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■ IN THE NEWS

Subramanian tells
bankers to avoid
'crony lending'

CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER (CEA) Krishnamurthy V Subramanian on Tuesday called on financial institutions to shun "crony lending" and focus on the quality of advances to help create large-scale infrastructure assets and satiate the appetite of a fast-reflating economy, reports FE Bureau in New Delhi.

Farmer unions
may form panel
to resume talks

PROTESTING FARMERS UNIONS are learnt to be planning to authorise a nine-member committee to explore the possibility of resumption of the dialogue with the government, reports FE Bureau in New Delhi.

Commercial text
norms suspended
for a week: Trai

TELECOM REGULATOR TRAI on Tuesday suspended the newly-implemented norms for commercial text messages for one week, following major disruptions in SMS and OTP deliveries for banking, payment, and other transactions, reports PTI.

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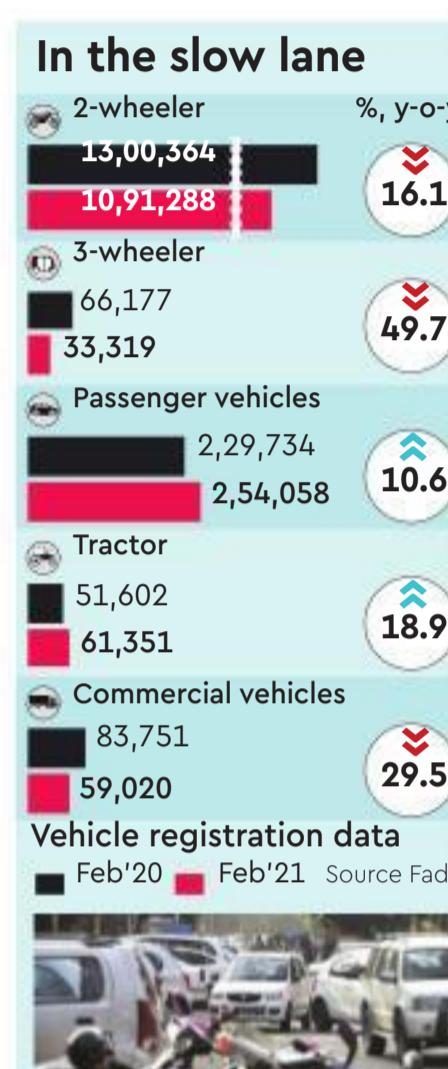
Auto sales fall 13%
in Feb; PVs do well

Analysts attribute
the subdued
numbers to an
increase in prices
of vehicles

FE BUREAU
Chennai, March 9

RETAIL AUTO SALES continued to go downhill in February as registrations declined 13.43% y-o-y, despite the passenger vehicle (PV) segment posting a double-digit growth of 10.59% y-o-y, propped up by a lower base. Analysts attributed the subdued numbers to an increase in prices of vehicles pointing out the waiting list for some popular models could be explained by delayed production caused by the shortage of key components like semiconductor chips.

Industry estimates suggest that Maruti Suzuki has bookings for about two lakh vehicles while Hyundai Motor has bookings for one lakh vehicles. For any popular model of Maruti or Hyundai today a customer needs to wait for around 4-6 weeks compared with 7-10 days earlier. Dealers today are holding smaller inventories with stocks for just 10-15 days against the normal 30-35 days. Sales of two-wheelers con-



tinued their slide in February, falling 16.08%; sales of CVs also slipped 29.53% while for three-wheelers, the fall was 49.65%. Tractor sales, however, grew by 18.89%. Data from the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (Fada) shows auto sales have grown only during December 2020 so far in FY21.

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TN POLLS

DMDK walks
out of alliance
with AIADMK

MNM chief Kamal
Haasan quickly
invites it to join
his combine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Chennai, March 9

THE RULING AIADMK's ally DMDK on Tuesday walked out of the alliance following failure of seat-sharing talks for the April 6 Tamil Nadu assembly elections with just days left for the nominations to open.

After three-rounds of protracted negotiations with the AIADMK that failed to fructify, the DMDK led by actor-turned-politician Vijayakanth said it was moving out of the alliance, that also has the PMK and BJP as partners.

Makkal Needhi Maiam chief Kamal Haasan quickly invited the DMDK to the front led by him and welcomed other like minded parties as well. The alliance led by him, "is not the third but the first front," he said.

In a statement, Vijayakanth said the decision to snap ties with the AIADMK was taken

TURBULENCE

■ DMDK took the decision following failure of seat sharing talks for the April 6 elections

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The AIADMK has firmed up pacts with the PMK and BJP, allotting them 23 and 20 assembly seats respectively out of the 234 at stake.

The BJP has also been given the Kanyakumari Lok Sabha constituency where a bypoll is to be held.

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■ CONTENT CONTROL

Non-profit
challenges
new news
media rules

SANKALP PHARTIYAL
New Delhi, March 9

A NON-PROFIT WHICH runs an independent news website on Tuesday challenged in court the government's new rules that seek to regulate content on digital news media.

The so-called Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code was announced by the government last month and is legally enforceable.

It also regulates big social media firms such as Facebook and Twitter.

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■ COVID VACCINE

Covaxin effective
even after 3 months

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, March 9

DATA FROM A follow-up to the phase I trials of Bharat Biotech's Covaxin shows that the immune response to the vaccine generated neutralising antibodies that remained elevated even three months after the receipt of the second dose.

A study by Bharat Biotech and Indian Council of Medical Research published in Lancet Infectious Diseases also noted that there was a better immune response — both in terms of antibodies and T-cell immunogenicity — when the gap between the two doses of the vaccine was

Pfizer-BioNTech
shot neutralises
Brazil variant

THE VACCINE FROM Pfizer and BioNTech was able to neutralise a new variant of the virus spreading rapidly in Brazil, according to a laboratory study, reports Reuters. ■ Page 8

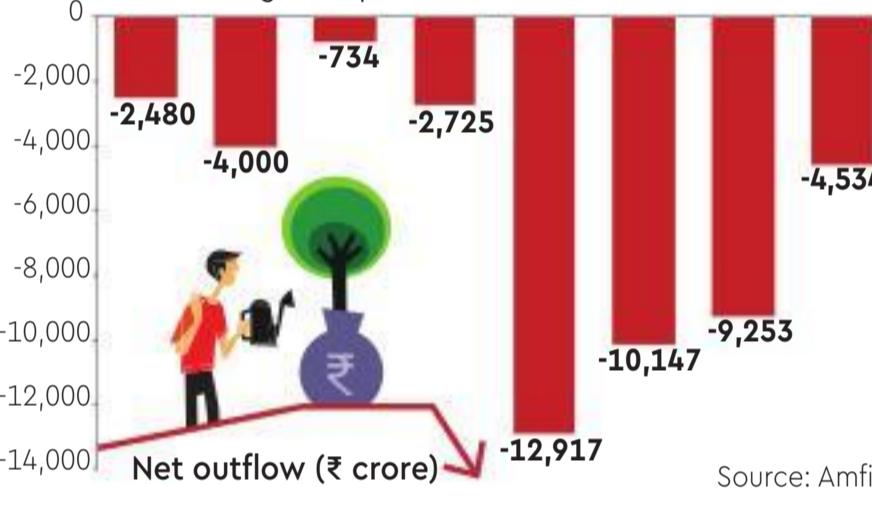
28 days (the regime followed in the phase 2 trial) compared to 14 days (the regime followed in the phase 1 trial).

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Mutual funds

Equity schemes continue to see net outflows in Feb

Open ended equity schemes continue to witness net outflows for the eighth straight month in February at ₹4,534.36 crore. Outflows from equity-oriented mutual fund schemes were lower than the previous month, which saw outflows of ₹9,253.22 crore. Market experts say investors have continued to book profits after markets touched multiple all-time highs in February.



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CEA-SPEAK
KV Subramanian, chief economic adviser
'Crony lending' is the elephant in the room.
If zombie lending or crony lending is identified, the compensation of senior management must be clawed back....

Quick View

GST officers arrest two for ₹690 cr fraud

GST OFFICERS HAVE arrested two persons for defrauding the exchequer of more than ₹690 crore by issuing fake invoices, the finance ministry said on Tuesday. The Directorate General of GST Intelligence, Gurugram Zonal Unit, were able to arrest two gang members — Vikas and Manish — who were involved in GST fraud by way of issuance of fake GST invoices in excess of ₹4,800 crore which defrauded the exchequer of over ₹690 crore. The two were part of a fake invoicing syndicate. The ministry said both the accused had relocated to Nepal in a bid to escape being caught and to perpetuate the fraud.

INFRA ASSETS

Avoid 'crony lending', promote infra-led growth: CEA to bankers

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, March 9



deprives a worthy borrower of credit because an undeserving one has already cornered it.

However, bankers shouldn't be harassed for honest business mistakes, he indicated. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, too, recently said the government recognises the cycle of ups and downs faced by businesses.

Such a claw-back provision will discourage "crony-lending", which not just exacerbates bad loan risks but also

decisions by bankers that have gone wrong amount to malfeasance.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had recently asked lenders to boost credit flow to critical as well as new sectors to satiate the growing appetite of a fast-recuperating economy, with an assurance that public-sector bankers won't be harassed for honest business mistakes.

The CEA said the banking sector since the early 1990s has faced the problem of poor-quality lending, especially on large loans.

Consequently, advances were not made to most credit-worthy borrowers but to crony capitalists, leading to bad loan crisis, he added. The current government has blamed "indiscriminate lending" dur-

ing the UPA era for the non-performing asset crisis in recent years.

"I think it is extremely critical now that the financial sector owns up to the responsibility of doing high-quality lending, especially on the infrastructure side, and really avoid crony-lending..." Subramanian said.

It is the duty of the financial sector to ensure optimal capital allocation in the economy, he added.

According to the latest economic survey, the share of restructured loans jumped from 0.74% in FY08 to 6.94% in FY15 but the reported gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of banks didn't rise as much — from 2.2% to 4.3% — during this period. This is mainly because

banks used the option of restructuring loans that were on the verge of defaulting without due regard to the viability of such loans.

So, when an asset quality review (AQR) was ordered in December 2015, massive amount of bad loans was suddenly detected.

Importantly, much of the NPAs were found to have concentrated in the infrastructure sector that was facing problems on several counts, including extraneous ones.

Given their expertise, development finance institutions (DFIs) will play an important role in infra financing. In the Budget for FY22, the government has proposed to set up a DFI with an initial capital infusion of ₹20,000 crore.

The Centre levies a total tax — comprising basic excise, surcharge, agri-infra cess and road/infra cess — of ₹31.83/litre for diesel and ₹32.98/litre on petrol. In March and May, 2020, surcharge and cess on auto fuels were cumulatively increased by ₹13/litre on petrol and ₹16/litre on diesel.

As much as 60% of the retail price of petrol — which has crossed ₹100-mark in some places in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra and is at an all-time high elsewhere in the country — is made up of central and state taxes. Taxes make up for about 56% of the record high retail diesel rates.

Meanwhile, the price of petrol in Delhi stood at ₹91.17 per litre on Tuesday while diesel was sold at ₹81.47. In Mumbai, petrol was priced at ₹97.57, while diesel costs ₹88.60. However, the prices have not been revised in March.

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The government had in the Budget for FY22 introduced the agriculture cess on petrol and diesel at ₹2.5/litre and ₹4/litre, respectively.

However, the basic excise duty and special additional excise duty rates were cut on the fuel products to neutralise any extra burden on consumers due to the agricultural cess.

The price of Indian basket of crude was \$62.16/barrel on March 3, up from \$50/barrel in mid-December, supported by global demand recovery and voluntary production cuts from major oil exporting nations.

No plan to slap new cess on fuels: Thakur

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New Delhi, March 9



Minister of state for finance Anurag Thakur

due to the mitigation of cascading of taxes.

Bank of America (BofA) had earlier estimated that a ₹5/litre cut in taxes on petrol and diesel to ease pressure on consumers could widen the Centre's FY22 fiscal deficit by 30 basis points from the estimated level to 7.5% of GDP. The ₹5/litre tax could reduce Centre's income from assorted specific levies on auto fuels by around ₹71,760 crore, it said.

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FM pushes for speedy asset monetisation

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FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA Sitharaman on Tuesday chaired a "workshop" with top bureaucrats of various infrastructure ministries and states, and stressed the importance of asset monetisation as a "critical financing option for enhancing infrastructural spending".

The workshop, organised by the Niti Aayog, came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi set an ambitious asset monetisation target of ₹2.5 lakh crore for the next three years. The latest workshop is expected to expedite the process.

Given the faltering tax collection in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the government has been pinning hopes on gathering non-tax revenues to be able to boost spending, especially in infrastructure, and bring the Covid-ravaged economy back

on its feet fast. It has already identified about 7,000 projects National Infrastructure Pipeline, envisaging a massive investment requirement of ₹111 lakh crore over FY20-FY25.

"The workshop elaborated on the strategic context of core and non-core asset monetisation, along with detailed discussions on the need for and modality of such monetisation by public sector entities, and the experiences of public and private sector entities in the space," according to an official statement.

Niti Aayog chief executive Amitabh Kant highlighted the need for closer partnership between central and state agencies for "leveraging the enormous resource efficiencies of the private sector and for recycling public funds for new infrastructure creation".

Top officials of various state-run entities also attended the workshop.

Farmer unions may form panel to resume talks with govt

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, March 9

PROTESTING FARMER UNIONS are learnt to be planning to authorise a nine-member committee to explore the possibility of resumption of dialogue with the government.

A formal decision will be taken at a larger meeting on Wednesday where representatives of all the 40 farmer unions are expected to attend and deliberate on the issue, with state governments that also corner a part of the taxes.

However, the umbrella body of the farmers' organisations issued a statement on Tuesday, saying no panel has yet been formed.

"Till any decision is taken at the general body of all the unions, it is not proper to discuss it publicly. More decisions will be taken on Wednesday," said Darshan Pal, a member of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (United Farmers' Front), after the meeting of some leaders on Tuesday.

Economists at SBI in a report stated that retail prices of the two fuels could go down (by around 15-20% from the current levels), if the taxes on these are subsumed in Goods and Services Tax,

From the Front Page

Auto sales fall 13% in Feb; PVs up 11%

WHOLESALE DESPATCHES IN February showed a mixed trend hobbled somewhat by supply-chain constraints. The PV industry reported a double-digit domestic volume growth led by a strong bookings and inventory build-up. The domestic two-wheeler segment reported a muted volume growth but the growth tempo was sustained in the export market.

Tata Motors' domestic CV volumes rose 2% y-o-y led by a 29-30% y-o-y increase in M&HCVs and a 68% y-o-y increase in the LCV segment. Ashok Leyland volumes were up a good 19% y-o-y driven by a 6% y-o-y increase in the M&HCV segment and a smart and a 44% y-o-y increase in the LCV segment.

Content control: Non-profit challenges new news media rules

IN ITS PETITION in the Delhi High Court, the Foundation for Independent Journalism, which publishes 'The Wire' news portal, argued the rules formulated under the country's Information Technology Act cannot govern online news media.

"It goes far beyond anything which can be acceptable in a democracy," Nitya Ramakrishnan, the Foundation's lawyer said during a virtual court hearing.

The rules lay a three-tier

TN polls: DMDK walks out of alliance with AIADMK

APPARENTLY STUNG BY the hard stand taken by the AIADMK, DMDK deputy general secretary LK Sudhish claimed the ruling party would be routed and lose deposit in all constituencies.

He accused AIADMK deputy coordinator KP Munusamy of working like the 'proggadama secretary' of PMK, apparently blaming the ruling party leader for the poll deal not getting finalised. Munusamy is the PMK's sleeper cell, he alleged.

Politically, the DMDK and PMK had not been on good terms for a long time though they had sailed together with the BJP during the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections with the AIADMK.

Asked about the reason for snapping ties, DMDK deputy secretary P Parthasarathy told PTI: "We sought 23 segments and wanted these to be picked from the 29 seats we had won in 2011 assembly polls. The AIADMK, however, did not agree and we decided to break ties."

Terming the development unfortunate, AIADMK senior leader and fisheries minister D Jayakumar said the DMDK leadership should not express

regulatory structure for news media, including an oversight mechanism by the government, sparking concerns that it will curb the freedom of press to report independently.

The case will next be heard on April 16.

The rules are part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts to regulate online content including on social media and streaming platforms such

views without gratitude as it received 'recognition' only after aligning with his party in 2011 assembly polls.

The DMDK's expectation of constituencies was not commensurate with its strength and accepting seats offered in tune with its influence was prudence but it failed to utilise the opportunity, he said.

The loss was only for DMDK, he said, adding Vijayakanth-led party leaders should show maturity while expressing views.

BJP spokesperson Narayan Tirupati said the DMDK's move was unfortunate. The coalition dharma was all about reaching a consensus based on present realities and strength.

Expressing unhappiness over the DMDK move, he said the party did not realise that the situation that existed a decade ago has altered now. However, DMDK's exit would not weaken the AIADMK-led alliance, he said.

The DMDK was consulting its office-bearers on its next course of action, party sources said.

When the popular yester-year actor Vijayakanth

as Amazon's Prime Video and Netflix.

—REUTERS
Covid vaccine: Covaxin effective even after 3 months

EARLIER THIS MONTH, based on interim phase 3 data, Bharat Biotech had reported a

microgram with Algel IMDG, 6 microgram with Algel and 6 microgram of Algel adjuvant alone (the control group) — Algel IMDG was selected as the most effective adjuvant.

The 3-month (from second dose of phase 1 trial) also

revealed that the T-cell memory response, that has emerged as a metric for estimating Covid-19 vaccine success, was more pronounced among his supporters.

The fledgling outfit garnered an impressive 8.38% votes in its debut 2006 polls though only Vijayakanth emerged victor among his party's 232 nominees.

After it improved its vote share to 10.08% in the 2009 Lok Sabha polls, it aligned with the AIADMK in 2011 assembly polls and emerged as the principal opposition party by bagging 29 seats out of the 41 it contested.

The DMK, which lost power in 2011 polls, had to be contend with 23 seats and was relegated to the third spot in the assembly.

Adored as 'Black MGR' by his fans for his generosity, Vijayakanth had a very impressive fan following during his heydays.

The 68-year old Vijayakanth is now battling health issues and is not politically active for the past few years and the DMK is run by his wife Premalatha, who is the party treasurer, and brother-in-law Sudhish.

Also, against the backdrop of the controversy generated by the grant of the Indian equivalent of 'emergency use authorisation' to Covaxin pending phase 3 efficacy data, the study notes that no Covid-19 cases were reported in the test or control group in phase 2 and SARS CoV-2 testing of trial participants post vaccination was also not done in both phase 1 and 2. This would mean the data from the two phases would not have allowed for efficacy assessment.

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Delhi govt presents ₹69k-cr 'Deshbhakti budget', announces free Covid-19 vaccine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, March 9

THE DELHI GOVERNMENT presented a ₹69,000-crore budget themed on "patriotism" on Tuesday under which installation of 500 flag masts and programmes on the lives of freedom fighters are planned across the city, and announced free Covid-19 vaccination for all in its hospitals in the coming days.

Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said that "Deshbhakti" (patriotism) is the defining feature of the budget as it pays tribute to freedom fighters and hopes to work towards building the capital and the country, as envisioned by them.

Presenting the budget for the seventh consecutive time in the Assembly, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia said that there will be a "deshbhakti period" in the city schools.

In the 2021-22 Budget, education, health and transport have received higher allocations.

The deputy chief minister proposed to allocate ₹16,377 crore, one-fourth of the total budget, for the education sector, while the health sector got ₹9,934 crore or 14% of the total budget outlay. Sisodia, who also holds the finance portfolio, said the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government will celebrate the country's 75th Independence Day and organise programmes for 75 weeks starting March 12.

The city government has proposed to allocate ₹45 crore to



Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia arrive to present the Delhi budget 2021-22, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

PHOTO: PTI

install high masts to hoist the national flag at 500 places in the national capital.

"We have allocated ₹45 crore for 500 flag masts across Delhi. They will be similar to the ones we have at the Central Park in Connaught Place. So even if someone covers a distance of two km from his home, he will get to see the tricolour in all its glory and feel patriotic," Sisodia said.

He said ₹10 crore each has been proposed for programmes on the lives of Bhagat Singh and BR Ambedkar during the 75-week "deshbhakti" celebrations.

Grand events under 'Festival of India' and 'Indian Classical Music Festival' were among the

major highlights of the 75-week-long celebration, to be held from this Friday till August 15 next year. Sisodia also announced that Covid-19 vaccine will be administered to people for free at the hospitals run by the Delhi government in the future phases of the inoculation drive. He said an outlay of ₹50 crore has been made under the "Aam Aadmi Nishulk Covid Vaccine Yojana".

Currently, vaccination at the hospitals run by the Centre and the Delhi government is free for senior citizens and those in the 45-59 age group with comorbidities, while an amount of ₹250 is being charged at private hospitals. "Learning from our

Delhi will bid for 2048 Olympic Games: CM

THE DELHI GOVERNMENT aims to host the 2048 Olympic Games and it will create whatever infrastructure and facilities required for it, Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal said on Tuesday. Delhi hosted the first Asian Games in 1951, and the ninth edition in 1982. In 2010, the national capital had hosted the Commonwealth Games. —PTI

Covid-19 management, an amount of ₹1,293 crore has been set aside for the expansion of healthcare services, including for opening new hospitals, renovating old ones and augmenting beds," Sisodia said. He also announced that special "Mahila Mohalla Clinics" will be opened in Delhi from next year and 100 such clinics will come up in the first phase.

The AAP government has also decided to provide yoga instructors in colonies for which an amount of ₹25 crore has been allocated in the budget.

Kejriwal termed excellent the budget presented by his government, saying these were difficult times as the sources of income have shrunk and expenditure risen during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The AAP government intends to increase Delhi's per capita income to the level of Singapore by 2047, Sisodia said, pointing out that the total outlay of the budget is 6.1% more than the budget presented for financial year 2020-21.

He said smart health cards will be issued to every citizen in Delhi, adding that a health information management system is being implemented.

Sisodia also said 100 specialised schools of excellence will be set up across the national capital and a virtual model school will be started to promote and adopt technology.

"The Delhi government will also start universities for teacher training and law studies," he said. One Sainik school was proposed in Delhi in the budget. Besides, the AAP government has also decided to provide yoga instructors in colonies for which an amount of ₹25 crore has been allocated in the budget.

No plan to aid gas-based power plants at this juncture, says power minister

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, March 9

THE GOVERNMENT HAS decided to not provide support to gas-based power plants that are stranded or running at a sub-optimal level in view of the states' reluctance to give any concession to these projects and rise in capacity utilisation of these plants, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

"In the light of the reluctance of the states to give any waiver/concession and the fact that gas-based power generation grew without any support, it was decided that there may not be any need to have any policy on providing support to the gas-based power plants at this juncture," power minister RK Singh said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

The minister told the House that the gas prices were falling since last year and in 2019-20 the plant load factor (PLF or capacity utilisation) of gas-based generating stations was 22.15%



Power minister RK Singh

and until August 2020, despite lower demand due to Covid-19, the PLF of gas-based power plants had risen to 26.64%.

This has happened without any support due to lower LNG price, the minister added.

According to the reply, the proposal to revive the e-RLNG (gas subsidy) scheme to provide support to the gas-based plants was examined.

The views of the states regarding waivers and concessions of state government taxes and levies were sought.

The minister said, "State

governments are of the view that the proposed concession/waivers for the revival of gas-based plants are not feasible/viable in current scenarios and they are not in favour of exemption of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on transportation of the scheme gas".

In order to revive and improve the utilisation of gas-based capacity in the country, the government had sanctioned a scheme for utilisation of gas-based power generation capacity for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17.

The scheme envisaged supply of imported spot Re-gassified Liquified Natural Gas (RLNG) to the stranded gas-based plants as well as plants receiving domestic gas, selected through a reverse bidding process.

The scheme also envisaged sacrifices to be made collectively by all stakeholders and support from Power System Development Fund (PSDF). The scheme ended on March 31, 2017.

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India at forefront in fighting Covid, stands out in terms of vaccine policy: Gita Gopinath

YOSHITA SINGH
United Nations, March 9



health crisis through its vaccination policies, she said.

Gopinath was responding to a question on India, which is a vaccine hub of the world, and the role it can play in contributing to global economic recovery.

