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**India must support SEZs more instead of giving up on these**

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## CAPEX TARGET

## Oil & gas, coal PSUs told to stick to FY21 plan

FM says scaling up of CPSE capex in FY21-FY22 vital for revival

FE BUREAU  
New Delhi, October 19

THE CENTRE WOULD keep the pressure on companies owned by it to arrest the fall in public capital expenditure, a stance that could scale up borrowings by these entities in the year, from a market where the government already has an unusually high presence.

During a video conference on Monday, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked fourteen central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) in the petroleum and coal sectors to accelerate spending to achieve 75% of their annual (FY21) capex targets by the end of December quarter. This is daunting task for these firms, since in April-September, they have met only 32% (₹37,423 crore) of their FY21 capex target of ₹1.16 lakh crore. The achievement was lower, compared with 39% (₹43,097 crore) of the relevant target achieved in the year ago period. In FY20, against the capex target of ₹1,11,672 crore for these 14 CPSEs, the achievement was ₹1,16,323 crore or 104%.

The eleven CPSEs, which attended Monday's meeting, include biggies like ONGC, Indian Oil, BPCL, GAIL

### AGAINST ALL ODDS ₹1,15,934 cr

Capex target of 14 CPSEs in petroleum and coal sectors in FY21

**32%** Capex achieved by the firms in H1FY21 against annual target, compared with 39% of relevant target in the year-ago period

**75%** Capex target given by FM to these 14 companies for April-December

Average achievement of capex by CPSEs and departmental undertakings was about 30% in H1FY21

Finance ministry asks CPSEs with capex budget of ₹500 cr and more to achieve 1.5 times capex target in FY21

(India) and Coal India. As reported by FE earlier, the finance ministry has already told CPSEs/undertakings with an annual capex budget of ₹500 crore and more that they must achieve 150% of the initial capex target of ₹4.9 lakh crore in FY21.

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### At least eight PSUs asked to consider buybacks: Sources

AFTAB AHMED & NIDHI VERMA  
New Delhi, October 19

THE GOVERNMENT HAS asked at least eight state-run companies to consider share buybacks in the fiscal that runs through March 2021, two government officials said, as New Delhi scours for ways of raising funds to rein in its fiscal deficit.

The firms asked include miner Coal India, power utility NTPC, minerals producer NMDC and Engineers India, said one of the sources, who sought anonymity as the discussions are private. "Buyback is an important tool in our strategy and it helps in building market price," added the second official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

The government is unlikely to be anywhere near its fiscal deficit target of 3.5% of GDP for 2020-21 as coronavirus curbs hit tax collections and delayed efforts to privatise energy firm Bharat Petroleum and flag carrier Air India. In February, the government had set itself a target of raising more than \$27 billion from privatisations and sale of minority stakes in state-owned companies this fiscal.

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SAURABH KUMAR, FOUNDER, GROFERS

## 'On track to become ebitda, cash positive by FY21 end'

The pandemic has altered the way many Indian households shop relying on e-grocers for their purchases rather than their neighbourhood kiranas. The transition has helped Grofers gain some 18 lakh new customers since lockdown, of these about 64% are first-time online grocery shoppers. Founder Saurabh Kumar tells Asmita Dey the company's path to profitability has accelerated and that the firm aims to file for an IPO by the end of 2021. Excerpts:

How many new customers have you acquired during the pandemic? Are they making monthly purchases or using the platform only for top-ups?

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Customers are making planned monthly purchases instead of going for top-ups. We have also seen an increase in demand for our private label products as value-driven products have become highly relevant in the current scenario.

How far has the average basket size increased compared to pre-Covid? Have you spotted any noticeable changes in consumer trends?

There has been a 40% increase in basket size compared to the pre-Covid period and the average bill value is around ₹1,800, even after the near 30% discount that is usually available on Grofers. Peo-

ple are stocking up for essentials staples, laundry detergents, and snack items. Health, ayurvedic products and ready-to-cook meals have also shown a higher penetration than in the pre-Covid era.

What is your view on analysts saying that the rise in order bookings from small cities is due to the migration and it is yet to be seen if the trend persists?

More households are gradually moving from shopping offline to buying online.

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## 25 YEARS OF DDLJ

## SRK-Kajol statue to be unveiled in London

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Mumbai, October 19

A BRONZE STATUE of Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol will be unveiled in London's Leicester Square in 2021 to celebrate the silver jubilee of one of Hindi cinema's most iconic love stories, *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge* (DDLJ).

DDLJ, starring Khan and Kajol as lovers Raj and Simran, released on October 20, 1995. The film, which marked Aditya Chopra's foray into direction,

was produced by Yash Raj Films.

In an announcement on Monday, Heart of London Business Alliance said the DDLJ statue will be a part of film attraction "Scenes in the Square" in the heart of the UK capital. "Scenes in the Square" features highly recognisable classic and contemporary film characters, each immortalised in interactive and expressive bronze statues, with some brought to life in the evening through lighting.

Leicester Square acted as the

setting for a scene in DDLJ when Raj (Shah Rukh) and Simran (Kajol) first cross paths, as strangers. The sequence features two of the square's cinemas prominently, with Raj seen in front of the Vue cinema, and Simran walking past the Odeon Leicester Square.

According to a press release issued by Yash Raj Films, the new statue will be positioned along the eastern terrace, outside the Odeon cinema.

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## DHFL CRISIS

## Kapil Wadhawan offers ₹43,000-crore family assets to repay lenders

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19



Kapil  
Wadhawan

THE JAILED PROMOTER of crisis-hit mortgage lender DHFL, Kapil Wadhawan, has offered his personal and family properties, which he claims are worth ₹43,000 crore, for repayment of outstanding loans off-lenders to the company.

Wadhawan wrote to RBI-appointed administrator R Subramanian on October 17 saying his offer would ensure maximum value for the assets that have been put on the block to repay loans. Currently under judicial custody, Wadhawan has proposed

to the transfer of the right, title and interest in various projects which form part of the real estate portfolio of his family to enable proper and complete resolution of DHFL and to maximise the value of the properties.

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## Puja pandals in Bengal no-entry zones: HC

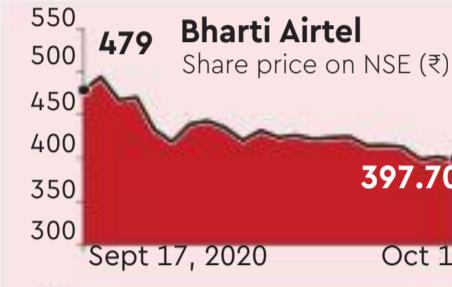
IN A BIG dampener on Durga Puja revelry, the Calcutta High Court on Monday declared all pandals across West Bengal no-entry zones to prevent the surge of Covid cases, reports PTI. For small pandals, barricades with 'no-entry' boards will

have to be put up five metres from the entrance, while for the bigger ones, the distance has to be 10 metres, the court said. Also, only 15-25 persons belonging to the organising committees will be allowed to enter. ■ Page 2

## APATHY

## Is Bharti losing out by not countering Jio's moves?

The shares of the telecom company have lost nearly 20% in the last one month



FE BUREAU  
New Delhi, October 19

TELECOM STOCKS HAVE taken a beating in the last one month as investors have been jittery that with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) abandoning the move to fix floor price for tariffs, price war may return to the sector.

Shares of Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (VIL) have fallen sharply by 19.58% and 29.33%, respectively, over the last month, while that of Reliance Industries, which owns market leader Jio, is down by 5.62%.

While the fall in share price of VIL can be attributed to its inability to raise tariffs so that it can double its average revenue per user (Arpu) to complement its fund-raising efforts to pay its adjusted gross revenue dues and

invest in network; what is surprising is the fall in Bharti's shares. The company has consistently improved on its 4G user addition as well as Arpu and data volumes.

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## GST SHORTFALL

## Punjab, Bengal may choose Option 1, Kerala demurs

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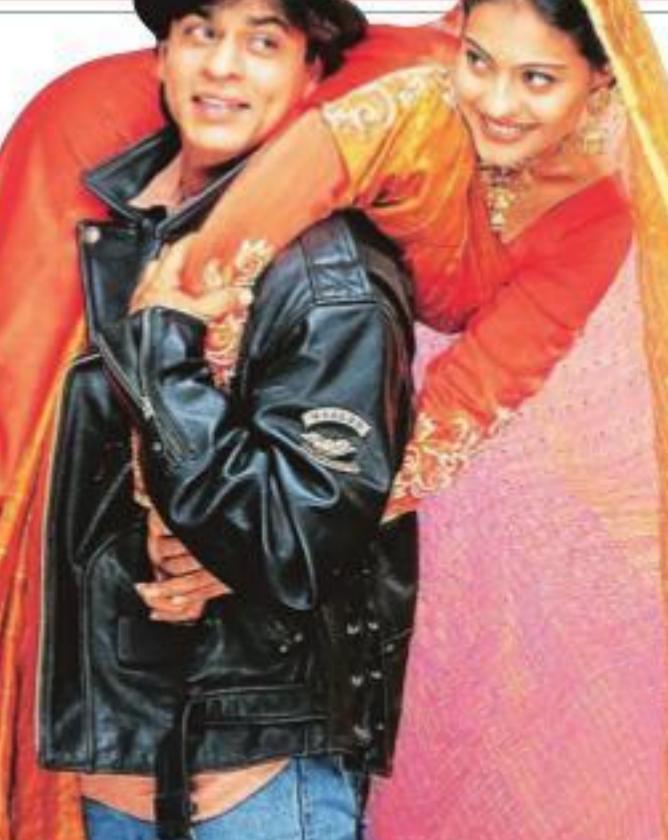
THE OPPOSITION TO the Centre's formula for bridging the states' estimated large goods and services tax (GST) shortfall in FY21 seems to be withering away. Following Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Delhi, Punjab is learnt to have decided to accept the Option 1 proposed by the Centre in this regard.

Another staunch critic of the both the options mooted by the Centre – West Bengal – has remained conspicuously silent on the matter, ever since an extended session of the 42nd GST Council meeting held last Monday.

More states are expected to convey their decision to adopt Option 1 to the Centre in the coming days.

What has changed the mood among the dissenting states – now not more than 5-6 – is the Centre's decision to borrow under the proposed special window and its assurance that along with additional unconditional open market borrowing (OMB), a total of ₹2.16 lakh crore will be available to states in FY21.

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# Economy

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

**BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY**

Harsh Vardhan, Union health minister

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message of wearing a mask/face cover, maintaining a physical distance and frequent handwashing should reach the last citizen. Steps should be taken to monitor their non-compliance.

## Quick View

### PM to inaugurate India Energy Forum next wk

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi will next week inaugurate the annual India Energy Forum by CERAWeek, which gathers energy leaders to further important dialogue on the nation's new energy future. Modi will deliver the inaugural address at the virtual event, to be held on October 26-28, organiser IHS Markit said in a statement. India Energy Forum by CERAWeek, now in its fourth year, is hosted by IHS Markit, a world leader in critical information, analytics and solutions.

### '2.5-3 mn sq ft of warehousing space in Bengal in 3 yrs'

WEST BENGAL WILL see a fresh supply of 2.5-3 million sq ft of warehousing space over the next three years with an investment of around ₹750 crore to meet rising demand from e-commerce firms, according to realty consultant Vestin. In its report 'Looking East: Warehousing in Kolkata', the US-based property consultant highlighted that Kolkata and adjoining areas currently have 17.2 million sq ft of organised warehousing space.

### Rockefeller funding to scale up Covid-19 testing

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION ON Monday announced \$5.5 million (around ₹40 crore) grant to Center for Cellular and Molecular Platforms and global nonprofit PATH to scale up Covid-19 testing in India. The grant will support the domestic manufacturing of critical testing materials and deployment of scalable testing programmes, essential to mitigating the virus spread. Rockefeller Foundation said in a statement.

### ₹1.35 lakh crore credit sanctioned under special KCC drive

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New Delhi, October 19  
**CONCENTRATED EFFORTS**  
BY banks and other stakeholders for concessional credit to the farmers led to the achievement of the credit limit of ₹1.35 lakh crore sanctioned under a special saturation drive.

### ● BOOSTER DOSE

## Open to imparting more stimulus to economy: FM

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New Delhi, October 19



FM Nirmala Sitharaman

FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA Sitharaman on Monday indicated that the government might unveil another round of economic stimulus at an appropriate time this fiscal. She also hinted that the strategic sectors identified for a near-comprehensive privatisation policy would be made public soon.

"I have not closed the option to come out with another stimulus," she said responding to a question at an event in Delhi.

"Every time we have announced one, it's been after a lot of consultations... then we sit and work it out within the ministry, with the PMO and then, take a final call," the minister said. Battling for more fiscal spending, chief economic adviser Krishnamurthy V Subramanian last week said a boost to the infrastructure and

employment-related programmes like the creation of an urban job guarantee programme would help pep-up consumption demand.

The Covid-ravaged economy will likely shrink by a record 9.5% in the current fiscal, Subramanian said, as he agreed with the central bank's latest assessment of the magnitude of growth slump.

"We have only now started doing some kind of an assessment (on GDP) because we waited for the commencement

of the second half (H2FY21), which is just started... we will have to come up with a statement (on GDP growth/contraction for FY21)," Sitharaman said after she released "Portraits of Power" a book authored by 15th Finance Commission chairman NK Singh.

According to the privatisation policy announced by Sitharaman recently, at least one enterprise in a 'strategic sector' will remain in the public sector, but the private sector will also be allowed. To minimise wasteful administrative costs, the number of enterprises in strategic sectors will ordinarily be only one to four, others will be privatised or merged or brought under holding companies. While the Modi-government has already initiated strategic disinvestment, the new policy will give a comprehensive framework and provide the ground for a road-map of privatisation for years to come.

On October 12, Sitharaman sought to create additional demand of ₹1 lakh crore in the economy in the current financial year, through a clutch of steps that may involve less than ₹40,000 crore or a tenth of the amount to be saved via expenditure controls already announced, as a budgetary cost to the Centre.

The stimuli announced earlier had an estimated budgetary cost of around ₹3 lakh crore. The spending curbs on departments for the April-December period is estimated to result in savings of nearly ₹4 lakh crore. Given that even the stimulus cost would actually be lower than the estimate and considering the possibility of an extension of spending curbs to Q4, the government still has considerable room for unveiling another round/s of stimulus, without altering the estimated budget size for the year or the enhanced gross borrowing limit of ₹12 lakh crore.

### CBDT reiterates tolerance range under transfer pricing rules

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New Delhi, October 19



ment of creation of more facilities and the NCDC's scheme will be a step towards strengthening farmers welfare activities by the government. He also asked existing cooperatives to take up healthcare services as an activity for farmers.

There are about 52 hospitals across the country run by cooperatives, having cumulative bed strength of more than 5,000. The fund would give a boost to the provision of healthcare services by these cooperatives as well, said Sundeep Nayak, managing director of NCDC.

Any cooperative society with a suitable provision in its bylaws to undertake healthcare-related activities would be able to access the NCDC fund. The credit disbursal will be to the tune of 90% of the project costs in the case through the state government and up to 70% if directly to the cooperatives. Subsidy/grant from other sources can be dovetailed, the agriculture ministry said in a statement. The scheme provides interest subvention of 1% to women majority cooperatives.

In case of direct funding, the cooperative society may offer security for the loan either by mortgage of assets, including assets to be created under the project, to the extent of 1.5 times of NCDC loan or guaranteed by the State/Central government. Pledge of FDs of scheduled banks/nationalised banks, to the extent of 1.2 times of loan is also accepted by NCDC.

**THE CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES (CBDT)** on Monday reiterated tolerance range of 1-3% under transfer pricing rules for the current financial year even though experts said it was expected that the tax department would provide concession given the Covid-19 pandemic.

India's transfer pricing rules, which apply to the transaction among subsidiaries of multinational companies, set an acceptable tolerance range for the variation between arm's length price and the transaction price, failing which the department adjusts the pricing leading to tax implication.

CBDT kept tolerance range of 1% for wholesale trading and 3% for all other transactions undertaken during the financial year ending March 31, 2020.

According to the notification, the transaction considered 'wholesale trading' would be those where the purchase cost of finished goods is at least 80% of the total cost of such trades.

Further, the average monthly closing inventory of such goods must be 10% or less of sales on such trading activities.

## Half of Indians may have had coronavirus by next February

SHILPA JAMKHANDIKAR  
Mumbai, October 19

AT LEAST HALF of India's 1.3 billion people are likely to have been infected with the new coronavirus by next February, helping slow the spread of the disease, a member of a government committee tasked with providing projections said on Monday.

India has so far reported 7.55 million cases of the coronavirus and is second only to the United States in terms of total infections.

But Covid-19 infections are decreasing in India after a peak in mid-September, with 61,390 new cases reported on average each day, according to a Reuters tally.

"Our mathematical model estimates that around 30% of the population is currently infected and it could go up to 50% by February," Manindra Agrawal, a professor at the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur and a committee member, told Reuters.

The committee's estimate for the current spread of the virus is much higher than the

### 'All Durga Puja pandals in West Bengal no-entry zones'

THE CALCUTTA HIGH Court on Monday ordered that all Durga Puja pandals across the state be declared no-entry zones to prevent the spread of Covid-19. A division bench of the high court comprising Justice Sanjib Banerjee and Justice Arif Banerjee, hearing a public interest litigation, said that no visitors will be allowed to enter the marqueses. For small pandals, barricades will have to be put up five metres from the entrance, while for the bigger ones, the distance has to be 10 metres, the court ordered. There should be no entry boards on the barricades, it said. The court also ordered that only 15 to 25 persons belonging to the organising committee will be allowed to enter the pandals.

— PTI

government's serological surveys, which showed that only around 14% of the population had been infected, as of September.

But Agrawal said serological surveys might not be able to get sampling absolutely correct because of the sheer size of the population that they were surveying.

Instead, the committee of virologists, scientists and other experts, whose report was made public on Sunday, has relied on a mathematical model.

"We have evolved a new model which explicitly takes into account unreported cases, so we can divide infected people into two categories — reported cases and infections that do not get reported," Agrawal said. The committee warned that their projections would not hold up if precautions were not followed, and cases could spike by up to 2.6 million infections in a single month if measures such as social distancing and wearing masks were ignored.

— REUTERS

efforts for immunisation of its citizens against Covid-19, he said India is already working on putting a robust vaccine delivery system in place and its digitized network, along with the new digital health ID, will be used to ensure its success.

"Today, we are seeing a decline in the number of daily cases and the growth rate of cases. India has one of the highest recovery rates of 88%,"

Modi said.

"In India, we have a strong and vibrant scientific community. We also have very good scientific institutions. They have been India's greatest assets, especially during the last several months, while fighting Covid-19. From containment to capacity building, they have achieved wonders," he added.

healthcare effort" and will want to help other nations, he said, noting that more than 60% of vaccines used for global immunisation programmes are produced here.

India has proven capacity for producing quality medicines and vaccine at low cost, he said.

Speaking of the country's

### Bonus issue: Railway unions to strike on Oct 22

FE BUREAU  
New Delhi, October 19

RAILWAY UNIONS HAVE threatened a nationwide strike on Thursday if the transporter sticks to its decision to not pay productivity-linked bonuses (PLB) to the employees, an incentive they have been getting every year before Durga Puja.

About 11 lakh Class 3 and Class 4 workers used to get ₹18,000 per person as PLB every year.

The workers have given the authorities a deadline of October 21 to declare the

PLBs, failing which pan India Indian Railways (IR) staff, including those responsible for essential services in Mumbai, will stop the movement of trains on October 22 (Thursday) for two hours. The workers have called for observance of "All India Bonus Demand Day" on October 20 to explain to the railwaymen across all cadres and throughout the country, the current situation and the alleged lethargy of the ministry of railways on the issue.

"A strike of one day by the railwaymen can lead to an operational loss of ₹8,000-

9,000 crore. Can the government afford this loss?" Som Nath Malik, Press Secretary of the National Federation of Indian Railways told FE.

"Workers have struggled against odds and put their life at risk amidst the Covid-19 pandemic to operate the freight and other train services of IR and 350 employees have died during the pandemic. This is the right of Railway workers and it is wrong to stop the payment which has been going on for 40 years. The people who have died have yet to get their basic entitlement," said Malik.

### cash positive by FY21 end'

WE HAVE SEEN A higher disruption in smaller cities like Lucknow, Jaipur, Agra, Faridabad, Panipat, and Indore, and expect this trend to continue.

Given that online commerce is booming, it seems a good time to raise some money from investors....

Grofers is fairly comfortable in terms of capital and is operationally profitable. Right now, our focus is to support the small manufacturing ecosystem which has been hit due to the pandemic. We have introduced BrandFarm, a proprietary initiative, with small and local businesses in order to support and promote them. The company is already working with 800 MSMEs under the BrandFarm initiative and is providing support and financial assistance to the small manufacturing ecosystem and partners.

What is the financial outlook for FY21?

Our path to profitability has accelerated during the lockdown, and we are on track to become Ebitda and cash positive

by the end of this year. We are observing market sentiments and aim to hit the capital market by the end of 2021.

25 years of DDLJ: SRK-Kajol statue to be unveiled in London

MARSH WILLIAMS, DIRECTOR of Destination Marketing at Heart of London Business Alliance said they are excited to bring to the trail the first film that features Leicester Square as a location. "It's fantastic to be adding such titans of international cinema to our trail as Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol. This statue is a fitting tribute to the global popularity of Bollywood and the cultural bridges that cinema can help build, and we're in no doubt it will attract fans from all around the world," Williams said in a statement.

The statue will be unveiled early next year, when organisers hope that Khan and Kajol will be able to travel to be part of the special celebratory event.

### From the Front Page

#### Capex target: Oil & gas, coal PSUs told to stick to FY21 plan

THIS IS DESPITE the fact that these large CPSEs — companies and undertakings — achieved 30% of their capex target for FY21 in the first half of the financial year, by spending almost ₹1.5 lakh crore. That was still a creditable achievement, as it reflected that these companies have managed to hold on to the capex pace shown in recent years in the first half, despite the Covid-19 shock. In the last few years, CPSE capex has remained robust; the ratio of capex deployment between the first and second halves of a financial year has been 3:7.

Monday's video conference was the fourth by the finance minister this year related to CPSE capex.

