fixed deposits. Banks normally allow credit cards with limits up to 90% of the FD value subject to terms and conditions. However, if you default on your credit card dues, the bank has the right to recover them after liquidating the collateralised FD.

Credit card-linked pre-approved loan

Banks often extend pre-approved loan offers to their selected credit card customers. These unsecured loans could involve interest rates of 12%-30% p.a., their EMIs get added to the total monthly card dues and are usually linked to the card's credit limit. However, owing to their pre-approved nature, such loans can be disbursed quickly making them great borrowing tools during any kind of financial emergency.

That said, read the loan fine print carefully, assess its affordability and ensure your balance credit limit (after such a loan is sanctioned out of it) would be enough to accommodate your other card spending requirements before signing up for a credit card-linked pre-approved loan. If you feel the applicable rates are high, you can consider going for other loan products like personal loans and secured loans to meet your borrowing requirement.

Zero annual fee cards are not the best options

While choosing a new credit card, most of us tend to gravitate towards zero annual fee variants for obvious reasons. However, the fact remains that often these zero annual fee cards are the most basic variants with only a few benefits while cards that do charge annual fees

come with premium perks and privileges like complementary travel insurance, enhanced rewards programmes, special discounts at reputed hotel and restaurant chains and select e-commerce websites, etc. If you're looking for a premium credit card, you might want to go for a variant that charges an annual fee if you're comfortable paying it, especially if you get extra rewards in return.

When used smartly, the value proposition of the rewards of such cards could easily exceed the membership charges. Also, there is no dearth of cards whose annual fee could be waived on meeting pre-defined spending targets. If you use such a card whose benefits are aligned with your spending patterns and the annual fee-waving threshold is within your budget, you could enjoy all the premium benefits free of cost.

Big-ticket expense into EMIs

Most of you may be aware that big-ticket purchases like gadgets, appliances and furniture from select outlets made through credit cards can be converted to EMIs at the time of purchase.

However, many cards also come with the facility of converting eligible expenses (post-purchase) into EMIs to make them more affordable. This is a helpful feature, but users should get complete clarity about applicable charges, if any, before availing the EMI options. Ensure you clear your dues in full on time to avoid additional penalties.

Also, your combined monthly card expenses, including such EMIs, should ideally stay under 30% of your card's total credit limit to minimise adverse impact on your credit score.

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Steps to build a stable retirement income

Create a retirement income by constructing a portfolio of stock and bond index funds such that you get a return of 7-10%

YOUR MONEY

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ONE OF THE main reasons behind investing is to ensure a secure, financially stress-free retired life. While doing so, it is extremely important to find the right balance between investment risk and return.

Build a total return portfolio

In a total return portfolio, you invest money in different schemes to target a 10 to 20-year average annual return. You can split your investments among stocks,

bonds, and cash. One common way to create a retirement income is to construct a portfolio of stock and bond index funds. You should build the portfolio such that you get a return of around 7-10%.

Invest in bonds

There are two types of bonds — high-yield bonds and low-yield bonds. While high-yield bonds offer higher returns at a higher risk, low-yield bonds offer relatively lower returns but at a lower risk. Depending upon your risk appetite, you can invest in different types of bonds. As a rule of thumb though, it's best to diversify your portfolio between high-yield and low-yield bonds as per your risk-bearing ability.

For retirement, individual bonds can be used to form a bond ladder. This strategy uses the maturity dates of bonds to match your financial needs at any given time. This investment structure is often referred to as asset-liability matching or time-segmentation. The idea behind forming a



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bond ladder is to hold the bonds until they mature. Buy bonds either for generating an income source or for getting the guaranteed principal at maturity.

Purchase rental real estate

If you buy a real estate property and put it on rent, you can generate a stable income source that'll support you once you've retired. This is all about creating a stable income stream, not about making a quick buck. Also, before you buy a property, you should consider all the potential costs such as maintenance that you may have to bear.

Mutual funds

Buying individual stocks that pay dividends is a great way to generate steady income. However, to do this by yourself, you need to have a thorough knowledge of the stock market.

If you are an amateur, then it is better to invest in a mutual fund scheme. Make sure to study the track record of the fund before investing and also ensure that your personal goals align with those of the fund.

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COURT CAN'T APPOINT PM

K P Sharma Oli, Nepal Prime Minister

The Court's duty is to interpret the Constitution and the existing laws, it cannot play the role of the legislative or the executive bodies. Appointment of a Prime Minister is absolutely a political and an executive process.

SECURITY RISKS

Chinese surveillance cameras targeted by US regulators

Huawei, which markets phones in the US, said the FCC steps were 'misguided and unnecessarily punitive'



The Federal Communications Commission is set to vote on an order that would forbid US sales of specified telecommunications and surveillance equipment from the companies

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US REGULATORS are poised to ban products from Huawei Technologies and four other Chinese electronics companies, including surveillance cameras widely used by American schools but linked to oppression in western China, stepping up pressure on tech suppliers alleged to be security risks.

Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology and Dahua Technology, whose cameras can be found in US schools and local government facilities, are targeted in a proposed order the Federal Communications Commission is set to vote on Thursday. Also named in the order are telecom giant ZTE and two-way radio maker Hytera Communications.

The order would forbid US sales of specified telecommunications and surveillance equipment from the companies. The action begins a period of review before a final vote on the matter.

In the proposal, the FCC said it also may revoke its previous authorisation for equipment from the companies, a step that could force schools and other US customers to replace the camera systems.

The FCC action represents another step after "years of Huawei warnings," said Derek Scissors, a resident scholar at the

American Enterprise Institute whose focus includes US economic relations with Asia. "Any recent purchasers of Chinese telecom equipment who have been expecting years of use and now must exchange equipment should have known better."

In its draft order, the FCC didn't say how quickly affected gear would need to be removed, and it asked for comments on the "appropriate and reasonable transition period."

"This could include a transition period for non-conforming equipment," according to the order.

The FCC, Congress and the White House have pushed to ensure Huawei and ZTE gear isn't used in US networks, citing risks of cyber-espionage that the companies deny. In 2018 Congress voted to stop federal agencies from buying gear from the five companies now subject to FCC pressure. Last year the agency put the companies on a list of providers whose products are deemed a national security threat.

"The FCC must do all it can within its legal authority to address national security threats," Acting Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, a Democrat, said in statement last month announcing Thursday's vote. The vote begins a period of review and possible revision before a final vote is taken. There is no date set for that.

US jobless claims rise for 1st time in more than a month

REUTERS
Washington, June 17

THE NUMBER OF Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits increased last week for the first time in more than a month, but layoffs are easing amid a reopening economy and a shortage of people willing to work.

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits totalled a seasonally adjusted 412,000 for the week ended June 12, compared to 375,000 in the prior week, the Labour Department said on Thursday. That was the first increase since late April.

Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 359,000 applications for the latest week.

The economy is ironically facing a labour crunch, despite employment being still 7.6 million jobs below its peak in February 2020. A shortage of childcare facilities is keeping some parents, mostly women, at home.

Generous government-funded unemployment benefits, including a \$300 weekly check, have also been blamed, as well as a reluctance to return to work out of fear of contracting Covid-19 even though vaccines are widely accessible.

Pandemic-related retirements and transitions into new careers are also factors.



Xi Jinping picks top lieutenant to lead China's chip battle against US

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CHINESE PRESIDENT XI Jinping is renewing his years-long push to achieve technology self-sufficiency by tapping a top deputy to shepherd a key initiative aimed at helping domestic chipmakers overcome US sanctions.

Liu He, Xi's economic czar whose sprawling portfolio spans trade to finance and technology, has been tapped to spearhead the development of so-called third-generation chip development and capabilities and is leading the formulation of a series of financial and policy supports for the technology, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

It's a nascent field that relies on newer materials and gear beyond traditional silicon and is currently an arena where no company or nation yet dominates, offering Beijing one of its best chances to sidestep the hurdles slapped on its chipmaking industry by the US and its allies. The sanctions, which emerged during Donald Trump's presidency, have already smothered Huawei Technologies's smartphone business and will impede longer-term efforts by chipmakers from Huawei's HiSilicon to Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corp. to migrate toward



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more advanced wafer fabrication technologies, threatening China's technological ambitions. "China is the world's largest user of chips, so supply chain security is of high priority," said Gu Wenjun, chief analyst at research firm ICwise. "It's not possible for any country to control the entire supply chain, but a country's effort is definitely stronger than a single company."

The involvement of one of Xi's most-trusted lieutenants in China's chip efforts highlights the importance accorded by Beijing to the initiative, which is gaining urgency as rivals from the US to Japan and

South Korea scramble to shore up their own industries. The Chinese president has long called upon his Harvard-educated adviser to tackle matters of top national priority, making him the chief representative in trade negotiations with the US as well as chairman of the Financial Stability and Development Committee, where Liu leads the charge to curb risks in the nation's \$5-trillion-plus financial sector.

In May, Liu spearheaded a meeting of the technology task force that discussed ways to grow next-generation semiconductor technologies, according to a government statement. The 69-year-old vice premier, who has led the country's technology reform task force since 2018, is also overseeing projects that could lead to breakthroughs in traditional chipmaking, including the development of China's own chip design software and extreme ultraviolet lithography machines, one of the people said, asking not to be identified as they weren't authorised to speak to media.

The State Council and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology didn't respond to faxed requests for comment. During trade negotiations with the Trump administration, Liu emerged as one of the most visible advocates of Beijing's agenda. He's known Xi since childhood.

Coronavirus is spreading rapidly in England: Study

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THE PREVALENCE of Covid-19 in England is increasing exponentially, driven by younger age groups that haven't been vaccinated, according to the latest round of results from the React-1 study.

The research, led by Imperial College London, shows the national prevalence of the virus has increased by 50% in its latest round of analysis recorded between May 20 and June 7, compared with its last round from April 15 to May 3.

A doubling time of around every 11 days was now estimated, with the R number at 1.44, the report said. It also found a re-convergence between prevalence and the pattern of hospitalisations and deaths since late April for those under 65.

This is consistent with the Delta variant now dominating across the country, researchers said in a media briefing. They

Virus data released by the UK government shows that people testing positive rose 31.8% in the last seven days. Around 79.8% of the population has received a first dose of the vaccine, while 57.8% has now had a second jab.

added that the government's plan to mass vaccinate younger age groups should slow growth. NHS England said yesterday that adults between 21 and 22 years old are now being offered the vaccine, and all who are 18 and older will be eligible by the end of this week.

Virus data released by the UK government Wednesday shows that people testing positive rose 31.8% in the last seven days. However, deaths are still low and around 79.8% of the population has received a first dose of the vaccine.

Japan announces easing of virus emergency ahead of Olympics

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focus on early closures of bars and restaurants.

If another surge occurs and strains hospitals, "we will quickly take action, including strengthening the measures," Suga said, addressing concerns by medical experts. "We should be most cautious about causing another major upsurge."

Limits for the number of fans at sporting events will remain in place, and "the upper limits for the Tokyo Olympics will be decided in line with these rules," Suga said, suggesting that some fans will be allowed in Olympic venues. Holding the Olympics before elections expected in the fall is also a political gamble for Suga, whose support ratings have tumbled over dissatisfaction with his handling of the pandemic and a slow vaccination drive. Experts at a virus panel meeting on Thursday gave their approval for government plans to downgrade the emergency in Tokyo, Aichi, Hokkaido, Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo and Fukuoka.

Quick View

Google's cloud taps AMD for new service as chip wars heat up

ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES and Alphabet's Google Cloud on Thursday said Google will offer cloud computing services based on AMD's newest data center chip, a move likely to intensify AMD's push to grab market share from rival Intel. Cloud computing providers such as Google, Amazon.com and Microsoft are some of the biggest buyers of data center chips. They build services on top of the chips to rent the computing power out to millions of customers. Google said on Thursday it will start offering services based on AMD's "Milan" server chip, which AMD released in March.

Bank, airline websites hit by internet outage

A plethora of websites operated by financial institutions, governments and airlines including Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing and Australia's central bank went down briefly Thursday in what appeared to be a widespread internet outage. Website tracker Downdetector.com initially flagged hundreds of user complaints about outages affecting Southwest, Delta Air Lines and Automatic Data Processing. Other websites included those operated by Vanguard, E-Trade, Navy Federal Credit Union.

Foreigners flood Canada's stock market

FOREIGN INVESTORS ARE piling back into Canada's \$3.2 trillion stock market after a pandemic-driven exodus. The nation's equities are on pace to record the highest foreign inflows since 2017, adding \$22.7 billion as of the end of April, according to Bloomberg calculations. Overseas investors were net sellers in the past two years, partly because of a lack of large-cap technology stocks, the early winners of the pandemic.

Office workers don't want to return and Microsoft has software for that

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EMPLOYEES ARE RESISTING calls to return to the office, but Microsoft wants companies to know it has an answer for smoothing things out while some workers remain remote.

The software maker on Thursday showed off design changes to its Teams teleconference and collaboration software meant to ensure remote workers are just as involved in meetings as those seated in company conference rooms. Microsoft later this year will release "front row" in Teams, which moves the video gallery to the bottom of the screen so people calling in remotely are displayed face-to-face with those in the conference room. It also makes chat comments more clearly visible to in-person participants so they can see and respond. Slack Technologies and

Zoom Video Communications have also been offering new features to their video-conference services and Zoom is pitching new hardware to make this hybrid scenario work better.

For software companies like Microsoft, Zoom and Slack, which saw jumps in product usage by remote workers during the pandemic, the return to office provides new requirements, as well as opportunities to cast themselves as the solution to balancing workplace teams that are partly in corporate offices and partly remote.

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Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell

Fed is about to shift gears, but this time it may be different

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FEDERAL RESERVE OFFICIALS, increasingly confident the U.S. economy is recovering fast from the pandemic-induced recession, have begun telegraphing an exit from the central bank's extraordinarily easy monetary policy that so far is smoother and signaled to be speedier than when the reins were tightened after the last crisis.

Though policymakers have yet to agree on a plan, most expect that by the end of 2023 they will have raised the Fed's benchmark short-term interest rate at least twice from the current near-zero level, forecasts published by the central bank on Wednesday show. Eight of the 18 policymakers see at least three rate hikes by then.

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3 Chinese astronauts enter space station after docking operation

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Beijing/Jiuquan, June 17

THREE CHINESE ASTRONAUTS on Thursday entered the country's new space station after their spaceship successfully docked with it, just over seven hours after the launch from the Gobi Desert, in a major milestone for the Communist giant's space exploration plans and its bid to become a leading space power.

According to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA), Shenzhou-12 manned spaceship successfully docked with the space station core module Tianhe on Thursday afternoon and entered the orbital capsule from the return capsule of the spaceship.

After a series of preparations, the astronauts opened the hatches of the node and the Tianhe module and entered the Tianhe module one by one, signifying that for the first time the Chinese have entered their own space station, the CMSA said.

The spaceship, launched on Thursday morning, completed orbital status setting after entering the orbit and conducted a

fast autonomous rendezvous and docking with the front docking port of Tianhe, forming a three-module complex with the cargo craft Tianzhou-2, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

The whole process took approximately 6.5 hours. This is Tianhe's first rendezvous and docking with a Shenzhou spaceship since it was sent into orbit on April 29, the report said. Earlier, the spaceship, atop a Long March

Markets

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021



TACKLING OUTAGES

Ramesh Lakshminarayanan, CIO, HDFC Bank

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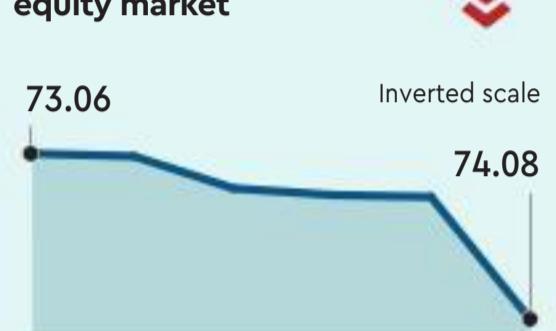
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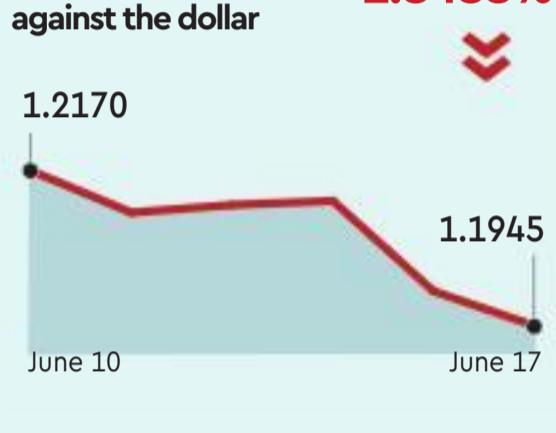
The benchmark was down after RBI announcements **0.002%**



The rupee weakened amid selling in the equity market **1.3961%**



The Euro weakened against the dollar **1.8488%**



RBI MAY INTERVENE

Rupee plunges 76p to end at 74.08; most bond yields rise

Biggest single-day fall for rupee in more than two months, lowest closing since May 3

AGENCIES
Mumbai, June 17

THE RUPEE SAW its biggest single-day fall in more than two months on Thursday while bond yields rose as the US Federal Reserve stunned investors by signalling it might raise interest rates as early as 2023, faster than assumed.

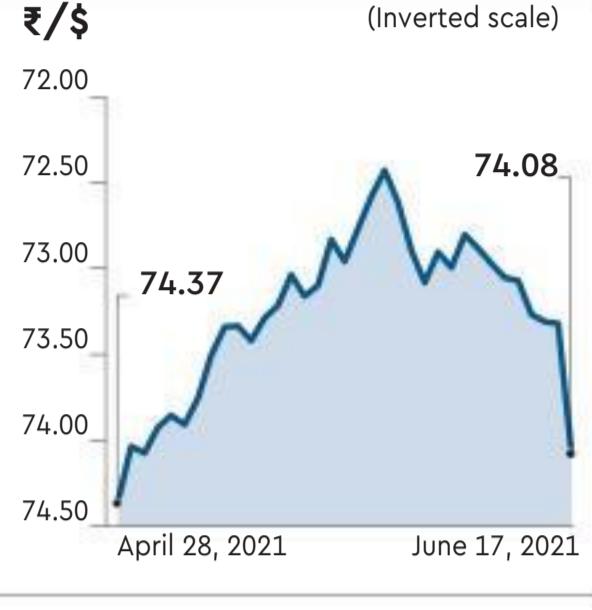
The rupee ended at 74.0775 per dollar, down 1% compared with its previous close of 73.3225, after touching 74.08, its lowest since May 3.

The benchmark 10-year bond yield closed down 3 basis points at 6.02%, but most other bond yields rose 3-4 basis points tracking the US benchmark bond yield which jumped 7.5 basis points.

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Long bets on most of Asia's emerging



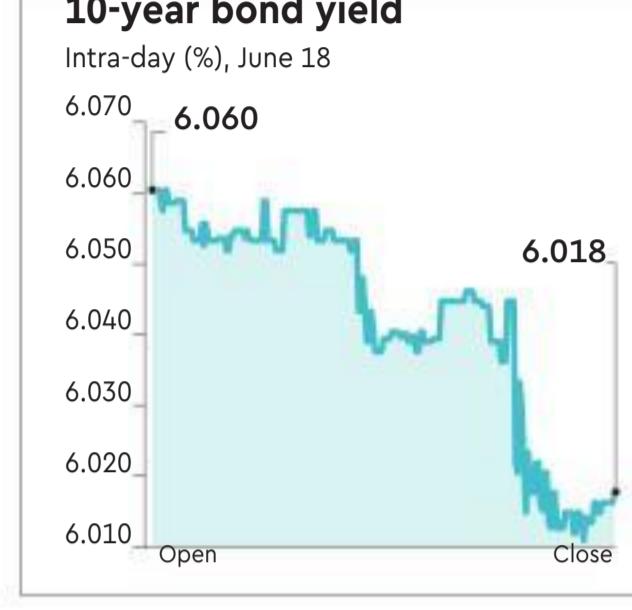
currencies were trimmed, a *Reuters* poll showed on Thursday, as investors weigh the prospect of tighter monetary settings as the US recovery outperforms.

Traders, however, believe that central bank intervention will likely stabilise the rupee in the short-term but it would also depend on how things pan out globally. "Given the strength in the dollar, it is likely that the USD/INR could now move into a new trading range," HDFC Bank economists wrote in a note.

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they want the 10-year yield to stay below 6%," a senior trader at a foreign bank said.

"The rupee witnessed a sharp depreciation of more than 1% on Thursday owing to the strength witnessed in the dollar index and hawkish tone of the US Fed, which has dentred the risk-on sentiments in the markets," said Sugandha Sachdeva, vice president - commodity and currency research, Religare Broking.

In the near term, the path for the domestic currency looks skewed on the downside and we expect it to test levels of around 74.90 in coming days, Sachdeva added.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.12% to \$74.48 per barrel.

Foreign institutional investors were net sellers in the capital market on Wednesday as they offloaded shares worth ₹870.29 crore, according to exchange data.

Long bets on most of Asia's emerging

HDFC Bank to refund GPS device commission to auto loan customers

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, June 17

THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST private sector lender, HDFC Bank, will refund the GPS device commission to customers who had availed of such device as part of auto loans between FY14 and FY20. In a public notice that appeared on the newspaper on Thursday, the lender said the refund will be credited to the customer's bank account as registered with lender.

FE has learnt that HDFC Bank is refunding the amount to customers according to directions received from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The total refund amount as GPS commission could be to the tune of ₹40 crore, sources said.

"The notice is hereby given that HDFC Bank Limited (Bank) will be refunding the GPS device commission to auto loan customers who availed of such device as a part of the auto loan funding during the period FY2013-14 to FY2019-20," the lender said in the public notice.

"The refund will be credited to the customer's repayment bank account as registered with the bank. In case of any queries or in case such bank account is closed, such cus-

TIMELINE

MARCH 2020

■ Whistle-blower complaints on bundling of GPS with auto loans

MAY 2021

■ RBI imposes ₹10-crore penalty on HDFC Bank

JUNE 2021

■ HDFC Bank to refund GPS device commission to customers
■ Amount will be credited to customer's bank account
■ Bank may have to refund around ₹40 crore to customers

tomers are requested to contact the bank from their registered email ID or call on the below given toll free number with the details of the auto loan account number within the next 30 days," the notice further read.

Last Month, the RBI had slapped a penalty of ₹10 crore on HDFC Bank due to

deficiencies in regulatory compliance in the GPS device commission case. The regulator, however, said the penalty was based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and was not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers. The regulator has imposed the penalty after considering the bank's reply to the show-cause notice.

The irregularities in the auto loan portfolio pertains to the charges that some executives of the bank had forced borrowers to buy GPS devices bundled with auto loans. The misconduct by bank officials was acknowledged by former MD and CEO Aditya Puri in the bank's AGM when he had said an internal probe was conducted against a few erring employees and appropriate action was taken.

"We had received some whistle-blowing complaints, internal enquiries carried out in the matter on the complaints received has not brought out any conflict-of-interest issue, nor does it have any bearing on our loan portfolio," Puri said at the company's annual general meeting on July 18, 2020.

Email queries sent to HDFC Bank did not elicit any response till the time of filing this copy.

Returned ₹17,777 cr to investors of six shuttered schemes, says Franklin MF

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 17

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON MUTUAL Fund (MF) on Thursday said it has returned ₹17,777 crore to unitholders of six shuttered debt schemes till June 15.

This amounts to 71% of assets under management (AUM) as on April 23, 2020, when the fund house shut its six debt mutual fund schemes citing redemption pressures and lack of liquidity in the bond market. Further, cash to the tune of ₹580 crore was available for distribution as on June 15, Franklin Templeton MF said.

The schemes — Franklin India Low Duration Fund, Franklin India Dynamic Accrual Fund, Franklin India Credit Risk Fund, Franklin India Short Term Income Plan, Franklin India Ultra Short Bond Fund, and Franklin India Income Opportunities Fund — together had an estimated ₹25,000 crore as assets under management (AUM).

"The schemes have returned ₹17,777.59 crore to unitholders amounting to 71% of AUM as on April 23, 2020," the fund house said.