She pointed out that India makes up about 7% of world GDP based on purchasing power parity terms.

"So, when you're that large, what happens in India has implications for many other countries in the world, especially countries in the region," she said.

Noting that India was "hit very hard" by this pandemic, Gopinath said the country, which typically grows at over 6%, recorded a growth of negative 8% in 2020.

"So, it was very hard hit but you do see the recovery coming back as the country has reopened, activities returning," she said.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected an impressive 11.5% growth rate for India in 2021, making the country the only major economy of the world to register a double-digit growth this year amidst the coronavirus pandemic.

—PTI

"India has been at the forefront in fighting this pandemic," she said, noting that India has been providing vaccines through grants to several of its neighbours, including Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar, and through commercial arrangements as well.

The country has been playing a very important role in helping the world in the global

Govt plans to scrap 6,000 compliance needs by August 15

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, March 9

THE GOVERNMENT IS planning to scrap thousands of compliance requirements for companies in two phases by August 15, department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) secretary Guruprasad Mohapatra said on Tuesday.

Addressing industry leaders through a webinar last week, PM Modi had promised to drastically reduce India Inc's burden by doing away with 6,000 compliance requirements. This is part of the government's efforts to further improve the ease of doing business as well as ease of living, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 outbreak. For this purpose, the DPIIT is focusing on four issues: relaxing compli-

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Quick View



Paytm to equip 50 lakh merchants with IoT devices

DIGITAL PAYMENTS major Paytm on Tuesday launched a new version of its 'Soundbox' along with other solutions that ease acceptance of payments as part of its efforts to equip 50 lakh merchants with IoT (Internet of Things) enabled devices. The company, which already has over 9 lakh merchants using its IoT devices, aims to bring 5 crore merchants into the mainstream economy with its solutions.

Jimmy raises ₹6 crore from Keki Mistry, others

RADIOHEAD BRANDS, which makes Jimmy's cocktail mixers, on Tuesday said it has raised ₹6 crore in funding led by First State Stewart Asia director Vinay Agarwal, HDFC CEO Keki Mistry and others. The funds will be deployed towards new product development and retail expansion.

CDS Group infuses \$20 m funding in Ecom Express

UK-BASED impact investor CDS Group on Tuesday announced it has closed a \$20-million investment round in tech-enabled logistics platform Ecom Express. The group's latest commitment will support Ecom Express in advancing its sustainable development and impact agenda of enhancing skills and boosting job creation in the country's hinterlands, a release said.

JSW Energy inks pact to sell Salboni plant to JSW Cement

JSW ENERGY HAS inked a business transfer agreement with JSW Cement for the sale of 1.8 megawatt (MW) thermal power plant at Salboni, in West Bengal for ₹95.67 crore. Earlier, the JSW Energy board had approved the sale of the 18 MW thermal power plant to JSW Cement on a going concern basis, subject to necessary approvals.

Riskcovry raises \$5 m from Omidyar Network, others

INSURTECH START-UP Riskcovry on Tuesday raised \$5 million (around ₹36 crore) in a Series A funding round led by Omidyar Network India (ONI). Its existing investors — Bharat Inclusion Seed Fund, Varianum Capital and Better Capital — also participated in the round, a company statement said.

Turtlemint gets ₹335 cr from Jungle Ventures

SINGAPORE-BASED venture capital fund Jungle Ventures has pumped \$46 million (about ₹335 crore) into Turtlemint. Turtlemint will use the money from the Series D funding to widen its distribution reach and also to develop more innovative products, the companies said in a statement.

Praj Industries bags CBG project from HPCL

PRAJ INDUSTRIES has bagged an order from Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) to set up a compressed biogas project in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh, with its proprietary RenGas technology that produces CBG from rice straw. The project will have a capacity to process 35,000 MT of rice straw as feedstock to generate 5,250 MT of CBG annually.

Volvo India to drive in first full electric car in Oct

VOLVO CAR India on Tuesday announced it will start deliveries of its first full electric car — XC40 Recharge — in October 2021. "We are committed to becoming a leader in the fast-growing premium electric car market and plan to double our volumes in the next two years. By 2025 electric cars should constitute 80% of our annual sales," MD Jyoti Malhotra said.

Vineet Nanda to join Krisumi as director, sales & marketing

KRISUMI CORP, a JV of Japan's Sumitomo Corp and Krishna Group, has appointed Vineet Nanda as director, sales & marketing. Nanda has served three other real estate firms prior to joining Krisumi and has also worked with Usha International as national product head (auto components).

ARBITRATION AWARD

Have identified Indian assets to be seized if not paid: Cairn

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, March 9

BRITISH OILFIRM Cairn Energy Plc on Tuesday said it has identified Indian sovereign assets overseas, which it can seize in the event of New Delhi failing to return over \$1.7 billion that an international arbitration tribunal has ordered after rescinding a retrospective tax demand.

"Cairn is extremely confident that satisfaction of the award will be achieved either by negotiated settlement or by enforcement against Indian assets," the firm said in its 2020 annual earnings statement.

The firm has moved courts in nine countries to get the arbitral award registered and recognised.

"The tribunal ruled unanimously that India had breached its obligations to Cairn under the UK-India Bilateral Investment Treaty and awarded to Cairn damages of \$1.2 billion-plus interest and costs, which immediately became payable. The total due at the year-end was \$1.7 billion," it said.



The firm said it has engaged directly with the government of India regarding satisfaction of the award, which is also enforceable against Indian-owned assets in more than 160 countries that have signed and ratified the 1958 New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards.

"Cairn has already taken steps to have the Award recognised in certain major jurisdictions in which Indian sovereign assets have

been identified," the statement said.

PTI had on March 8 reported that the December 21 award from a three-member tribunal at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Netherlands has been recognised and confirmed by courts in the US, the UK, Netherlands, Canada and France. Further, the firm has started the process to register the award in Singapore, Japan, the United Arab Emirates and the Cayman Islands.

"Cairn's engagement with the Government of India on its arbitration award will continue in parallel with pursuing options of enforcement and monetisation of the Award in order to safeguard shareholders' rights," the statement noted.

The registration of the award is the first step towards its enforcement in the event of the government not paying the firm.

Once the court recognises an arbitration award, the company can then petition it for seizing any Indian government assets such as bank accounts, payments to state-owned entities, aeroplanes and ships in those jurisdictions, to recover the monies due to it.

Blackstone calls off Mphasis stake sale over valuations

BAIJU KALESH
March 9

BLACKSTONE GROUP HAS shelved a planned sale of its majority stake in Indian IT outsourcing services provider Mphasis over valuations, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The private equity firm rejected the two bidders in the final round as their offers didn't meet its expectations, said the person, who asked not to be identified as the information is private. Blackstone has informed the interested parties that it has halted the sale, the person added.

Blackstone bought a 60.5% stake in Mumbai-listed Mphasis from Hewlett Packard Enterprise in 2016 at ₹430 (\$5.87) per share. The private equity firm also made an open offer to acquire additional shares from other shareholders. As of end of 2020, Blackstone owned about 56% in the tech firm. The asset manager started identifying buyers for its majority stake in Mphasis a few months ago. It had held talks with prospec-



tive investors including Carlyle Group, and Singapore state investment fund GIC Pte. Shares in Mphasis reached an all-time high at ₹1,788 each on February 23.

Mphasis fell about 1% in early Mumbai trading on Tuesday, giving the company a market value of about \$4.1 billion. While the stock has receded from the peak, it's still trading at around ₹1,600, way above Blackstone's offer price five years ago.

Representatives for Blackstone and Carlyle declined to comment, while a representative for GIC couldn't immediately comment.

—BLOOMBERG

Vivo India revenue up over 45% to ₹25,060 cr in FY20 but losses widen

CHINESE SMARTPHONE COMPANY Vivo saw its revenue in India growing over 45% to about ₹25,060 crore in FY20 even as its losses widened significantly over the previous fiscal, according to regulatory filings.

Vivo Mobile India's revenue from operations were at ₹17,201.7 crore for the year ended March 31, 2019, according to Registrar of Companies filing shared by market intelligence firm Tofler.

The company, which competes with players like Xiaomi and Samsung in the Indian market, saw its losses widen to ₹348.94 crore in FY20 from ₹18.94

crore in FY19. Vivo's total expenses rose to ₹25,618.79 crore in FY20 from ₹17,397.71 crore in the preceding fiscal, the filing said.

"During the period under review, the company has recorded an increase in sales as compared to the sales of the financial year 2018-19. Overall sales have been increased by 45.68% against the previous year. The company incurred the loss of ₹34,894.14 lakhs in the current financial year (FY20) compared with the loss of ₹1,894.45 lakh of the previous financial year," it added.

Puravankara MD Ashish Puravankara on Tuesday said it is re-entering the Mumbai market with an ultra-luxury project in suburban Chembur for which the real estate developer has invested ₹450 crore. The project, Purva Clermont, is part of Puravankara's WorldHome Collection.

"Puravankara has invested almost ₹450 crore with expected top-line revenue of ₹800 crore. The development will see four towers with a total of 233 residential units and one tower of 79 commercial units," the company said.

Puravankara MD Ashish Puravankara

said a steady growth has been witnessed in the luxury housing segment in the last few months

said a steady growth has been witnessed in the luxury housing segment in the last few months, which is indicative of a shift in post-pandemic consumer behaviour.

"We strongly believe the current landscape is ideal for us to strengthen our presence in Mumbai, which is one of the largest growing real estate markets in the country. On a personal note, I am happy to see our foray back into Mumbai, where it all began

in 1975," Ashish added.

Under the WorldHome Collection, Puravankara offers a range of ultra-luxury homes. The developer has already launched two projects under the collection — Purva Atmosphere in Bengaluru and Purva Somerset in Chennai. Mumbai is its third offering under this range.

"We are in the process of deciding the launch date, but construction will begin in the next 90 days and the project will be completed in the next four years," said Abhishek Kapoor, chief operating officer, Puravankara.

Purva Clermont is located on a freehold 2.25-acre land and it comprises 2, 3, and 4 BHK units with prices in the range of ₹2 crore to ₹6 crore, he added.

the back of a greater supply of Insulin Glargine to the US market and a modest increase in the market share of bTrastuzumab and bPegfilgrastim in that market. While we have seen healthy growth in business over the last few quarters, the impact of Covid-19 across the value chain

has not allowed us to meet our expectations, dampening the prospects of the \$1-bn revenue target being reached by FY22. We will re-assess the timeline for accomplishing that target when normality is restored in the post-Covid era.

What key changes did you introduce at your manufacturing facilities during the pandemic? How are your expansion and digitalisation plans shaping up?

We have invested in multiple manufacturing techniques and technologies to improve our productivity. The enhanced use of digital and automation technology has reduced the need for manual intervention and led to faster turn-around times. We are leveraging digital technologies in our manufacturing and supply chain to gain real-time control, all the way from procurement to the patients. The use of new digital tools will help increase overall compliance and efficiencies.

What is your outlook on the year ahead?

Notwithstanding the uncertainties and the challenging business environment, we have done well on a quarter-to-quarter basis, with our consolidated performance in the Oct-Dec quarter being driven by Research Services and Biosimilars. We are confident that the fundamentals of our business, as also the biosimilar market, remain sound and we remain committed to delivering on the long-term growth potential.

While the US market will be one of the biggest drivers of revenue growth for Biocon.

Your partner Equillium did not initiate Phase-3 trials for Itolizumab in the US after assessing its efficacy in the treatment of Covid-19. What is the current status of the drug?

As disclosed earlier, our partner Equillium made the strategic decision not to initiate Phase 3 trials for Itolizumab on Covid-19 patients, as planned earlier, owing to the development of vaccines and other efficacious treatment options. Instead, our partner has decided to expand and accelerate its clinical programme for acute graft-versus-host disease (aGVHD), as well as advance the company's lupus/lupus nephritis and uncontrolled asthma studies using Itolizumab.

What progress have you made on Semglee (Insulin Glargine) and Ogivri (Trastuzumab) in the US/EU markets? Is the biosimilars business on track to reach the revenue target of \$1 billion by FY22?

The biosimilars business reported a strong financial performance in the Oct-Dec quarter of FY21, on

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After disruptions, Trai suspends new norms for commercial text messages for one week

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TELECOM REGULATOR TRAI

on Tuesday suspended the newly-implemented norms for commercial text messages for one week following major disruptions in SMS and OTP deliveries for banking, payment, and other transactions.

The norms that pertain to content template checks and balances for text messages came into effect on Monday. Its temporary suspension now would give commercial entities, sending out messages and OTPs to customers, a reprieve and more time to comply with the stipulated requirements.

The move to suspend the norms would enable the 'principal entities' to register the template of SMS so that no inconvenience is faced by the customers, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) said in a statement.

"In order to protect the interest of consumers, it has been decided that scrubbing of SMS by telecom service providers shall be suspended temporarily for seven days..." it said.

According to the regulator, telecom operators are being asked to inform their 'principal entities' to take immediate necessary action in this regard and facilitate their registration, including SMS template, in a time-bound manner.

The temporary suspension comes after transactions, including banking, credit card payment and certain other services that involve SMS/OTP deliveries for railway ticket bookings and Co-WIN registration occurred after telcos implemented the Trai norms for commercial messages.

The latest norms, based on blockchain technology, aim to curb unsolicited and fraudulent messages.

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RationalExpectations

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SC needs to look at data on reservation

Data doesn't show universal backwardness for SC/ST/OBC as a group; so the days of blanket reservation are clearly over

GIEN THE IMMENSE political pressure to relax the 50% cap on reservations imposed by the Supreme Court (SC) in the 1992 Indra Sawhney judgment, it is not surprising SC wants to examine whether it needs to revisit the landmark ruling. While the immediate provocation is the constitutional validity of the additional 16% reservation for Marathas in Maharashtra—the Bombay High Court upheld the validity of the new reservation but asked for it to be reduced to 12-13%—the Centre's new 10% reservation for, essentially, upper caste Hindus also means that the 50% cap is being breached. Indeed, once the Maratha quota is dealt with, there are similar demands from Patels in Gujarat, Jats in Haryana and Kapus in Andhra Pradesh.

The quota is, of course, problematic since it goes against the fundamental principle of merit; imagine competing with China on AI and other areas when India's primary focus is reservation! But even if you believe that India owes it to its backward or oppressed groups, there is enough evidence to show the existing system is completely broke.

And nothing proves this more than the creeping advance of reservations. Clearly, reservation in education did not improve the employability of those availing of this, and that is why reservation in jobs was also needed. And it is because those who got these jobs didn't perform well that, over time, there was a clamour for reservation in promotions.

The BJP's demand for sub-categorisation of OBCs, as it happens, is recognition of the fact that the bulk of quotas are being cornered by just a few dominant castes; the same applies to SC and ST quotas as well. While the Justice Rohini commission's report on OBCs has not been made public, *ThePrint* managed to get some data from some of its members to show half the reservation benefits were cornered by just 40 castes; that's less than 1% of all OBC groupings. The panel also found that a fifth of all OBC groups didn't get a single quota benefit between 2014 and 2018. So, if the SC decides it does want to revisit Indra Sawhney, it needs to take a hard look at the data.

Before we get to the data, a little diversion is important. There is little doubt the political class keeps pushing the reservations envelope to get more votes, and the worst example of this is former PM VP Singh, but the SC has played an equally unfortunate role ([read bit.ly/3qoCiOE](http://bit.ly/3qoCiOE) and bit.ly/3qvP9QO) in furthering reservations by lowering standards quite dramatically.

In 1997, in *PGIMER versus KL Narasimhan*, for instance, SC said, "Securing marks is not the sure proof of higher proficiency, efficiency or excellence... it is common knowledge that marks would be secured in diverse modes... They are awarded in internal examination on the basis of caste, creed, colour, religion, etc!"

While upholding Karnataka's law to allow reservation in promotions for SC/ST in 2019, SC reinterpreted "efficiency of administration"—a key requirement for such reservations—to say it "must be defined in an inclusive sense, where diverse segments of society find representation... it is necessary to liberate the concept of efficiency from a one-sided approach which ignores the need for and the positive effects of the inclusion of diverse segments of society on the efficiency of administration of the Union or of a State". Justices UU Lalit and DY Chandrabhagad went on to say, "a meritorious candidate is not merely one who is 'talented' or 'successful' but also one whose appointment fulfils the constitutional goals of uplifting members of the SCs and STs and ensuring a diverse and representative administration".

While that is the sort of bias the SC will need to get over if it is to stem the blatant disregard for merit or standards in the past, a look at the data will make it clear that there is no case for reservations for umbrella groups like SC, ST or OBC. The government's NSS surveys don't capture income levels, but those by research firm PRICE do. The latest data, for 2016, for instance, does not show any systematic backwardness for the broad SC/ST/OBC groups (see graphic). Around 18% of SC households, for instance, had one person who had passed Class 12; given this is 19% for ST, 23% for OBCs and 25% for upper castes (UC), this does not suggest any systematic backwardness for all SCs.

Similarly, 8% of all SC households earned more than ₹10 lakh that year, and it was the same for OBCs; once again, that is hardly a sign of systematic backwardness. This becomes clearer when you see that, while the average SC household earned ₹1.8 lakh, the average OBC one earned ₹2 lakh. Indeed, the data shows there are various UC households that earn less than SC/ST households. A UC household where every member is illiterate, PRICE's data shows, earns ₹93,756 per annum while an SC household with even primary school education earns ₹138,152; this income is ₹130,798 in the case of ST households with primary school qualifications. A UC household with primary education as a qualification earns ₹148,018 per year as compared to an SC matriculate household's earning of ₹186,592 and ₹184,130 for an ST matriculate household.

In other words, the issue is not so much of historical backwardness as it is of access to education. So, if SC is to do complete justice, it needs to link reservations to, essentially, education or income; the two, as it happens, are interlinked. And, to ensure that reservations have an automatic end-by-date as well as only the deserving get them, it must put 'creamy layer' criterion in place for all groups; if anyone whose parents have availed of any form of reservation no longer qualifies for reservation, for instance, this will ensure the more under-privileged get a chance the next time around. Given the role of politicians as well as the courts in the reservation mess, this is probably their best shot at making amends.

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Delhi HC does well to ask DGCA to enforce Covid-appropriate flying norms

MANY STATES NOW require a Covid-19 test before flying. While this eliminates chances of spread greatly, the fact is that there are still too many weak links—the long-enough window for contraction between testing and actually flying, contraction while travelling from home to the airport, etc. Thus the importance of Covid-appropriate behaviour can't be emphasised enough. Inaction by authorities has led to people flouting mask-wearing and distancing norms at airports. Against the backdrop of the recent rise in cases, the Delhi High Court has asked the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and airline companies to ensure standard operating procedures (SOP) laid down by the Centre are followed at all times with violations being penalised as prescribed. Taking *suo motu* cognisance of the matter, the court asked airlines to present each passenger with written instructions along with the boarding pass. More important, it ordered that a violation must lead to putting the passenger on a no-fly list permanently or for a stipulated, sufficiently-long period. While relaxation may be granted only in exceptional circumstances, the order says this should be the exception.

DGCA, in its August 2020 guidelines, had said passengers violating Covid-appropriate behaviour would be put on a no-fly list, but implementation has been lax. Another requirement under the SOP was to ensure download of the Aarogya Setu app; however, this too has largely been ignored by airlines and airport authorities. With cases rising again and the threat of a second wave, the Aarogya Setu rule must also be enforced, as it would help in faster contact tracing in case of infection.



MATTER OF CONCERN

Jyotiraditya Scindia, MP, Rajya Sabha

It would have been a different situation had Rahul Gandhi been concerned the same way as he is now, when I was in the Congress

BUILDING A POLITICAL CONSENSUS IS DESIRABLE. BUT MOBILISING LEGAL RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH HURDLES THAT COULD BE CREATED BY WAY OF PILS IS Equally Important

Lessons from Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

UION POWER MINISTER RK Singh told *FE* (April 8) that he intended to introduce a Bill to amend the Electricity Act 2003 (EA 2003) in the ongoing session of Parliament to enable operations of multiple distribution companies in any area and end the current state government-owned monopoly regime in the power distribution business. The central government has made several attempts in the last six years to amend the law by drafting amendment bills 2014, 2018, 2020 and the current draft of 2021, which seeks to facilitate the entry of private capital into the distribution business.

As a precursor to the grand plan of introducing private players into the distribution business through the proposed amendments, the central government decided last year to invite private players to manage the supply of power in the Union Territory of Chandigarh and later in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

The preamble to the 2003 Act, among other things, states that the government is to take measures conducive to the development of the electricity industry and to promote competition while protecting the interests of the consumers. Thus, EA 2003 stops short of explicitly mentioning privatisation of the sector but implies it. Although the Act was reviewed in 2005, when UPA succeeded NDA, the preamble was left untouched.

The overarching legal principle is that the Courts must give effect to the purport and object of the Act.

The Supreme Court being the apex court of our country has given judicial recognition to the twin pillars of the Electricity Act, 2003, viz competition

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and public interest.

Following the purport and object of the 2003 Act, the ministry of power took steps in 2020 to privatise the electricity wing of the UT administration by selling 100% stake of the central government. Later that year, a tender process was initiated by the administrator of UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli to select the bidder for the purchase of 51% share in the distribution company. Dadra and Nagar Power Distribution Corporation Ltd was created from the erstwhile electricity department of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and became operational in 2013.

The Bombay High Court recently suspended the tender process in Dadra and Nagar Haveli based on a PIL filed by an individual who appears not to have any institutional affiliations. The High Court was prima facie convinced that the process of privatisation was contrary to section 131 of the 2003 Act, which deals with the reorganisation of state electricity boards. In contrast, the notice of inviting bids was for privatising the electricity department in the

The argument that the electricity departments in UTs, not being state electricity boards, could not be privatised under section 131 of the 2003 Act is rather specious

Union Territory, not a state electricity board. The other argument that found favour with the court is that the electricity department was not incurring any loss, and yet there was an attempt to transfer majority shares to private enterprise. The High Court stated that in the absence of any provision in the

Act justifying the action of the central government, it was *prima facie* satisfied that not only the PIL petition had set up an arguable case on merits but had also set up a strong case for grant of interim relief. A few months ago, the Punjab & Haryana High Court had stayed the privatisation of Chandigarh Electricity Distribution Co, admitting the UT Powermen Union's (UTPU) plea. In that case, too, the absence of finalising the transfer

scheme under section 131 was canvassed to show the process of inviting bids was flawed. The High Court stated that the employment scheme of the entity, in general, was required to be deliberated. However, when the process for privatising the Dadra utility was initiated, no lesson was learnt from the PIL in the Chandigarh Haryana High Court.

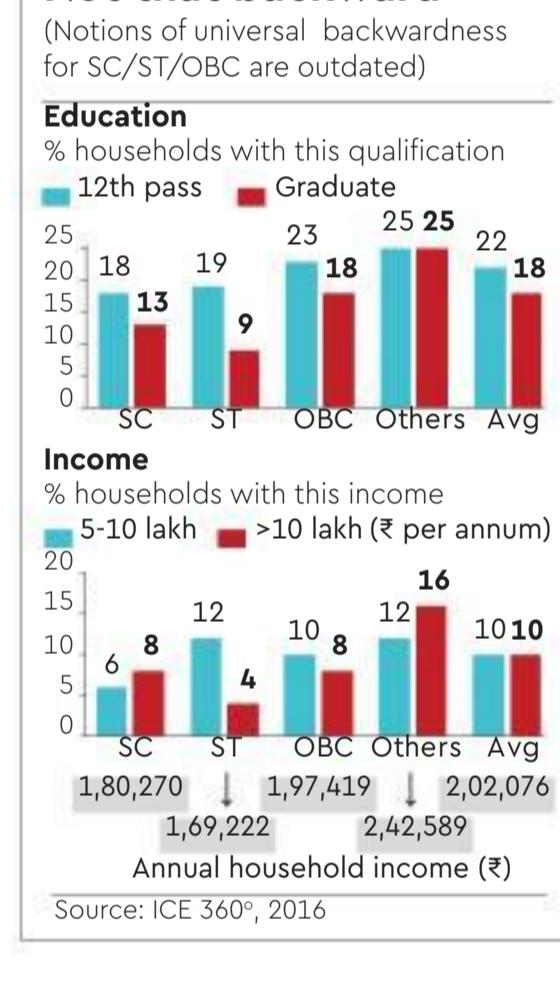
We find the argument that the electricity departments in the Union Territories, not being state electricity boards, could not be privatised under section 131 of the 2003 Act rather specious. The state governments constituted the state electricity boards under the Electricity Supply Act, 1948. At the same time, the electricity departments in the Union Territories have either continued to function as they were or have been corporatised. Just like the government could privatisate any public sector undertaking, similarly, the government could privatisate even these distribution utilities in the Union Territories under the control of the central government. Thus, the argument that the distribution utilities in the Union Territories not being state electricity boards and hence could not be privatised is fundamentally flawed. Insofar as the employment scheme, in general, and reservation policy for the backward castes, in particular, is concerned, the scheme of the Act also provides for the protection, continuance of the same terms and conditions and priority for payment of retirement benefits.