Overall, Jio is a market leader with 400 million subscribers, but its share in the high-Arpu post-paid segment and fixed broadband segment is negligible. To bolster it, it has recently come with a fresh post-paid tariff plans, which are cheaper by almost 20% than Jio's.

Credit Suisse expects Arpu

with the objectives of providing adequate and timely credit to the farmers for their agricultural operation. The Government of India provides interest subvention of 2% and prompt repayment incentive of 3% to the farmers, thus making the credit available at a very subsidised rate of 4% per annum. The

government has taken major farmer-friendly steps by extending the benefits of KCC with interest subvention in 2019 to Animal Husbandry including Dairy and Fisheries farmers for their working capital requirement and raising the existing limit of collateral-free agriculture loan from ₹1 lakh to ₹1.6 lakh.

Sitharaman asked the CMDs of the 14 CPSEs, secretaries of administrative ministries of petroleum and coal to closely monitor the capex performance. Oil and gas sector companies, which make up for bulk of the capex in this group of 14 CPSEs, had achieved 67% of their FY20 capex target of ₹93,639 crore in the first nine months of the last fiscal.

The petroleum companies' together have capex plans of ₹98,522 crore for FY21 while Coal India has a capex plan of ₹10,000 crore.

Sitharaman said that better performance of CPSEs can help the economy in a big way to recover from the impact of Covid-19. "While reviewing the performance

of CPSEs, Sitharaman said that capex by CPSEs is a critical driver of economic growth and need to be scaled up for the FY21 and FY22," the finance ministry said in a statement.

FM is holding such review meetings on the performance of capex of CPSEs every month, scoring the urgency to revive economic growth, which is projected by many agencies to contract by 10-15% in FY21. The idea is to soften the blow to the economy from the sharp drop in private investments and slashing of capital expenditures by revenue-starved states.

As reported by FE earlier, while revenue constraints led to a slowing of capital

segment.

For June and July, Bharti has been able to add more 4G users than Jio. It added 4.4 million 4G subscribers against Jio's 3.6 million in July. Analysts also feel that Bharti would need to come up with a plan to counter Jio's partnership with Google

to launch cheaper smartphones, to ensure that its 2G users migrate to its 4G network rather than migrating to Jio's.

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HOWEVER, SOME COMPANIES, particularly in the oil sector, may not be able to do buybacks, the sources warned, as the government's stake is just sufficient to ensure its position as a majority holder.

The government stake in these companies is about 51% and there is a competing claim on their cash in the form of huge capex commitment and dividend payments," the second source said. But for those with sufficient funds and capital expenditure below target for this fiscal year, the government could seek approval from the cabinet to prune its stake to less than 51% in individual firms without giving up control, the official said.

—Reuters

Apathy: Is Bharti losing out by not

# Cube Highways pays NHAI ₹5,011 cr for bagging TOT stretch

**FE BUREAU**  
New Delhi, October 19

**SINGAPORE-BASED CUBE**  
Highways on Monday paid the National Highways Authority of India (NHA) ₹5,011 crore to take possession of the nine operating highway stretches it had bagged through the toll-operate-transfer (TOT) model in November last year.

Cube Highways will collect tolls for 30 years on these stretches; it has to operate and maintain the stretches.

## NEW ROADS

- Cube Highways will collect tolls for 30 years on these stretches; it has to operate and maintain the stretches
- After the completion of the lease period, the stretches will be returned to NHAI
- With this, Cube Highways has now 27 highway projects with nearly 8,400 lane-km across India

aggregate of 566 km in a four-lane configuration across Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar.

"We are pleased to complete

this landmark transaction, which comes close on the heels of the acquisitions of Farakka-Raiganj Highway from HCC and KNR Walayar Tollways from KNR

Constructions (both acquired in September 2020), reinforcing our position as the leading owner-operator of toll-roads in the Indian Highways sector," said

Gautam Bhandari, Director of Cube Highways and Managing Partner of I Squared Capital.

"There is no dearth of capital even in today's challenging environment, for good infrastructure projects. The third TOT bundle is a testament to this," said Akshay Purkayastha, director, Crisil Infrastructure Advisory. Crisil was the advisor for this transaction.

Besides, Cube Highways will invest more than ₹700 crore, or \$95 million, for various improvements and capital expenditures, making it one of the largest foreign direct investments in the Indian roads sector," I Squared Capital-backed Cube Highways said in a statement.

Under TOT, operational national highways are given on long-term lease to private entities on a long-term concession basis against upfront payment.

With this, Cube Highways has now 27 highway projects with nearly 8,400 lane-km across India, including assets under various stages of closing. The toll roads have recently seen a healthy recovery in traffic.

In September, Cube Highways had signed the financing agreements with State Bank of India for a term loan facility of ₹3,500 crore for part-financing the upfront consideration. The nine projects have an

## State RTCs reported losses of ₹14,000 cr in 2016-17

**FE BUREAU**  
New Delhi, October 19

**A REVIEW OF 56 state road transport undertakings (SRTUs) by the ministry of road transport and highways (MoRTH) revealed that 49 of them were in the red in 2016-17. Also, the cumulative losses of the SRTUs mounted to ₹13,957 crore in 2016-17, up 24% over losses reported in 2015-16.**

The top five SRTUs that incurred losses in 2016-17 was DTC (₹3,832 crore); Kerala SRTC (₹1,770 crore); BEST Undertaking (₹990 crore); Telangana SRTC (₹749 crore) and Haryana ST (₹598 crore). These five SRTUs together accounted for about 69% of the total losses reported by SRTUs.

The SRTUs which made a profit in 2016-17 are Andhra Pradesh SRTC (₹299 crore), UPSRTC (₹97 crore), Kanpur City TSL (₹8 crore), Bihar SRTC (₹7.8 crore), PUNBJS (₹4.3 crore), Sikkim NT (₹3.6 crore) and Odisha SRTC (₹1.8 crore).

An examination of the loss-making SRTUs shows that costs are much higher than the revenue earned in loss-making SRTUs mostly because fare revisions have not kept pace with cost increase. Other challenges include competition from the private bus operators and social obligation to ply on uneconomic routes as well. There is a continuous need for route rationalisation to enable SRTUs to cross-subsidise their operations," Giridhar Aramane, secretary, MoRTH, said in the "forward" note of the report released last week.

To improve the performance of the fleet, there is a need to improve the technology of vehicles, change fleet composition through purchase/hiring of



buses. There is also a need to deploy IT services and Intelligent Transport Systems such as Electronic ticketing system; GPS vehicles tracking system; online bus reservation system etc to make the bus services more responsive to the needs of the customer to improve bus occupancy ratios and make bus-based transportation a preferred mode of travel to private transport, he said.

MoRTH has engaged the World Bank in collaboration with Transport for London (TfL) for making policy recommendations for improving public transport undertakings. The SRTUs in the state of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have been taken as pilot for this study. The report is under process and is expected to be finalised shortly, Aramane said.

Of the 56 SRTUs reviewed, 26 stated road transport corporations (SRTCs), 10 companies, eight government departmental undertakings and eight municipal undertakings. These SRTUs provide passenger transport services for rural, inter-city and urban areas.

Total revenue of SRTUs including traffic earnings, non-traffic revenue and subsidies of the 56 SRTU's increased by 1.96% to ₹55,821.95 crore during 2016-17 from ₹54,747.69 crore in 2015-16. Traffic revenue constitutes about 81% of the total revenue.

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### [Proviso to rule 9 (1)]

#### Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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 the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/changed to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. Ambala Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 10-11-2020 for recovery of Rs. 16,45,014/- (Rupees Sixteen lakhs Forty five thousand and fourteen Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from Mrs. Sushma Sharma W/o Late Pardeep Kumar and Mr. Tarun Sharma S/o Pardeep Kumar as on 04.05.2019 together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 1,30,000/- (Rupees One lakh thirty thousand only).

House No-36/22, MC Property ID- 99c601u878, Khasra No-36/22, Vashishtha Nagar, Babali, Ambala Cantt., Haryana Measuring 47 Sq yard

The boundaries of the property are as under: North - House Bhupinder Singh, South - Closed Street, East - House Bhupinder Singh, West-Street.

Encumbrances: NIL

The detailed terms and condition of sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., ([www.canfinhomes.com](http://www.canfinhomes.com)). Please refer to the following link

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Date:19.10.2020

Place:Ambala

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Can Fin Homes Ltd.

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# EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

Our Bank was originally incorporated as V.A.P. Finance Private Limited on June 21, 1993 at Madras, Tamil Nadu as a private limited company under the Companies Act, 1956, and was granted the certificate of incorporation by the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu at Chennai ("RoC"). Our Bank became a deemed public limited company under section 43A of Companies Act, 1956 on March 5, 1994 and the name of our Bank was changed to V.A.P. Finance Limited and the certificate of incorporation of our Bank was endorsed by the RoC to that effect. Our Bank thereafter became a private limited company under section 31(1) of the Companies Act, 1956 and a fresh certificate of incorporation dated March 30, 2011 was granted by the RoC consequent upon change of name from V.A.P. Finance Limited to V.A.P. Finance Private Limited. A fresh certificate of incorporation dated August 12, 2011 was granted by the RoC consequent upon change of name from V.A.P. Finance Private Limited to Equitas Finance Private Limited. Our Promoter, EHL was granted the RBI In-Principle and RBI Final Approval on October 7, 2015 and June 30, 2016 respectively; to establish a small finance bank ("SFB"). Subsequently, our Bank was converted into an SFB. A fresh certificate of incorporation dated September 2, 2016 was granted by the RoC consequent upon change of name of our Bank from Equitas Finance Limited to Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited. Our Bank was included in the second schedule to the RBI Act pursuant to a notification dated December 23, 2016 issued by the RBI and published in the Gazette of India dated February 4 – February 10, 2017. For further details of change in name and registered office of the Bank, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 159, of the Red Herring Prospectus dated October 11, 2020 ("RHP").

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## OUR PROMOTER: EQUITAS HOLDINGS LIMITED

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED ("BANK" OR "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹[•] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹[•] PER EQUITY SHARE) AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[•] MILLION (THE "OFFER") COMPRISING OF A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹2,800 MILLION (THE "FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 72,000,000 EQUITY SHARES BY EQUITAS HOLDINGS LIMITED (THE "PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDER, AND SUCH EQUITY SHARES THE "OFFERED SHARES") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹[•] MILLION (THE "OFFER FOR SALE"). THE OFFER INCLUDES A RESERVATION OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES, AGGREGATING UP TO ₹510 MILLION (CONSTITUTING UP TO [•]% OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL), FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY ELIGIBLE EHL SHAREHOLDERS ("EHL SHAREHOLDER RESERVATION PORTION") AND A RESERVATION OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES, AGGREGATING UP TO ₹10 MILLION (CONSTITUTING UP TO [•]% OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL), FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES (THE "EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION"). THE OFFER LESS THE EHL SHAREHOLDER RESERVATION PORTION AND THE EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION IS HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "NET OFFER". THE OFFER AND THE NET OFFER SHALL CONSTITUTE [•]% AND [•]%, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR BANK.

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

\* Retail Individual Bidders Portion: Not less than 35% of the Net Offer

\* Non-Institutional Bidders Portion: Not less than 15% of the Net Offer

\* Employee Reservation Portion: Not more than 5% of our post-Offer paid-up Equity Share capital

\* EHL Shareholders Reservation Portion: Not more than 10% of the Offer Size

**Price Band: ₹ 32 to ₹ 33 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 10 each.**

**The Floor Price is 3.2 times of the face value and the Cap Price is 3.3 times of the face value of the Equity Shares.**

**Bids can be made for a minimum of 450 Equity Shares and in multiples of 450 Equity Shares thereafter.**

**ASBA**

# Application 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.

# Application Supported by Blocked Amount (ASBA)

Mandatory in public issue. No cheque will be accepted.

UPI

UPI-Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Bidders ("RIBs") and Eligible EHL Shareholders Bidding in the EHL Shareholder Reservation Portion 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.

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

\* ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except Anchor investors. UPI may be availed by Retail Individual Bidders and Eligible EHL Shareholders \* 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 374 of the RHP. \* The process is also available on the websites of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("AIBI"), Stock Exchanges and in the General Information Document For Investing in Public Offers. ASBA Forms can be downloaded from the websites of BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), and together with 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](http://www.sebi.gov.in). List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at [www.sebi.gov.in](http://www.sebi.gov.in). For the list of UPI Apps and banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: [www.sebi.gov.in](http://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, as amended. For Offer related grievance investors may contact: JM Financial Limited - Prachee Dhuri (+91 22 6630 3030) (esfb.ipo@jmfl.com); Edelweiss Financial Services Limited - Nisha John (+91 22 4009 4400); equitasfb.ipo@edelweissfin.com; IIFL Securities Limited - Ujjwal Kumar (+91 22 4646 4722, +91 22 4646 4600) (equitas.ipoc@iflcap.com); JM Financial Services Limited-Suratji Misra/ Deepak Vaidya/ T N Kumar/ Sona Varghese - (+91 22 6136 3400) (surajit.misra@jmfl.com/ Deepak.vaidya@jmfl.com); Edelweiss Securities Limited - Madhuri Tawde - (+91 22 403 5569) (Madhuri.Tawde@edelweissfin.com); KFin Technologies Private Limited - M. Murali Krishna (+91 40 6716 2222) (equitasmallfinance.ipo@kintech.com). For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and Mail Id: ipo.upti@npci.org.in.

## Risks to Investors

- The three Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 18 public issues in the past three years out of which 6 issues closed below the issue price on listing date.
- The Price/Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for Fiscal 2020 for the Issuer at the upper Price Band is as high as 13.81 times.
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares for the Promoter Selling Shareholder namely, Equitas Holdings Limited is ₹ 14.38 per Equity Share and the Offer Price at the upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 33 per Equity Share.
- Weighted Average Return on Net Worth for Fiscals 2020, 2019 and 2018 is 7.85%.

**BID/OFFER PERIOD**

**OPENS TODAY**  
**CLOSES ON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020**

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 Bank 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 Members and by intimation to 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 ("SCRRA") 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 Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") (the "QIB Portion") provided that our Bank and the Promoter Selling Shareholder may, in consultation with the BRLMs, 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 domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of undersubscription or non allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation for a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders including Mutual Funds, subject to valid bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process providing details of their respective ASBA account, and UPI ID in case of RIBs and Eligible EHL Shareholders Bidding in the EHL Shareholder Reservation Portion) if applicable, in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCBS or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see "Offer Procedure" on page 374 of the RHP

# Companies

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

**PRICE STABILITY**

Varun Berry, managing director, Britannia Industries  
On the cost front, we witnessed moderate inflation in the prices of key raw materials and expect the prices to be stable going forward, given the positive outlook on monsoon and harvest...We are confident of performing well in these tough times...

## Quick View



### Uber launches selfie feature for rider mask verification

UBER ON MONDAY said riders who have been tagged for not wearing mask on a previous trip will have to take a selfie showing themselves wearing a mask to book their next trip. This feature ensures feedback received from drivers can help make the platform safer, Uber said.

### Tata Metaliks Q2 profit jumps manifold to ₹82 cr

TATA METALIKS, a pig iron manufacturer and supplier, on Monday said its net profit jumped manifold to ₹82 crore during the September 2020 quarter, mainly on account of reduced expenses. The company had posted a net profit of ₹23 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year, Tata Metaliks said in a regulatory filing to the BSE.

### Paytm announces entry into credit card business

PAYTM ANNOUNCED ON Monday that it will partner with credit card issuers to introduce co-branded cards, and is aiming to issue two million cards in the next 12-18 months. The company said it aims to democratise access to the formal credit system for the masses.

### DMart converts 2 stores into fulfilment centres

AVENUE SUPERMARTS, WHICH owns and operates supermarket chain DMart, has closed two of its retail stores in Mumbai and converted them into fulfilment centres to cater to its growing e-commerce business in the city.

### ALTBalaji acquires 17.5% stake in Tring

ALTBALAJI, A WHOLLY-OWNED subsidiary of Balaji Telefilms, has acquired a 17.5% stake in the online celebrity digital engagement platform Tring. This investment values Tring at about ₹100 crore in a short period since its launch in February.

### Rare Planet raises ₹3.5 cr in pre-Series A round

LIFESTYLE RETAIL START-UP Rare Planet announced raising ₹3.5 crore in a pre-series A round led by Uni-M Ventures and Venture Catalysts. Sagar Daryani, co-founder of Wow! Momo, also participated in the round.

### Hatsun Agro plans to raise ₹900 cr via QIP

CHENNAI-BASED HATSUN AGRO Product plans to seek shareholders' approval to raise ₹900 crore through a qualified institutional placement (QIP). The board of directors has approved issue of bonus shares in the ratio of one new equity share for every three shares held by the shareholders on the record date as of December 3, 2020.

### Vistara, IHCL partner for loyalty programme

VISTARA ON MONDAY announced its partnership with the Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) for its loyalty programme Club Vistara. Members can now earn three points for every ₹100 eligible spends on stay at Taj, SeleQtions, Vivanta Hotels, and amā Stays & Trails, the airline said.

### Honda starts dispatches of the H'ness CB350

HONDA MOTORCYCLE & Scooter India said on Monday, it has started dispatches of the H'ness CB350 to its dealers. Globally unveiled in India in September, the H'ness CB350 is Honda's answer to the Royal Enfield Classic range of motorcycles, and is priced starting from ₹1.85 lakh (ex-showroom, Gurugram).

### Woman gives birth on board Pawan Hans copter

A WOMAN RECENTLY gave birth to a baby girl on board a Pawan Hans medical evacuation flight from Agatti to Kochi, flying at an altitude of 2,000 ft. The woman and the baby are doing fine, Pawan Hans said.

### SWEETENING DEAL

## Air India bid deadline may be pushed again to Dec 15

Government to ease asset valuation norm, seek bids for national carrier on enterprise value basis

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19

**TO ATTRACT POTENTIAL** suitors, the government will ease asset valuation norms for Air India by allowing bidders to put in offers on an enterprise value basis, a source said on Monday.

To begin with, the government is likely to further extend the deadline for putting in a preliminary expression of interest for the loss-making national carrier to December 15.

The source said bids will be sought on an enterprise value basis — a popular valuation methodology for takeover deals.

Enterprise value (EV) is a measure of a company's total value, often used as a more comprehensive alternative to equity market capitalisation. EV includes in its calculation the market capitalisation of a company but also short-term and long-term debt as well as any cash on the company's balance sheet.

The source said the government would remove from the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) the quantum of debt to be assumed by the bidder.

The bidders would also be asked to place offers for the entire company, 85% of which would be considered to go towards debt repayment and the balance would accrue to the government, the source said.

"Changes are being made to the valuation method. CGD (Core Group on Disinvestment) has approved it and it would be placed before AISAM (Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism). The deadline for Air India bid is proposed to be extended till December 15," the source said.

This would be the fifth extension to the Air India bid deadline with the current one ending on October 30.

### BPCL bid: Deadline won't be extended for fifth time, says DIPAM secretary

THE BPCL privatisation bid deadline will not be extended for the fifth time, as the government's strategic disinvestment programme that was hit by the pandemic is back on track, the DIPAM secretary said on Monday.

The government had on four occasions extended the date of putting in the preliminary expression of interest for buying out the majority stake in Bharat Petroleum Corp (BPCL). The current deadline is November 16.

"We had a serious Covid-19 impact on strategic disinvestment, investors asked for time, particularly with respect to key transactions. I hope that further extensions may not be there, especially in BPCL where the current date is November 16. So hopefully, we will be able to move through," Tuhin Kanta Pandey, secretary in the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), said.

While the Cabinet, in November last year, had approved the sale of the government's entire 52.98% stake in BPCL, offers seeking expression of interest (EoI) or bids showing interest in buying its

stake were invited only on March 7.

Initially, the EoI submission deadline was May 2, but it was extended up to June 13, then to July 31 and later to September 30 and then to November 16. Pananey said the extensions have been given following requests received from interested bidders.

The government is keen to close the sale before March 31, 2021, to help meet a record ₹ 2.1-lakh crore target, which finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has set from the disinvestment proceeds in the Budget for 2020-21.

— PTI

the due diligence stage based on which the bidders can decide on which debt to repay.

The change in valuation methodology for Air India was necessary as the aircraft fleet is idle during the pandemic and valuation based on flight operating capacity would not be possible at present.

The government would be giving time to potential bidders to raise queries on the change in valuation methodology, the source added.

For the current fiscal, the budget has pegged disinvestment proceeds at ₹2.10 lakh crore. This includes ₹1.20 lakh crore from CPSE share sale and ₹90,000 crore from share sale in public sector banks and financial institutions, including listing of insurance behemoth LIC.

Comments from SP Group could not be immediately obtained.

In September, TPL won the bid to construct a new Parliament building at a cost of ₹861.90 crore ahead of L&T, which had submitted a bid of ₹865 crore.

Out of seven companies shortlisted, only three — Tata Projects, L&T and SP

## Tata's Parliament building bid: SP Group withdraws letter alleging irregularities

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19

**THE SHAPOORJI PALLONJI (SP) Group** has withdrawn letters alleging irregularities and conflict of interest in Tata Projects' winning bid to construct the new Parliament building after the government department concerned asserted that there were no wrongdoings in the process, sources said.

In a letter to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), the SP Group said it will not pursue the matter any further.

"...we appreciate that your good office has undertaken a detailed internal review and thoroughly discussed and evaluated all the issues and concerns," a source said quoting the letter sent to the Executive Engineer Central Vista Project Division-1, CPWD.

In the letter, SP Group said, "We also appreciate your confirmation that the entire bidding process was carried out impartially in a very fair and transparent manner and that there exists no conflict of interest between TCE (Tata Consulting Engineers) and TPL (Tata Projects)."

In September, SP Group had sent two letters to CPWD alleging that the participation of both TPL and TCE in the process was a violation of the Central Vigilance Commission rules.

Moreover, it had alleged that the pre-qualification bid criteria was tweaked so as to make it possible for TPL to take part in the bidding process.

"Our earlier communication of 10th and 17th September 2020 was just to understand the limited issue if at all there exists even a smallest probable conflict of interest in the bidding process which is resolved," the letter added.

SP Group further said, "Based on your aforesaid justification and clarification, we shall not pursue the matter any further."