Under the first disbursement in February, investors received ₹9,122 crore, while ₹2,962 crore were paid to investors during the week of April 12, ₹2,489 crore in the week of May 3, and in the latest disbursement during the week of June 5, investors were paid ₹3,205 crore. In March, the Supreme Court accepted the standard operating procedure finalised by SBI Mutual Fund to monetise assets and distribute the proceeds to unitholders of the six debt schemes of Franklin Templeton MF. SBI MF has been appointed as the liquidator for the schemes under winding up by the SC.

Falling for the eighth consecutive session, the Indian rupee tumbled 76 paise to close at 74.08 against the US dollar.

Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services, said a fast normalisation of the US economy and strong job market can lead to the Fed tapering its bond buying.

"This can lead to tightening of bonds yields which will impact the pricing of equity asset," he added.

Sectorally, BSE power, metal, realty, industrials and utilities indices ended up to 2.38 per cent lower, while IT, teck and FMCG indices closed with gains.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices fell up to 1.29%.

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai and Hong Kong ended on a positive note, while



Edelweiss House, Off C.S.T Road, Kalina, Mumbai - 400 098

NOTICE**RECORD DATE FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER INCOME DISTRIBUTION CUM CAPITAL WITHDRAWAL OPTION (IDCW OPTION)**

NOTICE is hereby given that Edelweiss Trusteeship Company Limited, Trustee to Edelweiss Mutual Fund, has approved declaration of IDCW Options under the following Schemes of Edelweiss Mutual Fund, as per the details given below:

Name of the Scheme/Plan/Option	Amount of IDCW	Record Date	NAV per unit as on June 16, 2021	Face Value per unit
Edelweiss Equity Savings Fund - Regular Plan - Monthly IDCW Option	₹ 0.09 per unit*	Wednesday, June 23, 2021**	₹ 13.4101	₹ 10.00
Edelweiss Equity Savings Fund - Direct Plan - Monthly IDCW Option	₹ 0.09 per unit*		₹ 14.1174	
Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund - Regular Plan - Monthly IDCW Option	₹ 0.15 per unit*		₹ 20.66	
Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund - Direct Plan - Monthly IDCW Option	₹ 0.15 per unit*		₹ 22.92	
Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund - Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	₹ 0.20 per unit*		₹ 16.51	
Edelweiss Balanced Advantage Fund - Direct Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	₹ 0.20 per unit*		₹ 20.33	
Edelweiss Aggressive Hybrid Fund - Regular Plan - IDCW Option	₹ 0.17 per unit*		₹ 21.21	
Edelweiss Aggressive Hybrid Fund - Direct Plan - IDCW Option	₹ 0.17 per unit*		₹ 23.11	
Edelweiss Long Term Equity Fund (Tax Savings) - Regular Plan - IDCW Option	₹ 0.30 per unit*		₹ 19.44	
Edelweiss Long Term Equity Fund (Tax Savings) - Direct Plan - IDCW Option	₹ 0.30 per unit*		₹ 26.06	
Edelweiss Flexi Cap Fund - Regular Plan - IDCW Option	₹ 0.75 per unit*		₹ 18.175	
Edelweiss Flexi Cap Fund - Direct Plan - IDCW Option	₹ 0.75 per unit*		₹ 19.544	

Pursuant to payment of IDCW, the NAV of the aforementioned IDCW Options of the Schemes will fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy, if any.

*Distribution of the above IDCW is subject to availability of distributable surplus as on the Record Date and as reduced by the amount of applicable statutory levy, if any. Considering the volatile nature of the markets, the Trustee reserves the right to restrict the quantum of IDCW upto the per unit distributable surplus available under the Schemes on the Record Date in case of fall in the market.

**or the immediately following Business Day if that day is a Non-Business Day.

All Unit holders whose name appears in the Register of Unit holders of the aforementioned IDCW Options of the Schemes as at the close of business hours on the Record Date shall be eligible to receive the IDCW so declared.

Investors are requested to take note of the above.

For Edelweiss Asset Management Limited
(Investment Manager to Edelweiss Mutual Fund)

Sd/-
Radhika Gupta
Managing Director & CEO
(DIN: 02657595)

Place : Mumbai
Date : June 17, 2021

For more information please contact:

Edelweiss Asset Management Limited (Investment Manager to Edelweiss Mutual Fund)

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**MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO MARKET RISKS,
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MUTUAL FUNDS



Haq, ek behtar zindagi ka.

Notice For Declaration Of Income Distribution Cum Capital Withdrawal**UTI Multi Asset Fund**

Name of the Plan	Quantum of IDCW/ (Gross Distributable Amt.)*		Record Date	Face Value (per unit)	NAV as on 16-06-21 (per unit)
	%	₹ per unit			
UTI Multi Asset Fund - Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal option (IDCW) – Regular Plan	0.85	0.0850	Wednesday June 23, 2021	₹10.00	19.5092
UTI Multi Asset Fund - Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal option (IDCW) – Direct Plan					21.3063

Name of the Scheme / Plan	Quantum of IDCW (Gross Distributable Amt.)*		Face value ₹	NAV as on 16-06-2021 (per unit)	
	%	₹ per unit		Plan / Option	₹
UTI - Bond Fund	0.75	0.0750	10	Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	13.4995
UTI - Short Term Income Fund	0.75	0.0750	10	Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	12.6723
UTI - Treasury Advantage Fund	0.50	5.0000	1000	Discontinued - Quarterly IDCW Plan	1706.9231
UTI - Treasury Advantage Fund	0.50	5.0000		Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	1141.3700
UTI - Gilt Fund	0.75	0.0750	10	Direct Plan - IDCW Option	25.0750
UTI - Gilt Fund	0.75	0.0750	1000	Discontinued-PF Plan - IDCW Option	20.5871
UTI - Ultra Short Term Fund	0.25	2.5000		Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	1097.2161
UTI - Dynamic Bond Fund,	0.50	0.0500	10	Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	12.0364
UTI - Banking & PSU Debt Fund	0.50	0.0500	10	Direct Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	12.4450
UTI - Banking & PSU Debt Fund	0.50	0.0500		Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	11.4186
UTI - Medium Term Fund	0.75	0.0750	10	Direct Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	11.4600
UTI - Corporate Bond Fund	0.75	0.0750	10	Direct Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	11.6482
UTI - Corporate Bond Fund	0.75	0.0750		Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	11.4847
UTI - Floater Fund	0.50	5.0000	1000	Direct Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	1170.6743
UTI - Floater Fund	0.50	5.0000		Regular Plan - Quarterly IDCW Option	1096.8314

Record date for all the above mentioned schemes/plans will be **Wednesday, June 23, 2021**

*Distribution of above dividend is subject to the availability of distributable surplus as on record date. Income distribution cum capital withdrawal payment to the investor will be lower to the extent of statutory levy (if applicable).

Pursuant to payment of dividend, the NAV of the income distribution cum capital withdrawal options of the schemes would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy (if applicable).

Such of the unitholders under the income distribution cum capital withdrawal options whose names appear in the register of unitholders as at the close of business hours on the record date fixed for each income distribution cum capital withdrawal shall be entitled to receive the income distribution cum capital withdrawal so distributed. The reinvestment, if any, shall be treated as constructive payment of dividend to the unitholders as also constructive receipt of payment of the amount by the unitholders. No load will be charged on units allotted on reinvestment of dividend.

Mumbai
June 17, 2021

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**Extract of Statement of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year Ended
Ended 31st March, 2021**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.03.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2021	Year Ended 31.03.2020	₹ in Lakhs
		(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	
1	Total Income from Operations	22,212.07	63,316.48	74,406.21	
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	659.07	1,185.07	3,334.40	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	659.07	1,185.07	3,334.40	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary Items)	162.87	532.18	2,461.65	
5	Other Comprehensive Income	6.40	6.40	(17.29)	
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax))	169.27	538.58	2,444.36	
7	Equity Share Capital	1,211.05	1,211.05	1,211.05	
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of the previous year)				
9	Earnings per share of Rs.10/- each (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
(a)	Basic	1.34	4.39	20.33	
(b)	Diluted	1.34	4.39	20.33	

NOTES:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended on 31st March 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites www.bseindia.com, www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website www.kingfaindia.com
2. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on June 17, 2021. The Statutory auditors of the Company have carried out an audit of the results for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2021.
3. The above statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended read with relevant rules thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended and SEBI Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/44/2019 dated March 29, 2019.
4. Tax expenses include current tax and deferred tax.
5. The business of the Company falls under a single reportable primary segment i.e. "



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INDIA PESTICIDES LIMITED

Our Company was originally incorporated as 'India Pesticides Private Limited', a private limited company at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh under the Companies Act, 1956 on December 13, 1984 and was granted a certificate of incorporation by the Registrar of Companies, Uttar Pradesh at Kanpur. Subsequently, pursuant to a deed of dissolution dated June 30, 1987, our Company acquired the entire rights and liabilities of 'India Pesticides' a partnership firm formed under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, where our Company was one of the partners at the time of dissolution of the firm. With effect from March 31, 1993, our Company became a deemed public company under Section 43A(1A) of the Companies Act, 1956, the word 'Private' was removed from the name of our Company and the certificate of incorporation of our Company was endorsed by the Registrar of Companies, Uttar Pradesh at Kanpur to that effect. Subsequently, pursuant to a special resolution passed by the Shareholders of our Company in its annual general meeting on September 30, 2002, our Company was converted into a public limited company. A fresh certificate of incorporation dated April 24, 2003 consequent upon conversion into a public limited company under the Companies Act, 1956 was issued to our Company by the Registrar of Companies, Uttar Pradesh and Uttranchal at Kanpur. For further details in relation to change in name of our Company, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 160 of the Red Herring Prospectus dated June 16, 2021 ("RHP").

Registered Office: 35-A, Civil Lines, Bareilly 243 001, Uttar Pradesh, India; **Tel:** +91 0581 2567459; **Corporate Office:** Swarup Cold Storage Compound, Water Works Road, Aishbagh, Lucknow 226 004, Uttar Pradesh, India; **Tel:** +91 0522 2653602; **Website:** www.indiapesticideslimited.com; **Contact Person:** Ajay Panay, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer, E-mail: investor@indiapesticideslimited.com; **Corporate Identity Number:** U24112UP1984PLC006894

OUR PROMOTERS: ANAND SWARUP AGARWAL AND THE ASA FAMILY TRUST

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 1 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF INDIA PESTICIDES LIMITED ("COMPANY" OR "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹[●] PER EQUITY SHARE) AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹8,000 MILLION (THE "OFFER") COMPRISING A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹1,000 MILLION (THE "FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES, INCLUDING UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹2,814 MILLION BY ANAND SWARUP AGARWAL (THE "PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER") AND UP TO [●] EQUITY SHARES AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹4,186 MILLION, BY THE OTHER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS (AS DEFINED IN THE RHP), AND COLLECTIVELY WITH THE PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER, REFERRED TO AS THE "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS", AND SUCH EQUITY SHARES, THE "OFFERED SHARES") AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹7,000 MILLION (THE "OFFER FOR SALE"). THE OFFER SHALL CONSTITUTE [●]% OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY.

Qualified Institutional Buyers Portion: Not more than 50% of the Offer | Retail Individual Investors Portion: Not less than 35% of the Offer
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Price Band: ₹ 290 to ₹ 296 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 1 each.

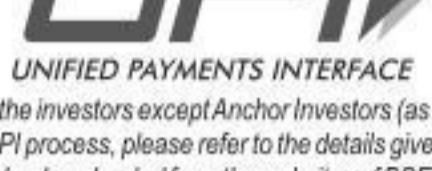
The Floor Price is 290 times the face value of the Equity Shares and the Cap Price is 296 times the face value of the Equity Shares.

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Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN.

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*ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except Anchor Investors (as defined in the RHP). UPI may be availed by RIBs.

For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA Form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 335 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("AIBI") and Stock Exchanges in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges" and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in.

**List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. For the list of UPI Apps and Banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. ICICI Bank Limited has been appointed as Sponsor Bank for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018. For Offer related grievances and UPI related queries/ grievances investors may contact: Axis Capital Limited – Ms. Mayuri Arya (+91 22 4325 2183) (complaints@axiscap.in; ipo@axiscap.in) and JM Financial Limited – Ms. Prachee Dhuri (+91 22 6630 3030) (grievance.ibd@jmfl.com; indiapesticides.ipo@jmfl.com). For UPI related queries, Investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and Mail Id: ipo.upt@npci.org.in, the Sponsor Bank, ICICI Bank Limited at +91 22 66818911/23/24 (krm.saurabh@icicibank.com) and the Registrar to the Offer, KFin Technologies Private Limited at +91 40 6716 2222 (iplo.upt@kfintech.com). UPI Mechanism will also be governed by the SEBI circular dated March 31, 2021.

Risks to Investors:

- Average Cost of acquisition of Equity Shares held by the Selling Shareholders, Anand Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.03, Mahendra Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.01, Virendra Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Asha Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Nupur Goyal is ₹ 0.00 (negligible), Sugandha Swarup Arora is ₹ 0.01, Sneh Lata Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Sudha Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Shalini Pawan Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Saurabh Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Pramod Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, Vishal Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.06, Aparna Gupta is ₹ 0.00 (negligible), Vishwas Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.03, Sanju Agarwal is ₹ 0.94, Kajaree Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.29, Anurag Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.02, and Komal Swarup Agarwal is ₹ 0.29 per Equity Share, respectively, and the Offer Price at the upper end of the Price Band is at ₹ 296 per Equity Share.
- The two Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 25 public issues in the past 3 years out of which 11 closed below the Offer price on listing date.

BASIS FOR THE OFFER PRICE

The Offer Price will be determined by our Company and the Promoter Selling Shareholder in consultation with the BRLMs, on the basis of assessment of market demand for the Equity Shares offered through the Book Building Process and on the basis of quantitative and qualitative factors as described below. The face value of the Equity Shares is ₹1 each and the Offer Price is 290 times the Floor Price and 296 times the Cap Price of the Price Band. Investors should also see "Risk Factors", "Summary of Financial Information", "Our Business", "Financial Statements", "Management's Discussion and Results of Operations" on pages 28, 74, 137, 185 and 279 of the RHP, respectively, to have an informed view before making an investment decision.

Qualitative Factors

Some of the qualitative factors and our strengths which form the basis for computing the Offer Price are:

• Strong R&D and product development capabilities; • Diversified portfolio of niche and quality specialized products; • Long-term relationship with key customers; • Advanced manufacturing facilities with focus on environment, health and safety; • Strong sourcing capabilities and extensive distribution network; • Consistent track record of financial performance; and • Experienced promoters and strong management team.

For details, see "Our Business – Strengths" on page 139 of the RHP.

Quantitative Factors

Some of the information presented below relating to our Company is derived from the Restated Financial Information. For details, see "Financial Statements" on page 185 of the RHP.

Some of the quantitative factors which may form the basis for computing the Offer Price are as follows:

A. Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share ("EPS") (face value of each Equity Share is ₹1)

Fiscal	Basic EPS (in ₹)	Diluted EPS (in ₹)	Weight
March 31, 2021 (Consolidated)	12.07	12.07	3
March 31, 2020 (Unconsolidated)	6.35	6.35	2
March 31, 2019 (Unconsolidated)	3.94	3.94	1
Weighted Average	8.81	8.81	

NOTES:

1. Basic earnings per share (₹) = Restated profit for the year attributable to equity shareholders

Weighted average number of equity shares in calculating basic EPS.

2. Diluted earnings per share (₹) = Restated profit for the year attributable to equity shareholders

Weighted average number of diluted equity shares in calculating diluted EPS.

3. The weighted average basic and diluted EPS is a product of basic and diluted EPS and respective assigned weight, dividing the resultant by total aggregate weight.

4. Basic and diluted earnings/ (loss) per equity share; Basic and diluted earnings/ (loss) per equity share are computed in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard 33 notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules of 2015 (as amended).

B. Price/Earning ("P/E") ratio in relation to Price Band of ₹290 to ₹296 per Equity Share:

Particulars	P/E at the Floor Price (number of times)	P/E at the Cap Price (number of times)
Based on basic EPS for Fiscal 2021 (Consolidated)	24.03	24.52
Based on diluted EPS for Fiscal 2021 (Consolidated)	24.03	24.52

Industry Peer Group P/E ratio

Particulars	Industry P/E
Highest	79.15
Lowest	31.70
Average	47.44

NOTES: 1. The industry high and low has been considered from the industry peer set provided later in this section. 2. For Industry P/E, P/E figures for the peer is computed based on closing market price as on May 31, 2021 at BSE, divided by Basic EPS (on consolidated basis unless otherwise available only on unconsolidated basis) based on annual report of the company for the year ended March 31, 2020 submitted to stock exchanges.

C. Return on Net worth ("RoNW")

Fiscal	RoNW (%)	Weight
March 31, 2021 (Consolidated)	34.54%	3
March 31, 2020 (Unconsolidated)	27.57%	2
March 31, 2019 (Unconsolidated)	23.48%	1
Weighted Average	30.37%	

NOTES: 1. Net worth means the aggregate value of the paid-up share capital and all reserves created out of the profits and securities premium account and debit or credit balance of profit and loss account, after deducting the aggregate value of the accumulated losses, deferred expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure not written off, as per the Restated Financial Information, but does not include reserves created out of revaluation of assets, write-back of depreciation and amalgamation. 2. Return on Net Worth ratio: restated profit for the year/period attributable to equity shareholders of the company divided by the Total Equity of the Company at the end of the year/period. 3. The weighted average return on net worth is a product of return on net worth and respective assigned weight, dividing the resultant by total aggregate weight.

D. Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share (face value of each Equity Share is ₹1)

Fiscal Period ended	NAV (₹)
As on March 31, 2021 (Consolidated)	34.94
After the completion of the Offer	At the Floor Price: 42.48
	At the Cap Price: 42.50
	At the Offer Price: [●]

NOTES: 1. Net asset value per Equity Share is calculated as restated net worth at the end of the period/year divided by the weighted average number of equity shares.

E. Comparison with Listed Industry Peers

The following peer group has been determined on the basis of companies listed on Indian stock exchanges, whose business profile is comparable to our businesses:

Name of the company	Total Income (₹ in million)	Face Value per Equity Share (₹)	P/E	EPS (Basic) (₹)	EPS (Diluted) (₹)	RoNW (%)	NAV per equity share (₹)
India Pesticides Limited*	6,553.77	1	[●]	12.07	12.07	34.54	34.94
Listed Peers							
Dhanuka Agritech Limited	11,451.59	2.00	31.70	29.71	29.71	19.45	148.72
Bharat Rasayan Limited	12,318.70	10.00	36.12	371.03	371.03	27.83	1,327.73
UPI Limited	3,58,600.00	2.00	35.06	23.24	23.24	9.95	252.37
Rallis India Limited	22,861.50	1.00	32.90	9.51	9.51	12.90	72.48
PI Industries Limited	34,154.00	1.00	79.				

Norican Group DISA INDIA LIMITED
Shaping Industry
Regd. Office: World Trade Center (WTC), 8th Floor, Unit No. S-604,
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Tel: +91 80 22496700-23, Fax: 080-22496750.
E-mail: investor.relations@noricangroup.com www.disagroup.com
CIN No: L65110KA1984PLC006116

NOTICE

(For the attention of Equity Shareholders of DISA India Limited)
The Members of DISA India Limited (the "Company") who are yet to register their e-mail address, phone number and bank account details are requested to register the same with the Depository through their Depository Participant(s) in respect of shares held in electronic form. Members holding the shares in physical form are requested to register the same by contacting Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited, No. 30, Ramana Residency, 4th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560003. This will help in prompt dispatch of Annual Reports, Notices and other communications to Shareholders in electronic form.

Pursuant to General Circular No.20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the Company has enabled a process for the limited purpose of receiving the Company's Annual Report and notice of the Annual General Meeting (including remote e-voting instructions) electronically and the members may temporarily update their e-mail address by accessing the link <https://www.disagroup.com/en-in/investor-relations/disa-india-financial-reports>.

For DISA India Limited
G. Prasanna Bairy
Company Secretary

Place: Bangalore
Date: June 17, 2021

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M) HP-II
DELHI JAL BOARD; GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI
HAIDERPUR WATER WORKS, DELHI-110085**

E-mail: eeemhp2.djb@mfc.in

Press N.I.T. NO. 02/ EE (E&M) HP-II/ (2021-22)

S. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value based on schedule of rates/ item rate/ lump sum	Tender fee (not refundable)	Earnest Money (Exempted) (EMD) (Rs.)	Last date & time of receipt of tender
1.	Renovation / Repairing of turntable centre cage and other damaged parts of clarifier No-5 at Filter House (South) in BWW-II.	Item rate	500.00	83900.00	30.06.2021

The more detail required above can be seen on website www.delhi.govtprocurement.com.

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Advt. No. J.S.V. 115 (2021-22)

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (E&M) HP-II

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NOTICE OF 36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING INFORMATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the 36th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of the Company will be held on Friday, July 09, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (IST) through Video Conferencing/ Other Audio Visual Means ("VC/OAVM") facility in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulation, 2015 read with General Circular No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No.17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, General Circular No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020, General Circular No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020 and General Circular No.02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 ('MCA Circulars') and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CDF/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CDF/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular") without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue to transact the business as set out in the AGM Notice which is being circulated for convening the AGM. The Company has sent Notice of the AGM and Annual Report containing Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2021 and the Reports of the Auditors and Directors along with Report on Corporate Governance and Business Responsibility through electronic mode to those Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository in accordance with the aforesaid "Circulars" from MCA and SEBI. Members may note that the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report 2020-21 will also be available on the Company's website www.sparkminda.com, on the website of Stock Exchanges i.e BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and also on the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com. In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings issued by Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, the Company is pleased to provide remote e-voting facility to its Members enabling them to cast their vote electronically for all the resolutions as set out in the AGM Notice dated May 18, 2021. The Company has availed the remote e-voting services as provided by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL). The Board of Directors of the Company has appointed Mr. Ranjeet Pandey (FCS- 5922; C.P. No. 6087) (Ranjeet Pandey & Associates) as Scrutinizer for conducting the remote e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner. The Notice has been sent to all the Members, whose names appeared in the Register of Member/list of beneficial owners received from NSDL & CDSL as on Friday, June 11, 2021.

The remote e-voting period commences on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 (9:00 am IST) and end on Thursday, July 8, 2021 (5:00 pm IST). The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL, for voting thereafter and Members will not be allowed to vote electronically beyond the said date and time. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. The voting rights of Members shall be as per the number of equity shares held by them as on the cut-off date which is Friday, July 02, 2021. A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositaries as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, July 02, 2021 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting in the Annual General Meeting.

A person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should accordingly treat the Notice of AGM for information purposes only.

Those Members, who shall be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and had not casted their votes on the Resolutions through e-voting are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to cast vote through remote e-voting system during the AGM.

The Members who have casted their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend/participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after the notice has been sent through electronically by the Company, and holds shares as on cut-off date which is Friday, July 02, 2021, may obtain the login ID and password for remote e-voting by sending a request to NSDL or Company's RTA. However, if a member is already registered with NSDL for e-voting, then existing user ID and password can be used for voting.

Members, who hold shares in physical form who have not registered their email address with the Company/ Depository can obtain Notice of 36th AGM, Annual Report and/or login details for joining the 36th AGM through VC/OAVM facility including e-voting, be sending scanned copy of the following documents by email to investor@mindacorporation.com.

- a) signed request letter mentioning your name, folio number and complete address;
- b) self-attested scanned copy of the PAN Card; and
- c) self-attested scanned copy of any document (such as Driving Licence, Bank Statement, Election Identity Card, Passport, Aadhar Card) in support of the address of the Member as registered with the Company

Members holding shares in demat form are requested to update their email address/Electronic Bank Mandate with their Depository.

The Scrutinizer shall immediately after the conclusion of the voting at the 36th AGM, first download the votes cast at the AGM, thereafter unblock the votes casted through remote e-voting and shall make a Consolidated Scrutinizer's Report of the votes casted in favour or against, if any, and to submit the same to the Chairman of the AGM or a person authorized by him not later than forty eight (48) hours from the conclusion of the AGM.

The Results shall be declared forthwith after the submission of Consolidated Scrutinizer's Report either by the Chairman of the Company or by any person authorized by him in writing.

The detailed procedure for obtaining User id & Password is provided in the notice of AGM.

In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-Voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30 or send a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or contact Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager or Ms. Soni Singh, Asst. Manager, National Securities Depository Limited, Trade World, 'A' Wing, 4th Floor, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400 013, at the designated email id evoting@nsdl.co.in or pallavid@nsdl.co.in or Sonis@nsdl.co.in or at telephone nos.: +91 22 24994545, +91 22 24994559, who will also address the grievances connected with voting by electronic means.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, the Register of Members and Share Transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Monday, July 05, 2021 to Friday, July 09, 2021 (both days inclusive) for the said AGM and for payment of Dividend, if approved at the ensuing AGM.