Our review of the privatisation exercise of two electricity supply entities in the Union Territories has important lessons for the future all-India exercise that the ministry of power is contemplating. The planning and implementation of privatisation require a great deal of planning and effective coordination. At the outset, the possibilities of challenges to privatisation should be carefully considered. Building a political consensus is, no doubt, desirable. But mobilising legal resources to deal with the bottlenecks and hurdles that could be created by way of public interest litigation is equally important.

PRAMOD DEO & ARIJIT MAITRA

Deo is former chairman, CERC, and Maitra is legal expert (regulatory matters).

Views are personal



Calibrating PSL with new banks

Repetitive priority sector lending (PSL) shortfall needs to be channelised to, for instance, infrastructure effectively

ASHISH KAPUR

Certified treasury manager and veteran corporate banker. Views are personal

AGRICULTURE, ALONG WITH micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), has deservedly enjoyed policy incentivisation through RBI's priority sector lending (PSL) guidelines.

PSL directions last revised in September 2020, require domestic and foreign banks to achieve a credit disbursement target of 40% of lending book while regional rural banks (RRB) and small finance banks (SFB) need to attain 75%. Smaller foreign banks have some leeway and largely meet 32% of the overall target by arranging export pre & post-shipment credit, benefiting Indian exporters.

PSL commitments encompass sectoral targets including agriculture at 18%, of which 10% minimum is set aside for small & marginal farmers (SMF); 7.5% for micro-enterprises; and 12% towards advances to weaker sections & SMF sub-targets can be met in a staggered manner till FY24. Domestic and larger foreign banks have other directed parameters to comply, like funding to non-corporate farmers meeting a system-wide average of the last three years' achievement, notified by RBI annually. That full faith has been reposed in agri-lending credit & marketing intent of a Citi, Federal or an Oriental finance house, which are all bunched together in the same target pool, isn't exactly a matter of great pride!

Newer PSL segments, added in the last few years, mirroring domestic priorities like renewable energy, affordable housing, start-ups, etc., have helped along with other reforms.

Much like how sleepy Joes' wake-up last minute to ace their year-end final exams, there was often a mad year-end disbursement scramble by banks to meet targets when PSL achievement was measured annually. RBI, in a long-overdue change, smartly reworked the assessment criteria to quarterly tests from FY17 so that Banks take their obligations more seriously and credit bunching in the

March quarter is avoided.

The introduction of tradeable PSL certificates (PSLC) in FY17 to incentivise RRBs, urban co-operative banks, SFBs and other commercial banks exceeding PSL commitments is a welcome change. Over-achievers issue a certificate to those facing a shortfall via auction bids on RBI's e-Kuber platform.

Banks that have exceeded PSL targets gain a market-driven fee to augment earnings and shortfall banks indirectly achieve targets by buying PSLCs without actually sharing risk or disbursing loans outside the scope of their core credit/marketing competency.

Popularity of PSLCs can be gauged by the 43% increase in platform trading volumes to ₹4.68 lakh crore in FY20, per the recent RBI report on trends & progress of banking in India 2019-20.

Newly set-up SFBs and RRBs were net aggregate sellers of PSLCs in FY20, while foreign banks remained net buyers. Surprisingly, the two largest players in the PSLC market--PSU & private banks--in a trend reversal, became net overall aggregate buyers and sellers respectively in FY20.

PSL shortfall banks have the option to invest in NABARD's rural infrastructure development fund, that's mainly utilised by states. Is such contribution for non-fulfilment of directed priority credit still relevant in today's times? What more is required for effectively disbursing farm credit?

Could repetitive PSL shortfall be channelised elsewhere effectively, for instance, in infrastructure?

■ Differential banks focussed on Agriculture could be a possible answer. These will also better relate to the proposed reforms and ensure effective farm credit transmission. Agri-bank PSLCs will also be more credible and can be traded within the network. While PSL GNPA ratio rose from 7.6% to 8.3% in FY20, as a percentage of total NPAs, PSL GNPs of scheduled commercial banks stood at 32.8%

(FY19: 27.7%) and Agri GNPs at 15.1% (FY19: 12.1%). Considering the pandemic impact, this will deteriorate further, and a dedicated agri-bank for closer farm credit monitoring becomes essential.

■ Besides RRBs, small NBFCs lend to farmers at high rates for financing equipment like tractors, as many banks shy away from such lending. If RBI can consider structuring NBFC participation in PSLC trading, such agri-lending can be incentivised and a trickle-down effect resulting in a lower cost to farmers targeted. PSLC selling by such NBFCs not having PSL targets can also be routed via the dedicated agri-bank if allowing access to the e-auction system is difficult.

■ With regard to MSMEs, Udyam certification from entrepreneurs is mandatory for Banks starting April to classify PSL lending. Until now, either Udyam or plant & machinery investment proof along with a declaration was sufficient to classify PSL exposure. With many entrepreneurs still unaware of the Udyam portal registration requirement, banks won't be able to classify a sizeable chunk of the erstwhile portfolio as PSL post-March. Consequently, multiple MSMEs will lose preferential pricing in case no rule relaxation is forthcoming.

■ Furthermore, whenever core industrial houses are permitted to start banks, their ability to develop strong manufacturing supply chains through MSME and their understanding of key criteria that differentiates a well-run unit from a poor one needs to be leveraged by tweaking their sub-targets, especially in light of higher micro & small enterprises GNPs at 12.9% of total NPAs in FY20 (FY19: 11.4%).

■ Repetitive PSL shortfall without adequate efforts by deficient banks can be channelised to the new infrastructure development bank where it will, hopefully, be better utilised via bonds, even if yielding only marginal returns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SC's review of 1992 reservation verdict

The SC's decision to seek the views of states on a 50% cap on quota has revived the debate over reservation and, by extension, social justice in our hierarchically organised society. No doubt reservation is an issue of seminal importance, as the country's top court puts it. To add, it is a politically sensitive issue too. Either way, it affects large sections of the population. The question framed by the apex court whether the 1992 judgment in the *Indra Sawhney vs Union of India* case, limiting reservation for the Dalits, aborigines and the OBCs in government jobs and admissions in educational institutions to 50% needs to be relooked has grabbed the headlines for its sociological value and socio-political ramifications. The case for more reservation is buttressed by the insufficiency of reservation implemented so far to give proportional representation or at least near proportional representation to the socially and educationally backward sections of the society in education and employment. There is no justification for placing a cap on reservation if it is found to delay or decelerate India's emergence as a representative democracy. There is no rationale for attaching any sanctity to 50%, whichever way you look at it. The BJP-ruled states must be forewarned that their responses to the 50% quota breach should not support dilution or oppose enlargement. When it comes to opportunities for upward social mobility, unequals cannot be treated as equals. Newer communities should not be declared eligible for reservation solely to win their votes. Reservation is not a tool for poverty mitigation. So the economically disadvantaged can be helped by entitlement programmes. Exclusion of the 'creamy layer' must continue. The relevance, or, more precisely, irrelevance of reservation in jobs and the scope for introducing reservation in the private sector too merit consideration.

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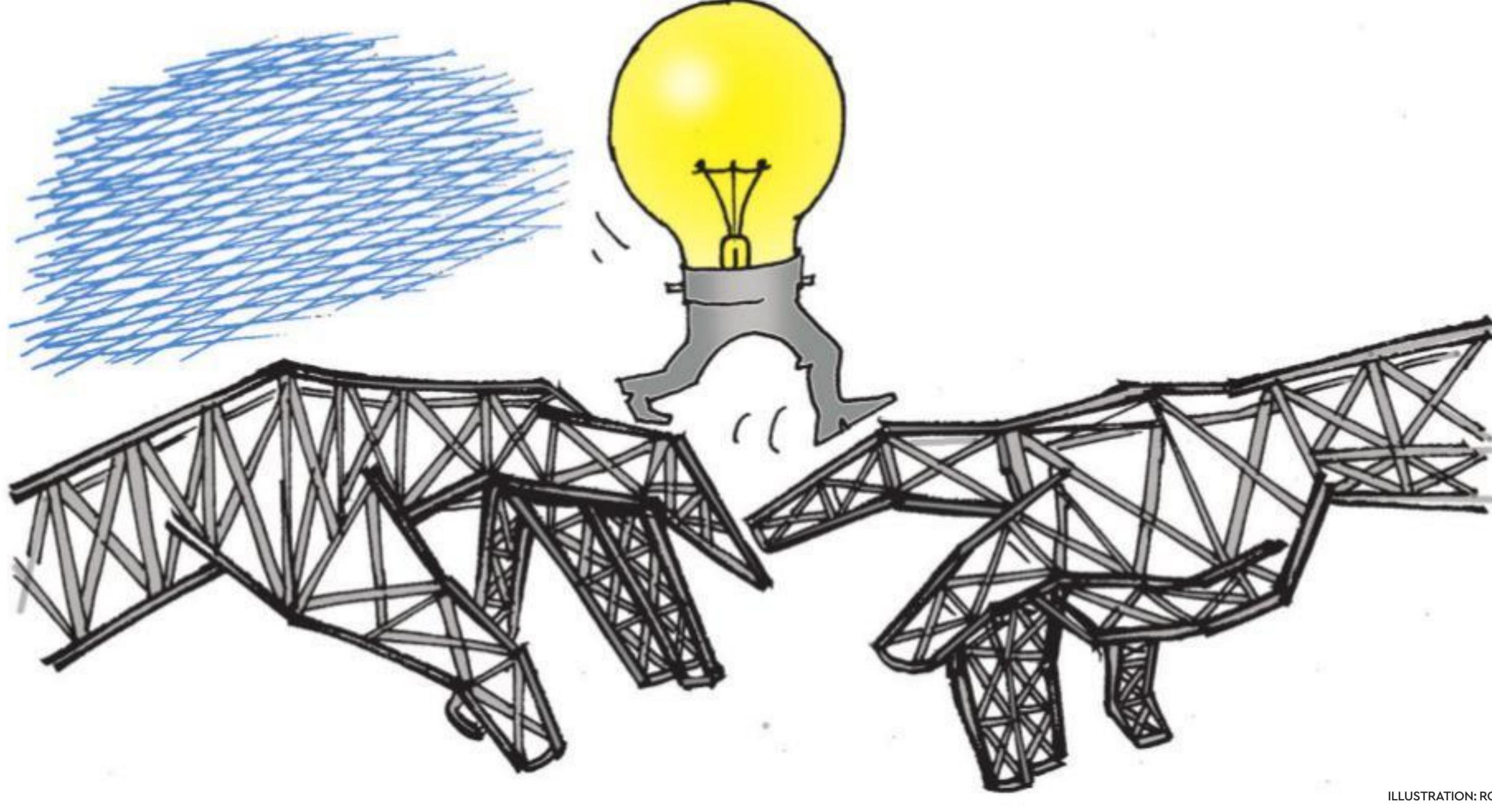


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FOllowing up on the announcement in the Budget, the Ministry of Power is proposing to delicense electricity distribution and allow multiple distribution companies (discoms) in each supply area, arguing that this will lead to greater competition in retail supply and allow consumers choice of supplier of electricity. Almost no one disputes the need for reforms in the power sector, particularly in distribution. Therefore, the government's attention to this sector and its willingness to act are welcome. However, past experience suggests that piecemeal or isolated reforms are unlikely to succeed and, instead, a comprehensive approach is required. In addition, the power sector is undergoing rapid changes with a dramatic increase in renewable energy (RE) in the resource mix, and more distributed energy resources (DERs) such as roof-top solar. Any reform measure, therefore, must not only solve today's problems, but also ensure the sector is ready to face tomorrow's challenges. These issues raise several concerns about the proposed changes.

First, focusing on retail competition will have very little effect on the overall cost of electricity. Competition is expected to lead to greater efficiency and hence lower tariffs for electricity. However, 70-80% of the cost paid by consumers for electricity comes from the cost of power procurement which is determined by transactions at the wholesale level. Therefore, it would be better to focus on developing effective wholesale electricity markets, which, in turn, require well-functioning fuel markets. International experience shows that much of the economic gains from restructuring electricity sectors have come from wholesale markets, and that well-functioning wholesale markets are a prerequisite to well-functioning retail markets. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission is developing wholesale markets; this work needs to be accelerated.

Second, the distribution network is a natural monopoly and each service territory should have only one network operator. Currently, discoms perform two functions: network operation ('wires' business), and energy supply. The proposed changes allow a competing discom to either set up its own network or use the network of an existing discom to supply electricity to its customers. Making ownership and responsibility of the distribution network non-exclusive will lead to unnecessary duplication of resources, which

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will increase the cost of electricity for consumers. The experience from the Mumbai experiment with multiple distribution licensees in the same area should be a sobering reminder of the perils of such an approach. There was endless litigation, planning and regulatory failures, and significantly higher tariffs for consumers.

Third, delicensing of distribution is likely to lead to neglect of distribution network operation, just when its importance for the sector is growing. The distribution network operator (DNO) performs several functions including network planning, augmentation of the network, and operation and maintenance of distribution equipment. These

tasks may seem mundane but are crucial to ensuring good quality electricity service for consumers.

The role of the DNO will become even more important and challenging with increasing contribution from RE in the resource mix, a growing presence of DERs, new behind-the-meter technologies, and an increasing use of smart meters. Instead of one-way flow of power from the transmission grid through the distribution network to the consumers, there will be bidirectional flow because of DERs. Forecasting of generation from DERs will be more difficult because much of the installation will happen behind-the-meter, based not on the utility's decisions but on con-

sumers' decisions. Because of bidirectional flow of power, active management of the distribution network will be required to respond to possible congestion in the distribution network and to ensure quality of power.

Managing purchase and sale of power between consumers on the distribution network (peer-to-peer transactions) will be another challenging task. In fact, in this new world, the DNO is expected to become the distribution system operator (DSO), requiring a far greater level of expertise within discoms.

Instead of adding to the financial stress being experienced by incumbent discoms, it would be better to support them in enhancing the skills of their workforce and being better prepared for future challenges. Furthermore, delicensing distribution and spreading these responsibilities across multiple companies will dilute accountability for distribution network and system operation and could lead to finger-pointing or even chaos. Therefore, discoms should have exclusive responsibility for the network in their respective service territories. Moreover, there are significant economies of scale in the work of DNOs and DSOs, and having exclusive service territories will help capture those economies.

Fourth, given that the work of DNOs/DSOs will require better technical and managerial capacity, a better alternative may be to pursue privatisation of discoms. The government has been promoting privatisation in distribution starting with the Union territories. Delicensing distribution will increase the risk for potential investors and is likely to reduce their interest in bidding. It is important that before any decision regarding privatisation, the state governments consult and negotiate in an open and transparent manner with all the stakeholders, particularly the unions, to address their apprehensions. The privatisation of distribution in Delhi may provide an example of how this can be done.

Given the diversity amongst states in India, as the government considers reforms in the power sector, it should follow an open, deliberative and wide consultative process to solicit inputs for any proposed reforms. It will help improve, and develop greater ownership of, the proposed reforms. While a consultative approach may seem frustratingly long and slow, it is essential for having a thriving power sector that can propel the Indian economy on to a high growth path.

● SAUDI OIL ATTACK

It's nothing like the previous one

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One thing that hasn't changed since 2019 is that oil resources are abundant

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RENT CRUDE IS, once again, scraping \$70 in the aftermath of a missile attack on critical Saudi Arabian oil facilities. Yet in every other respect, this Monday is nothing like the last time this happened in September 2019.

There are obvious physical differences. The Ras Tanura export facility targeted over the weekend is the biggest of its kind in the world, as is the Abqaiq processing facility targeted two years ago. Yet Abqaiq is more critical to the actual production of Saudi oil, and it suffered real damage, whereas Ras Tanura's operations appear unaffected.

Hence, while crude futures jumped 15% the day after the Abqaiq strike, they are actually slightly down as of this writing. And that explains a lot about what's changed.

In the aftermath of the Abqaiq attack, Saudi Arabia acted quickly to soothe the market by drawing down on its own stocks of oil and rushing in repair crews. Yet oil-market fundamentals were weak that fall. Demand in the first half of 2019 had grown at the slowest pace since late 2016, when OPEC+ first felt compelled to come together. On the supply side, shale output was still surging: US crude oil production jumped almost 1.3 million barrels a day in 2019, having risen by 1.6 million a day the year before.

This time around, the attack hasn't affected oil flows. But the oil futures curve was looking strong anyway. Why? Because far from touting its ability to bring extra barrels to the market, Saudi Arabia just capped off another OPEC+

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whom such disruption represents free money—its energy minister Prince Abdulaziz Bin Salman now feels confident enough to say "drill, baby, drill is gone forever." Covid-19 was merely the *coup de grace* for a shale model that had lost the confidence of investors. Today, the US horizontal rig count is less than half what it was when Abqaiq came under fire.

And while oil demand is still well below pre-pandemic levels, it is expected to rise by more than five million barrels a day this year, and OPEC+ can be reasonably certain of grabbing most of that for itself. As an added bonus, the attack on Ras Tanura will likely complicate the Biden administration's plans to revive the Iran nuclear deal, deferring the return of sanctioned barrels to the market.

I suspect the prince is right about drill-baby-drill's demise given the havoc it wrought on sector valuations, with even Exxon Mobil forced to rein itself in. But OPEC's own history should tell him higher oil prices always beget higher production in the end.

Another big difference between this one and September 2019 is that the futures strip for Nymex crude oil—essentially the rolling average of 12-month forward prices—is back above \$60 a barrel today. That's where many frackers can profitably hedge production. While any excess cash flow this year is likely to be dedicated to paying down debt, the itch to boost production could prove irresistible in 2022 if prices remain here or go higher.

The forward curve isn't a price forecast. Over time, oil prices should track the marginal cost of production, and for most non-OPEC projects that could come onstream in the next few years, that breakeven price is \$50 a barrel or less.

One thing that hasn't changed since 2019 is that oil resources are abundant. And if prices rise on the back of tight supply—be it the result of missiles or ministerial meetings—those resources will find their way to the surface.

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A roadmap for all-round progress

UP Budget touches all dimensions from ease of doing business in the state to ease of living

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THE TERM 'BUDGET' in economics is nothing but a statement of income and expenditure of the government, which shows sectoral allocations and expenses. However, in true sense, a Budget is a key document that shows the fiscal situation, the future goals of the government, vision of leadership and the progress of the state. On February 22, the BJP government, led by chief minister Yogi Adityanath, tabled its 5th Budget.

CM Adityanath has worked towards giving Uttar Pradesh an identity as the best business destination, a skilled manpower, fastest growing economy within the country, as also a safe, prosperous and self-reliant socio-economic unit both within the country and the world. Looking at the main content of Bud-

gets from 2017-18 to 2021-22, it's clear how the government has worked in the areas of micro and macro economy—the reason why UP became the second largest state of India in terms of GSDP and has succeeded in increasing per capita income almost two times in the last five years.

The government has dedicated Budget 2021-22 to empowerment and self-reliance of various sections of the state through holistic and inclusive development. In it, four pillars are envisaged to operationalise the concept of self-reliant Uttar Pradesh? These are development of infrastructure, public health and well-being, reinvigorating human capital and socio-cultural development, farming and allied activities. Usually, infrastructure is placed at the top, but in my view human capital is the most important component. The government has shown sensitivity

towards the plight of farmers, women, youth, entrepreneurs and workers. Since the lack of enterprise-based skills in the educated youth has often been a hurdle in the attainment of employment, skill development programmes, career counselling, Mukhyamantri Amrit Yojana, etc, have been given preference in the Budget.

Most of the human capital of the state is employed in farming. From this point of view, agriculture is the most important sector. Keeping farmers, agriculture and rural sector at the centre, the focus has been on prosperity of agriculture and rural economy, without which there cannot be inclusive, sustainable, all-round development. The Budget reiterates the resolve to double farmers' income by 2022. It has been decided to implement self-sufficient farmer integrated development plan from FY 2021-22 to meet the gaps related to infrastructure for better use of various schemes. In this regard, along with providing crop loans to farmers, a budgetary provision has been made to provide free water and grants for installing solar-powered pumps.

A focus of this Budget has been on initiatives for farmers' welfare and making agriculture more scientific. It has aimed at giving cultural revival and cultural economy a new direction. It is like a road map for all-round development with security and dignity to women and making human capital efficient and prosperous, connecting it with great opportunities in the country and the world. In a nutshell, it touches all dimensions from ease of doing business in the state to ease of living, and is compatible with all expectations of self-reliant Uttar Pradesh.

India will rise like a phoenix

With India running the biggest vaccination drive, the war against Covid-19 has been almost won

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THE CHALLENGE OF producing, distributing and administering the vaccine to the people in the shortest possible time is formidable, more so for a country like India given our population, geographical spread and skewed health infrastructure across urban and rural areas and between states. The government is aware of this challenge and, accordingly, the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) was formed to leverage available resources, public and private, in the best possible manner to fulfil this task.

In just 15 days India had vaccinated more than 30 lakh Covid-19 warriors, and now phase 2 of this drive is under way where caregivers are administering the vaccine to senior citizens and people with

comorbidities. India is not just running the biggest vaccination drive, but is also leaving a stamp of Atmanirbhar Bharat in becoming the fastest in doing so. Lakhs of Indians have registered on the CoWin portal to get the vaccine, and effective partnerships and seamless collaboration in PPP mode is pivotal for its success. Private healthcare players are as committed as the government to fulfil the target of the largest ever and most complex vaccination programme.

India would need 1.3-1.4 lakh vaccination centres, 1 lakh healthcare professionals and 2 lakh support staff/volunteers to support this mass inoculation programme. This task is to be taken by the government and healthcare service providers like a war, and all logistics to be organised till such time the war is won. Everybody has to come forward to sup-

port the vaccination drive and the services need to be transcended beyond conventional hospitals or nursing homes or healthcare centres. If need be, we have to go the doorsteps to administer the vaccine and necessary supply chain management be built up around this. Private healthcare sector, responsible for 70% of healthcare delivery and 60% inpatient care in the country, can supplement the physical and human infrastructure supply in key capacity-constrained regions, specifically in urban and semi-urban areas. There needs to be seamless delivery by stabilising the CoWin platform to handle the enormous demand, as people are bit concerned about how to register themselves. As private players we are educating the receivers and also keeping them abreast about the distribution model, to minimise queues and utilise the resources to the best of our capabilities and capacities.

Considering two doses per individual and an additional wastage of 10%, India shall need 200 crore doses in the next two years. The battle is nearly won. The rollout is being taken up in phase-basis, clearly-defined criteria for determining eligibility and prioritisation of recipients. Training and grooming cadres of staff at different healthcare levels would be a critical component. It will require PPP at different levels and a large number of skilled manpower. Estimating the scale of vaccination in phases and accordingly preparing logistics and training human resources at different levels would be critical to ensure success and sustainability.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

John Kerry, US climate change envoy

This is the moment. Glasgow is the last, best opportunity that we have and the best hope that the world will come together and build on Paris.

Quick View



SoftBank-backed Coupang aims for \$58-billion valuation

SOUTH KOREA'S COUPANG, which is backed by SoftBank Group, is aiming for a valuation of more than \$58 billion in its US stock market debut, after the e-commerce giant raised the price range for its offering on Tuesday. In a regulatory filing, Coupang said it would price its offering between \$32 and \$34 per share, far above its earlier range of \$27 and \$30 a share.

Twitter sues Texas AG, over Trump ban probe

TWITTER HAS FILED a lawsuit against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. It claimed the Republican used his office to retaliate against it for banning the account of former President Donald Trump following the riot at the US Capitol last year.

Cerved gets \$2.2-billion bid from ION, GIC

ION GROUP HAS made a takeover offer worth 1.86 billion euros (\$2.2 billion) for Milan-based Cerved, just days after the fintech company snapped up Italian banking software provider Cedacri. Dublin-based ION, led by Italian businessman Andrea Pignataro, has teamed up with Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC for the Cerved bid.

EU lifts immunity of 3 Catalan separatists

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT on Tuesday lifted the immunity of the former president of Spain's Catalonia region, Carles Puigdemont, and two of his associates, a move that could pave the way for their extradition and reopen the scars of separatism in Spain. The Spanish government immediately welcomed the decision as a victory for the rule of law.

Germany is main target of Russian disinformation: EU

GABRIELA BACZYNKA
Brussels, March 9

GERMANY IS THE top target of Russian disinformation campaigns in the European Union, a report said on Tuesday, as ties between Moscow and the West hit new lows over the poisoning and jailing of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

The EU's disinformation watchdog, which is run by the bloc's External Action Service, said in the report it had documented 700 cases of deliberately fake or misleading reporting that aimed to spread disinformation about Germany since launching a tracking database in late 2015.

That compares to more than 300 cases for France, over 170 for Italy and 40 for Spain, said the watchdog, which was set up after Moscow's 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine and aims to combat what it sees as a deliberate smear campaign by Russia.

COVID VACCINES

J&J 'under stress' to meet EU second-quarter supply goal

FRANCESCO GUARASCIO
Brussels, March 9

JOHNSON & JOHNSON has told the European Union it is facing supply issues that may complicate plans to deliver 55 million doses of its Covid-19 vaccine to the bloc in the second quarter of the year, an EU official told Reuters. Any delay would be a further blow to EU's vaccination plans, which have been hampered by bumpy supplies from other vaccine makers and a slow rollout of shots in many member states.

J&J told the EU last week that issues with the supply of vaccine ingredients and equipment meant it was "under stress" to meet the goal of delivering 55 million doses by the end of June, the EU official — who is directly involved in confidential talks with the US company — told Reuters on condition of anonymity. The official added the company had said it was not impossible to meet the goal, but that it showed caution.

J&J's vaccine, which requires only one dose for protection, is expected to be approved on March 11 for use in the EU by the bloc's regulator. EU officials have said deliveries could start in April. The company has committed to deliver 200 million doses of its vaccine to the bloc this year.

"Aligned with our agreement, we expect



to begin supplying our commitment of 200 million doses to the European Union in the second quarter of 2021," J&J said in a statement, declining to comment on possible delays or the second-quarter target.

J&J began rolling out its vaccine in the United States this month, with a target of delivering 100 million doses by the end of May, but has nearly halved its delivery forecasts for March to 20 million doses as it ramps up new manufacturing facilities.

A spokesman for the European Commission declined to comment on J&J's delivery schedules. The Commission coordi-

nates EU talks with vaccine makers and has come under fire for its role in a vaccination strategy that has so far lagged behind those in Britain and the United States.

An internal document from the German health ministry dated February 22, and a schedule published by the Italian health ministry on March 3, confirm that under the EU contract J&J had committed to delivering around 55 million doses in the second quarter. That includes about 10 million to Germany and 7.3 million to Italy. Supplies are expected to double in the third quarter, the two schedules show.

MICHAEL ERMAN
New York, March 9

THE COVID-19 VACCINE from Pfizer and BioNTech was able to neutralise a new variant of the coronavirus spreading rapidly in Brazil, according to a laboratory study published in the New England Journal of Medicine on Monday.

Blood taken from people who had been given the vaccine neutralised an engineered version of the virus that contained the same mutations carried on the spike portion of the highly contagious P.1 variant first identified in Brazil, the study conducted by scientists from the companies and the University of Texas Medical Branch found.

The scientists said the neutralising ability was roughly equivalent the vaccine's effect on a previous less contagious version of the virus from last year. The spike, used by the virus to enter human cells, is the primary target of many Covid-19 vaccines.

In previously published studies, Pfizer had found that its vaccine neutralised other more contagious variants first identified in the United Kingdom and South Africa, although the South African variant may reduce protective antibodies elicited by the vaccine. Pfizer has said it believes its current vaccine is highly likely to still protect against the South African variant.

'UK not out of woods yet'

BRITAIN IS NOT "out of the woods" on Covid-19, the government's top medical and scientific advisers said on Tuesday. Chief Scientific Adviser Patrick Vallance said that while deaths were decreasing, the situation could quickly deteriorate. "It's all pointing in the right direction, but I think nobody can say with certainty that this is... finished" he told lawmakers. "We're certainly not out of the woods yet, even on this wave." Chief Medical Officer Chris Whitty said it was not possible to stop all deaths even with a successful vaccine rollout. "All the modelling suggests there is going to be a further surge... The ratio of cases to deaths will go right down as a result of vaccination, but not right down to zero, unfortunately," he told lawmakers. — REUTERS

However, the drugmaker is planning to test a third booster dose of the vaccine as well as a version retooled specifically to combat the variant. — REUTERS

Vaccine rollout, US stimulus boost global outlook: OECD

LEIGH THOMAS
Paris, March 9

THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC outlook has brightened as vaccine rollouts gain speed and the United States launches a vast stimulus package, the OECD said on Tuesday, hiking its forecasts.

The world economy is set to rebound this year with 5.6% growth and expand 4.0% next year, the OECD said

how fast authorities get vaccine shots to people, how soon restrictions are lifted and whether new variants are kept in check.

"The top policy priority is to ensure that all resources necessary are used to produce and fully deploy vaccinations as quickly as possible," the OECD said in the report.

Global gross domestic product was seen returning to pre-pandemic levels by the middle of this year, albeit with large divergences between countries.

While the vaccine rollout would give a shot in the arm to the global economy, the United States' planned \$1.9-trillion stimulus package would cascade down to other countries, adding more than a percentage point to global growth. — REUTERS

Russia inks deal to make 10 million Sputnik V doses in Italy, a first in EU

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Milan, March 9

RUSSIA HAS SIGNED a deal to produce its Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine in Italy, the first contract in the European Union, the Italian-Russian Chamber of Commerce announced Tuesday.

The deal was signed with Adienna Srl, the Italian subsidiary of a Swiss-based pharmaceutical company, and Kirill Dmitriev, CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund. Production of a planned 10 million doses this year is set to launch in July.

"The innovative production process will help create new jobs and allow Italy to control the entire production of the compound," the chamber said in a statement. Financial terms were not released.

nations worldwide, the chamber said.

The EU has been criticised for its slow rollout and some nations have decided not to wait for the EMA's approval. Hungary became the first EU country to authorise Sputnik V for use last month while Slovakia announced a deal last week to acquire 2 million Sputnik V doses and received the first shipment of 200,000 doses.

Despite scepticism about Russia's hasty introduction of the vaccine, which was rolled out before it had completed late-stage trials, the vaccine appears to be safe and effective. According to a study published last month in the journal Lancet, Sputnik V is 91% effective and appears to prevent inoculated individuals from becoming severely ill with Covid-19, although it's still unclear if the vaccine can prevent the spread of the disease.

Official from Suu Kyi's party dies in custody; hundreds escape siege

REUTERS
March 9

AN OFFICIAL FROM deposed Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) died in custody after he was arrested early on Tuesday, a former parliamentarian said, the second party figure to die in detention in two days as protesters challenged last month's military coup in the streets.

Overnight, police arrested about 50 people who had been cornered by security forces in a district of Myanmar's main city of Yangon, a rights group said. But hundreds managed to escape the encirclement after crowds of demonstrators rallied in their support in defiance of a night-time curfew.

Western powers and the United Nations had called on the military to allow the youths to leave the area in safety.

British royal family silent amid crisis

REUTERS
London, March 9

THE BRITISH MONARCHY maintained its silence on Tuesday, after Meghan and Prince Harry accused a family member of making a racist remark about their son and said she had been alienated to the point of contemplating suicide.

Oprah Winfrey's tell-all TV interview with the couple has dragged the royals into the biggest crisis since the death of Harry's mother Diana in 1997, when the family, led by Queen Elizabeth, was widely criticised for being too slow to respond.

In the two-hour show, originally aired on CBS on Sunday evening, Harry also said that his father, heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles, had let him down.

Charles, while on a visit to a vaccine pop-up clinic at the Jesus House Church in London, was asked by a reporter what he thought of the interview. He stopped and looked up before turning and walking off without comment.

"Worst Royal Crisis in 85 Years," read the front page of the Daily Mirror newspaper.

per, while the Daily Mail's cover asked: "What Have They Done?". The Sun columnist Trevor Kavanagh questioned if the interview meant the end for the royals.

"It could hardly be more damaging to the royal family, not least because there is little it can do to defend itself," The Times said in a lead article under the title "Royal

Attack". The key to the monarchy's survival over the centuries has been its ability to adapt to the needs of the times. It needs to adapt again," The Times said.

Elizabeth, who is 94 and has been on the throne for 69 years, wanted to take some time before the palace issued a response, a royal source said.

Representatives of Tokyo 2020 were not immediately available for comment.

Tokyo 2020 President Seiko Hashimoto had said she wanted a decision on whether to let in overseas spectators before the start of the torch relay on March 25. "We would really like people from around the world to come to a full stadium, but unless we are prepared to accept them and the medical situation in Japan is perfect, it will cause a great deal of trouble also to visitors from overseas," Kyodo quoted Hashimoto as telling reporters last week.

Most Japanese people do not want international visitors to attend the Games amid fears that a large influx of visitors could spark a resurgence of infections, a Yomiuri newspaper poll showed. The survey showed 77% of respondents were against allowing foreign fans to attend, versus 18% in favour.

Michelle Obama, Indra Nooyi among nine chosen for US Women's Hall of Fame

REUTERS
March 9

FORMER US FIRST lady Michelle Obama will be inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame along with eight other women, including former PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi, soccer icon Mia Hamm and NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, who died last year. The National Women's Hall of Fame named the members of its Class of 2021, set to be inducted on October 2, on Monday.

Others in the list include author Octavia Butler, who died in 2006, Rebecca Halstead, who had a near three-decade career in the military, poet Joy Harjo, artist Judy Chicago and activist Emily Howland, who died in 1929 and had taught formerly enslaved people how to read and write in refugee settlements where she worked



Former US first lady Michelle Obama and (right) PepsiCo ex-CEO Indra Nooyi AP

during the American Civil War.

Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most influential and iconic women of the 21st century, the National Women's Hall of Fame website said. "The National Women's Hall of Fame will celebrate the inclusion of these extraordinary women into the Hall at the biennial in-person induction ceremony on October 2, 2021."

Ticket sales will not be opened until April or May, it said. It will host a live virtual streaming of the ceremony, which will be free to the public.



The organisation said it was closely monitoring the Covid-19 situation in New York state and will plan carefully to ensure that the in-person portion of Induction Weekend is safe for all attendees.

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Japan to keep foreign spectators away from Tokyo Olympics, says news report

REUTERS
Tokyo, March 9

JAPAN HAS DECIDED to stage this summer's Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics without overseas spectators due to concern among the Japanese public about the Covid-19 pandemic, Kyodo news agency said on Tuesday, citing officials with knowledge of the matter.

The Olympics, postponed by a year because of the pandemic, are scheduled for July 23 to August 8, and the Paralympics from August 24 to September 5. Kyodo said the government had concluded that welcoming fans from abroad would not be possible given public concern about the coronavirus and the detection of more contagious variants in many countries, Kyodo cited the officials as saying. The opening ceremony of the torch



relay would also be held without spectators, Kyodo said.

"The organising committee has decided it is essential to hold the ceremony in the northeastern prefecture of Fukushima behind closed doors, only permitting participants and invitees to take part in the event, to avoid large crowds forming amid the pandemic," Kyodo said, quoting the officials.

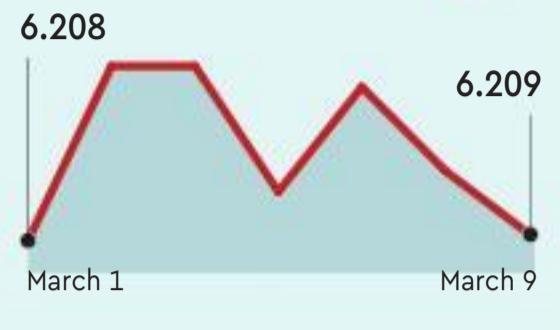
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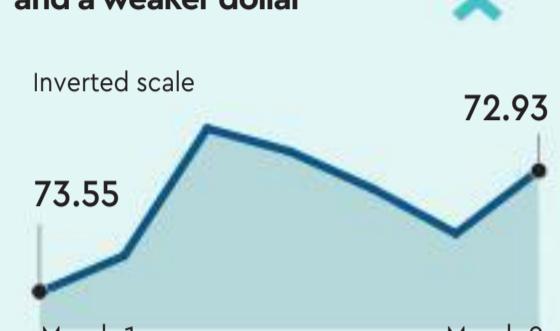
**CRONY LENDING**

KV Subramanian, chief economic adviser

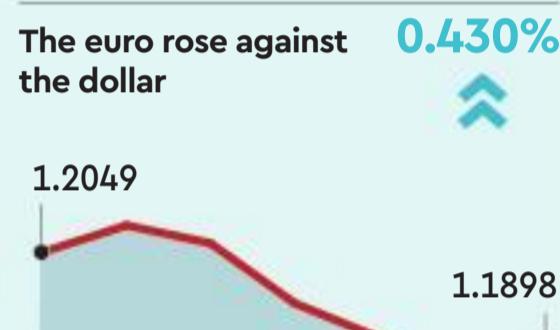
I think it is extremely critical now that the financial sector owns up this responsibility of doing high quality lending, especially on the infrastructure side, and really avoid crony lending... I think that is basically the mantra for the financial sector.

Money Matters**10-year GILT**The benchmark yield fell **0.009%** due to buying support

The rupee ended on strong local equities and a weaker dollar



The euro rose against the dollar

**VOLATILE SESSION**

Sensex rallies 584 points to close above 51,000-level

Positive global cues, a fall in US bond yields and gains in US Futures helped the index rebound

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, March 9

BENCHMARK BSE SENSEX rallied 584 points to close above the 51,000-level in a volatile session on Tuesday as private banks, IT and consumer goods stocks advanced amid positive global cues.

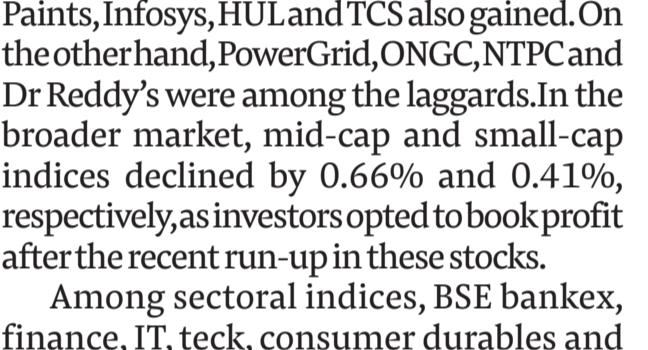
The 30-share BSE barometer ended 584.41 points or 1.16% higher at 51,025.48 with 19 of its constituents ending in the green. The index had opened higher at 50,714.16 but pared gains to hit an intra-day low of 50,396.10 in mid-session due to profit booking in energy and infra stocks.

However, positive global cues, a fall in US bond yields and gains in US Futures helped the index rebound and close above the 51,000-level. The broader NSE Nifty surged by 142.20 points or 0.95% to close at 15,098.40 with 24 of its stocks advancing.

The 50-issue index touched a high of 15,126.85 and a low of 14,925.45 in the day trade. "In a volatile day, the Indian market ended with minor positivity amid mixed global cues. Barring private banks, IT and consumer stocks, all other sectors were most impacted. Fall in US bond yields and stronger US equity futures aided Asian markets to recover from earlier losses," Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services said.

Binod Modi, head - strategy at Reliance Securities commented: "Domestic equities extended gains for the second consecutive day mainly aided by favourable cues from Asian markets. However, it is financials (ex-PSU banks), which majorly supported the market's rally today (Tuesday). Barring financials and IT, most of the key sectoral indices traded lower."

Among Sensex stocks, Kotak Bank rose the most by 3.35%. HDFC Bank spurted by 2.85% while mortgage major HDFC advanced 2.68%. ICICI Bank rose by 2.8%.



Nifty 50
Intra-day, March 9
Open 15,050 Close 15,098.4

Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, Infosys, HUL and TCS also gained. On the other hand, PowerGrid, ONGC, NTPC and Dr Reddy's were among the laggards. In the broader market, mid-cap and small-cap indices declined by 0.66% and 0.41%, respectively, as investors opted to book profit after the recent run-up in these stocks.

Among sectoral indices, BSE bankex, finance, IT, teck, consumer durables and FMCG indices ended with gains, while metal, oil and gas, utilities, realty and power were in the red. Ajit Mishra, VP - research, Religare Broking said, "Markets traded volatile and managed to settle with decent gains in continuation to the prevailing consolidation phase. We expect the prevailing consolidation phase to end soon however a lot depends on the performance of the global markets."

Rupee spurs 32p to 72.93, ends 3-day losing streak

ENDING ITS THREE-day losing run, the rupee on Tuesday spurted by 32 paise to close at 72.93 against the dollar on the back of a rally in domestic stocks and the greenback retreating from three-month highs in global markets.

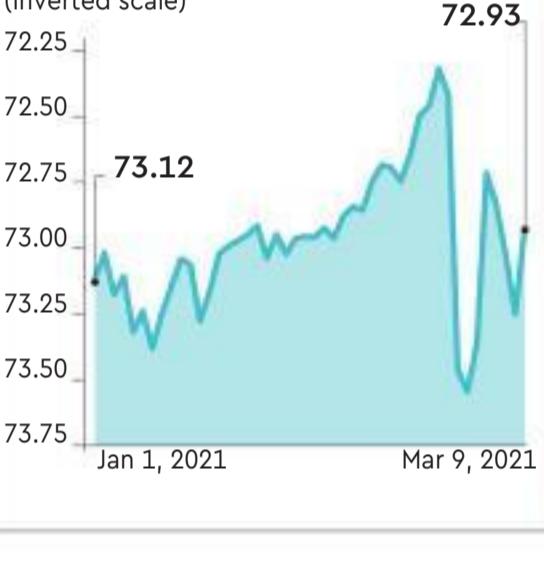
Expectations of a swift economic rebound, a fall in US bond yields, and global fiscal policies improved the risk appetite and supported the local unit, analysts said.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 73.16 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 72.91 and a low of 73.25. It finally ended at 72.93 against the American currency, registering a rise of 32 paise over its previous closing.

In the past three sessions to Monday, the local currency had dropped by 53 paise or 0.73% amid rising US bond yields and a stronger dollar.

Foreign institutional investors were also net sellers in the capital market as they offloaded shares worth ₹1,494.49 crore on Monday, according to exchange data.

—PTI



Equity MFs see outflows for 8th straight month in Feb

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, March 9

OPEN-ENDED EQUITY schemes continued to witness net outflows for the 8th straight month in February.

According to the latest data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi), net outflows from open-ended equity schemes were at ₹4,534.36 crore. Outflows from equity-oriented mutual fund schemes were lower than the previous month, which saw outflows of ₹9,253.22 crore.

According to market experts, investors have continued to book profits after markets touched multiple all-time highs in February. Re-allocation of funds to alternative avenues such as direct equity or real estate also contributed to outflows in equity schemes.

Close-ended equity schemes saw an outflow of ₹2,354.35 crore,

which was largely because many close-ended schemes matured in the February. Akhil Chaturvedi, head of sales and distribution, Motilal Oswal AMC, said, "The trend is similar to January 2021, pure equity net negative outflow of ₹4,534.36 crore is led by profit booking or get re-allocation to alternate investment avenues like real estate, direct equity or IPO's."

The flexicap category of mutual funds saw an outflow for the second straight month after its introduction. The outflows in February from flexicap funds stood at ₹4,497.23 crore which is lower than ₹5,933.67 crore in January. On the other hand, multicap funds saw an inflow of ₹4077.94 crore. G Pradeepkumar, CEO, Union AMC, said, "There are changes taking place in the multicap and flexicap category as some mutual fund houses are still in the

process of converting multicap funds to flexicap funds. Even some investors might not be differentiating between the two. So, for the time being, one should look at both the categories together."

The only other categories to see a net monthly inflow in equity schemes were large and midcap funds as well as focused funds that saw a net inflow worth ₹156.86 crore and ₹156.86 crore respectively.

The contribution of systematic investment plans (SIP) in February declined by ₹495 crore from the previous month. The SIP contribution in January was at ₹8,023.39 crore, whereas in February, the contribution stood at ₹7,528.14 crore. NS Venkatesh, chief executive, AMFI, said, "The monthly SIP contribution for February 2021 has come down by ₹495 crore owing to weekend dawning at the end of February and the shortfall would get accumulated and reflected in March 2021 monthly data."

However, SIP AUMs as also retail equity folios hit an all-time high at ₹4,21 lakh crore and ₹8.07 crore, respectively, which points to a disciplined approach adopted by the retail mutual fund investors. This has aided in overall net AUMs rising 14.17% to all-time high at ₹329.29 lakh crore. Going forward, market experts believe some meaningful consolidation of markets could lead investors to come back. They added that there is general concern on valuations and so investors seem to be waiting on the sidelines.

Insurance cos' new biz premium up 21%

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES registered a 21% rise in new business premium to ₹22,425.21 crore in February 2021, according to data from insurance regulator Irdai. The 24 life insurance companies in the country had their collective new business premium of ₹18,533.19 crore in the same month a year ago. Among these, the country's largest and the only state-

run insurer LIC posted a 24.18% jump in new premium income at ₹12,920.57 crore during the reported month, against ₹10,404.68 crore in the year-ago month, showed the data from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai). The rest of 23 players in the private sector witnessed a 16.93% rise in their collective premium.

—PTI

ANALYST CORNER

Maintain 'neutral' on UPL with target price of ₹631

MOTILAL OSWAL

UPL HAS ANNOUNCED a long-term strategic collaboration with FMC Corporation, a leading global agricultural sciences company. The pact allows UPL access to key markets prior to the patent expiry and to commercialise Rynaxypyr Active: FMC's leading insecticide. According to the agreement, UPL will toll manufacture and supply Rynaxypyr to FMC in India. FMC will supply the active ingredient (AI) to UPL depending on the market. The deal adds a key portfolio of products to UPL's business and supports FMC in maximising the penetration of this important AI. Early access to Rynaxypyr formulations in key markets allows UPL to provide farmers with more sustainable product choices. We have analysed the market size, use of Rynaxypyr, and impact of the agreement on UPL. We maintain our 'neutral' view with a target price of ₹631/share.

Rynaxypyr AI was first registered in the Philippines in Jun'07 and in 19 countries in CY08, including the US, Canada, and Australia. Since then, its approved uses have expanded to over 120 countries. In doing so, it has passed rigorous regulatory reviews over the past decade. A major regulatory reassessment is slated to occur in the EU, the US, Canada, and Japan within the next few years. The molecule was launched in CY07 by DuPont. It had to divest this product when it merged with Dow Chemicals due to regulatory issues. FMC acquired the AI from DuPont in CY17 and launched the same in CY18. Rynaxypyr AI is a scientific breakthrough that has become an important tool for growers around the world to protect their crops from harmful insects. The essence of this breakthrough - what scientists call a 'novel mode of action' - is Rynaxypyr AI's highly selective targeting of these insects. The AI attacks the ryanodine receptor in the insect. About 30% of Rynaxypyr produced is used by the rice industry. Fruits and vegetables/soybean applications account for 22%/24% of consumption volumes. In CY19, the global Rynaxypyr market was valued at \$1.6 billion (v/s the global Crop Protection market of \$59.8 billion). The market is expected to expand at a moderate CAGR (4.4%) over CY18-25 and reach \$2.1 billion by CY25-end. Industry sources peg the Rynaxypyr India opportunity at over ₹20 billion (B2C).