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Group — were selected for the final round of bidding.

According to sources, SP Group did not participate in the final tendering process.

The new Parliament building will be constructed close to the existing one under the Central Vista redevelopment project, and it is expected to be completed in 21 months. As per CPWD, the new building will come up at plot number 118 of the Parliament House Estate and the existing Parliament building will continue to function during the entire period of execution of the project.

In its ongoing battle with the Tatas, last month the SP Group, the largest minority shareholder with 18.37% stake in Tata Sons, said it was "time to separate from Tata" to end a relationship that has spanned over 70 years. Tata Sons is the holding company of the over \$100 billion conglomerate, Tata Group. It had objected to SP Group's plans to raise funds by pledging shares of Tata Sons.

The Mistry family, however, had stated that it was "in the midst of raising funds against the security of their personal assets to meet the crisis arising from the global pandemic" and SP Group had alleged that Tata Sons "amplified its institutional efforts to suppress and inflict irreparable harm on the SP Group, in the midst of a global crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic".

## Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail: L&T emerges lowest bidder for ₹25,000-cr viaduct project

FE BUREAU  
New Delhi, October 19

LARSEN & TOUBRO (L&T) is all set to win a crucial project under the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail project, as it emerged as the lowest bidder on Monday.

The engineering company had put in a bid of ₹24,985 crore to construct a 237.1-km viaduct under package C4 of the project. The other two bidders were Tata Projects and Afcons Infrastructure.

Financial bids were opened on Monday by the National High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRCL) for the design and construction of the viaduct. The tender covers about 47% of the total alignment of 508 km, between Vapi (Zaroli village on the Maharashtra-Gujarat border) and Vadodara in Gujarat.

The stretch includes four stations: Vapi, Billimora, Surat and Bharuch, and Surat Depot.

The project is financed by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The cost of the total project is pegged at ₹1.08 lakh crore, and as per the shareholding pattern, the government of India is to pay ₹10,000 crore to the NHSRCL, while Gujarat and Maharashtra are to pay



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₹5,000 crore each. The rest is to be paid by JICA through a loan at 0.1% interest.

The NHSRCL has also invited bids for design and construction of about 18 km of viaduct between Anand and Sabarmati, including HSR stations at Ahmedabad and Sabarmati for the high-speed rail corridor.

The alignment also has 31 crossing bridges, including six steel truss bridges.

## Rollout of 5G across India likely to need investment of up to ₹2.3 lakh cr: Report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19

**INVESTMENTS IN KEY** components of 5G network on mid or low-band spectrum with pan-India coverage is estimated to be about ₹1.3-2.3 lakh crore, according to a report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The total capital expenditure or capex requirement when it comes to 5G rollout for Mumbai alone is seen at ₹10,000 crore, and ₹8,700 crore for Delhi, it said.

According to the telecom report for mid band or low band spectrum, overall capex requirement for pan-India coverage would hover at ₹1.3-2.3 lakh crore. Based on the Trai's latest reserve price, capex requirement for obtaining 100 MHz mid band spectrum in Mumbai would be about ₹8,400 crore,

which could go up further if the bidding price is higher than the base price.

Assuming about 9,000 sites would be required for coverage, the total capex requirement for the sites would be ₹1,800 crore — taking the total capex to ₹10,000 crore, it said. Similarly, capex estimate for 5G rollout in Delhi would be ₹8,700 crore, assuming 100MHz mid band spectrum at base price. The telecom industry is seeing capex peak out — particularly for Bharti and Reliance Jio — and increased free cash

flows (FCF), the report said but added that risks have, however, started emerging due to the increased costs toward 5G upgrade and the upcoming spectrum renewal.

Investments in three key large components — spectrum, sites and fibre on mid/low band spectrum with pan-India coverage would stand at ₹1.3-2.3 lakh crore, which should reduce to ₹78,800 crore and ₹1.3 lakh crore, for coverage of only metros and category 'A' circles. The expiry of spectrum for Jio's 115MHz quantity in the 800MHz band acquired/shared from RCom in 19 circles, Bharti's 57 MHz quantity in the 1,800 MHz band and Vodafone Idea's 37.8MHz/6.2MHz quantity in the 1,800MHz/900MHz band are "attractive good quality spectrum" and would be up for renewal over the next 6-12 months, it noted.

Vineet Nayyar resigns from IL&FS on health grounds

FE BUREAU  
Mumbai, October 19

VINEET NAYYAR HAS resigned as executive vice chairman of IL&FS Group, its board announced on Monday.

Nayyar has requested the Board to relieve him of his duties with effect from

October 31 on the grounds of indifferent health. In the interim, CS Rajan, MD, IL&FS, will discharge Nayyar's responsibilities and, in consultation with senior management, put in place a revised organisational structure.

Nayyar was appointed the executive vice-chairman and managing director of

IL&FS on October 4, 2018.

Commenting on the resignation, the group's non-executive chairman Uday Kotak said, "Vineet brought with him unique insights and conviction with respect to our challenges over the last two years. I wish him speedy recovery."

— WITH INPUTS FROM PTI

with the world, large English-speaking workforce, tough cost structures and high customer expectations, businesses that can scale heights in India can be taken to global markets," he said.

The entrepreneur said when he was passing out of IIT-Bombay, many students were looking to study or get a job abroad, but the youth of the country now "aspire to build businesses and careers in India, and contribute to the country's transformation".

"Indian companies have a unique opportunity in this future era. By leveraging India as a large market, and the entrepreneurial and depth of technology and engineering talent, we can actually create global solutions," he added.

Bennett University — which is part of The Times of India Group — was set up in Greater Noida in 2016.

Amit Ganjoo, founder and CEO of Washington-based Anra Technologies, said Covid-19 has tested everyone and people will have

to get used to a new way of thinking.

## AMBANISPEAK

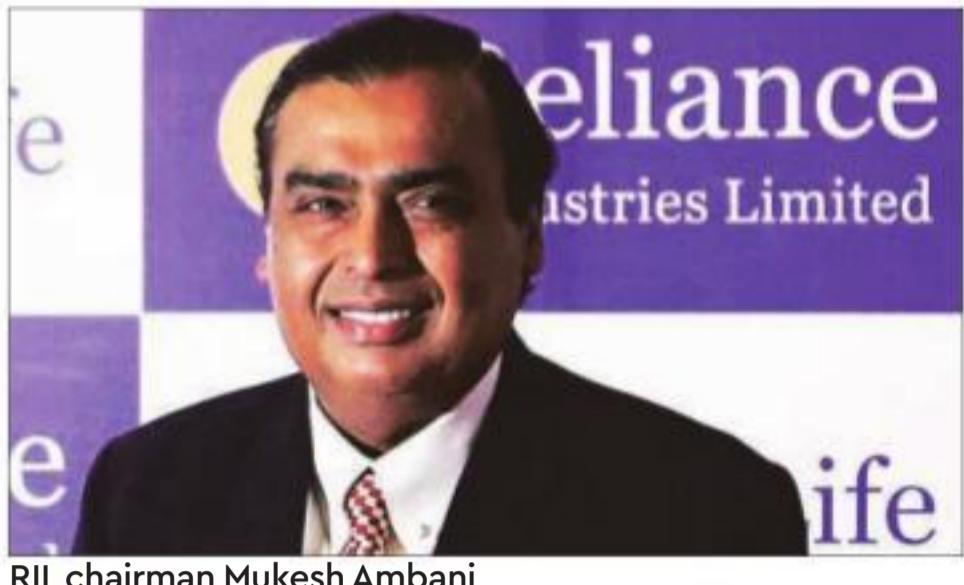
# 'Need to rethink, redefine manufacturing in India'

PR SANJAI  
October 19**BILLIONAIRE MUKESH AMBANI**, chairman of Reliance Industries, on Monday said India must redefine its manufacturing sector to boost growth.

"There is a need to rethink and redefine manufacturing in India. We need to strengthen our small and medium scale enterprises," Ambani said at an online book launch on Monday evening, in response to a question on what can make Indian manufacturing more competitive. "There should be a focus on bricks as much as clicks."

The comments from Asia's richest man come as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is trying to revive an economy poised for a historic annual contraction, following a lockdown that decimated industries and destroyed millions of jobs.

Reliance, which is pivoting



RIL chairman Mukesh Ambani

from the energy operations legacy he'd like to leave behind, Ambani outlined three areas — making India a digital society in ways never imagined before, boosting India's education system, and transformation of the energy sector to reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

"If I can play my small part in achieving this, if I can create institutions to perpetuate and sustain these objectives, then I would have done my bit," Ambani said.

—BLOOMBERG

When asked about the

## Tata AutoComp aims to become \$3-billion company in 5 years

FE BUREAU  
Pune, October 19**TATAAUTOCOMP SYSTEMS**, a Tata Group auto-component company, has set itself a target to become a \$3-billion company by 2025.

Speaking at the virtual celebrations to mark 25 years of the Tata AutoComp business,

Arvind Goel, MD, Tata AutoComp Systems, said over the past 25 years, Tata AutoComp has transitioned from a local player to a global player through its own businesses as well as joint ventures with leading global companies. "Our goal is to be a \$3-billion company by 2025," Goel said.

**The Tata Group company completed 25 years of existence on October 17**

Pravin Kadle, chairman, Tata AutoComp Systems, said, Tata AutoComp was continuously enhancing its customer and product portfolio and also been investing in creating strong systems and processes under the Tata Business Excellence Model.

Tata AutoComp completed 25 years of existence on October 17. It serves almost all auto OEMs and tier-1 suppliers in the world and has also now developed a portfolio for the emerging EV segment. The company has 10 JV's with global auto component industry players.

Ratan Tata, founder-chairman of Tata AutoComp and chairman, Tata Trusts, spoke to employees, customers and suppliers and said his vision was to establish a formal auto-component company in India that could bring in technology for the

company by 2025, Goel said.

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Besides, all the adjacent businesses delivered a healthy profitable growth, he said.

"On the cost front, we witnessed moderate inflation in the prices of key raw materials and expect the prices to be stable going forward given the positive outlook on monsoon and harvest," he said.

It sustained a large

## Looking to become an energy company, not just sell petrol products: IOC chairman

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Notes:

1. The above results have been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the Audit Committee to the Board of Directors and have been approved by the Board at its meeting held on 19.10.2020.

2. Key Standalone financial information:

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Six months Ended		Year Ended	
	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020	Audited
Total Income	620.54	889.72	1030.28	1774.43	3458.63	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) from continuing operations	(8.69)	87.10	(57.12)	201.69	284.39	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) from continuing operations	(10.35)	187.34	(46.71)	256.69	378.08	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) from discontinued operations	(7.19)	(7.18)	(13.41)	(14.53)	(27.13)	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items) from discontinued operations	(4.43)	(4.64)	(8.50)	(9.43)	(17.65)	
Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive income (after tax)]	(30.82)	178.30	(22.54)	227.04	281.57	
Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)	111.69	111.69	111.69	111.69	111.69	
Reserves as shown in Audited Balance Sheet	(0.87)	16.77	(4.09)	22.98	34.28	
Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing operations) - Basic and Diluted:	(0.40)	(0.42)	(0.76)	(0.85)	(1.58)	
Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for discontinued operations) - Basic and Diluted:						

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited financial results filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited financial results are available on the stock exchange websites ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and also on the Company's website viz. [www.centurytextind.com](http://www.centurytextind.com).

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GEETA NAIR  
Pune, October 19**PUNE HAS SEEN** the largest office space leasing deal in 2020 with flex-pace operator Simpliwork Offices picking up 2.30 lakh sq ft office space in the city.

This is Simpliwork's first office in Pune and will house 2,500 employees.

According to JLL India research, Pune has the lowest vacancy levels in the office space segment in the country. Only 5% office space in the city is vacant at present, Sanjay

Bajaj, MD of JLL Pune, said.

Demand has started picking up and JLL has recently completed three large deals in Pune, Bajaj said. Two more large-size deals will be announced soon, he added.

Growth in Pune was driven by demand for Grade A office space, Bajaj said.

Simpliwork Offices signed a long-term lease for 2,30,945 sq ft office space at Sky One Corporate Park in Pune. Simpliwork Offices will be one of the first to occupy Sky One Corporate Park, a 3 million sq ft commercial project by Lunkad

Realty. Simpliwork chose Vimannagar in Pune due to low vacancy and limited future supply of Grade A project.

Founded in January 2018, Simpliwork currently manages over around 2.4 million sq ft in India across Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Gurgaon.

According to Bajaj, the new demands of health, safety and hygiene had led to tenants moving out of old, poorly maintained Grade B assets to Grade A office space, which met all compliance requirements, was energy-efficient and focused on sustainability.

Simpliwork's in excess of ₹12,700 crore regulatory assets or previous losses recoverable from customers, can be realised by a tariff hike.

West Bengal power minister, Shobhondeb Chattopadhyay, said overhauling the entire distribution network would include increasing the number of low voltage substations on the top of the existing 848 high voltage and low voltage substations, for addressing the problem of low voltage supplies.

West Bengal at present has 705 low voltage substations. Besides, creating an underground distribution network and replacing overhead network with aerial bundled cable would prevent power theft, he said.

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₹18,700 crore. But the WB loan was essential to implement the grid modernisation programme as a long-term solution, an official said.

The state government has already tied up with the WB loan and its arm, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to provide ₹280 million, the official added.

Low paying consumers, making 90% of the total consumer base, contributes only 40% of the retail sales. Such consumers doubled in the last six years leading to aggregate technical and commercial (AT&amp;C) losses to the tune of 27%. Containing technical and commercial losses would be a move towards cost optimisation.

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## Britannia Industries Q2 net profit rises 23% to ₹495 cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19**FOOD COMPANY BRITANNIA** Industries on Monday reported a 22.96% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹495.20 crore for the quarter ended September.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹402.73 crore in the July-September period a year ago, Britannia Industries said in a BSE filing.

Total revenue from operations climbed 12.15% to ₹3,419.11 crore during the quarter under review as against ₹3,048.44 crore in the year-ago period.

Total expenses were at ₹2,822.02 crore, up 7.80% from ₹2,617.64 crore earlier.

Britannia Industries Managing Director Varun Berry said this quarter the company got its full range of products to the market, focussed on efficiency in distribution, followed continuous replenishment system of distribution and inching closer to normalcy in advertisement and promotions.

It sustained a large

part of the efficiency gains that the company witnessed in the previous quarter as supply chain efficiencies, reduction in wastages and fixed costs leverage.

"These measures helped us sequentially sustain the shape of our business and record a massive 390 bps increase in operating profit during the quarter vs. last year," he said.

Coal India had supplied 219.85 MT of coal in the April-September period of the previous fiscal, according to official data.

However, the supply of fuel by the coal behemoth to the power sector increased by

**CIL coal supply to power sector drops 10% in first half of FY21**

New Delhi, October 19

THE SUPPLY OF coal by state-owned Coal India (CIL) to the power sector dropped by 10 per cent to 197.89 million tonne (MT) in the first half of the ongoing fiscal.

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The Covid-19 situation affected power consumption for six months in a row from March to August this year. —PTI

22.4% to 35.74 million tonnes (MT) in September compared to 29.20 MT in the corresponding month of previous fiscal.

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# Opinion

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020



**COME TOGETHER**  
Chief minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal  
If all governments work hard and together make honest efforts, we can substantially reduce pollution due to parali (stubble) in a short period

## FM does the right thing, states need to do the same

If states don't revisit the 14% revenue-growth guarantee, the compensation issue will be repeated again next year

**F**INANCE MINISTER NIRMALA Sitharaman did well to agree to dial back on her original position that required the states to borrow to make good the shortfall in GST compensation; to be fair, by agreeing to extend the period for which GST cess is collected, so as to repay this extra borrowing, did make things easier for the states even then. Indeed, the finance minister was always on strong grounds when she said that the GST compensation had to be paid to the states from the Compensation Cess fund and not the consolidated Fund of India. When some state finance ministers—like those from West Bengal and Kerala—spoke of how the central government had a moral and constitutional duty to make good the loss in revenue—they were stretching the facts; the Centre does have a moral duty since, when then finance minister Arun Jaitley put together the GST framework, he gave them an implicit guarantee. Even at that time, the 14% revenue-growth that Jaitley promised looked excessive; indeed, long before the pandemic struck, the Compensation Cess fund was running out of cash. In FY20, ₹1.65 lakh crore was paid out as compensation to the states while the fund collected only ₹95,000 crore; what saved the day was the fact that, in earlier years, the fund had unspent balances.

While it looks as if things may get sorted out with the Centre agreeing to borrow ₹1.1 lakh crore on behalf of the states—some, like Kerala, are still asking for the Centre to borrow more to cover the entire shortfall—it is critical that states meet the finance minister halfway. They need to agree to revisit the 14% guaranteed growth since, had GST not been agreed to, the states' own tax revenues would never have risen by 14% every year. Perhaps this should be revised downwards to the nominal rate of GDP growth or just a bit more. If this is not done, the same problem that is being witnessed today will occur again in FY22 and maybe even FY23. Even in FY25, the IMF estimates India's GDP will be 12-13% lower than what it would have been as per the pre-pandemic projections.

In all the feuding between the Centre and the states, keep in mind that neither comes to the table with completely clean hands. Even before the pandemic, the central government has been increasing taxation on various goods—such as petroleum ones—by levying a cess; unlike a tax, a cess does not have to be shared with the states. While cesses were 4.7% of the Centre's non-GST tax revenues in FY19, they were projected to rise to 8.2% in FY21. Put another way, had there been no cesses in the FY21 budget and these were replaced by taxes, the states would have got ₹1,25,000 crore extra. At a time when, thanks to the economy slowing, states will get a smaller amount—the budget envisaged them getting ₹7,84,101 crore by way of devolution—of central taxes and also lower GST revenues, the cess compounds their woes. But the states, too, have been getting a free ride in various ways; all benefitted from the Uday package for electricity reforms, but none carried out the promised reform and, from the looks of things, their state electricity boards (SEBs) are being given another ₹1.2-1.3 lakh crore or thereabouts of loans from centrally-owned financial institutions. While it is to be hoped that states will reform this time around, the important thing to keep in mind is that the central government is not obligated to give them these loans either; indeed, had it wanted, the Centre could have pushed for more stringent solutions before giving the loan; this newspaper has been pushing for forcing states to sign an agreement that allows RBI to dip into their accounts with the central bank—tax devolutions from the Centre are deposited in this account—each time a SEB defaults of a payment to a supplier.

## Sinking under poor planning

Hyderabad flooding a result of grabbing of lakes, storm drains

**W**ITH OVER 60 people dead from heavy rainfall in Telangana—capital Hyderabad is among the worst-affected—development authorities and businesses operating in the related segments must face scrutiny. The loss to life apart, the economic cost is already pegged at ₹5,000 crore by the state government; given a second spell of rainfall has just begun and is forecast by the weatherman to get more intense over the week, the final figure could be larger. Hyderabad's inundation is, without doubt, the result of extremely poor urban planning and development. To start with, the city's drainage infrastructure has not been revamped since decades—even chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao had noted this in 2016 while seeking three-four years time to revamp this at an estimated cost of ₹11,000 crore. It was only in July that a study to look at the city's drainage system commenced. The city, as per estimates by various NGOs, needs at least 2-2.5 times the length of drainage network that exists currently. Add to that the senseless claiming of the city's water bodies for residential purposes, and it isn't surprising that the deluge over the past week brought the city to its knees.

Hyderabad experienced such flooding at least four times in the past two decades—twice in the last five years—and yet little has been done to remedy the situation. Lake beds have been encroached with impunity, something that the Kirloskar committee flagged in 2003. A galloping demand for land and residence has contributed to rapid, unplanned urbanisation—between 1990 and 2015, the city's concrete cover nearly doubled, from 45,000 ha to 87,000 ha, while illegal encroachments on stormwater drains have also doubled from 13,500 (in 2003, as per Kirloskar report) to 28,000 (in 2015, as per Voyants Consultancy). This is sure to have grown in the five years since 2015. Incidentally, in 2017, Telangana urban development minister and the chief minister's son, KT Rama Rao, had termed the Kirloskar committee recommendations "impractical" in the current context; had the Kirloskar committee report been implemented by 2005, it would have required the removal of just 1,400 illegal constructions to free up significant stormwater drainage. This should serve to highlight how inaction has led to the problem festering for years, thereby, eroding the efficacy of potential solutions. The area under water bodies has shrunk from 6,000 hectares to 4,700 hectares, with the area under river/streets shrinking by almost half. While civil society organisations talk about historical record showing nearly 6,000-7,000 lakes and small water bodies in the state, most of these have been lost to construction—the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority's Lake Protection Committee has identified just over 3,000 lakes while it has issued the final notification for just over 200. While the Telangana government, and even an expert panel of the National Green Tribunal, which is hearing a case on illegal encroachment of the riverbed and lakes in the city, have noted the severity of the problem, what has been pending for decades is action and political will. If this year's floods don't spur authorities, the future is going to be even bleaker; O Kit et al note in their chapter for the 2011 Springer publication *Resilient Cities* that the city is poorly adapted "to extremely intensive rainfalls which occur due to the monsoon precipitation regime and are expected to occur more frequently under future climate change".

## Enabling CHANGE

Companies are looking to deploy AI solutions to take care of inclusivity issues, especially those pertaining to disability

**O**NE OF THE challenges that pandemic-prompted deployment of technological solutions faces pertains to making these accessible for people with disabilities. However, companies have been increasingly incorporating design-thinking that could take care of this. Google and Microsoft have allowed captions for their video-conferencing solutions to aid deaf-mute users. Last week, Microsoft announced that it would go a step ahead to make technology more inclusive. The move is aimed, as Microsoft says in a blog, to shrink the data desert.

In a bid to improve Seeing AI app, Microsoft is embarking on a project with the City University of London, called the Object Recognition for Blind Image Training (ORBIT) "to create a public dataset from scratch, using videos submitted by people who are blind or have low vision". The app, at present, allows blind people to point the camera, for instance, to a table to describe objects. With the new addition, the app will be able to recognise everyday things that a person sees, like his laptop and other objects. Microsoft team also announced a partnership with Team Gleason on Project Insight to train AI with an open dataset of facial imagery of people living with ALS. While such initiatives are crucial, countries need to work with companies to create inclusive solutions for differently-abled populations.