The dividend on Equity Shares if declared at the meeting, will be credited/ dispatched on or before August 06, 2021 to those members whose name shall appear on the Company's Register of Members on Friday, July 02, 2021. Payment of dividend will be subject to deduction of tax at source (TDS) at applicable rate. For more details, please refer to the "Communication on TDS on dividend distribution" attached to the notice of 36th AGM.

Banks' microfin GLP grows, SFBs witness de-growth: CRIF report

MITHUN DASGUPTA
Kolkata, June 17

THE GROSS LOAN portfolio

(GLP) of banks in the microfinance sector grew 15.5% year-on-year to ₹1.06 lakh crore at the end of the previous fiscal while that of small finance banks (SFBs) de-grew 6.6% y-o-y to ₹41,708 crore, according to a report published by credit bureau CRIF High Mark.

The 15th edition of CRIF MicroLend, released on Thursday, showed that banks continued to dominate the microfinance market with a portfolio share of 42% at the

end of FY21, up from 39.4% in FY20. Significantly, SFBs' market share in the last fiscal declined to 16.4% from 19.1%.

During the third quarter of FY21, the market share of banks and SFBs stood at 41.7% and 16.9%, respectively, in the microfinance space. Between Q4FY20 and Q3FY21, NBFC-MFIs' market share stood almost the same at around 30%, while it grew to 30.6% at the end of Q4FY21.

Interestingly, earlier this month, P N Vasudevan, managing director and CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank, said its conscious plan to grow the unsecured micro finance book at a "slower pace" compared to the rest helped mitigate the overall credit cost impact.

As of March 31, 2021, the unsecured microfinance advances were 18% while the remaining 81% were secured loans. The least impacted product,

small business loans secured by house property, constitutes 45% of the total advances," Vasudevan said.

"Microfinance industry demonstrated strong resilience and recovered in Q2 after muted business in Q1FY20-21. Loan disbursements in Q3 and Q4 of FY21 were similar to previous year's respective quarters," said Vipul Jain, head of products, CRIF High Mark.

The portfolio outstanding of microfinance sector stood at ₹2.54 lakh crore as of March 2021, with 10% Q-o-Q growth and 8.4% Y-o-Y growth.

Quality issues affect Nafed's onion procurement in Maha

FE BUREAU
Pune, June 17

WHOLESALE ONION PROCUREMENT

by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) in Maharashtra for the Centre's buffer stock has been facing issues of quality. Of the total procurement target set by the government after easing of the second lockdown, around 50,000 tonne of the commodity has been procured by NAFED, along with supporting farmer producer companies.

NAFED is to procure some 2 lakh tonne of onion as the buffer stock at the prevailing market rate under the Price Stabilisation Fund. Of the total target, Maharashtra's share is 1.5 lakh tonne, of which 1.4 lakh tonne will be procured through farmer producer companies — Maharaja, Pruthashakti Farmer Producer Company and MahaFPC and the remaining 10,000 tonne through NAFED.

Sushil Sant, general manager, Nashik, who is overseeing the procurement process, pointed out that unseasonal rains in February and March had damaged the crop. "Only 20-30% of the crop is storable and good enough to be brought to the market. The procurement process has not been able to pick up speed because of this. Only 50,000 tonne have been purchased so far," he said.

SALE NOTICE

SHREE SHYAM PULP & BOARD MILLSLIMITED
(In Liquidation)
Liquidator: Mr. Rohit Sehgal
Regd Office: A-104, Road No.4, Mahipalpur Ext., West Delhi, New Delhi-110037
Email ID: shreeshyam@aainsolvency.com, rohit.sehgal@aainsolvency.com,
Contact No.: +91 7011568767 (Mr. Rahul Nagar)
Escalation: If the query is not responded on the phone number given above, then Text or Whatsapp message can be sent to +91-9810185184

E-AUCTION

Sale of Assets under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
Date and Time of E-Auction: 30th July, 2021 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)

Asset	Block	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	EMD Amount (In Rs.)	Incremental Value (In Rs.)
1. Land & Building located at Gangapur and Basai, 5KM, Moradab-Kashipur Road, Kashipur, Tehsil-Kashipur-244711, Uttrakhand (Freehold Land-38.52Acre)	A	19.86 Crores	1.98 Crores	5 Lakhs

Terms and Condition of the E-auction are as under

1.E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS through approved service provider M/S e-procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger).
2.The Liquidator has already sold the Assets Plant & Machinery in the last E Auction. In the LOI issued to the H1 Bidder of Plant and machinery, the liquidator had allowed a time period of "09 Months" from the issuance date of LOI, which has now been extended by another one month period for completing the entire dismantling process and vacate the land that has been put for sale in this E-Auction.
3.The Complete E-Auction process document containing details of the Assets, online e-auction Bid Form Declaration and Undertaking Form, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available on website <https://inlauction.auctiontiger.net>. Contact: Mr. Ramprasad at +91-6351896834/079-61200586 & 6351896834 ramprasad@auctiontiger.net / neha.gyan@auctiontiger.net/ support@auctiontiger.net (On going to the link <https://inlauction.auctiontiger.net>. Interested bidders will have to search for the mentioned company by using either one of the two options, (I) Company's name (Shree Shyam Pulp and Board Mills Limited), or by, (II) State and property type).
4.The intending bidders, prior to submitting their bid, should make their independent inquiries regarding the title of property, dues of local taxes, electricity and water charges, maintenance charges, if any and inspect the property at their own expenses and satisfy themselves. The properties mentioned above can be inspected by the prospective bidders at the site with prior appointment, contacting Mr. Rahul Nagar - 7011568767. Escalation: If the query is not responded to on the phone number given above, then Text or Whatsapp message can be sent to +91-9810185184.
5.The intending bidders are required to deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount either through DD/NEFT/RTGS in the Account of "SHREE SHYAM PULP & BOARD MILLS LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION" Account No.: 7131740814, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, Branch: G-5-13, Plot No. 1-2, Basement B- 4, Local Shopping Centre, Pamposh Enclave, Greater Kailash I, New Delhi 110048, IFSC Code: KKBK000195, or through DD drawn on any Scheduled Bank in the name of SHREE SHYAM PULP & BOARD MILLS LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION" or give a Bank Guarantee for the EMD Amount as per Format A or Format B as given in the Complete E-Auction process document.
6.The intending bidder should submit the evidence for EMD Deposit or Bank Guarantee and Request Letter for participation in the E-Auction along with Self attested copy of (1) Proof of Identification (2) Current Address-Proof (3) PAN card (4) Valid e-mail ID (5) Landline and Mobile Phone number (6) Affidavit and Undertaking, as per Annexure I (7) Bid Application Form as per Annexure II (8) Declaration by Bidder, as per Annexure III, the formats of these Annexures can be taken from

Export orientation of steel reaping benefits of a globalised economy

**SUSHIM
BANERJEE**
Former DG,
Institute of Steel
Development
and Growth



THREE DECADES EARLIER,

India initiated a series of economic reforms amid the unprecedented financial crisis looming large, which included default with regard to loan repayment to IMF and precarious level of foreign exchange to lead to immediate non-payment for import commitments. By drastically cutting down the high tariff against import, decontrolling pricing and distribution of critical sectors of the economy, including steel and opening the door to private investment in selected areas of the economy, India was standing on the threshold of a global economy removed major barriers.

The term globalisation defined, in a limited way, to ensure the capability of sailing



into the global merchant trade within the norms of WTO stipulations, appeared feasible and beneficial for the country's economy.

Meanwhile, the global trade had much progressed and India also faced various challenges and risks when the openness in trade agreements with other countries failed to work for the benefits of the selected sectors who suffered significant damages till the prescribed rules and regulated measures got resorted to. All that may be history and only lessons for future course of actions in similar circumstances.

However, it must be acknowledged that the export orientation of steel and a few other sectors in Indian economy are now reaping the advantage of being a part of a globalised economy.

A capacity of 144 MT of crude steel capacity, a domestic demand of around 95 MT of finished steel (FY21) is yet to show a spurt. The economy grew at a lower rate of only 4 per cent in FY20, as the vicious

spread of the pandemic became visible since Q4 of that year and devasted the country with innumerable casualties, prolonged lockdowns, loss of employment and income opportunities and cast a deep shadow on aggregate demand. Steel plants operated, though at a much-reduced level of activity in Q1-Q2 of FY21. Though demand from the end using segments surfaced from Q3 onwards, the emergence of second wave of the virus created a flutter, however, the commencement of vaccination acted as a succour and made the

crisis manageable in the course of the next few months. Export of steel at 17.3 MT in FY21, a 56% rise over the previous year and an all time record in the recent past, had supported Indian steel industry to maintain an average capacity utilisation of 72% in the midst of more than 10% decline in apparent consumption.

It is not only the exploring the potential of steel export market in the face of a subdued domestic demand, the price differential of steel exports is an added benefit to the steel producers. Currently HRC is avail-

able ex-Mumbai @ ₹67,500 per tonne (\$ 921.75/t) excluding GST against the recent export offer by Indian mill @ 1030-1050/t CFR UAE. The merchant traders' price in the indigenous market is around ₹1,500,000/- per tonne lower than the price for OEM supply or to a government project

and hence the declared price has to wait for the actual demand from end using sectors to surface.

The demand for consumer durables is yet to exhibit the seasonal impact, the auto manufacturers are perturbed on account of much lower sales affected by lower house-

hold expenditure due to uncertainty in the fall out of the pandemic. During the first two months, India has exported 2.96 MT of steel worth of ₹17,812 crore which exceeds last year's export collection by 86%.

(Views expressed are personal)

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DB Corp Ltd

Extract of Consolidated Audited Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2021

(₹ in million except per share data)

Particulars	Consolidated			
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
	Qtr (Unaudited) Refer Note 3	Qtr (Unaudited) Refer Note 3	Year (Audited)	Year (Audited)
Total income from operations	4,566.01	4,866.54	15,077.03	22,238.27
Net profit for the quarter/year (before tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	717.11	319.26	1,800.53	3,481.63
Net profit for the quarter/year before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	849.05	319.26	1,932.47	3,481.63
Net profit for the quarter/year after tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items	619.12	240.52	1,414.18	2,749.76
Total comprehensive income for the quarter/year [Comprising Profit (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax) for the quarter/year]	596.82	105.71	1,390.75	2,562.65
Other Comprehensive Income (after tax) for the quarter/year				
Paid-up equity share capital (face value ₹10/- each, fully paid)	1,749.61	1,749.55	1,749.61	1,749.55
Other equity				
Earnings Per Share (of ₹10/- each)				
- Basic	3.54	1.37	8.08	15.72
- Diluted	3.52	1.37	8.04	15.70

Notes:

1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on June 17, 2021. There are no qualifications in the report issued by the auditors.

2. Extract of Audited Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2021 (on Standalone basis):

Particulars	Consolidated			
	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2021	March 31, 2020
	Qtr (Unaudited) Refer Note 3	Qtr (Unaudited) Refer Note 3	Year (Audited)	Year (Audited)
Total income from operations	4,566.01	4,866.54	15,077.03	22,238.27
Profit before tax for the quarter/year	848.18	319.13	1,931.47	3,480.54
Profit after tax for the quarter/year	618.35	240.55	1,413.28	2,748.82

3) The figures of March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2021 quarters are the balancing figures between audited figures in respect of the full financial year upto March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2021 and the unaudited published year-to-date figures upto December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020 respectively, being the date of the end of the third quarter of the financial year which were subjected to limited review.

4) The Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of ₹3 per equity share of ₹10 each for the year ended March 31, 2021, subject to necessary approval by the members in ensuing Annual General Meeting.

5) The Company has reassessed its performance royalty liability recorded in earlier years post the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) order and has accordingly written back ₹31.94 million.

6) The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. The Group has evaluated the impact of this pandemic on its business operations, liquidity and financial position and based on management's review of current indicators and economic conditions, no additional adjustment is required in the consolidated financial results for the year ended March 31, 2021. Given the uncertainty associated with its nature and duration, the impact may be different from that estimated as at the date of approval of these financial results. The Group will continue to monitor any material changes to future economic conditions.

7) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the year ended March 31, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results for the quarter and year ended 31st March 2021 are available on the stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website, www.dbcprltd.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Sudhir Agarwal
Managing Director (DIN: 00051407)

Place: Noida

Date: June 17, 2021

D. B. Corp Limited - Registered office: Plot No.280, Sarkhej - Gandhinagar Highway, Near YMCA Club, Makarba, Ahmedabad - 380051, Gujarat

Email: dbcs@dbcprltd.in • Website: www.dbcprltd.com • Tel No.: 022-71577000 • CIN No: L2210GJ1995PLC047208

NOVARTIS

NOVARTIS INDIA LIMITED

Registered Office: Inspire BKC, Part of 601 & 701, Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 Maharashtra, India. Tel.: +91 22 50243000; Fax: +91 22 50243010; Email: india.investors@novartis.com; Website: www.novartis.in; CIN: L24200MH1947PLC006104

EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31.03.2021

(₹ in Million)

Particulars	3 months ended 31.03.2021	3 months ended 31.03.2020	Year ended 31.03.2021	Year ended 31.03.2020
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
Total Income	1,115.6	1,016.4	4,144.4	4,743.9
Net Profit for the period before tax	219.0	135.5	400.4	286.4
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	97.0	67.8	209.0	100.8
Total Comprehensive income / (loss) for the period (comprising profit / (loss) for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax)	57.3	(67.3)	148.1	(96.5)
Equity Share Capital (of ₹ 5 each, fully paid)	123.4	123.4	123.4	123.4
Other Equity	-	-	6,988.5	7,083.9
Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 5 each) (*not annualised)	3.93*	2.75*	8.46	4.08

Note:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31st March 2021 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results for the quarter and year ended 31st March 2021 are available on the stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website, www.novartis.in

By Order of the Board

Sanjay Murdeshwar
Vice Chairman and Managing Director

Place : Mumbai

Date : 17 June, 2021

UNITED BREWERIES LIMITED

Registered Office: "UB Tower", UB City, #24, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Telephone: +91-80-45655000 Fax: +91-80-222211964 / 22229488

CIN: L3699KA1999PLC025195

Website: www.unitedbreweries.com. Email: ublinvestor@ubmail.com

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Second Annual General Meeting ("the AGM") of the members of UNITED BREWERIES LIMITED ("the Company") shall be held on Friday, July 09, 2021 at 03.00 p.m. (IST) through Video Conference ("VC")/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") in compliance with Circulars, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), whereby Companies are allowed to hold Annual General Meeting (AGM) through VC/OAVM, without the physical presence of members at a common venue, to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM.

Notice of the AGM and Annual Report for the year ended March 31, 2021 have been sent to all the members by Email, whose Email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participant(s). These are also available on the Company's website at www.unitedbreweries.com/pdf/AGM/AGM_Note_2021.pdf and www.unitedbreweries.com/pdf/InvestorReport/Annual_Report_2020-2021.pdf, respectively and also available on the website of the Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) viz., http://www.evotingindia.com and websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Ltd and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd, at http://www.bseindia.com and http://www.nseindia.com respectively.

The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company shall remain closed from Saturday, July 03, 2021 to Friday, July 09, 2021 (both days inclusive) in connection with the AGM and payment of Dividend, if approved at the AGM.

Dividend on Equity Shares at the rate of Re.0.50 per Equity Share of Re.1/- each (i.e. 50%) for the financial year ended March 31, 2021 post its declaration at this AGM shall be paid to the shareholders whose names appear:

- a. as Beneficial Owners as at the close of business hours on Friday, July 02, 2021 as per the list to be furnished by the Depositories in respect of the Shares held in electronic form, and
- b. as members in the Register of Members of the Company as on Friday, July 09, 2021 after giving effect to all valid share transfers in physical form which are lodged with the Company on or before Friday, July 02, 2021.

Dividend once approved by the members

MASK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

CIN : L65993GJ1992PLC036653
Regd. office: 6th Floor, A-601B, International Trade Centre, Majura Gate,
Ring Road, Surat 395 002, (Gujarat) INDIA.
Phone: +91-261-2463261, 2463262, 2463263; Fax: +91-261-2463264
Email : contact@maskinvestments.com Website: www.maskinvestments.com

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 29 read with 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that meeting of the Board of Directors of the company will be held on **Wednesday, 23rd June, 2021** at registered office of the company, inter alia, to consider and approve Audited Financial Results of the company for the quarter and Financial Year ended on 31st March, 2021. This information is also available on the Company's website www.maskinvestments.com and on the website of the Stock exchanges i.e. www.mseindia.com.

For MASK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Sd/-
Place : SURAT
(Drashti Gautam Shah)
Date : 16/06/2021
Company Secretary

**GIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD.**

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(CIN L65922MH1989PLC054583)
Reg. Off.: National Insurance Building, 6th Floor, 14, Jamshedji Tata Road,
Churchgate, Mumbai 400020
Email: investors@gicfh.com, corporate@gicfh.com | Tel: 022-43041900

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS**Transfer of Equity Shares to Investors Education and Protection Fund (IEPF)**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 124 and 125 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 6(3) of Investors Education and Protection Fund Authority Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time, Notice is hereby given to the Shareholders of the Company that in terms of the IEPF Rules, all shares in respect of which dividend has not been claimed or paid to the shareholders for the last seven consecutive years or more shall be transferred to the DEMAT Account of the IEPF Authority within 30 days from the due date of transfer.

The Company has sent individual notices to the concerned shareholders whose dividend amount are lying unpaid/unclaimed for the last seven consecutive years or more inter alia providing details of shares to be transferred to IEPF Authority.

The Company has uploaded the list of those shareholders whose shares are due for transfer to IEPF pursuant to Rule 6(3)(a) of IEPF Rules on its website www.gicfhindia.com

The concerned shareholders are hereby requested to claim the unclaimed dividend for the Financial Year 2013-14 onwards on or before 20th September, 2021, failing which, with a view to comply with the Rules, the Company shall be constrained to transfer the unpaid dividend for F.Y. 2013-14 and the corresponding shares to IEPF authority without any further notice.

After transfer of shares to IEPF Authority, the shareholders can claim such dividend and shares including all benefits accruing thereon in due compliance of the procedure stipulated under the Rules. For further clarification on the above matter, the concerned shareholder may contact Company or its RTA at:

The Company Secretary
M/s. GIC Housing Finance Limited
National Insurance Building, 6th Floor, 14,
J. Tata Road, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400020
Tel. No. : 022 43041900
Email: investors@gicfh.com

JITF INFRALOGISTICS LIMITED
CIN : U60231UP2008PLC069245
REGD. OFF : A-1, UPSIDC INDL. AREA,
NANDGAON ROAD, KOSI KALAN, DISTT.
MATHURA - 281403

NOTICE

NOTICE pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 is hereby given that a meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Friday, the 25th June, 2021 at Jindal ITF Centre, 28, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi - 110015. Inter-alia, to consider and approve the following:-

1. To consider and approve the Audited (Standalone and Consolidated) Financial Results for the 4th quarter/year ended 31st March 2021.
2. To approve the Audited (Standalone and Consolidated) Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March, 2021.

Pursuant to the Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading under SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations 2015, Trading Window shall remain closed up to 48 hours from the disclosure of above Financial Results.

This Notice is also available on the website of the Company www.jindalinfralogistics.com and on the website of Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed namely, at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

For JITF INFRALOGISTICS LIMITED

Sd/-
Alok Kumar

Place : New Delhi
Company Secretary
Date : 17th June, 2021
ACS : 19819

For GIC Housing Finance Ltd.,
Sd/-
Nutan Singh
Group Executive & Company Secretary

**LOKESH MACHINES LIMITED**

Regd. Office: B-29, EEE STAGE-II, BALANAGAR, HYDERABAD- 500037

E-mail Id: cosecy@lokeshmachines.com ; Website: www.lokeshmachines.com

CIN:L29219TG1983PLC004319

(` in lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter ended		Year ended	
	31.03.2021 (AUDITED)	31.12.2020 (UNAUDITED)	31.03.2020 (AUDITED)	31.03.2021 (AUDITED)
Total Income from Operations	5753.71	4083.27	2767.61	15153.62
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	313.09	213.24	(963.82)	542.06
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	313.09	213.24	(963.82)	542.06
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	231.29	153.53	(577.19)	396.15
Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprehensive Profit/Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	260.86	153.53	(634.49)	425.72
Equity Share Capital	1789.68	1789.68	1789.68	1789.68
Earnings Per Share (Annualized):				
Basic : (`)	1.29	0.86	(3.23)	2.21
Diluted : (`)	1.29	0.86	(3.23)	2.21

Note:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Audited financial results for Quarter and Year ended on 31st March, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Audited financial results for the quarter and year ending on 31st March, 2021 are available on the Stock Exchanges Website i.e. on BSE & NSE website and on the Company's Website: www.lokeshmachines.com
2. The above Audited financial results, Statement of Assets and Liabilities, Segment report, Cash Flow Statement have been reviewed by the audit committee and approved by the board of directors at their meeting held on 16th June, 2021. The statutory auditors of the company have provided the Audit report on these financial results with an unmodified opinion for the year ended on 31st March, 2021.

For and on behalf of the Board

Sd/-

M. Lokeshwara Rao,

Managing Director, DIN: 00989447

Place: Hyderabad

Date : 16-06-2021

DSJ COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED

CIN : L80100MH1989PLC054329

Regd. Office: 419-A, Arun Chambers, 4th Floor, Tardeo, Mumbai-400034

Tel: 022 43476017, Email id: compliance.dsj@gmail.com, Website: www.dsjcommunication.com

Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2021

₹ in Lakhs (except EPS)

Sr. No.	Particulars	FOR QUARTER ENDED 31.03.2021 (Audited)	FOR QUARTER ENDED 31.03.2020 (Audited)	FOR YEAR ENDED 31.03.2021 (Audited)	FOR YEAR ENDED 31.03.2020 (Audited)
1.	Total Income	22.97	34.69	35.21	41.18
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	(397.72)	(12.71)	(406.81)	(34.41)
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	(397.72)	(12.71)	(406.81)	(34.41)
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(398.78)	(12.71)	(407.88)	(34.41)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(398.78)	(12.71)	(407.88)	(34.41)
6.	Paid-up Equity share Capital (Face Value of ₹ 1/- each)	732.97	732.97	732.97	732.97
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as per Audited Balance Sheet of previous accounting year)			(946.67)	(538.80)
8.	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 1/- each) (for continuing and discontinued Operations)-				
8.1. Basic:	(0.54)	(0.02)	(0.56)	(0.05)	
8.2. Diluted:	(0.54)	(0.02)	(0.56)	(0.05)	

Notes:
a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The detailed financial results and this extract were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 16th June 2021. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results is available on the website of the Company i.e. www.dsjcommunication.com and on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Ltd. (www.bseindia.com) and National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (www.nseindia.com).

Place: Mumbai
Date: 16.06.2021
Sanjay Padode
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN : 00338514

POST OFFER ADVERTISEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATION 18(12) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) REGULATIONS, 2011, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, ("SEBI (SAST) REGULATIONS") WITH RESPECT TO THE OPEN OFFER TO THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF**MAJESCO LIMITED**Registered Office: Mastek New Development Centre, MPB-P-136 Mahape, Navi Mumbai, Mumbai City, Maharashtra, India – 400 710; Telefax: No. +91 22 6150 1800; Website: www.majescoindia.in; CIN: L72300MH2013PLC244874

OPEN OFFER FOR ACQUISITION OF UPTO 74,43,720 (SEVENTY FOUR LAKHS FORTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY) FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 5 (RUPEES FIVE EACH) (EQUITY SHARES) REPRESENTING 26.00% (TWENTY SIX PERCENT) OF THE VOTING SHARE CAPITAL OF MAJESCO LIMITED ("TARGET COMPANY") AT A PRICE OF ₹ 77 (RUPEES SEVENTY SEVEN ONLY) ("OFFER PRICE") PER EQUITY SHARE FROM THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF THE TARGET COMPANY BY ALURUM PLATZ IT PRIVATE LIMITED ("ACQUIRER") ("OPEN OFFER" OR "OFFER"). NO PERSON IS ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE ACQUIRER FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS OPEN OFFER.