Embassy REIT: Upgrade rating to 'buy', TP unchanged at ₹400/unit

ICICI SECURITIES

ACCORDING TO AN exchange announcement, The Embassy Office Parks REIT (Embassy REIT) has received approval from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) in relation to its composite scheme of arrangement among its entities that restructures and simplifies the ownership of key portfolio assets, including Embassy Manyata, Bengaluru and Embassy TechZone, Pune. Post the expected completion of collapsing the Manyata SPV shareholding into a two-tier structure, we expect the overall share of tax-free dividends plus SPV debt amortisation to rise from ~62% in 9MFY21 to between 70 and 75% from FY22 onwards. We upgrade our rating to 'buy' from 'add' with an unchanged target price of ₹400/unit as we have already built-in the collapsing of the Manyata shareholding structure in our estimates from FY22 onwards. At CMP of ₹329, the Embassy REIT offers an estimated distribution yield of 7.5% in FY22E and 7.8% in FY23E.

Quick View

Indian Bank to raise up to ₹4,000 cr

STATE-OWNED INDIAN Bank on Tuesday said its committee of directors had given approval for raising up to ₹4,000 crore through share sale. Shareholders of the bank on March 2 had given approval for the capital raising. The Committee of Directors in its meeting held on March 9, 2021, has accorded approval for raising of equity capital of the bank aggregating up to ₹4,000 crore (including premium) through qualified institutions placement in one or more tranches, Indian Bank said in a regulatory filing.

South Indian Bank wins award for fund portal

SOUTH INDIAN BANK said on Tuesday it has won the prestigious Finnoviti Award 2021 for its fund management platform SIB FeeBook. SIB FeeBook is an event-based fund management and collection portal, which is fully customisable by merchant customers. The degree of customisation made available on the platform ensures that the customers truly get to make SIB FeeBook their own. Finnoviti Awards are organised by Banking Frontiers.

Tata AIA Life Insurance launches savings plan

TATA AIA LIFE Insurance has launched Life Fortune Guarantee Plus, a flexible, non-linked, non-participating savings plan with guaranteed long-term income along with comprehensive protection cover. The plan offers health protection in the event of policyholder diagnosed with a critical illness.

Arcil appoints Pallav Mohapatra as CEO, MD

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF INDIA (Arcil) on Tuesday announced the appointment of Pallav Mohapatra, former chief of Central Bank of India, as the company's chief executive officer and managing director. He succeeds Vinayak Bahuguna, whose five-year term ended in June 2020.

RBI loosens yield grip at auction to leave traders guessing

SUBHADIP SIRCAR
March 9

RISING YIELDS AT India's latest government bond auction are signalling the central bank may be reluctantly accepting higher borrowing costs amid a global rout. The Reserve Bank of India sold some of 10-year debt at 6.22% on Friday, compared with about 6.0% in previous auctions.

That's after a spike in US Treasury yields and oil prices pushed borrowing costs higher globally.

"The RBI has allowed yields to adjust higher due to global inflationary pressures," said Shailendra Jhingan, chief executive at ICICI Securities Primary Dealer-

Withdrawal symptom

RAHUL SATIJA & NUPUR ACHARYA/
BLOOMBERG

Investors dump \$2 billion stock, bond funds after Union Budget

Investors withdrew ₹17,220 crore (\$2.5 billion) from Indian stock and company debt mutual funds in February as concerns mount about the sustainability of returns. Corporate bonds saw the biggest outflow in about two years after the government last month announced a bigger-than-expected borrowing plan in its Budget, triggering a spike in yields.

Equity indexes, which benefit from a stimulus, surged to a fresh record, prompting local investors to book profits. "The period of unusual returns is getting over," said Vidya Bala, co-founder at Chennai-based research firm PrimeInvestor.in. "Also, many investors could be waiting it out till the interest rate environment settles."

Credit concerns
Investors shun India's corporate bond funds as yields spike

Net inflows in corporate bond fund (₹ crore)

April 2019 February 2021

Source: Bloomberg

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CHOPPY TRADE**Oil at \$68 as rally fizzles out ahead of US supply report**ALEX LAWLER
London, March 9

OILFELLTO around \$68 a barrel on Tuesday in a choppy session, as easing concern of a supply disruption in Saudi Arabia and US dollar strength countered the prospects for tighter supply due to Opec+ output curbs.

Crude hit its highest since the start of the pandemic on Monday after Yemen's Houthi forces fired drones and missiles at Saudi oil sites on Sunday. But Saudi Arabia said it thwarted the strike and prices slipped as supply fears eased. Brent crude was down 18 cents, or 0.3%, at \$68.06 by 1450 GMT, pulling

soon, when the US weekly oil inventory reports are released. The latest round of US inventory reports are expected to show crude stockpiles dropped.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), Russia and allies, known as Opec+, decided on Thursday to broadly stick to output cuts, fuelling a rally. "Dips have been lately viewed as buying opportunities," said Tamas Varga of broker PVM. "Last week's Opec+ meeting will ensure that the global oil balance will get tighter in the foreseeable future." A stronger US dollar, which tends to crimp investor demand for commodities, also weighed on oil, analysts said. —REUTERS

back after trading as high as \$69.33. It reached \$71.38 on Monday, the highest since January 8, 2020.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) fell 5 cents to \$64.49, after hitting its highest since October 2018 on Monday.

"Caution is advised as prices are, of course, not going to rise forever," said Bjornar Tonhaugen of Rystad Energy. "A more definite price direction is expected

Sugar prices subdued due to lack of demand, oversupplyFE BUREAU
Pune, March 9**₹40 cr for sugar museum**

WHOLESALE SUGAR PRICES remained subdued despite rising international prices due to oversupply in the domestic market. Traders have adopted a cautious approach, thanks to a rise in Covid cases in parts of the country and lockdowns in some states. Even as demand is yet to kick in for the summer season, consumers are playing safe and institutional sales too have been tepid.

On Tuesday, prices of M-grade sugar in Navi Mumbai quoted between ₹3,100 and ₹3,140 per quintal, while S-grade sugar continued to sell below MSP ranging between ₹3,040 and ₹3,060 per quintal.

According to Mukesh Kvediya, secretary general, Bombay Sugar Merchants Association (BSMA), sugar is not being lifted by traders due to the sluggish market conditions due to Covid. Summer demand usually begins in March onwards but this time the demand is yet to pick up and the restrictions caused by the rise in Covid cases has kept consumers away from soft drinks and beverages, he said.

The quota has also been on the higher side at 21 lakh tonne, he pointed out.

SY20-21 had started with an opening inventory of 106 lakh tonne. With 302 lakh tonne to be produced in SY2020-21, sugar availability in India will be at 408 lakh tonne. With consumption of nearly 260 lakh tonne and exports quota at 60 lakh tonne sugar surplus will stand at 80-90 lakh tonne.

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This Public Announcement ("PA") is being issued by Remi Securities Limited ("Promoter Acquirer 1"), K K Fincorp Limited ("Promoter Acquirer 2") and Bajrang Finance Limited ("Promoter Acquirer 3") (Promoter Acquirer 1, Promoter Acquirer 2 and Promoter Acquirer 3 are jointly referred to as the "Promoter Acquirers") to the public shareholders of Remi Sales and Engineering Limited (the "Company" or "RSEL") in respect of the proposed acquisition and consequent voluntary delisting of the fully paid-up Equity Shares of the Company with a face value of Rs. 10/- each ("Equity Shares") from the BSE Limited ("BSE" or "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Regulation 10 and other applicable provisions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009 ("Delisting Regulations") and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below and/or in Letter of Offer (defined below) ("Delisting Offer").

1. BACKGROUND OF THE DELISTING OFFER

- 1.1. The Company is a public limited company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Plot No.11, Cama Industrial Estate, Goregaon (East), Mumbai-400063. The equity shares of face value of Rs. 10/- each of the Company ("Equity Shares"), are listed and traded on the BSE Limited (the "BSE" or the "Stock Exchange") only.
- 1.2. As on date of this PA, the Promoters jointly hold 2,81,800 Equity Shares representing 49.42% of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company and the Public Shareholders hold 2,88,400 Equity Shares representing 50.58% of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company. The Promoter Acquirers will acquire all Equity Shares accepted in the Delisting Offer pursuant to successful completion of the Delisting Offer in terms of the Delisting Regulations.
- 1.3. The Promoter Acquirers seek to acquire 2,88,400 Equity Shares ("Offer Shares") representing the balance 50.58% of the paid-up equity share capital from the public shareholders of the Company ("Public Shareholders") being all the shareholders of the Company other than the Promoter Group pursuant to Regulation 5 & 6(b) read with Chapter IV of the Delisting Regulations. If the Delisting Offer is successful as defined in paragraph 14 of this PA, an application will be made for delisting the Equity Shares from the Stock Exchanges in accordance with the provisions of the Delisting Regulations and the terms and conditions set out below and in the Letter of Offer, and any other documents relating to the Delisting Offer. Consequently, the Equity Shares shall be voluntarily delisted from the Stock Exchange.
- 1.4. Pursuant to a letter dated November 23, 2020, Promoter Acquirers conveyed its intention to make the Delisting Offer to acquire, either individually or along with one or more members of the promoter group, the Offer Shares and to delist the Equity Shares from the Stock Exchange in accordance with the Delisting Regulations and requested the Board to (a) take all actions as may be required to be undertaken by the Company in terms of the Delisting Regulations including inter-alia the appointment of a merchant banker to undertake due diligence and provide necessary information for the due diligence; (b) convene a meeting of the Board to consider and approve the Delisting Offer, as required under the Delisting Regulations; (c) take necessary steps to convene a meeting of the shareholders to approve the Delisting Offer in accordance with the Delisting Regulations; and (d) obtain in-principle approval from the Stock Exchange for the proposed delisting of Equity Shares. The receipt of the Letter was intimated by the Company to the Stock Exchange on November 23, 2020. The Promoter Acquirers in the letter also informed the Company of its willingness to accept Equity Shares tendered by the Public Shareholders in the Delisting Offer at a price of Rs. 21.00 per Equity Share ("Indicative Offer Price"). The Indicative Offer Price represents a premium of 23.53% (for BSE) over the closing market price as on November 20, 2020 on the BSE.
- 1.5. The Indicative Offer Price should in no way be construed as:
 - (a) A maximum or minimum price for the purpose of the reverse book building process and the Public Shareholders are free to tender their equity shares at any price irrespective of the Indicative Offer Price, in accordance with the Delisting Regulations; or
 - (b) A commitment by Promoter Acquirers to accept the equity shares tendered in the Delisting Offer, if the Discovered Price is less than the Indicative Offer Price; or
 - (c) An obligation on the Promoter Acquirers to pay the Indicative Offer Price in the event the Discovered Price is lower than the Indicative Offer Price; or
 - (d) Any restriction on the ability of the Promoter Acquirers to acquire equity shares at a price higher or lower than the Indicative Offer Price.
- 1.6. Pursuant to the intimation received from the Promoter Acquirers, the Board, in its meeting held on November 26, 2020 transacted the following:
 - (a) considered and took on record the Delisting proposal and
 - (b) approved the appointment of the Merchant Banker, as the merchant banker, in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(ii) of the Delisting Regulations, for the purposes of carrying out the due diligence in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(iii), Regulation 8(1)(iv), Regulation 8(1) and other relevant provisions of the Delisting Regulations;
- 1.7. The outcome of the Board meeting was notified to the Stock Exchange on the same day.
- 1.8. The Company has notified the Stock Exchange on December 11, 2020, that a meeting of the Board is to be held on December 16, 2020 in order to (i) take on record and consider the Due Diligence Report submitted by the Merchant Banker; and (ii) take a decision on the voluntary delisting proposal submitted by the Promoter Acquirers vide the Letter.
- 1.9. The Board, in its meeting held on December 16, 2020, took the following decisions:
 - (a) The Board took on record the Due Diligence Report,
 - (b) The Board certified that: (i) The Company is in compliance with the applicable provisions of securities laws; (ii) The Promoter group and their related entities are in compliance with sub-regulation (5) of Regulation 4 of the Delisting Regulations; and (iii) the Delisting Offer is in the interest of the shareholders.
 - (c) The Board approved the Delisting Offer in terms of Regulation 8(1)(a) of the Delisting Regulations subject to approval of the shareholders of the Company through a postal ballot in accordance with the Delisting Regulations and subject to any other requirement under applicable laws, including any conditions as may be prescribed or imposed by any authority while granting any approvals.
 - (d) The Board accepted and took on record the certificate provided by Systematix Corporate Services Limited, Category I, Merchant Banker, which sets out the Floor Price of the Delisting Offer to be Rs. 15.50 per Equity Share ("Indicative Offer Price").
- 1.10. The outcome of the Board meeting was notified to the Stock Exchange on the same day.
- 1.11. A copy of Notice dated December 16, 2020 (the "Notice") is sent to the public shareholders to obtain their approval in accordance with the provisions of the Postal Ballot and the Delisting Regulations.
- 1.12. The shareholders of the Company have passed a special resolution through postal ballot, the result of which was declared on January 25, 2021, approving the Delisting Offer in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the Delisting Regulations and other applicable laws. The Company has notified the result of postal ballot to the Stock Exchange on January 25, 2021. The votes cast by the Public Shareholders in favour of the Delisting Offer were 2,77,739 which are more than thrice the number of votes cast by the Public Shareholders against the Delisting Offer, being 0.
- 1.13. The BSE has issued its in-principle approval to the Delisting Offer subject to compliance with the Delisting Regulations, vide their letter dated March 09, 2021.
- 1.14. This Public Announcement (PA) is being issued in the following newspapers as required under the Delisting Regulations:

Newspaper	Language	Editions
The Financial Express	English	All India
Jansatta	Hindi	All India
Pratahakal	Marathi	Mumbai

- 1.15. Any changes, modifications or amendments to this Public Announcement or the Delisting Offer, if any will be notified by way of issuing corrigendum in all of the aforesaid newspapers.
- 1.16. The Delisting Offer is subject to the acceptance of the Discovered Price or offer of an Exit Price higher than the Discovered Price calculated in accordance with the Delisting Regulations by the Promoter Acquirers. The Promoter Acquirers and Promoter may also, at their sole and absolute discretion, propose: (a) a price higher than the Discovered Price for the purposes of the Delisting Offer; or (b) a price which is lower than the Discovered Price but not less than the book value of the Company as certified by the merchant banker in terms of Regulation 16(1A) of the Delisting Regulations ("Counter Offer Price"). The "Exit Price" shall be: (i) the Discovered Price, if accepted by the Promoter Acquirers; or (ii) a price higher than the Discovered Price, if offered by the Promoter Acquirers at its absolute discretion; or (iii) the Counter Offer Price offered by the Promoter Acquirers at its discretion which, pursuant to acceptance and/or rejection by the Public Shareholders, results in the cumulative shareholding of the Promoter Acquirers, Promoter and the members of the promoter group reaching 90% of the equity share capital of the Company.

2. NECESSITY AND OBJECTIVE FOR DELISTING

- 2.1. Following are the main objectives of the Delisting Offer specified by the Promoters in the Letter:
 - a) The main objective of the Delisting Proposal is to obtain full ownership of the Company by the Promoter & Promoter Group which will in turn provide increased financial flexibility to support the Company's business and financial needs, including but not limited to exploring new financing structures including financial support from the Promoter Group.
 - b) The Delisting Proposal will help in cost savings and allow the management to dedicate more time and focus on the Company's business;
 - c) The Delisting Proposal will provide the Public Shareholders an opportunity to realize immediate and certain value for their Equity Shares at a time of depressed market conditions on account of COVID-19; and
 - d) The Delisting Proposal will provide Public Shareholders an opportunity to exit/liquidate/realise certain value for their Equity shares as otherwise the trading volume of the Equity Shares is very thin over the recognised stock exchange.

3. BACKGROUND OF THE PROMOTER ACQUIRERS AND THE PROMOTER GROUP

3.1. Remi Securities Limited ("Promoter Acquirer 1")

- i. Remi Securities Limited, originally incorporated as "Balaji Investments Limited" as a Public Limited company under the Companies Act, 1956 vide Certificate of Incorporation dated June 16, 1973 and Certificate of Commencement of Business dated September 11, 1973, issued by Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra. Subsequently, name of the Company was changed to "Remi Securities Limited" vide fresh certificate of incorporation dated August 18, 1992 issued by Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra. The CIN of the Promoter Acquirer 1 is L65990MH1973PLC016601.
- ii. The registered office of the Promoter Acquirer 1 is situated at Plot No.11, Cama Industrial Estate, Goregaon (East), Mumbai-400063, Maharashtra, India. Tel. No.: +91-22- 40589888; Fax No.: +91-22-26852335 Email: rs_igrd@remigroup.com; Website: www.remigroup.com.
- iii. The Promoter Acquirer 1 is registered with the Reserve Bank of India as Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC). The Company is having a Certificate of Registration issued by the Reserve Bank of India under section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The Company is classified as Loan and Investment Company (Non-Accepting Deposits).
- iv. The Equity Shares of the Promoter Acquirer 1 are currently listed on the BSE having a Scrip Code as 511149 and Symbol as REMITR respectively. The ISIN of Equity Shares of the Promoter Acquirer 1 is INE592J01019. The Equity Shares of the Promoter Acquirer 1 are currently not suspended from trading on the Stock Exchange. The equity shares of the Promoter Acquirer 1 are frequently traded within the meaning of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations.
- v. Details of the Promoters of the Promoter Acquirer 1 as on December 31, 2020 is given below:

Name of shareholder	Total no. shares held	Shareholding as a % of total no. of shares
Bajrang Finance Limited	3,40,250	17.01
K K Fincorp Limited	3,94,900	19.75
Remi Finance and Investment Private Limited	40,400	2.02
Rajendra Finance Private Limited	30,400	1.52
Remi Sales and Engineering Limited	1,72,550	8.63
Total	9,78,500	48.93

vi. Shareholding Pattern of the Promoter Acquirer 1 as on December 31, 2020:

No.	Category	No. of equity shares held	% of Total Equity Share and Voting Capital
1	Promoters	9,78,500	48.93
2	Public	10,21,500	51.08
Total Paid-Up Capital		20,00,000	100.00

vii. Names and Details of the Promoter Acquirer 1's Directors:

No.	Name	Designation	DIN	Date of appointment
1.	Sanjay Maheshwari	Whole-Time Director & Chief Financial Officer	00168911	14/08/2017
2.	Pramod Chiranjilal Jalan	Director	00087437	01/03/2008
3.	Bhagirath Singh	Independent Director	00155407	08/02/2003
4.	Anita Vinod Bhartiya	Independent Director	01579145	14/08/2014

viii. Key Financial Information of the Promoter Acquirer 1

The key financial information of the Promoter Acquirer 1 based on financials as at and for the half yearly period ended September 30, 2020 and the year ended March 31, 2020, March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018 are as follows:

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Name	For the half year period ended Sept 30, 2020	For the year ended March 31, 2020	For the year ended March 31, 2019	For the year ended March 31, 2018
Limited Reviewed	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Profit & Loss Account				
Total Income				
26.24				
Profit/(Loss) Before Tax				
18.09				
Profit/(Loss) After Tax				
17.58				
Other Comprehensive Income				
134.58				
Total Comprehensive Income				
152.16				
Balance Sheet				
Paid up Share Capital				
200.00				
Reserves and Surplus				
1448.79				
Net worth/Total Equity				
1648.79				
Total Liabilities				
6.30				
Total Liabilities and Equity				
1655.09				
Total Assets				
1655.09				

ix. As on the date of this PA, the Promoter Acquirer 3 holds 97,000 Equity Shares representing 17.01% of the equity share capital of the Company.

x. Except as mentioned below none of the directors of Promoter Acquirer 3 hold shares in the Target Company

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Date	High*	Date of High	Number of Equity Shares traded on that date	Low*	Date of Low	Number of Equity Shares traded on that date	Average Price*	Total Volume of Equity Shares traded in the period (No. of Equity Shares)
Preceding 3 years								
April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020			No trading					
April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019			No trading					
April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018			No trading					
Preceding six months								
February 01, 2021 to February 28, 2021			No trading					
January 01, 2021 to January 31, 2021			No trading					
December 01, 2020 to December 31, 2020			No trading					
November 01, 2020 to November 30, 2020			No trading					
October 01, 2020 to October 31, 2020			No trading					
September 01, 2020 to September 30, 2020	17.00	11-Sep-20	2,500	16.20	04-Sep-20	2,500	16.60	83,000

Source: www.bseindia.com

*High and Low price for the period are based on intraday prices and Average Price is based on average of closing prices

12. DETERMINATION OF THE FLOOR PRICE

- 12.1. The Promoter Acquirers proposes to acquire the Equity Shares from the Public Shareholders pursuant to a reverse book-building process established in terms of Schedule II of the Delisting Regulation.
- 12.2. The Equity Shares of the Company are currently listed and traded at BSE only. The Scrip Code and the Security ID of the company are "504360" and "REMINIS" respectively.
- 12.3. The annualized trading turnover based on the trading volume of the Equity Shares at BSE during the period from November 01, 2019 to October 31, 2020 (twelve calendar months preceding the calendar month of the Relevant Date (defined below) is as under:

Stock Exchange	Total Traded Volumes from November 01, 2019 to October 31, 2020	Total number of equity shares outstanding as at October 31, 2020	Annualized trading turnover (%)
BSE	83,000	5,70,200	14.56

Source: www.bseindia.com

12.4. The Equity Shares of the Company are frequently traded on BSE as per the definition of 'frequently traded shares' set out in Regulation 2(1)(j) of the Takeover Regulations.

12.5. Regulation 15(2) of the Delisting Regulations provides that the floor price shall be determined in terms of Regulation 8 of the Takeover Regulations. As per the Explanation to Regulation 15(2) of the Delisting Regulations, the reference date for computing the floor price would be the date on which the recognized stock exchanges were notified of the board meeting in which the delisting proposal would be considered, i.e., November 23, 2020 ("Relevant Date").

12.6. Based on the above, the Equity Shares of the Company are frequently traded in accordance with the Takeover Regulations. Hence in terms of Regulation 8 of the Takeover Regulations, the floor price shall be the higher of the following:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Rs. per Share
(ii)	The highest negotiated price per Equity Share of the Company for any acquisition under the agreement attracting the obligation to make a public announcement of an open offer	Not Applicable
(ii)	The volume weighted average price paid or payable for acquisitions, whether by the Promoter or by any person acting in concert with him, during the fifty-two weeks immediately preceding the Relevant Date	Not Applicable
(iii)	The highest price paid or payable for any acquisition, whether by the Promoter or by any person acting in concert with him, during the twenty six weeks immediately preceding the Relevant Date	Not Applicable
(iv)	The volume-weighted average market price of such Equity Shares for a period of sixty trading days immediately preceding the Relevant Date, as traded on the stock exchange where the maximum volume of trading in the Equity Shares of the Company are recorded during such period	Rs. 15.50
(v)	The per Equity Share value computed under Regulation 8(5) of the Takeover Regulations, if applicable	Not Applicable

12.7. The Company on December 16, 2020, received a certificate from Systematix Corporate Services Limited, certifying the Floor Price for the Delisting Offer to be Rs. 15.50 computed in accordance with the Delisting Regulations. The Floor Price was notified to the Stock Exchange as part of the outcome of the Board meeting dated December 16, 2020.

13. DETERMINATION OF THE DISCOVERED / EXIT PRICE

- 13.1. The Promoter Acquirers proposes to acquire the Offer Shares pursuant to a book-building process through acquisition window facility, i.e. separate acquisition window in form of web based bidding platform provided by the BSE, in accordance with the stock exchange mechanism ('the Acquisition Window Facility' or 'Offer to Buy (OTB)', conducted in accordance with the terms of the Delisting Regulations.
- 13.2. All Public Shareholders can tender their Offer Shares during the Bid Period.

13.3. The minimum price per Offer Share payable by the Promoter Acquirers shall be determined in accordance with the Delisting Regulations, will be the price at which the shareholding of the Promoter Group reaches 90% pursuant to acquisition under RBBP through 'Acquisition Window Facility' or 'Offer to Buy (OTB)' conducted in the manner specified in Schedule II of the Delisting Regulations ('Discovered Price') which shall not be lower than the Floor Price.

13.4. The Promoter Acquirers are under no obligation to accept the Discovered Price. The Promoter Acquirers may at their discretion, acquire the Equity Shares at the Discovered Price, or offer a price higher than the Discovered Price, (at their absolute discretion); or make a counter offer at the Counter Offer Price in accordance with the Delisting Regulations. The 'Exit Price' shall be: (i) the Discovered Price, if accepted by the Promoter Acquirers; or (ii) a price higher than the Discovered Price, if offered by the Promoter Acquirers at their absolute discretion; or (iii) the Counter Offer Price offered by the Promoter Acquirers at their discretion which, pursuant to acceptance and/or rejection by the Public Shareholders, results in the cumulative shareholding of the Promoter Acquirers and other members of the promoter group reaching 90% of the equity share capital of the Company.