INSTEAD OF GIVING UP ON SEZS, INDIA MUST LEVERAGE THEIR ADVANTAGES IN THE PRESENT GEOPOLITICAL & TRADE CONTEXT. IT CAN GIVE PRODUCTION/EMPLOYMENT LINKED INCENTIVES

## Put SEZs back on track

**T**HE RECENTLY INTRODUCED FARM reforms have triggered country-wide protests. However, the SEZ reforms, which ended income tax breaks for SEZ units earlier this year, and for SEZ developers in 2017, have gone almost unnoticed. It is not surprising, considering the fact that barrels of ink have been spilt criticising SEZs as an exploitative, unjust and non-performing policy tool. As a matter of fact, SEZs have never been allowed to flourish in India. They had fallen out of favour soon after the Act came into effect in 2006 and sparked fierce protests. Rather than adopting an analytical approach to understand policy biases and an innovative approach to find solutions, the government adopted a muddled approach, affecting SEZs' economic outcomes. The government's flip-flop approach took its toll on manufacturing SEZs that could never meaningfully take off. As of September 30, 2018, the actual employment in manufacturing SEZs was 84% short of the proposed numbers. However, the IT industry proved to be resilient and continued to hold the baton. By September 2018, the IT zones had generated more than 14.6 lakh jobs, significantly more than what they had proposed, and contributed 54% of the total SEZ exports. This achievement is not trivial considering the fact that IT/outsourcing hubs (in particular, SEZs) that enjoy generous fiscal incentives have emerged in several countries in East Europe, North Africa and other parts of Asia.

Currently, globalisation is in transition. Industrial policies are back on the scene with a bang, even in advanced countries. There is a growing recognition of the importance of proactive government policies to diversify and upgrade economies beyond simply freeing up markets. Global business dynamics are changing due to the emergence of Covid-19, escalation of the trade war

between China and the US, and emerging geopolitical tensions. It is expected that the multinational companies will diversify their supplier base by establishing shorter value chains and relocate from China. Governments of the emerging economies have launched an aggressive drive to promote their SEZs with attractive business conditions and massive investment incentives with the objective of attracting these investors to support their respective industrial policies. Indonesia, for example, is offering tax breaks for up to 24 years in its SEZs (KEKs). The UNCTAD World Investment Report 2019 reveals that out of 5,400 SEZs worldwide, more than 1,000 of were established in the last five years, and at least 500 more zones are in the pipeline with fiscal incentives being a critical element. In contrast, the government of India (GoI) is abandoning its direct role in economic policy. In industry, for instance, despite the calls of Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat, there is no strategic blueprint as to how to promote industry. The focus has been on creating conducive business conditions in the whole country with a single-minded pursuit of improving 'Ease of Doing Business' (EoDB) ranking. Indeed, India has jumped several ranks from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2020. But, to what end? It could not evoke confidence

among private investors. Private gross fixed investment, as a percentage of GDP, has declined from 27% in 2011 to 22% in 2018. This signals a lack of institutional trust, an outcome of policy uncertainties, bureaucratic controls, political interferences, the politics of vendetta, caste and religion, a continuous cycle of elections, and deep penetration of politics in every aspect of social life. It must be understood that the logic of SEZs is precisely to overcome the constrained effectiveness of EoDB reforms in the wider economy. However, India has almost written them off. The Baba Kalyani Committee submitted its report in 2018. But follow-up actions are still awaited. This is an opportune time to leverage the advantages of SEZs to revive the fragile economy. Some of the recommendations are as follows:

■ Systematically discuss the recommendations of the Baba Kalyani Committee report and develop appropriate follow-up action to implement them. Break the recommendations down into two-time frames—short-term actions that are incremental and do not require extensive debate; and medium-term strategic changes that require consensus building before they can be implemented.

■ Build consensus for strategic changes in the SEZs to keep them relevant.

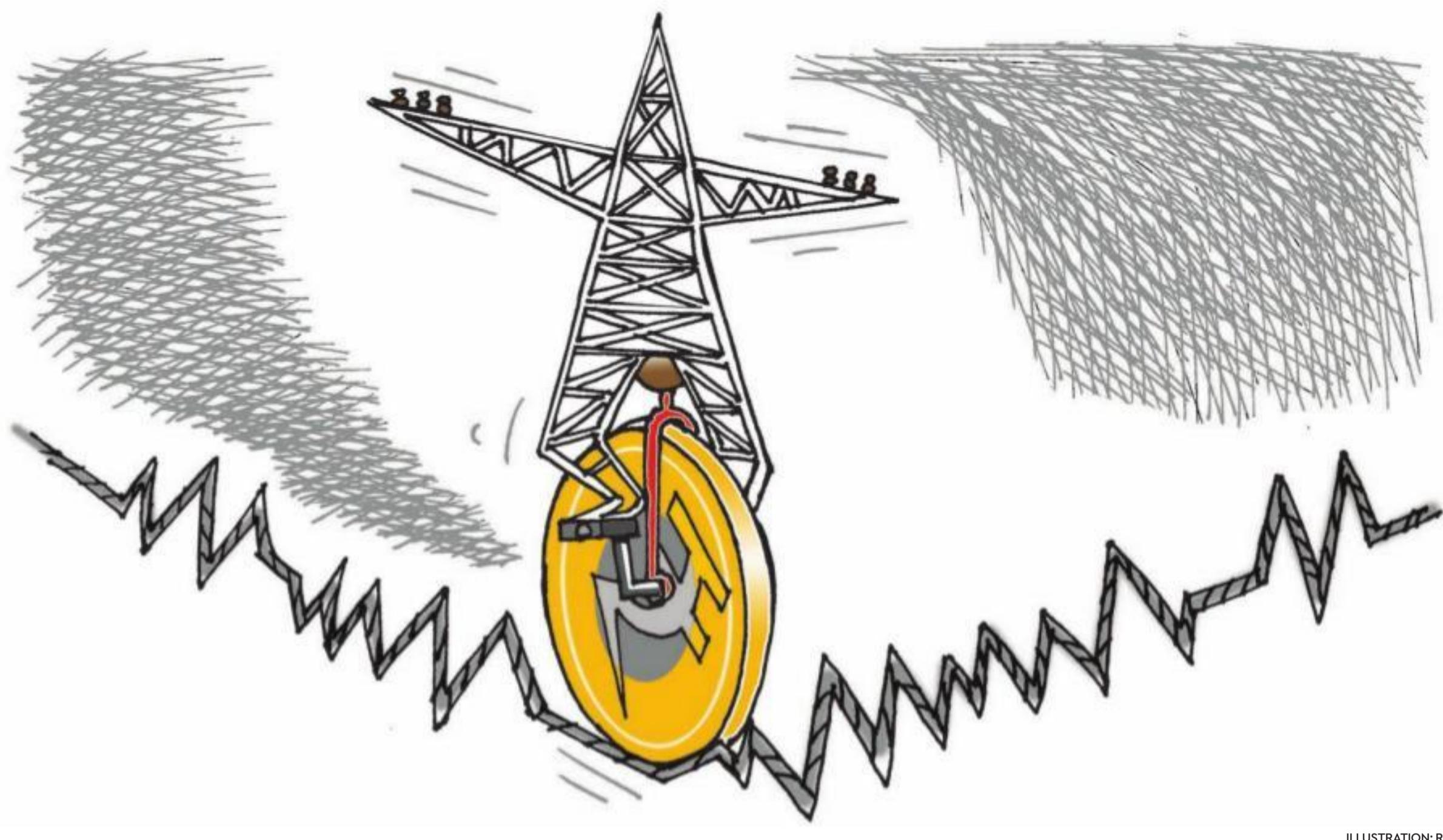


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## RAKESH KACKER, SOMIT DASGUPTA & GAURAV BHATIANI

Kacker is former secretary, Government of India; Dasgupta is former member, CEA; Bhatiani is director, Energy & Environment, Research Triangle Institute (India). Views are personal

# Wither independent electricity regulation?

The apex court's direction to appoint a member (Law) at CERC is an opportunity to revive independent regulation. To that end, CERC must have full autonomy and accountability, apart from being supported in developing expertise

almost eliminated. The recent launch of the real-time market, though, is a plus.

Regulatory cases at appellate tribunals increased rapidly. By 2018, a stock of about 1.8 lakh cases, with an average age of 3.8 years, was pending at the six economic tribunals. Amongst infrastructure, electricity had the highest, quadrupling from 1,200 in 2014 to over 5,000 by 2018.

After two-and-a-half decades, the performance of regulators is underwhelming. The Supreme Court's direction to appoint a Member Law presents an opportunity to revive independent regulation. We suggest a three-pronged approach.

First, the autonomy must be made real. This requires independence and resources, which have been inadequately provided. According to SL Rao, the first chairperson of the CERC, "...the CERC in particular was subject to the Ministry for disbursals... staff appointments have been

much delayed." Not much has changed. Earlier this month, the CERC questioned the ministry's authority to enact rules (late payment surcharge, etc) under the Electricity Act, citing jurisdictional impropriety. The recent APTEL order, striking off the APERC directions on renegotiation of renewable tariffs, suggests continued capture. The case of missing tariff petitions, delayed implementation and failure to pay the due subsidy are all well known.

Second, the regulatory accountability needs to be enhanced beyond submission of a perfunctory annual report. In the UK, the regulators are required to publish key performance indicators, prescribing specific targets and report on actual achievement. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM), the electricity and gas regulator in the UK, had a variety of targets, ranging from processing a licence application within 45 days to selection of

preferred bidder within 120 days.

Accountability can also be increased through formal review of regulators by parliamentary committees. This approach is common in the US and has been tried occasionally in India. RBI Governors have been deposed before parliamentary committees to present their rationale and impact of regulatory decisions. Such checks and balances are critical for rules-based economies.

Third, regulatory institutions need to develop expertise. This has been generally ignored. A Forum of Regulators (FoR) study encompassing five regulators, including the CERC, revealed several lacunae. Of the combined sanctioned strength of 675 positions, 187 (27%) were professional. The rest were administrative or clerical. The CERC had 83 positions, of which half were professional. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the equivalent of the CERC in the US, has over 1,200 staff, majority being professional.

The FoR study also notes restriction on recruitment from the market and pay structure as barriers to expertise development. A paper by Navroz Dubash is less kind. Citing a Prayas study, it concludes that having two-thirds of the technical staff on deputation from the regulated utility compromises regulatory autonomy. Dubash questions their ability to act professionally in the best interest of the sector.

A different approach to staffing is, therefore, necessary. Regulatory institutions can be provided flexibility to recruit specialists, for career positions, with market-based compensation. The central government has made a good start by lateral hiring of eight officers at the joint secretary level. Recently, a private sector professional was appointed the MD of the EESL (Energy Efficiency Services Ltd). Lateral recruitment of 400 directors and deputy secretaries is also proposed. These are welcome steps. A similar process for the regulators is recommended.

Poor regulation means bad outcomes—shortages, inefficiency and poor quality. Poor regulation is not intentional. Converting good intentions to good outcomes requires good regulation. Expertise, resources and functional autonomy are key ingredients of good regulation. An amendment to the Electricity Act, 2003, proposed recently, to incorporate Member Law and other changes, is under review. Its ambit can be broadened to include the complementary changes suggested.

## CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

# Heartless, not faceless

AJAY AGNIHOTRI

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Why has faceless assessment brought so much angst to trade?

**J**UST TWO MONTHS ago, the introduction of faceless assessment was being celebrated as a major reform by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). Now, going by stakeholder feedback, it is nothing short of a disaster. All freight forwarders are complaining of delays in clearance and a general mayhem in customs clearance. In a web-conference meeting held earlier this month, representatives of the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI) informed the CBIC that clearance times were delayed by over 48 hours as a rule, and at least 20% of the import consignments were being delayed by a week or more.

Not only is this pinching India with a slide in Ease of Doing Business rankings, but is also adding to costs through higher demurrage. A number of export industries are very dependent on timeliness of imports. Delays (and demurrage) not only add to costs, making them uncompetitive, but also disrupt supply chain, leading to cancellation of export orders. At least two leading automobile manufacturers, Ford and Hyundai, have represented against delays including the effect on exports. Similarly, AEO importers are also known to have represented against delays, including some seeking exemption from the 'faceless' process.

Why has faceless assessment brought so much angst to trade? Is it a case of the doctor misdiagnosing the ailment or just an aspirational idea for TRPs? The answer to this lies in understanding the customs clearance environment. The customs clearance is not a mere assessment process.

Instead, it is all about logistics and supply chain management, of which customs and payment of duties/taxes is a very small part; which, in any case, are being completed digitally. The actual process of taking out goods through airlines, shipping lines, ports and airports, and onto domestic transport, is an intensively physical process.

The automation of customs process, which has been going on since 2005, was to clear 80-90% of imports and exports without any officer interface. This programme is being managed by the Directorate General of Analytics and Risk Management, earlier called the Risk Management Division, through use of complex algorithms to select imports and exports for facilitation.

Once a consignment is 'facilitated', neither an officer gets to see the importers' declaration (bill of entry for imports or shipping bill for exports), nor does he get to examine the goods. So, 80% of the cargo does not experience customs intervention anyway. Now, why did the CBIC undertake such a massive revamp of assessment for the remaining 20% consignments and upset the apple cart? Was it just a case of 'keeping up with the Joneses' (read: CBDT)?

In case of income tax or GST, the entire system is accounts based. In the case of income tax, assessment is an annual affair and there is nothing time-sensitive about it. In the case of GST, the government scaled new heights in reform by dispensing with assessment. If you have no assessment, where is the need for any facelessness. In contrast, the customs clearance of goods is physical, highly time-sensitive and goods cannot be removed without payment of duty. In such an environment, how crippling will faceless assessment be, only time will tell. Until then, we shall wait and watch how the CBIC plans to execute the prime minister's profound musings on LinkedIn on April 19, 2020, when he noted: "India, with the right blend of the physical and the virtual, can emerge as the global nerve centre of complex modern multinational supply chains in the post-Covid-19 world."

## RURAL REVITALISATION

# The rural road to \$5-trillion GDP

Rural revitalisation should be driven by promoting agro-industries and linkage between farm and non-farm sectors

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economies of scale and increase income and employment opportunities.

3. A strong linkage between farm and non-farm sectors needs to be developed for augmenting income and creating jobs in rural areas. Farm-sector driven industrialisation may be evolved from production to processing and marketing. Such a linkage will help the farm sector to produce market-driven commodities, reduce transportation costs, receive remunerative prices at farm gate, and minimise farm waste. Amul is an excellent example of farm-led processing, branding and marketing of milk for dairy products. Such a model should be replicated for other agricultural commodities in different parts of the country. Collectivising farmers through FPOs or farmer interest groups would also offset scale disadvantages for small and marginal farmers and raise bar-

ning powers to enhance their incomes.

4. The role of MSMEs will be very critical in developing rural industrialisation. Their share in national gross value added is 32%, providing employment to 111 million workers. The share of MSME-related products in exports was 48% in 2018-19. The government aims to increase their contribution in gross value added to 50%, and in exports to 75%. It projects to generate jobs for 150 million workers. Such large targets will require huge investment for infrastructure; effective institutions for enabling MSMEs have access to technologies, finance and markets; and vocational education & skill development in manufacturing and business planning.

5. The role of rural-urban linkages will be a key driver in rural transformation.

Strengthening rural-urban linkages, from farms to small towns to megacities, will

benefit rural labour, production, distribution, markets, services, consumption and environmental sustainability. New market opportunities created by growing urban areas and new technologies will promote local, regional and global value chains.

The success of these proposals will rely on several factors. We list five key areas:

■ We need to revisit the concept given by former President APJ Abdul Kalam, i.e. Provision of Urban Amenities in Rural Areas (PURA). It calls for urban infrastructure and services to be developed in rural hubs to create economic opportunities outside of urban areas. These include better road network, education, health, drinking water, power, sanitation and social safety net. These are measurably poor in rural areas compared to urban. An IFPRI study on prioritisation of investment opportunities suggested that investment

in education and health in rural areas significantly contribute to reducing poverty and increasing agricultural growth.

■ Create an enabling business environment by simplifying regulatory requirements, and reforming land and labour laws. The government has launched initiatives such as Make in India, Start-Up India, MUDRA Bank, Skill India, etc. We need to identify areas for developing rural hubs based on resources, markets and infrastructure. Cooperation of state governments in implementation is crucial.

■ Private players can play an important role in rural industrialisation. The role of the government should be creating an enabling business environment—road, rail, air and water infrastructure; assured power supply; simplifying tax compliance; single-window clearance for construction and starting a business; easy access to

credit; and stable policies. The private sector will invest where business environment is favourable. Often, these will be either in cities or near cities. The private sector may not come forward in underdeveloped and marginal areas. The government may offer incentives in these areas, and launch programmes under PPP mode. In such areas, several promising projects may not be viable due to lack of basic facilities and infrastructure. In such cases, key components may be identified for meeting the 'viability gaps' through government funding. Tax holidays to incentivise private sector investment in underdeveloped and marginal areas will also help.

■ There is a need to harness the power of ICT. It offers tools for improving access to technologies, services and finance. ICT tools also can lead to effective governance, monitoring and programme implementation. Tech start-ups may play a meaningful role in bridging the digital gap.

■ Lack of coordination, weak governance and poor implementation of various schemes has meant we have failed to realise their expected outcomes. Ground-level problems could be addressed by delegating the policy decisions to decentralised governance units and institutions.

As per RBI's latest projections, India's GDP may contract by 9.5% in the current fiscal. But with some conditionality as to how the pandemic plays out in the coming months, many experts have predicted a V-shaped recovery. During the lockdown, the agricultural sector showed its resilience and growth potential. Agriculture coupled with the non-farm sector, as we have argued, could lead to faster growth. Rural revitalisation will not only accomplish the desired goals, but also reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in rural areas.



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## SUPPORT FOR THE ECONOMY

Janet Yellen, former Federal Reserve Chair  
While the pandemic is still seriously affecting the economy, we need to continue extraordinary fiscal support. We need support for the economy from both monetary and fiscal policy. Monetary policy has already done a huge amount.

## Quick View

### SoftBank hits 20-yr high as investors go for defensive stance

SOFTBANK GROUP SHARES climbed to a new 20-year high as investors rally behind founder Masayoshi Son's more cautious strategy of selling assets, paring debt and buying back shares. The Tokyo-based company's stock gained more than 3% to 7,244 yen, the highest level since March of 2000 in the midst of the dot-com boom. The stock had already hit several two-decade highs in the second half of this year after a record plunge in March with the coronavirus pandemic.

### American to debut 737 Max on Miami-NYC flight in Dec

AMERICAN AIRLINES GROUP plans to make Boeing 737 Max passenger flights at the end of this year for the first time since the aircraft's grounding in March 2019. The Max will serve the busy Miami-New York corridor once a day starting Dec. 29 through Jan. 4, American said. The airline will "take a phased approach" to returning the Max to service once it's approved to fly, including whether to extend the Miami-New York flight beyond Jan. 4.

### Trump was unsure of victory until recently, he tells staff

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP was unsure he would win re-election until recently, he told his campaign staff on a conference call Monday. "We're going to win," he said in a call the campaign invited reporters to join. "I wouldn't have told you that maybe two or three weeks ago." The president's declaration follows a collapse in his support in public opinion polls since his first debate with Joe Biden and his hospitalisation for Covid-19.

### Japan can open probe into any merger involving Fitbit

JAPAN'S ANTITRUST WATCHDOG can open a probe into any merger or business tie-up involving fitness tracker maker Fitbit if the size of such deals was big enough, Kazuyuki Furuya, the new chairman of the Fair Trade Commission (FTC), said on Monday. EU antitrust regulators in August launched an investigation into a \$2.1 billion deal by Alphabet unit Google's bid to buy Fitbit, a move aimed at taking on Apple and Samsung in the wearable technology market.

### Ant Group wins Hong Kong nod for \$35-bn dual listing

REUTERS  
Hong Kong, October 19

CHINA'S ANT GROUP has won approval from the Hong Kong stock exchange for the offshore leg of its IPO, two sources said, clearing the last key regulatory hurdle to launch its dual-listing expected to be worth about \$35 billion.

Backed by Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding, Ant passed the hearing with the exchange's Listing Committee on Monday, the sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the information is not public.

The company plans to list simultaneously in Hong Kong and on Shanghai's STAR Market in the coming weeks, sources said, in what could be the world's largest IPO.

This could surpass the record set by oil giant Saudi Aramco's \$29.4-billion float last December.

Ant and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The move comes one month after Ant won approval from the Shanghai Stock Exchange for the domestic leg of the dual listing.

The company also looks to receive the final nod from China's top securities regulator for its Star IPO this week, said one of the people.

### Nokia to build mobile network on the moon

REUTERS  
Helsinki, October 19

STRUGGLING TO GET a phone signal at home on planet Earth? Perhaps you'll have better luck on the moon.

Nokia has been selected by NASA to build the first cellular network on the moon, the Finnish company said on Monday, as the U.S. space agency plans for a future where humans return there and establish lunar settlements. NASA aims to return humans to the moon by 2024 and dig in for a long-term presence there under its Artemis pro-

### SECOND LARGEST ECONOMY

## China's economy continues to bounce back from virus slump

JOE MCDONALD  
Beijing, October 19

**CHINA'S SHAKY ECONOMIC** recovery from the coronavirus pandemic is gaining strength as consumers return to shopping malls and auto dealerships while the United States and Europe endure painful contractions.

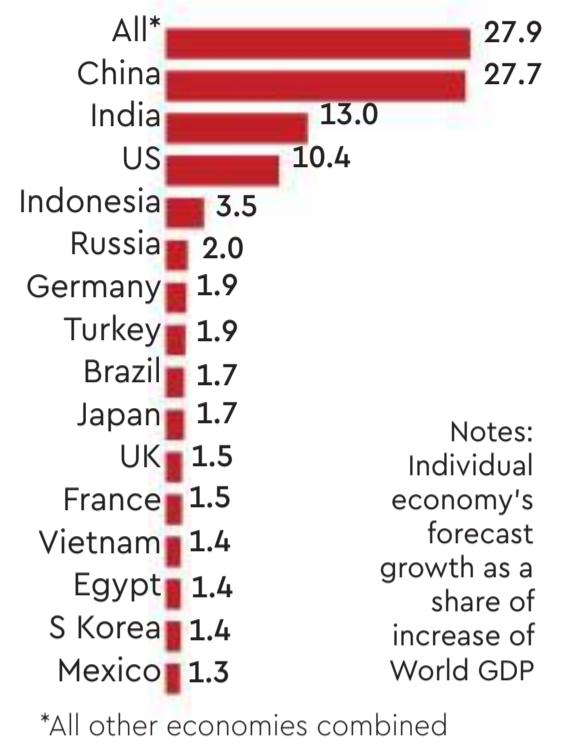
Growth in the world's second-largest economy accelerated to 4.9% over a year earlier in the three months ending in September, up from the previous quarter's 3.2%, official data showed Monday. Retail spending rebounded to above pre-virus levels for the first time and factory output rose, boosted by demand for exports of masks and other medical supplies.