This post offer advertisement ("Post Offer Advertisement") is being issued by DAM Capital Advisors Limited (formerly IDFC Securities Limited), the manager to the Offer ("Manager"), in respect to the Offer for and on behalf of the Acquirer, in compliance with Regulation 18(12) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, in respect of the Offer.

This Post Offer Advertisement is to be read together with: (a) the Public Announcement dated March 21, 2021 ("Public Announcement" or "PA"); (b) the Detailed Public Statement dated March 25, 2021 that was published in all editions of Financial Express (English), all editions of Jansatta (Hindi) and the Mumbai edition of Navshakti (Marathi) (collectively referred to as "Newspapers") on March 26, 2021 ("DPS"); (c) the Letter of Offer dated May 6, 2021 ("LOF"); and (d) the Offer Opening Public Announcement cum Corrigendum to the DPS dated May 17, 2021 which was published in the Newspapers on May 18, 2021. This Post Offer Advertisement is being published in all the Newspapers.

Capitalised terms used herein but not specifically defined shall have the same meaning ascribed to such terms in the LOF.

1. Name of the Target Company Majesco Limited
2. Name of the Acquirer and PAC Aurum Platz IT Private Limited
3. Name of the Manager to the Offer No person is acting in concert with the Acquirer for the purpose of this Open Offer
4. Name of the Registrar to the Offer DAM Capital Advisors Limited (formerly IDFC Securities Limited)
5. Offer Details:
 - a. Date of Opening of the Offer May 20, 2021 (Thursday)
 - b. Date of Closing of the Offer June 03, 2021 (Thursday)
 - c. Date of payment of consideration June 16, 2021 (Wednesday)
7. Details of Acquisition:

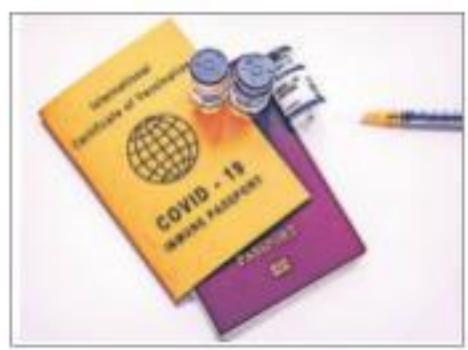
Sr. No.	Particulars	Proposed in the LOF	Actuals
7.1	Offer Price (per Equity Share)	₹77	₹77
7.2	Aggregate number of Equity Shares tendered in the Offer	74,43,720*	58,01,180
7.3	Aggregate number of Equity Shares accepted in the Offer	74,43,720*	58,01,180
7.4	Size of the Offer (Number of Equity Shares multiplied by Offer Price per Equity Share		

Int'l debate on 'vaccine passports' must focus on 'vaccine equity': India

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, June 17

INDIA ON THURSDAY said the ongoing global debate on 'vaccine passports' for international travel needs to be linked to the issue of vaccine equity as many developing countries have not been able to vaccinate a large percentage of their population against Covid.

The assertion by India



comes after Japanese government announced that it will make 'vaccine passports' available from next month for

Japanese travellers.

Asked about Japan's decision, its implications and whether India would be issuing such 'passports', Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said there was no information with him about India issuing any 'vaccine passport'.

There is an ongoing global debate on the issue of 'so-called vaccine passports', he said and

added that India feels that this has to be linked to the larger issue of vaccine equity given that many developing countries have not yet been able to vaccinate a large percentage of their population against Covid.

"We would favour discussions on the subject of vaccine passport with greater focus on vaccine equity," he asserted at an online media briefing.

Last month, the govern-

ment had said that the WHO is yet to reach a consensus on the 'vaccine passport' issue for allowing international travel to those fully vaccinated against the coronavirus infection, while noting that discussions are still on.

On some US universities insisting on specific vaccines for incoming students, Bagchi said there is no uniformity in the requirements.

Children unlikely to get disproportionately hit by any future third wave of Covid-19: Study

THE SARS-COV-2 sero-positivity rate among children is high and comparable to the adult population and hence, it is unlikely that any future third wave of the prevailing Covid-19 variant would disproportionately affect children aged two years and above, according to the interim findings of an ongoing study conducted in the country.

The interim findings that

have appeared on medRxiv, a pre-print server, are based on a mid-term analysis of the data of the 4,509 participants — 700 children in the 2-17 years age group and 3,809 aged 18 years and above — from five states.

The findings are part of an ongoing multi-centric, population-based, age-stratified prospective Covid-19 sero-prevalence study under WHO

(World Health Organization) studies conducted by experts, including doctors from the AIIMS.

"The seroprevalence was 55.7% in the below 18 years age group and 63.5% in the above 18 years age group. There was no statistically significant difference in prevalence between adult and children," the findings stated.

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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 & 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 29th June, 2021 to consider and take on record inter alia amongst other things, the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the 4th Quarter & the Financial Year Ended 31st March, 2021. This notice shall also be available on company website www.karmaenergy.co under investor relations.

By Order of the Board of Directors
For KARMA ENERGY LTD
Sd/-
Place: Mumbai T V Subramanian CFO & Company Secretary

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SUMEDHA FISCAL SERVICES LTD.
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Tel: 91 33 2229 8936/6758/3237/4473
Fax: 91 33 2226 4140 / 2265 5830
Email: investors@sumedhafiscal.com
Website: www.sumedhafiscal.com
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on **Thursday, the 24th June, 2021**, inter alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) for the Quarter and Financial Year ended 31st March, 2021 as well as to consider dividend for the financial year 2020-21.

The Trading Window for dealing in Equity Shares of the Company has already been closed and the same shall re-open 48 hours after the above Financial Results are made public.

The notice can be accessed on the websites of the Company (www.sumedhafiscal.com) and BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com). For Sumedha Fiscal Services Ltd., Bhawani Shankar Rathai Wholetime Director DIN : 00028499
Place : Kolkata Date : 17.6.2021



ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited
Corporate Identity Number: U99999DL1993PLC054135

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Central Service Office: 2nd Floor, Block B-2, Nirlon Knowledge Park, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (E), Mumbai - 400 063. Tel.: 022 2685 2000 Fax: 022 26868313

Notice to the Investors/Unit holders of ICICI Prudential Fixed Maturity Plan - Series 83 - 1108 Days Plan H (the Scheme)

Notice is hereby given that ICICI Prudential Trust Limited, Trustee to ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has approved the following distribution under Income Distribution cum capital withdrawal option (IDCW option) of the Scheme, subject to availability of distributable surplus on the record date i.e. on June 23, 2021*:

Name of the Scheme/Plans	Quantum of IDCW (₹ per unit) (Face value of ₹ 10/- each)*#	NAV as on June 16, 2021 (₹ per unit)
ICICI Prudential Fixed Maturity Plan - Series 83 - 1108 Days Plan H		
Direct Plan - Quarterly IDCW	0.0500	12.7501
Half Yearly IDCW	0.0500	12.6368
Direct Plan - Half Yearly IDCW	0.0500	12.7503

\$ The distribution will be subject to the availability of distributable surplus and may be lower depending upon the extent of distributable surplus available on the record date under the IDCW option of the Scheme.

Subject to deduction of applicable statutory levy, if any
* or the immediately following Business Day, if that day is a Non - Business Day.

The distribution with respect to IDCW will be done to all the unit holders/beneficial owners whose names appear in the register of unit holders/Statement of beneficial owners maintained by the Depositories, as applicable under the IDCW option of the Scheme, at the close of business hours on the record date.

It should be noted that pursuant to payment of IDCW, the NAV of the IDCW option of the Scheme would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy (if applicable).

Suspension of trading of units of the Scheme:

The units of the Scheme are listed on BSE. The trading of units of the Scheme will be suspended on BSE with effect from closing hours of trading of June 20, 2021.

For the purposes of redemption proceeds, the record date for the Scheme shall be June 23, 2021.

Place : Mumbai
Date : June 17, 2021
Sd/-
Authorised Signatory

No. 012/06/2021

To know more, call 1800 222 999/1800 200 6666 or visit www.iciciprufm.com

BSE Disclaimer: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE Limited should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Scheme Information Document (SID) has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the SID. The investors are advised to refer to the SID for the full text of the Disclaimer clause of the BSE Limited.

As part of the Go Green Initiative, investors are encouraged to register/update their e-mail id and mobile number to support paper-less communications.

To increase awareness about Mutual Funds, we regularly conduct Investor Awareness Programs across the country. To know more about it, please visit <https://www.iciciprufm.com> or visit AMFI's website <https://www.amfiindia.com>

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

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L&T Financial Services
Mutual Fund

Notice-cum-Addendum (No. 17 of F.Y. 2020 – 2021)

Maturity of L&T Emerging Opportunities Fund – Series II (A close-ended equity scheme predominantly investing in small cap stocks):

Notice is hereby given that in terms of the Scheme Information Document ("SID") of L&T Emerging Opportunities Fund – Series II ("the Scheme"), the maturity date of the Scheme falls on Sunday, July 11, 2021, which is a non-business day as per the SID of the Scheme. In view of the same, the next business day i.e. Monday, July 12, 2021 (or the immediately succeeding Business Day, if the maturity date falls on a non-business day), shall be considered as the maturity date of the Scheme. Accordingly, the units of the Scheme shall be suspended from trading on the National Stock Exchange of India Limited i.e. the exchange where the Scheme is listed.

All the Unit Holders/ Beneficial Owners of the Scheme, whose names appear in the records of the Registrar of L&T Mutual Fund viz. Computer Age Management Services Limited (CAMS)/ Depositories as at the closure of business hours on Monday, July 12, 2021 (or the immediately succeeding Business Day, if the maturity date falls on a non-business day), will be entitled to receive the maturity/ redemption proceeds.

Investors are requested to take note of the above.

For L&T Investment Management Limited
(Investment Manager to L&T Mutual Fund)

Sd/-
Authorised Signatory

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

POWER MECH PROJECTS LIMITED

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021

(Rs. in Mns)

Sl. No	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		Quarter Ended 31-03-2021 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 31-12-2020 (UnAudited)	Quarter Ended 31-03-2020 (Audited)	Year Ended 31-03-2021 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 31-12-2020 (UnAudited)	Quarter Ended 31-03-2020 (Audited)	Year Ended 31-03-2020 (Audited)	Year Ended 31-03-2021 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations	7,301.51	4,653.19	5,482.16	17,544.06	20,445.54	7,551.94	5,084.94	5,945.63
2	Net profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	533.75	61.47	272.44	(457.05)	1,480.88	499.97	42.85	363.02
3	Net profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	533.75	61.47	272.44	(457.05)	1,480.88	499.97	42.85	363.02
4	Net profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and / or Extraordinary items) (Attributable to Equity holders of the parent in case of consolidation)	390.61	45.28	222.29	(346.04)	1,106.64	356.60	31.32	313.51
5	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period (comprising profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income/(loss) (after tax)) (Attributable to Equity holders of the parent in case of consolidation)	400.92	46.79	230.38	(332.14)	1,116.24	361.68	36.59	332.89
6	Paid up equity share capital	147.11	147.11	147.11	147.11	147.11	147.11	147.11	147.11
7	Other equity				8,366.69	8,713.54			8,902.28
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised) Basic & Diluted	26.55	3.08	15.11	(23.52)	75.23	24.24	2.13	21.31
									89.24

NOTES:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Financial Results for Quarter and Year ended 31st March, 2021 filed with BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations,

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Ansari Road Branch,
3, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002
Fax: 011-23280192; Ph: 23250193, 23250072, 2325013
Email: ansarioad.newdelhi@bankofindia.co.in

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (64 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 09.04.2021 calling upon the borrower's M/s JBC Publishers and Distributors Proprietress Mrs. Usha Rani Jain to repay the amount mentioned in notice Rs. 2,80,22,721.96 (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty One and Paisa Ninety Six Only) with further interest and other charges until payments in full, within 60 days from the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this 17th June, 2021.

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of the **BANK OF INDIA** (BO: Ansari Road Branch, 3, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002) for an amount of Rs. 2,80,22,721.96 (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty One and Paisa Ninety Six Only) with further interest, cost etc thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of the section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(a) Commercial Property at Basement Floor, Plot No. 25, Municipal No. 4242/30/31, Situated at No. 2, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, Khasra No. 60, New Delhi-110002

Boundary:- North-Road,

South:- Plot No.-2/24,

East:- Road below

West:- Plot No.-2/26

Place: Delhi

Date: 17.06.2021

Authorized Officer
Bank of India

Registered Office: 301-306, 3rd Floor, ABHIJET -V,
Opp. Mayor's Bungalow, Law Garden Road, Mithakali,
Ahmedabad - 380006, Gujarat. www.fincarebank.com

LOAN AGAINST GOLD - AUCTION NOTICE ON "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS

The below mentioned borrower/s have been issued notices to pay their outstanding amounts towards the loan against gold facilities availed from Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd ("Bank"). Since the borrower/s has/have failed to repay his/their dues, we are constrained to conduct an auction of pledged gold items/articles as per below schedule.

Loan Account no Name of the borrower Auction Venue Auction Date

20660000329977 MOHD FAHIM GROUND FLOOR, 4/S- Encle - I, New Delhi - 110048, 22-06-2021

20660000336908 PRAVEEN KUMAR 41A/G10,12,13,14, FRIENDS TOWER, SANJAY PALACE, NEAR MAX SHOPPING CENTER, AGRA - 282002

20660000334446 SHUBHAM SINGH SHARIK

20660000339007 MOHAN DOTT

20660000340664 SHASHANK SINGH

20660000343790 AMAN KHAN

20660000345768 SUMIT MISHRA

21660000017581 MUHAMMAD REHMAN

21660000017901

21660000017981 SHEELA SRIVASTAV

20660000351463 SANDEEP GUPTA

20660000356274 BACHOOO SINGH

20660000516504 PRADEEP KUMAR MISHRA

20660000526140 JLMAS

20660000541736 SACHIN SHARMA

20660000565309 SUBHASH SHARMA

21660000038721 KAPIL KUMAR

Note: The auction is subject to certain terms and conditions mentioned in the bid form, which is made available before the commencement of auction.



PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public Notice is informed that my client AIAJ SHARMA S/O SHIV CHITAR SINGH SHARMA & SANGETA DEVI RESIDENCE NO. 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, VANI VIHAR, NEAR VANI VIHAR PARK, UTTAM NAGAR, D. K. MOHAN DAULATPUR, DELHI-110045, has severed all their family relations from their son named Nitin AIAJ SHARMA and also deceased son Nitin AIAJ SHARMA and his wife. I am hereby giving notice to my client's family members that he is no longer responsible for such contents, nor for any loss or damage incurred as a result of transactions with companies, associations or individuals advertising in its newspapers or publications. We also recommend that readers make necessary inquiries before sending any monies or entering into any agreements with advertisers or otherwise acting on an advertisement in any manner whatsoever.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY**Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement System**

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1	B2205756A	4K ultra high definition Arthroscopy	01 Nos.	13.07.2021

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.reps.gov.in for details.

2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No.: 82205756A Dated : 17.06.2021

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**NORTHERN RAILWAY****TENDER NOTICE****Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)**

Sr. DMM, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.

S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	93215114A	24 Fiber Armoured optic Fiber cable as per RDOS spec. No. IRS-TC-55/2006 Rev.1 Armd-03 with latest amendment.	68.5 KM	19.07.2021

Note:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.reps.gov.in for details.

2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Sr. DMM/NS/LP/93205114A/2021 Date : 16.06.2021.

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**PURAVANKARA****PURAVANKARA LIMITED**

Registered Office #130/1, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru - 560 042.

Tel: +91 80 2559 9000 / 4343 9999, Fax: +91 80 2559 9350.

Website: www.puravankara.com, Email: investors@puravankara.com, CIN No. L45291KL1986PLC051571

NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, June 25, 2021, inter-alia:

To consider and approve the Consolidated & Standalone Audited Financial Results of the Company & its subsidiaries for the year ended March 31, 2021.

The said notice may be accessed on the Company's website at www.puravankara.com and may also be accessed on the website of stock exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.

FOR PURAVANKARA LIMITED

NANI R CHOKSEY

VICE CHAIRMAN

DIN: 00504555

PLACE: BENGALURU

DATE: 17.06.2021

IDBI BANK**IDBI Bank Ltd, NPA Management Group,**

CIN: LESTRANK0240G014831

Intimation of Decision of Wilful Defaulter Committee

Name and Address of the Borrower Company: PSL Limited having its registered office at Kachigam, Damman Union Territory of Damman & Dhu - 396 210. Notice is hereby given to the Corporate Guarantor mentioned below that the proceedings for identification of Wilful Defaulters as laid down by RBI Master Circular has been initiated and the intimation letter dated May 11, 2021 conveying the decision of the Wilful Defaulters Committee issued by IDBI Bank to you has been returned / un-delivered/un served.

Name & Address | **Designation**
1 M/s. Broken Hills International Pvt. Ltd. 8/2, Monthi Lane, Egmore, Chennai-600 008 Corporate Guarantor of PSL Ltd.

Criteria No. | **Criteria for Wilful Default**

2.1.3 (b) **Diversion of funds:** The unit has defaulted in meeting its payment / repayment obligations to the lender and has not utilized the finance from the lender for the specific purposes for which finance was availed of but has diverted the funds for other purposes.

2.2.1 (c) **Transferring funds to the subsidiaries / Group companies or other corporate by whatever modalities.**

2.1.3 (c) **Siphoning off funds:** The unit has defaulted in meeting its payment / repayment obligations to the lender and has siphoned off the funds so that the funds have not been utilized for the specific purpose for which finance was availed of, nor are the funds available with the unit in the form of other assets.

2.2.2 **Siphoning off funds referred above should be construed to occur if any funds borrowed from Banks/FI are utilised for purposes un-related to the operations of the Borrower, to the detriment of financial health of the entity or of the lender.**

The above Corporate Guarantor, if desire, may submit further representation in writing within 15 days from the date of this notice as to why they should not be declared and reported to RBI as Wilful Defaulter.

Place: Mumbai

Date: 18-06-2021

Sd/- Authorised Signatory

NOTICE FOR SALE OF ASSETS**CLUTCH AUTO LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)**

(A company under liquidation process vide Hon'ble NCLT order dated February 15, 2018) Office of the company: 2-E/14 IST Floor Jhandewallan Extension New Delhi DL 110055 IN

Sale of Assets under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Last Date to apply and submission of Documents: 30thJune, 2021

Date and Time of E-Auction: 3rd July, 2021, 12pm to 3pm

(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)

Sale of Assets and Properties owned by Clutch Auto Ltd. (In Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Estate by the Liquidator, appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi, Principal Bench.

The sale will be done by the undersigned through the e-auction platform

<https://www.auctions.co.in>

Basic Description of Assets and Properties for sale:

Asset	Address/Area	Block No.	Reserve Price (INR)	EMD
Assets (Sample Stock, Packing Material, WIP, Raw Material and Finished Goods) at Bhawali (Details of the Asset forms a part of the Sale Process Document which is attached as Annexure V)	Plot No. SP-17/174/ RILCO Industrial Area, Kharanji, Bhawali, Alwar, Rajasthan- 301019,	1	Rs. 30,53,300/-	3,00,00/-

The terms and conditions of E-Auction and other details of properties are uploaded at the website i.e. <http://www.auctions.co.in>

Any serious and interested buyer can check out and submit a bid for the same.

Contact person on behalf of E-Auction Agency (Linkstar) Mr. Dixit Prajapati

Email id-admin@eauctions.co.in, Mobile No.: +91 7874138237

Contact

Fincare
Small Finance Bank
Registered Office: 301-306, 3rd Floor, ABHIJET - V,
Opp. Mayor's Bungalow, Law Garden Road, Mithkhali,
Ahmedabad - 380006, Gujarat. www.fin carebank.com

LOAN AGAINST GOLD - AUCTION NOTICE ON "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS
The below mentioned borrower/s have been issued notices to pay their outstanding amounts towards the loan against gold facilities availed from Fincare Small Finance Bank Ltd ("Bank"). Since the borrower/s has/have failed to repay his/hir dues, we are constrained to conduct an auction of pledged gold items/assets as per below schedule.

Loan Account No	Name of the borrower	Auction Venue	Auction Date
20660000329246	SANJAY KUMAR	GROUND FLOOR, PLOT NO.58, SECTOR-12 B, DWARKA, NEW DELHI - 110075	22-06-2021
20660000351923	SAROJANI KANTI	#F04, GROUND FLOOR, PITAMPUR OUTER RING ROAD, NEW DELHI - PITAMPURA - 110034	22-06-2021
2066000044817	PARVEEN CHETRI		
20660000305625	HARSHI DUA		
20660000532693	KULDEEP RANA		
20660000546367	AASHIS GUPTA		
20660000546847			
2166000098177	SANJEEV CHOPRA		

Note: The auction is subject to certain terms and conditions mentioned in the bid form, which is made available before the commencement of auction.

APPENDIX-IV
(See rule 8(1))
POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immoveable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **ART HOUSING FINANCE (INDIA) LIMITED** [CIN NO. U6599D2013PLC255432] under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(1) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 06.04.2021 for Loan Account No. LXDEL05500-000000410 calling upon the borrower/s **MANMOHAN & ARHUL DEVI** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 27,26,294/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four Only) as on 25.03.2021 and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein before in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **14.06.2021**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ART Housing Finance (India) Limited for an amount of **Rs. 27, 26,294/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four Only)** as on 25.03.2021 and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY

ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF/TERRACE RIGHTS OF BUILT UP PROPERTY BEARING PLOT NO- 20-B AREA MEASURING 72 Sq. YDS, KH NO-842 SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE NAWADA COLONY KNOWN AS ANAH VIHAR, UTTAM NAGAR, NEW DELHI, WHICH IS BOUNDED AS UNDER:

EAST : AS PER TITLE DOCUMENTS
WEST : AS PER TITLE DOCUMENTS
NORTH : AS PER TITLE DOCUMENTS
SOUTH : AS PER TITLE DOCUMENTS

DATE : 14.06.2021
PLACE : NEW DELHI

ART HOUSING FINANCE (INDIA) LIMITED

Karnataka Bank Ltd.
Your Family Bank. Across India.

Head Office: Mangaluru - 575 002 CIN : L85110KA1924PLC001128

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT BRANCH:
8-B,First Floor, Rajendra Park, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110060

E-Mail: delhi@ktkbank.com, Mob: 9319891680

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditors, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditors on **08.09.2017** for first floor and second floor with terrace and the ground floor on **09.09.2017**, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **28.07.2021**, for recovery of aggregate amount of banks Rs. **3,59,19,249.25** (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Nine Lakh Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred Forty Nine and Twenty Five Paisa Only) along with future interest from **01.09.2020**, plus cost under PS Overdraft A/c No. **5627000600001301**, to the Karnataka Bank Ltd, Vikaspuri Branch-Delhi, F-119, Ground Floor, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018, the Secured creditors from (1) **M/s Arhant Industries**, Represented by its Proprietor: **Mr. Sripal Jain**, Room No.201-202, Plot No.189-191, 2nd Floor, Lawrence Road, Industrial Area, New Delhi-110035, (2) Mr. Sripal Jain, S/o Mr. Daulat Ram Jain, R-116, Santhosh Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, (3) **Mrs. Renu Jain**, W/o Mr. Sripal Jain, R-116, Santhosh Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, being Borrowers/Guarantors/Co-Obligants.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY:

1) All that part and parcel of the property bearing Plot No.4-A, admeasuring 125 sq.yards with building constructed thereon, with roof/terrace rights, bearing Khasra No.44/12, Village Hastals, Delhi Estate, Abad Ki Mohan Garden Colony in Block-L-II, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, belonging to **Mrs. Renu Jain**

Boundaries: East : Part of Property, West : Part of Property

North : Road 40 ft wide, South : Service Lane

Reserve Price/Uptop Price below which the property may not be sold:

Rs. 77,00,000.00 (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Only)

Earrest money to be deposited/tendered: Rs. 7,70,000.00 (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)

(The borrower/s/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. www.karnatakabank.com under the head "mortgaged assets for sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal <https://bankauctions.in/> on 28.07.2021 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with unlimited extension of 05 minutes.