13.5. The Promoter Acquirers shall announce the Discovered Price and their decision to accept or reject the Discovered Price or make a counter offer. If accepted, the Promoter Acquirers shall also announce the Exit Price, as applicable, in the same newspaper in which the Public Announcement appears in accordance with the schedule of activities.

13.6. Once the Promoter Acquirers announce the Exit Price, the Promoter Acquirers will acquire, subject to the terms and conditions of this Public Announcement and this Letter of Offer including but not limited to fulfillment of the conditions mentioned in paragraph 14 below, all the Equity Shares validly tendered up to and equal to the Exit Price for a cash consideration equal to the Exit Price for each Equity Share tendered. The Promoter Acquirers will not accept Equity Shares tendered at a price that exceeds the Exit Price.

13.7. If the Promoter Acquirers do not accept the Discovered Price then subject to circulars or notifications issued by SEBI with respect to the process provided under Regulation 16(1A) of the Delisting Regulations, the Promoter Acquirers may, at their sole discretion, make a counter offer to the Public Shareholders within 2 working days of the determination of the Discovered Price, in the manner specified by the SEBI.

13.8. If the Promoter Acquirers does not accept the Discovered Price and do not make counter offer to the Public Shareholders in terms of Regulation 16(1A) of the Delisting Regulations, or the Delisting Offer fails in terms of Regulation 17 of the Delisting Regulations:

- i. the Promoter Acquirers will have no right or obligation to acquire any Equity Shares tendered pursuant to the Delisting Offer;
- ii. the Equity Shares tendered by a Public Shareholder shall be returned or the lien on the Equity Shares will be released to such Public Shareholder within 10 (ten) working days from the Bid Closing Date in terms of the schedule of activities set out herein;
- iii. no final application shall be made to the Stock Exchanges for delisting of the Equity Shares;
- iv. The Escrow Account opened in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Delisting Regulations shall be closed and the Escrow Amount shall be released.

14. MINIMUM ACCEPTANCE AND SUCCESS CONDITIONS TO THE DELISTING OFFER

The acquisition of Equity Shares by the Promoter Acquirers and the delisting of the Company pursuant to the Offer are conditional upon:

- 14.1. The Promoter Acquirers, in their sole and absolute discretion, either accepting the Discovered Price or offer a price higher than the Discovered Price or offering a Counter Offer Price which, pursuant to acceptance and/or rejection by Public Shareholders, results in the shareholding of Promoter Acquirers along with the members of the promoter group of the Company reaching 90% of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company. It may be noted that notwithstanding anything contained in this Public Announcement and the Letter of Offer, the Promoter Acquirers reserve the right to accept or reject the Discovered Price if it is higher than the Floor Price;

14.2. A minimum number of 2,31,380 Offer Shares being tendered at or below the Exit Price, or such other higher number of shares prior to the closure of bidding period i.e. on the Bid Closing Date so as to cause the cumulative number of the Equity Shares held by the Promoter as on date of this PA taken together with the Equity Shares acquired by the Promoter Acquirers under the Delisting Offer to be equal to or in excess of 5,13,180 Equity Shares or such higher number of the Equity Shares constituting 90% of the equity share capital of the Company ("Minimum Acceptance Condition");

14.3. A minimum number of 5 Public Shareholders (25% of number of Public Shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form as on December 16, 2020) participate in the reverse book building process, in accordance with Regulation 17(b) of the Delisting Regulations, provided that if the Promoter Acquirers along with the Manager to the Offer demonstrate to the Stock Exchanges that they have delivered the Letter of Offer to all the Public Shareholders either through registered post or speed post or courier or hand delivery with proof of delivery or through email as a text or as an attachment to email or as a notification providing electronic link or uniform resource locator including a read receipt ("LoF Delivery Requirement"), then the mandatory participation of aforementioned number of Public Shareholders is not applicable. Pursuant to Explanation I to Regulation 17(1)(b) of the Delisting Regulations, the LoF Delivery Requirement is deemed to have been complied with if: (a) the Promoter Acquirers or the Manager to the Offer dispatches the Letter of Offer to all the Public Shareholders of the Company by registered post or speed post through the India Post and is able to provide a detailed account regarding the status of delivery of the Letter of Offer (whether delivered or not) sent through India Post; and (b) efforts have been made by the Promoter Acquirers and the Promoter or the Manager to the Offer to dispatch the Letter of Offer by speed post or registered post of India Post to those Public Shareholders to whom the delivery of the Letter of Offer has not been possible by modes other than speed post or registered post of India Post, provided that the Promoter Acquirers and the Promoter or the Manager to the Offer are able to provide a detailed account regarding the status of delivery of the Letter of Offer (whether delivered or not) sent through India Post;

14.4. The Promoter Acquirers obtaining all requisite regulatory approvals in accordance with paragraph 22 of this PA and meeting the conditions set out in Regulation 17 of the Delisting Regulations; and

14.5. There being no amendments to the Delisting Regulations or any applicable laws or regulations or conditions imposed by any regulatory or statutory authority/body or order from a court or competent authority which would in sole opinion of the Promoter Acquirers prejudice the Promoter Acquirers in proceeding with the Delisting Offer. Provided that withdrawal on this count shall be subject to receipt of regulatory approval, if any required for the same.

15. ACQUISITION WINDOW FACILITY OR OFFER TO BUY (OTB)

- 15.1. Pursuant to the Delisting Regulations, the Promoter Acquirers are required to facilitate tendering of the Equity Shares by the Public Shareholders of the Company and the settlement of the same, through the stock exchange mechanism provided by SEBI. SEBI vide its circular dated April 13, 2015 on 'Mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange' pursuant to Tender Offers under Takeovers, Buy Back and Delisting' (the 'SEBI Circular') sets out the procedure for tendering and settlement of Equity Shares through the Stock Exchange ('the Stock Exchange Mechanism').

15.2. Further, it provides that the Stock Exchange shall take necessary steps and put in place the necessary infrastructure and systems for implementation of the stock-exchange mechanism and to ensure compliance with requirements of the SEBI Circular. Pursuant to the SEBI Circular, the BSE has issued guidelines detailing the mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange.

15.3. As per the SEBI Circular, the Promoter Acquirers has chosen Acquisition Window Facility provided by the BSE which is the only stock exchange where Equity Shares of the Company are listed ("Designated Stock Exchange").

15.4. The Promoter Acquirers have appointed the following as its broker for the Delisting Offer through whom the purchase and settlement of the Offer Shares tendered in the Delisting Offer will be made the Buyer Brokers;

SYSTEMATIX GROUP**Investments Re-defined**

Systematix Shares and Stocks (India) Limited
 The Capital, A-Wing, No. 603-606, 6th Floor,
 Plot No. C-70, G-Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East),
 Mumbai 400 051, Maharashtra, India
 Telephone: +91-22-6704 8000
 Fax: +91-22-6704 8029
 Email: compliance@systematixgroup.in
 Contact Person: Mr. Rajkumar Gupta
 Website : www.systematixgroup.in
 SEBI Registration Number: INZ000171134
 Validity Period: Permanent

15.5. The cumulative quantity tendered shall be displayed on website of the BSE at specific intervals during Bid Period.

16. DATES OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF BID PERIOD

- 16.1. All the Public Shareholders holding the Equity Shares are eligible to participate in the reverse book-building process, by tendering whole or part of the Equity Shares held by them through the Acquisition Window Facility at or above the Floor Price. The period during which the Public Shareholders may tender their Equity Shares, pursuant to Stock Exchange Mechanism, shall commence on the Bid Opening Date i.e. Monday March 22, 2021 and close on the Bid Closing Date i.e. Friday March 26, 2021 during normal trading hours of the secondary market. During the Bid Period, Bids will be placed in the Acquisition Window Facility by the Public Shareholders through their respective stock brokers registered with the Stock Exchanges during normal trading hours of secondary market on or before the Bid Closing Date. Any change in the Bid Period will be notified by way of an addendum/corrigendum in the newspapers in which the Public Announcement has appeared.
- 16.2. The Public Shareholders should note that the Bids are required to be uploaded in the Acquisition Window Facility or before the Bid Closing Date for being eligible for participation in the Delisting Offer. Bids not uploaded in the Acquisition Window Facility will not be considered for delisting purposes and will be rejected.
- 16.3. The Public Shareholders should submit their Bids through stock brokers registered with the Stock Exchanges. Thus, Public Shareholders should not send bids to Promoter Acquirers Manager to the Offer / Registrar to the Offer.
- 16.4. Bids received after close of trading hours on the Bid Closing Date will not be considered for the purpose of determining the Discovered Price payable for the Equity Shares by the Promoter pursuant to the book building process.

17. PROCEDURE FOR TENDERING AND SETTLEMENT OF SHARES THROUGH STOCK EXCHANGE

- 17.1. The Letter of Offer is being dispatched to the Public Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company and to the owner of the Equity Shares whose names appear as beneficiaries on the records of the respective depositories at the close of business hours on the Specified Date i.e. March 09, 2021. In the event of accidental omission to dispatch the Letter of Offer or non-receipt of the Letter of Offer by any Public Shareholder or any Public Shareholder who has bought the Equity Shares after Specified Date, they may obtain a copy of Letter of Offer by writing to the Registrar to the Offer at their address given in paragraph 9, clearly marking the 'Remi Sales and Engineering Limited - Delisting Offer'.

17.2. Alternatively, the Public Shareholders may obtain copies of Letter of Offer from the website of the BSE (www.bseindia.com) and the website of the Company (www.remidgroup.com).

17.3. For further details, please refer to paragraph 21 of this PA.

17.4. The Delisting Offer is open to all the Public Shareholders holding the Equity Shares either in physical and / or in demat form.

17.5. During the Bid Period, the Bids will be placed in the Acquisition Window Facility by the Public Shareholders through their respective Seller Members during normal trading hours of the secondary market.

17.6. Procedure to be followed by the Public Shareholders holding the Equity Shares in dematerialized form:

- i. The Public Shareholders who desire to tender their Equity Shares in the electronic form under the Delisting Offer would have to do so through their respective Seller Member by indicating to their Seller Member the details of the Equity Shares they intend to tender under the Delisting Offer ("Tendered Shares").
- ii. The Seller Member shall then transfer the Tendered Shares by using the settlement number and the procedure prescribed by the Clearing Corporation to a special escrow account created by the Clearing Corporation before placing the Bids and the same shall be validated at the time of order entry.
- iii. The details of settlement number shall be informed in the issue opening circular / notice that will be issued by the Stock Exchanges or the Clearing Corporation before the Bid Opening Date.
- iv. For Custodian Participant's orders for the demat Equity Shares early pay-in is mandatory prior to confirmation of order by the Custodian Participant. The Custodian Participant shall either confirm or reject the orders not later than the closing of trading hours on the last day of the Bid Period. Thereafter, all unconfirmed orders shall be deemed to be rejected. For all confirmed Custodian Participant orders, if there is any order modification, then it shall revoke the previous Custodian Participant's confirmation and the revised order shall be sent to the Custodian Participant again for its confirmation.
- v. Upon placing the Bid, a Seller Member shall provide a TRS generated by the exchange bidding system to the Public Shareholder. The TRS will contain the details of order submitted like Bid ID No., DP ID, Client ID, No. of the Equity Shares tendered and price at which the Bid was placed, etc.
- vi. Please note that submission of Bid Form and TRS is not mandatory required in case of equity shares held in dematerialized form.
- vii. The Clearing Corporation will hold in trust the Equity Shares until the Promoter Acquirers complete their obligations under the Delisting Offer in accordance with the Delisting Regulations.
- viii. The Public Shareholders will have to ensure that they keep the DP account active and unblocked to receive credit in case of return of Equity Shares due to rejection. Further, Public Shareholders will have to ensure that they keep the saving account attached

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M)-II
WAZIRABAD WATER WORKS, TIMARPUR, DELHI-110054
PRESS NIT No- 20 (2020-21)/EE(E&M)-II

NIT No	Name of work	Estimate Cost	Ernest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of Tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/ Time receipt of Tender through e-procurement solution
20- Operation and minor maintenance for 88 No. Tube Wells (old) and 4 Nos. Ranney Wells at Palla Area	Job Work	285500/-		Tender Id: 2021_DJB_201083_1 Publish Date 06-Mar-2021 02:30 PM onward	20-Mar-2021 upto 12:15 PM

NIT along with all terms & conditions is available on DJB website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
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 Advt. No. J.S.V. 480/2020-21

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF HARYANA

Mahendergarh - 123031 (Haryana)

DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of one **Junior Research Fellow (JRF)** under SERB-DST funded project entitled "**Elucidating the role of superoxide-dismutase (SOD) and other accessory constituents of the Mycobacterial Respiratory chain Supercomplex III-IV**" on purely temporary basis. The application should reach the undersigned by March 31st, 2021. For more information and any updates please visit www.cuh.ac.in

 Dr. Ram Gopal Nitharwal
 Principal Investigator

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Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited

Regd. Office: 162 Wellesley Road, Pune 411 001

CIN: L24119PN1951PLC008409

Email: lsc@sudarshan.com Website: www.sudarshan.com

Tel.: +91 20 68281200 Fax: +91 20 26058222

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the following Share Certificate(s) of our Company has/have been reported to be lost/ misplaced/ stolen:

Share Certificate No.	No of Equity Shares	Distinctive Numbers	Name of the Registered Shareholder(s)
957	115	883611 - 883725	Dilip S. Dahanukar
12990	115	35497236 - 35497350	

Shareholder(s) of these Shares has / have applied to the Company for issue of Duplicate Share Certificate(s). Any person(s) who has / have any claim in respect of the above should lodge his/her/their claim at the Registered Office of the Company within 15 days from the date hereof. In the absence of any such claim, the Duplicate Share Certificate(s) shall be issued to the abovementioned Shareholder(s) after the expiry of the stipulated time and no further claim shall be entertained thereafter. The public is hereby cautioned against dealing in any way with these Shares.

For Sudarshan Chemical Industries Limited

Date : 09/03/2021

Mandar Velankar

Place : Pune

DGM Legal and Company Secretary

EXIT OFFER PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO SEBI CIRCULAR NO. SEBI/HO/MRD/DSA/CIR/P/2016/110 DATED OCTOBER 10, 2016 FOR PRAKASH OILS LIMITED

CIN: L15141MP1986PLC003579

Registered Office: Village -Kheda Pithampur Dist Dhar, Madhya Pradesh 454 775, India.

Tel: +91 7292 42 16 16, +91 7292 40 15 00, Fax No: +91 7292 42 16 31;

 Email: prakasholsitl@gmail.com Website: www.prajkashols.com
FOR THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS OF PRAKASH OILS LIMITED

This Exit Offer Public Announcement ("PA") is being issued by Mr. Anandram Chothwani (the "Acquirer") for and on behalf of all Promoters & Promoter group of Prakash Oils Limited ("POL" or "the Company"). POL was listed on the Calcutta Stock Exchange Limited ("CSE") and Ahmedabad Stock Exchange Limited ("ASE") (Collectively hereinafter refer as "Stock Exchanges"), which have been categorized as non-operational by Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). Consequently, the Company was moved to the Dissemination Board ("DB") of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"). As per para (i) of Annexure I of SEBI vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/MRD/DSA/CIR/P/2016/110 dated October 10, 2016 ("SEBI Circular"), the Company has appointed CapitalSquare Advisors Private Limited, a Category I Merchant Banker registered with SEBI and empanelled as an expert Valuer on the BSE and NSE ("Independent Valuer") for valuation of Equity share of the Company and other related services. The said Independent Valuer, after taking into account the applicable valuation methodologies, has issued its report dated February 17, 2021 and determined the fair value of Equity share of the Company at Rs. (13.31/-) (Negative Thirteen and Thirty One Paisa Only) per share.

BACKGROUND OF THE COMPANY
1) Name and registered Office

Name of the Company	Prakash Oils Limited
CIN	L15141MP1986PLC003579
Registration Number	003579
Date of Incorporation	September 12, 1986
Registered Office	Village -Kheda Pithampur Dist Dhar, Madhya Pradesh 454 775, India.

2) Share Capital

As on the date of this exit offer PA, Share Capital of POL is as follow:

Particulars	No. of Equity Shares (Face Value of ₹10/- each)	Total Amount (₹)
Authorised Share Capital	75,00,000	7,50,00,000
Issued, Subscribe and paid up Equity Share Capital	67,07,200	6,70,72,000

3) Shareholding pattern

As on the date of this exit offer PA, the Shareholding pattern of POL is as follow:

Particulars	No. of Equity Shares	No. of Shareholders	% of Equity Share Capital
Promoters/Acquirers/other entities in promoter group	34,85,913	2	51.97%
Public Shareholders	32,21,287	579	48.03%
Total	67,07,200	581	100.00%

4) Financial Summary

A brief financial summary of the Company (audited) for the last three financial years ended March 31, 2020; March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018 are as under:

Particulars	31 st March, 2020	31 st March, 2019	31 st March, 2018
Paid up Equity Share Capital	67.07	67.07	67.07
Reserve & Surplus	(1,563.36)	(813.03)	2,797.45
Net Worth	(892.64)	(142.30)	3,468.17
Total Revenue	1,624.52	28,578.86	23,399.26
Profit (Loss) After Tax	(750.33)	(3,610.47)	37.18
EPS (in ₹)	(11)	(54)	1

As per para (ii) of Annexure I of SEBI Circular states that in case the fair value of Equity Shares determined by Independent Valuer is positive, the promoter of the company shall acquire the share from the public shareholders by paying them such value as determined by Independent Valuer.

In present case, the fair value determined by Independent Valuer being Negative, the Acquirer will not acquire any shares from the Public Shareholders with no liability to make any payment to public Shareholders.

In view of the above, the Company will be making application to NSE requesting it to remove the name of the Company from its Dissemination Board. Further the Company and its promoter undertake to redress all the grievances of the public shareholders, if any.

This Exit offer PA is expected to be available at the website of NSE at www.nseindia.com and on the website of Independent Valuer at www.capitalsquare.in.

Sd/-
 Mr. Anandram Chothwani
 (for and on behalf of all Promoters & Promoter
 Prakash Oils Limited)

NMDC Limited

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

'Khanj' Bhavan', 10-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028

CIN:L13100TG1958GOI001674.

CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No: HO/(Contracts)/NISOP/O&M/CHSGP Dated: 10.03.2021

NMDC Limited, "NAVARTANA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from experienced domestic bidders for "Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of Cast House, Tuyere Platform & SGP Area for a period of 2 Years for 3.0 MTPA Integrated Steel Plant at Nagarnar near Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh". The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from NMDC website <http://www.nmdc.co.in>, Central Public Procurement portal (CPP PORTAL) <http://www.eprocure.gov.in> and MSTC portal <http://www.mstcecommerce.co.in> from 10.03.2021 to 31.03.2021.

For Accessing the Bid document from NMDC website, the bidder has to register as 'New User' in Bid section at NMDC's website link <http://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender/default.aspx>. For accessing the Bid documents from Central Procurement Portal www.eprocure.gov.in, the Tenderer has to click on "Latest active Tenders".

For accessing the bid document from MSTC, bidders to visit website [link-\[http://www.mstcecommerce.co.in/eprocurement/bidder_login.jsp\]\(http://www.mstcecommerce.co.in/eprocurement/bidder_login.jsp\)](http://www.mstcecommerce.co.in/eprocurement/bidder_login.jsp) and search Tender Event No. NMDC/HO/114/20-21/ET/822. Bidders are requested to register as 'New Vendor' for downloading the tender document. For further help refer to 'Vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids through online mode and details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website/ CPP Portal/MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, CGM(Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad can be contacted through Fax No. +91-040-23534746, Tel No. +91-040-23532800, email: steelcontracts@nmdc.co.in

Chief General Manager (Contracts)

Phone No.: 011-41222500 (P&S, Area-II)

ED (P&S, Area-II)

Phone No.: 011-41222500

Authorised Signatory

 For Baroda Asset Management India Limited
 (Investment Manager to Baroda Mutual Fund)

 Sd/-
 Authorised Signatory

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

 For further details, kindly contact:
 Baroda Asset Management India Limited
 CIN : U65991MH1992PLC069414

501, Titanium, 5th Floor, Western Express Highway, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400 063.

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E-Tender Notice

DAHOD SMART CITY DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

Dahod Smart City Development Limited (DSCDL) invites online E-Tenders " Design, Supply,

Installation, Testing (SITC), Operation & Maintenance of Instrumentation & Smart Water

SCADA System for Existing Filtration Plant, Bulk Water Supply & Distribution Network for

Dahod Smart City Development Limited." Tender ID: 450860

Estimated Cost (In Rs.) Rs. 7.7 Cr-/

EMD (In Rs.) Rs.38,00,000/-

Tender Fee (In Rs.) Rs. 18,000/-

Last Date for online Submission of Tender Document Date/Time 01/04/2021 upto 17.00 Hrs

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: (1) The tender document for this work can be downloaded from website <



ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited
Corporate Identity Number: U99999DL1993PLC054135

Registered Office: 12th Floor, Narain Manzil, 23, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi - 110 001.
Corporate Office: One BKC, 13th Floor, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai - 400 051.
Tel.: +91 22 2652 5000, Fax: +91 22 2652 8100, Website: www.iciciprufm.com,
Email id: enquiry@iciciprufm.com

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

Notice to the Investors/Unit holders of ICICI Prudential Long Term Equity Fund (Tax Saving) (the Scheme)

Notice is hereby given that ICICI Prudential Trust Limited, Trustee to ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has approved declaration of the following dividend under the dividend option of the Scheme, subject to availability of distributable surplus on the record date i.e. on March 15, 2021*:

Name of the Scheme/Plans	Dividend (₹ per unit) (Face value of ₹ 10/- each)\$#	NAV as on March 8, 2021 (₹ Per unit)
ICICI Prudential Long Term Equity Fund (Tax Saving)		
Dividend	0.70	22.01
Direct Plan - Dividend	0.70	33.46

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

Subject to deduction of applicable statutory levy.

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

Dividend will be paid to all the unit holders/beneficial owners whose names appear in the register of unit holders/Statement of beneficial owners maintained by the Depositories, as applicable under the dividend option of the Scheme, at the close of business hours on the record date.

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

For ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited

Sd/-

Authorised Signatory

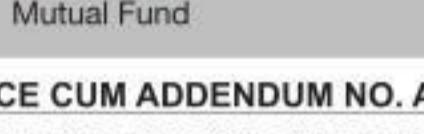
Place : Mumbai
Date : March 9, 2021
No. 004/03/2021

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

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

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

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

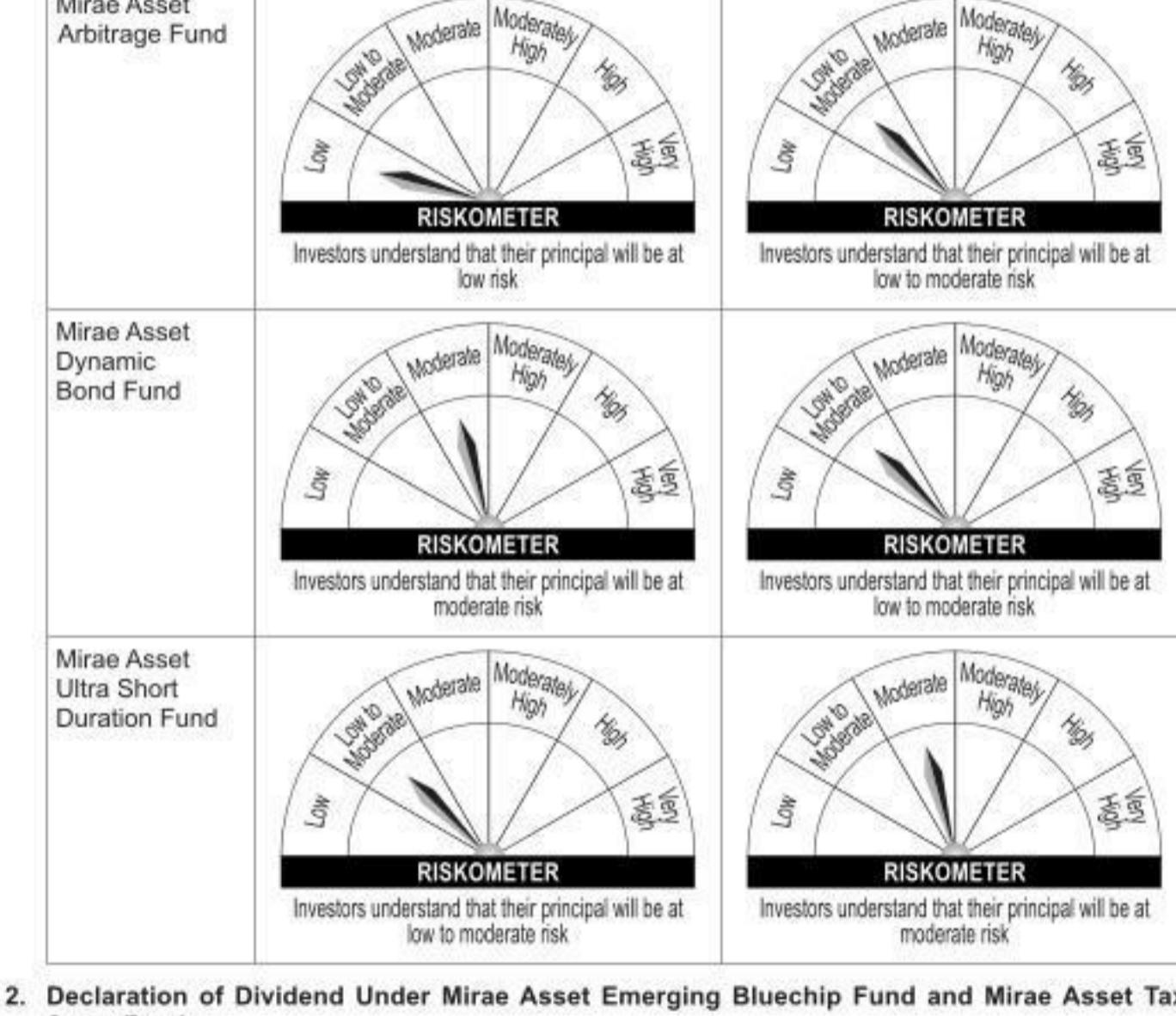


NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM NO. AD/4/2021

THIS NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM SETS OUT THE CHANGES TO BE MADE IN THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SAI), SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT ("SID") AND KEY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ("KIM") OF SCHEMES OF MIRAE ASSET MUTUAL FUND ("MAMF")

1. Change in Risk-o-meter of various schemes of MAMF

NOTICE is hereby given to the investors/unitholders that in accordance with SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF3/CIR/P/2020/197 dated October 05, 2020, there shall be a change in the risk-o-meter of below mentioned schemes of MAMF based on the portfolio of February 28, 2021:



2. Declaration of Dividend Under Mirae Asset Emerging Bluechip Fund and Mirae Asset Tax Saver Fund

NOTICE is hereby given that Mirae Asset Trustee Company Pvt. Ltd., Trustees to MAMF have approved declaration of dividend under Mirae Asset Emerging Bluechip Fund (An Open ended Equity Fund) and Mirae Asset Tax Saver Fund as under (An open ended equity linked saving scheme with a 3 year lock-in period).

Scheme / Plan / Option	Quantum of Dividend ** (₹ per unit)	NAV of Dividend option as on March 08, 2021 (₹ per unit)	Record Date*	Face Value (₹ Per Unit)
Mirae Asset Emerging Bluechip Fund - Regular Plan - Dividend Option	3.25	40.372		
Mirae Asset Emerging Bluechip Fund - Direct Plan - Dividend Option	5.25	66.313	Monday, March 15, 2021	10.00
Mirae Asset Tax Saver Fund - Regular Plan - Dividend Option	1.60	20.756		
Mirae Asset Tax Saver Fund - Direct Plan - Dividend Option	1.80	23.309		

* or the immediately following Business Day, if that day is not a Business day.

** subject to availability of distributable surplus as on the record date and as reduced by applicable statutory levy, if any.

Pursuant to the payment of dividend, the NAV of the Dividend Option of the above mentioned Plan of the Scheme(s) will fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy (if applicable).

Income distribution / dividend will be paid to those unitholders / beneficial owners whose names appear in the register of unit holders maintained by the Mutual Fund / statement of beneficial ownership maintained by the depositories, as applicable, under the dividend option of the aforesaid plan as on the record date.

Accordingly, SAI, SID and KIM of the schemes of MAMF stands amended suitably to reflect the changes as stated above.

This notice cum addendum forms an integral part of SAI, SIDs and KIMs of the Scheme(s) of MAMF, as amended from time to time. All the other terms and conditions of SIDs and KIMs of the Scheme(s) will remain unchanged.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of MIRAE ASSET INVESTMENT MANAGERS (INDIA) PVT. LTD. (Asset Management Company for Mirae Asset Mutual Fund)

Place : Mumbai
Date : March 09, 2021

Sd/-
AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

MIRAE ASSET MUTUAL FUND (Investment Manager: Mirae Asset Investment Managers (India) Private Limited) (CIN: U65990MH2019PTC324625). Registered & Corporate Office: 606, Windsor, Off CST Road, Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai - 400098. 1800 2090 777 (Toll free), customerscare@miraasset.com @ www.miraassetmf.co.in

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Govt summons British envoy over debate on farm Bills in UK Parliament

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, March 9

INDIA SUMMONED THE British High Commissioner on Tuesday and conveyed its strong opposition to the "unwarranted and tendentious" discussion on India's agricultural reforms in the British Parliament.

The ministry of external affairs said foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla (*pictured*) told the envoy that discussions in the British Parliament on India's agri reforms represented a gross interference in politics of another democratic country.

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Parliament," the MEA said in a statement.

"Foreign Secretary made clear that this represented a gross interference in the politics of another democratic country," it added.

It further said: "He advised that British MPs should refrain from practising vote bank politics by misrepresenting events, especially in relation to another fellow democracy."

UK unions to meet with Gupta's Liberty Steel after Greensill insolvency

REUTERS
London, March 9

TRADE UNIONS IN BRITAIN said they will meet with officials from British tycoon Sanjeev Gupta's (*pictured*) Liberty Steel on Tuesday to seek assurances about jobs after a major financial backer went into administration.



work with all stakeholders to find a solution." A source at another trade union confirmed that a meeting was set for Tuesday.

Greensill Capital filed for insolvency on Monday, its administrators said, days after losing investor funding and insurance coverage for its supply chain financing business.

Liberty is part of the GFG Alliance, a conglomerate owned by the family of Gupta and one of the biggest customers of Greensill Capital, a source familiar with the matter told Reuters.

Community trade union said it planned to ask Liberty about the future of the company and job security. "Sanjeev Gupta needs to tell us exactly what the administration means for Liberty's UK businesses and how plans to protect jobs," a statement said.

"The future of Liberty's strategic steel assets must be secured and we are ready to

work with all stakeholders to find a solution." A source at another trade union confirmed that a meeting was set for Tuesday.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following Share Certificate of AKZO NOBEL INDIA LIMITED having registered office at Geetanjali Apartment, 8B Middleton Street, Kolkata 700017, standing in the name of BHARAT SEVASHRAM SANGHA, have been lost and application for the issue of duplicate share certificates has been made to the Company.

FOLIO NO	CERTS NO	DIST NO	SHARE
BC 126	291426-291428	40441420-40441559	140
	226487-226488	32114983-32115067	85

Any objection regarding the above should be made within one month from the date 10.03.2021 thereof to the Company. Thereafter, the company will proceed for issue of duplicate Share certificates. The public is cautioned in dealing in the said shares.

FORM G INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS	
1. Name of the corporate debtor	Rajahmundry Godavari Bridge Limited
2. Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	19th August 2008
3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, Mumbai
4. Corporate Identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U45203MH2018PLC185941
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of the Corporate Debtor	Orbit Plaza Co-op Housing Society Limited, 5th floor Plot no. 952/954, New Prahladevi Road Mumbai City MH 400025 IN
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	27th February 2020 (Copy of order received by IRP on 3rd March 2020)
7. Date of initiation of expression of interest	Through newspaper advertisement published in all India editions of Financial Express and other regional newspapers on 21 October 2020. Thereafter, the process of inviting EOIs is being re-initiated by advertisement dated 10 March 2021. Details are also updated on Company website www.rgbtoll.com along with the EOI Process Document
8. Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	The eligibility criteria are set out in the detailed Expression of Interest document available on the website of the corporate debtor www.rgbtoll.com or Can be sought by sending an email to rp.gbt@rgbtoll.com
9. Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	Available at the website of IBI (http://ibbi.gov.in/legal-framework) or request by email to rp.rgbi@rgbtoll.com
10. Last date for receipt of expression of interest	25th March 2021
11. Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	28th March 2021
12. Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	2nd April 2021
13. Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	7th April 2021
14. Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	30th March 2021
15. Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	Will be shared in electronic form with the eligible prospective resolution applicants
16. Last date for submission of resolution plans	29th April 2021
17. Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	In a sealed envelope by post/hand as well as Digital Copy in a pen drive or via e-mail to Resolution Professional
18. Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	7th May 2021
19. Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Mr. Sanjay Mishra IBBI/PA-001IP-P01047/2017-2018/11730
20. Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Mr. Sanjay Mishra, Registered Address of IP with IBBI Dreams Complex, 4C-1605, LBS Marg, Near Railway Station, Bhandup West, Mumbai - 400076 Email: ipsanjaym

Notice is hereby given that share certificate of Goodyear India Limited, CIN no. L2511HR1961PLC008578, having its registered office at Mathura Road, Ballabgarh, Distt: Faridabad (Haryana), held in the name HASINA KHAUTOON (Deceased) bearing Folio No. 200815, Certificate No. 32926, 54099, 74391, 95561, 157221, 226642 bearing Dist. No 1755721 to 1755725, 2045225 to 2045232, 2453112 to 2453121, 2593122 to 2593144, 5394491 to 5394508 & 14636603 to 14636666 (Total - 128), has/have been lost or misplaced or stolen and a request for issuance of duplicate certificate in lieu thereof, has been lodged with the said company. Members of the public are informed that said company will consider issuing duplicate share certificate(s) if no objection is received at its above registered office within 15 days of this notice after which, no claim will be entertained by them.

Date : 09.03.2021

Name(s) of the shareholder(s)
IRFANA HAIDER (Claimant)
Rajendra Nagar, Road No - 8, Near Dr. Vinod Yadav,
Sampatkhak, Patna-800016

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT
REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE
AFFAIRS

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 13(4) OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 READ WITH
RULE 30(5)(a) OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014, AS
AMENDED

AND

IN THE MATTER OF ABANS COMMODITIES (I) PRIVATE LIMITED, HAVING ITS
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UP-208001.

PETITIONER

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Registered off : Flat No. 104, Munish Plaza 4637/20, Ansari Road Daryaganj, New Delhi-110 002

For and on behalf of Acme Deoghar Solar Power Private Limited

Sd/- Anil Chutani Director DIN : 07512981

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PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client Smt. Santosh W/o Sh. Devender Kumar Sharma R/o H.No.17-C, 17-D, Dayasar Road, Uttam Nagar West, Delhi-59 have severed all her relations & connections from her son namely Anup Sharma and his wife Sm. Shakti Sharma, due to their disobeying, misbehavior, and hereby disowned and debared them from all movable and immovable properties forever. Any person dealing with them shall do so at his/her risk and responsibility. In future my client will not be responsible for their act & deeds. **Daya Nand (Advocate) S.R.-II B, Janakpur, New Delhi-110058.**

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Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd.
Regd. Office : 13/1207, Ansari Road, Saharanpur - 247001 (U.P.)
Head Office : Fusion Square, Plot No. 5A & 5B, 2nd Floor, Sector 126, Noida-201303 (U.P.)
Branch Office : Bhoja Market, Shri Ram Palace, Sector 27, Noida -201301 (U.P.), Contact No: 9818445983.

In pursuance of Order of Recovery Officer-I of Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi, dated 14-12-2020. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Guarantor that the below described immovable property separately mortgaged to the Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd, Punjab National Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank, will be sold jointly as directed in the Order of Recovery Officer-I of Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Delhi, dated 14-12-2020 on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis on 14/04/2021, particulars of which are given below:-

Name of the Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable properties	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Date of Inspection of Immovable Properties
1.Sh. Umesh Kumar Garg (Proprietor) M/s Golden Food Loan A/c No:- 705700001800	24/09/2013 Rs. 1,78,44,173/-	Residential Plot, B-1/12, Block B-1, Rs. measuring 144.92 Sq. Mtrs at DLF Dilshad Ext-II, Bhopura, Ghaziabad North: Plot No. B-1/11 South: Plot No. B-1/13 East: Plot No. B-1/25 West: Road 40 Ft Wide	Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Only)	Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Only)	25/03/2021 1100 hrs - 1500 hrs 15/04/2021 1100 hrs - 1500 hrs

Last Date for Submission of Offers / EMD : 10/04/2021 till 3 pm.

Important Terms & Conditions of Sale:

- The property/documents can be inspected on the above given date and time with the Authorised Officer of Bank.
- Bid document/Form containing all the general terms and conditions of sale can be obtained from Authorised Officer on any working day during office hours at Bank's Branch Office mentioned herein above. The intending bidders should send their sealed bids on the prescribed Bid Form to Authorised Officer of Bank.
- Bid to be submitted in sealed envelope mentioning the Bid for Auction Residential Plot, B-1/12, Block B-1, measuring 144.92 Sq. Mtrs at DLF Dilshad Ext-II, Bhopura, Ghaziabad, and accompanied with EMD (being 25% of the Bid Amount) by Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd", payable at Noida or on before 10/04/2021 till 3 pm at the above-mentioned Branch office of Bank. Bids that are not filled up or Bids received beyond last date and time will be considered as invalid Bid and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. Once the bid is submitted by the Bidder, the same cannot be withdrawn.
- The sealed bids will be opened on 15/04/2021 at 1100 hrs- 1500 hrs at the above-mentioned Branch Office of Bank in the presence of the bidders present at that time and thereafter the eligible bidders may be given an opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised officer to participate in inter-se bidding to enhance the offer price.
- The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price and the bidder shall further improve their offer in multiple of Rs.50,000/- The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price set by the Authorised Officer.
- The successful bidder is required to deposit 25% of the sale price (**inclusive of EMD**) immediately not later than next working day by Demand Draft drawn in favour of Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd, payable at Saharanpur and the balance amount of sale price shall be paid by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by Bank. The EMD as well as Sale Price paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The deposit of EMD or 25%, whatever the case may be shall be forfeited by the Bank, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of sale or commits any default.
- On Compliance of terms of sale, Authorised Officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration Charges, Conveyance, VAT, TDS etc. to be borne by the bidder/purchaser.
- Bank does not take any responsibility to procure any permission/NOC from any Authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues i.e. outstanding water/electric dues, property tax or other charges if any.
- The successful bidder shall bear all expenses including pending dues of any Development Authority if any taxes/utility bills etc. to Municipal Corporation or any other authority/agency and fees payable for stamp duty/registration fee etc. for registration of the "Sale Certificate".
- The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale without any prior notice.
- To the best of its knowledge and information, the Bank is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the **Bank mentioned**. Interested parties should make their own assessment of the property to their satisfaction. Bank does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect to the aforesaid property. The notice is hereby given to the Borrower (s) / Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s), to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyers/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described herein above, as per the particulars of Terms and Conditions of Sale.
- The immovable property will be sold to the highest bidder. However, the undersigned reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary.
- Bank is not responsible for any liabilities upon the property which is not in the knowledge of the Bank.
- The Borrower (s) / Mortgagor(s) / Guarantor(s) are hereby given **STATUTORY 15 DAYS NOTICE UNDER RULE 6(2), 8(6) & 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT** to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above along with upto date interest and expenses within fifteen days from the date of this notice falling which the Secured Asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower/guarantors/mortgagors pays the amount due to Bank, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. However, in such cases, Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. is due and payable till its realization.
- For further details, contact the Authorised Officer Mr. Pankaj Sharma, Contact No. 9818445983 at above mentioned Branch office of Bank.

Place:- Ghaziabad Date : 10.03.2021

Authorised Officer, Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd.

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited for Selection of system integrator for Expansion of Madhya Pradesh State Data Centre (MPSDC) & Establishment of Disaster Recovery (DR) Centre. Interested eligible bidders may view/download the tender document from www.mptenders.gov.in. First time users of this portal will be required to register online with payment of registration charges.

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER M.P. STATE ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

State IT Centre, 47-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011

Phone : 0755-2518605, Fax : 0755 2579824

E-mail : marketing@mpsec.com

Website : www.mpsec.com

M.P./100246/2021

FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF
SARE REALTY PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED,

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of Corporate Debtor	SARE REALTY PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED
2. Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	16.10.2007
3. Authority Under Which Corporate Debtor Is Incorporated / Registered	Registrar of Companies, Delhi & Haryana (ROC-DELHI)
4. Corporate Identity No./Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U45400DL2007PTC169466
5. Address of the Registered Office and Principal Office (if any) of Corporate Debtor	Road office: 6, 383C Bank Street Munirka South Delhi, New Delhi 110067
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	05.03.2021 (order copy received by IRP on 08.03.2021)
7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	01.09.2021 (180 days from 05.03.2021)
8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	PAWAN KUMAR GOYAL IBBI/IPA-001/PI-P00875/2017-18/11473
9. Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	PK GOYAL & ASSOCIATES, 304, D.R. CHAMBERS, 12/56, DB GUPTA ROAD, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005. Email:- cpawangoyal@gmail.com
10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution Professional	PK Goyal & Associates, 304, D.R. Chambers, 12/56, DB Gupta Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 Email: crspppi@gmail.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	22/03/2021 (14 days from date of receipt of order)
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause(b) of sub-section (4) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Real Estate Allottee.
13. Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	Mr. Anurag Goel IBBI/IPA-001/PI-P00876/2017-18/11460 Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Gupta IBBI/IPA-001/PI-P01316/2018-19/12071 Mr. Anil Kumar Khicha IBBI/IPA-001/PI-P02201/2018-18/10745
14. (a) Relevant Forms and (b)Details of authorized representatives are available:	a. Relevant Forms at ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads b. Address mentioned in column 10 above as well as at www.ibbi.gov.in .

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a **SARE REALTY PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED** on 05.03.2021 (order received on 08.03.2021) The creditors of **SARE REALTY PROJECTS PRIVATE LIMITED**, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 22.03.2021 failing fourteen days from the appointment of the interim resolution professional to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No.13 to act as authorised representative of the class Real Estate Allottee in Form CA.

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

Date: 09/03/2021 Place: NEW DELHI PAWAN KUMAR GOYAL IBBI/IPA-001/PI-P00875/2017-18/11473

CORIGENDUM FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT DATED 09/03/2021

FORM NO. URC-2 ADVERTISEMENT GIVING NOTICE ABOUT REGISTRATION UNDER PART I OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE ACT

Due to inadvertent typographical error, the name of the Registrar of Companies with which an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter, has been **mentioned erroneously as Registrar of Companies, NCT. of Delhi & Haryana**, while the said application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the **Registrar of Companies, Uttar Pradesh, Kanpur**.

All other details & information mentioned in the Advertisement dated 09/03/2021 shall remain unchanged except for the aforementioned amendment.

This corrigendum shall be read along with Advertisement dated 09/03/2021

Name(s) of Applicant
M/s Leaders Inc, through its Partner:
1.Mr. Sandeep Manocha &
2. Mrs. Uma Verma
Date : 09/03/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is hereby declared that the registered office of 'SOLASTIQ CONSULTING LLP' has been changed from G-186, Ground Floor, Preet Vihar, Delhi- 110092 to 3/23 Office Complex, Unit No. 1, GF, Uttranchal Plaza, Sector-3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP- 201012 with effect from 07-03-2021.

THE EXCLUSIVE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, TIRUPUR.
MCOP. No. 206/2019

GOKUL ...Petitioner
...Vs...
SHERMOHD,
S/o. LalnMohd, Etawa Keedmath,
Bhujura, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh -
243 202 ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

The above petitioner sustained injury in an accident on 8-12-2018 and filed compensation petition for that the court order your appearance on 11-06-2021 at 10.30 a.m. unless you are remained expertise.

- By Court Order -

E.N.KANDHASAMY B.Sc.,B.L.,
Advocate,
5/2A, Gopalnagar 2nd Street,
Tirupur - 641604, Tamilnadu.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Procurement system

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

S.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	07200433	TOILET BASIN ORIENT TYPE FOR CDTS OF LHB COACHES	565 NOS	03.04.21

Note:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.
2. No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No. 59/2020-2021 Dated : 09.03.2021. 529/21

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

ASIAN COLOUR COATED ISPAT LIMITED

Registered Office - NTH Complex, 4th Floor, A-2 Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110067

Phone: (011) 48178600, Email: depti.walawalkar@jsw.in CIN - U27105DL2005PLC132593

NOTICE

Form No. INC-26

(Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014)
Before the Central Government

Regional Director, Northern Region, New Delhi

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of COMMUNE MARKETING AND EVENTS PRIVATE LIMITED

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

having its Registered Office at A/129, 2nd FLOOR, PANCHSHEEL ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110017

.....Applicant Company / 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 Saturday, 27th February, 2021 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office at "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to "State of Maharashtra".

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 **MCA-21 portal** (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send 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 at the address, B-2 Wing,

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E-Auction of Properties : 26-03-2021

Last date of EMD : 24-03-2021

Property can be inspected on 22-03-2021 and 23-03-2021 between 02.00 PM to 05.00PM with prior Appointment from Authorised Officer

ASSET RECOVERY MANAGEMENT (ARM) II BRANCH, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001, PH - 011-23323891, 23723121, Email : cb3038@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 26-03-2021 from 12.30 P.M. to 01.30 P.M. through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd., J P ROYALE, 1st Floor, #218, 2nd Main, Sampige Road, (Near 14th Cross) Malleswaram, BANGALORE- 560003 - website - www.cscsl.co.in and <https://indianbankse auction.com> Contact person Mr Pratap Kanjilal / Mr. D.D. Pakhare - MOB: 9832952602/8898418010 Land Line 080-23469655 email: csse auction@gmail.com or cscsl@cscsl.co.in or Canara Bank's website www.canarabank.com

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi, OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, Parliament Street, New Delhi, Current A/c No 3038295000001 IFSC Code: CRNB0003038 on or before 24.03.2021 up to 05.00 p.m.