China is the only major economy that is expected to grow this year while activity in the US, Europe and Japan shrinks.

The recovery is "broadening out and becoming less reliant" on government stimulus, Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics said in a report. He said growth is "still accelerating" heading into the present quarter. Most Asian stock markets rose on the news of increased activity in China, the biggest trading partner for all of its neighbors. Japan's Nikkei 225 index added 1.1% while Hong Kong's Hang Seng climbed

### Global growth in five year

Fifteen biggest contributors of global GDP growth in 2025 (%)



0.9%. Markets in South Korea and Australia also rose.

China's benchmark Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.7% on expectations the relatively strong data will reduce the likelihood of additional stimulus that might boost

share prices. China, where the pandemic began in December, became the first major economy to return to growth after the ruling Communist Party declared the disease under control in March and began reopening factories, shops and offices.

The economy contracted by 6.8% in the first quarter, its worst performance since at least the mid-1960s, before rebounding.

The economy "continued the steady recovery," the National Bureau of Statistics said in a report. However, it warned, "the international environment is still complicated and severe." It said China faces great pressure to prevent a resurgence of the virus.

Authorities have lifted curbs on travel and business but visitors to government and other public buildings still are checked for the virus's telltale fever. Travelers arriving from abroad must be quarantined for two weeks.

Last week, more than 10 million people were tested for the virus in the eastern port of Qingdao after 12 cases were found there. That broke a two-month streak with no virus transmissions reported within China.

Industrial production rose 5.8% over the same quarter last year, a marked improvement over the first half's 1.3% contraction. Chinese exporters are taking market share from foreign competitors that still are hampered by anti-virus controls.

—AP

## Tesla to export China-made Model 3 vehicles to Europe



REUTERS  
Beijing/Shanghai, October 19

**US ELECTRIC VEHICLE** maker Tesla said on Monday it would start exporting China-made Model 3 cars to more than 10 European countries this month.

Tesla, which started delivering vehicles made from its Shanghai factory in December, will export China-made cars in October to countries including Germany, France, Italy and Switzerland, the company said. Tesla has been expanding in China even as tensions between Washington and Beijing have been escalating. The Shanghai factory, Tesla's first car plant outside of the US, aims to build 150,000 vehicles this year.

"Support from Chinese government towards the industry, innovative local companies and customers embracing new technologies make China the best market for smart electric vehicles," Tesla said, adding it will expand car production, charging and sales network in China.

The electric vehicle maker, which sold more than 11,000 Model 3 cars last month in China, the world's biggest auto market, is also building new car manufacturing capacity in Shanghai to make its Model Y sport-utility vehicles. Reuters reported in September that Tesla was planning to export Model 3 vehicles made in China to Asian and European markets, citing people familiar with the matter.

## Conoco to buy Concho for \$9.7 bn to create shale giant

KEVIN CROWLEY  
October 19

**CONOCOPHILLIPS AGREED TO** buy Concho Resources for about \$9.7 billion in stock, the largest shale industry deal since the collapse in energy demand earlier this year and one that will create a heavyweight driller in America's most prolific oil field.

Investors will get 1.46 Conoco shares for each Concho share, the companies said Monday in a statement. The transaction represents a 15% premium over Concho's closing price on Oct. 13, the last trading session before Bloomberg News first reported the companies were in talks.

The pandemic-induced price crash and lackluster global economic recovery have accelerated the push for consolidation across the shale patch, which is under severe financial strain after years of debt-fueled growth.

The combination of Conoco and Concho will be one of the dominant operators in the Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico, rivaling only the likes of Occidental Petroleum and Chevron in terms of crude output.

It's Conoco's biggest deal under its current chief executive officer, Ryan Lance, who until now has sought to position the company almost as an anti-shale option for Wall Street, touting little-to-no-growth, steady cash flow and disciplined spending.

While Lance has made no secret of his desire to take advantage of the downturn to expand in shale, he said in July that any transaction must meet Conoco's criteria of having a low cost of supply while being able to compete with the rest of the company's portfolio.

—BLOOMBERG

## Covid may hurt decade of economic pain to West Asia, Central Asia

REUTERS  
Dubai, October 19

IT MIGHT TAKE countries in the West Asia and Central Asia a decade to return to the economic growth seen before the coronavirus crisis, the International Monetary Fund said, as long-standing regional vulnerabilities weigh on their recovery.

Lack of diversification among oil-exporting countries and the reliance of oil importers on sectors like tourism, as well as their dependence on remittances, are likely to curb growth, the IMF said on Monday in its outlook for the region, which spans around 30 countries from Mauritania to Kazakhstan.

Oil-exporting countries have been hit the hardest. Oil prices are around 40% below pre-crisis levels, slashing their main source of revenue and reflecting their limited success in diversifying their economies.

"The COVID-19 crisis represents the fastest-moving economic shock of its depth in recent history," the IMF said.

Economic "scarring" -- which includes

long-term losses to growth, income and employment -- is likely to be deeper and longer-lasting than after the 2008-2009 global financial crisis, it said.

Five years after that crisis, real gross domestic product in Middle East and Central Asia countries was more than 4% below pre-crisis trends.

"This time, given preexisting vulnerabilities, it is estimated that five years from now, countries in the region could be 12 percent below the GDP level implied by pre-crisis trends, and a return to the trend level could take more than a decade," said the IMF.

The Washington-based IMF expects economies in the region to shrink by 4.1% this year, a contraction 1.3 percentage points larger than it forecast in April.

"The management of the crisis, the priority to save lives, had an impact on economic activity that was compounded by the shock of oil prices, but I would say, relatively speaking... the outcome in 2020 is acceptable," Jihad Azour, director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department at the IMF told Reuters.

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## Global coronavirus cases surpass the 40-mile milestone

worst affected countries in the world. Covid-19 cases in North, Central, and South America represent about 47.27% or nearly half of global cases.

Around 247 cases are seen per 10,000 people in the United States. For India and Brazil, those numbers stand at 55 cases and 248 cases per 10,000 people respectively.

New cases are growing at over 150,000 a day in Europe, as many countries including Italy, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Poland, Ukraine, Cyprus, and the Czech Republic have reported record daily increases in the number of coronavirus infections.

Europe currently accounts for over 17% of the global cases and nearly 22% of the

deaths related to the virus worldwide.

Parts of the UK were put into lockdown as Prime Minister Boris Johnson bid to contain a second wave of infections through local measures.

France imposed curfews while other European nations are closing schools, canceling surgeries, and enlisting student medics.

President Donald Trump called for a big economic stimulus as US infections surpassed eight million, with record spikes in several states.

States across the Midwest are seeing a rise in coronavirus cases, with new infections and hospitalizations rising to record levels.

## Airlines' Covid safety analysis challenged by expert

REUTERS  
Paris, October 19

**A CAMPAIGN BY** coronavirus-stricken aviation giants to persuade the world it's safe to fly has been questioned by one of the scientists whose research it draws upon.

Dr David Freedman, a US infectious diseases specialist, said he declined to take part in a recent presentation by global airline body IATA with planemakers Airbus, Boeing and Embraer that cited his work. While he welcomed some industry findings as "encouraging," Freedman said a key assertion about the improbability of catching Covid-19 on planes was based on "bad math."

The Reuters data shows the pace of the pandemic continues to pick up. It took just

restart international travel, even as a second wave of infections and restrictions take hold in many countries.

The Oct. 8 media presentation listed in-flight infections reported in scientific studies or by IATA airlines, and compared the tally with total passenger journeys this year. "With only 44 identified potential cases of flight-related transmission among 1.2 billion travellers, that's one case for every 27 million," IATA medical adviser Dr David Powell said, echoed in comments during the event.

IATA said its findings "align with the low numbers reported in a recently published peer-reviewed study by Freedman and Wilder-Smith." But Freedman, who co-authored the paper in the Journal of Travel Medi-

cine, said he took issue with IATA's risk calculation because the reported count bore no direct relation to the unknown real number of infections. "They wanted me at that press conference to present the stuff, but honestly I objected to the title they had put on it," the University of Alabama academic told Reuters.

"It was bad math. 1.2 billion passengers during 2020 is not a fair denominator because hardly anybody was tested. How do you know how many people really got infected?" he said. "The absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." IATA maintains that its calculation is a "relevant and credible" sign of low risk, a spokesman said in response to requests for comment from the organisation and its top medic Powell.

## Twitter deletes Trump health adviser claim masks don't work

TWITTER BLOCKED A tweet from a contrarian medical adviser to President Donald Trump which stated wearing masks doesn't help slow the spread of coronavirus.

"Masks work? NO," Scott Atlas said in a tweet removed Sunday by the social media site. The post, which linked to an article in the American Institute for Economic Research that argued against the effectiveness of masks, was in violation of the company's rules against sharing false and harmful information, Twitter told CNN. —BLOOMBERG

"I hope that there will also be a debate about a common budgetary tool for the euro area, and that it will be enriched by our current experience," she added.

While the ECB has long called for a common euro-area budget, Lagarde's remarks appear to go beyond her previous acknowledgment that the recovery fund is a "one-off" -- a point she made in the European Parliament last month.

That was in response to a question from a Dutch lawmaker asking if she believed the fund should be permanent, which the Netherlands strongly opposes. The ECB had previously said the tool could "imply lessons" for Europe.

"Since the rebound we saw over the summer, the recovery has been uneven, uncertain and incomplete and now risks losing momentum," she said. "We will keep a close watch on indicators throughout the autumn."

Fiscal support has been a key plank in containing the region's economic crisis,

# Personal Finance

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## ON GOLD PRICES

Hareesh V, head, Commodity Research,  
Geojit Financial Services

Weak US dollar, expectations of more fiscal stimulus  
measures from the US before elections and unsolved  
US-China tensions support the yellow metal.

## LIFE INSURANCE

# How to calculate returns on insurance policies

**Calculating the present value of all negative and positive cash flows in an insurance plan can reveal the actual returns on your insurance policy**

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**MANY INSURANCE PRODUCTS** such as child plans and pension plans can take on the flavour of investments based on your objective of buying them. You may therefore want to compare the payouts to other investment products in the market, or even compare between insurance plans.

However, not only can the premiums vary, but also the amount, frequency, the start, and duration of payments can all differ.

Let us see how we can compare insurance plans and their payouts.

**What is the Internal Rate of Return (IRR)**

The Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is a financial analysis tool to compare the returns from two different cash flow streams. The IRR involves the concept of Net Present Value (NPV), which is the present value of all cash flows in the present and future expected from an investment.

The present value of money is always

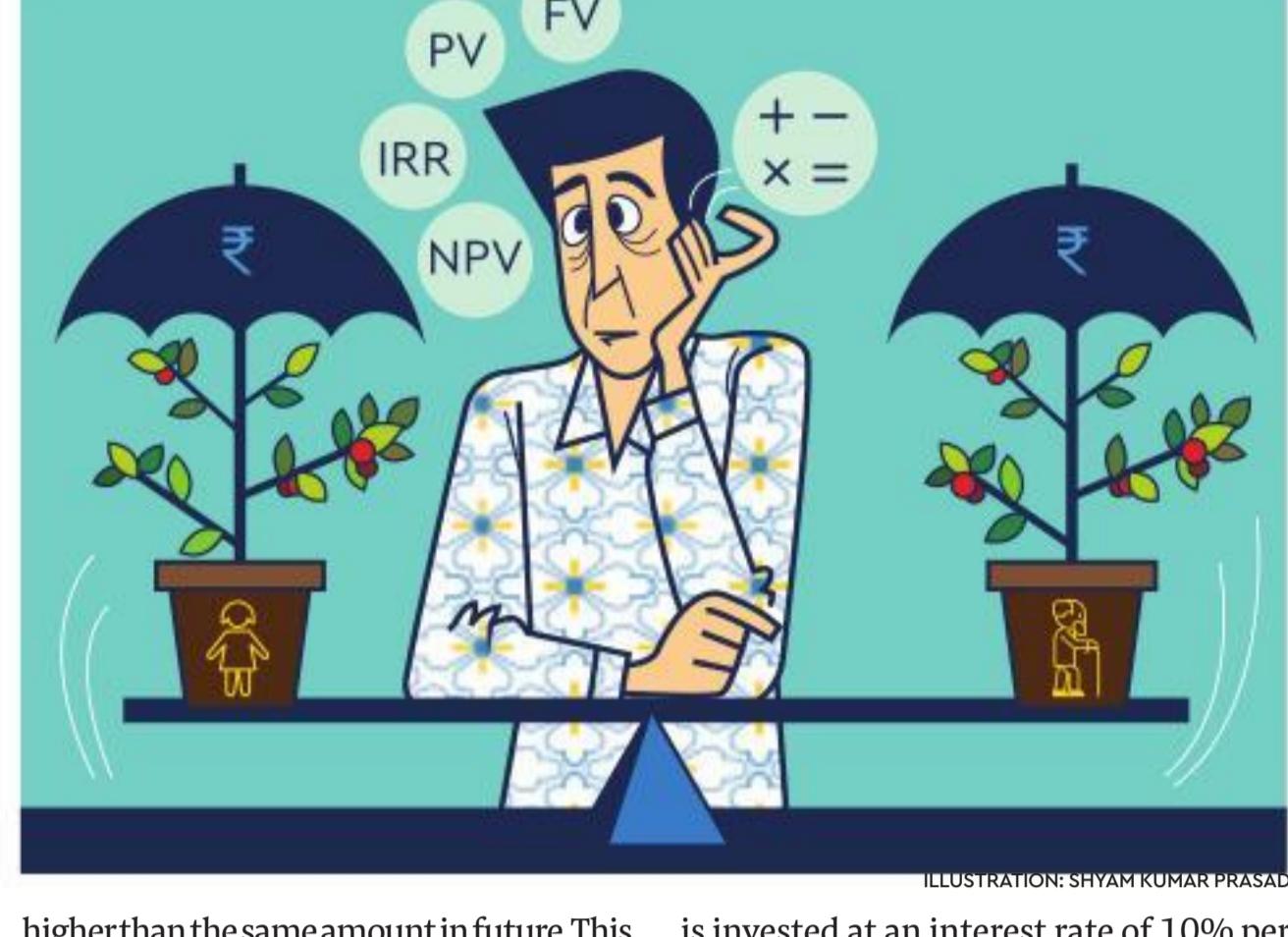


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higher than the same amount in future. This is due to uncertainty in the interim period and price inflation, which reduces your purchasing power. Any future value (FV) of money must be "discounted", or reduced, at some discounting rate to arrive at its present value (PV). However, any amount in the present need not be discounted.

$PV = FV / (1 + r)^n$   
where 'r' is the discounting rate and 'n' is the discounting period (usually years)

For example, if a present value of ₹1,000

is invested at an interest rate of 10% per annum, the amount at maturity one year into the future will be ₹1,100. Working backwards, ₹1,100 one year from now is worth ₹1,000 today—this is by discounting it at 10% to arrive at the present value.

$PV = ₹1,100 / (1 + 10\%)^1 = ₹1,000$

**How to calculate IRR of any cash flow stream**

When you pay an amount or a premium,

## PREMIUM VS PAYOUT

- To compare between insurance plans or an insurance plan and any other investment product, we need to know internal rate of return (IRR) and net present value (NPV)
- The IRR is that discounting rate which sets the NPV of a cash flow stream to zero
- The present value of money is always higher than the same amount in future
- Any future value (FV) of money must be reduced at some discounting rate to arrive at its present value (PV)

it represents a negative cash flow (outflow) while calculating the IRR. Similarly, when you receive an amount or a payout, it represents a positive cash flow (inflow). When you discount these cash flows at a particular rate and add them up, you get the Net Present Value of the cash flow stream.

The IRR is that discounting rate which sets the NPV of a cash flow stream to zero. In other words, the IRR represents the interest rate at which the amount(s) you invest will get compounded to fetch you

the maturity amount(s).  
 $NPV = -PV \text{ of all negative cash flows} + PV \text{ of all positive cash flows}$

**Applying the IRR concept to evaluating insurance plans**

In insurance plans, the premiums you pay become negative cash flows and the payouts you get become positive cash flows. Say, you pay a lumpsum premium of ₹10,000 today and receive two payouts in the future: ₹5,250 after one year and ₹5,512 after two years. The ₹10,000 becomes a negative cash flow since it is an outflow of cash, and is not discounted since it is in the present. The two payouts become positive cash flows since they are inflows of cash, and need to be discounted at the IRR so that:

$$NPV = -PV = -PV \text{ of ₹10,000} + PV \text{ of ₹5,250} + PV \text{ of ₹5,512}$$

$$= -10,000 + 5,250 / (1 + IRR)^1 + 5,512 / (1 + IRR)^2$$

Any future premiums to be paid can be included by discounting them at the IRR and with a negative sign. Usually, the IRR is obtained by trial and error. The IRR in the above example will turn out to be 5%. Microsoft Excel also provides functions like IRR() and XIRR() to calculate the IRR.

Applying similar reasoning, one can compare different insurance plans with different premium and payout amounts and frequencies to get their internal rates of return.

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## YOUR MONEY

NAVEEN KUKREJA

# Five credit options to finance your festive spends

**DURING THE FESTIVE** season financial institutions come up with enticing loan offers and discounts to corner a higher share of consumer financing. However, with multiple credit options available to choose from, selecting the best and most suitable one may prove to be a tedious task.

Here are some of the most commonly used credit options:

### Personal loan

One of the most popular credit options for financing festive spends is personal loan. The interest rates are 9%-24% p.a., depending on the applicant's credit score, monthly income, employer profile and job profile. While the loan amount sanctioned can go up to ₹30 lakh depending on the applicant's repayment capacity, some lenders offer up to ₹40 lakh. While the repayment tenure is mostly 1-5 years, a few lenders may offer higher tenure of up to seven years.



ILLUSTRATION: SHYAM KUMAR PRASAD

Credit card swipe & EMIs

Many merchants, e-commerce websites, retailers, etc., tie up with credit card issuers to offer exclusive discounts and EMI payment options on credit card purchases. Many card issuers also tie up with merchants/manufacturers to provide no-cost EMIs to cardholders in which the interest component is borne by the merchant/manufacturer and the cardholder has to just repay the purchase cost in the form of EMIs. Some credit card issuers also offer additional discount on opting for no-cost EMIs.

### Loan against credit card

Credit card issuers offer pre-approved loan to select existing cardholders with consistent bill repayment history. Being pre-approved, processing time is less and the loans are disbursed instantly or within a few hours of making the application. Tenure can range between six months and five years and interest rates start from 10.99% depending on the tenure opted for and the credit profile of the card holder.

### For existing home loan borrowers, top-up home loans would work best for financing big-ticket festive spends due to lower interest rate and longer tenure.

For the rest, personal loans would be suitable

### Consumer durable loan

This credit option is useful for those lacking credit cards or other alternative loan options for purchasing household appliances, electronic goods, etc. The interest rates for consumer durable loans vary from lender to lender. Many lenders have started offering consumer loans on zero-cost EMI wherein the interest component is subvented by the manufacturer/merchant.

### Top-up home loan

This credit option is only available to existing home loan borrowers. Top-up home loans involve no restriction on end-use of funds. The loan amount primarily depends on the original sanctioned home loan amount and outstanding loan amount. Loan tenure primarily depends on the residual tenure of existing home loan. Interest rates are usually the same or a bit higher than that charged on the underlying home loans. While the processing of top-up home loans usually takes longer than a week, some lenders have started offering instant top-up home loans with very quick disbursals.

For existing home loan borrowers, top-up home loans would work best for financing big ticket festive spends because of lower interest rate and longer tenure. For the rest, personal loans would be suitable. For financing spends on consumer durables and other small ticket transactions, zero-cost EMI options available through consumer durable loans and credit card EMI offers would be best because of the availability of shorter tenures, instant loan processing and nil or little documentation.

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# Investor

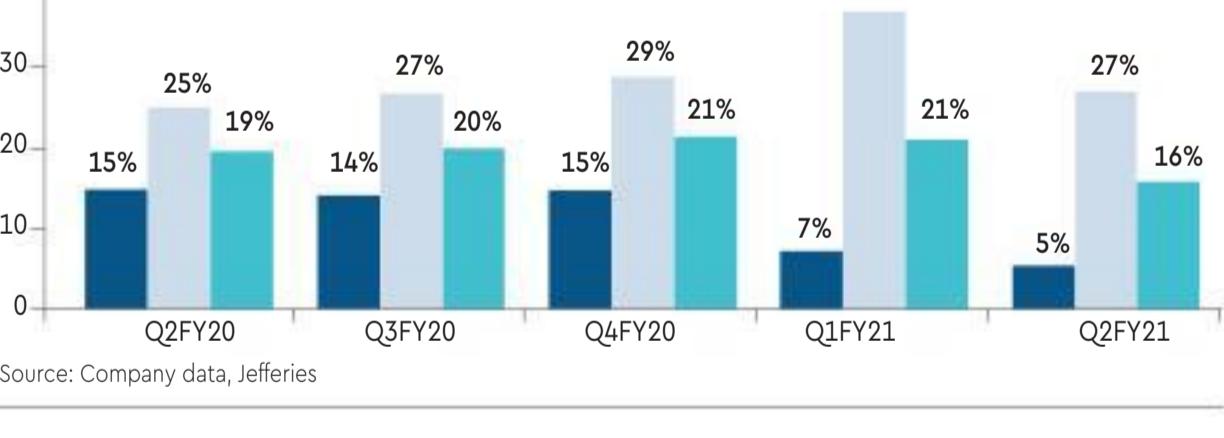
## ● HDFC BANK RATING: BUY

# A healthy performance in the quarter

**Key positive was collection of 97% of Sept dues; EPS up to factor in better asset quality and retail revival; TP raised to ₹1,450**



### Growth in corporate loans continued to offset weaker retail growth



tenting provisioning from Q3.