The intending bidder is required to register their name at <https://bankauctions.in/> and get the user Id and password free of cost and get online training on E-auction (tentatively on 27.07.2021) from M/s. **4closure, Flat No.102, Plot No.20, Anuratha Apartments, Motihinagar, Hyderabad-500018 contact No.040-23836405, mobile 8142000809, E-mail: vikas@bankauctions.in.**

Place : Delhi, For Karnataka Bank Ltd

Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF VIJ AGRO-EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of corporate debtor **VIJ AGRO-EXPORTS PRIVATE LIMITED**

2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor 24.03.1999

3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered Registrar of Companies, Chandigarh under the Companies Act, 1956

4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor U15132PB1999PTC022384

5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor REGD. OFFICE: Village Bahadurwala Mallanwala Road Ferozepur PB-152002

6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor 16.06.2021

7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process 12.12.2021 (180th day from the Insolvency Commencement Date)

8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional Rajender Kumar Jain IBBI/IPA-001/PI-P00543/2017-2018/10968

9. Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board House no. 3698/1, First Floor, Sector 46-C, Chandigarh-160047 E-mail: amicueth@gmail.com

10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional SCO-818, 1st Floor, NAC, Manimajra, Chandigarh-160101, E-mail: VIJAGROEXPORTSICRIP@GMAIL.COM Mobile No.-+91-73411-05243

11. Last date for submission of claims 02.07.2021

12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional Name the class (es) – NA

13. Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorized Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class) 1.NA
2.NA
3.NA

14. (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at: (a) Web link <http://ibpi.gov.in/downloadform.html> Please refer Note 1 given below for applicable form(s) (b) Not Applicable

Notice is hereby given that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh has ordered the commencement of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of the **Vij Agro-Exports Private Limited** on 16.06.2021.

The Creditors of **Vij Agro-Exports Private Limited** are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 02nd July, 2021 to the Interim Resolution Professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The Financial Creditors shall submit their claims with proof by **Electronic means only**. All other Creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

The submission of proof of claims should be made in accordance with Chapter IV of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016. The proof of claims is to be submitted by way of the following specified forms along with documentary proof in support of their claims:

Note-1 Form C: for Claims by Operational Creditors (except Workmen and employees)

Form B: for Claims by Financial Creditors

Form CA: for Claims by Financial Creditors in a Class

Form D: for Claims by a workmen and employee

Form E: for Claims by Authorized Representative of Workmen and Employees

Form F: for Claims by creditors other than financial creditors and operational creditors

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Kindly immediately contact details in the claim form so that any query regarding claim can be resolved.

Rajender Kumar Jain (Reg. No. IBBI/IPA-001/PI-P00543/2017-2018/10968) Interim Resolution Professional in the matter of Vij Agro-Exports Private Limited

Date : 18.06.2021 Place: Chandigarh

Date : 18.06.2021, Place : New Delhi

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Writer Business Services Private Limited engaged in providing record management services through its division Writer Information Management Services, is holding the possession of records / documents of numerous entities. Among them, the below mentioned party (or parties) has/have failed to approach the company to claim the possession and ownership of their respective records / documents and till date no steps have been taken by the said party (or parties) despite tremendous efforts being taken by the company including service of notices / numerous correspondence

S.R.No	Name of the Client
1	HALCYON ASIA SUPPORT SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED

The notice is hereby given to public at large that any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said records /documents of the above mentioned party (or parties), is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the undersigned at Writer Business Services Private Limited situated at Plot No: 105, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Road, Laibaug, Mumbai – 400 033 and / or principle place of business at Writer House, CTS no. 1377 & 1378, Church Road, Marol, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400 059 within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it shall be deemed that no one holds the right to claim the ownership / possession of the said records /documents and Writer Business Services Private Limited shall be deemed to have the right to dispose of the said records /documents in its own discretion including but not limited to destruction of the said records /documents.

It may further be noted that Writer Business Services Private Limited shall not be held responsible for loss / consequences if any against the actions taken in this regard including the destruction of the records /documents and no one shall be entitled to demand any type of compensation / payment / damages / relief in any form whatsoever from Writer Business Services Private Limited. The claims / demands / notices / documents / any other action taken by Writer Business Services Private Limited shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any right or remedy including the right to recover dues, initiate legal proceedings possessed by Writer Business Services Private Limited against the said party (or parties).

Sd/-
Dinesh Dashrath Dhayalkar, Head Legal
For Writer Business Services Private Limited
Address: Writer House, CTS no. 1377 & 1378, Church Road, Marol, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400 059

Place: Delhi
Date:-18-Jun-2021

P R HOLDINGS LIMITED

Regd. Office: R-489, GF-C, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi - 110060
Tel: 011-42475489
Website: www.prholding.in
Email: prholding1983@gmail.com
CIN : L27310DL1983PLC14402

NOTICE

Pursuant to Listing Agreement(s) with MSEI Ltd. & CSE, Notice is hereby given that Meetings of Audit Committee & Board of Directors is scheduled to be held on TUESDAY – 29.06.2021 at 03:00 & 04:00 PM respectively at its Regd. Office inter-alia to consider, approve & adopt Audited Financial Results of Quarter & Year ended 31.03.2021 alongwith Half-Yearly "Statement of Assets & Liabilities" as at 31.03.2021, Audit Report & Limited Review Report from Statutory Auditors, Trading Window in equity shares will remain closed from 01.04.2021 to 01.07.2021 for all insiders, and Any other matter with the permission of Chair.

Place: New Delhi RICHAGUPTA
Dated: 17.06.2021 WTD & CFO DIN: 07223813

NOTICE

S. E. RAILWAY TENDER
e-Tender. Notice No. : ST-CKP-OT-0321. Dated: 16.06.2021. Sr. Divisional Signals & Telecom Engineer/Co. South Eastern Railway, Chakradharpur and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tenders against Tender Nos. ST-CK

India 'priest' of world peace, but capable of replying to aggression: Rajnath

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Arunachal Pradesh, June 17



IN A STATEMENT seen as an implicit message to Beijing, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday said that though India is a peace loving country, it has the capability to reply to aggression.

Dedicating 12 strategic roads constructed by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) to the nation here, Singh described India as a priest of world peace but added any serious disturbance to peace and tranquility in border areas would have adverse implications.

"We seek world peace (but) if someone shows us an aggressive attitude, we will respond," Singh said, adding the "new roads will help secure international borders."

Singh's statement comes in

the backdrop of China continuing to hold on to positions in Hot Springs and Gogra Post on the border, after clashes between the armies of the two Asian giants in the bleak Galwan valley in Ladakh a year ago.

The defence minister said "last year in Galwan Valley, our soldiers displayed exemplary courage and valour in line of duty. I salute all brave soldiers who laid down their lives fighting for the nation."

China also claims most of Arunachal Pradesh as its territory and has dubbed it 'South Tibet' in internal maps. The northern neighbour which fought a bloody border war with India in 1962 when it invaded parts of Arunachal Pradesh including Tawang, often sends border patrols into areas controlled by India.

In September last year, five young Arunachali hunters were allegedly kidnapped by Chinese troops from Sera-7, in Upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh. The youth were later released in Anjaw district, around 800 km from the state capital, after several days in Chinese custody.

With no let up in India-China border tension, the Modi government is now looking to expedite work on border infrastructure, especially on roads leading to forward areas in the frontier state.

J&K integral part of India; no amount of questioning can change it: MEA

INDIA ON THURSDAY said J&K is an integral part of it and no amount of questioning can change the reality, an assertion that came following a letter by the Pakistan foreign minister to two UN officials overalling a design by New Delhi to change the demographic composition of the region.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi also said cross-border terrorism is "unacceptable". "The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. No amount of questioning can change the reality. Also cross border terrorism is unacceptable and no amount of justification can make it acceptable."

—PTI

The 40:30:30 formula: Class XII results to count marks in X & XI, results out by July 31

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ENDING UNCERTAINTY OVER

results of the Class XII board examinations hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, the CBSE informed the Supreme Court Thursday that marks for the theory component will be calculated according to a 40:30:30 formula based on the student's performance in Classes XII, XI and X, respectively.

For the practical and internal assessment component, the student will be assessed according to the actual marks submitted by the school to CBSE. Schools will have to finalise the results and upload marks on the Board's link by July 15, after which CBSE will declare the results by July 31.

Students not satisfied with such an assessment process will be given an opportunity to appear in examinations to be conducted by the board when conditions are conducive for holding the examinations" and "as per this policy, marks scored in later exams," the CBSE said.

The bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Dinesh Maheshwari, while stating that there was no question of reversing its earlier decision to accept cancellation of the Class XII board exams by the CBSE owing to the Covid-19 situation, accepted the CBSE and ICSE schemes for assessing results of students on the basis of their performance in Classes XII, XI and X, respectively.

After perusing the scheme presented by the concerned Boards, prima facie, we have no hesitation in accepting the results by July 31.

same and permit the Boards to proceed on that basis," the bench said, adding that "the scheme must incorporate two aspects... The first is about providing for Dispute Resolution mechanism in case the students apply for correction of the final result declared by the concerned Boards. The 2nd is about the timeline to be specified for (a) declaration of the result and (b) the date before which the optional examination will be conducted, subject to conducive situation and logistical constraints".

This is what Attorney General KK Venugopal informed the bench — CBSE Controller of Examination Sanyam Bhardwaj also stated this in his affidavit — regarding the assessment formula:

■ While assessing the theory por-

tion, Classes X and XI performances will be given 30% weightage each while that of Class XII will get 40% weightage.

■ Class XII marks will be evaluated based on Unit Test/Mid-Term/Pre-Board exams.

■ Class XI marks based on the theory component of the final exam.

■ Class X marks based on average theory component of the best three performing subjects out of the main five subjects.

■ Marks for Practical/Internal Assessment etc. of Class XII will be on actual basis as uploaded by the school on the CBSE portal.

In the affidavit, Bhardwaj said that to standardise the marking, the "total marks awarded should be in consonance with the past performance of the school in Class XII Board Examinations".

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PUBLIC ISSUE OF 9,90,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH OF ABHISHEK INTEGRATIONS LIMITED ("ABHISHEK" OR THE "COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ 50 (THE "ISSUE PRICE") PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹ 40 PER EQUITY SHARE) AGGRAGATING TO ₹ 495.00 LAKH ("THE ISSUE"), OF WHICH 54,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ 50 PER EQUITY SHARE INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹ 40 PER EQUITY SHARE AGGRAGATING TO ₹ 27.00 LAKH WILL BE RESERVED FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY MARKET MAKER TO THE ISSUE (THE "MARKET MAKER RESERVATION PORTION"), THE ISSUE LESS THE MARKET MAKER RESERVATION PORTION i.e. NET ISSUE OF 9,36,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH AT A PRICE OF ₹ 50 PER EQUITY SHARE INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹ 40 PER EQUITY SHARE AGGRAGATING TO ₹ 466.00 LAKH IS HEREIN AFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "NET ISSUE". THE ISSUE AND THE NET ISSUE WILL CONSTITUTE 32.88% AND 31.09% RESPECTIVELY OF THE POST ISSUE PAID UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY.

In terms of Prospectus dated June 01, 2021 and as per 25(2) of the SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, 2018 wherein allocation in the net offer to the public category shall be; (a) minimum of 50 % to Retail Individual Investors and (b) remaining to i) individual applicants other than retail individual investors and ii) other investors including corporate bodies or institutions, irrespective of number of specified securities applied for, Provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of the categories specified in clauses (a) or (b) may be allocated to applicants in the other category.

Explanation: If the retail individual investor category is entitled to more than fifty per cent. of the Net issue size on a proportionate basis, the retail individual investors shall be allocated that higher percentage.

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ISSUE WAS OPENED ON TUESDAY, JUNE 08, 2021 AND CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021.

The Equity Shares offered through the Prospectus are proposed to be listed on Emerge Platform of National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE). In terms of the Chapter IX of the SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, 2018, as amended from time to time, our Company has received in principle approval letter dated May 27, 2021 from NSE for using its name in this offer document for listing our shares on the Emerge Platform of NSE. For the purpose of this Issue, the designated Stock Exchange is NSE.

SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS

Details of Applications: The Issue has received 657 applications (before Technical Rejections but after removing 2,557 applications for 77,22,000 shares for which 'bid filed but not banked' for not banked) for 21,12,000 Equity Shares (Including Market Maker Application of 54,000 Equity Shares) resulting 2,133 times subscription. The details of the applications received in the Issue (before Technical Rejections but after removing after removing 2,557 applications for 77,22,000 shares for which 'bid filed but not banked') are as follows:

Details of the valid Applications Received (before Technical Rejections but after removing 83 applications for 2,49,000 shares for which 'bid filed but not banked'):

Category	Number of Applications	Number of Equity Shares	Subscription Ratio
Market Maker	1	54,000	1,000 Times
Non Retail Investor's	16	138,000	0,2949 Times
Retail Individual Investor's	640	1,92,000	4,1026 Times
Total	657	2,112,000	Overall
			2,133 Times

Total 28 applications for 84,000 shares in Retail Individual Investors Category were rejected on technical grounds. Further, there was no withdrawal of application in any of the category.

ALLOCATION: The Basis of Allotment was finalized in consultation with the Designated Stock Exchange NSE on June 16, 2021.

A. Allocation to Market Maker (After Technical Rejections & Withdrawal): The Basis of Allotment to the Market Maker, at the issue price of ₹ 50/- per Equity Share, was finalized in consultation with NSE. The category was subscribed by 1,000 time. The total number of shares allotted in this category is 54,000 Equity shares in full, out of reserved portion of 54,000 Equity Shares.

B. Allocation to Retail Individual Investors (After Technical Rejections & Withdrawal): The Basis of Allotment to the Retail Individual Investors, at the issue price of ₹ 50/- per Equity Share, was finalized in consultation with NSE. The category was subscribed by 4,1026 times (Before Technical Rejection). Total number of shares allotted in this category is 7,9,000 Equity Share as under;

No. of Shares Applied for (Category wise)	No. Of Applications received	% to Total	Total No. of Equity Shares applied	% to Total	Allocation per Applicant (Before Rounding Off)	Allocation per Applicant (After Rounding Off)	Ratio of Allottee's To Applicant	Serial Number of Qualifying applicants (After Rounding Off)	% to Total	Total No. of Equity Shares allocated/ allotted	% to Total
3000	612	100.00	18,36,000	100.00	7,98,000	1303.92	3000	266.612	As below	266	100.00
Total	612	100.00	18,36,000	100.00	7,98,000	1303.92	3000	266.612	As below	266	100.00

Serial Number of Qualifying applicants -Retail Individual Investors:

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● GENEVA SUMMIT

Biden trip takeaways: Respect, optimism and some scepticism

ZEKE MILLER
Washington, June 17

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN'S first overseas trip put his diplomatic and negotiating philosophy on display, as he rallied traditional US democratic allies to confront new and old challenges and offered an often rosy take on the possibilities of cooperation with Russian President Vladimir Putin after a one-on-one summit.

Here are some key takeaways:

A RESET THEY DIDN'T CALL A RESET: Biden and Putin did not use the word "reset" to describe the state of relations between the two nations after their summit in Switzerland. But that's what the meeting amounted to, with both men staking out clear areas of disagreement, even as they pointed to smaller-scale areas where they could cooperate.

They conveyed both a mutual respect and a mutual scepticism. It was an abrupt return to more conventional US-Russia framing after the presidency of Donald Trump, who often seemed to elevate Putin and create at least the aspiration that the countries could be more like partners.

This time, each leader left with the understanding that some of the old rules still apply.

Russia returns to its place as a "worthy adversary," as Biden put it, rather than some kind of colleague. And the longer-standing tensions over cyber-warfare and human rights, remain.

THE ART OF THE FACE: After their three-hour meeting, Biden's sunny disposition stood in sharp contrast to the more sober, taciturn tone of Putin, who at times became defensive when asked questions by reporters about



human rights violations in Russia and the country's invasion of Ukraine.

Even so, Biden acknowledged his optimism was more wishful thinking than reality.

"I'm going to drive you all crazy because I know you want me to always put a negative thrust on things, particularly in public," he said shortly before boarding Air Force One, adding, that way, "you guarantee nothing happens."

It highlighted the president's negotiating style, whether it be with Putin or with Senate Republicans at home on infrastructure -- in which he publicly expresses his belief that a deal can be struck despite often overwhelming odds.

"I know we make foreign policy out to be this great, great skill that somehow is sort of like a secret code," Biden said. "All foreign policy is a logical extension of personal relationships. It's the way human nature functions."

He later added, "There's a value to being realistic and to put on an optimistic front, an optimistic face."

AND THE FACE-TO-FACE: Biden's eight-day, three-country foreign trip demonstrated his emphasis on personal rela-

tionships above all.

"There's no substitute, as those of you who have covered me for a while know, for face-to-face dialogue between leaders. None," Biden said, declaring his summit with Putin a success simply for the fact that they spoke in person.

Throughout his trip, most of Biden's meetings were conducted in private, without cameras, or with only a few moments open to media.

It highlighted Biden's faith in intangible personal ties that can drive policy outcomes, both foreign and domestic.

And it marked a clear departure in style from Trump, whose freewheeling public meetings with global leaders became something of legend on the international stage. Relationships tended to flow one way -- with obsequious public displays by heads of state and government trying to get on Trump's good side.

Biden is banking that those leaders will welcome a return to the "old school" approach.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS: Before leaving Washington, Biden reasserted his view that democracies are in a generational confrontation with autocratic governments and

that the US can't hope to prevail if it stands alone.

With that in mind, he rallied American allies at the Group of Seven meeting of wealthy democracies and treaty partners at NATO, before his sit-down with Putin.

The sequencing was as much strategy as it was symbolism, with the unified-front posture with allies meant to bolster Biden's position regarding Russia. It also drove momentum behind the US' ongoing showdown with China over trade, security and health policy, as Biden secured tough language on China, both in the G-7 leaders' communiqué and from NATO countries in their joint statement.

MAD, BUT DON'T CALL IT A NEW COLD WAR: In the wake of a series of disruptive cyber-attacks that have emanated from Russia, Biden pressed Putin to curtail criminal and state-sponsored activity from his country by warning of American digital firepower and his willingness to deploy it.

Saying he gave Putin a list of 16 "critical infrastructure" sectors, from the energy industry to water systems, Biden said the leaders agreed to task experts "to work on specific understandings about what's off-limits" in this new domain. Even as Biden said of

Putin, "I think that the last thing he wants now is a Cold War," the American president embraced a defining characteristic of that era: deterrence.

Biden said he broached with Putin and his top advisers the possibility of a cyberattack taking down one of their oil pipelines and the devastating impact it could have on their energy-dependent economy.

Biden said Putin was well aware that the US has "significant cyber capability." He

doesn't know exactly what it is, but it's significant, and if in fact they violate these basic norms, we will respond, he knows, in a cyber way."

DOMESTIC TENSIONS CLOUD GLOBAL TALKS: After four years of "America First" under Trump, Biden set out to show the world that "America is back," but lingering domestic instability cast a long shadow overseas.

Whether it be the last president's temperament and isolationist policies or the months of efforts to undermine the 2020 election and the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection, the tumult of the last four years remains a fresh and raw memory for allies and adversaries alike.

Biden's actions and public comments showed the lengths to which he felt he needed to go to reassure allies that the US could be a credible leader on the world stage.

"They have seen things happen, as we have, that shocked them and surprised them," Biden said Monday of American allies. "But I think they, like I do, believe the American people are not going to sustain that kind of behaviour."

Even if allies were convinced, it was clear that adversaries were unwilling to forget so soon.

In his news conference following his meeting with Biden, Putin repeatedly deflected from his own deadly crackdowns on political dissenters with familiar -- but now more potent -- whataboutisms, by pointing to the Capitol assault and Black Lives Matter protests against racial injustice and police brutality in the US last year. Biden called it a "ridiculous comparison," though it was clear some damage couldn't be swiftly undone.

— AP

China's worse-than-Suez ship delays set to widen trade chaos

BLOOMBERG
June 17

THE GLOBAL SHIPPING industry, already exhausted by pandemic shocks that are adding to inflation pressures and delivery delays, faces the biggest test of its stamina yet.

When one of China's busiest ports announced it wouldn't accept new export containers in late-May because of a Covid-19 outbreak, it was supposed to be up and running again in a few days. But as the partial shutdown drags on, it's further snarling trade routes and lifting record freight prices even higher.

Yantian Port now says it will be back to normal by the end of June, but just as it took several weeks for ship schedules and supply chains to recover from the vessel blocking the Suez Canal in March, it may take

months for the cargo backlog in southern China to clear while the fallout ripples to ports worldwide.

"The trend is worrying, and unceasing congestion is becoming a global problem," AP Moller-Maersk A/S, the world's No.1 container carrier, said in a statement Thursday.

The situation in South China is another "in a string of disasters we've seen plague the global supply chain," according to Nerijus Poskus, vice president of ocean strategy and carrier development for Flexport Inc., which makes software that helps companies manage their supply chains.

Usually cheap and invisible to companies and consumers, ocean freight that's now more expensive than ever has become a double-edged threat to the world economy: by acting as both a drag on commerce and a potential accelerant for inflation. In the US on Wednesday, Federal Reserve policy makers raised their inflation forecasts partly because bottlenecks have formed as supply fails to keep pace with demand.

Drewry Shipping data released Thursday showed no let-up as container rates on several routes kept climbing, including an increase to \$11,196 for a 40-foot box to Rotterdam from Shanghai. That's a nearly seven-fold increase from a year ago.

the US and Europe, where retailers and other importers restock warehouses ahead of the year-end holiday shopping rush.

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He estimated the congestion in Yantian will take six to eight weeks to clear. That timetable is a problem because it extends the disruptions into the late-summer period of peak demand from

Iran nuclear deal hangs in balance as Islamic Republic votes

JON GAMBRELL
Dubai, June 17

IRAN'S TATTERED NUCLEAR deal with world powers hangs in the balance as the country prepares to vote on Friday for a new president and diplomats press on with efforts to get both the US and Tehran to reenter the accord.

The deal represents the signature accomplishment of the relatively moderate President Hassan Rouhani's eight years in office.

Middle East. It also prompted Tehran to enrich uranium to highest purity levels so far, just shy of weapons-grade levels.

The deal's collapse with President Donald Trump's decision to unilaterally withdraw America from the agreement in 2018 spiralled into a series of attacks and confrontations across the wider

— AP

between Iran and the West.

"It's certainly not as complex as drafting a deal from scratch, which is what the sides did that resulted in the 2015 deal," said Henry Rome, a senior analyst focusing on Iran at the Eurasia Group. "But there's still a lot of details that need to be worked out."

He added: "I think there's a lot of domestic politics that go into this and an interest from hard-liners, including the supreme leader, to ensure that their favoured candidate wins without any significant disruption to that process."

The 2015 deal, which saw Iranians flood into the streets in celebration, marked a major turn after years of tensions between Iran and the West over Iran's nuclear programme.

— AP

that," said Amrit Mehta, who leads GM's global web efforts.

GM will unveil a new site for its Bolt electric cars, which will be Chevy's most advanced online sales website, he said. "We find that customers who buy EVs are adopting new ways of buying, and that is where we see the greatest opportunity."

Nissan is refining an online sales system, Nissan@Home, based on a platform licensed from CarSaver, which was developed for Walmart. "It's clear that the younger generations want to do more online, and Gen Z even more than millennials," said Dan Mohnke, Nissan's vice president for e-commerce. "We are using it for a brand differentiator of Nissan."

But even individual GM and Nissan sites may work differently from dealer to dealer because of differing state laws and because their dealers can choose which parts of the online tool kit to use. Some dealers entrenched in hoary sales culture may use websites merely to manoeuvre buyers into a showroom.

"We are very close to doing

— NYT

Happy to shun showrooms, millennials storm the car market

ROY FURCHOTT
June 17

CONTRARY TO POPULAR belief, millennials don't hate cars. They hate car dealerships.

But the pandemic has pushed car dealers to step up online sales, eliminating what millennials (and others) dreaded: showroom visits that averaged five hours, haggling, paperwork, and high-pressure pitches for add-on products like wheel and tire insurance.

"I dislike the car dealer rigmarole of 'Let me go talk to my manager' and 'Let's go over to the finance department,'" said Will Clark, 38, a recent car shopper who lives in a suburb of Portland, Ore. "I don't get the whole 'You've got to take it for a spin, kick the tires!'" That was a model when cars weren't the same quality they are today across the board."

Millennials were presumed to dislike cars because — thanks to alternatives like Uber, Lyft and helicopter parents — they often delayed getting a driver's license. Financially strained with school loans, difficult job markets (the

Great Recession and the just-now-fading pandemic set back careers) and an average new-vehicle cost of \$38,000, they delayed car-buying even longer.