Sr. No.	Borrower/Guarantors/ Mortagor. Name & Address	Description of property	Total Dues	a. Reserve Price (Rs) b. EMD (Rs) c. Incremental Bid (Rs) d. Date of Submission of Documents
1	1. M/s. Akshay enterprises (Proprietorship Firm), IX/5892, 3rd floor, Abadi of Geeta Gali, Subhash Mohalla, Dharampura, Gandhi Nagar, Illaqua - Shahdara, Delhi-110031 2. Sh. Akshay Khanna (Prop) S/o Sh Rakesh Khanna, R/o House No-5, Ganesh Park, Rashid Market, Street-2, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051. 3. Smt. Sarita Khanna w/o Sh. Rakesh Khanna (Guarantor) R/o House No. 5, Ganesh Park, Rashid Market, Street-2, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051	EMT of entire 3rd floor with 2/3rd roof rights of property bearing no. IX/5892 part of khasra no.111 measuring 125 sq yds (104.52 sq mtrs) situated at abadi of Geeta Gali, Subhash Mohalla, Dharampura, area of Village - Seelampur, Illaqua-Shahdara, Now known as Gandhi Nagar, Delhi standing in the name of Smt. Sarita Khanna w/o Sh. Rakesh Khanna (This property is in physical possession of the Bank)	Rs. 91,01,516.27 (Rs Ninty One Lacs One Thousand Five Hundred sixteen and paisa twenty seven only) up to 31.12.2017 plus further interest at applicable rate from 01.01.2018 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	a. 55,00,000.00 b. 55,00,000.00 c. 25,000.00 d. 01.03.2021
2	1. M/s. Sonal Enterprises (Proprietorship Firm) IX/5892, 2nd Floor, Abadi of Geeta Gali, Subhash Mohalla, Dharampura, Gandhi Nagar, Illaqua- Shahdara, Delhi-110031 2. Sh Anmol Khanna (Prop) S/o Sh Rakesh Khanna, R/o House No-5, Ganesh Park, Rashid Market, Street-2, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051. 3. Smt. Rajni Khanna w/o Sh. Satish Khanna (Guarantor) R/o House No-5, Ganesh Park, Rashid Market Street-2, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051	EMT of entire 2nd floor of property bearing no. IX/5892 part of khasra no.111 measuring 125 sq yds (104.52 sq mtrs) situated at abadi of Geeta Gali, Subhash Mohalla, Dharampura, area of Village- Seelampur, Illaqua-Shahdara, Now known as Gandhi Nagar, Delhi standing in the name of Smt. Rajni Khanna w/o Sh. Satish Khanna (This property is in physical possession of the Bank)	Rs. 97,84,629.27 (Rs Ninty Seven Lacs Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine and paisa twenty seven only) up to 31.12.2017 plus further interest at applicable rate from 01.01.2018 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	a. 48,00,000.00 b. 48,00,000.00 c. 25,000.00 d. 01.03.2021
3	1. M/s. KIRAT ALUMINIUM WORKS (Proprietorship Firm) WZ-177, Plot no. 383, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Also at: House no. A-129, Khasra no. 10/21, Nihal Vihar, Delhi-110041. 2. Sh Jagjit Singh (Proprietor) S/o Avtar Singh, R/o WZ-177, Plot no. 383, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Also at: WZ-360, 2nd Floor, Gali no.1, Area of Village-Keshopur, Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018. 3. Smt. Rupinder Kaur W/o Sh. Jagjit Singh (Guarantor) R/o WZ-177, Plot no. 383, Chand Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Also at: WZ-360, 2 nd Floor, gali no.1, Area of Village-Keshopur, Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 4. Sh. Jasvinder Singh S/o Sh. Hardev Singh (Guarantor), R/o D-1, 2nd Floor, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi-110018	EMT of entire 2nd Floor at Plot no. WZ-360, Gali No.1, out of Khasra no. 13/16, situated in the area of Village-Keshopur, abadi of Guru Nanak Nagar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, measuring 100 Sq.Yds., Standing in the name of Mr. Jagjit Singh and Smt. Rupinder Kaur. (This property is in physical possession of the Bank)	Rs. 35,63,412.63 (Rs Thirty Five Lacs Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Twelve and paisa Sixty Three only) up to 31.07.2016 plus further interest at applicable rate from 01.08.2016 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	a. 37,80,000.00 b. 37,80,000.00 c. 25,000.00 d. 01.03.2021
4	1. M/s. Yahavi Exports Pvt. Ltd., RZ-5/245, 2nd Floor, Khasra no. 245, Area of Village-Nasirpur, Jagdamba Vihar, West Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046. 2. Sh Amit Yadav S/o Shri Suresh Kumar (Director) R/o RZ-152E , Gali no.1, East Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046. Also at: RZ-78A, Gali no. 2, Dabri Extension, New Delhi-110045 3. Sh. Vijay Sachan S/o Sh. Chote Lal Sachan (Guarantor) R/o House no. B-101 B, Phase-I, Goyalia Qutab Vihar, New Delhi-110071	EMT of entire 2nd floor at RZ-5/245, out of Khasra No. 245, situated in the area of village – Nasirpur, colony known as Jagdamba Vihar, West Sagarpur, New Delhi – 110045, measuring an area of 100.00 sq. Yds. or 83.61 sq. mtrs. standing in the name of Sh. Amit Yadav S/o Sh. Suresh Yadav (This property is in physical possession of the Bank)	Rs. 54,64,393/- (Rs Fifty Four Lakhs Sixty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Three only) interest up to 31.03.2017 plus further interest at applicable rate from 01.04.2017 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	a. 26,10,000.00 b. 26,10,000.00 c. 25,000.00 d. 01.03.2021
5	1. M/s D J IMPEX, Plot No 245/5 Ground Floor, Gali No.4, Near Masjid Road, West Sagarpur, Dabri, New Delhi-110045 Also at: M/s D J Impex, WZ-1613, Nangal Raya, New Delhi-110046 2. Sh. Ramesh Kumar (Proprietor) S/o Shri Shishu Pal Singh R/o B-2/6, 2nd Floor, Janakpuri, New Delhi	Residential property bearing no.3 out of Khasra No.430-31 Street No 2 situated at Village Nasirpur Colony known as Kailashpuri, New Delhi measuring 100.00 sq. yds. in the name of Sh. Ramesh Kumar S/o Shishu Pal Singh, (This property is in symbolic possession of the Bank)	Rs. 1,72,63,422.06 (Rs One Crore seventy two lacs sixty three thousand four hundred twenty two and paisa six only) up to 20.03.2018 plus further interest at applicable rate from 21.03.2018 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	a. 100,80,000.00 b. 10,08,000.00 c. 25,000.00 d. 01.03.2021
6	1. M/s Divyanshi Brick Field (Prop Dhirendra Kumar Singh) Vill Prempr Bhognipuri, Kanpur Dehat (UP) 209112 2. Sh. Dhirendra Kumar Singh, S/o Bhopal Singh, B-6, Flat 103, Crescent Park, 1st Floor, Ebony Green Sare Home, Lal Kuan, NH 24, Ghaziabad (UP) 3. Smt. Nidhi Singh w/o Sh. Dhirendra Kumar, B-6, Flat 103, Crescent Park, 1st Floor, Ebony Green Sare Home, Lal Kuan, NH 24, Ghaziabad (UP)	Residential property: Flat No.103 Tower B-6, Crescent Park, 1st Floor, Ebony Green Sare Homes, Lal Kuan, NH 24, Ghaziabad (UP) measuring 1375 sq.ft. in the name of Sh. Dhirendra Kumar Singh & Smt. Nidhi Singh, (This property is in Symbolic Possession of the Bank)	Rs. 1,03,50,177.13 (Rs One Crore three lacs fifty thousand one hundred seventy seven and paisa thirteen only) up to 31.07.2018 plus further interest at applicable rate from 01.08.2018 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	a. 39,60,000.00 b. 3,96,000.00 c. 25,000.00 d. 01.03.2021
7	1. M/s SUJATA OVERSEAS (Proprietorship Firm), Mrs Sujata W/o Sri Shival Srivastav, SF-1, Second floor, Nand Apartment, Village Dera Mandi, Mehrauli, New Delhi- 110074 2. Smt. Sujata W/o Sri Shival Srivastav, P-33, Balimiki Kalyan Samiti, Kidwai Nagar, South West Delhi, New Delhi-110023	EMT of property located at Flat no- SF-1, 2nd Floor Out of Khasra no. 834 MIN, 835 MIN, 836MIN, Nand Apartment, Extended Lal Dora, Village Dera Mandi, Mehrauli, Tehsil Hauz Khas New Delhi-110074 (measuring 1100 sq feet Covered area of Flat) standing in the name of Smt. Sujata (This property is in Symbolic Possession of the Bank)	Rs. 59,67,809.00 (Rs Fifty nine Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Nine Only) up to 31.12.2018 plus further interest at applicable rate from 01.01.2019 along with expenses, other charges, etc.	a. 41,00,000.00 b. 4,10,000.00 c. 25,000.00 d. 01.03.2021

Intending bidders may contact SH. Prashant Pandey, Mobile No 9599662508 Chief Manager, ARM II Branch, Canara Bank, and/or Sh. Abhdeep Kumar, Senior Manager, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, Land Line No. 011-23323891, 23723121, during office hours on any working day for other details and inspection of properties.

Date : 10-03-2021, Place : New Delhi

Authorised Officer, Canara Bank



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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale Of Movable/ Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortagor(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price & Date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortagors	Description of the immovable property	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction/ EMD	Reserve price EMD	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time.
1.	M/s Washingtonne Hygienik Pvt. Ltd. Directors:- Mr. Ashutosh Asthana & Mr. Ankur Saxena	All part and parcel of Property located at Ground Floor, No. 71, Vinayak Town, Rohta, behind Deeksha Dwarka, Gwalior Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh area around 80 sq. mtr	Rs. 6888872/- plus unapplied interest and other charges, less recovery, if any 03.01.2019	26.03.2021 2-4 pm 25.03.2021	Rs. 855000/- Rs. 85500/- Rs. 25,000	Physical	19.03.2021 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
2.	M/s Washingtonne Hygienik Pvt. Ltd. Directors:- Mr. Ashutosh Asthana & Mr. Ankur Saxena	All part and parcel of Property located at First floor, No. 71, Vinayak Town, Rohta, behind Deeksha Dwarka, Gwalior Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh area around 80 sq. mtr.		Same as above	Rs. 827000/- Rs. 82700/- Rs. 25,000/-	Physical	19.03.2021 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
3.	M/s Washingtonne Hygienik Pvt. Ltd. Directors :- Mr. Ashutosh Asthana & Mr. Ankur Saxena	All part and parcel of Property located at Second floor, No. 71, Vinayak Town, Rohta, behind Deeksha Dwarka, Gwalior Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh area around 80 sq. mtr.		26.03.2021 2-4 pm 25.03.2021	Rs. 770000/- Rs. 77000/- Rs. 25,000/-	Physical	19.03.2021 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
4.	M/s Washingtonne Hygienik Pvt. Ltd. Directors:- Mr. Ashutosh Asthana & Mr. Ankur Saxena	All part and parcel of Property located at House no 28, Block A, Sector SIGMA-03, Greater Noida UP 201308 admeasuring 1614 Sq ft on ground floor and 980 Sq Ft on First Floor		26.03.2021 2-4 pm 25.03.2021	Rs. 600000/- Rs. 600000/- Rs. 100000/-	Physical	19.03.2021 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
5.	M/s Pari Enterprises Manipal Aggarwal and Bharat Bhushan	Shop No. 309, Second floor, Moti Plaza, Ward No.2 (Old Ward No.6), Sohna, Gurgaon, Haryana area around 162 sq.feet	Rs. 16.70 lacs plus unapplied interest and other charges, less recovery, if any 18.04.2018	26.03.2021 2-4 pm 25.03.2021	Rs. 3,50,000/- Rs. 35,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Physical	19.03.2021 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
6.	M/s S.S.S.S Marketing Pvt. Ltd.	All part and parcel of Shop No. 310, Second floor, Moti Plaza, Ward No.2 (Old Ward No.6), Sohna, Gurgaon, Haryana area around 162 sq.feet	Rs. 16,70,904.34/- lacs plus unapplied interest and other charges, less recovery, if any 18.04.2018	26.03.2021 2-4 pm 25.03.2021	Rs. 3,50,000/- Rs. 35,000/- Rs. 10,000/-	Physical	19.03.2021 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
7.	M/s Viva Enterprises Mr. Hardeep Shah Singh s/o Mr. Rajinder Shah Singh	Plot bearing Khewat/khata no. 238/432, Khasra No. 13/16(4-5), 5/1 Min(2-6), 8/1(2-8), 8/2(2-8), 8/3(2-4), Kila 6, Total land area around 0.6 marla/s i.e. 186.66 Sq. Yards situated at Daunkalan, Gulmohar Residency, Phase 03, Plot No. 406, near Kasba Resort, Bahadurgarh To Rajpura Road (Patiala), Punjab.	1035301.31/- as 01.05.2018 plus unapplied interest & other charges, less recovery, if any 25.03.2018	26.03.2021 2-4 pm 25.03.2021	Rs. 2,55,000/- Rs. 25,500/- Rs. 25,000/-	Physical	19.03.2021 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
8.	Mr Shradha Nand verma Mrs. Kamlesh Verma Mr Arvind Verma	Shop situated at Vill Farrukh Nagar Pargana- Loni Dist. Ghaziabad UP admeasuring 20 Sq Yds	3,09,277/- plus unapplied interest & other charges, less recovery, if any 24.10.2017	26.03.2021 2-4 pm 25.03.2021	Rs. 5,63,000/- Rs. 56,300/-		

AFTERMATH OF OPEC DECISION

India asks refiners to diversify, cut reliance on oil from West Asia

NIDHI VERMA
New Delhi, March 9

INDIA HAS ASKED state refiners to speed up the diversification of oil imports to gradually cut their dependence on the West Asia after Opec+ decided last week to largely continue production cuts in April, two sources said.

India, the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, imports about 84% of its overall crude needs with over 60% of that coming from West Asian countries, which are typically cheaper than those from the West.

Most of the Opec+ producers, led by world's top exporter Saudi Arabia, last week decided to extend most output curbs into April.

India, hit hard by the soaring oil prices, has urged producers to ease output cuts and help the global economic recovery. In response, the Saudi energy minister told India to dip into strategic reserves filled with cheaper oil bought last year.

"We have asked companies to aggressively look for diversification. We cannot be held hostage to the arbitrary decision of Middle East producers. When they wanted to stabilise the market we stood by them," said a government source.

India had not cancelled any shipment of crude oil from the West Asia in 2020 when oil

STRATEGY IN SIGHT?

- Two oil refiners confirmed that the govt had asked them to expedite efforts to diversify crude import sources
- IOC has also renewed its oil import contract with Russia, they added
- India hopes to resume Iranian oil imports this year
- Iraq and Saudi Arabia are the two biggest oil suppliers to India

demand collapsed due to Covid-19, the source said. Already Opec's share in India's oil imports declined to a historic low during April 2020-January 2021, the first ten months of this fiscal year.

While initial costs could be high, the strategy will pay off in the long term, the source said.

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A plan is to import oil from new producer Guyana, the sources said. The country's top refiner Indian Oil Corp has also renewed its oil import contract with Russia, they added. India hopes to resume Iranian oil imports this year.

India's oil ministry and IOC did not respond to requests from Reuters for comment.

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—REUTERS

damage from racial and gender inequality, publicly calling out disparities, holding a series of events on structural racism, and publishing research quantifying the cost to US economic output at more than \$70 trillion since 1990.

—REUTERS

we really start to see progress" in the selection of Fed presidents, she said.

Each nine-member board of directors has three people who represent member banks and six, chosen by banks and the Fed Board, who represent the public. This latter group picks a new Fed bank president when the current one leaves. In 2021, this subset of directors is 48% minority and half women.

'Unacceptable'

Of the 12 Fed bank presidents, seven are white men, three are white women, and two are non-white.

That's an "unacceptable lack of diversity," says Benjamin Dulchin, director of the Center for Popular Democracy's Fed Up campaign, an advocacy group that has pushed for the Fed to reflect and respond to the needs of America's workers, not just Wall Street.

Fed Board members, picked by the president, are even less diverse than the bank presidents. Just two of the six current Fed governors are women, and all are white.

President Joe Biden is reported to be considering Michigan State University economist Lisa Cook to fill the Board's vacant seventh seat. Cook would be the Board's first black woman.

Biden could potentially name three additional Fed governors. Randal Quarles' term as vice chair for supervision ends in October and both Jerome Powell's term as Fed chair and that of Vice Chair Richard Clarida are up next year.

During Powell's term, the Fed has become more attentive to economic

LALIT K JHA
Washington, March 9

THERE HAS BEEN inordinate delay in issuing of H-4 work authorisation permits to certain categories of spouses of those possessing H-1B foreign work visas, the most sought after among Indian IT professionals, a group of highly talented Indian women in the US has said.

An H-4 visa is issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to immediate family members (spouse and children under 21 years of age) of the H-1B visa holders, most of whom are Indian IT professionals.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China. The H-4 visa is normally issued to those who have already started the process of seeking employment-based lawful permanent resident status in the US.

A group of such Indian women over the weekend organised a protest march in San Jose, California, on the occasion of International Women's Day to highlight the suffering of tens of thousands of immigrant women being forced out of their livelihoods, organisers of the event said.

Spouses of Indian professionals on H-1B visas, mostly women, are the biggest beneficiaries of the Obama era rule that gave employment authorisation cards.

"We are here to reiterate that this is our home, this is where we have spent the last many years of our lives, raised families and contributed positively to the society and economy as skilled legal immigrants," said Pratima Joglekar, California chapter lead volunteer and organiser of the event. The group has sought the Biden administration's attention to end these arbitrary policies that are disproportionately oppressing women of colour and robbing them of their livelihood.

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extremely stressful for our family," said Sreenidhi Krishnamoorthy, whose wife is currently a student at San Jose State University.

Participants of the march alleged that USCIS has delayed the processing of H-4 and H4EAD (Employment Authorisation Document) applications excessively, to the point that it is effectively killing the programme.

"These delays have led to a serious humanitarian crisis causing havoc in the lives of thousands of skilled legal immigrant women across the US. They're losing their jobs and health insurances during this pandemic, are unable to renew driver's license and state ID, unable to travel to their home country or elsewhere, facing grave financial distress, going through severe mental health issues, deep impact on family and kids, among other issues," a media release said.

Many of these are essential workers, healthcare workers, small business owners, researchers, engineers, and more, they said.

The Obama era rule to provide work permits to certain categories of spouses of H-1B visa holders has benefited approximately 100,000 H-4 spouses their basic right to work, financially independent and contribute positively to the American economy. Over 95 per cent of the H4EAD recipients are highly-skilled women from diverse fields of work, it said. —PTI

SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION	
OFFICE OF THE DY. DIRECTOR HORT	
Room No. 322, 3rd Floor, Mpl. Zonal Building, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043	
PRESS NOTICE	
The Dy. Dir. (Hort), Najafgarh Zone, on behalf of Commissioner, SDMC invite online open tender of following works vide NIT No. DDH/NGZ/HORT/2020-Z1/06, Dated 09/03/2021- Development of Gram Sabha Land Nasirpur Village, Sagarpur Near Govt. Mandir, Najafgarh Zone, Ward No. 31-S. The complete tender documents can be downloaded from the website https://tenders.gov.in/eprocure/app/	
Dy. Director Hort./NGZ	
Ro. No. 75/DPL/South/2020-21	

FORM A	
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT	
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)	
FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/s R INDUSTRIES LIMITED	

Relevant Particulars	
1. Name of corporate debtor	M/s R Industries Limited
2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	19-07-1989
3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, Chandigarh
4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	L29246PB1989PLC009531
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Regd office- E- 217, Industrial Area, Phase 8B Mohali Punjab-160071. Works Unit- Village Singha, Tehsil Haroli, Distt. Una (H.P.) Pincode-176601
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	05-03-2021 (copy of order received on 08-03-2021)
7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	01-09-2021 (180 days from the Insolvency Commencement date)
8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	Name: Tara Chand Meenia Reg. No. IBBII/PA-001/PI-P0125/2018-2019/11822
9. Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Add: Flat No.206, GH 3, Sector 24, Panchkula, Haryana-134112 Email: tc.meenia@gmail.com
10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	Add: Flat No. 206, GH 3, Sector 24, Panchkula, Haryana-134112 Email: cirp.srindustries@gmail.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	19-03-2021
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Name the class(es) – NA
13. Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	1. NA 2. NA 3. NA
14. (a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:	Web Link: http://ibbi.gov.in/downloadform.html Physical Address: NA

*NA-NOT APPLICABLE

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of corporate insolvency resolution process of the M/s R Industries Limited on 05-03-2021. (Copy of order received on 08-03-2021).

The creditors of M/s R Industries Limited, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before 19-03-2021 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorised representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No. 13 to act as authorised representative of the class [NA] in Form CA.

Date: 10-03-2021 Place: Panchkula

Sd/-
Tara Chand Meenia

SALE NOTICE

AFFINITY BEAUTY SALON PRIVATE LIMITED (In Liquidation)

Liquidator: Mr. Rohit Sehgal
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E-Auction
Sale of Assets under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
Date and Time of E-Auction: 17th March, 2021 at 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes each)

Sale of Assets owned by Affinity Beauty Salon Private Limited (In Liquidation) forming part of Liquidation Sale formed by the Liquidator, appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi vide order dated 28TH August, 2020. The sale will be done by the undersigned through the e-auction platform https://ncl auction.auctiontiger.net.

Asset	Block	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	Incremental Value (in Rs.)
1. Furniture & Fixture:-				
I. Cassette AC - 3 Ton (QTY- 11) II. Ducted AC - 3.5 Ton (QTY -2) III. Split AC - 1.5 Ton (QTY -2) IV. Split AC - 1 Ton (QTY - 1)				
V. Salon Furniture (Table, Chairs, Sofa, Shampoo Station, Massage Bed, LED Lights etc.)				
VI. Water Geyser-25Ltr (QTY-6)	A	09.41 (In Lakhs)	0.50 (In Lakhs)	30 Thousand
2. Vehicles:-				
I. One SUV Car (Ford - Eco-sports - 2015) Reg. No. - DL 12CB 5194 II. One Sedan Car (Toyota - Corolla Altis - 2011) Reg. No. - DL 4CNE 7314				

Terms and Condition of the E-auction are as under

- E-Auction will be conducted on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" through approved service provider M/S-e-procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger).
- The Complete E-Auction process document containing details of the Assets, online e-auction Bid Form, Declaration and Undertaking Form, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available on website https://ncl auction.auctiontiger.net Contact: Mr. Ram Sharma at +91-6315196834/079-61200584 & 635169634 ramprasad@auctiontiger.net /neha.gyan@auctiontiger.net (On going to the link https://ncl auction.auctiontiger.net interested bidders will have to search for the mentioned company by using either one of the two options, (i) Company's name (Affinity Beauty Salon Private Limited), or by, (ii) State and property type).
- The intending bidders, prior to submitting their bid, should make their independent inquiries regarding the Assets, if any and inspect the property at their own expenses and satisfy themselves. The assets mentioned above can be inspected by the prospective bidders at the location (as above mentioned) with prior appointment, contacting Mr. Rahul Nagar: +91-7011568767.
- The intending bidders are required to deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount either through DD/NEFT/RTGS in the Account of "AFFINITY BEAUTY SALON PRIVATE LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION", Account No.: 5020052779968, HDFC Bank, Branch: The Peach Tree, C-Block, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram-122022, IFSC Code: HDFC0026868, or through DD drawn on any Scheduled Bank in the name of AFFINITY BEAUTY SALON PRIVATE LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION" or give a Bank Guarantee for the EMD Amount as per Format A or Format B as given in the Complete E-Auction process document.
- The intending bidder should submit the evidence for EMD Deposit or Bank Guarantee and Request Letter for participation in the E-Auction along with Self attested copy of (1) Proof of Identification (2) Current Address-Proof (3) PAN card (4) Valid e-mail ID (5) Landline and Mobile Phone number (6) Affidavit and Undertaking, as per Annexure 1 (7) Bid Application Form as per Annexure II (8) Declaration by Bidder, as per Annexure III, the formats of these Annexure can be taken from the Complete E-Auction process document. These documents should reach the office of the liquidator or by E-mail, at the address given below before 7:00 PM of 15th March, 2021. Interested bidders will have to upload their KYC documents along with the EMD submission details on https://ncl auction.auctiontiger.net before 5:00 PM of 15th March, 2021.
- The Name of the Eligible Bidders will be identified by the Liquidator to participate in e-auction on the portal (https://ncl auction.auctiontiger.net). The auction service provider (Auction tiger) will provide User id and password by email to eligible bidders.
- In case, a bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes with unlimited extension. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the reserve price) on closure of e-Auction process shall be declared as the Successful Bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which shall be subject to approval by the Liquidator.
- The EMD of the Successful Bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The EMD shall not bear any interest. The Liquidator will issue a Letter of Intent (LOI) to the Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder shall have to deposit the balance amount (Successful Bid Amount - EMD amount) within 30 days on issuance of the LOI by the Liquidator. Default in deposit of the balance amount by the successful bidder within the time limit as mentioned in the LOI would entail forfeiture of the entire amount deposited (EMD + Any Other Amount) by the Successful Bidder.
- The Successful Bidder shall bear the applicable stamp duties/transit charges, fees etc. and all the local taxes, duties, rates, assessment charges, etc. in respect of the assets put on auction.
- The Liquidator has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any asset thereof from the auction proceeding at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.
- The sale shall be subject to provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and regulations made thereunder.
- If in case, not more than one bidder deposits the EMD, then in that case the Liquidator will have the absolute power to cancel the auction process after the consultation with the stakeholders.
- The interested Bidder(s) shall be provided access to the data room ("Data Room") established and maintained by the Company acting through the Liquidator in order to conduct a due diligence of the business and operations of the Company. The interested bidder(s) shall be provided access to the information in the Data Room by the interested bidder(s) shall be in accordance with the rules as