**Retail momentum pick-up will help topline:** Topline growth was better than expected with 17% rise in NII and

flattish fee growth. This was led by 21% rise in assets (NIMs fell 10bps y-o-y due to higher liquidity/rise in share of corporate loans) and pick-up in lending/credit card

transactions/distribution fees. As highlighted earlier, private banks have defended lending spreads through fall in funding costs and back-book repricing. Loan growth of 1.6% was led by corporate loans (up 27%) that offset a mere 5% rise in retail loans.

Management highlighted uptick in most retail segments and is hoping for a good festive demand; it's still cautious in select unsecured/SME segments. We are most encouraged to see 27% y-o-y growth in Casa deposits and lower funding cost has been key enabler for market share gain in corporate loans. Bank has done well in customer acquisition and has also started adding staff/branches.

**Pressure at HDB-FS:** During H1, banks' retail lending subsidiary reported 94% fall in profits due to sharp rise in credit costs. While mgmt stated it has been conservative in provisioning, it also reflects that stress-levels may be non-linear across segments. Hence, lenders focusing on Tier-III/below clients may take longer to get back on normalised growth/profitability. Broking subsidiary reported 84% y-o-y rise in H1 profit, reflecting high retail-trading activity.

**Maintain Buy:** We raise bank's earnings to factor in better asset quality & recovery in retail demand. We maintain Buy & roll-forward TP to ₹1,450, with value of bank at 3.4x Sep-22 adjusted PB. We also initiate on HDFCB's ADR with PT of \$68, based on fx conversion of local PT and 15% average premium.

**JEFFERIES**

## ● HCL TECHNOLOGIES RATING: BUY

# Company fired on all cylinders in Q2FY21

**Margin guidance raised; firm on cusp of an upcycle led by cloud and digital change; maintain 'Buy'**

**HCLTECH (HCLT)** reported a solid set of Q2FY21 numbers. While revenue increased 6.4% to ₹2,507 mn, higher than our ₹2,504 mn estimate, margin expanded 110bps q-o-q to 21.6% versus our 21.3% estimate. Management maintained q-o-q revenue guidance of 1.5-2.5% keeping seasonality and second wave of pandemic risks in mind; it raised margin guidance to 20-21%.

**Poised to take-off in the upcycle:** The pandemic has catapulted technology spends in the new technology space, while traditional remains flattish to slight decline. We continue to believe we are in an upcycle and it will accelerate growth to mid-teens for long (FY23-27e) and also a higher EPS (22-25%) CAGR.

IMS (12% of business) had powered HCLT's 16% revenue CAGR during the FY09-16 phase, lifting its market cap 14.5x. We believe we are on cusp of another such upcycle spearheaded by cloud and digital transformation with much higher

contribution of ~50% to overall business. Maintain Buy with TP of ₹1,481.

**Firing on all cylinders:** Revenue of all verticals, excluding manufacturing, grew in cc. Lifesciences & healthcare, retail & CPG and technology & services were the strongest verticals growing 8.6%, 8.4% and 6.3% q-o-q, respectively (in cc). Revenue grew across all geographies as well. HCLT also inked 15 transformational clients led by key industrial verticals. Mode-2 (digital) was again the best performer growing 6.9% q-o-q (in cc). Mode-1 (digital foundation) and Mode-3 (IP led) also recovered, growing 4.3% and 2.1% q-o-q, respectively.

**Outlook: Upcycle play—Strong growth momentum in digital transformation & cloud business and stability in products & platform segment further reaffirm our conviction in HCLT. The stock trades at 16.3x FY22e. We retain 'BUY/SO'.**



### Financials

Year to March	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	7,06,780	7,53,761	8,30,998	9,31,525
Ebitda	1,66,930	1,88,503	2,09,462	2,43,261
Adjusted profit	1,10,620	1,23,641	1,43,507	1,69,511
Diluted EPS (₹)	40.8	45.6	52.9	62.5
EPS growth (%)	10.8	11.8	16.1	18.1
RoAE (%)	23.4	21.9	23.8	28.0
P/E (x)	21.1	18.9	16.3	13.8
EV/Ebitda (x)	14.5	12.4	11.2	9.7
Dividend yield (%)	0.7	1.4	4.2	4.2

Source: Company data, Edelweiss Research

**EDELWEISS**



# Sebi go-ahead for utilisation of fund for farmers, FPOs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19



Panel formed to foster 'data culture'

**SEBI ON MONDAY** allowed the exchanges dealing with agri-commodity derivatives to utilise the fund created for farmers and FPOs for reimbursement of mandi tax and charges incurred by them on storage and transportation of goods. The decision was taken based on the recommendations of the Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee (CDAC).

Sebi in 2019 had asked the exchanges to create a fund for farmers and farmer producer organisations (FPOs) in which the regulatory fee forgone by the regulator would be deposited.

The exchanges were asked to utilise the fund exclusively for the benefit of and easy participation by farmers or FPOs in the agricultural commodity derivatives market.

In a circular, the regulator said due to low participation by farmers and FPOs in the agricultural commodity derivatives market, coupled with the challenges posed by the pandemic situation, a sizeable portion of the fund has remained unutilised.

Accordingly, it has been decided to permit the exchanges to utilise the fund for additional activities, including reimbursement of mandi tax and any other mandi cess levied against the goods deposited in warehouses accredited with clearing corporations for the purpose of delivering on the exchange platform.

Further, farmers or FPOs can be incentivised to participate in "options in goods" from the fund. "For this purpose, the farmers/FPOs can reimburse a certain percentage or fixed amount of the premium paid by them, for purchasing 'options in goods' on the exchange platform," Sebi said.

## Kalyan Jewellers gets nod for ₹1,750-cr public issue

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19



**KALYAN JEWELLERS INDIA** has received a go-ahead from Sebi to raise an estimated ₹1,750 crore through an initial share sale.

The IPO comprises issuance of fresh equity aggregating up to ₹1,000 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) worth ₹750 crore, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP). Kalyan Jewellers' promoter TS Kalyanaraman would be offloading shares worth up to ₹250 crore, while Highdell Investment would sell up to ₹500 crore worth of shares through the OFS route.

Kalyan Jewellers, which filed draft papers for the IPO in August, obtained Sebi's observations on October 15, an update with the regulator showed on Monday.

The proceeds from the fresh issue of shares would be utilised for working capital requirements and general corporate purpose.

<b>TAMIL NADU STATE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD</b>	
Short Tender Notice No.T.19/Sr.D/O/F.1157/2020/Dated 17.10.2020.	
Lumpsum Contract-Two Cover system.	
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders will be received for the following work by the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Gundy, Chennai-32, from the PWD registered contractors class I above 75.00 lakhs upto 3.00 p.m. on 06.11.2020. The tenders will be opened by the Executive Engineer on the same day 06.11.2020 at 3.30 p.m. in the presence of tenderer present at that time.	
NAME OF WORK	
1) Establishment of Basic Enabling Infrastructure for Agro Processing Cluster at	
1) Kanjamayakkapatti Village of Salem District, 2) T Podavai Village of Cuddalore District, 3) Chennalli Village of Krishnagiri District, 4) Thiruvannamalai Market Committee in Thiruvannamalai District, 5) Koltur Village of Theni District, 6) Mukampatti Village of Madurai District, 7) Thangammapatti Village of Dindigul District.	
Note: 1.The Tender Schedules will be available during Office hours up to 05.11.2020, after remitting cost of tender schedule for Rs.1680/- including GST in the shape of D.D., in favour of CEO, TN SAMB, Chennai-32, Payable at Chennai (or) The tender schedules can also be downloaded from the websites www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tn.gov.in & www.tnsamb.gov.in at free of cost. 2.Further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, CIPET Road, Gundy, Chennai-32 during office hours i.e., 10.00 am to 5.45 pm on all working days. 3.The Tender received after due date and time will be summarily rejected. 4.Period of completion 9 Months for Each work . 5. Any revision of dates/updates will be intimated through website only. 6.Value put to tender Rs. in Lakhs for Sl.No.1)443.23, 2)481.95, 3)439.90, 4)392.08, 5)480.50, 6)437.47, 7)573.32. 7) EMD Rs. in Lakhs for Sl.No.1)4.97, 2)5.40, 3)4.93, 4)4.40, 5)3.59, 6)4.90, 7)6.43 DIPR/3895/TENDER/2020 Executive Engineer, TN SAMB, Chennai - 32.	

## NOTICE HSBC MUTUAL FUND

### Change in cut-off timings for applicability of Net Asset Value (NAV) in respect of purchase (including switch-in) and redemption (including switch-out) of units of schemes of HSBC Mutual Fund

With reference to our notice dated October 16, 2020 on the above subject, investors are requested to note that in case of 'switch-out' from all open ended schemes of HSBC Mutual Fund other than open ended Debt Schemes (including HSBC Cash Fund, HSBC Overnight Fund and HSBC Regular Savings Fund) to open ended Debt Schemes (including HSBC Cash Fund, HSBC Overnight Fund and HSBC Regular Savings Fund), the cut off-timing for applicability of NAV shall be 1:00 p.m.

All other provisions related to applicability of NAV in case of both subscription (including switch-in) and redemption (including switch-out), as mentioned in the aforesaid notice, shall remain unchanged.

For & on behalf of HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited  
(Investment Manager to HSBC Mutual Fund)

Sd/-  
Authorised Signatory  
Mumbai, October 18, 2020



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

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## ICRA VIEW

# Proposed accounting adjustment to help PSBs service AT-1 bonds

FE BUREAU  
Mumbai, October 19

**THE RECENT PROPOSAL** by some public sector banks (PSBs) to set off their accumulated losses against the share premium account balances could improve their ability to service additional tier-I (AT-I) bonds, rating agency Icra said on Monday. While this accounting adjustment will not impact the net worth and capital ratios of the banks, it will significantly lower their accumulated losses (and improve

their distributable reserves – DRs), thereby improving their ability to service the coupon on AT-I bonds.

Servicing of the coupon on AT-I bonds of banks is contingent on their profits, including accumulated profits. In a year of loss, banks can use their accumulated profits or DRs to pay the coupon on these bonds. Four PSBs – Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, Punjab National Bank and Union Bank of India – recently secured shareholders' approval and are awaiting regulatory approval to make the account-

## AT A GLANCE

- Servicing of the coupon on AT-I bonds of banks is contingent on their profits
- As per Icra's estimates, the outstanding volume of AT-I bonds of PSBs is estimated at ₹60,880 crore
- With this accounting adjustment, the coupon payment is now effectively serviceable through capital infusions, Icra said

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Anil Gupta, sector head – financial sector ratings, Icra, said with sizeable losses in recent years, many PSBs have significantly eroded their DRs and this process can be seen as one among many measures to prevent defaults on the AT-I bonds issued by PSBs.

"Although investors as well as rating agencies do factor in the sovereign ownership of PSBs at the time of rating their borrowings (including AT-I bonds), it is difficult to factor in such one-off relaxations ab initio while rating these bonds," he said.

The share capital, including the share premium, is not a part of accumulated profits or DRs. Hence, capital infusion by the GoI or through other means does not improve the coupon-servicing ability on these AT-I bonds in case of losses. With this accounting

adjustment, the coupon payment is now effectively serviceable through capital infusions, Icra said. This could improve the risk appetite of investors and improve the ability of PSBs to roll over the large quantum of AT-Is when the first call option falls due.

As per Icra's estimates, the outstanding volume of AT-I bonds of PSBs is estimated at ₹60,880 crore, or 1.1% of their risk weighted assets as on October 1, 2020. Of these, the first call option is falling due on bonds totalling ₹23,365 crore in FY22.



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### Extract of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter and six months ended 30 September 2020

Particulars	Quarter ended	Six months ended	Quarter ended
	30.09.2020	30.09.2020	30.09.2019
Total revenue from operations	3,419.11	6,839.78	3,048.84
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	670.70	1,407.84	499.36
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	670.18	1,407.23	498.24
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	495.20	1,037.88	402.73
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other comprehensive income (after tax)]	492.00	1,033.89	405.37
Equity share capital	24.07	24.07	24.03
Other equity*		2,650.40	
Net worth		2,674.47	
Paid-up debt capital		2,470.42	
Earnings per share (face value of ₹ 1 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
(a) Basic (₹)	20.70	43.39	16.82
(b) Diluted (₹)	20.68	43.37	16.82
Debt redemption reserve		180.24	
Debt equity ratio		0.92	
Debt service coverage ratio		3.41	
Interest service coverage ratio		26.40	

\* Other equity as on 31 March 2020 was Rs. 4,378.78 crores.

### Extract of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the quarter and six months ended 30 September 2020

Particulars	Quarter ended	Six months ended	Quarter ended
	30.09.2020	30.09.2020	30.09.2019
Total revenue from operations	3,227.57	6,447.45	2,896.09
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	624.75	1,321.87	549.86
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	624.75	1,321.87	584.86
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	462.31	978.18	492.58
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other comprehensive income (after tax)]	462.21	977.97	492.49
Equity share capital	24.07	24.07	24.03
Other equity*		2,460.36	
Net worth		2,484.43	
Paid-up debt capital		2,150.55	
Earnings per share (face value of ₹ 1 each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -			
(a) Basic (₹)	19.21	40.66	20.50
(b) Diluted (₹)	19.20	40.64	20.49
Debt redemption reserve		180.24	
Debt equity ratio		0.87	
Debt service coverage ratio		3.42	
Interest service coverage ratio		28.19	

\* Other equity as on 31 March 2020 was Rs. 4,250.60 crores.

- Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the unaudited financial results for the quarter and six months ended 30 September 2020, filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the unaudited financial results for the quarter and six months ended 30 September 2020 is available on the website of the Stock Exchanges - www.bseindia.com and www.bseindia.co.in and is also available on the Company's website - www.britannia.co.in.
  2. The unaudited financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of Companies Act, 2013 ('The Act') read with the relevant rules thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 and 52 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI') (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 is not applicable to the Company.
  3. The operating segment of the Company is identified to be "Foods", as the Chief Operating Decision Maker reviews business performance at an overall company level as one segment. Therefore, the disclosure as per Regulation 33(1)(e) read with Clause (L) of Schedule IV of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 is not applicable to the Company.
  4. The above unaudited consolidated and standalone financial results have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee of the Board and approved by the Board of Directors on 19 October 2020.
  5. On 12 June 2020, 7 July 2020 and 28 July 2020, 83,344, 90,000 & 84,000 equity shares of face value of ₹ 1 each with an exercise price of ₹ 1,766.65, ₹ 2,732.05 & ₹ 2,732.05 per share respectively, were allotted to the Managing Director of the Company under the Employee Stock Option Scheme (ESOS).
  6. The Statutory auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the above unaudited consolidated and standalone financial results for the quarter and six months ended 30 September 2020 and have issued an unqualified Review Report. The Review Report of the statutory auditors is being filed with the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ('NSE') and BSE ('BSE') and is also available on the Company's website.
  7. Exceptional items in consolidated financial results in the current and previous year pertain to Voluntary Retirement & retrenchment costs incurred in one of the subsidiaries of the Company. Exceptional items in standalone financial results in the quarter ended 30 September 2019 pertain to reversal of provision for diminution in value of investment in one of the subsidiaries of the Company.
  8. Other income in standalone financial results in the previous year includes dividend of ₹ 66.47 crores received from one of the subsidiaries of the Company.
  9. Formulae for computation of ratios are as follows
    - (a) Debt equity ratio = Debt / Net worth  
[Debt: Non-current borrowings + Current borrowings + Certain components of other financial liabilities] / [Net worth: Equity share capital + Other equity]
    - (b) Debt service coverage ratio = Profit before exceptional items, tax and finance cost / Finance cost during the period + Principal repayment during the period
    - (c) Interest service coverage ratio = Profit before exceptional items, tax and finance cost / Finance cost during the period
  10. The Company has been assigned the highest credit rating of "CRISIL AAA/Stable" & "[ICRA] AAA (Stable)" by CRISIL and ICRA respectively for long term borrowings and "CRISIL A1+" & "ICRA A1+" by CRISIL and ICRA respectively for short term borrowings.
  11. Paid-up debt capital represents Non-current borrowings, Current borrowings and Certain components of other financial liabilities.
  12. The listed 3-year non-convertible bonus debentures having a coupon rate of 8% p.a. are secured by way of pari passu floating charge on the current assets of the Company and the asset cover as on 30 September 2020 exceeds one hundred percent of the principal amount. The interest due for the first year was paid on 28 August 2020, being the due

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Domestic)**

Gujarat State Petronet Limited (GSPL) is laying a gas grid, to facilitate gas transmission from supply points to demand centers. GSPL invites bids through open e-tendering from competent agencies for following requirements vide "single stage, three-part" bidding process.

1) Tender-1: Supply and installation of Check Meter Run at various locations of GSPL gas grid

2) Tender-2: Supply of software package for Centralized Metering Monitoring System for GSPL gas grid

Interested bidders can view detailed NIT, Tender Documents, Bid Qualification Criteria (BQC) and Bidding Schedule on <https://gspl.nprocure.com>. Details can also be viewed on GSPL Website (<http://www.gspcgroup.com/GSPL>). Bidders can submit their bid through <https://gspl.nprocure.com> and all future announcement related to this tender shall be published on <https://gspl.nprocure.com>.

Date of tender upload on both websites: 20.10.2020 @ 15.00 Hrs IST

For following tenders, details shall be available on GSPL Website (<http://www.gspcgroup.com/GSPL>).

1) Tender-3: Consultancy services for Demand Assessment along Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline

2) Tender-4: Engineering Consultancy services (EC / PMC) for hiring of Natural Gas Compression System

3) Tender-5: Engineering Consultancy services (EC / PMC) for developing MDPE pipeline network

GSPL reserves the right to cancel and/or alter bidding process at any stage without assigning any reason. GSPL also reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids received at its discretion, without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

## PRABHAT DAIRY LIMITED

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Tel No. 02422-265995. Website : [www.prabhat-india.in](http://www.prabhat-india.in)**EXTRACT OF AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED ENDED 30 JUNE, 2020**

Amount (Rupees in Lakhs, except per share data)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Year Ended	
		30-Jun-20 (Unaudited)	31-March-20 (Audited)	30 Jun 2019 (Unaudited)	31 Mar 20 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations	8,261.38	19,472.65	7,340.21	53,308.91
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items and/or Extraordinary items)	1,222.59	-13,465.34	1,667.72	-8,680.38
3	Net Profit/Loss for the period before tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	1,222.59	-13,465.34	1,667.72	-8,680.38
4	Net profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	916.94	-14,063.16	1,157.72	-10,918.20
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	916.94	-14,063.16	1,157.72	-10,918.20
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital	9,767.61	9,767.61	9,767.61	9,767.61
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	37,303.18
8	<b>Earnings per share (of Rs. 10 each) (not annualised)</b>				
	(a) From continuing operations (Rs.)	0.94	-14.40	1.19	-11.18
	(b) From discontinuing operations (Rs.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(c) From continuing and discontinuing operation (Rs.)	0.94	-14.40	1.19	-11.18
	<b>See accompanying notes to the Financial Results</b>				

**Notes to the Financial Results**

1) The above unaudited consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on **October 18, 2020**. These unaudited consolidated financial results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind-AS") as specified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2016 and the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

2) The Statutory Auditors of the Company have conducted a limited review of the above consolidated financial results of the Company for the quarter ended **June 30, 2020**. An unqualified report has been issued by them thereon.

## 3) Key Standalone financial information:

Amount (Rupees in Lakhs, except per share data)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended				Year Ended			
		30-Jun-20 (Unaudited)	31-March-20 (Audited)	30 Jun 2019 (Unaudited)	31 Mar 20 (Audited)	30-Jun-20 (Unaudited)	31-March-20 (Audited)	30 Jun 2019 (Unaudited)	31 Mar 20 (Audited)
1	Revenue From Operation	8,234.01	18,675.34	5,781.38	49,160.11				
2	Net Profit Before Tax	858.94	-13,340.20	688.97	-11,219.73				
3	Net Profit After Tax	644.2	-13,341.75	478.97	-12,011.27				

The above unaudited results of Prabhat Dairy Ltd on a standalone basis for the above mentioned periods are available on Company's website [www.prabhat-india.in](http://www.prabhat-india.in) and on the Stock exchange website [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)

4) The Company has entered into a Definitive Sale Agreement on January 21, 2019 with Tirumala Milk Products Private Limited ("The Buyer") to sell the entire dairy business of Prabhat Dairy Limited vide a Business Transfer Agreement (BTA) and sale of its subsidiary **Sunfresh Agro Industries Private Limited** by way of a slump sale on a going concern basis for a total consideration of **Rs. 1,70,000 Lakhs** (excluding adjustment for net debt outstanding and working capital adjustment as agreed with the buyer). The aforesaid sale was subject to certain conditions precedent viz CCI, Shareholders, Bankers etc.

During the previous year, the Company received all the critical approvals and post completing the conditions precedent to the deal, the transaction was closed on April 2, 2019.

The Company has classified all its assets & liabilities of the dairy business as Held for sale w.e.f. January 21, 2019 as per the requirements of Ind AS 105 - Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations. Similarly, the Company has also re-classified the results from discontinuing operations separately from the results from continuing operations as per the requirements of Ind AS 105.

Post completion of necessary formalities, the purchase consideration has been received by the Company in the designated Escrow Account on April 10, 2019. The net debt and transaction costs have been settled from the stated escrow account.

An amount of **Rs. 1316.79 Crores** has been received as during the FY 2019-20 post certain adjustments as per the Business sale agreements. Due to COVID-19, there was a nationwide lockdown, and the company could not complete the working capital adjustments and complete the business transaction with the buyer. The management believes that the same will be completed in a short time during the FY 2020-21. The accounting impact will be given once the transaction is completed.

The company has received **Rs. 1,316.79 Crores** as disclosed in the Annual report FY 2018-19 post debt repayment.