But in 2020 millennials bought more new cars than any other age group, accounting for 32% of total new-car sales, edging out baby boomers for the first time, according to the market research firm J D Power. And those millennials were nearly twice as likely as boomers to shop for and buy a vehicle — new or used — entirely online, according to Cars.com, which outfits dealers with technology for online sales.

Millennial financial clout, disdain for dealerships and the pandemic have converged to shift how cars are sold



whose stock has gained more than 200% since March 2020. Many more services are emerging, like CoPilot, Gettacar, CarBevy, CarSaver, and Joydrive, some of which are backed by big-name venture capitalists.

Even with the rising number of services, there is vast room for growth, said Toby Russell, a co-chief executive of Shift, which sells used cars.

The used-car market in the US alone is about \$840 billion, he said, adding that less than 1% of those sales go through the three largest, publicly traded online dealers, which has made for a collegial rivalry.

"It's not Shift, Vroom and Carvana against each other," he said. "It's Shift, Vroom and Carvana against the other 99% of the market." The new-car market is estimated at a third of the used market or less.

Used-car apps outnumber new-car services because they face fewer legal restrictions. Those restrictions, from the mid-1950s, protected dealerships, said Daniel A. Crane, a law professor at the University of Michigan. Before the regulations, auto manufacturers could strong-arm mom-and-pop dealerships into taking cars they didn't want by threatening to open a competing showroom and undercut prices.

The regulation of dealerships has been challenged by Tesla, which Crane advised informally. Tesla sidestepped the regulation by owning all of its dealerships. That allows it to sell cars directly online and in its stores because there are no mom-and-pops to threaten. In states where it could not sell directly at all, like Michigan, it had customers take delivery in their tent.

Outdoor workers are particularly at risk, along with older people and anyone without adequate shelter or access to air conditioning.

Across the country, heat waves are becoming more frequent, lasting longer and occurring earlier in the year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Severe heat early in the spring can be especially dangerous because it catches people off guard, experts say.

Cities like Phoenix are struggling to keep up. While the city runs air-conditioned cooling centres, many were shut down last year amid the pandemic. And ensuring that the centers are accessible to everyone is a challenge.

Kayla and Richard Contreras, who sleep in a blue tent on a baking sidewalk in a homeless encampment near downtown Phoenix, said the cooling centers were not an option because they have a dog and they worried about leaving their belongings unattended in their tent.

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Climate change batters the West before summer even begins

BRAD PLUMER, JACK HEALY,
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A HEAT DOME is baking Arizona and Nevada, where temperatures have soared past 115 degrees this week and doctors are warning that people can get third-degree burns from

the sizzling asphalt.

At Lake Mead, which supplies water for 25 million people in three southwestern states and Mexico, water levels have plunged to their lowest point since the reservoir was filled in the 1930s. In California, farmers are abandoning their thirstiest crops to save others, and communities are debating whether to ration tap water.

The process irreversibly destroys the tiny grape-like air sacs through which gas is exchanged in the lungs, Kleiner said in a lecture on Covid autopsies in July. "Patients really only survive to that fibrotic stage if they are intubated," he said, adding that the harmful scarring can occur within a couple of weeks of lung injury. — BLOOMBERG

California, much of the West is suffering from unusually high temperatures. Some 50 million Americans face heat-related warnings. Records have been tied or broken

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OPEN OFFER FOR ACQUISITION OF UP TO 96,26,991 (NINETY-SIX LAKHS TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE) FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF RE.1.00/- (RUPEE ONE ONLY) EACH ('OPEN OFFER EQUITY SHARES') FROM ALL THE PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF INTELLIVATE CAPITAL ADVISORS LIMITED (ICAL OR 'TARGET COMPANY') BY SATYANARAYANA REDDY GARLAPATI ('ACQUIRER 1'), SUKUMAR REDDY GARLAPATI ('ACQUIRER 2') AND SUMATHI INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED ('ACQUIRER 3') HEREINAFTER COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE 'ACQUIRERS') AT AN OFFER PRICE OF RE.1.70/- (RUPEE ONE AND SEVENTY PESA ONLY) PER EQUITY SHARE.

This Detailed Public Statement (hereinafter referred to as 'DPS') is being issued by CapitalSquare Advisors Private Limited, (hereinafter referred as 'Manager to the Offer'), for and on behalf of the Acquirers, in compliance with Regulation 13(4), Regulation 14(3), and Regulation 15(2) and such other applicable Regulations of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations pursuant to the public announcement dated Tuesday, June 15, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as 'Public Announcement') in relation to this Open Offer, which was filed with Securities and Exchange Board of India (hereinafter referred to as 'SEBI'), BSE Limited (hereinafter referred to as 'BSE Limited' or the Stock Exchange), and the Target Company at its registered office, in terms of Regulation 3(1) and Regulation 4 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Public Announcement was sent to SEBI, the Stock Exchange and to the Target Company on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in terms of Regulation 14(1) and Regulation 14(2) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

For the purposes of this Detailed Public Statement, the following terms shall have the meaning assigned to them below: 'Business Day' means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or any day on which the banks in India or SEBI is permitted to be closed.

'Equity Date' means the fully paid-up equity shares of the Target Company of face value of Re.1.00/- (Rupee One only) each. 'Identified Date' means the date falling on the 10th (tenth) working day prior to the commencement of the tendering period, for the purpose of determining the Public Shareholders to whom the Letter of Offer shall be sent.

'Offer Period' has the same meaning as ascribed to it in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

'Public Shareholders' means all the equity shareholders of the Target Company excluding (i) the shareholders forming a part of the promoter/promoter group of the Target Company; (ii) parties to the SPA (defined below); and (iii) any persons acting in concert or deemed to be acting in concert with the persons set out in (i) and (ii).

'Share Purchase Agreement' or 'SPA' means an agreement dated on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 entered amongst the Acquirers and the Promoter Sellers, namely being (a) Leena Vipul Modi, (b) Vipul Jayantilal Modi, (c) Vipul Jayantilal Modi HUF, (d) Chandrakanta Jayantilal Modi, (e) Jimit Devleopers Private Limited, (f) Miloni Vipul Modi, (g) Jimit Devleopers Private Limited, (h) Rock Builders And Developers Private Limited, and (i) Jinai Fin-Vest Private Limited;

'Voting Share Capital' means the fully diluted equity voting share capital of the Target Company as of the 10th (tenth) working day from the closure of the tendering period of the Offer.

'Working Day' has the same meaning as ascribed to it in the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

I. DETAILS OF THE ACQUIRERS, SELLERS, TARGET COMPANY AND OFFER

A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACQUIRERS

1. SATYANARAYANA REDDY GARLAPATI (ACQUIRER 1)

(a) Acquirer 1 is the s/o Janardhan Reddy Garlapati, aged 52 years, Indian resident, bearing Permanent Account Number 'AEQPG25182' under the Income Tax Act, 1961, resident at Flat No. G-1, Sai Santoshio Residence, 12-13-677/52, Keemil Colony, Street No. 1, Tarnaka, Hyderabad - 500 017, Telangana, India. The Email ID of the Acquirer 1 is gsrreddy12@gmail.com and contact number is +91-9846026554;

(b) Acquirer 1 has completed his Master of Arts from Osmania University and has more than 20 (Twenty) years of experience in the field of Facility Management, Infrastructure, Agriculture, etc;

(c) Acquirer 1 is the Elder Brother of Sukumar Reddy Garlapati (Acquirer 2);

(d) Acquirer 1 is one of the director of Sumathi Corporate Facility Management and Services Private Limited, and is the designated partner of Sriven Labs LLP;

(e) The Net worth of Acquirer 1 as on Friday, 30 April, 2021, is Rs.350.72/- Lakhs (Rupees Three Hundred and Fifty Lakhs and Seventy-Two Thousand Only) and the same is certified by Gundla & Co., Chartered Accountants, (Membership No.203754), Firm Registration No. 0077895, having its office at Flat No. 202, Sneha Enclave, H.No. 3-6-207, Magloolam Marg, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 029, Telangana, India, Tel. No. 040 - 23262547, Email: gundla.ca@gmail.com, cagundla@gmail.com

2. SUKUMAR REDDY GARLAPATI (ACQUIRER 2)

(a) Acquirer 2 is the s/o Janardhan Reddy Garlapati, aged 46 years, Indian resident, bearing Permanent Account Number 'AEQPG057682' under the Income Tax Act, 1961, resident at 101,12-13-484/4 and 5, Poulomi Bridge, Station No. 1, Tarnaka Flat No. 101, Maropetty, Musheerabad, Hyderabad - 500 017, Telangana, India. The Email ID of the Acquirer 2 is sukumarsumathi@gmail.com and contact no. is 040-27847979;

(b) Acquirer 2 holds Post-Graduation degree in Commerce from Osmania University and has got immense knowledge in Infrastructure and established Sumathi Infratech Private Limited in the year 2010 and successfully running the business from past 11 years. He has experience of more than 15 years in the field of Facility Management, Liasoning with Government Departments, Agriculture, Seed Processing, etc;

(c) Acquirer 2 is the Director of Sumathi Infratech Private Limited (Acquirer 3), Sumathi Seeds Private Limited, Telangana Airlines Private Limited, Sunnathi Crop Science Private Limited, Sunnathi Waste Management Services Private Limited;

(d) Acquirer 2 is an Additional Director of Caspian Agro and Infrastructure Private Limited, and Managing Director of Sumathi Corporate Services Private Limited;

(e) Acquirer 2 is an individual Partner in Pamsiram Prudhvi Builders LLP, and a Designated Partner in Sriven Labs LLP;

(f) Acquirer 2 is the younger brother of the Acquirer 1 Satyanarayana Reddy Garlapati;

(g) The Net worth of Acquirer 2 as on Friday, 30 April, 2021, is Rs.1,053.31/- Lakhs (Rupees One Thousand Fifty-Three Lakhs Thirty-One Thousand Only) and the same is certified by Gundla & Co., Chartered Accountants, (Membership No.203754), Firm Registration No. 0077895, having its office at Flat No. 202, Sneha Enclave, H.No. 3-6-207, Magloolam Marg, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 029, Telangana, India , Tel. No. 040 - 23262547, Email: gundla.ca@gmail.com, cagundla@gmail.com

3. SUMATHI INFRATECH PRIVATE LIMITED (ACQUIRER 3)

(a) The Acquirer 3 is a private limited company incorporated on September 30, 2010 under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 bearing Permanent Account Number 'AAU5002AP2010PTC070653'. There has been no change in the name of the Acquirer 3 since its incorporation. The Email id of the Acquirer 3 is info@sumathintra.in and contact no is 040-27847979. The registered office of the Acquirer 3 is situated at Plot No.8, Durga Nagar Colony, Punjagutta, Hyderabad - 500 082, Telangana, India;

(b) The Acquirer 3 is an unlisted company which majorly operates in infrastructure projects for both Government as well as private sector. Acquirer 3 does not belong to any group;

(c) The equity shares of the Acquirer 3 are not listed on any stock exchanges;

(d) The Authorised Share capital of the Acquirer 3 is Rs.3,00,00,00,00/- (Rupees Three Crores Only) comprising of 30,00,00 (Thirty Lakh) equity shares of face value of Rs.10.00/- (Rupees Ten only) and the issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Acquirer 3 is Rs. 1,00,00,00/- (Rupees One Lakh Only) comprising of 10,000 (Ten Thousand) equity shares of face value of Rs. 10.00/- (Rupees Ten only);

(e) Set out below is the shareholding pattern of the Acquirer 3.

Name of the Shareholder	No. of shares held	% of total issued shares
Sukumar Reddy Garlapati	7,000	70.00%
Satyantarayana Reddy Garlapati	2,900	29.00%
Ramesh Akula	100	1.00%

(f) The key financial information of the Acquirer 3 based on its audited standalone financial statements as of and for the financial years ended March 31, 2019, March 31, 2020, and March 31, 2021, is set out below

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	Year ended 31.03.2021 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)	Year ended 31.03.2019 (Audited)
Total Revenue	21.48	16.75	52.43
Net Income i.e., Profit/ (Loss) After Tax	4.43	1.19	5.56
EPS (in Rs.)	44.36	11.85	55.63
Net worth/Shareholder Funds	0.38	(4.05)	5.24

4. CONFIRMATIONS BY THE ACQUIRERS

(a) The Acquirer 1 and Acquirer 2 are related to each other as brothers. Further, the Acquirer 2 is one of the director on board of the Acquirer 3. In addition to the above, both the Acquirer 1 and Acquirer 2 are the shareholders of the Acquirer 3, and hence all the Acquirers are related to one another;

(b) As on date of this DPS, none of the Acquirers have any interest / relationship in the Target Company nor do they hold any Equity Shares of the Target Company, except in terms of the proposed acquisition as contemplated via the SPA;

(c) None of the Acquirers have been prohibited by SEBI from dealing in securities, in terms of directions issued under Section 119 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (hereinafter referred to as 'SEBI Act') or under any other Regulation made under the SEBI Act;

(d) The Acquirers have confirmed that they are not categorized as a "Willful Defaulter" in terms of Regulation 1(ze) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. They have further confirmed that they are not appearing in the willful defaulters list of the Reserve Bank of India;

(e) As on the date of this DPS, the Acquirers have confirmed that they are not declared as a fugitive economic offender under Section 12 of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018.

(f) As on the date of this DPS, the Acquirers are not forming a part of the present Promoter group of the Target Company. Further, there is/are no nominee(s) of the Acquirers on the Board of Directors of the Target Company.

(g) There are no persons acting in concert in relation to this Offer within the meaning of 21(1)(q)(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

(h) The Acquirers undertake that they will not sell the Equity Shares of the Target Company, held, and acquired by them, if any, during the Offer period in terms of Regulation 25(4) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.

B. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SELLING SHAREHOLDERS:

(a) The details of the selling shareholders ("the Selling Shareholders"), who have entered into the Share Purchase Agreement with the Acquirers is as stated hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name & Address of Sellers	Nature	Equity Shares Holding Prior to SPA	Part of the Promoter/ Promoter Group (Yes/ No)	% To Paid -up Equity Shares
1.	Leena Vipul Modi PAN: AAABPM1418R Ramakunj, 4th Floor, 155A, Sir Bhachandra Road, Near Khande Parkar Hospital, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Mumbai - 400 014, Maharashtra, India	Individual	84,75,550	Yes	27.29
2.	Vipul Jayantilal Modi PAN: AAABPM1417A Ramakunj, 4th Floor, 155A, Sir Bhachandra Road, Near Khande Parkar Hospital, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Mumbai - 400 014, Maharashtra, India	Individual	29,72,590	Yes	9.57
3.	Vipul Jayantilal Modi HUF PAN: AAVAH0890H Ramakunj, 4th Floor, 155A, Sir Bhachandra Road, Near Khande Parkar Hospital, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Mumbai - 400 014, Maharashtra, India	HUF	14,77,300	Yes	4.76
4.	Chandrakanta Jayantilal Modi PAN: ADIPMB01473R Techno Heights, Plot No.155/a Sir Bhachandra Road, Hindu Colony besides Khande Parkar hospital Dadar, Mumbai - 400 014, Maharashtra, India	Individual	3,04,500	Yes	0.98
5.	Jimit Devleopers Private Limited PAN: AACR5632A1104 Ramakunj, 4th Floor, 155A, Near Khande Parkar Hospital, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Mumbai - 400 014, Maharashtra, India	Individual	1,06,000	Yes	0.34
6.	Miloni Vipul Modi PAN: AACPM01373R Remakunj, 4th Floor, 155A, Sir Bhachandra Road, Near Khande Parkar Hospital, Hindu Colony, Dadar, Mumbai - 400 014, Maharashtra, India	Individual	1,000	Yes	0.00
7.	Jimit Devleopers Private Limited PAN: AACR5632A1104, A Wing, Naman Midtown 11th Floor Seapati Bapat Marg, Prabhadevi Mumbai - 400 013, Maharashtra, India	Private Limited Company	1,06,000	Yes	0.34
8.	Rock Builders and Developers Private Limited PAN: AACACJ582F1104, A Wing, Naman Midtown 11th Floor Seapati Bapat Marg, Prabhadevi Mumbai - 400 013, Maharashtra, India	Private Limited Company	1,06,000	Yes	0.34
9.	Jinal Fin - Vest Private Limited PAN: AACACJ582F1104, A Wing, Naman Midtown 11th Floor Seapati Bapat Marg, Prabhadevi Mumbai - 400 013, Maharashtra, India	Private Limited Company	1,05,000	Yes	0.34
			1,36,53,940		43.97

(b) The Sellers have proposed to sell 1,36,53,940 (One Crore Thirty-Six Lakhs Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty) Equity Shares to the Acquirers constituting 43.97% of the total paid up Equity Voting Share Capital of the Company pursuant to SPA dated Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at a price of Re.1.70/- per Equity Share.

(c) The Sellers have confirmed that they have not been prohibited by SEBI from dealing in securities, in terms of directions issued under Section 11B of the SEBI Act, 1992, as amended or under any other regulation made under the SEBI Act, 1992.

(d) The Sellers do not belong to any Group.

C. INFORMATION ABOUT THE TARGET COMPANY – INTELLIVATE CAPITAL ADVISORS LIMITED (ICAL)

(a) ICAL was incorporated on March 03, 2011, under the provisions of The Companies Act, 1956 with the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra. The Corporate Identification Number of Target Company is L67190MH2011LC214318.

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BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31st March 2021

(₹ in thousands)

	Schedule	As on 31st March 2021 (Current Year)	As on 31st March 2020 (Previous Year)
CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			
Capital	1	6560,15,89	5824,10,93
Reserves & Surplus	2	5573,02,02	4931,17,01
Deposits	3	174005,61,91	150066,40,46
Borrowings	4	4238,75,12	3670,03,18
Other Liabilities & Provisions	5	6287,46,35	4375,46,66
TOTAL		196665,01,29	168867,18,24
ASSETS			
Cash and Balances with Reserve Bank of India	6	12882,48,23	10353,68,49
Balances with Banks, Money at call & Short Notice	7	59,24,85	93,28,22
Investments	8	68111,64,45	57740,85,12
Advances	9	102405,16,68	86871,65,09
Fixed Assets	10	1674,00,23	1676,19,16
Other Assets	11	11532,46,85	12131,52,16
TOTAL		196665,01,29	168867,18,24
Contingent Liabilities	12	31127,72,44	29491,84,83
Bills for Collection		4986,84,18	7037,69,24
Significant accounting policies	17		
Notes on Accounts	18		

The Schedules 1 to 18 form an integral part of the Accounts.

R. THAMODHARAN DIRECTOR	VANDITA KAUL DIRECTOR	M. K. VERMA DIRECTOR
A. B. VIJAYAKUMAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	HEMANT TAMTA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	A. S. RAJEEV MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO
SUNIL DHOT ASST. GEN. MANAGER FM&A	P. R. KHATAVKAR GENERAL MANAGER FM&A & CFO	

Place: Pune

Date: 29.04.2021

SCHEDULE-1 CAPITAL

	As on 31st March 2021 (Current Year)	As on 31st March 2020 (Previous Year)
Authorised Capital		
10,00,00,00,000 Equity Shares (Previous year 300,00,00,000) of Rs. 10/- each	10000,00,00	10000,00,00
Issued & Subscribed		
656,01,58,901 Equity Shares (Previous year 582,41,09,300) of Rs. 10/- each	5824,10,93	2753,17,14
Opening Balance	736,04,96	3070,93,79
Additions during the year		
Paid Up Capital		
a. Held by Central Government 612,26,27,927 (Previous year 538,65,78,326)	6122,62,79	5386,57,83
b. Held by the Public & Others 43,75,30,974 (Previous year 43,75,30,974)	437,53,10	437,53,10
Equity shares of Rs. 10/- each		
Less: Allotment money due	..	6560,15,89
TOTAL	6560,15,89	5824,10,93

SCHEDULE-2 RESERVES AND SURPLUS

	As on 31st March 2021 (Current Year)	As on 31st March 2020 (Previous Year)
I. STATUTORY RESERVE		
i) Opening Balance	1349,63,81	1252,49,29
ii) Addition during the year	137,56,29	97,14,52
II. CAPITAL RESERVE		
i) Opening Balance	417,04,17	363,39,71
ii) Addition during the year	184,52,91	53,64,46
iii) Deduction during the year	--	--
III. SHARE PREMIUM		
i) Opening Balance	6902,76,12	5343,99,91
ii) Addition during the year	94,95,04	1558,76,21
iii) Deduction during the year - Utilised for writing off b/f. losses	6902,76,12	--
IV. REVENUE AND OTHER RESERVES		
a) REVENUE RESERVE		
i) Opening Balance	1621,70,84	1515,56,85
ii) Addition during the year	88,54,64	106,13,99
iii) Deduction during the year	--	--
b) SPECIAL RESERVE		
i) Opening Balance	498,00,00	498,00,00
ii) Addition during the year	--	--
iii) Deduction during the year - Utilised for writing off b/f. losses	446,73,96	--
c) REVALUATION RESERVE		
i) Opening Balance	1264,52,17	1373,10,41
ii) Addition during the year	--	--
iii) Deduction during the year	91,89,85	108,58,24
d) INVESTMENT FLUCTUATION RESERVE ACCOUNT		
i) Opening Balance	227,00,00	227,00,00
ii) Addition during the year	176,00,00	--
iii) Deduction during the year	--	--
V. BALANCE IN PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
i) Opening Balance	-7349,50,10	-7349,50,10
ii) Addition during the year	52,15,96	--
iii) Deductions - b/f. losses set off against Share premium and Special reserve	7349,50,10	52,15,96
TOTAL	5573,02,02	4931,17,01

SCHEDULE-3 DEPOSITS

	As on 31st March 2021 (Current Year)	As on 31st March 2020 (Previous Year)
A. I. DEMAND DEPOSITS		
i) From Banks	64,56,44	83,84,03
ii) From Others	18478,61,76	14305,40,44
II. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS		
	75402,01,79	61085,55,15
III. TERM DEPOSITS		
i) From Banks	242,38,92	205,97,69
ii) From Others	79818,03,00	74385,53,15
TOTAL (I, II & III)	174005,61,91	150066,40,46
B. (i) Deposits of Branches in India	174005,61,91	150066,40,46
(ii) Deposits of Branches outside India	--	--
TOTAL	174005,61,91	150066,40,46

SCHEDULE - 4 BORROWINGS

	As on 31st March 2021 (Current Year)	As on 31st March 2020 (Previous Year)
I. BORROWING IN INDIA		
i) Reserve Bank of India	500,00,00	478,00,00
ii) Other Banks	--	--
iii) Other Institutions and Agencies	51,59,79	85,79,79
iv) Other Borrowings	--	--
a) Innovative perpetual Debt Instruments (IPDI)	--	--
b) Hybrid Debt Capital Instruments issued as Bonds	--	--
c) Subordinated Debt Bonds	2605,70,00	2100,00,00
d) Infra Bonds	1000,00,00	3663,79,79
II. BORROWINGS OUTSIDE INDIA		
	81,45,33	6,23,39
TOTAL (I & II)	4238,75,12	3670,03,18
III. SECURED BORROWINGS INCLUDED IN I & II ABOVE		
	500,04,79	478,04,79

SCHEDULE - 5 OTHER LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

	As on 31st March 2021 (Current Year)	As on 31st March 2020 (Previous Year)
I. Bills Payable	726,94,18	486,92,01
II. Inter-office adjustments (net)	644,22,49	--
III. Interest Accrued	318,35,84	309,67,31
IV. Others (including provisions) :		
i) Provision against standard assets	1339,57,47	698,54,47
ii) Other liabilities (including provisions)	3258,36,37	2880,32,87
TOTAL	6287,46,35	4375,46,66

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2021

(₹ in thousands)

	Schedule	As on 31st March 2021 (Current Year)	As on 31st March 2020 (Previous Year)
I. INCOME			
Interest earned	13	11868,54,08	11495,44,71
Other Income	14	2625,26,89	1649,22,67
TOTAL		14493,80,97	13144,67,38
II. EXPENDITURE			
Interest expended	15	6971,08,82	7216,64,98
Operating Expenses	16	3565,05,72	



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- 3.4 REPO / Reverse REPO**
The Bank has adopted the Uniform Accounting Procedure prescribed by the RBI for accounting of market Repo and Reverse Repo transactions. Repo and Reverse Repo transactions are treated as Collateralized Borrowing / Lending Operations with an agreement to repurchase on the agreed terms. Securities sold under Repo are continued to be shown under Investment and Securities purchased under Reverse Repo are not included in Investment. Outstanding Repo / Term Repo is disclosed as borrowing and outstanding Reverse Repo is disclosed as lending. Costs and revenues are accounted for as interest expenditure / income, as the case may be.
- 3.5 Cost of investments**
Cost of investments is determined on the basis of Weighted Average Price method. Interest paid for broken period / interest received for broken period at the time of purchase / sale of fixed income securities is treated as revenue expenditure / income. Brokerage / incentive received / paid at the time of purchase/sale of investment is deducted / added from the amount of investment.
- 3.6 Valuation of investments:**
- a. **Held to Maturity:**
Securities under the category 'Held to Maturity' are valued at weighted average acquisition cost. Wherever the cost of security is higher than the face value, the premium is amortized over the remaining period of maturity on straight line basis. In case of investments, where the cost price is less than the face value, the difference is ignored.
 - b. **In case of investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures permanent diminution in value is recognized and provided for; investment in RRB is valued at carrying cost.**
 - c. **On sale of investments in this category (a) the net profit is initially taken to profit and loss account and thereafter such profit net of applicable taxes and proportionate transfer to statutory reserve is appropriated to the 'Capital Reserve account'; and (b) the net loss is charged to the Profit & Loss Account.**

- b. Available for Sale:**
The individual securities under this category are marked to market on a quarterly basis and on each balance sheet date. Central/ State Government securities are valued at market rates declared by FIMMDA. Other approved securities, debentures and bonds are valued as per the yield curve, average credit spread rating and methodology suggested by FIMMDA. Quoted shares are valued at market rates. Unquoted shares are valued at break-up value ascertained from the latest available Balance Sheet i.e. Balance Sheet of immediate preceding year and in case the latest Balance Sheet is not available, the same is valued at Re.1/- per company scrip.

Investments in discounted instruments, viz. Treasury Bills, Certificate of Deposits, Commercial Papers, Zero Coupon Bonds are valued at carrying cost. Mutual Fund Instruments are valued at market rate or repurchase price or net asset value in that order depending on their availability. Investments in Security Receipts (SRs) / Pass Through Certificates (PTCs) issued by Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) in respect of financial assets sold to ARCs are carried at lower of redemption value and net book value (i.e. book value less provision held) of the financial assets.

Based on the above valuation under each of six-sub classifications under 'Available for Sale':

If it results in appreciation, the same is ignored.

If it results in net depreciation, the same is charged to Profit & Loss account and credited to Provision for Depreciation on Investments (AFS) in the liability side.

Provided that, depreciation, if any, on equity shares allotted consequent to implementation of Strategic Debt Restructuring (SDR) shall be provided for over a maximum of 4 calendar quarters on straight line basis from the date of conversion of debt into equity.

The book value of securities is not changed in respect of marked to market (MTM) except as required by the RBI guidelines.

Profit or Loss on sale of investment in this category is accounted for in the Profit and loss account.

- c. Held for Trading:**
The individual securities under this category are held at original cost and are marked to market every month and each balance sheet date. Central/ State Government securities are valued at market rates declared by FIMMDA. Other approved securities, debentures and bonds are valued as per the yield curve, average credit spread rating and methodology suggested by FIMMDA. Quoted Shares are valued at market rates.

Investments in discounted instruments, viz. Treasury Bills, Certificate of Deposits, Commercial Papers, Zero Coupon Bonds are valued at carrying cost. Mutual Fund Instruments are valued at market rate or repurchase price or net asset value in that order depending on their availability. Investments in SRs / PTCs issued by ARCs in respect of financial assets sold to ARCs are carried at lower of redemption value and net book value (i.e. book value less provision held) of the financial assets.

Net basket-wise depreciation if any, is charged to Profit & Loss Account and credited to Provision on Depreciation on Investment (HFT) under liability. Net appreciation, if any is ignored. The book value of the securities is not changed after revaluation except as required by the RBI guidelines.

Profit or loss on sale of investment in this category is accounted for in the Profit & Loss Account.

- d. Classification of and provisions on investments, including on restructured investments, are made in accordance with the prudential norms prescribed by and guidelines of RBI from time to time.**

e. Costs such as brokerage, fees, commission, taxes etc. incurred at the time of acquisition of securities are capitalized.

- 3.7 Derivatives:**

- i. Interest Rate Swaps:**

Valuation:
a. Hedging Swaps: Interest Rate Swaps for hedging assets and liabilities are not marked to market.

b. Trading Swaps: Interest Rate Swaps for trading purposes are marked to market.

- ii. Accounting of income on derivative deals:**

a. Hedging Swaps: Income is accounted for on realization basis. Expenditure, if any, is accounted for on accrual basis, if ascertainable.

b. Trading Swaps: Income or expenditure is accounted for on realization basis on settlement date.

- iii. Accounting of gain or loss on termination of swaps:**

a. Hedging Swaps: Any gain or loss on the terminated swap is recognized over the shorter of (a) the remaining contractual life of the swap or (b) the remaining life of the asset/ liability.

b. Trading Swaps: Any gain or loss on terminated swap is recognized as income or expenditure in the year of termination.

- 3.8 Investment Fluctuation Reserve:**

As per RBI circular number RBI/2017-18/147 DBR/No.BP BC/102/21/04/048/2017-18 dated April 2, 2018, Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) is created to build up of adequate reserves to protect the bank against increased risk yields with effect from FY 2018-19.

Transfer to IFR is lower of the following –

a. Net profit on sale of investments during the year or

b. Net profit for the year less mandatory appropriations, until the amount of IFR is at least 2 percent of the HFT and AFS portfolio, on a continuing basis.

- 4. Advances:**
Advances are disclosed net of write offs, provisions made for non-performing assets, claims settled with the credit guarantee institutions, provision for diminution in fair value for restructured advances and bills rediscounted.

- 4.2 Classification of advances and provisions thereon are made in accordance with the prudential norms prescribed by and guidelines of RBI from time to time, except in respect of following category of advances, provision on NPAs are made higher than the rate prescribed by RBI –**

Sub-standard - 20%

Doubtful Assets One to three years - 50% on secured portion

Provision for performing assets, other than provision on standard restructured advances, is shown under the head "Other liabilities and provisions".

In respect of Rescheduled/ Restructured accounts, provision for diminution in fair value of restructured advances is made on present value basis as per RBI guidelines.

In respect of advances under SDR, provision is made in accordance with RBI guidelines, within a maximum period of four quarters.

In case of financial assets sold to Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)/ Securitization Company (SC), if the sale is at a price higher than the NBV, the surplus is retained and utilised to meet the shortfall/loss on account of sale of other financial assets to SC/ARC. If the sale is at a price below the net book value (NBV), (i.e. outstanding less provision held) the shortfall will be debited to the Profit and Loss account. However if surplus is available, such shortfall will be absorbed in the surplus. Any shortfall arising due to sale of NPA will be amortised over a period of two years if not absorbed in the surplus.

Excess provision arising out of sale of NPAs are reversed only when the cash received (by way of initial consideration only/or redemption of SRS/PTC) is higher than the net book value (NBV) of the asset. Reversal of excess provision will be limited to the extent to which cash received exceeds the NBV of the asset.

- 5. Fixed Assets and Depreciation:**

Premises and Other Fixed Assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation/ amortization, except for certain premises, which were revalued and stated at revalued amount.

Cost includes cost of purchase, taxes as per GST law and all expenditure such as site preparation, installation costs and professional fees incurred on the asset before it is put to use. Subsequent expenditure(s) incurred on the assets put to use are capitalised only when it increases the future benefits from such assets or their functioning capability.

- 5.2 Depreciation on fixed assets is provided for at the rates specified below, except revalued assets where, depreciation is provided over the remaining useful life of the assets on revalued amount, so as to write down value of assets to Rupee One over the residual life of the assets.**

S.N.	Category of Asset	Rate of Depreciation (%)	Method of depreciation
1	Building & Premises	5.00	DBM
2	General items including Safe	18.10	DBM
3	Electrical Equipment's	13.91	DBM
4	Office Machinery	13.91	DBM
5	Motor Vehicles	25.89	DBM
6	Safe Deposit Vault	13.91	DBM
7	Bicycle	20.00	DBM
8	Computer & Laptops	33.33	SLM
9	ATM	14.29	SLM
10	UPS	20.00	SLM
11	BNA	14.29	SLM
12	Cash Recycler	14.29	SLM

*DBM means Diminishing Balance Method

*SLM means Straight Line Method

In respect of assets acquired during the year, depreciation is provided on proportionate basis for the number of days the assets have been put to use during the year.

Similarly in respect of assets sold / discarded during the year, depreciation is provided on proportionate basis till the number of days the assets had been put to use during the year.

Eligible fixed assets are revalued once in every three years. Revalued portion of fixed assets (over and above the cost of fixed assets) is depreciated on diminishing balance method over the residual life of the assets as certified by approved valuers at the time of valuation.

Depreciation on revalued portion of fixed assets, over and above the cost is debited to Profit & Loss account.

Amount of Revaluation Reserve to the extent of depreciation related to revalued portion of fixed assets over and above the cost debited to profit & loss account is transferred to Revenue Reserve from Revaluation Reserve.

In respect of leasehold premises, the lease premium, if any, is amortised over the period of lease on SLM basis.

- 6. Revenue Recognition**

All revenues and costs are accounted for on accrual basis except the following items, which are accounted for on cash basis:-

a. Interest on Advances and Investments identified as Non-Performing Assets according to the prudential norms and guidelines issued by RBI, from time to time.

b. Income from commission viz., on Guarantees, Letter of Credit, Government business, Mutual Fund business, credit & debit cards issued annual maintenance charges for cards and Locker Rent.

c. Interest for overdue period on bills purchased and bills discounted.

d. Insurance claims.

e. Remuneration on Debenture Trustee Business.

f. Loan Processing Fees.

g. Income from Merchant Banking Operations and Underwriting Commission.

h. Transaction processing fees received on utility bill pay services through internet banking.

Pursuant to RBI guidelines, the interest payable on overdraft term deposit is provided on accrual basis at Saving Rate effective from date of RBI circular dated 22.08.2008, and the balance at the time of renewal.

During the year ended March 31, 2021, the Bank has changed the method of recognizing the income from locker rent in the quarter in which it is received to method of recognizing the same proportionately over the remaining quarters of the year.

- 7. Employees' Benefits:**

Defined Contribution Plan: The contribution paid/ payable under defined contribution benefit schemes are charged to Profit & Loss Account.

Defined Benefit Plans: All eligible employees are entitled to receive benefits under the Bank's Gratuity and Pension schemes which are valued based on the principles laid down in AS-15, Employees Benefit (Revised) issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. Bank's liabilities towards defined benefit schemes are determined by way of provisions and adjusted on the basis of an actuarial valuation report provided by the Actuaries appointed by the bank and made at the end of each quarter/financial year. Actuarial gains and losses are recognized in the Profit & Loss Account.

Other Employee Benefits such as Leave Concession, Privilege Leave, Silver Jubilee Award, resettlement allowance, and retirement benefit are provided based on Actuarial valuation.

- 8. Segment Reporting:**

The Bank recognizes Business Segment as its Primary Segment in compliance with the RBI Guidelines and in compliance with the Accounting Standard 17 issued by ICAI.

- 9. Impairment of Assets:**

Impairment losses if any, on fixed assets including revalued fixed assets are recognized in accordance with Accounting Standard 28- Impairment of Assets issued by the ICAI and charged to Profit & Loss Account.

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances warrant that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

- 10. Provisions Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets:**

As per the Accounting Standard 29-'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets' issued by ICAI, the Bank recognizes provisions only when it has a present obligation as a result of a past event not it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and when a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements since this may result in the recognition of the income that may not be realized.

- 10. Net Profit, Provisions and Contingencies:**
The Net Profit disclosed is after making the Provisions and Contingencies which include adjustment to the value of investments, write off of bad debts, provision for taxation (including deferred tax), and provision for for contingencies including cases identified as fraud and contingencies/others.

- 11. Income Tax:**

The provision for tax for the year comprises liability towards current Income Tax and Deferred Tax. The deferred tax asset/ liability is recognized, subject to the consideration of prudence, taking into account the timing differences between the taxable income and accounting income, in terms of the Accounting Standard 22 issued by ICAI. The effect of change in tax rates on deferred tax assets and liabilities is recognized in the Profit & Loss Account in the period of applicability of the change.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognized and re-assessed at each reporting period based on management judgement as to whether their realization is considered as reasonable certain.

In cases of unabsorbed depreciation or carried forward loss under taxation laws, all deferred tax assets are recognized only if there is virtual certainty of realization of such assets supported by convincing evidence. Interest income on refund of Income Tax is accounted for in the year; the order is passed by the concerned authority.

The demand raised by the Income Tax authorities including the interest thereon is provided for when such demand is upheld by High Court.

- 12. Earnings per Share:**

The bank reports basic and diluted earnings per equity share in accordance with the Accounting Standard (AS-20) "Earnings per Share" issued by ICAI. Basic Earnings per share is arrived by dividing net profit after tax by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding for the period. The diluted earnings per equity share are computed using the weighted average number of equity shares and dilutive potential equity shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur in earnings per share if securities or other contracts to issue equity share are exercised or converted during the period.

SCHEDULE 18: NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

(Note: Figures in bracket relate to previous year)

1. Capital

(₹ in Crores)

S. N.	Particulars	31.03.2021	31.

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4.

Asset Quality

4.1 Non-Performing Assets

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
(i) Net NPAs to Net Advances (%)	2.48%	4.77%
(ii) Movement of NPAs (Gross)		
(a) Opening balance	12152.15	15324.49
(b) Additions during the year	2202.39	4040.60
(c) Reductions during the year	6574.86	7212.94
(d) Closing balance	7779.68	12152.15
(iii) Movement of Net NPAs		
(a) Opening balance	4145.38	4559.33
Add: ECGC/DICGC Settled amount	31.01	28.73
Gross: Opening Balance	4176.39	4588.06
(b) Additions during the year	1260.85	2110.10
(c) Reductions during the year	2863.70	2521.77
(d) Gross closing balance	2573.54	4176.39
Less ECGC/DICGC Settled amount	29.22	31.01
Net closing Balance	2544.32	4145.38
(iv) Movement of provisions for NPAs (excluding provisions on standard assets)		
(a) Opening balance	7973.36	10721.73
(b) Provisions made during the year*	2213.79	2952.94
(c) Write-back/write off of excess provisions	4982.15	5701.31
(d) Closing balance	5205.00	7973.36

4.2 Divergence in Asset Classification and Provisioning for NPAs

In terms of the RBI circular no. DBR.BP.BC.No.32/21.04.018/2016-19 dated 1st April, 2019, banks are required to disclose the divergences in asset classification and provisioning consequent to RBI's annual supervisory process in their notes to accounts to the financial statements, wherever either or both of the following conditions are satisfied: (a) the additional provisioning for NPAs assessed by RBI exceeds 10 per cent of the reported profit before provisions and contingencies for the reference period and (b) the additional Gross NPAs identified by RBI exceed 15 per cent of the published incremental Gross NPAs for the reference period. As the divergences are within threshold limit as specified above, no disclosure on divergence in asset classification and provisioning for NPAs is required with respect to RBI's annual supervisory process for FY2020. However, the bank has fully provided for divergences pointed out by RBI in its RAR report for F.Y. 2019-20.

4.3 Details of financial assets sold to securitization / Reconstruction Company for Asset Reconstruction

(₹ in Crores)

S.N.	Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
1	No. of accounts	2	7
2	Aggregate value (net of provisions) of accounts sold to SC/RC	0.00	17.51
3	Aggregate consideration	111.43	123.28
4	Additional consideration realized in respect of accounts transferred in earlier years	0.00	0
5	Aggregate gain/loss over net book value.	111.43	105.78

There is no shortfall in sale of NPA accounts to ARCs in the financial year 2020-21 as compared to its Net Book Value.

4.4 Sale of financial assets to Securitization Company / Reconstruction Company and related issues

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	Backed by NPAs sold by the bank as underlying	Backed by NPAs sold by other banks/financial institutions/ non-financial companies as underlying	Total			
	Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year
	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.3.2021	31.3.2020	31.3.2021	31.3.2020
Book Value of Investment in Security Receipts	0.99	Nil	0	0.00	0.99	0.00

The details of the outstanding at the end of the year in security receipts are as under:

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	As on 31.03.2021	As on 31.03.2020
i) Backed by NPAs sold by Bank as underlying	340.79	327.41
ii) Backed by NPAs sold by other Banks / financial institutions / non-banking financial companies as underlying	0.00	0.00
Total	340.79	327.41

Note: In FY2019-20, investment in security receipt from sale of standard asset of M/S Adhunik Power and Natural Resources Ltd. (APNRL) for Rs. 37.58 crore were excluded. In FY 2020-21, APNRL was classified as NPI and hence included.

Disclosure of Investment in Security Receipts

(As per RBI circular DBR.No.BP.BC.9/21.04.048/2016-17 dated 01/09/2016)

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	SRs issued within past 5 years	SRs issued more than 5 years ago but within past 8 years	SRs issued more than 8 years ago
i) Book Value of SRs Backed by NPAs sold by the bank as underlying	274.24	63.80	2.75
Provision held against (i)	122.59	6.34	2.75
ii) Book Value of SRs Backed by NPAs sold by other banks / financial institutions / non-banking financial companies as underlying	0.00	0.00	0.00
Provision held against (ii)	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL i) + ii)	274.24	63.80	2.75

4.5 Disclosure regarding quantum of provision made during the year to meet the shortfall in sale of NPA's to securitization Company/ Reconstruction Company and the quantum of unamortized provision debited to other reserves as at the end of the year. (As per RBI Circular DBR No. BP.BC.102/21.04.048/2015-16 dated 13.06.2016)

NIL

4.6 Details of non- performing financial assets purchased from other Banks

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
1. (a) No. of accounts purchased during the year	Nil	Nil
(b) Aggregate outstanding	0.00	0.00
2. (a) Of these, no. of accounts restructured during the year	Nil	Nil
(b) Aggregate outstanding	0.00	0.00

4.7 Details of non- performing financial assets sold to other Banks

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
1. No. of accounts sold during the year	Nil	Nil
2. Aggregate outstanding	0.00	0.00
3. Aggregate consideration received	0.00	0.00

4.8 Disclosure relating to Securitization.

(₹ in Crores)

S.N.	Particulars	31.03.2021 No./Amount	31.03.2020 No./Amount
1.	No. of SPVs sponsored by the bank for securitization transactions*		
2.	Total amount of securitized assets as per books of the SPVs sponsored by the bank		
3.	Total Amount of exposures retained by the bank to comply with MRR as on the date of balance sheet		
a)	Off-balance sheet exposures		
	First loss		
	Others		
b)	On-balance sheet exposures		
	First loss		
	Others		
4.	Amount of exposures to securitization transactions other than MRR		
a)	Off-balance sheet exposures		
i)	Exposure to own securitizations		
	First loss		
	Others		
ii)	Exposure to third party securitizations		
	First loss		
	Others		
b)	On-balance sheet exposures		
i)	Exposure to own securitizations		
	First loss		
	Others		
ii)	Exposure to third party securitizations		
	First loss		
	Others		

4.9 Particulars of Accounts Restructured

a) Separate Annexure enclosed

b) Details of accounts restructured during FY 2020-21 as per Circular No. RBI/2019-20/100 DBR No. BP.BC.18/21.04.048/2019-20 dated 01.01.2019.

(₹ in Crores)

No. of Accounts restructured	Amount
11470	861.98

Disclosure of Restructured Accounts as on 31/03/2021

NAME OF THE BANK : Bank of Maharashtra

(₹ in Crores)

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7. Concentration of Deposits, Advances, Exposure and NPA

7.1 Concentration of Deposits

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Total Deposits of Twenty largest Depositors	12280.93	6426.30
Percentage of Deposits of Twenty largest depositors to Total Deposits of the Bank	7.05%	4.28%

7.2 Concentration of Advances

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Total Advances of Twenty largest borrowers	23503.69	13891.61
Percentage of Advances of Twenty largest borrowers to Total Advances of the Bank	20.08%	14.64%

7.3 Concentration of Exposure

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Total Exposure to twenty largest borrowers/customers	23755.30	15767.12
Percentage of Exposures of Twenty largest borrowers/customers to Total Exposure of the Bank on borrowers/customers	16.71%	12.65%

7.4 Concentration of NPAs

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Total Exposure to top four NPA accounts	675.01	2630.38

7.5 Movement of Gross NPAs

Particulars	2020-21	2019-20
Gross NPAs as on 1st April (Opening Balance)*	12152.15	15324.49
Additions (Fresh NPA) during the year including variations	2202.39	4040.60
Sub-total (A)	14354.54	19365.09

Less :

(i) Up gradations	185.84	196.90
(ii) Recoveries (excluding recoveries made from upgraded accounts)	1457.88	1318.44
(iii) Technical/Prudential write-off	4651.30	5091.82
(iv) Write-offs other than those under (iii) above	279.83	605.78
Sub-Total (B)	6574.86	7212.94

Gross NPAs as on 31st March (Closing Balance) (A-B)	7779.68	12152.15
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* Gross NPAs per item 2 of Annex to DBOD circular DBOD.BPBC.No.46/21.04.048/2009-10 dated September, 24, 2009.

7.6 Movement of Technical/Prudential Write off

Particulars	2020-21	2019-20
Opening balance of Technical / Prudential written-off accounts as at 1st April	13583.29	9188.13
Add : Technical / Prudential write-offs during the year + variation	4661.96	5094.77
Sub-total (A)	18245.25	14282.90
Less : Recoveries made from previous technical / prudential written-off accounts during the year (B)	1145.54	699.61
Closing balance as at 31st March (A-B)	17099.71	13583.29

7.7 Sector-wise Advances

S.N.	Sector	2020-21	2019-20
	Outstanding Total Advances	Gross NPAs Percentage of Gross NPAs to Total Advances in that sector (%)	Outstanding Total Advances Gross NPAs Percentage of Gross NPAs to Total Advances in that sector (%)
A. Priority Sector			
1. Agriculture and allied activities	16201.97	3449.96	21.29
2. Advances to industries sector eligible as priority sector lending	6327.71	821.10	12.98
3. Services	16882.44	1603.08	9.50
4. Personal loans	9696.70	335.31	3.46
Sub-total (A)	49108.82	6209.45	12.64
B. Non-Priority Sector			
1. Agriculture and allied activities	61.70	0.00	0.00
2. Industry	18617.68	413.45	2.22
3. Services	20293.01	715.43	3.53
4. Personal loans	19572.55	441.35	2.25
Sub-total (B)	58544.94	1570.23	2.68
Total (A+B)	107653.76	7779.68	7.23
Gross Advances as at 31st March (A+B)	94888.98	12152.15	12.81

7.8 Overseas Assets, NPAs and Revenue

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Total Assets	99.19*	38.74
Total NPAs	0.0	Nil
Total Revenue	0.20	0.55

*Outstanding Balance in NOSTRO Accounts as on 31.03.2021

7.9 Off-balance sheet SPVs sponsored

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Name of the SPV sponsored		
Domestic	Nil	Nil

8. Exposures:

8.1 Exposure to Real Estate Sector

S.N.	Category	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
a)	Direct exposure	19697.70	15918.65
i.	Residential Mortgages - Lending fully secured by mortgage on residential property that is or will be occupied by the borrower or that is rented; *Individual housing loans eligible for inclusion in priority sector advances may be shown separately)	18080.37	13904.19
		*9440.64	*6573.58
ii.	Commercial Real Estate - Lending secured by mortgages on commercial real estates (office buildings, retail space, multi-purpose commercial premises, multi-family residential buildings, multi-tenanted commercial premises, industrial or warehouse space, hotels, land acquisition, development and construction etc.) Exposure also includes non-fund based (NFB) limits.	1617.34	1770.49
iii.	Investments in Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) and other securitized exposures - a. Residential b. Commercial Real Estate	Nil	Nil
b)	Indirect Exposure Fund based and non-fund based exposures on National Housing Bank (NHB) and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs).	2 766.94	5043.02
	Total Exposure to Real Estate Sector	22 464.64	20961.67

8.2 Exposure to Capital Market

S.N.	Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
i.	Direct investment in equity shares, convertible bonds, convertible debentures and units of equity-oriented mutual funds the corpus of which is not exclusively invested in corporate debt	68.51	73.60
ii.	Advances against shares/bonds/debentures or other securities or on clean basis to individuals for investment in shares (including IPOs/ESOPs), convertible bonds, convertible debentures, and units of equity-oriented mutual funds	0.00	Nil
iii.	Advances for any other purposes where shares or convertible bonds or convertible debentures or units of equity oriented mutual funds are taken as primary security	0.10	0.22
iv.	Advances for any other purposes to the extent secured by the collateral security or shares or convertible bonds or convertible debentures or units of equity oriented mutual funds ie where the primary security other than shares/convertible bonds/convertible debentures/units of equity oriented mutual funds does not fully cover the advances	0.00	0.00
v.	Secured and unsecured advances to stockbrokers and guarantees issued on behalf of stockbrokers and market makers	4.23	29.21
vi.	Loans sanctioned to corporate against the security of shares/ bonds /debentures or other securities or on clean basis for meeting promoter's contribution to the equity of new companies in anticipation of raising resources	0.00	Nil
vii.	Bridge loans to companies against expected equity flows/issues	0.00	Nil
viii.	Underwriting commitments taken up by the banks in respect of primary issue of shares or convertible bonds or convertible debentures or units of equity oriented mutual funds	0.00	Nil
ix.	Financing to stockbrokers for margin trading	0.00	Nil
x.	All exposures to Venture Capital Funds (both registered and unregistered)	118.39	118.84
	Total Exposure to Capital Market	191.23	221.87

The details of Bank's direct investment in equity shares, on conversion of debt into equity as a part of strategic restructuring of debt which are exempt from Capital Market Exposure limits, is as under:

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
No. of Accounts	24	404.28

Investment in equity shares received / allotted on account of conversion of debt into equity as part of a strategic debt restructuring which are exempt from Capital Market Exposure limits

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020

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V. Reconciliation in the Net Liability recognized in the Balance Sheet						
		(₹ in Crores)				
S. N.	Particulars	PENSION PLANS	GRATUITY PLANS	LEAVE ENCASHMENT	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
1.	Opening Net Liability	84.59	16.58	-23.57	2.49	272.40
2.	Expense recognized	464.09	350.86	139.14	75.93	67.36
3.	Contributions / Benefits paid	(300.59)	(282.85)	(42.00)	(102.00)	(41.47)
4.	Closing Net Liability	248.09	84.59	73.57	(23.57)	298.29
						272.40

VI. Actual Return on Plan Assets						
		(₹ in Crores)				
S. N.	Particulars	PENSION PLANS	GRATUITY PLANS	31.03.2021	31.03.2020	
1.	Expected return on plan assets	449.81	480.84	44.85	45.31	
2.	Actuarial gain (loss) on plan assets	(9.74)	(8.21)	(3.87)	(0.68)	
3.	Actual return on plan assets	440.07	472.63	40.98	44.63	

VII. Principal Actuarial Assumptions (expressed as weighted averages)						
S. N.	Particulars	PENSION PLANS	GRATUITY PLANS	31.03.2021	31.03.2020	
1.	Discount rate	6.71%	6.50%	6.96%	6.67%	6.96%
2.	Expected return on plan assets	7.46%	8.40%	8.01%	8.50%	NA
3.	Expected rate of salary increases	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%

C. Other Long Term Benefits:						
S. N.	Particulars	Recognized in Profit & Loss Account		31.03.2021	31.03.2020	
1.	Resettlement Allowance			0.00	0.46	
2.	Leave Fare Concession			9.71	7.21	
3.	Silver Jubilee Award			0.03	0.14	
4.	Total			9.74	7.81	

10.7 Accounting Standard 18 – Related party disclosures

The details in this regard are as under:

- (1) Name of the Related Parties and their relationship:
 - (a) Subsidiary of the Bank – The Maharashtra Executor & Trustee Co. Pvt. Limited
 - (b) Associate of the Bank - Maharashtra Gramin Bank
 - (c) Key Management Personnel-

S.N.	Name	Designation	Remuneration
		2020-21	2019-20
1)	Shri. A. S. Rajeev	MD & CEO	0.30
2)	Shri. A. C. Rout	Executive Director	0.26
3)	Shri. Nageswara Rao Y	Executive Director (till 21.01.2021)	0.23
4)	Shri. A. B. Vijayakumar	Executive Director (from 10.03.2021)	0.02
5)	Shri. V. P. Srivastava	Chief Financial Officer (CFO) & General Manager, FM&A (till 16.06.2020)	0.06
6)	Shri. Prashant R. Khatavkar	Chief Financial Officer (CFO) & General Manager, FM&A (from 16.06.2020)	0.26
		Total	1.13
			0.79

Note: The disclosure of CFO as key management personnel has been made as advised by RBI in its risk assessment report for the year 2018-19.

(2) Transactions with Related parties

No disclosure is required in respect of related parties, which are "State Controlled Enterprises" as per paragraph No 9 of Accounting Standard (AS 18). Further in terms of paragraph 5 of AS 18, transactions in the nature of Banker-Customer relationship have not been disclosed including those with Key Management Personnel and relatives of Key Management Personnel.

10.8 Accounting Standard 19 – Leases

Finance Leases:

Lease under which the Bank assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Such assets acquired are capitalized at fair value of the asset or present value of the lease payments (after due amortization), whichever is lower.

Operating Leases:

Bank has no non-cancellable Operating Leases during Financial Year. Hence additional disclosure under AS-19 is not applicable. The lease payments under operating leases are recognized as an expense on straight line basis in Profit and Loss over the lease term. Amount of lease payments recognized in the Profit and Loss Account for operating leases amount to Rs. 162.42 crore for the year 2020-21 (Previous year Rs. 152.65 crore).

10.9 Accounting Standard 20- Earnings per share.

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Basic E.P.S.	Rs. 0.88	Rs. 0.67
Diluted E.P.S.	Rs. 0.88	Rs. 0.67
Calculation of Basic /Diluted EPS.		
a) Net Profit after Tax (Rs. in Lakhs)	55025	38858
b) Weighted Average number of Equity Shares (in Lakhs)	62536	58165
c) Basic/ Diluted Earnings per share [(a) divided by (b)]	Rs. 0.88	Rs. 0.67
d) Nominal Value per Share	Rs. 10.00	Rs. 10.00

10.10 Accounting Standard 21 – Consolidated Financial Statements

The financial results of the Associate viz. Maharashtra Gramin Bank and subsidiary viz. Ma-harashtra Executor & Trustee Company Private Limited have been consolidated with the parent bank in compliance with Accounting Standard 23 and Accounting Standard 21 respectively.

10.11 Accounting Standard 22 – Accounting for Taxes on Income

Based on the review by the bank and on reasonable certainty of availability of future taxable income against which timing differences arising on account of provision for accumulated losses, Bad & Doubtful Debts (NPA), employee benefits etc. can be realized, the bank has accounted for taxes on income in compliance with AS 22. Accordingly, Deferred Tax Assets and Deferred Tax Liabilities are as under:

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Deferred Tax Assets		
1) On account of Accumulated Losses*	859.91	929.79
2) On account of provisions for Employees benefits	207.65	201.25
3) Other Provisions where DTA is created	1857.79	2279.72
4) On account of depreciation on fixed assets	0.00	74.57
Sub-Total (A)	2925.35	3485.33
Deferred Tax Liability		
1) On account of Special Reserve u/s 36(1) (viii)	17.24	173.35
Sub-Total (B)	17.24	173.35
Net Deferred Tax Asset (A-B)	2908.11	3311.98

*The bank as a matter of prudence reversed an amount of Rs. 69.88 Crore being the DTA on accumulated losses of Rs. 200 Crore.

10.12 Accounting Standard 24- Discontinuing Operations

The Bank, during the financial year 2020-21, has not discontinued any of its business activities/ operations which resulted in discharging of liabilities and realization of the assets and no decision has been finalized to discontinue a business activity in its entirety which will have the above effects.

10.13 Accounting Standard 26–Accounting for Intangible Assets

Computer Software – other than internally generated:

Useful life	- 3 years.
Amortization Rate	- 33.33 %
Amortization Method	- Straight line at cost

(₹ in Crores)

Particulars	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
Software at the beginning of the year	24.01	42.21
Software acquired during the year	31.25	13.61
Amortization during the year	22.02	31.81
Net carrying amount at the end of the year	33.24</	

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To,
The President of India and Members of "BANK OF MAHARASHTRA"
Report on Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements

Opinion

1. We have audited the accompanying Standalone Financial Statements of Bank of Maharashtra ('the Bank'), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2021, the Profit and Loss Account and the Statement of Cash Flow for the year then ended, and notes to Standalone Financial Statements including significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, in which are included returns for the year ended on that date, of Head Office, 37 Zonal Offices, 20 branches and Treasury and International Banking Division audited by us, and 1007 branches audited by Statutory Branch Auditors of the Bank. The branches audited by us and those audited by other auditors have been selected by the Bank in accordance with the guidelines issued to the Bank by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide notification issued by RBI dated March 15th, 2021. Also included in the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Account and Statement of Cash Flows are the returns from 903 branches which have not been subjected to audit. These unaudited branches account for 8.99% of advances, 22.84% of deposits, 4.60% of interest income and 17.74% of interest expenses.
2. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the aforesaid Standalone Financial Statements give the information required by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 ("the Act"), the requirements of the Reserve Bank of India, in the manner so required and are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in India and give:
 - a) in case of Balance Sheet, read with the notes thereon gives true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank as at March 31, 2021;
 - b) the Profit and Loss Account, read with the notes thereon shows a true balance of profit for the year ended March 31, 2021 and
 - c) the Cash Flow Statement gives a true and fair view of the cash flows for the year ended March 31, 2021.

Basis for Opinion

3. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the code of ethics issued by the ICAI together with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Standalone Financial Statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the code of ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on the Standalone Financial Statements.

Emphasis of Matter

4. We draw attention to Note no. 15 in Schedule 18 of the Financial Statements which explains the extent to which COVID-19 pandemic will impact the Bank's operations and financial results are dependent on future developments, which are highly uncertain. The Bank is continuously monitoring the economic conditions and any impact on the Bank's Operations and financial results is uncertain.

Our Opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

5. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the Standalone Financial Statements of the year ended March 31, 2021. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the Standalone Financial Statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We have determined the matters described below as Key Audit Matters to be communicated in our report:

S. No.	Key Audit Matters	How our Audit procedures addressed the Key Audit Matters	
1	Classification of Advances, Provisioning and other relevant compliance of RBI Guidelines: (Refer Note No. 4 of Schedule 17 of Significant Accounting Policies to the Standalone Financial Statements) The Bank's portfolio comprises of Net Advances of Rs. 102405 Crores as at March 31, 2021 comprising of wholesale and retail banking. As required by IRAC Norms, guidelines issued by RBI and other circulars, notification and directives issued by RBI, the Bank has classified Advances and has made appropriate provisions in accordance with such guidelines. Income from Advances constitutes 49.36% of Total Income. The provision in respect of Non-performing Asset is Rs. 2213.79 Crores which constitutes 15.88% of the total expenditure. The carrying value of these advances (net of provisions) may be materially misstated if, either individually or in aggregate the IRAC Norms, are not properly followed. The Bank has significant Credit Risk Exposure to a large number of borrowers across a wide range of borrowers, products, industries and there is a high degree of complexity, uncertainty, judgement involved in recoverability of Advances, estimation of provisions thereon and identification of accounts to be written off. If such prudential guidelines are not followed by the Bank the profit for the year and the net advances position will be materially mis-stated. Hence, we consider this as a Key Audit Matter.	We have tested the design and operating effectiveness of the Key controls of the system, application, process over approval, recording, monitoring, and recovery of loans, overdue and stressed accounts, identification of NPA, Provision for NPA including verification of valuation reports of experts for primary and collateral securities based on the understanding of the prudent guidelines and overall organisational IT framework of the Bank and its communication through various circulars and reports. We have evaluated the Internal Controls over sanctioning, monitoring the process and account for system overrides or bypasses to controls of advances, supervisory framework such as Internal Audit, Credit Audit, Concurrent Audit, Systems Audit, as well as Internal Check, effectiveness of such framework as per the policies and procedures of the bank and in compliance with prudential guidelines. We have tested samples of Performing Assets and assessed the application of IRAC Norms, as prescribed by RBI, individually to ensure compliance of the same. Also reviewed approval of sanctions against Bank's credit Policy and performance of Credit Assessments and controls. Examined early warning signal reports, other exceptional reports generated by the Bank for the purpose of identifying potential NPA and steps taken for monitoring of such accounts including red flagged accounts to overcome assessed risks and ensure effective implementation of risk management and related controls. We have adopted a framework of carrying out detailed verification of corporate wholesale (including Consortium, Pool Buyout and other large borrowers) by way of review of collateral documents including valuation reports, due diligence report, servicing Agreement, deed of assignment, JLA and External Credit rating reports to assess and focus on larger exposures of the Bank and mitigating the areas of emerging risk. We have discussed with the Senior Management and performed our own assessment including internal and external macroeconomic factors and testing the timelines and the accuracy of risk assessment and risk grading against the Bank's lending policies, IRAC Norms and in accordance with Government Policies. We have examined the Retail advances portfolio of the Bank on sampling basis to ensure effective monitoring and implementation of IRAC norms including income recognition, provisioning for such loans. The Bank has adopted Loan Life Cycle Management System for retail loans which effectively monitors, controls, the retail portfolio of the Bank and is tested for its effective implementation and performance. We have also tested the completeness and accuracy of the data from the underlying source systems, tested the automated calculation and evaluated the bank's oversight of the portfolio. We have reviewed the Bank's process for granting moratorium and restructuring to borrowers as per the Regulatory Package announced by RBI. We tested the completeness and accuracy of data used for computing general provisions in line with regulatory package issued by RBI. With respect to additional provision made by the Bank on account of the impact of COVID 19 pandemic, we broadly reviewed the underlying assumptions and estimates used by the management for the same but as the extent of impact is dependent on future developments which are highly uncertain, we primarily relied on those assumptions and estimates, which are subject matter of periodic review by the Bank. We have examined the adequacy and appropriateness of disclosures against the relevant RBI requirements relating to NPA and applicable Accounting Standards required to be made in accordance with Banking Regulation Act and RBI Circulars. We have also placed reliance on the Audit reports of the other Statutory Branch Auditors, with whom we have made specific communications.	<p>conclusion to ensure quality performance Financial & Accounting Processes.</p> <p>We have identified various application and control framework in implementing various products and schemes which covers majority of Bank's business and hence we consider Information Technology Systems and Control as a Key Audit Matter.</p>
4	Provisions and Contingent Liability: Assessment of Provisions and Contingent Liability in respect of certain litigations on various claims filed by other parties not acknowledged as debt (Note No. 10 of Schedule 17 and Note No. 10.15 of Schedule 18) There is high level of judgement required in estimating the level of provisioning. The Bank's assessment is supported by the facts of matter, their own judgement, past experience, and advice from legal and independent experts wherever considered necessary. Accordingly, unexpected adverse outcomes may significantly impact the Bank's reported profit and state of affairs presented in Balance Sheet. We determined the above area as a Key Audit Matter in view of associated uncertainty relating to outcome of these matters which requires application of judgement in interpretation of Law.	<p>We have obtained an understanding of Internal Controls relevant to the audit in order to design our audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.</p> <p>Understanding the current status of the litigations / tax assessments. Examining recent orders and communications received from various tax authorities / judicial forums and follow up actions thereon;</p> <p>Evaluated the merit of the subject matter under consideration with reference to the grounds presented therein and available independent legal / tax advice including opinion of experts. Review and analysis of evaluation of the contents of the Bank through discussions, collection of details of the subject matter under consideration, the likely outcome and consequent potential outflows on those issues.</p> <p>Verified the disclosures related to significant litigations and taxation matters.</p> <p>Accordingly, our audit was focused on analysing the facts of subject matter under consideration and judgements / interpretation of law involved.</p>	
5	Modified Audit Procedures carried out in light of COVID-19 outbreak: In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, lockdown and travel restrictions imposed by Central / State Government / Local Authorities during the period of our audit, the Bank facilitated carrying out audit remotely as physical access was prohibited. Therefore audit could not be conducted by visiting the premises of many Branches / Zones / HO of the bank. As we could not obtain audit evidence in person / physically and personal interactions with the officials at the Branches / Zone / Head Office, accordingly our Audit procedures were modified to carry out the Audit remotely. We have identified such modified Audit Procedure as Key Audit Matter.	<p>Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we carried out modified audit procedures to obtain reasonable assurance to form an audit opinion. To carry out modified audit procedure, the Bank has made available to us a customized intranet portals hosted on Bank's network enabling us to access reports and documents we sought necessary for the purpose of Audit.</p> <p>Our modified audit procedure included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducted verification of necessary records / documents / CBS and other application software electronically through remote access / emails in respect of some of the Branches / zones of the Bank wherever physical access was prohibited due to COVID-19. 2. Obtained and carried out verification of scanned copies of documents, deeds, certificates, and other related records. 3. Made enquiries to obtain necessary audit evidence through video conferencing, dialogues, and discussions over phone calls / conference calls, emails, and similar communication channels. 4. Resolved our audit observations telephonically / through email instead of a face-to-face interaction with the designated officials. 	

Other Matter

6. We did not audit the financial statements / information of 1007 branches included in the Standalone Financial Statements of the Bank whose Financial Statements / Financial Information reflect total advances of Rs. 58,487.62 crores as at March 31, 2021 and total revenue of Rs. 4,284.18 crores for the year ended on that date, as considered in the Standalone Financial Statements. The Financial Statements / Information of these branches have been audited by the Statutory Branch Auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and in our opinion in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures included in respect of branches, is based solely on the report of such Statutory Branch Auditors. Further we did not audit the Financial Statements of 903 branches included in the Standalone Financial Statements of the Bank whose Financial Statements reflect total assets of Rs. 16,541.77 Crores as at March 31, 2021 and total revenue of Rs. 970.19 Crores for the year ended on that date as considered in the Standalone Financial Statements have been drawn by the management.

Information other than the Standalone Financial Statements and Auditors' Report thereon

7. The Bank's Board of Directors are responsible for other information. The other information comprises the information other than Standalone Financial Statements and our Auditors' Report thereon and the Pillar III disclosure under the Basel III disclosure.

Our opinion on the Standalone Financial Statements does not cover the other information and Pillar 3 disclosure under the Basel III Disclosure we do not express any form of assurance / conclusion thereon

In connection with our Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Standalone Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the Other Information, if we conclude that there is material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matters to Those charged with Governance'.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Standalone Financial Statements

8. The Bank's Board of Directors is responsible with respect to the preparation of these Standalone Financial Statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Bank in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards issued by ICAI, and provisions of Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and circulars and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India ('RBI') from time to time. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records in accordance with the provisions of the Act for safeguarding of the assets of the Bank and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The respective Board of Directors are also responsible for overseeing the Bank's Financial Reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Standalone Financial Statements

9. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Standalone Financial Statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of Internal Control relevant to the Audit in order to design Audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the bank to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Materiality is the magnitude of misstatements in the Standalone Financial Statements that, individually or in aggregate, makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable user of Standalone Financial Statements may be influenced. We consider quantitative materiality and qualitative factors in (i) planning the scope of our Audit work and evaluating the results of our work; and (ii) to evaluate the effect of identified misstatements in the Standalone Financial Statements.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the Financial Statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters.

We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

10. The Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account have been drawn up in accordance with Section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949;

11. Subject to the limitations of the audit indicated in paragraphs 6 to 9 above and as required by sub section 3 of section 30 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, and subject also to the limitations of disclosure required therein, we report that:

- a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit and have found them to be satisfactory.
- b) The transactions of the Bank, which have come to our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank; and
- c) The returns received from the offices and branches of the Bank have been found adequate for the purposes of our audit.

12. As required by letter no. DOS.ARG.No.6270/08.91.001/2019- 20 dated March 17, 2020 on "Appointment of Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs) in Public Sector Banks – Reporting obligations for SCAs from FY 2019-20", read with subsequent communication dated May 19, 2020 issued by the RBI, we further report on the matters specified in paragraph 2 of the aforesaid letter as under:

- a) In our opinion, the aforesaid Standalone Financial Statements comply with the Accounting Standards issued by ICAI, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the accounting policies prescribed by the RBI.
- b) There are no observations or comments on financial transactions or matters which have any adverse effect on the functioning of the bank.
- c) On the basis of the written representations received from the directors as on March 31, 2021, none of the directors is disqualified as on March 31, 2021 from being appointed as a director in terms of sub-section (2) of Section 164 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- d) There are no qualifications, reservations or adverse remarks relating to the maintenance of accounts and other matters connected therewith.
- e) Our audit report on the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the Bank's internal financial controls over financial reporting is given in Annexure A to this report. Our report expresses an unmodified opinion on the Bank's internal financial controls over financial reporting as at March 31, 2021.

13. We further report that:

- a) in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Bank so far as it appears from our examination of those books and proper returns adequate for the purposes of our audit have been received from branches not visited by us;
- b) the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Account and the Statement of Cash Flows dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts and with the returns received from the branches not visited by us;
- c) the reports on the accounts of the branch offices audited by branch auditors of the Bank under section 29 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 have been sent to us and have been properly dealt with by us in preparing this report; and
- d) in our opinion, the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Account and the Statement of Cash Flows comply with the applicable accounting standards, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the accounting policies prescribed by RBI.

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ANNEXURE "A" TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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(Referred to in paragraph 12 under 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' section of our report of even date)

Report on the Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting as required by the Reserve Bank of India (the "RBI") Letter DOS.ARG.No.6270/08.91.001/2019-20 dated March 17, 2020 (as amended) (the "RBI communication")

We have audited the internal financial controls over financial reporting of Bank of Maharashtra ("the Bank") as of March 31, 2021 in conjunction with our audit of the standalone financial statements of the Bank for the year ended on that date which includes internal financial controls over financial reporting of the Bank's branches.

Management's Responsibility for Internal Financial Controls:

The Bank's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal financial controls based on the internal control over financial reporting criteria established by the Bank considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. These responsibilities include the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls that were operating effectively for ensuring the orderly and efficient conduct of its business, including adherence to the Bank's policies, the safeguarding of its assets, the prevention and detection of frauds and errors, the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, and the timely preparation of reliable financial information, as required under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the circulars and guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Bank's internal financial controls over financial reporting based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting (the "Guidance Note") issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (the "ICAI") and the Standards on Auditing (SAs) issued by the ICAI, to the extent applicable to an audit of internal financial controls. Those Standards and the Guidance Note require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether adequate internal financial controls over financial reporting were established and maintained and if such controls operated effectively in all material respects.

Our audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the adequacy of the internal financial controls over financial reporting and their operating effectiveness. Our audit of internal financial controls over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal financial controls over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal financial controls based on the assessed risk. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained and the audit evidence obtained by the branch auditors, in terms of their reports referred to in the Other Matters paragraph below, is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion on the Bank's internal financial controls over financial reporting.

Meaning of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting

A Bank's internal financial controls over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial

reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

A Bank's internal financial controls over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that

- (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Bank;
- (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Bank are being made only in accordance with authorisations of management and directors of the Bank; and
- (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorised acquisition, use, or disposition of the Bank's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Inherent Limitations of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting

Because of the inherent limitations of internal financial controls over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the internal financial controls over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the internal financial controls over financial reporting may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Opinion

In our opinion, and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us and based on the consideration of the reports of the branch auditors referred to in the Other Matters paragraph below, the Bank has, in all material respects, adequate internal financial controls over financial reporting and such internal financial controls over financial reporting were operating effectively as at March 31, 2021, based on the criteria for internal control over financial reporting established by the Bank considering the essential components of internal control stated in the Guidance Note on Audit of Internal Financial Controls Over Financial Reporting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Other Matters

Our aforesaid report insofar as it relates to the operating effectiveness of internal financial controls over financial reporting of 104 branches is based on the corresponding reports of the respective branch auditors of those branches.

During our testing of the internal financial controls over financial reporting and based on the report of the branch auditors, certain deficiencies were noticed by us. Bank needs to further strengthen the process including alteration of the existing Risk Control Matrix (RCM) and designing a few more RCMs. Our detailed report in this regard has been submitted to the Management to further strengthen the internal financial controls over financial reporting of the Bank.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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