Other obligations of the company related to the transaction have been calculated as follows:

a. As per the indemnity clause in the Business Transfer Agreement (BTA) and Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) performance guarantee agreed with the buyer is 12% of the transaction consideration. This indemnity is applicable for periods of 3, 5 and 7 years, respectively, for various purposes - **Rs.204.00 Crores**

b. As per management estimate transaction costs and taxes, calculations were verified by Statutory Auditors - **Rs. 234.00 Crores**

5) The Company with Cheese Land Agro (India) Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary had filed an application for merger under Section 233 of Companies Act, 2013. However, scheme of Amalgamation and Arrangement involving merger of Cheese Land Agro (India) Private Limited with Prabhat Dairy Limited in accordance with the Section 233 of the Companies Act, 2013 was not approved by Hon'ble Regional Director of Western Zone and had advised to file a fresh application with National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). The Board of directors of Prabhat Dairy Limited at its meeting held on 14th February, 2020 had considered and approved the Scheme of Amalgamation ('Merger by Absorption') ('Scheme') of Cheese Land Agro (India) Private Limited ('Cheese Land' or 'Transferor Company') with Prabhat Dairy Limited ('PDL' or 'Transferee Company') and their respective shareholders under Section 230 to 232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules framed there under. There after the company has filed application/ petition with NCLT and the said petition was scheduled for hearing on 12th August 2020 by NCLT, Mumbai. However, the NCLT bench did not take up the matter for hearing.

6) There is no multiple operating segment in the company. The Company has reported the single operating segment i.e. animal feeds and nutrition.

7) Previous period's figures have been regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary to correspond with the current period's classification/disclosure.

### L&T Technology Services

## L&T TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LIMITED

(A subsidiary of Larsen &amp; Toubro Limited)

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Email: investor@lts.com, Website: [www.lts.com](http://www.lts.com), Corporate Identity Number: L72900MH2012PLC232169**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Particulars	Consolidated				Standalone				₹ Million
	Quarter ended	Six months ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Six months ended	Year ended	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	
30-09-2020	30-06-2020	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	30-09-2019	30-09-2020	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)	(Reviewed)
Total Income	13,704	13,084	14,490	26,788	28,530	58,282	12,838	11,990	13,431
Net profit before tax	2,258	1,597	2,766	3,855	5,539	11,002	2,369	1,533	2,717
Net profit after tax	1,663	1,180	2,062	2,843	4,103	8,224	1,789	1,138	2,030
Total comprehensive income	2,808	1,812	1,493	4,620	3,515	5,745	2,968	1,769	1,425
Equity share capital	210	209	208	210	208	209	210	209	210
Other equity						27,546			
Face value per equity share (Rs.)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Earnings per equity share (Not annualised)									
(a) Basic EPS (Rs.)	15.81	11.22	19.79	27.03	39.39	78.56	17.11	10.89	19.51
(b) Diluted EPS (Rs.)	15.69	11.10	19.49	26.83	38.79	77.70	16.98	10.77	19.21

**Notes:**

- 1) The financial results of the Company for the quarter and six months ended September 30, 2020 have been subjected to limited review by

## From the Front Page

## GST shortfall: Punjab, Bengal may choose Option 1, Kerala demurs

THIS AMOUNT IS more than enough to address any cash flow problem that states could have faced due to GST shortfall in the year. Punjab had earlier formally rejected both options given by the Centre to make up for the shortfall. The state's finance minister Manpreet Singh Badal reportedly wrote to Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman that, "We take both options with great regret as a clear breach of solemn and constitutional assurance by the central government". Of course, then the states were supposed to borrow under the special RBI-facilitated window, under an assurance that the cost of borrowing via this facility will be comparable to similar duration G-sec rates.

The states that are yet to convey their stand officially to the GST Council are Jharkhand, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh. In a letter written to state finance ministers last week, Sitharaman wrote: "A total of ₹2.16 lakh crore is unconditionally available to states under Option 1 (special window + 0.5% extra OMB sans reforms). This more than covers the funds which would have been received by them during the current financial year if total compensation were paid in full".

Under the borrowing Option 1, the Centre had put the upper limit of combined borrowing by all states at ₹1.1 lakh crore. The amount is related entirely to losses due to implementation of GST while it is estimated that total shortfall, which includes impact due to pandemic, would be ₹2.35 lakh crore for the current fiscal. Sitharaman noted that against the total estimated shortfall of ₹2.35 lakh crore, some ₹1.83 lakh would have been payable this year under normal course, and the rest only next year. So, the ₹2.16 lakh crore available under the two tools would more than suffice to address the shortfall issue.

However, the mechanism might still involve a cost to the states. Under GST Compensation Act, 2017, the states are guaranteed a 14% annual growth in the relevant tax revenues over five years till July 2022, meaning such tax receipts would be their income sans any cost. While the interest cost on the special window is going to be covered by the GST compensation cess, the servicing cost of the additional unconditional open market borrowing (OMB) of 0.5% of GSDP may have to be borne by the states.

Kerala, therefore, still wants the Centre to borrow the entire GST compensation shortfall of ₹1.83 lakh crore, which includes ₹1.1 lakh crore on account of GST implementation and ₹73,000 crore due to Covid-19. "Higher borrowing will not affect the Centre's fiscal deficit. Fears of crowding out private investment is misplaced in recession," Kerala finance minister Thomas Isaac tweeted on Monday. Already, the gross state development loan issuance expanded by a substantial 56.8% to ₹3.53 lakh crore in H1FY21 from ₹2.25 lakh crore in H1FY20. The net SDL issuance rose by an even higher 91.4% on year in H1FY21 to ₹3.02 lakh crore.

The extra OMB space accorded to the 21 states and 2 UTs which have so far chosen Option 1 amounts to ₹78,542 crore. The states/UTs that have chosen Option 1 for GST compensation are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir.

**DHFL crisis: Kapil Wadhawan offers ₹43,000-crore family assets to repay lenders**

THE EVALUATION OF these projects, including Juhu Galli project and Irla project, are about ₹43,879 crore that to a 15% lesser market value, the letter dated October 17 said. Wad-

hawan has mentioned that after the IL&FS crisis in September 2018, not only DHFL but all the NBFCs face major financial crisis and the company took various steps and repaid ₹44,000 crore of liabilities by monetising DHFL's assets such as Aadhaar Housing Finance, Avanse Financial, DHFL Pramerica Asset Man-

agers and DHFL Pramerica Trustee. On June 7, 2019, the RBI issued a circular on Prudential Framework for resolution of stressed assets and the process of restructuring DHFL's debt and resolution of its financial stress began. An inter-creditor agreement (ICA) was executed on July 5, 2019, among the banks and some lenders. The

exposure of the lenders who signed the ICA was ₹39,000 crore. Even today DHFL's collection has been between ₹10,000-15,000 crore and are available to repay the lenders, Wadhawan said in the nine-page letter sent from Taloja jail on the outskirts of Mumbai, where he and brother Dheeraj are cur-

rently lodged. Wadhawan, who is in judicial custody since April on various charges including violation of money laundering law, said, "The erstwhile management of DHFL have made all the efforts to resolve the financial stress being faced by DHFL. This letter is one more effort in continuation of our resolve."

Last week, Adani Group, Piramal Enterprises and two other entities placed bids for DHFL, undergoing insolvency process, according to sources.

## VIZAG GENERAL CARGO BERTH PRIVATE LIMITED

Regd. Office : Sipcot Industrial Complex, Madurai By Pass Road, T V Puram, PO Tuticorin, Tamilnadu - 628 002  
CIN: U35100TN2010PTC075408

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at September 30, 2020

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

	Particulars	As at Sep 30, 2020 (Unaudited)	As at Mar 31, 2020 (Audited)
<b>I ASSETS</b>			
<b>1 Non-current assets</b>			
(a) Property, plant and equipment	1.32	1.41	
(b) Capital Work in progress	0.34	0.03	
(c) Intangible assets	498.69	511.21	
(d) Financial assets			
(i) Trade Receivables	1.66	1.66	
(ii) Other financial assets	3.12	3.12	
(e) Other non-current assets	1.39	2.40	
(f) Income tax assets	5.76	7.98	
<b>Total Non-current assets</b>	<b>512.28</b>	<b>527.81</b>	
<b>2 Current assets</b>			
(a) Inventories	2.33	2.30	
(b) Financial Assets			
(i) Investments	6.87	49.57	
(ii) Trade Receivables	11.76	17.20	
(iii) Cash and cash equivalents	1.52	3.06	
(iv) Other financial assets	2.10	13.90	
(c) Other current assets	13.45	12.97	
(d) Income tax assets	0.01	1.66	
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>38.04</b>	<b>100.66</b>	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>550.32</b>	<b>628.47</b>	
<b>II EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>A EQUITY</b>			
(a) Equity Share capital	32.11	32.11	
(b) Other Equity	(18.62)	(12.06)	
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>13.49</b>	<b>20.05</b>	
<b>B LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>1 Non-current liabilities</b>			
(a) Financial Liabilities			
Others financial liabilities	7.82	14.38	
(b) Deferred tax liabilities (Net)	13.78	21.41	
(c) Other non-current liabilities	26.53	27.23	
(d) Provisions	0.64	0.64	
<b>Total Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>48.77</b>	<b>63.66</b>	
<b>2 Current liabilities</b>			
(a) Financial Liabilities			
(i) Borrowings (Refer note 4)	425.00	-	
(ii) Trade payables	0.05	0.88	
(a) Total Outstanding dues of Micro Enterprises and Small Enterprises	29.78	56.32	
(b) Total Outstanding Dues of Creditors other than Micro Enterprises and Small Enterprises			
(iii) Other financial liabilities (Refer note 5)	28.19	478.31	
(b) Other current liabilities	4.65	8.87	
(c) Provisions	0.38	0.38	
<b>Total Current liabilities</b>	<b>488.06</b>	<b>544.77</b>	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>536.83</b>	<b>608.43</b>	
<b>Total Equity and Liabilities</b>	<b>550.32</b>	<b>628.47</b>	

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

(Amount in Rs. Crores except otherwise mentioned)

Particulars	Half year ended 30-Sep-20 Unaudited	Previous half year ended 30-Sep-19 Unaudited	Previous year ended 31-Mar-20 Audited
I Revenue from operations	50.85	68.44	146.56
II Other Operating income (Refer note 2)	0.03	21.35	24.57
III Other income	2.21	1.39	3.74
<b>IV Total Income (I+II+III)</b>	<b>53.09</b>	<b>91.18</b>	<b>174.87</b>
<b>V Expenses</b>			
(a) Employee benefits expense	0.66	2.99	4.03
(b) Rent including license fees paid for land	1.71	2.10	4.24
(c) Royalty	19.21	25.74	54.97
(d) Power and Fuel	4.01	5.31	11.20
(e) Finance Costs	20.22	20.89	42.40
(f) Depreciation and amortisation expense	12.72	12.51	25.08
(g) Other expenses	8.74	15.67	28.55
<b>V Total expenses</b>	<b>67.27</b>	<b>85.21</b>	<b>170.47</b>
<b>VI Profit / (Loss) before tax and exceptional items (IV-V)</b>	<b>(14.18)</b>	<b>5.97</b>	<b>4.40</b>
<b>VII Exceptional item</b>		-	38.54
<b>VIII (Loss) before tax (VI-VII)</b>	<b>(14.18)</b>	<b>(32.56)</b>	<b>(24.32)</b>
<b>IX Tax (Benefits):</b>	<b>(7.62)</b>	<b>(8.27)</b>	<b>(56.13)</b>
<b>X Profit / (Loss) for the period (VIII-IX)</b>	<b>(6.56)</b>	<b>(24.29)</b>	<b>31.81</b>
<b>XI Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss)</b>			
Items that will not be reclassified to the profit and loss			
Remeasurement loss of the net defined benefit liability / asset			(0.29)
<b>XII Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss), net of tax (X+XI)</b>	<b>(6.56)</b>	<b>(24.29)</b>	<b>31.52</b>
Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of Rs. 10)	32.11	32.11	32.11
Paid-up debt capital / Outstanding Debt - (Refer note-7)	425.12	425.18	425.12
Other Equity excluding revaluation reserves as per balance sheet of previous accounting year.	-	-	(12.06)
Debenture redemption reserve	-	-	-
Earnings / (Loss) Per Share in Rs. (Face Value of Rs. 10)			
- Basic	(2.04)	(7.56)	9.91
- Diluted	(0.39)	(1.45)	1.90
(not annualised except for the year ended March 2020)			
Debt Equity Ratio (No. of times)	31.52	(11.89)	21.20
Debt Service Coverage Ratio (No. of times)	1.06	2.24	1.23
Interest Service Coverage Ratio (No. of times)	1.06	2.24	1.23

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NOTES

1. The Audit Committee has reviewed the above results and the Board of Directors has approved the above results and its release at their respective meetings held on October 19, 2020.

2. Other operating income for the corresponding half year ended September 30, 2019 and previous year ended March 31, 2020 includes scrap sale amounting to Rs 19.56 Crores and Rs 22.35 Crores respectively.

3. The Company operates only in one segment namely port and there are no separate reportable segments in accordance with IND-AS 108 on 'Operating Segments'.

4. The company has taken Inter Corporate loan from its parent Company Vedanta Limited amounting to Rs. 425 Crores (Interest rate of 10.5% p.a) for the repayment of Non-Convertible debentures ('NCD') which were due for repayment on September 30, 2020.

5. Additional disclosures as per Regulation 52(4) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirement) Regulations, 2015 and as amended:

a) Previous due date of Interest/Principal repayment which were duly complied by the Company;

S. No.	Particulars	Previous Due Date and Status		
		Principal Due Date	Interest Due Date	Status
1	NCD's INR050007028 bearing interest 8.25%	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-20	Paid

b) Following Due dates of Interest/Principal repayment along with amount due are as follows:

S. No.	Particulars	Following Due Date and Amount due (October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021)			
		Principal Due Date	Amount Due (Cr.)	Interest Due Date	Interest Due (Cr.)
	Not Applicable*	-	-	-	-

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Place : Kolkata

Dated : 19th October, 2020

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)  
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OR VIRTUAL NODES) WITH HIGH AVAILABILITY AND JBOSS**

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**NOTICE**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, *inter alia*, to consider and approve the unaudited Financial Results for the second quarter and half year ended 30th September 2020.

The information can be accessed on the website of the Stock Exchange at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and also on the Company's website at [www.jkagri.com](http://www.jkagri.com).

Place : New Delhi Sd/-  
Date : 19.10.2020 Email: [jkgalshareholder@jkmail.com](mailto:jkgalshareholder@jkmail.com)

for JK Agri Genetics Ltd.  
Anoop Singh Gusain  
Company Secretary

**AGRIWISE FINSERV LIMITED**  
(Formerly StarAgri Finance Limited)  
CIN: U65999MH1995PLC267097

Regd. Off: 601-604, A-wing, Bonanza Building, Sahar Plaza, J.B. Nagar Metro Station, J.B. Nagar, Andheri (E), Mumbai-400059

**NOTICE**

This is to inform that name of the Company has been changed from STARAGRI FINANCE LIMITED to AGRIWISE FINSERV LIMITED with effect from 15th October, 2020 as per fresh certificate of incorporation pursuant to change of name issued by the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai.

The change of name of the company as aforesaid does not alter legal status or constitution of the Company nor does it affect any rights or obligations of the Company.

For StarAgri Finance Limited Sd/-  
Place : Mumbai Date : 19.10.2020  
Sankari Muthuraj Company Secretary

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For StarAgri Finance Limited Sd/-  
Place : Mumbai Date : 19.10.2020  
Sankari Muthuraj Company Secretary

**QUANTUM MUTUAL FUND**  
Profit with Process

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**NOTICE NO. 9/2020**

**Notice**

NOTICE is further to the Notice 8/2020 dated October 17, 2020 with respect to change in cut-off timing and based on recommendation from AMFI to SEBI dated October 17, 2020 with respect to switch transactions cut-off timing of applicability of NAV effective October 19, 2020:

- Switch - In / Switch Out of units amongst Quantum Long Term Equity Value Fund, Quantum Tax Saving Fund, Quantum Equity Fund of Funds, Quantum Nifty ETF, Quantum Gold Fund, Quantum Gold Savings Fund, Quantum India ESG Equity Fund and Quantum Multi Asset Fund of Funds shall be 3:00 p.m.
- Switch - In / Switch Out of Schemes scheme mentioned (1) to Quantum Dynamic Bond Fund irrespective value of transactions shall be 1:00 p.m.
- Switch - In from schemes mentioned (1) to Quantum Liquid Fund 1:00 p.m. and Switch out from Quantum Liquid Fund to Schemes mentioned in (1) shall be 1:00 p.m.

For Quantum Asset Management Company Private Limited  
(Investment Manager - Quantum Mutual Fund)

Place: Mumbai Date: October 19, 2020  
Jimmy A Patel Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer DIN: 00109211

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

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 **L&T Financial Services**  
Mutual Fund

**Corrigendum to the Notice (No. 27 of F.Y. 2020 – 2021)**

This is with reference to the notice published in Financial Express and Navshakti newspapers on October 17, 2020 ("the notice") with regard to revised cut-off timings f the schemes of L&T Mutual Fund ("LTMF"). In partial modification of the notice, the cut-off timing for the Schemes of LTMF shall be as follow:

Type of the Schemes	Subscription including switch-in	Redemption	Switch-out to Debt Schemes*	Switch-out to schemes other than Debt Schemes*
1. L&T Liquid Fund and L&T Overnight Fund	12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
2. Debt Schemes and L&T Conservative Hybrid Fund, other than L&T Liquid Fund and L&T Overnight Fund	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
3. All schemes other than those mentioned above	3.00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	3.00 p.m.

\*including L&T Conservative Hybrid Fund

Investors are requested to take note of the same.

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Date : October 18, 2020  
Place: Mumbai

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

**TEXMACO INFRASTRUCTURE & HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
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**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER & HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**STANDALONE**

**CONSOLIDATED**

**₹ in Lakhs**

Sr. No.	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE					CONSOLIDATED					
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
1	Total Income from Operations	786.16	422.92	926.77	1,209.08	1,436.88	2,732.20	842.48	488.30	944.29	1,330.78	1,553.16
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	324.01	82.16	532.72	406.17	620.93	1,006.63	250.07	69.08	347.89	319.15	431.23
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	324.01	82.16	532.72	406.17	620.93	1,006.63	250.07	69.08	347.89	319.15	431.23
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	224.46	61.47	402.53	285.93	467.54	735.62	145.88	44.48	207.66	190.36	262.58
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(27.74)	3,442.45	(1,662.25)	3,414.71	(3,464.75)	(5,668.12)	(49.74)	2,887.50	(1,737.38)	2,837.76	(3,511.02)
6	Equity Share Capital	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28	1,274.28
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	-	29,338.14	-	-	-	-	54,772.18
8	Earnings Per Share (of Re. 1/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - Basic	0.17	0.05	0.32	0.22	0.37	0.58	0.11	(0.48)	0.30	(0.37)	0.39
	Diluted	0.17	0.05	0.32	0.22	0.37	0.58	0.11	(0.48)	0.30	(0.37)	0.39

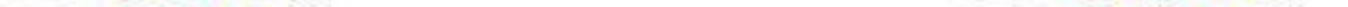
Note :

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Half yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Half yearly Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity ([www.texinfra.in](http://www.texinfra.in)).

Place : Kolkata

Dated : 19th October, 2020

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**BNP PARIBAS  
MUTUAL FUND**

Investment Manager: BNP Paribas Asset Management India Private Limited (AMC)

Corporate Identity Number (CIN): U65991MH2003TC142972

Registered Office: BNP Paribas House, 1 North Avenue, Maker Maxity, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra - East, Mumbai - 400 051. Website: [www.bnpparibasmf.in](http://www.bnpparibasmf.in) Toll Free: 1800 102 2595

**NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM NO. 43/2020**

Notice cum Addendum to the Scheme Information Document (SID) and Key Information Memorandum (KIM) for the Schemes of BNP Paribas Mutual Fund ('the Fund'):

**Clarification wrt switch transactions upon revert to normal Cut-off timings for certain Schemes of the Fund;**



**FORM NO. INC-25A**  
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for conversion of Public Company into a Private Company Before the Regional Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014  
AND  
In the matter of  
**M/s. Tirupati Tech Projects Limited**  
having its Registered Office at C-49, Bal Nagar - New Delhi - 110015  
(Applicant)

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with aforementioned rules and is desirous of converting into a Private Limited Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on Monday, the 05<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, to enable the company to give effect for such conversion.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/status of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of interest & grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Parindit Deendayal Anydyoda Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003\* within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned above.

For and on behalf of  
**Tirupati Tech Projects Limited**  
Sd/-  
Date : 05/10/2020 Krishan Kumar Garg  
Place : New Delhi Add : C-49, Bal Nagar, New Delhi - 110015

**FORM NO. INC-26**  
[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]  
**NOTICE**

**CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY FROM ONE STATE TO ANOTHER**

Before the Central Government

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(5) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014  
AND

In the matter of  
**LDS GUARDING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED** having its registered office at 33-B, M B Road, Price Waterhouse Complex, Saidulajab Saket New Delhi - 110030  
.....Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on September 29, 2020 to enable the company to change its Registered office from "NCT of Delhi" to "State of Uttar Pradesh".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of interest & grounds of opposition to the concerned Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Parindit Deendayal Anydyoda Bhawan, CGO Complex New Delhi - 110003\* within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned above.

For and on behalf of  
**LDS GUARDING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
Date : 29.09.2020 ABHISHEK KUMAR  
Place : Delhi Director DIN : 07658720  
E-100, GREATER KAILASH PART-2, DELHI 110048

**Classifieds**  
FROM ANYTHING TO EVERYTHING

### NAME CHANGE

, Paramjeet Kuar w/o Davinder Singh +91 SP-61 (Ugf), Near TV Tower, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to PARAMJEET KAUR permanently.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

To be Published that Sushila Paver Works, Shri Ram Lal Chawla, Sector 10, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold vide application in OMC. Original document issued by an authority is available at DILMUN LETTER POSITION LETTER has been lost. File No. J19/03/2019/H/10/17-18/19/2020 effect has been given to the same. Date of publication 19/09/2019. Any Persons claiming my rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the property may contact me, who will contact with above name person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the property may contact me, who will contact with above name person or write to Deputy Director (Land) Housing or Director (Housing) I.B. Block 3rd floor, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

For and on behalf of  
**PARKASH CHAND (Advocate)**  
Emr. No.D-8085/2019

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AND

In the matter of  
**LIONS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED** having its registered office at 33-B, M B. Road, Saidulajab, Saket New Delhi - 110030  
.....Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government u/s 13 of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra ordinary general meeting held on September 29, 2020 to enable the company to change its Registered office from "NCT of Delhi" to "State of Uttar Pradesh".

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For and on behalf of  
**LIONS WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
Date : 29.09.2020 ABHISHEK KUMAR  
Place : Delhi Director DIN : 07658720  
E-100, GREATER KAILASH PART-2, DELHI 110048

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In the matter of  
**IDEAL PRINTOGRAPHICS PRIVATE LIMITED, NEW DELHI**  
Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Mechanical Division, Kathua

The complete tender document can be downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in.

DIPJ-5988

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Mechanical Division, Kathua

SCHEDULE II  
FORM B  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

(Regulation 12 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF  
IDEAL PRINTOGRAPHICS PRIVATE LIMITED, NEW DELHI

S.NO. PARTICULARS DETAILS

1. Name of corporate debtor IDEAL PRINTOGRAPHICS PRIVATE LIMITED

2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor February 14, 2003

3. Authority under which corporate debtor is Incorporated / registered Registrar of Companies, NCT of Delhi & Haryana

4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor U29195DL2003PTC118970

5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor Registered Office as per the records of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India: 29, Second Floor, Centre Market, Punjab Bagh, West, New Delhi - 110059, India

6. Date of closure of Insolvency Resolution Process October 8, 2020

7. Liquidation commencement date of corporate debtor October 8, 2020 (Order was received on October 16, 2020)

8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as liquidator Mr. Rajesh Kumar Parikh Registration No.: IBBN/PAJ/001/PI/P00272/2017-18/10516

9. Address and e-mail of the liquidator, as registered with the Board Registered Address: 5/51, Second Floor, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, India Email: prakash.raju@gmail.com

10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the liquidator Address: 5/51, Second Floor, W.E.A. Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, India Email: idealprinto@gmail.com

11. Last date for submission of claims November 15, 2020 (30 days from October 8, 2020 when the order dated October 8, 2020 was made available on the official website of National Company Law Tribunal).

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench has ordered the liquidation of the IDEAL PRINTOGRAPHICS PRIVATE LIMITED on October 8, 2020 (Order received on October 16, 2020). The stakeholders of IDEALPRINTOGRAPHICS PRIVATE LIMITED are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before November 15, 2020 to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item No. 10. The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with the proof in person, by post or by electronic means. Submission of false or misleading proof of claims shall attract penalties.

Rajesh Kumar Parikh  
Liquidator  
Date: 20.10.2020

**EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.** Edelweiss  
CIN - U67100MH2007PLC174759  
Registered Office : Edelweiss House, Off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400098 +91 22 4088 6090 / 6620 3149  
APPENDIX - II & IV-A [See Rule 9(1) and 6(2)]

**AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE AND MOBILE PROPERTY**

Public Notice for Auction Sale of Immovable and Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 9 (1) and 6 (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) in particular that the below described immovable and movable property Hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC Trust SC-23, 30, 38, 42, 44, 106, 119 and 236) ("EARC") viz. the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" based on **November 06, 2020** for recovery of aggregate dues as mentioned in the demand notice of **Rs. 14,18,26,000/- (Rupees One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighteen Crore and Twenty Six Lakhs only)** being dues as on 23.08.2018 together with interest at contractual rates and other charges/expenses/costs thereon to EARC viz. Secured Creditor from **M/S ALPS INDUSTRIES LIMITED ("Borrower") AND MR. KRISHAN KUMAR AGARWAL, & SANDEEP AGARWAL ("Guarantors")**

The Reserve Price and earnest money deposit for each property shall be as follows:

Lot. No.	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit
Lot-I(a)	5,72,98,469	57,29,846.9
Lot-I(b)	2,45,534	24,553.4
<b>Lot-I = [Lot-I(a) + Lot-I(b)]</b>	<b>57544003</b>	
Lot-II(a)	5,62,35,181	56,23,518.1
Lot-II(b)	66,586	6,658.6
<b>Lot-II = [Lot-II(a) + Lot-II(b)]</b>	<b>56301767</b>	
Lot-III = [Lot-I + Lot-II]	11,38,45,770	1,13,84,577

Description of the Movable and Immovable Property :

**Lot I(a)** All that piece and parcel of Leasehold Industrial Land admeasuring 6446.35 sq. mts. and civil structure thereon located at A-2, Loni Road, Industrial Area, (Opposite Mohan Nagar), Ghazabadi - 201007 and bounded as : **North:** Open Land, **South:** Road 80ft. wide, **East:** Plot No. A3, **West:** Plot A1

**Lot I(b)** All that Plant & Machinery, lying and being at immovable property at Lot I (a).

**Lot-I (a) & lot-I (b) together.**

**Lot II (a)** All that piece and parcel of Leasehold Industrial Land admeasuring 7352 sq. yds and civil structure thereon located at A-3, Loni Road, Industrial Area, (Opposite Mohan Nagar), Ghazabadi - 201007 and bounded as : **North:** Plot No. 6 & 7, **South:** Road 80ft. wide, **East:** Plot No. A4, **West:** Plot No. A2

**Lot II (b)** All that Plant & Machinery, lying and being at immovable property at Lot II (a).

**Lot-II (a) & Lot-II (b) together**

**Lot-III** **Lot-I (a) & Lot-II (b) together**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the Secured Creditor's website i.e. [www.edelweissarc.in/Propertiesale](http://www.edelweissarc.in/Propertiesale)

Sd/-  
Date : 20.10.2020  
Place: Mumbai  
Authorised Officer  
Phone No: 07506642534/7400057249

**EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.** Edelweiss  
CIN - U67100MH2007PLC174759  
Registered Office : Edelweiss House, Off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400098 +91 22 4088 6090 / 6620 3149  
APPENDIX - II & IV-A [See Rule 9(1) and 6(2)]

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Public Notice for Auction Sale of Immovable and Movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 9 (1) and 6 (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) in particular that the below described immovable and movable property Hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (acting in its capacity as Trustee of EARC Trust SC-23, 30, 38, 42, 44, 106, 119 and 236) ("EARC") viz. the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" based on **November 06, 2020** for recovery of aggregate dues as mentioned in the demand notice of **Rs. 14,18,26,000/- (Rupees One Thousand Four Hundred and Eighteen Crore and Twenty Six Lakhs only)** being dues as on 23.08.2018 together with interest at contractual rates and other charges/expenses/costs thereon to EARC viz. Secured Creditor from **M/S ALPS INDUSTRIES LIMITED ("Borrower") AND MR. KRISHAN KUMAR AGARWAL, & SANDEEP AGARWAL ("Guarantors")**

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Description of the Movable and Immovable Property :

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**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 47(1)(a) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, the 28th October, 2020 to, inter-alia, consider and approve the unaudited financial results (Standalone & Consolidated) of the Company for the second quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2020.  
The detailed notice is available on the website of the Company i.e. www.aplapo.com.

For APL APOLLO TUBES LIMITED  
Sd/-  
(Deepak C S)  
Company Secretary

Place : Ghaziabad  
Date : 19.10.2020

**CORRIGENDUM**

With reference to sale notice published on Dated: **11-10-2020**  
Correct name of borrower of Tajganj Branch is **M/s Ganesh Trading & Warehouse** (Prop. Mrs. Poonam Agrawal), instead of **M/s Ganesh Trading Company & Warehouse**, Rest will remain same.

**Authorised Officer**

"Form NO. INC-25A"  
Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for conversion of public company into a private company

Before the Regional Director, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, North Region  
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, section 14 of Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of  
M/s Shree Venkateswar Flour Mills Limited  
having its registered office at 1505, Hemkunt Tower, 98, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that the company intending to make an application to the Central Government under section 14 of the Companies Act, 2013 with effect from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

1505, Hemkunt Tower, 98, Nehru Place,  
New Delhi-110019  
For and on behalf of  
Shree Venkateswar Flour Mills Limited

Sd/-  
Dated : 19.10.2020  
Place : New Delhi  
DIN: 01044396

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change/statute of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, D2nd Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003.

In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 41 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of M/s Lanco Group Limited  
having its registered office at Lanoo House, Plot No. 397, Udyog Vihar, Phase-3, Gurgaon, Haryana-122016. Applicant

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AND

In the matter of M/s Shree Sumaj Infrastructure and Projects Private Limited, a Company Registered under The Companies Act, 1996 Having Registered Office at Neel House, Lado Sarai, Opposite Qutab Minar, New Delhi-110030

Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Petitioner Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of the alterations of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 5th October 2020 to enable the Company to change its Registered office from "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to "State of Haryana".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the M.C.A.-21 portal ([www.mca21.gov.in](http://www.mca21.gov.in)) or by post or email or cause to be delivered or sent by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, D2nd Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003, within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Neel House, Lado Sarai, Opposite Qutab Minar, New Delhi-110030

For M/s Shree Sumaj Infrastructure and Projects Private Limited

Sd/- Sumit Gupta

Place: New Delhi  
Director  
Date: 20.10.2020  
DIN : 06634608

FOR NO. INC-26  
(Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 and the Companies (Incorporation) Second Amendment Rules, 2014)  
Before the Regional Director  
Ministry of Corporate Affairs,  
Northern Region, New Delhi

In the matter of Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 and The Companies (Incorporation) Second Amendment Rules 2014

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DIN : 06634608

FOR NO. INC-26  
(Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 and the Companies (Incorporation) Second Amendment Rules, 2014)  
Before the Regional Director  
Ministry of Corporate Affairs,  
Northern Region, New Delhi

In the matter of Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 and The Companies (Incorporation) Second Amendment Rules 2014

- And -

In the matter of M/s Shree Sumaj Infrastructure and Projects Private Limited, a Company Registered under The Companies Act, 1996 Having Registered Office at Neel House, Lado Sarai, Opposite Qutab Minar, New Delhi-110030

Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Petitioner Company proposes to make application to the Central Government

under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of the alterations of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 5th October 2020 to enable the Company to change its Registered office from "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to "State of Haryana".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the M.C.A.-21 portal ([www.mca21.gov.in](http://www.mca21.gov.in)) or by post or email or cause to be delivered or sent by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, D2nd Floor, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003, within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Neel House, Lado Sarai, Opposite Qutab Minar, New Delhi-110030

For M/s Shree Sumaj Infrastructure and Projects Private Limited

Sd/- Sumit Gupta

Place: New Delhi  
Director  
Date: 20.10.2020  
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# India invites Oz to be part of Malabar exercise along with the US and Japan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, October 19

**IN A SIGNIFICANT** move that comes amid a Sino-India border row, India on Monday announced Australia's participation in the upcoming Malabar exercise along with the US and Japan, effectively making it the first military-level engagement between the four member nations grouping—the Quad.

The invitation by India to the Australian Navy for the exercise next month came two weeks after the foreign ministers of the

The evolving situation in the Indo-Pacific region in the wake of China's increasing military muscle flexing has become a key talking point among leading global powers

Quad held extensive talks in Tokyo with a focus on enhancing their cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, a region that has been witnessing increasing Chinese military assertiveness.

"As India seeks to increase cooperation with other countries in the maritime security domain and in the light of increased defence cooperation with Australia, Malabar 2020

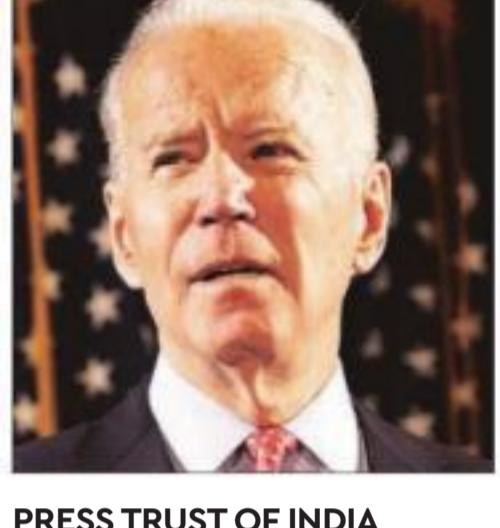
will see the participation of the Australian Navy," the defence ministry said in a statement.

It also said the participants of the exercise collectively support free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific, remarks which reflected a subtle change in India's approach towards the drill as well as larger messaging. The exercise is expected to be held in the Bay of Bengal and the Ara-

bian Sea. "The participants of Exercise Malabar 2020 are engaging to enhance safety and security in the maritime domain. They collectively support free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific and remain committed to rules based international order," the ministry said.

For the last few years, Australia has been showing keen interest in participating in the exercise and India's decision to heed to Australia's request to be part of the mega naval drill comes in the midst of growing strain in ties with China over the border row in eastern Ladakh.

**Biden, could be soft on China; not good for India:**  
**Donald Trump Jr**



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New York, October 19

**DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE** Joe Biden is not good for India as he could be soft on China, US President Donald Trump's son said at an event to celebrate the 'success' of his book that talks about graft allegations against the Bidens.

Forty-two-year-old Donald Trump Jr is leading the re-election campaign of his 74-year-old father. The presidential elections in the US are slated to be held on November 3.

"We have to understand the threat of China and no one knows that probably better than Indian-Americans," Trump Jr. told a select group of supporters from the community at the event in Long Island, New York.

In his book "Liberal Privilege", he has documented allegations of corruption against 77-year-old Joe Biden's family, particularly against his son Hunter Biden.

"When you look at our opponents in this race...you think the Chinese gave Hunter Biden \$1.5 billion...because he was a great businessman, or because they knew the Bidens could be bought, and therefore soft on China," he said.

Trump Jr was referring to the latest allegations of corruption against the Biden family as revealed by The New York Post.

"Therefore, (Joe Biden is) bad for India," he said in his address at the meet and greet event along with Kimberly Guilfoyle, who is leading the fund-raising efforts of Trump's re-election campaign.

The book, signed copies of which were handed out to participants of the event, reflects, according to Trump Jr, on the "corrupt practices" of the Biden family.

Joe Biden has refuted the allegations of corruption against him.

However, Trump Jr said neither Biden's family nor his campaign has issued any statement against the latest allegations and e-mails that have been posted by The New York Post.

"It is not just China, as they said China Inc with the Bidens, it as the Ukrainian, it was Russia and it was overwhelming because they know that he can be bought," Trump Jr alleged.

That's not going to bode well for people who are democratic minded or independent business people, the US president's son said.

Praising Indian-Americans, Trump Jr said that the community is near and dear to his heart. "I understand the community pretty well," he said.

The Indian community is hard working, family oriented and education oriented, Trump Jr said.

Indian-Americans, he said, have been looking at what the Democrats have been pushing or what they have been ignoring for the last six months.

In Ahmedabad, Trump Jr recollects his father Donald Trump during his trip to India early this year.

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## NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on **Thursday, October 29, 2020, Inter-alia**, to consider and approve the unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2020.

The information contained in this notice is also available on the Company website [www.aavas.in](http://www.aavas.in) and also on the website of the stock exchanges at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)

For AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED

Sd/-

Sharad Pathak

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

## POSSESSION NOTICE

DCB BANK

Undersigned the Authorised Officer of the DCB Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13(2) of the said Act, 2002, calling upon the borrowers / co-borrowers as mentioned in column no. 3 to repay the amount mentioned in the said Demand Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers and co-borrowers having failed to repay the amount as mentioned in column no. 6, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property as described herein below in column no. 4 in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules,

**Description of Secured Assets:** Booth No. 26-27, Shivaji Colony Bus Stand Road, Booth No. 28, Scheme No. 4, Mahatma Gandhi Bazar Sonipat, Haryana - 131001

1 DRBLKAN00438272 Mr. Mohan Lal And Mrs. Kiran 16.07.2019 Rs. 17,94,401.17/- 14.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) House No. 2259, Vijay Sweet Valli Gali, Nissing 34, Karnal, Haryana - 132024

3 16456100000082 M/S Kabir Furnishing, Suman, And Kiran Bala 17.09.2019 Rs. 16,26,222.27/- 14.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) House On Mck No. 228c751u382 Situated At Waka Anand Vihar Colony, Gali No. 1, Gorgipur Road, Karnal, Haryana - 132103 (the "Secured Asset") Other Security Stock & Book Debts

4 16559200000046 Fancy Boot House, Harish Sharma, And Lata 25.02.2020 Rs. 15,22,981.71/- 14.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) H No. 1943, Ground Floor, Housing Board Colony, Sector 6, Karnal, Haryana - 132001. And H No. 1943-A, First Floor (Lip) Housing Board Colony Sector 6, Karnal, Haryana - 132001

5 DRBLKUU00449859 Mr. Sanjay Kumar, M/S Shree Ram Overseas, Mrs. Sonia Jain And Mrs. Leela 12.03.2020 Rs. 23,55,680.74/- 14.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) H No. G-720, Vaka Mohalla Karnal, Haryana - 132001

6 DRBLAMB0044203 Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Mrs. Shammi And Mrs. Leela Rani 16.03.2020 Rs. 10,86,338.61/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) 298/5, Anand Gali, Shahabad, Kurukshetra, Haryana - 136135

7 DRBLPUC00460224 Mr. Ramesh Kumar, And Mrs. Bhagwati 20.01.2020 Rs. 11,44,135.95/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) House No. 2960, Singh Pura Colony, Barara, Ambala, Haryana - 133201

8 22041800000019 Mangla Traders, Parmila Rani, Rakesh Kumar And Navdeep Gupta 13.04.2018 Rs. 12,66,941.42/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) H No. C-2/126, Situated At Gopal Nagar, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana - 135003

9 DRLADER00438098 Bhupinder Singh, Shashi Rani, Trilok Singh And Miss Bharti 16.03.2020 Rs. 19,03,470.91/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) On Land Measuring 22.22 SqYds, Mc Prop Id 379c61u732, Khalisa College Road, Yamuna Nagar, Jagadhri, Haryana - 135001

10 DRMAYAM00426507 Mr. Rocky Verma, Mr. Subhash Verma And Mrs. Renu Verma 14.02.2020 Rs. 6,41,071.16/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) House No. 110, South West, Khasra No. 17//24, Chandpur, Vijay Colony, Yamuna Nagar, Jagadhri, Haryana - 135001

11 DRBLYAM00469032 Mr. Mehrban, And Mrs. Sajila 17.03.2020 Rs. 9,27,554.73/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) Raipur 145, Shadipur, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana - 135001

12 DRBLNOI00407210 Sandeep Mani Tripathi, P I Forwarding Company India Pvt Ltd., Savita Tripathi, Bhaskar Mani Tripathi And S J Beverages Pvt. Ltd. 09.10.2018 Rs. 67,94,147.56/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** Flatno.70,Third Floor, Rali Vihar, Sector-33,Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301

13 HHOMDEL00042325 Chetna Industries, Shubhash Verma And Shikha Verma And Santosh Malik 06.01.2020 Rs. 1,00,15,780.50/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** Flat No. G-12 (Duplex Type Flat First And Second), Block-G Type-Iv, Jalvayu Vihar Phase Iii, Sector 25, Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301

14 DRBLNOI00407211 Sandeep Mani Tripathi, P I Forwarding Company India Pvt Ltd., Savita Tripathi, Bhaskar Mani Tripathi And S J Beverages Pvt. Ltd. 09.10.2018 Rs. 30,37,112.27/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** 407, 4th Floor, Trade Tower-II Plot No. B - Alpha - Greater Noida, Noida Uttar Pradesh 201301

15 DRHLDL00441298 Ashok Bhardwaj, Vimla Bhardwaj, Sandeep Bhardwaj And Bhumathy 16.11.2019 Rs. 43,37,669.00/- 15.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** Flat No. 503, 5th Floor, Tower C, Shivalik Homes, Plot No. Hra 09, Surajpur Site - C, Housing Ext, Phase - II, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201306

16 DRMHGHZ00447757 Vijay And Poonam Devi 13.02.2020 Rs. 13,11,169.00/- 16.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** Part of Khasra No. 251m2, Village Bisnoli, Royal Balaji Enclave -ii, Pargana Dadri, Distt. G.b. Nagar, Noida Uttar Pradesh - 201307

17 16359000000037 Satyapal Singh And M/S OM Gajanan Earthinhi Private Limited And Rajni Devi 20.01.2020 Rs. 25,40,999.00/- 16.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** Property No. E-16, Block -E Krishan Garden Govindpuri Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201013

18 DAHLINE00455627 Mr. Ran Bhajan, And Mrs. Saroj Rani 16.06.2020 Rs. 4,39,022.00/- 16.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) Land Measuring 5 Marla, House In Village Sayad Chhapra, Tehsil Indri, Distt. Karnal, Haryana - 132054

19 DRBLAMB00466452 Mr. Manorath, Mr. Shashank, And Mrs. Poonam 17.02.2020 Rs. 8,48,478.23/- 16.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) Ward No. 1, Gobindpuri, Ladwa, Kurukshetra, Haryana - 136132

20 DRHLAMB00464799 Mr. Surinder Kumar, And Mrs. Seema Rani 17.02.2020 Rs. 12,04,707.00/- 16.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) H No. 2212, Mig, Sector 3, Housing Board Colony, Kurukshetra, Haryana - 136118

21 DRHLAMB00476593 Mr. Surinder Shukla, And Mrs. Monika 17.03.2020 Rs. 18,22,957.00/- 16.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) Property No. Htrmcw2404523, Vaka Darakan, Akash Nagar, Thanesar, Khetaw No. 1988 & 884, Amar Colony, Chanrathal Road, Kurukshetra, Haryana - 136119

22 DRBLPAN00466857 Mr. Wazir Singh Malik, M/S Deep Hospital And Mrs. Kanta Devi 25.10.2019 Rs. 27,12,511.15/- 16.10.2020

**Description of Secured Assets:** All That The Piece & Parcel Property(ies) Deep Hospital, Ward No. 16, Meham Road, Khetaw No. 3788, Khetaw No. 4340, Killa No. 1818/5, Gohana, Sonipat, Haryana - 131301

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid property and any dealing with the said property will be subject to the charge of the DCB Bank Ltd. for the amount mentioned therein and further interest and cost thereon.

Date : 20.10.2020

Place : Haryana, Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad