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Capping school fees no solution, K'taka must make govt schools better, increase digital access for poor

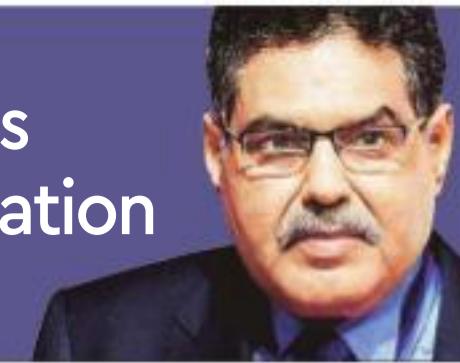
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■ IN THE NEWS

Nirav extradition: UK judge to rule on case today

WANTED DIAMOND MERCHANT Nirav Modi, who remains behind bars in a London prison as he contests his extradition to India on charges of fraud and money laundering in the estimated \$2-billion Punjab National Bank scam case, will find out the UK court's ruling in the nearly two-year-long legal battle on Thursday, reports PTI.

SC asks Fortis to furnish by March 1 all IHH deal details

THE SUPREME COURT on Wednesday asked Fortis Healthcare to furnish by March 1 all the details — from germination to completion — of its stake sale deal to Malaysian Healthcare major IHH Berhad for ₹4,000 crore, reports Indu Bhan in New Delhi.

Centre may cut auto fuel taxes by ₹5 per litre: BofA

THE CENTRE MAY cut auto fuel taxes by ₹5/litre too ease pressure on consumers as average price of global crude oil is seen to be around ₹60/barrel, analysts at Bank of America said, reports FE Bureau in New Delhi.

PM-SPEAK

Firm resolve to privatise idling assets and CPSEs

To lead to better efficiency, faster expansion and job creation

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, February 24

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI on Wednesday strongly pitched for a transparent, monitored and continuous process to privatise assorted government assets — companies, their physical assets and other state-owned infrastructure — in the most unequivocal assertion of a much-awaited policy shift by any head of government since Independence. "The government is moving ahead with a resolution to monetise and modernise. When the government monetises, the space is filled by the private sector. Private sector brings with itself global best

"Huge assets in the public sector remain unutilised or under-utilised. Our mantra is 'monetise (these assets) and modernise'. We have a medium-term plan to provide investment opportunities of Rs 2.5 trillion for the private sector via this route. The process will continue"

— NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER

practices, (which leads to) modernisation and aids the relevant sector to expand at a faster pace and create more jobs," he said.

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Food grain output seen at 303 MT in 2020-21

THE FOOD GRAIN production is estimated to be a record 303 MT during 2020-21 crop year (July-June), exceeding the target, thanks to all-time high output in rice, wheat and maize aided by good monsoon rains, reports FE Bureau in New Delhi. But the sluggish demand for key cereals like rice and wheat may depress mandi prices, putting pressure on the government to procure more of the crops at the MSPs. ■ Page 4

GO LOCAL

Biggies to gain from PLI for pharma, IT hardware

Schemes aim at incremental sales of ₹6.2 lakh crore and creation of 2.8 lakh jobs

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, February 24

THE CABINET on Wednesday cleared production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for pharmaceuticals and IT hardware, including laptops, which would cost the government as much as ₹22,350 crore.

Shedding the historical, costly bias in favour of small companies, the Union government has earmarked big bucks for big firms with elevated export potential. Under the scheme for pharmaceuticals, as much as ₹11,000 crore (73% of the total incentives of

PHARMA

The incentives

(Based on FY20 manufacturing revenue, for six years through FY28)

■ Eligible firms with revenue of over ₹5,000 cr:

₹11,000 cr

■ Those with revenue up to ₹500 cr:

₹1,750 cr

The likely gains (Over six years through FY28)

Incremental sales: ₹2,94,000 cr

Incremental exports: ₹1,96,000 cr

Extra jobs: 1,00,000

Extra Jobs: 1.8 lakh

IT HARDWARE

Incentives

(Over 4 years)

■ Those with revenue of ₹500-5,000 cr:

₹7,350 cr

Extra investments to be generated:

₹2,700 cr

Incremental production:

₹3.26 lakh cr

including ₹2.45 lakh cr for exports

BONDING

Markets should trust RBI: Das

Governor reassures markets, says liquidity will continue to be sufficient

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, February 24



RBI has major concerns about the implications of cryptocurrencies could have for financial stability

It has conveyed its concerns to the government

The central bank's digital currency is work in progress

Digital currency and direct retail participation in g-seg market unrelated

nurtured. "The band give 2% room on either side. The central bank doesn't see any big spike in inflation to over 6% just yet."

Das observed that as the government's debt manager, the central bank would take necessary policy measures to ensure the borrowing programme goes through in a non-disruptive manner.

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Special Features

Titan Traq Triathlon: Tracks fitness with great accuracy



Titan's Triathlon has on-board GPS (functions independently of a smartphone), seven-day battery life, heart rate zone display, and a transfective screen that is clear even in bright sunlight ■ Gadgets, P11

Every business needs to function like a digital native



Leadership is critical in the post-pandemic world as every business becomes a tech business, says an Accenture report, urging firms to turn this moment of truth for technology into a moment of trust ■ eFE, P11

QuickPicks

NSE halts trading for four hours over technical glitch

MARKETS RALLIED on Wednesday in the last hour of trade, after the country's largest stock exchange halted trading for nearly four hours, reports FE Bureau in Mumbai. Stock exchanges remained open for trade till 5 pm on Wednesday, after a technical glitch forced the NSE to halt trading from 11:40 am. It said it had multiple telecom links with two service providers to ensure redundancy and there were issues with both with links, which impacted NSE's systems. ■ Page 12

Govt-related banking biz: Govt lifts embargo on private banks

IN A move that can potentially make the bank privatisation plan more attractive for investors, the Centre has lifted an embargo that had barred most private players from undertaking lucrative government-related banking transactions, reports FE Bureau in New Delhi. Until now, such transactions were mostly a preserve of the public-sector banks, and only a few private players (HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and J&K Bank) were allowed to conduct them, a source told FE. ■ Page 14

Bharti forays into advertising business with Airtel ads

BHARTI AIRTEL has forayed into the advertising business with "Airtel ads" but with a commitment to protect privacy of its over 320 million customers and giving an option to them to opt out from receiving promotional campaigns, reports Kiran Rathee in New Delhi. It is targeting to corner a share in the \$10-billion Indian advertising industry. During the beta testing of Airtel ads in the last one year, it has been able to generate ₹100-crore revenue and reach 180 million customers. ■ Page 6

COVID-19

Come Mar 1, free vaccine for all above 60, 45-plus with other illnesses

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, February 24

EVERYONE ABOVE 60 years of age and those over 45 years with comorbidities will be able to get Covid-19 vaccine from March 1 for free at government facilities and for a charge at many private hospitals, the government said on Wednesday.

The Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, took the decision on the next phase of the vaccination, information and broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar said at a media briefing here.

The second phase of the world's largest vaccination drive will start from Monday in which anybody above 60 years, that may not be less than 10 crore people in the country, and 45 years plus with comorbidities will be given vaccines in 10,000 gov-

BOOSTER DOSE

Vaccine to be available at

10,000

govt facilities and also over 20,000 private hospitals

■ Those who go to government centre to be administered vaccine free of cost

■ Those who want to get vaccination from private hospitals will have to pay

ernment medical facilities and also over 20,000 private hospitals," he said.

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Panel reviews EUA application for Sputnik V

AN EXPERT PANEL of Central Drug Authority which reviewed the application of Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRIL) seeking emergency use authorisation for Sputnik V on Wednesday recommended that the firm present immunogenicity and

for early hearing before a bench, which said that the case will be listed for hearing before an appropriate bench after two weeks.

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Economy

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CONSTRUCTION OF DAMS

RK Singh, power minister

They (China) are planning construction of large dams. So, we have to start construction of large dams. If they construct large dams before us then they can squeeze our (water) supplies in Assam and North East.

FARMERS' PROTEST

Tomar: Ready to talk if farmers respond to offer

Farmers had rejected the govt offer to put the three farm laws on hold for one-and-a-half year

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, February 24

THE GOVERNMENT IS ready to resume talks with protesting farmers if they respond to its offer to put the three contentious farm laws on hold for one-and-a-half year and work out the difference during that time through a joint committee, agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar said Wednesday.

The government and unions representing farmers, who have been camping at Delhi's border for about three months in protest against the three laws that they see will end state procurement of crops at MSP, have held 11 rounds of talks, the last being on January 22. Talks broke after widespread violence during a tractor rally by protesting

₹1.15L cr transferred to 10.75cr farmers under PM-Kisan

THE CENTRE ON Wednesday said it has transferred over ₹1.15 lakh crore directly to bank accounts of more than 10.75 crore farmers under the PM-Kisan scheme and asked states to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are covered in this flagship programme.

The scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 24, 2019, from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh. — PTI

farmers on January 26.

Speaking on the sidelines of an event here, Tomar said the government is committed towards the interest of farmers and agriculture, and under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, it is making efforts to double farmers' income and strengthen the Indian agriculture sector.

The minister was replying to a query on Bharatiya Kisan Union (BHU) leader Rakesh Tikait threatening to march to the Parliament on 40 lakh trac-

Kisan, Union agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the government has enhanced the income of farmers by providing ₹6,000 annually to farmers under this scheme in three equal instalments.

These transactions include taxes and other revenue payment facilities, pension payments and small savings schemes.

Until now, such transactions were mostly a preserve of the public sector banks (PSBs), and only a few private players (HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and J&K Bank) were allowed to conduct them, a source told FE.

The government has conveyed its decision to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Since the embargo is lifted, there is no bar now on the RBI to authorise private banks (in addition to the PSBs) for conducting government businesses, including government agency business, the finance ministry said on Wednesday.

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tors if laws are not repealed.

Whether the government is making any effort to resume talks with unions, Tomar said, "Bharat sarkar kisan se puri samvedana ke saath charcha karti rahi hai. Aaj bhi jab unkha koi mat aayega, toh Bharat sarkar hamesha kisan ke saath charcha karne ko taiyara hai" (The government has been holding discussions with farmers sympathetically. Even today, whenever their response comes, the government is always ready to hold talks.)

Pvt banks allowed to take part in govt-related biz

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, February 24

IN A MOVE that can potentially make the bank privatisation plan more attractive for investors, the Centre has lifted an embargo that had barred most private players from undertaking lucrative government-related banking transactions. These transactions include taxes and other revenue payment facilities, pension payments and small savings schemes.

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However, some public sector bankers fear a loss of businesses to private competitors and sought a level-playing field. "If certain privileges are shared with private banks, so should be the social responsibilities that have proved to be costly for us," said a senior public sector banker on condition of anonymity.

"Will we be allowed to pursue profits alone, forgetting socio-economic goals? If yes, this is a welcome move," said another public sector banker.

For instance, of the 41.84 crore Jan Dhan accounts opened so far, private banks accounted for just 1.25 crore, he pointed out. These accounts don't require the holders to ensure a minimum balance, so they remain an unattractive proposition for private banks.

However, some analysts say the move will force the PSBs, especially those with poor track records of dealing with customers, to mend their ways.

Food grains output pegged at 303 MT in 2020-21

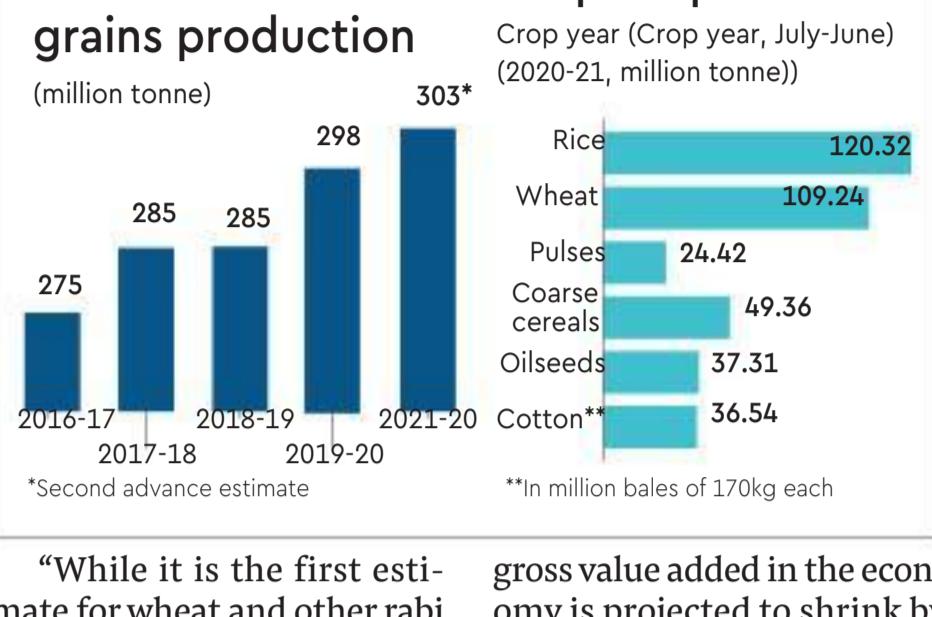
FE BUREAU
New Delhi, February 24

THE COUNTRY'S FOOD grains production is estimated to be a record 303 million tonne (MT) during 2020-21 crop year (July-June), exceeding the target, thanks to all-time high output in rice, wheat and maize aided by above-normal and well-distributed monsoon rains.

Even as the higher output will help boost the agriculture gross value added (GVA), the sluggish demand for key cereals like rice and wheat may depress mandi prices, putting pressure on the government to procure more of the crops at the minimum support prices (MSPs).

According to the second advance estimates, released by the agriculture ministry Wednesday, the total food-grains output is estimated to have increased by nearly 2% from the previous year and also exceeded the official target of 301 MT. While rice production is seen at 120.32 MT, up by 1.2% and wheat output is estimated at 109.24 MT, up by 1.3% (see chart).

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"While it is the first estimate for wheat and other rabi crops, the production will further go up when these data are collated with market arrivals in subsequent estimates. Already there is marginal increase in production of almost all kharif crops this time from the previous estimate released in September last year," an agriculture ministry official said. The government releases crops output estimates five times at different intervals based on the sowing data and arrival of the crops in the market.

The farm and allied sectors is expected to grow at 3.4% in real term in FY21, remaining the brightest spot in an otherwise gloomy year, as overall gross value added in the economy is projected to shrink by 7.2%. The country's real GDP is estimated to contract by as much as 7.7% in FY21, thanks to the Covid-19 outbreak. The share of agriculture and allied sectors in GVA of the country plays a key role and at current prices was 17.8% during 2019-20, according to May 2020 estimates of national income released by Central Statistical Office.

A prolonged and well distributed rainfall across the country, barring a few areas of irrigated north-west region, was the major factor that helped farmers to expand the sowing areas during both kharif and rabi seasons, experts said.

India's mustard production all set to touch record 10 mt-mark this year

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, February 24

THE COUNTRY'S MUSTARD output is all set to be a record 10 million tonne this year after the sowing area under the crop

help the government to launch the oilseed mission from upcoming kharif season across the country.

"The weather throughout the winter season was conducive for mustard. There was no report of any pest or disease, nor any weather disturbance. The production will be at least 10 million tonne this year," said PK Rai, director of Bharatpur-based Welcome to ICAR-

Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research (DRMC).

The official production estimates of all rabi crops including mustard may be released this week. The country's mustard production in 2019-20 crop year (July-June) dropped 1.5% to 9.12 million tonne due to hailstorms in several areas of Rajasthan, the top producing state, just before the harvesting.

As the country's import

dependence on edible oils was over 70% with an annual outgo of ₹75,000 crore, the agriculture ministry had proposed a five-year plan of edible oil mission at an estimated expenditure of ₹19,000-crore in the FY22 Budget.

The Mumbai-based Solvent Extractors' Association (SEA) of India has already expressed the industry's disappointment as no such announcement was

made by the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman. During FY20 Budget speech in July 2019, she had said: "I place my appreciation for our farmers who have made India self-sufficient in pulses. I am sure they will repeat such a success even in the production of oilseeds. Our import bill shall be reduced by their Seva." Since 2019, nothing has been heard from the government on rais-

ing oilseeds output.

The government was hesitant to make the pilot public due to the current farmers' agitation against the three contentious farm laws, sources said. A target of 8.5 million hectare sowing area under mustard was set for rabi 2020-21 season and it resulted in a record 7.39 million hectare coverage as of January 29, up by 7% from the year-ago period.

The Rajasthan government expects the mustard acreage to be around 3 million hectare as it compiles district-wise data. The sowing area under the rabi oilseed crop was 2.71 million hectare last year in the state.

"The delayed withdrawal of monsoon helped in retaining the moisture content, and as usual farmers in Rajasthan have started harvesting the crop, which was sown around

first week of October. Whereas as the harvesting in Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, two other leading mustard-growing states, will begin after 15-20 days," Rai of DRMC said.

He also said that the government's thrust is to take the mustard crop to states like Assam and Jharkhand where potential is high, part from increasing the areas in the traditionally growing states.

From the Front Page

Covid-19: Come March 1, free vaccine for all above 60, 45-plus with other illnesses

Those who want to get vaccination from private hospitals will have to pay, but the amount will be decided by the health ministry within the next three-four days

being produced by Bharat Biotech.

Javadekar said the world's largest vaccination started on January 16 with 1,07,67,000 people vaccinated and 14 lakh also having received a second dose.

Asked if people will have a choice on which vaccine - Covishield or COVAXIN - they want to take, Javadekar said India is proud to have two vaccines which are both effective with proven efficacy.

While Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield is being manufactured by the Serum Institute, Covaxin is

received a second dose.

This section was primarily for health workers and the whole expenditure was borne by the government, they were vaccinated free," he said.

Javadekar asserted that the vaccination in India has been successful, "faultless

with hardly any complaints."

Asked whether ministers and the prime minister, who would be now be in the category of those who can take the vaccination, will get inoculated, Javadekar said those who want to take the vaccination will take it at the place of their choosing from March 1.

Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, who also briefed the media on the Cabinet decisions, said most of the ministers are of the thinking that they will pay to get vaccinated.

On another question about leaders and other countries taking the vaccination shots first, Prasad said it is about point of view.

"In many places, prime ministers and ministers are getting it done, here we thought that first we will get our health sector fighters vaccinated," he said.

GAIL, IOCL and HPCL, AAI Airports in Tier II and III cities, Other railway infrastructure assets and warehousing assets of CPSEs such as Central Warehousing Corporation and NAFED and sports stadiums are to be sold too.

The Budget has also unveiled the new strategic disinvestment policy, under which four broad sectors are classified as strategic in which at least one PSU to be retained while the remaining ones can be privatised or merged or closed. These four sectors are: atomic energy, space and defence; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals; banking, insurance and financial services. In non-strategic sector, CPSEs will be privatised or closed. The new policy will release a large number of PSUs for privatisation in the coming years, potentially boosting the Centre's non-debt capital receipts for various social sector and developmental programmes. Already, the government is in the process of privatisation of fuel-refinery BPCL and national carrier Air India.

The Centre has projected a conservative disinvestment revenue target of ₹1.75 lakh crore for FY22 even though bulk of the deals planned in FY21 such as strategic sale of fuel retailer-cum-refiner BPCL and the initial public offer of Life Insurance Corporation are seen materialising next fiscal. With Covid-19 pandemic playing spoilsport, FY21 disinvestment revenues (revised estimate) will be at a five-year low of around ₹32,000 crore or 14% of the massive annual target of ₹2.1 lakh crore.

Railways will monetise Dedicated Freight Corridor assets for operations and maintenance, after commissioning. The next lot of Airports will be monetised for operations and management concession.

Other core infrastructure assets that will be rolled out for monetisation include NHAI's Operational Toll Roads, transmission assets of PGCIL, oil and gas Pipelines of

administration had introduced some changes to the 2020 civics test. It increased the number of questions from 100 to 128 and the correct answers in the multiple-choice questions had political and ideological overtones.

Announcing the reversal of the Trump policy, USCIS said the 2020 civics test development process, content, testing procedures, and implementation schedule "may inadvertently create potential barriers to the naturalisation process".

This action is consistent with the framework of the Executive Order on Restoring Faith in Our Legal Immigration Systems, which directs a comprehensive review of the naturalisation process to eliminate barriers and make the process more accessible to all eligible individuals," it said.

The federal agency asserted that the 2008 civics test was "thoroughly developed over a multi-year period with the input of more than 150 organisations, which included English as a second language experts, educators, and historians, and was piloted before its implementation".

USCIS aspires to make the process as accessible as possible as directed by President Joe Biden's request to review the process thoroughly, it said.

The decision to naturalise demonstrates an investment in and commitment to US, USCIS said, adding that it is committed to administering a test that is an instrument of civic learning and fosters civic integration as part of the test preparation process.

Applicants who filed their application for naturalisation on or after December 1, 2020, and before March 1, 2021, likely have been studying for the 2020 test; therefore, USCIS will give these applicants the option to take either the 2020 civics test or the 2008 civics test, it said.

"There will be a transition period where both tests are being offered. The 2020 test will be phased out on April 19, 2021, for initial test takers. Applicants filing on or after March 1, 2021, will take the 2008 civics test," USCIS said.

Biggies to gain from PLI for pharma, IT hardware

THE RELATIVELY small ones, with FY20 revenue below ₹500 crore, will get ₹1,750 crore. Any unutilised incentives, meant for the firms with revenue in the range of ₹500 crore to ₹5,000 crore, could later be distributed among larger players.

The PLI scheme for manufacturing of IT hardware including laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs and servers, has an outlay of ₹7,350 crore over a four-year period and a total of 15 companies, five global players and 10 domestic firms, are expected to benefit from it. The incentives are expected to generate additional investments of ₹2,700 crore and result in incremental production of ₹3.26 lakh crore, 75% of which for exports.

The government expects the scheme to reduce India's import dependence for IT hardware in a major way - currently, 80% of the country's laptop and tablet demand is met through imports.

The scheme, to commence from April 1, will enable domestic value addition in IT hardware to rise from 5-10% at present to 20%-25% by 2025. Under the scheme, incentives of 4% to 10% on net incremental sales over the base year (2019-20) will be given to the beneficiary companies. It is also expected that the scheme will generate over 1.8 lakh direct and indirect jobs over the four-year period.

The duration of the pharmaceutical PLI scheme will be from FY21 to FY29. This will include the period for processing of applications (FY21), optional gestation period of one year (FY22) and incentives for six years (FY23-FY28). The disbursement of incentive for sales during FY28 will take place in FY29.

According to official estimates, the scheme is likely to bring in investment of ₹15,000 crore. It will also result in total incremental sales of ₹2.94 lakh crore and

additional exports of ₹1.96 lakh crore over six years through FY28, apart from fetching handsome amount of direct and indirect taxes. It is expected to generate a total of one lakh jobs - 20,000 direct and 80,000 indirect. At the same, it will improve research and development in the critical sector and help the goal of affordable healthcare for the population.

The PLI for pharmaceuticals was one of the 13 such schemes announced by the government in

Centre may cut auto fuel taxes by ₹5/L: BofA

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, February 24

FUEL PRICES ON FIRE



■ The ₹5/litre tax cut can reduce Centre's income by around ₹71,760 crore

■ Indian basket of crude prices were in the range of \$19-\$44/b in the first half of FY21, when crude import bill fell 57% annually to \$22.5 billion

■ On Wednesday, retail petrol price in Delhi was at an all-time high of ₹90.93/litre, rising by ₹5.23/litre since the same day a month ago

forecast by \$9 billion to \$48 billion, with oil imports driving up the current account deficit.

On Wednesday, retail petrol price in Delhi was at an all-time high of ₹90.93/litre, rising by ₹5.23/litre since the same day a month ago, as OMCs gradually increased the base-price of the products amid rising international crude prices. The Centre's tax (basic excise, surcharge, agri-infra cess and road/infra cess) is currently ₹31.83/litre for diesel and ₹32.98/litre for 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.

"We have raised our ₹9% FY22 growth forecast with the boost to consumption from oil tax cuts likely to offset impact of the pressure on yields from a higher fiscal deficit," BofA added.

The brokerage firm has raised its RBI open market operations

To offset the effect of the newly imposed agriculture infrastructure cess on end consumers from February 1, the surcharge on both petrol and diesel rates have been reduced by only ₹1/litre while basic excise duty rates now stand reduced at ₹1.4/litre for petrol and ₹1.8/litre for diesel.

While the cesses and surcharge are not sharable, the states get 42% of the auto-fuel excise duty income only from the basic excise duty component. Of course, the states levy their own VAT on petrol and diesel, which goes exclusively to their coffers, but current high prices limit the scope of increasing VAT further.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Kolkata, February 24

Aiming at inoculating people of West Bengal for Covid-19 free of cost before the upcoming assembly election, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi urging him to help the state in procuring vaccines.

A rapid vaccination programme is needed immediately for the interests of health and well-being of all concerned, Banerjee said in a letter to Modi.

"We would request you to kindly take up the matter with appropriate authority, so that state government is able to purchase the vaccines from designated point(s) on top priority basis, because the West Bengal government wants to provide vaccination free of cost to all the people," the letter read.

Election to the 294-member West Bengal assembly is due in April-May.

Till Tuesday, at least 8 lakh health workers and frontline workers have been vaccinated in the state.

INTEC CAPITAL LIMITED

Publication Demand Notice

NOTICE UNDER SEC. 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

Demand Notice dated 02.02.2021 and on 05.02.2021 by Speed Post to (1) SHREE RADHA KRISHNA SINGH CORP LTD, 100095, through its Proprietor Mr. TARA CHAND GUPTA, At G-13A, NAVEEN SHADHARA, NEW DELHI - 110095 (2) MR. TARA CHAND GUPTA (Guarantor) At G-13A, NAVEEN SHADHARA, NEW DELHI - 110092 Also At 1/529B, FRIENDS COLONY, INDUSTRIAL AREA, DELHI - 110095 (3) MR. DEEPAK GOEL (Guarantor) At G-13A, NAVEEN SHADHARA, NEW DELHI - 110092 Also At SHOP NO. 204, GROUND FLOOR, PLOT NO. 2098, ATMA RAM MARKET, BHAGIRATH PALACE (FOUNTAIN), DELHI (4) MR. SHEELA GOYAL (Guarantor) At G-13A, NAVEEN SHADHARA, NEW DELHI - 110092 SUBJECT: Loan Account No. LNHP0013-140003072 dated 16.12.2013 with Intec Capital Limited.

You, committed to repayment of loans and such your Loan Account no. LNHP0013-140003072 was declared Non-Performing Asset (NPA) on 30.06.2016 and a sum of Rs. 1,79,80,427/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) is outstanding as on 31.12.2020.

The Intec Capital Limited issued Demand notice dated 02.02.2021 under the Act on 05.02.2021 calling upon you to repay the outstanding amount of Rs. 1,79,80,427/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) as on 31.12.2020.

You are called upon to pay Rs. 1,79,80,427/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Eighty Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) within 60 days from the date of this notice failing which Intec Capital Limited will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as against the specific assets as per the Schedule hereunder. This notice is without prejudice to any other right remaining available to the Intec Capital Limited.

SHEDULE: The specific details of all assets in which security interest is created are enumerated hereunder:

HYPOTHECATED ASSETS: (1) SEMI AUTOMATIC CABLE MACHINE WITH HELICAL GEAR BOX WITH AC DRIVE (2) FULLY AUTOMATIC PLANT WITH PLC SYSTEM AUTOMATIC MATERIAL LOADING SYSTEM (3) DOUBLE TWISTING BUNCHING MACHINE (4) SCREW HIGH SPEED MOTORIZED PRINTER MACHINE (5) LAYING MACHINE EQUIPPED WITH 37 BOBBINS WITH FITTED AC DRIVE (6) CATTERPILLAR/STRANDING LINES/SEQUENTIAL MARKING MACHINE/PULLERS (7) RIGID STRANDING MACHINE /MULTI CORE TWISTING MACHINE

Installed at "M/s Shree Radha Krishna Sales Corporation, 1/529B, Friends Colony, Industrial Area, Delhi - 110095"

Dated : 22.02.2021

Place : New Delhi

AUTHORISED OFFICER:
INTEC CAPITAL LTD.



E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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

Sr. No. Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/s

Description of Property

Date of Demand Notice Total Dues

Date & Time of E-auction.

Reserve Price EMD and

Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)

Property Inspection Date & Time.

Symbolic Possession

05.03.2021 between 01.00 PM to 02.00 PM

Bid Increase Amount, Rs. 20,000.00

05.03.2021 between 01.00 PM to 02.00 PM

ReNew Power, RMG tie up for Nasdaq listing

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LAYING THE GROUNDWORK for publicly listing itself in the United States, ReNew Power has entered into an agreement with RMG Acquisition Corporation II (RMG II) which is a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC). After the expected closure of the transaction in June-end, ReNew will be listed on the Nasdaq under the ticker symbol 'RNW'.

A SPAC — also called a 'blank check company' — is a firm already listed in a stock exchange which helps a company go public, bypassing the initial public offering procedure. The deal gives an enterprise value of \$8 billion to ReNew Power. The existing shareholders of ReNew, including Goldman Sachs, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPP Investments), Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, and JERA, will be issued shares of the SPAC at \$10 per scrip.

The combined entity gets \$1.2 billion proceeds from the deal, of which \$855 million has come from new marquee investors including BlackRock, BNP Paribas Energy Transition Fund, Chamath Palihapitiya, Sylebra Capital, TT International Asset Management, TT Environmental Solutions Fund and Zimmer Partners. About \$345 million of cash is held in trust by RMG II.

The fully diluted market capitalisation of the combined

company would be approximately \$4.4 billion, assuming no RMG II shareholders exercise their redemption rights. "The transaction re-emphasises strong investor interest in Indian renewable energy sector with massive growth potential," said Gaurav Singhal, managing director, India investment banking at Bank of America.

ReNew is currently the only company in the Indian renewable energy sector with over 5 giga-watt (GW) of operational solar and wind power plants, and has an aggregate capacity of close to 10 GW including contracts already won in competitive bids. "Over time, we will expand our capabilities even further, with utility-scale battery storage, and customer focused intelligent energy solutions," Sumanth Sinha, CEO, ReNew Power said. Sinha will remain the CEO of the combined company, and its board of directors will include representation from ReNew's existing stockholders, RMG II and independent directors.

RB reports 12% revenue growth in Covid-hit 2020, driven by India, China, US

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, February 24

BRITISH FMCG MAJOR RB on Wednesday said the large contribution from markets like India, where consumption of its hygiene products such as toilet cleaner Harpic jumped over three times in the Covid-impacted 2020, helped it to grow 11.8% to 13.99 billion British Pounds in the year.

The company witnessed a volume growth of 9.6% in 2020, led by the strong performance of its disinfectant brands driving penetration and market share gains by the health segment, said RB, which owns brands including Dettol, Lysol, Durex, Strepsils and Vanish.

"Mortein and Harpic also delivered growth in all their major geographies, with Harpic particularly strong in India," it said.

In 2020, RB's net revenue for the hygiene segment was up 19.5% at 5.81 billion British Pounds, particularly from Lysol and Finish, with broad-based growth in all regions and improved overall market share for the segment, it added.

—PTI

Hyundai announces 7-seater entry, names first premium SUV Alcazar

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Chennai, February 24

SOUTH KOREAN CAR maker Hyundai on Wednesday announced entry into 7 seater segment, and revealed the name of its upcoming 7 seater premium SUV - Alcazar which will make its global debut in India this year. Alcazar will compete with the likes of MG Hector Plus, upcoming Mahindra XUV 500 and just launched Tata Safari. The announcement about the much-hyped 7 seater entry by Hyundai comes close on the heels of the company completing 25 years in India.

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Alcazar has been developed to personify reliability and indulgence while drawing its inspiration from the royal lin-

strong levels of penetration and brands as Dettol and Lysol are used in over 300 million households globally.

"In India alone, Harpic is now used in over 100 million homes, up by nearly 30 million compared to 2019, as a result of purpose-led marketing campaigns centred around behaviour change," the company said.

Lysol is now estimated to be present in over half of all US homes, while in Canada, its penetration is up over 1,200 basis points over the past year, it added.

"Mortein and Harpic also delivered growth in all their major geographies, with Harpic particularly strong in India," it said.

All geographic regions have grown, with the largest contributors to growth including the US, India and China," said Reckitt Benckiser (RB) in an earning statement.

Its leading disinfectant brands have seen exceptionally

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MTAR TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

Our Company was incorporated as 'MTAR Technologies Private Limited' pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated November 11, 1999 issued by the erstwhile Registrar of Companies, Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad, upon the conversion of 'M/s Machine Tools Aids and Reconditioning', a partnership firm, into a private limited company, in accordance with the provisions of Part IX of the Companies Act, 1956. Thereafter, pursuant to the conversion of our Company to a public limited company, the name of our Company was changed to 'MTAR Technologies Limited', and a fresh certificate of incorporation dated November 2, 2020 was issued to our Company by the RoC. For further details on the changes in the name and registered office of our Company, see 'History and Certain Corporate Matters' on page 247 of the Red Herring Prospectus dated February 22, 2021 ('RHP').

Registered and Corporate Office: 18, Technocrats Industrial Estate, Balanagar, Hyderabad 500 037, Telangana, India; Tel: +91 40 4455 3333; E-mail: shubham.bagadia@mtar.in; Website: www.mtar.in; Corporate Identity Number: U72200TG1999PLC032836

OUR PROMOTERS: PARVAT SRINIVAS REDDY, P. LEELAVATHI, K. SHALINI, D. ANITHA REDDY, C. USHA REDDY, G. KAVITHA REDDY, ANUSHMAN REDDY, P. KALPANA REDDY, SARANYA LOKA REDDY, A. MANOGNA AND M. MADHAVI

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO 10,372,419 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF MTAR TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED ("OUR COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [REDACTED] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹ [REDACTED] PER EQUITY SHARE) ("ISSUE PRICE") AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹ [REDACTED] MILLION. THE OFFER COMPRISSES OF A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO 2,148,149 EQUITY SHARES AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹ [REDACTED] MILLION ("FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 8,224,270 EQUITY SHARES AGGRAGATING UP TO ₹ [REDACTED] MILLION, COMPRISING UP TO 450,000 EQUITY SHARES BY P. LEELAVATHI, UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY PARVAT SRINIVAS REDDY, UP TO 149,970 EQUITY SHARES BY P. KALPANA REDDY, UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY SARANYA LOKA REDDY, UP TO 200,000 EQUITY SHARES BY C. USHA REDDY, UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY G. KAVITHA REDDY, UP TO 125,000 EQUITY SHARES BY D. ANITHA REDDY, UP TO 225,000 EQUITY SHARES BY K. SHALINI AND UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY A. MANOGNA (COLLECTIVELY THE "PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS") AND UP TO 5,784,309 EQUITY SHARES BY FABMOHR ADVISORS LLP AND UP TO 90,000 EQUITY SHARES BY P. SIMHADRI REDDY (COLLECTIVELY THE "INVESTOR SELLING SHAREHOLDERS"), AND TOGETHER WITH THE PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS, THE "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS" ("THE OFFER FOR SALE"), AND TOGETHER WITH THE FRESH ISSUE, THE "OFFER". THE OFFER WILL CONSTITUTE [REDACTED] % OF OUR POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL.

*OUR COMPANY HAS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS, UNDERTAKEN A PRE-IPO PLACEMENT OF 1,851,851 EQUITY SHARES, AGGRAGATING TO ₹ 1,000.00 MILLION ("PRE-IPO PLACEMENT"). THE SIZE OF THE FRESH ISSUE AS DISCLOSED IN THE DRAFT RED HERRING PROSPECTUS, OF UP TO 4,000,000 EQUITY SHARES, HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 1,851,851 EQUITY SHARES PURSUANT TO THE PRE-IPO PLACEMENT, AND ACCORDINGLY, THE FRESH ISSUE IS OF UP TO 2,148,149 EQUITY SHARES.

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

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

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

Price Band: ₹ 574 to ₹ 575 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 10 each.

The Floor Price is 57.40 times the face value of the Equity Shares and the Cap Price is 57.50 times the face value of the Equity Shares.
Bids can be made for a minimum of 26 Equity Shares and in multiples of 26 Equity Shares thereafter.

ASBA*

Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!

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

Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.

UPI

UNIFIED PAYMENTS INTERFACE

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

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

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

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

*ASBA has to be availed by all the investors, except Anchor Investors. UPI may be availed by RIBs.

For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA Form and Abridged Prospectus and also please refer to "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 464 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("AIBI"), Stock Exchanges and in the General Information Document. ASBA Forms can be downloaded from the websites of the BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges" and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in.

**List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. For the list of UPI Banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: https://www.npci.org.in/upi-live-ipo. ICICI Bank Limited has been appointed as Sponsor Bank for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018, as amended. For offer related grievance investors may contact: JM Financial Limited - Ms. Prachee Dhuri (+91 22 6630 3030) (mtar.ipo@jmfl.com) or IIFL Securities Limited - Mr. Devendra Maydeo / Mr. Sachin Jagad (+91 22 4646 4600) (mtar.ipo@iiflcap.com); JM Financial Services Limited-Surajit Misra / Deepak Vaidya / TN Kumar / Sonu Verghese - (+91 22 6136 3400) (surajit.misra@jmfl.com/Deepak.vaidya@jmfl.com/TN.kumar@jmfl.com/sonu.verghese@jmfl.com); KFin Technologies Private Limited - M. Murali Krishna (+91 40 6716 2222) (mtar.ipo@kfinotech.com). For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and Mail Id: ipo.upi@npci.org.in.

Risks to Investors:

- The two book running lead managers ("BRLMs") associated with the Offer have handled 21 public offers in the past three years, out of which 6 issues closed below the offer price on listing date.
- The Price/Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for Fiscal 2020 for the Issuer at the upper end of the Price Band is as high as 51.76 times.
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares by the Promoters ranges from ₹ 0.00 per Equity Share to ₹ 8.04 per Equity Share and Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 575 per Equity Share.
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares by the Selling Shareholders ranges from ₹ 38.44 per Equity Share to ₹ 119.64 per Equity Share and Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 575 per Equity Share.

BID / OFFER PROGRAMME

BID / OFFER OPENS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021*

BID / OFFER CLOSES ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

* Our Company and the Selling Shareholders may, in consultation with the BRLMs, consider participation by Anchor Investors in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be one Working Day prior to the Bid/Offer Opening Date.

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

This Offer is being made in terms of Rule 9(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("SCR") read with Regulation 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended (the "SEBI ICDR Regulations"). This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in accordance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") (the "QIB Portion"), provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholders in consultation with the BRLMs may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis. One-third of the Anchor Investor Portion shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from the Mutual Funds and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders (other than Anchor Investors), including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are mandatorily required to participate in the Offer through the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective ASBA Account, which will be blocked by the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs"), or through the UPI Mechanism. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA Process. For details, see "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 464 of the RHP.

Bidders/Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN and the Client ID (and UPI ID (as applicable, in case RIBs) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository Centre, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active.

Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of our Company, investors are requested to see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" beginning on page 247 of the RHP and Clause III of the Memorandum of Association of our Company. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, see "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" beginning on page 543 of the RHP.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMPANY: Limited by shares.

AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of our Company is ₹ 660,000,000 divided into 66,000,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity share capital of our Company is ₹ 286,114,420 divided into 28,611,422 Equity Shares of ₹ 10 each. For details of the capital structure, see "Capital Structure" beginning on page 77 of the RHP.

NAMES OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM: K. Satyanarayana Reddy, P. Ravindra Reddy, P. Jayaprakash Reddy, K. Shalini, P. Leelavathi, P. Girija, C. Usha Reddy, G. Kavitha Reddy, D. Anitha Reddy, M. Madhavi, A. Monogna, P. Kalpan



Opinion

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

**EQUAL PARTNERS**

Finance ministry Nirmala Sitharaman

Embargo lifted on grant of Govt business to private banks... Private banks can now be equal partners in development of the Indian economy, furthering Govt's social sector initiatives...

Covid-19 must not disrupt TB, malaria control

A new report highlights the problem of communicable diseases, policy must take note

THE PANDEMIC SHOULDN'T cause India to lose its focus on many largely-preventable, communicable diseases that have become somewhat endemic. Battling Covid-19, of course, is the immediate concern for public health. But a recently-released report by the Centre for Disease Dynamics, Economics and Policy (CDDEP) underscores how vital it is to sustain the momentum against certain diseases while building this for some others. India tops the list of countries on the estimated incidence of TB and reports the third-highest proportion of global annual malaria cases. Apart from these, it also shares a fairly large share of the global burden for a host of other communicable diseases. Adding to the risks are malnutrition which has a retarding effect on immunological development—India has battled this somewhat successfully so far, but it continues to cast a long shadow on health in the country—and the sharp increase in antimicrobial resistance in the country because of rampant misuse in humans and farm animals. As this newspaper has highlighted before, citing data from CDDEP experts, drug-resistant infections cause 58,000 neonatal death annually in the country.

Against such a backdrop, India can hardly afford to slip up on its national programmes against communicable diseases. The fact that India's TB intervention was lagging that of Bangladesh, which reports the third-highest TB burden in South Asia—South East Asia, on most indicators is quite telling; as per data from the Global Tuberculosis Report 2020 of the World Health Organization cited in the CDDEP report, while India's best-estimate new case detection rate was 65% versus Bangladesh's 67%, its treatment success rate for new cases was just 69% versus Bangladesh's 94%. The fact that the success rate for second-line treatment (adopted for cases that are resistant to first-line drugs) was a much higher 74% for Bangladesh than India's 46% could indicate that despite its high incidence of multi-drug resistant TB, India's TB control might still need to get patient-tracking right, especially if the low number is because of cases lost to follow-up. While India targets to eliminate TB in the next four years, the drop in the reported number of TB cases last year—a sign of Covid-19 having interrupted TB detection—would suggest the chances of achieving the target may not be too great. This is not to say that India hasn't accorded priority to the control efforts—indeed, with significant health and social support programmes, there has been meaningful progress over the years. However, there is still a large gap to bridge, and there is a very real chance of the gap becoming wider because of the pandemic's disruptive effect.

Similarly, while India has reported significant declines in its malaria burden over the last half a decade or so, its poorest states continue to be the worst-affected by the disease. These are also states where the public health system is quite inadequate. With Covid-19 having severely hit states' finances, defeating malaria becomes increasingly difficult; there are emerging challenges, too, such as growing resistance to artemisinin (an anti-malarial drug). India needs to assess the problem ahead and design efforts accordingly. Else, it might see the present scenario—where the burden of non-communicable diseases is growing, and that of communicable diseases is waning—reverse, leading to a double whammy where both non-communicable and communicable diseases impose a significant burden on the country.

Don't cap school fees

Karnataka should make free govt schools more attractive

THE KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT'S decision to enforce a 30%-cut in tuition fees at private schools for the current academic year (2020-21) in view of the pandemic—the government has also ordered that schools can't charge any fee other than the tuition fee for the year—is the kind of regulatory approach that has held back education in the country. While the schools say that such fee-restrictions mean that they can't keep up operations and pay to retain staff, the state government seems to yield to the parents who claim that most private schools have imposed significant pay-cuts or even fired many teachers, apart from doing other cost-cutting. However, the Karnataka government—indeed, all others contemplating similar moves—need to bear in mind that the question is not merely of present costs but of sustaining delivery over the long term. More important, if the government was to invest in improving the quality of education delivery and learning outcomes in its schools as well as ensuring greater access to online/digital among poor households, that would be a more meaningful bulwark against high private-school fees.

Covid-19 and the shutting down of schools has made online education an imperative, though the problem of access, both material (devices, connectivity, content, etc) and in terms of digital literacy/savvy, has raised questions of what this means for students from poor families the bulk of whom would still be in government schools. The recently released ASER 2020 Wave 1—which surveys the school education landscape over the first six months of Covid-19 marred the academic year 2020-21—finds that both government schools and private schools in Karnataka have had their strengths and weaknesses. With higher access to smartphones and other such gadgets, private school students in the state could benefit from online education delivery more, but in terms of access to grade-level texts, overall disbursal of learning materials and assigning of learning activities, the state's government schools had the lead. So, if the state government were to focus on setting up more schools and easing access to digital/online learning among the poor households in the state, whom a fee-reduction move could benefit, it could offer a serious alternative to households most impacted by out-of-pocket expenditure on education and dispense with the need to control or cap fees. The latter would just kill budget private schools, which some households see as an alternative to government school education.

It is hard to read the trend of growing private school enrolment, especially budget private school enrolment, as anything other than poor households putting a premium on the quality of education. If Karnataka's government schools are equipped to offer high-quality education with ease of access across offline/online, there is no way many households would choose fee-paying over free education.

Battling LONELINESS

Japan setting up a ministry of loneliness, following the UK example, brings much-needed focus to mental health

THE PANDEMIC, ASSOCIATED lockdowns and distancing requirements, and the isolation that these bring, did ensure focus on mental health issues—the WHO has also issued guidelines on handling these. The isolation from limited public interaction is having a bearing on societies. Japan, therefore, has done well to appoint a loneliness minister, to tackle rising suicides in the country; the suicide rate has risen for the first time in eleven years. As per *Japan Times*, PM Yoshihide Suga granted minister Tetsushi Sakamoto the additional portfolio of 'loneliness'. Japan, though, is not the first economy to appoint a loneliness minister; Britain did it in 2018. The ministry is expected to come up with ways to address factors impacting mental health, including increasing incidence of child poverty; the country has seen a marked worsening of suicide among women.

In India, despite government efforts, mental health issues remain a stigma. There have been multiple attempts by government to counter rising suicide, especially among students, but these rates have increased. It also seems like attention on mental health in the country has not expanded beyond an academic focus, outside government and marginal non-governmental efforts. NCRB data shows that in 2019, a person died of suicide every four minutes in the country. One in every three took the step due to family problems. Reporting related to mental health issues in India is limited. Although film-stars going public with their battle with depression has helped mainstream a discussion on mental health, more needs to be done. Perhaps, the government, following the Japanese example, can think of a ministry of loneliness.

THE PRICE OF LOWER FUEL TAXES IS LOSING REVENUE THAT FUNDS WELFARE PROJECTS. THE POOR WILL LOSE FROM ANY MOVE TO CUT FUEL TAXES

Raj dharma or opposition dharma?

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RETAIL PETROL PRICE in India has exceeded ₹100 per litre in some states. This is being written as 'fuel prices touching historical highs', though it has no consequence. However, rising fuel prices have given opposition political parties ample opportunities to follow their "opposition dharma" by organising protests. Participating in one such protest, Congress president Sonia Gandhi has written a letter to PM Modi about why he should consider lowering fuel taxes to follow "raj dharma".

While analysing what has been written as part of *raj dharma*, it is useful to consider what the UPA government did during their rule. When we compare the crude oil prices during the sixties of the NDA II, they were 62% of the price during the ten years of UPA, and not 50%, as claimed in the letter. Besides this minor exaggeration, there are many such misleading statistics and unfounded critique of higher excise taxes, as shown later. It is worth stating that I am neither a Modi *bhakt* nor an opponent of any political party—just an energy economist and environmental activist.

It is true that during the NDA II regime, petrol prices have been higher. On average, they have been higher by 37%. So, who are the beneficiaries of this largesse? Certainly not the common man, for whom every political party vows to work for. Let us examine who this common man is.

According to 2015-16 NFHS report, just 6% of households own cars and 38% own two-wheelers. Four-wheelers account for 36% of petrol consumption, while two-wheelers for 62% and three-wheelers for 2%. This clearly shows that only the middle-class and the rich will be affected by the petrol price increase, and most can manage.

When it comes to diesel, we have similar statistics. According to Nielsen's

report for PPAC, the transport sector represents 70% of diesel consumption. The remaining 30% is from the non-transport sectors—agricultural use (mostly for tractors and pump sets) accounts for 13%, industry for 9%, power generation and others for 6.5% and mobile towers for 1.5%, etc. The owner of a tractor or an industrial company is hardly a common man.

Petrol and diesel consumption discussed above clearly shows that "common man", who owns no four- or two-wheelers, or a common farmer, who consumes little or no diesel, is not affected. Those who use public transportation will be affected when diesel prices go up, and the government should consider assisting them.

The rich and upper-middle-class, who pay income tax, are affected when tax rates go high. But, do politicians or media get agitated by income tax rates? Why then the opposition *dharma* of protest against fuel taxes? They are needed for welfare projects (Ujjwala, health insurance, building toilets, MGNREGA, etc) and managing the fiscal deficit below the target to reduce inflation. Here also, Gandhi is factually wrong when she argues about rampant inflation. Based on CEIC, Bloomberg, and Elara Securities Research, inflation during the last five years of UPA was around 10%, based on CPI; it was less than 4.8% during the NDA years.

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NDA has increased excise taxes on petrol from ₹9.48 to ₹32.9, and on diesel from ₹3.56 to ₹31.83. However, as argued by Sonia Gandhi, total revenues collected during the six-and-a-half years from these two is not ₹21 lakh crore, and is at best around ₹14 lakh crore. By any stretch of the imagination, this tax cannot be claimed as "profiteering"; no one terms income tax/GST/customs duty as profiteering.

Some countries do indeed sell petrol below cost. They are oil-exporting countries—often ruled by autocrats or dictators. To 'pacify' citizens, they buy goodwill by selling below cost. In Venezuela petrol costs ₹1.45 and in Iran ₹4.50. On the other hand, there are 41 countries—both developed and developing—where

petrol is sold for more than ₹100/litre. Each country has its political compulsion, and India need not be influenced by their pricing policies, including that of our neighbours, where petrol is cheaper.

There is the unintended benefit of higher petrol price resulting in the faster adoption of electric vehicles. This will result in the reduction of GHG and help India's fight against climate change. As reported in FE, more consumers are looking for electric vehicles who want to exchange ICE bikes.

Amid increasing opposition to higher fuel prices, FM Nirmala Sitharaman has managed to convert this into a zero-sum game between states and the Centre by arguing that it is a 'vexatious' issue. According to her, there is a need to discuss higher fuel prices and how the reduction can be shared between the states and the Centre. This is rather strange reasoning coming from the FM.

No one, including the rich, would like to pay taxes. This was proven by a recent survey of 22,000 respondents by Local Circles. At the same time, it has added to the confusion. Headlines give the impression that 51% of citizens are cutting spending to cope with fuel prices. However, a deeper look at the survey reveals that such a conclusion is erroneous. This is another example of how even the "fact"-based analysis can give misleading news since the sample does not represent India's population.

Through a strong and convincing argument can be made to justify higher fuel price from economic and environmental points of view, it will be finally decided on political expediency. Already, some poll-bound states have cut their state taxes. But who will suffer? As argued in this article, it is the common man who pays either through higher inflation or losing welfare projects. The rich and middle class will again be the winners.

How India can improve its EoDB

Increased digitisation efforts in various areas, from inspection to compliance management to regulatory communication, could reap significant dividends

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INDIA'S 63 MILLION enterprises translate into only a million formal employers. More than 98% of Indian employers stay dwarf with no access to institutional capital, talent, technology and supply chains. They employ an average of under three employees and are not bound to pay minimum wages, offer social security or provide safe and hygienic working conditions. This multidimensional problem has deep roots in India's complex regulatory environment, which levies a 'formalisation' tax on employers. This can take the form of over 400 compliances a year that become applicable after formalisation. As a result, there are clear incentives to stay small and informal.

India's challenge is not to create more enterprises but to nurture existing enterprises. If it could convert just 10% of its 63 million enterprises to formal, 100 million new formal jobs can be created. However, the key binding constraint is high regulatory cholesterol (a universe of 1,536 Acts and 69,233 compliances, which change over 3,000 times a year). Here are some suggestions for ease of doing business agenda for the government.

Constitute a National Compliance Commission: India's regulations need an urgent review. An empowered commission must be set up to reduce the compliance burden by at least 50%. It should focus on identifying duplication and redundancy among compliance requirements. The commission should remove ambiguity, standardise implementation and simplify record keeping.

Create UEN (Unique Enterprise Number): Indian enterprises deal with multiple identities (PE, ESIC, PAN, CIN, TAN etc.) issued by different central and state departments. There is often no single source of truth to build a corporate profile. This can be resolved with a UEN along the lines of Aadhaar. All departments of the government and financial institutions will register an enterprise based on UEN. It will help create a holistic corporate profile for governance, credit, risk and compliance.

Create enterprise document vault: Compliances must go digital. Today, an entrepreneur deals with over 70 different licenses, registrations and approvals (related to entity, land, trade, construction, fire, electricity, labour, environment, weights and measurements etc.) to start his manufacturing setup. An MSME deals with at least 400 compliances annually on an on-going basis. The process is manual, paper-based and requires physical contact with government officials leading to delays and opportunities for corruption. All compli-

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Digitise regulatory updates: With over 3,000 yearly regulatory changes that affect enterprises, India needs a centralised repository of all updates. Currently, they are published on at least 2,233 different websites at union, state and local levels. These changes affect an enterprise's obligations as they notify changes to dates, duty structures, revisions to forms, penalties, calculations, among others. The onus is on an enterprise to periodically visit the websites, discover the changes and evaluate applicability. The government needs to create a centralised repository (electronic gazette) of all regulatory changes that impact the enterprise.

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There should be personalised notifications based on preferences of industry, ministry, department, state, categories and types.

Digitise inspections: An MSME in India can be inspected by as many as 20 inspectors at any time. The current inspection system is manual, paper-based and requires physical contact. The system is so dreaded that it is called 'inspector raj' in popular parlance. There is an urgent need to reimagine the current system and replace it with a consolidated, risk-based and digital system with built-in self-certification and third-party inspections.

The last six years have been exciting from an EoDB perspective. India has jumped from 142nd rank in the World Bank EoDB in 2014 to 63rd in 2019. The low hanging fruit has been plucked. The road ahead will need deeper and more impactful reforms at all levels. These reforms will require tougher decisions, laser-sharp focus and greater allocation of resources. I am hopeful that India can get to its destiny of becoming a \$10 trillion economy at the end of this decade.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A case of law and liberty

The bail granted by ASJ Dharmender Rana to climate activist Disha Ravi charged with sedition under Section 124A of the IPC strikes a blow for civil liberties, the kernel of democracy. It should encourage other members of the judicial fraternity to rediscover their role as the upholders of rights and freedoms guaranteed by the constitution and restore the sanctity and supremacy of the constitution. The judiciary not only has to be outside the government's orbit but it must be seen to be independent of government control. The powerfully written text of the bail order read like a treatise on the jurisprudence of bail; it could be the template and touchstone for similar cases. It validates the adage, 'Bail is the rule, and jail is the exception'. The grave error in arresting and jailing Disha Ravi was borne out by the court's finding that the evidence was "scanty and sketchy". The Delhi police should draw the right lessons for the future. The police's attempt to link the toolkit in question—supporting the farmers' protests against the three pro-corporate farm laws—to the violence on the Republic Day and secessionist outfits fell flat on its face. Judge Rana captured the reality of the situation in words to greater effect than a lensman ever could: The offence of sedition cannot be invoked to minister to the wounded vanity of governments. The court's ringing assertion that citizens are conscience keepers of government in a democracy and cannot be put behind bars simply because they disagree with the government's policies can be prominently displayed in government offices, especially police stations. The bail order provides a glimmer of hope that with the right intervention by the judiciary to protect civil liberties from being infringed or trampled on by the high-handed state, India can be saved from further slipping in the Global Democracy Index.

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● NEW ELECTRICITY CONSUMER RULES

Reading the impact on 'rooftop solar' right

The older regime benefited just a handful. The new rules should spur a conversation on equitable and sustainable pricing frameworks

SOLAR POWER ISN'T just good for the environment, many consumers find it good for their pocket as well. It is the cheapest new-build for electricity in India. Forty percent of India's ambitious 100 GW solar power target for 2022 is meant to come from "rooftop" photovoltaic (PV) generation, or solar cells installed by end-users (they can install it anywhere on their premises). But the actual penetration, thus far, is only of a very low percent. Most solar power generated has come from large grid-scale solar farms, often through large-scale bidding. Rooftop solar was picking up steam till the recent Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules gave a clarification on how to price rooftop solar power; this, industry experts fear, could stifle, if not

same. Current retail electricity tariffs differentiate between residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial users. The latter two segments, on average, overpay to cross-subsidise irrigation pumpsets and households. Even within a category, we have progressive slabs or tiers of pricing, with larger (ostensibly richer) consumers paying more than the category average. Second, where does the rooftop solar power go?

If the household consumes their own solar power, this reduces the amount of power that they need to buy from the discom; for such users, incremental tariff based on their slab that they avoid makes 'rooftop PV' generation worth it. But, the real challenge comes when we consider any surplus PV power that they don't consume—say, when the house is empty. Unless they have a battery to store this power, which is expensive, the logical solution is to feed in such electricity to the electricity grid. But, what should they be paid for such power?

A "simple" solution is to treat import and export of power at the same rate, equivalent to the meter spinning backwards when they generate surplus solar, called net metering, which was the prior norm. But this means that the electricity being fed in to the grid is worth the retail electricity price for the end-user. This creates several problems. First, this means that the larger (and richer consumers) benefit more. Second, this becomes very expensive solar power for the discom. If they were interested in increasing green power, they could have simply procured wholesale grid-scale solar at ₹2/kWh (or ₹2.25 including transmission and distribution losses), instead of effectively paying, say, ₹8-10 per kWh via offsets through net metering (based on the retail tariffs for selected sets of consumers).

A few states allow what is termed "banking"—where the consumer can give surplus solar power mid-day, and then offset their units of electricity consumed at another point in time, sometimes for a nominal charge. So, if a consumer gives solar power mid-day, but asks for compensatory power in the evening, which is when the grid is facing peak demand, these are not the same for the utility. In fact, the utility may even be paying a hefty premium for procuring power in the evening. Rates for banking solar

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tors should give multiple years of clarity in pricing, without which the uncertainty would deter deployers.

We also need to overcome utility resistance, covert and overt, which has often been through onerous paperwork or under the guise of "grid security". Similar resistance happened before, with Open Access, where bulk consumers over 1 MW in size could leave the discom for third-party suppliers, but utilities feared losing their "paying customers". In fact, through concerted policies and technology innovations, we need to increase the quantum of feed-in solar that the last mile infrastructure can absorb.

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power are low, likely to encourage solar power, but, unfortunately, if the consumer is treating the grid like a battery, they aren't paying for that privilege.

The new Consumer Rules limit net metering to 10 kW of feed-in, which is still much larger than most residential consumers' connections to the grid. Any larger solar connection should now be priced through gross metering, instead of net metering, meaning there would be a separate price for such solar power. Some states have set PV gross metering prices at the utility's average power procurement cost, which is still higher than the new benchmark grid-scale solar price (close to ₹2/kWh), but invariably lower than the highest consumer retail price slab.

This shift in rules certainly hurts those who were making out like bandits under the older regime. This is before considering the 30% capital subsidy households could avail—which effectively meant we are subsidising the rich, who have the roofs and the high tariffs. But the older solar pricing system was creating distortions that ultimately hurt other consumers—the ones without rooftop solar. This wasn't just because of the existing electricity prices equilibrium relying on overpaying consumers but also because the current electricity consumer prices don't reflect the true fixed costs of infrastructure for last mile delivery.

As selected consumers increase their use of rooftop solar, they reduce their units or kilowatt hours of electricity purchased, but the infrastructure still needs to be built for the peak demand, which is often in the evening. With less purchases, the aggregate cost (₹/kWh) goes up. But, the more average prices go up, the more people want to lower their usage of the grid (through rooftop solar, open access, or other means), further raising costs. This has been termed the Utility Death Spiral. But it is critical to emphasise that it is not the utility that necessarily bears the brunt—in India, they are regulated entities with fixed rates of return—but other consumers (often poorer ones) for whom prices would go up.

How do we fix this? What is ultimately needed is for prices—both retail and PV—to reflect true costs. Unfortunately, this is easier said than done. We don't yet have

'time of day' pricing for consumers, except in niche cases for bulk consumers. Even before dynamic pricing, state electricity regulatory commissions (SERCs) need to determine a fair value for incoming solar. If the government wants to encourage solar power, any support it wants to offer should be explicit and outside the tariff mechanisms.

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Vaccine fears crippling China's Covid fight

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Longstanding vaccine safety worries are impeding the country has made so far

N DECEMBER, CHINA announced that it planned to inoculate 50 million people against Covid-19 by Feb. 11. Although it was an ambitious goal, it wasn't outlandish for a country that seemed to have done better than most in bringing the pandemic under control. Yet vaccination turns out to be the one Covid benchmark where China has fared badly: As of Feb. 22, it had managed just 2.89 doses per 100 people (or 40.5 million shots), according to Bloomberg's vaccine tracker. By contrast, the U.S. has administered 19.33 doses for every 100 people (a world-beating 64.18 million).

Manufacturing issues and vaccine export diplomacy have certainly played a role in this underperformance. But a far more important factor is longstanding Chinese concerns over vaccine safety and side-effects. Bloomberg News recently reported that the percentage of employees at Chinese firms it contacted who were interested in getting the shot ranged from one-third to less than half. For China to hit its goals, and achieve herd immunity, it will need to encourage more citizens to get over their fears.

China hasn't always been so hesitant when it comes to vaccines. Government immunisation campaigns dating to the 1950s gained widespread acceptance among a mostly rural citizenry that had long been ravaged by infectious diseases. In the 1970s, investments in rural health care produced historic results: Polio incidence dropped by 77% over that decade and measles by 60%. As of 2019, China's basic childhood vaccination rate exceeded 90%, among the highest in the world.

Amid the successes, though, there are reasons for concern. One is the corrosive effect of numerous safety scandals dating back a decade. In 2016, the government shut down an illegal vaccine manufacturing ring that had been in operation since 2011, and sold as many as 2 million improperly stored doses. A survey conducted two months after the incident found that 16% of parents were not vaccinating their children due to it. Two years later, Changsheng Bio-technology Co., a vaccine manufacturer, was accused of faking data on its rabies vaccine and selling ineffective childhood diphtheria, tetanus and whooping-cough shots. Fines and prison sentences were imposed, but the damage was lasting. A survey following the scandal found that about 70% of respondents lacked confidence in vaccinations, and more than half were dissatisfied with the government's response.

For months, China has promoted its Covid vaccine development program as proof that its pharmaceutical industry has reached world-class standards. But there's little evidence that its citizens are primed to agree. Although studies show that most parents still elect to vaccinate their kids with the government-recommended (free) vaccines, for example, a majority of those same parents report serious concerns about side-effects (74%), safety (64%) and effectiveness (52%).

Such worries have likely carried over to the Covid vaccine. Interestingly, polling from last year suggested that intent to get the Covid shot was higher in China than anywhere else. But Abram Wagner, an epidemiologist at the University of Michigan who studies Chinese vaccine hesitancy, told me he wasn't entirely surprised that this hasn't translated into high vaccination rates. "It's very different to be in a survey going, 'I want to get a vaccine,' versus you're at work and they're offering a Covid vaccine." One factor that may account for the difference is recent reporting on the sale of fake Covid shots. In one case, the authorities broke up a ring of counterfeiters who had sold 58,000 phony doses (netting around \$2.8 million). That news alone was likely enough to cause some Chinese to hesitate when faced with a vial and needle.

The good news is that China doesn't need to be a vaccine laggard, and long-term it won't be. Few countries have demonstrated greater success with public-health campaigns in the past; a campaign tailored to countering Covid vaccine hesitancy would likely be just as effective. It would also help if China's leaders took a more public stand in support of the vaccine, including publicised events where they're jabbed. Doing so would go a long way toward building confidence in the shots, and in the country's long-beleaguered vaccine companies. It's the kind of trust-building exercise that China's elites don't generally undertake. But in the midst of a pandemic, it's surely worth a shot.

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AILING DRAGON

China's basket of challenges

The country is undergoing a disadvantageous demographic transition, even as its reputation has taken a beating on multiple fronts

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pushed below the poverty line. Currently, there seems to be no political thinking on this in China, neither is any effective economic policy post Covid-19 in place.

China started counting on robots and automation to fill the gaps in the labour force, but it is impossible to make the pace of automation match decline in a particular employment- or job-profile this early. Social security and retraining will become important to help people.

A second weakness that is visible is its lack of innovation and IPR violation. China, to a great extent, has violated the norms and rules of IPR. Several disputes

focused on this are also pending with the WTO. If digital services take the edge over the movement of goods, then design, data, transmission of ideas will be crucial and will need IPR protection. This is where China's reputation will put its future at stake. India must take advantage of this.

Third, China will face a crisis in steering its economic growth as its over-reliance on foreign investment may take a beating. This is expected because the spectre of Covid-19 'origin' is going to haunt China for some time. China's debt-to-GDP is already very high, to the tune of over 303%. Borrowings in the form of corporate, household and government debt have been high. Asset price bubbles, and complex hidden risks pose a major systemic danger to the world's second largest economy. Such financial danger reminds of a "Minsky moment" hitting China's economy. In its frenzied pursuits of wealth and power China perhaps is causing too much damage to its own economy and the global trade ecosystem.

All this debt got built up over the years as the financial system channelled resources to investment during China's rapid growth phase, but the state-dominated system turned to be completely inefficient; as a result, certain amount of borrowing has not been recovered. The old, investment-heavy growth model is running out of steam because of which the debt-to-GDP ratio has been rising since the global financial crisis. If lending were financing productive investment and growth, then this ratio should be stable or rising only slowly. The evidence suggests that for over half of the infrastructure investments in China over the last three decades, the costs are larger than the benefits they generated, which means the projects destroy eco-

nomic value instead of generating it. Such a dramatic development only confirms that China is currently sitting on a ticking bomb.

Fourth, Made in China 2025 industrial policy is trying to direct innovation in 10 key industries. This approach is unlikely to succeed and has caused great consternation among trading partners because of IPR and technology violations. The recent tech war between the US and China has already seen Beijing accused of trying to access personal data, defence establishments documents, etc.

On the carbon emission front, China is currently a major emitter. It now produces about 28% of the world's emissions. Coal consumption, which exhibited some decline from 2013 to 2017, driven in part by a push to improve its notorious air quality, began to rise again in 2019 and 2020 as the economy faced economic headwinds and the government sought to stimulate industrial growth.

Fora like the UN, WTO, etc, need to deal with modern environment and trade issues stringently. IPR, regulation relating to investment, dumping, cross-border data flows and subsidies where China seems to have operated non-transparently over couple of decades, need to be investigated with objectivity and transparency.

This will require practical compromises between China and the US. China will need to take on more responsibilities commensurate with its current power status.

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**PASSWORD PROTECTION**

Sundar Pichai, CEO, Google & Alphabet @sundarpichai
Password Checkup is coming to @Android, alerting you if a password you entered into an app has been compromised. We're also launching a new version of our screen reader with the features most requested by the blind and low vision communities, and more

Quick View

Global airline body IATA plans Covid travel pass for end of March

IATA SAID ON Wednesday that it was essential that governments start issuing their citizens with digital vaccination certificates which can then feed into its travel pass. Global airline industry body IATA warned that the outlook for airlines had weakened since its December forecasts, and due to tightening travel restrictions it now expected the sector to still be bleeding by the fourth quarter of this year. IATA raised its forecast for total airline cash burn for 2021 to between \$75 billion and \$95 billion, up from the \$48 billion it had forecast in December.

IMF chief for reverse 'dangerous divergence'

GROUP OF 20 countries should take strong policy actions to reverse a "dangerous divergence" that threatens to leave most developing economies languishing for years, the head of the International Monetary Fund said in a blog on Wednesday. IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva said "much stronger international collaboration" was needed to accelerate the rollout of Covid-19 vaccines in poorer countries, including additional funding to help them buy doses and reallocation of excess vaccines from surplus to deficit countries.

Biden CIA nominee faces easy path to Senate confirmation

US PRESIDENT JOE Biden's nominee to be director of the CIA, William Burns, is expected to sail through his Senate confirmation hearing on Wednesday, with discussion largely focused on challenges from China and Russia and threats from international hacking networks.

US new home sales exceed expectations in Jan

SALES OF NEW US single-family homes increased more than expected in January, boosted by historically low mortgage rates and an acute shortage of previously owned houses on the market. New home sales rose 4.3% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 923,000 units last month, the Commerce Department said on Wednesday.

Vaccine developed in Wuhan shown 72.5% effective

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SINOPHARM GROUP SAID its second coronavirus vaccine, this one developed by a subsidiary based in Wuhan, is effective in preventing Covid-19 in 72.5% of people, less than its first shot but above the threshold for approval for general use.

Suzuki Motor's 91-yr-old chairman waves goodbye after decades-long career

EIMI YAMAMITSU
Tokyo, February 24

SUZUKI MOTOR'S 91-YEAR-OLD chairman, Osamu Suzuki, announced he will retire in June, stepping aside for a new leader to navigate the shift to electric cars and fight off competition from tech firms such as Tesla and Apple.

The chairman, after heading the company for more than four decades that his wife's grandfather founded, is leaving his son Toshihiro Suzuki, already president and CEO, to hold the reins of the company.

Osamu told reporters on Wednesday he decided to retire after the company welcomed its 100th anniversary last year and the approval of its new management plan.

But he said he will "remain active" as an adviser. "I will neither run away nor hide," the patriarch said, who has repeatedly declared in the past he will be a "lifelong non-retiree."

The company also announced on Wednesday it will invest one trillion yen (\$9.45 billion), mostly on electrification technology, over five years.

The younger Suzuki said the company needed to respond to a global push towards lower emissions. "Carbon neutral is the focus now. Suzuki must not fall behind this global trend," he said.

The announcement by Japan's fourth-biggest automaker comes less than a week after rival Honda Motor appointed a new CEO, who said he would consider alliances to make bold decisions.

Carmakers, particularly smaller players such as Suzuki, are seen at a disadvantage due to the huge cost of developing EVs and technologies such as autonomous driving.

Suzuki, alongside other automakers such as Mazda and Subaru, tied up with Toyota in 2019 to slash development and manufacturing costs.

—REUTERS

A SHOT IN THE ARM

Johnson & Johnson's one-shot vaccine to offer strong protection

THE NEW YORK TIMES

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THE ONE-SHOT CORONAVIRUS vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson provides strong protection against severe disease and death from Covid-19, and may reduce the spread of the virus by vaccinated people, according to new analyses posted online by the Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday.

The vaccine had a 72% overall efficacy rate in the United States and 64% in South Africa, where a highly contagious variant emerged in the fall and is now driving most cases. The efficacy in South Africa was seven points higher than earlier data released by the company.

The vaccine also showed 86% efficacy against severe forms of Covid-19 in the US, and 82% against severe disease in South Africa. That means that a vaccinated person has a far lower risk of being hospitalised or dying from Covid-19.

The analyses confirmed that Americans are likely to benefit soon from a third effective coronavirus vaccine developed in under a year, as demand for inoculations greatly outstrips supply. The FDA could authorise the vaccine as early as Saturday, depending on a vote of its vaccine advisory



panel on Friday after it discusses the newly released documents.

"With a J&J vaccine, we'll be able to accelerate the vaccine rollout for our country and for the world," said Dan Barouch, a virologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston who led much of the early research on the vaccine last year.

Johnson & Johnson's vaccine can be stored at normal refrigeration temperatures for at least three months, making its distribution considerably easier than the authorized vaccines made by Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech, which require two doses and must be stored at frigid temperatures.

But access to the new vaccine could be severely limited at first. Dr. Richard Nettles, the vice president of US medical affairs at Janssen Pharmaceuticals, the drug develop-

ment arm of Johnson & Johnson, told lawmakers on Tuesday that nearly four million doses would be ready for shipment after the FDA authorises the vaccine, far below the 12 million it had originally pledged to give the federal government by the end of February.

White House officials had an even lower estimate on Tuesday, telling governors on a weekly call that around two million doses would be available next week, according to an administration official.

Dr. Nettles said on Tuesday that a total of 20 million doses would be ready by the end of March. The company has a contract to deliver 100 million doses by the end of June.

Johnson & Johnson's vaccine has a lower efficacy rate than the vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech, which are both around 95%.

But in South Africa, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is so far the clear winner. Novavax's shot had an efficacy of 49% in South Africa. And a small trial in South Africa of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine found that it did not offer much protection at all. The negative results led the South African government to abandon its plan of giving a million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines to health care workers.

MAPPING THE VIRUS

Cases exceed
112.2 million
Deaths pass
2.48 million
Recoveries
88,310,527

- More than 213 million shots given worldwide
- Air travel quarantines are getting longer and lonelier
- EU speeds vaccine drive after early flubs leave bloc behind
- China accepts CanSino's vaccine application
- Hong Kong vaccination rollout
- Germany approves Covid home tests to ease way out of lockdown

Biden will announce a program to send cloth masks to disadvantaged US communities to curb while shelving for now a proposal to send masks to every American, according to two administration officials familiar with the plans.

US FDA staff will submit their report Wednesday on Johnson & Johnson's experimental Covid-19 vaccine in advance of a Friday meeting where the agency's outside advisers will decide whether to recommend it for clearance.

Israel will impose a three-night curfew around the Purim holiday, and has prohibited related parties, shows and parades to prevent the mass spread of the virus.

The Philippines is due to receive its first vaccine shipments from Sinovac Biotech by Feb. 28 and can start inoculations a day after, presidential spokesman Harry Roque said.

CanSino Biologic said its application for conditional approval of its Ad5-nCoV vaccine, jointly developed with the Chinese military, has been accepted by China's drug regulator.

Capitaland, the largest developer in Singapore, suffered a record full-year loss of \$1.57 billion (\$1.2 billion) after writing down the value of some investment properties and residential projects during the pandemic.

Covid researchers Icon, PRA Health join in \$12-bn deal

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ICON AGREED TO buy PRA Health Sciences in a \$12-billion cash and stock deal that combines two research providers supporting Covid vaccine and treatment trials.

Both companies help run outsourced clinical trials for drugmakers and medical device developers, a business that's been caught up in the global rush to immunize populations against the coronavirus.

Icon helped recruit 44,000 participants in clinical trials of Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE's Covid vaccine, and PRA has also supported research related to the pandemic, including trials of potential treatments.

PRA shareholders will receive \$80 in cash and 0.4125 Icon share, a 30% premium to the closing price on Tuesday. PRA shareholders will own about 34% of the combined company after the transaction, according to a statement.

Icon shares fell 16% in premarket U.S. trading, with PRA surging 19%. The merged entity will be based in Dublin, Icon's current headquarters. PRA is based in Raleigh, North Carolina. Icon Chief Executive Officer Steve Cutler will serve as CEO of the new company, with Brendan Brennan, Icon's chief financial officer, maintaining that role after the deal.

The Dublin-based company has provided clinical trial services to Pfizer for three decades and formed a strategic relationship with the US pharma giant in 2011 to help it run clinical trials.

Foxconn aims to provide components or services to 10% of the world's EVs by 2025-2027, and has been in talks with multiple car manufacturers for future cooperation, chairman Liu Young-way said in October

widely in China and elsewhere around the world.

The company has filed for conditional approval of the second vaccine with China's National Medical Products Administration on February 21, according to a statement posted on the website of CNBG subsidiary Wuhan Institute of Biological Products Co.

The recent run up in valuations of several EV startups, including Nikola Corp and Lordstown Motors Corp, that have yet to produce saleable vehicles or meaningful revenue, has drawn comparisons to the dotcom bubble of 1999-2000, with analysts and investors expecting a near-term correction.

Fisker said in December Canadian auto supplier Magna International Inc would initially manufacture its first vehicle, the Ocean SUV, in Europe. The production is expected to start in the fourth quarter next year.

Foxconn teams up with Fisker to make EVs

REUTERS
February 24

ELECTRIC-CAR MAKER FISKER said it will work with Apple supplier Foxconn to produce more than 250,000 vehicles a year from late 2023, jumpstarting its shares on Wednesday.

Fisker's shares jumped 23.4% to \$20.10 in premarket trading.

The deal, codenamed "Project PEAR" (Personal Electric Automotive Revolution), is looking at markets globally including North America, Europe, China and India, Fisker said.

Foxconn, Apple's main iPhone maker, has ramped up its interest in electric vehicles (EVs) over the past year or so, announcing deals with Chinese electric-car maker Byton and automaker Zhejiang Geely Holding Group. Foxconn aims to provide components or services to 10% of the world's EVs by 2025-2027, and has been in talks with

multiple car manufacturers for future cooperation, chairman Liu Young-way said in October.

The Taiwan-based company's approach poses a major threat to established automakers that technology companies such as Apple and other non-traditional players could use contract assemblers as a shortcut to competing in the vehicle market.

The EV space has been booming, with Tesla Inc still being the market leader. This year luxury electric-car maker Lucid Motors announced plans to go public by merging with a blank check firm, even before reg-

sors to collect further data, particularly about its prospective landing site.

—REUTERS

China's Mars craft enters parking orbit before landing rover

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Beijing, February 24

CHINA SAYS ITS Tianwen-1 spacecraft has entered a temporary parking orbit around Mars in anticipation of landing a rover on the red planet in the coming months.

The China National Space Administration said the spacecraft executed a maneuver to adjust its orbit early Wednesday morning Beijing time and will remain in the new orbit for about the next three months before attempting to land. During that time, it will be mapping the surface of Mars and using its cameras and other sen-

sors to collect further data, particularly about its prospective landing site.

That follows the landing of the U.S. Perseverance rover last Thursday near an ancient river delta in Jezero Crater to search for signs of ancient microscopic life.

A successful bid to land Tianwen-1 would make China only the second country after the U.S. to place a spacecraft on Mars. China's solar-powered vehicle, about the size of a golf cart, will collect data on underground water and look for evidence that the planet may have once harbored microscopic life.

Tianwen, the title of an ancient poem, means "Quest for Heavenly Truth."

Americans and our companies, so we can create a strategy to safeguard this bedrock freedom and hold those accountable who suppress and destroy it," Merkley, a Democrat leading the effort who will soon be chair of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, said in emailed comments.

The bill is co-sponsored by Republicans Marco Rubio and John Cornyn, as well as Democrat Elizabeth Warren. A similar bill was introduced in 2019, but stalled.

The new censorship bill would direct the president to set up an interagency task force under the National Security Council to monitor and address China's censorship or intimidation of Americans and U.S. companies.

It would mandate a report with recommendations for "industries in which free-

dom of expression issues are particularly acute, including the media and film industries," according to a copy of the proposed legislation seen by Reuters.

Chinese firm Didi plans entry into Europe

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CHINESE RIDE-HAILING GIANT Didi Chuxing Technology Co. plans to make its debut in Western Europe, people familiar with the matter said, as the company seeks new growth markets ahead of a long-awaited initial public offering.

Beijing-based Didi is considering rolling out ride-sharing services in markets that could include the UK, France and Germany by the first half of this year, according to two people briefed on the plan. The company has already set up a team dedicated to the European market and is hiring locally, another person said.

Shares in rival Uber Technologies slumped 2.7% in premarket trading Wednesday, while Lyft slipped 0.7%. Didi is turning to new arenas as its momentum starts to slow in China, where it has a dominant market share after ousting Uber Technologies Inc. in 2016.

The SoftBank Group-backed company now operates in 13 countries outside its home base, mostly in Latin America. In August, it began offering car-hailing services in Russia, marking its first direct foray into Europe, and it's already an investor in Estonia-based Bolt Technology OU, the continent's main rival to Uber. Didi would also be competing against apps like Gett, Ola



and BlaBlaCar.

In Europe, Didi would face a fast-changing regulatory landscape for tech companies and the gig economy. Last week the U.K.'s highest court ruled Uber must treat its drivers as "workers," entitling them to vacation pay, rest breaks and minimum wage while using the app, a judgment which could have wider repercussions. European countries are also working on taxes aimed at tech platforms, and the continent imposes strict data privacy rules in the shape of the General Data Protection Regulation.

As part of the rollout, Didi is also considering additional offerings including food delivery and errand services, depending on local market demand. The plans are aimed at boosting the value of the firm, already one of the world's largest startups, ahead of a possible IPO, the people added, who asked to not be identified to discuss private deliberations. The company didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Australia's antitrust chief claims victory after Facebook standoff

BYRON KAYE & COLIN PACKHAM
Canberra, February 24

THE ARCHITECT OF Australia's laws forcing Google and Facebook to pay media companies for content claimed victory on Wednesday, though critics said last-minute changes to appease Facebook favoured Big Tech over smaller news outlets.

After tense negotiations prompted Facebook to cut off news in the country last week, Australia offered a host of technical concessions and the social media giant said it would restore news as the revamped bill looked set to become law this week.

While Facebook said its concerns had been met and opposition lawmakers were satisfied that smaller media players may be overlooked, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission Chair Rod Sims said the bargaining power imbalance had been righted.

"The changes the government's done are things that either don't matter much or are just to clarify things that, at least in Facebook's mind, were unclear," Sims, who helped draft the original laws, told Reuters.

"Whatever they say, they need news. It keeps people on their platform longer. They make more money," he said.

The endorsement from Australia's top antitrust

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DIGITAL STRENGTH
Chuck Robbins, CEO, Cisco Systems

Pandemic has led us to a more connected world and the need of the hour is visionary leadership that will create digital connectivity.

TITAN TRAQ TRIATHLON

Tracks fitness with great accuracy

Titan's Triathlon has on-board GPS (functions independently of a smartphone), seven-day battery life, heart rate zone display, and a transreflective screen that is clear even in bright sunlight

SUDHIR CHOWDHARY

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has not only impacted the global economy but has also posed a threat to people's lives and health. However, there is also a silver lining to it—it has forced us to take steps (on a war footing) to improve our health and daily lifestyles. Physical exercise of any kind (jogging, walking, strength training, etc.), whether done indoors or outdoors, has emerged as one of the important means for people to pursue good health. No wonder, there has been a surge in the demand for fitness devices (smart watches and fitness trackers), enabling people to keep a tab on their vital health parameters.

Most wearable users want their smart watch or fitness tracker to not just monitor their daily activities but motivate them to build on those. Stats such as tracking steps, heart rate monitoring, weather, receiving

notifications, etc., are some of the preferred features, as this reviewer found out while talking to a cross-section of users. Their pain points—difficult to wear during exercise, poor battery life, inaccurate data, confusing user interface. Trust me, you won't find such issues with the Titan TraQ Triathlon (₹17,999), the latest smart watch from this respected brand. It has been conceptualised and developed by Titan's in-house team.

Traq is the new smart fitness gear brand from the house of Titan, it comprises three watches—Traq Lite, Traq Triathlon (our trial unit) and Traq Cardio. While Traq Lite is the introductory variant, the Traq Pro gears under GPS enabled, multi-sport modes are Traq Triathlon and Traq Cardio. They come with an amazing set of features, including an in-built GPS, a transreflective display, ANT+ compatibility, heart rate monitoring and heart rate zones.

Traq Triathlon is equipped with the smart watch functions which help to stay on track, with call and message alerts on the go, to the latest weather updates before heading out for training. Users can time every move with clock features like



alarm, stopwatch, and timer and experience the thrill of training with music that has the right BPM, through the music control feature. The watch also has good battery backup with a delivery of upto 13 hours with GPS on and almost a week on standby mode with Active HRM disabled. The 290 mAh battery can easily last for a

full-week on standard mode. The watch has five buttons for input, making it extremely easy to use when wearing protective gloves or with sweaty fingers where a touchscreen is extremely cumbersome to operate.

In the box, you'll get the Triathlon watch, cradle and charging cable. In order to get started, plug in the USB cable to the cradle and put the watch on to the cradle. Then plug in the USB cable to a power source to start charging. On the watch face, the battery icon will fill up from left to right to indicate that charging is in progress. Download the Traq mobile app from Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Pairing the watch is simple. The Triathlon app helps to collate the

KEY FEATURES

- On-board GPS showcases location with 100% accuracy
- The 290 mAh Li-ion battery lasts for 7 days on standard mode
- The heart rate zones display and monitor exercise intensity, based on users' heart rate
- The transreflective display is energy efficient and ideal for outdoor training
- Estimated street price: ₹17,999

advanced performance data, enabling users to enhance their abilities. With historical data representation of HRM, pace and other activity metrics, the app also has navigation feature through on-board GPS. In short, the app is not only a metric tracking one, it even allows users to set goals and connect with friends.

The Triathlon watch is multi-sport enabled and records pace, routes, distance and calories. The latest on-board GPS technology from MediaTek showcases the location with 100% accuracy. It helps measure distance, pace and average pace while guiding the user through their route. While swimming, this watch will even record your number of strokes and distance in the pool. The built-in GPS does not require a mobile phone to work and can function independently on the watch.

The heart rate zones display monitors exercise intensity based on users' heart rate. It is divided into five zones: warming up (50-60%), calorie burn (61-70%), aerobic exercise (71-80%), anaerobic exercise (81-90%) and maximum intensity (91-100%). The transreflective screen of the watch stays visible even in bright sunlight.

There are eight watch faces to choose from with back light mode to provide an interesting interface.

In summary, the Triathlon is a good-looking wristwear that comes with an innovative strap with perforations and channels to help sweat stay away. Its GPS can function independently from the smartwatch and does not need a mobile phone to be used. Features like heart-rate monitoring function accurately. The watch tracks fitness and workout activities with great accuracy. All in all, this wearable is a must-have for fitness enthusiasts.

SPEED TEST

Wi-Fi 6: Why it is better than its predecessor

The latest Wi-Fi standard is much faster, efficient and is capable of powering a growing number of devices simultaneously



Marthesh Nagendra

INTERNET AND INTERNET-BASED devices play a significant role in our lives. With more demand for internet and internet products there has been advancement in the technological solutions available in the market. One such solution is Wi-Fi 6 or 802.11ax which is the latest version of 802.11 communication standard, the naming system assigns a number to each protocol. Higher Wi-Fi rating numbers correspond to newer devices, technology and better performance, for example, the IEEE 802.11n, ac and ax names are out and Wi-Fi 6 through Wi-Fi 6 are in.

The current version of this Wi-Fi standard empowers faster Wi-Fi speed with reliable internet connections, so one can enjoy buffer-free streaming, faster downloads, and add more smart home devices without reducing the internet experience. It offers improved coverage and has the power and capacity to handle dozens of devices in the typical congested smart home.



The newest communication standard is slowly gaining an edge in the Wi-Fi market as many companies have started rolling out devices/hardware that have Wi-Fi 6. Besides this, various smartphone companies have started taking lead in the Wi-Fi 6 race by bringing out devices that support the latest Wi-Fi version. In short, the companies have geared up to bring the latest Wi-Fi standard into the markets and have started rolling out Wi-Fi 6 enabled devices or devices that support Wi-Fi 6. The latest Wi-Fi standard is set to change the course of your overall internet experience; it is much faster, efficient and is capable of powering a growing number of devices simultaneously.

AX routers better than AC routers

The new Wi-Fi 6 indicates a series of enhancements that will boost the performance while better accommodating the needs of a diverse group of devices, from tablets, phones and notebooks to phones and video cameras. To get the most out of these changes, you will need both Wi-Fi 6 routers and devices. The 802.11ac functions in the 5GHz range only, while 802.11ax functions in both the 2.4GHz and 5GHz ranges, thus creating more available channels. In addition to using up to eight spatial data streams, Wi-Fi 6 uses OFDMA to squeeze more data into the available spectrum compared with Wi-Fi 5's (aka 802.11ac) Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM). AX routers will also be smarter at moving data, thanks to a feature called Target Wake Time (TWT) which is aimed at battery-powered devices like thermostats and sensors. TWT can simultaneously extend the battery life of devices while making the network more efficient by connecting to the router only when it's needed.

FUTURE OF WI-FI

The democratisation of technology: Eighty-eight percent of executives believe technology democratisation is becoming critical in their ability to ignite innovation across their organisation;

WORK FROM ANYWHERE, EVERYWHERE

LEADERSHIP

INNOVATION

Eighty-one per cent of executives agree that leading organisations in their industry will start shifting from a 'Bring Your Own Device' to 'Bring Your Own Environment' workforce approach;

MULTIPARTY SYSTEMS

Ninety per cent of executives surveyed state that multiparty systems will enable their ecosystems to forge a more resilient and adaptable foundation to create new value with their organisation's partners.

the firm's own facility. In terms of software, there are dedicated teams to work on navigation, deep learning and fusion of various sensors on board the vehicles. "While a formal degree is not the only criterion based on which we hire, we look for deep technical skills and strong passion," explains Kapuria. According to him, skills in embedded electronics, AI, deep learning and hardware-sensor fusion will be in great demand as the market for such products also expands in India.

Kapuria has close ties with top talent in autonomous mobility at CMU which has resulted in intern programmes, sharing of projects which in turn help the talent here. "In India, we have set up collaborations with universities. We have an autonomous professor chair at IIT Delhi which is in the nascent stage," he adds. The company also works closely with IIT Kanpur, IIT Madras and IIT Hyderabad for scouting talent and encouraging technology and research.

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MASTERING CHANGE

Every business needs to function like a digital native

Leadership is critical as every business becomes a technology business, says an Accenture report

SANDHYA MICHU

OVER THE LAST one year, technology has emerged as the cornerstone of business leadership. As companies shift from reacting to the crisis to reinventing themselves, those who use technology innovation to shape the new realities will come out as winners," says Piyush N Singh, lead – India Market Unit & lead – Growth and Strategic Client Relationships, Asia Pacific and Latam, Accenture. "To build greater resilience, enterprises must open themselves to more digitally led partnerships, invest strategically and think beyond traditional industry boundaries to function like digital natives."

Prioritising technology innovation in response to a rapidly changing world has never been more important. One of the key learnings from this massive world health crisis is that those who use technology to master change will define the future, says the 21st annual report from Accenture predicting the key technology trends that will shape businesses and industries over the next three years.

According to the Accenture Technol-



Paul Daugherty, group chief executive – Technology and chief technology officer at Accenture

ogy Vision 2021, technology was a lifeline during the global pandemic enabling new ways of working and doing business, creating new interactions and experiences, and improving health and safety. "The global pandemic pushed a giant fast-forward button to the future. Many organisations stepped up to use technology in extraordinary ways to keep their busi-

nesses and communities running—at a pace they thought previously impossible—while others faced the stark reality of their shortcomings, lacking the digital foundation needed to rapidly pivot," said Paul Daugherty, group chief executive – technology and chief technology officer at Accenture. "We now have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to turn this

pling his PhD from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). "On returning, I sought to set up the technology base here. For the next seven years I was involved in the design of military applications like unmanned ground vehicle systems which helped my cause," says Kapuria.

Today, the company provides robots for applications such as industrial and warehousing mobility and autonomous and driver assisted systems which enable driverless cars and driver attention and behaviour monitoring. "While military applications are based on ruggedness and high performance, industrial ones are more about automation, scale, cost savings and ease. The market for that in India is huge today," says Kapuria.

The company has over 500 robots in the market currently. It is also testing autonomous vehicles. The advent of such new-age businesses means the coming together of supply chains, talent and new

policies. "For us, hardware, sensor fusion and software are three important pillars," says Kapuria. "We have full ownership over our IP. Crucial sensors and components are imported from advanced markets. Everything else is done in India."

The assembly of vehicles happens at



Anuj Kapuria, founder and CEO, Hi-Tech Robotic Systemz

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VINGAJOY POWER BOOSTER VB-005
Give more life to your phone

This 20,000mAh power bank comes with dual input and output ports to support fast charging

FE BUREAU

VINGAJOY INDIA IS a gadget accessories and consumer electronics brand that is gaining popularity among consumers with its range of Bluetooth speakers, headphones, chargers, cables, protectors and more. Recently, the company introduced its new power bank Vingajoy Power Booster VB-005, 20,000 mAh with a high density polymer battery priced at ₹2,999. A power bank that is a great way to keep your devices charged while away from an outlet, the VB-05's combination of high battery capacity and compact build makes it an ideal choice for those who spend a lot of time travelling and often run out of battery. It will last longer and charge your device several times more.

The Power Booster VB-005 comes with dual input ports and dual USB ports that help in fast charging with the use of both Micro USB and Type C charger. The strong Lithium polymer battery offers high speed charging technology along with long battery life, enabling users to charge two devices simultaneously at a faster speed.

The product also offers overheating protection, short circuit protection and over charge protection to ensure the safety of both the charger and the gadgets. This gives the power bank the flexibility to work with a wide range of devices like tablets, cameras, headphones, Androids and type C-enabled devices too. Built keeping practicality in mind, a feather-touch power on/off button is provided to simplify its usage and LED indicators keep you informed about the battery status.

In summary, the VB-005 is lightweight, has massive capacity and can charge two devices simultaneously.

Estimated street price: ₹2,999

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Hi-Tech Robotics Systemz brings the best of autonomous vehicle tech to the Indian market

SRINATH SRINIVASAN

TALK ABOUT ROBOTS and what comes to mind immediately are the cute, doll-like robots made by Japanese companies or the heavy machine-like German robots. However, a start has been made in India, too, with several companies getting into this field. One such Indian company is Hi-tech Robotic Systemz, founded by Anuj Kapuria. It has been commercially making robots and autonomous vehicles for around four years now. However, Kapuria started laying the foundation for this when he returned to India in 2005 after com-

pleting his PhD from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). "On returning, I sought to set up the technology base here. For the next seven years I was involved in the design of military applications like unmanned ground vehicle systems which helped my cause," says Kapuria.

Today, the company provides robots for applications such as industrial and warehousing mobility and autonomous and driver assisted systems which enable driverless cars and driver attention and behaviour monitoring. "While military applications are based on ruggedness and high performance, industrial ones are more about automation, scale, cost savings and ease. The market for that in India is huge today," says Kapuria.

The company has over 500 robots in the market currently. It is also testing autonomous vehicles. The advent of such new-age businesses means the coming together of supply chains, talent and new

policies. "For us, hardware, sensor fusion and software are three important pillars," says Kapuria. "We have full ownership over our IP. Crucial sensors and components are imported from advanced markets. Everything else is done in India."

The assembly of vehicles happens at

New Delhi

Markets

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021



BOND MARKETS

Ajay Tyagi, chairman, Sebi

Unification of government bond and corporate bond markets is an idea whose time has come

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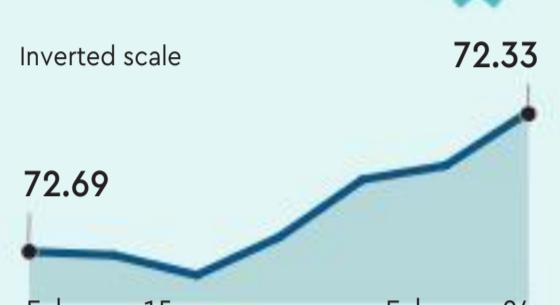
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The benchmark yield fell due to buying support 0.024



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The rupee ended higher 0.193% on gains in equities and a weak dollar



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The Euro rose against 0.123%



STRONG BUYING

Sensex zooms 1,030 pts as banks, financials gain big

BSE bankex, finance, telecom, capital goods and energy indices rallied up to 3.86%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, February 24

THE SENSEX SOARED 1,030.28 points and the Nifty rallied over 270 points on Wednesday, tracking strong buying in financial stocks, after trading hours were extended following a technical glitch at the NSE.

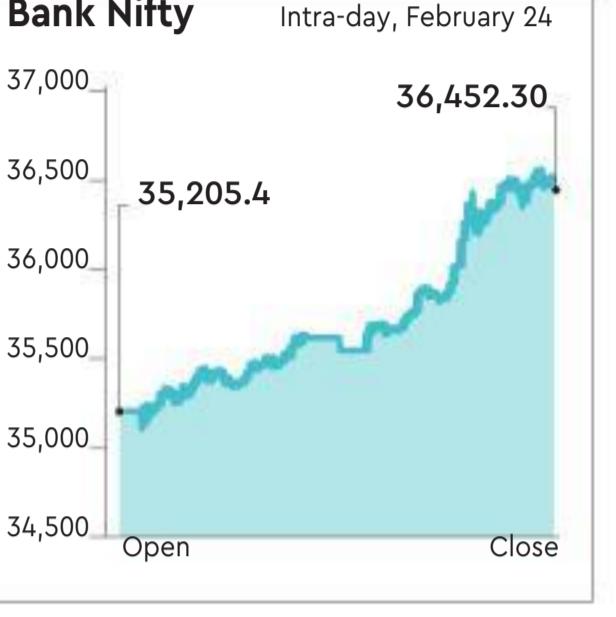
After resumption of trade at 3.45 pm, the Nifty zoomed 274.20 points or 1.86% to end at 14,982. The BSE index settled 1,030.28 points or 2.07% higher at 50,781.69.

Axis Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, surging around 5%, followed by HDFC twins, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance and State Bank of India.

On the other hand, PowerGrid, Dr Reddy's, TCS and Asian Paints were among the laggards.

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The move came after the NSE suffered an outage earlier in the day due to technical glitches. Trading across segments came



to a halt at 11.40 hrs due to connectivity issues. However, the broader markets were not impacted as communication lines at the BSE remained operational.

“Technical glitch did not impact domestic market sentiment though volatility was high with a positive prejudice, in the first session. During the extra session, the market gathered more strength and hugely outperforming the global peers, triggered by squaring-off F&O positions a day ahead of the prefixed monthly expiry date.

“The global market was mixed, not very convinced that central banks like Fed will maintain a flexible monetary policy even during rising bond yield and inflation. And the Asian market was negatively impacted by a hike in stamp duty on equities,” said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit

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BSE bankex, finance, telecom, capital goods and energy indices rallied up to 3.86%, while power and utilities ended in the red. Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices surged up to 1.08%.

The bourses in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo ended on a negative note while the stock exchanges in Europe were trading with gains in mid-session deals.

Meanwhile, the global oil benchmark, Brent crude, was trading 0.96% higher at \$65.10 per barrel.

In the forex market, the rupee gained 11 paise to settle at 72.35 against the US dollar, supported by positive domestic equities and weakness of the American currency in the overseas markets.

While the trades in the cash segment were directed to BSE from NSE, thanks to interoperability between the exchanges, derivative trades could be concluded only when markets resumed trading again late afternoon.

Market experts said a solution to abate such instances would be extension of the interoperability clause. Deven Choksey,

NSE halts trading for 4 hours over tech glitch, market hours extended

FE BUREAU
Mumbai, February 24

THE NATIONAL STOCK Exchange (NSE) on Wednesday halted trading for nearly four hours because of technical glitches. The NSE said trading resumed at 3.45 pm after activity came to a halt at 11.40 am. Both the NSE and BSE extended trading hours for the equity and derivatives markets till 5 pm.

“NSE has multiple telecom links with two service providers to ensure redundancy and we have received communication from both the telecom service providers that there are issues with their links due to which there is an impact on NSE system,” a statement from an NSE person said.

Though the NSE stopped functioning at 11.40 am, the BSE remained functional throughout the day, allowing trades to be concluded in the cash segment. Trading resumed at 3.45 pm on the NSE to allow settlement and closure of trades in the derivative segment. The BSE followed suit and extended trading in the equity and derivatives segments till 5 pm.

The effect of the temporary discontinuation of trade on the NSE was felt the most in the equity derivatives segment since most intra-day trade positions in the cash market from the NSE were diverted to the BSE’s cash market.

Options traders were adversely impacted as many could have lost out on their trade value and time value. Another impact of Wednesday’s technical snag was felt on the volumes of the bourses. The cash turnover on the NSE stood at ₹45,837.2 crore, against the six-month average of ₹64,795.95 crore. Futures and options volumes almost equalled with the six-month average of ₹30.7 lakh crore. Wednesday’s F&O turnover was ₹30.6 lakh crore.

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managing director, KRChoksey Investment Managers, said: “Interoperability clause should be extended and it should provide for using the trading infrastructure of another exchange to prevent repeat of such situations in future.”

Given the unprecedented nature of the situation, Sebi has advised the NSE to carry out a detailed root cause analysis of the “trading halt” and also explain the reasons why trading did not migrate to the disaster recovery site. Sebi has asked NSE to submit its report at the earliest. It was informed by the NSE that trading was halted at 11.40 am today due to issues with the links with telecom service providers,” a Sebi statement said.

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Our Company was incorporated as 'MTAR Technologies Private Limited' pursuant to a certificate of incorporation dated November 11, 1999 issued by the erstwhile Registrar of Companies, Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad, upon the conversion of 'M's Machine Tools Aids and Reconditioning', a partnership firm, into a private limited company, in accordance with the provisions of Part IX of the Companies Act, 1956. Thereafter, pursuant to the conversion of our Company to a public limited company, the name of our Company was changed to 'MTAR Technologies Limited', and a fresh certificate of incorporation dated November 2, 2020 was issued to our Company by the RoC. For further details on the changes in the name and registered office of our Company, see 'History and Certain Corporate Matters' on page 247 of the Red Herring Prospectus dated February 22, 2021 ('RHP').

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INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO 10,372,419 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF MTAR TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED ("OUR COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [•] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹ [•] PER EQUITY SHARE) ("ISSUE PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ [•] MILLION. THE OFFER COMPRISES OF A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO 2,148,149 EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ [•] MILLION ("FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 8,224,270 EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ [•] MILLION, COMPRISING UP TO 450,000 EQUITY SHARES BY P. LEELAVATHI, UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY PARVAT SRINIVAS REDDY, UP TO 149,970 EQUITY SHARES BY P. KALPANA REDDY, UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY SARANYA LOKA REDDY, UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY C. USHA REDDY, UP TO 125,000 EQUITY SHARES BY G. KAVITHA REDDY, UP TO 125,000 EQUITY SHARES BY D. ANITHA REDDY, UP TO 225,000 EQUITY SHARES BY K. SHALINI AND UP TO 300,000 EQUITY SHARES BY A. MANOGNA (COLLECTIVELY THE "PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS") AND UP TO 5,784,309 EQUITY SHARES BY FABMOHR ADVISORS LLP AND UP TO 90,000 EQUITY SHARES BY P. SIMHADREddy (COLLECTIVELY THE "INVESTOR SELLING SHAREHOLDERS"), AND TOGETHER WITH THE PROMOTER SELLING SHAREHOLDERS, THE "SELLING SHAREHOLDERS" ("THE OFFER FOR SALE"), AND TOGETHER WITH THE FRESH ISSUE, THE "OFFER"). THE OFFER WILL CONSTITUTE [•]% OF OUR POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL.

*OUR COMPANY HAS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS, UNDERTAKEN A PRE-IPO PLACEMENT OF 1,851,851 EQUITY SHARES, AGGREGATING TO ₹ 1,000.00 MILLION ("PRE-IPO PLACEMENT"). THE SIZE OF THE FRESH ISSUE AS DISCLOSED IN THE DRAFT RED HERRING PROSPECTUS, OF UP TO 4,000,000 EQUITY SHARES, HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 1,851,851 EQUITY SHARES PURSUANT TO THE PRE-IPO PLACEMENT, AND ACCORDINGLY, THE FRESH ISSUE IS OF UP TO 2,148,149 EQUITY SHARES.

Qualified Institutional Buyers Portion: Not more than 50% of the Offer | Retail Individual Bidders Portion: Not less than 35% of the Offer
Non-Institutional Bidders Portion: Not less than 15% of the Offer

Price Band: ₹ 574 to ₹ 575 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 10 each.

The Floor Price is 57.40 times the face value of the Equity Shares and the Cap Price is 57.50 times the face value of the Equity Shares.

Bids can be made for a minimum of 26 Equity Shares and in multiples of 26 Equity Shares thereafter.

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

UPI – Now available in ASBA for RIBs applying through Syndicate Members, sub-syndicate members, Registered Brokers, CDPs and RTAs. RIBs also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank ("SCSBs") or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account.

*ASBA has to be availed by all the investors, except Anchor Investors. UPI may be availed by RIBs.

For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA Form and Abridged Prospectus and also please refer to "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 464 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("AIBI"), Stock Exchanges and in the General Information Document. ASBA Forms can be downloaded from the websites of the BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges" and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in.

**List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. For the list of UPI Apps and Banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: https://www.ipci.org.in/upi-live-ipos. ICICI Bank Limited has been appointed as Sponsor Bank for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018, as amended. For offer related grievance investors may contact: JM Financial Limited - Ms. Prachee Dhuri (+91 22 6630 3030) (mtar.ipo@jmfl.com) or IIFL Securities Limited - Mr. Devendra Maydeo / Mr. Sachin Jagad (+91 22 4646 4600) (mtar.ipo@iiflcap.com); JM Financial Services Limited-Surajit Misra/ Deepak Vaidya/ T N Kumar/ Sona Varghese - (+91 22 6136 3400) (surajit.misra@jmfl.com/Deepak.vaidya@jmfl.com/t.n.kumar@jmfl.com/sona.verghese@jmfl.com); KFin Technologies Private Limited - M. Murali Krishna (+91 40 6716 2222) (mtar.ipo@kfintech.com). For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and Mail Id: ipo.upi@ipci.org.in.

Risks to Investors:

- The two book running lead managers ("BRLMs") associated with the Offer have handled 21 public offers in the past three years, out of which 6 issues closed below the offer price on listing date.
- The Price/Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for Fiscal 2020 for the Issuer at the upper end of the Price Band is as high as 51.76 times.
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares by the Promoters ranges from ₹ 0.00 per Equity Share to ₹ 8.04 per Equity Share and Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 575 per Equity Share.
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares by the Selling Shareholders ranges from ₹ 38.44 per Equity Share to ₹ 119.64 per Equity Share and Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 575 per Equity Share.

The Price Band, Floor Price and Offer Price will be determined by our Company and the Selling Shareholders, in consultation with the BRLMs, on the basis of assessment of market demand for the Equity Shares offered through the Book Building Process and on the basis of the qualitative and quantitative factors as described below. The face value of the Equity Shares is ₹ 10 and the Offer Price is 57.40 times the face value at the lower end of the Price Band and 57.50 times the face value at the higher end of the Price Band. Some of the financial information for Fiscals 2018 and 2019 included herein is derived from our Restated Consolidated Financial Information, and some of the financial information for Fiscal 2020 and the nine months ended December 31, 2020 included herein is derived from our Restated Consolidated Financial Information. Investors should also refer to "Our Business", "Risk Factors", "Restated Financial Statements", "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Position and Results of Operations" and "Financial Information" on pages 223, 29, 286, 381 and 281, of the RHP, respectively, to have an informed view before making an investment decision.

Qualitative Factors

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

• Precision engineering expertise with complex product manufacturing capability; • Wide product portfolio leading to long-standing relationships with our customers; • Modern technology at our state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities; • Strong and diversified supplier base for sourcing of raw materials; • Track record of growth in financial performance; • Experienced and qualified management team.

For further details, see "Our Business – Our Competitive Strengths" on page 225 of the RHP.

Quantitative Factors

Some of the information presented below relating to our Company is based on the Restated Financial Statements. For details, see "Financial Information" beginning on page 281 of the RHP.

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

I. Basic and diluted earnings per share ("EPS")

Fiscal Year ended	Basic EPS (in ₹) ⁽¹⁾	Diluted EPS (in ₹) ⁽²⁾	Weight
March 31, 2020 ⁽³⁾	11.11	11.11	3
March 31, 2019 ⁽³⁾	13.89	13.89	2
March 31, 2018 ⁽³⁾	1.92	1.92	1
Weighted Average	10.51	10.51	-
Nine months ended December 31, 2020⁽⁴⁾	10.48	10.48	-

⁽¹⁾Basic EPS (₹) = Net Profit as restated attributable to the owners of our Company divided by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the year. ⁽²⁾Diluted EPS (₹) = Net profit as restated attributable to the owners of our Company divided by the weighted average number of diluted Equity Shares outstanding during the year. ⁽³⁾The basic and diluted EPS for the nine months ended December 31, 2020 has not been annualized. ⁽⁴⁾The Basic and Diluted EPS for Fiscals 2018 and 2019 is computed based on amounts derived from Restated Consolidated Financial Information and the Basic and Diluted EPS for Fiscal 2020 and the nine months ended December 31, 2020 included herein is computed based on amounts derived from Restated Consolidated Financial Information.

Notes: 1. Basic and diluted earnings per Equity Share are computed in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard 33 'Earnings per Share', notified accounting standard by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules of 2015 (as amended). 2. Weighted average number of Equity Shares is the number of Equity Shares outstanding at the beginning of the period adjusted by the number of Equity Shares issued during the period multiplied by the time weighting factor. The time weighting factor is the number of days for which the specific shares are outstanding as a proportion of total number of days during the period. 3. The above statement should be read with significant accounting policies and notes on Restated Financial Statements as appearing in the Restated Financial Statements.

II. Price/Earning ("P/E") ratio in relation to Price Band of ₹ 574 to ₹ 575 per Equity Share:

Particulars	P/E at the Floor Price (number of times)	P/E at the Cap Price (number of times)
Based on basic EPS for Fiscal 2020	51.67	51.76
Based on diluted EPS for Fiscal 2020	51.67	51.76

For further details, please see the chapter titled "Basis for Offer Price" beginning on page 109 of the RHP.

BID / OFFER PROGRAMME

BID / OFFER OPENS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021* | BID / OFFER CLOSES ON FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

* Our Company and the Selling Shareholders may, in consultation with the BRLMs, consider participation by Anchor Investors in accordance with the SEBI/ICDR Regulations. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date shall be one Working Day prior to the Bid/Offer Opening Date.

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

This Offer is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("SCR") read with Regulation 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("SEBI ICDR Regulations"). This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in accordance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") (the "QIB Portion"), provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholders in consultation with the BRLMs may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis. One-third of the Anchor Investor Portion shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds and/or the Anchor Investor Allocation. Price % of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only, and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders (other than Anchor Investors), including Mutual Funds, subject to valid bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are mandatorily required to participate in the Offer through the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective ASBA Account, which will be blocked by the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs"), or through the UPI Mechanism. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA Process. For details, see "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 464 of the RHP.

Bidders/Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN and the Client ID (as applicable, in case RIBs) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the Depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of our Company, investors are requested to see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" beginning on page 247 of the RHP and Clause III of the Memorandum of Association of our Company. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, see "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" beginning on page 543 of the RHP.

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Bidders may contact the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer, the Registrar to the Offer and / or the BRLMs in case of any pre-Offer or post-Offer related problems such as non-receipt of letters of Allotment, non-credit of Allotted Equity Shares in the respective beneficiary account, non-receipt of refund orders or non-receipt of funds by electronic mode, etc.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF



LKP FINANCE LIMITED

Corporate Identification Number (CIN) - L65990MH1984PLC032831

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This Public Announcement ("PA") is being issued by Mr. Mahendra Vasantrao Doshi (on behalf of himself and the partnership firm LK Panday), Sea Glimpse Investments Private Limited and Bhavana Holdings Private Limited [entities belonging to the promoter/ promoter group of LKP Finance Limited (the "Company"), collectively to be referred as "Promoters/ Acquirers"] to the public shareholders [as defined under Regulation 2(1)(v) of the Securities & Exchange Board of India (Delisting of Equity Shares) Regulations, 2009, as amended for the time being in force ("Delisting Regulations")] of the Company in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Delisting Regulations, in respect of the proposed acquisition of 45,72,311 fully paid up equity shares of the Company having face value of ₹10/- each ("Equity Shares") and the consequent voluntary delisting of the Equity Shares from the BSE Limited ("BSE") as per the terms and conditions set out below (the "Delisting Offer").

I. BACKGROUND OF THE DELISTING OFFER

- LKP Finance Limited, having its registered office at 203, Embassy Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400021, was incorporated on May 5, 1984 under the Companies Act, 1956. As on the date of this PA, the authorized share capital of the Company is ₹30,00,00,000/- comprising of 2,00,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each and 10,00,000 Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 100/- each. As on the date of this PA, the issued, subscribed and the paid-up equity share capital ("Equity Capital") of the Company is ₹ 12,56,86,230/- comprising of 12,56,86,23 Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each. Presently, the Promoters and Promoter Group hold 79,96,312 Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each representing 63.62% of the Equity Capital of the Company. The balance of 45,72,311 Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each comprising 36.38% of the Equity Capital of the Company is held by Public Shareholders. The Equity Shares of the Company are listed only on BSE.
- The Promoters/ Acquirers are making this PA to the Public Shareholders of the Company to acquire, in accordance with the Delisting Offer, up to 45,72,311 Equity Shares, representing 36.38% of the Equity Capital (the "Offer Shares") from the Public Shareholders in compliance with the Delisting Regulations. Consequent to the Delisting Offer and upon the shareholding of the Promoters/ Acquirers fulfilling the conditions stipulated under the Delisting Regulations, as applicable, the Company will seek to voluntarily delist the Equity Shares from BSE in accordance with the Delisting Regulations.

- Pursuant to the receipt of the intention letter of the Promoters by the Board about the their intention to voluntarily delist the equity shares of the Company from the stock exchange where the equity shares of the company are listed i.e. BSE, the Board of Directors of the Company, in their meeting held on December 4, 2020, took on record the Intention letter of the Promoters and appointed Aryaman Financial Services Limited ("Merchant Banker"/"Manager to the Offer") as the Merchant Banker after taking note of the Delisting Proposal in accordance with Regulation 8(1A)(ii) of the Delisting Regulations to carry out due diligence in compliance with Regulation 8(1D) and 8(1E) read with Regulation 8(1A)(ii) of the Delisting Regulations. Subsequently the Board of Directors at its meeting held on December 17, 2020 took on record the due diligence report as received from the Merchant Banker and approved the Delisting Offer in terms of Regulation 8(1)(a) of the Delisting Regulations subject to approval of the Public Shareholders through postal ballot and e-voting.

- The notice of the Postal Ballot along with postal ballot form was dispatched/ emailed to the Shareholders for seeking their approval through postal ballot and e-voting on resolution for considering delisting of the Equity Shares of the Company. The result of postal ballot and e-voting was declared and notified to BSE by the Company on Monday, January 25, 2021. The votes cast by the Public Shareholders in favour of the Delisting Offer were 16,20,241 which were more than two times the number of votes cast by the Public Shareholders against it i.e. 12,291. A special resolution has been passed by the shareholders of the Company through postal ballot and e-voting, approving the delisting of the Equity Shares in accordance with the Delisting Regulations.

- The Company has received in-principle approval for the proposed delisting of Equity Shares from BSE vide their letter no. LO/Delisting/VMP/199/2020-21 dated February 24, 2021.

- As per Delisting Regulations, post receipt of in-principle approval from BSE, the Promoters/Acquirers are issuing this Public Announcement in one English national daily with wide circulation, one Hindi national daily with wide circulation and one regional language newspaper of the region where the concerned recognized stock exchange is located as detailed hereinunder:

Newspaper	Language	Editions
Financial Express	English	All
Jansatta	Hindi	All
Mumbai Lakshdeep	Marathi	Mumbai

- The Promoters/ Acquirers reserve the right to withdraw the Delisting Offer in the event all or any of the statutory approvals required to implement the Delisting Offer are refused or the conditions for the Delisting Offer have not been fulfilled.

- The Delisting Offer is subject to the acceptance of the Discovered Price (as defined under paragraph X) calculated in accordance with the Delisting Regulations by the Promoters/Acquirers.

- The Promoters/ Acquirers of the Company shall not sell the Equity Shares of the Company till the completion of the Delisting Offer.

II. NECESSITY AND OBJECTIVE FOR DELISTING

The Promoters/ Acquirers, vide the letter dated December 1, 2020, specified the following objective of the Delisting Offer:

- to obtain full ownership of the Company; and
- to provide the exit opportunity to the Public Shareholders.

III. BACKGROUND OF THE PROMOTERS/ACQUIRERS

a. Mr. Mahendra Vasantrao Doshi

Mr. Mahendra Vasantrao Doshi, Executive Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, aged 71 years, holds a degree in Masters of Business Administration in Marketing from Fort Lauderdale University, USA. He is also the Chief Promoter of the Company and currently holds 14,49,363 equity shares representing 11.53% of the Equity Capital of the Company. He has over 42 years of experience in the field of Finance, Capital Market and Business Administration.

As per the Certificate dated February 12, 2021 issued by Praful P. Karia, Proprietor of Praful P. Karia & Co., Chartered Accountants (Membership No. 034126 & Firm Registration No. 108059W), having branch office at 211, Veena Chambers Premises Co-op. Soc. Ltd., 21 Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai – 400023, Tel. No: 022 22617724, Email: ppkarika@gmail.com, Mr. Mahendra Vasantrao Doshi has immediate access to liquid assets required to implement the Delisting Offer and fulfill the obligations under the Delisting Offer. Further, the Net-worth of Mr. Mahendra Vasantrao Doshi is ₹ 11,527.82 Lakhs as on February 11, 2021.

- Mr. Mahendra Vasantrao Doshi (on behalf of partnership firm LK Panday) holds 20,72,482 equity shares representing 16.49% of the Equity Capital of the Company. The firm is involved in financial and investment activities. The key financial information of LK Panday as derived from the audited financials for the FY ended March 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

Particulars	Year Ended		
	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018
Total Income	69.75	120.59	161.80
Expenses	13.35	13.04	7.53
Depreciation	0.06	0.07	0.08
Net Profit	56.34	107.48	154.19
Partners' Capital Account	580.98	537.27	453.08

c. Sea Glimpse Investments Private Limited ("SGIPL")

SGIPL was originally incorporated on June 15, 1987 as a private limited company under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956, as amended, as Kanu Manu Investments Private Limited. The name of the Company was subsequently changed to Sea Glimpse Investments Private Limited and a fresh certificate of incorporation, consequent upon change of name was issued by Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra at Mumbai on April 26, 1995. The registered office of the SGIPL is situated at 112A, Embassy Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021. The principle activities of SGIPL are Investment and dealing in securities. SGIPL currently holds 25,47,151 equity shares representing 20.27% of the Equity Capital of the Company. The key financial information of SGIPL as derived from the audited financials for the FY ended March 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

(₹ in lakhs)

Particulars	Year Ended		
	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018
Total Revenue	106.96	344.31	658.50
EBITDA	100.85	164.66	96.22
Depreciation	7.68	8.09	29.11
Finance Costs	90.82	1.82	106.79
Profit before tax	2.35	154.75	(39.67)
Profit after tax	2.35	154.75	(40.64)
- Equity Share Capital	99.98	99.98	99.98
- Reserves and Surplus	(4,307.04)	(4,309.39)	(4,475.46)
Shareholders' Funds	(4,207.06)	(4,209.41)	(4,375.48)

d. Bhavana Holdings Private Limited ("BHPL")

BHPL is a private limited company incorporated on March 13, 1987. The registered office of the BHPL is situated at 112 A, Embassy Centre, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021. The principle activities of BHPL are Investment and dealing in securities. BHPL currently holds 14,09,505 equity shares representing 11.21% of the Equity Capital of the Company. The key financial information of BHPL as derived from the audited financials for the FY ended March 31, 2020, 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

(₹ in lakhs)

Particulars	Year Ended		
	March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019	March 31, 2018
Total Revenue	777.45	818.52	843.91
EBITDA	677.24	716.31	737.52
Depreciation	69.85	71.01	72.19
Finance Costs	400.70	384.67	388.84
Profit before tax	206.70	260.63	276.49
Profit after tax	206.70	226.57	225.47
- Equity Share Capital	5.50	5.50	5.50
- Reserves and Surplus	551.88	345.39	118.82
Shareholders' Funds	557.38	350.89	124.32

- The Promoters/ Acquirers have not sold any equity shares of the Company during the six months preceding the date of the Board Meeting i.e., December 17, 2020, wherein the Delisting proposal was approved. Further, the Promoters/ Acquirers and all the members of the promoter group have undertaken not to sell Equity Shares of the Company until completion of the Delisting Offer process in accordance with Regulation 10(7) of the Delisting Regulations.

- The Promoters/ Acquirers have not been prohibited by SEBI from dealing in securities, in terms of directions issued under Section 11B of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 or any other regulations made thereunder.

- The Promoters/ Acquirers shall comply with all the conditions, including those pertaining to determination of the Exit price, stipulated in Chapter IV of the Delisting Regulations.

IV. BACKGROUND OF THE COMPANY

- The Company was originally incorporated on May 5, 1984 as a private limited company under the provisions of Companies Act, 1956, as amended, as Elkayee Merchant Financing Private Limited. The name of the Company was subsequently changed to LKP Merchant Finance Private Limited and a fresh certificate of incorporation, consequent upon change of name was issued by Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra at Mumbai on February 13, 1986. Thereafter upon conversion from private limited to public limited the name was changed to LKP Finance Limited on August 27, 2008. The Company's registered office is situated at 203, Embassy Centre, Nariman point, Mumbai 400021, Maharashtra, India.

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b. The Equity Shares of the Company are listed on BSE since September 10, 1986 (Scrip Code 507912).

c. The authorized share capital of the Company is ₹ 30,00,00,000/- comprising of 2,00,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each and 10,00,000 Redeemable Preference Shares of ₹ 100/- each. As on the date of this PA, the issued, subscribed and the paid-up equity share capital ("Equity Capital") of the Company is ₹ 12,56,86,230/- comprising of 12,56,86,23 Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each.

d. The Company is engaged in the business of finance and trading in shares and securities, derivatives etc. The Company is registered as Non-Banking Financial Institution (NBFI) and is holding a certificate of registration (CoR) from Reserve Bank of India to carry on business of NBFI in terms of Sec-45-A of the RBI Act, 1934.

e. The shareholding pattern of the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2020 is as follows:

Particulars	No. of Equity Shares	Shareholding (%)
Promoter & Promoter Group	79,96,312	63.62
Public	45,72,311	36.38
Total	1,25,68,623	100.00

f. A brief summary of the un-audited financials of the Company on Standalone and Consolidated basis for the Half Year Ended September 30, 2020 and audited financials of the Company on Standalone and Consolidated basis for the financial years ended March 31, 2020, March 31, 2019 and March 31, 2018 is as follows:



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NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM TO THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SAI), SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT (SID) AND KEY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM (KIM) OF THE SCHEMES OF EDELWEISS MUTUAL FUND**1. DISCONTINUATION OF POWER SIP AND POWER STP**

NOTICE is hereby given to unit holders/investors that the existing provisions of "Power SIP" and "Power STP" Facilities offered under various Schemes of Edelweiss Mutual Fund, being action-based Trigger Facility that serves as financial planning tool for investors, will be discontinued with effect from February 26, 2021, for further enrollment.

Kindly note that the facility of Power SIP or Power STP, as the case may be, already opted by the unit holders/investors, will be continued. Investors are requested to take note of the above.

2. RE - OPENING OF AMC BRANCHES

Investors/Unit holders are advised to take note that all the offices/branches of Edelweiss Asset Management Limited ("the AMC") which are the official point of acceptance of transactions for all the Schemes of Edelweiss Mutual Fund, will be open for accepting physical transactions, with effect from February 26, 2021.

Pursuant to the above, necessary changes will be carried out in the relevant sections of the SAI/SID/KIM of the Scheme(s) of the Fund. All the other provisions and terms and conditions of the Scheme(s) of the Fund shall remain unchanged.

This addendum shall form an integral part of the SAI/SID/KIM of the Scheme(s) of the Fund, as amended from time to time.

Investors are requested to take note of the above.

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

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

Place : Mumbai
Date : February 24, 2021

For more information please contact:

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through Stock Exchange pursuant to Tender-Offers under Takeovers, Buy Back and Delisting' and its circular dated December 9, 2016 on 'Streamlining the process for Acquisition of Shares pursuant to Tender-Offers made for Takeovers, Buyback and Delisting of Securities (the 'SEBI Circulars') has set out the procedure for tendering and settlement of Equity Shares through the Stock Exchange (the 'Stock Exchange Mechanism'). Further, it provides that the BSE 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 Circulars. Pursuant to the SEBI Circulars, BSE has issued guidelines detailing the mechanism for acquisition of shares through Stock Exchange.

b. The Promoters/ Acquirers have chosen Acquisition Window Facility or OTB (offer to buy) provided by the BSE.

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

XVII. PROCEDURE FOR TENDERING OF EQUITY SHARES THROUGH STOCK EXCHANGE MECHANISM

A. Procedure to be followed by Public Shareholders in respect of Offer Shares held in dematerialised form

a. Public Shareholders who desire to tender their Offer Shares in the electronic form under the Delisting Offer would have to do so through their respective Seller Member by indicating the details of the Offer Shares they intend to tender under the Delisting Offer. Public Shareholders should submit their Bids through stock brokers registered with BSE only. Public Shareholders should not send Bids to the Company, Promoters/ Acquirers, Manager to the Offer or the Registrar to the Offer. In the event Selling Member of any Shareholder is not registered with BSE trading member/ stock broker, then that Shareholder can approach any BSE registered stock broker and can register himself by using quick unique client code (UCC) facility through that BSE registered stock broker (after submitting all details as may be required by such BSE registered stock broker in compliance with applicable law).

b. The Seller Member would be required to place a bid on behalf of the Shareholders who wish to tender Equity Shares in the Delisting Offer using the Acquisition Window of BSE. Before placing the bid, the Shareholder would need to transfer the Equity Shares to the respective Seller Member's pool account, who will in-turn tender the Offer Shares to the early pay-in mechanism/ special account of the Clearing Corporation of India Limited ('Clearing Corporation'), by using the settlement number and the procedure prescribed by the Clearing Corporation. This shall be validated at the time of order/bid entry.

c. After the Bids have been placed by the Public Shareholders through their broker member using the Acquisition Window of BSE, the Bids will be transferred to the respective Seller Member's pool account, who will in-turn tender the Offer Shares to the early pay-in mechanism of the Clearing Corporation.

d. The details of settlement number shall be informed in the offer opening circular/ notice that will be issued by BSE/Clearing Corporation before the Bid Opening Date.

e. For custodian participant orders for Equity Shares in dematerialised form, early pay-in is mandatory prior to confirmation of the relevant order by the custodian. The custodian shall either confirm or reject the orders not later than the closing of trading hours on the Bid Closing Date. Thereafter, all unconfirmed orders shall be deemed to be rejected. For all confirmed custodian participant orders, any modification to an order shall be deemed to revoke the custodian confirmation relating to such order and the revised order shall be sent to the custodian again for confirmation.

f. Upon placing the Bid, the Seller Member shall provide a Transaction Registration Slip ('TRS') generated by the exchange bidding system to the Public Shareholder. The TRS will contain the details of the order submitted such as Bid ID No., Depository Participant ID, Client ID, No. of Equity Shares tendered and price at which the Bid was placed.

g. Please note that submission of Bid Form and TRS is not mandatorily required in case of Offer Shares held in dematerialised form.

h. The Clearing Corporation will hold in trust the Offer Shares until the Promoters/ Acquirers completes its obligations under the Delisting Offer in accordance with the Delisting Regulations.

i. In case of non-receipt of the Offer Letter/ Bid Form, a copy may be obtained by writing (on plain paper, signed by the respective Public Shareholder, stating name and address, client ID number, Depository Participant name/ID, beneficiary account number and number of equity shares tendered for the delisting offer) to the Registrar to the Offer/ Manager to the Offer, clearly marking the envelope 'LKP Finance Limited - Delisting Offer'. Alternatively, such Public Shareholder may download the bid form from the website of the BSE Limited, LKP Finance Limited, Aryaman Financial Services Limited and Adroit Corporate Services Private Limited at www.bseindia.com, www.lkpsec.com, www.adfslco.in and www.adroitcorporate.com, respectively.

j. Public Shareholders will be required to approach their respective Seller Member and have to ensure that their Bid is entered by their Seller Member in the electronic platform to be made available by the BSE before the Bid Closing Date.

k. The Shareholders will have to ensure that they keep the depository participant account active and unblocked to receive credit in case of return of Equity Shares due to rejection/ non acceptance of offer.

B. Procedure to be followed by Public Shareholders in respect of holding Offer Shares in physical form

SEBI vide their Circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CM1/CIR/P/2020/144 dated July 31, 2020 has allowed shareholders holding shares in physical form to tender their shares in the Delisting Offer. The procedure for the same is as mentioned below:

a. Public Shareholders who hold Offer Shares in physical form and intend to participate in the Delisting Offer will be required to do so through Seller Member. Public Shareholders should submit their Bids through stock brokers registered with BSE only. In the event Selling Member of any Shareholder is not registered with BSE trading member/ stock broker, then that Shareholder can approach any BSE registered stock broker and can register himself/ herself by using quick unique client code (UCC) facility through that BSE registered stock broker (after submitting all details as may be required by such BSE registered stock broker in compliance with applicable laws).

Public Shareholders holding Offer Shares in physical form and intending to participate in the Delisting Offer should approach their Seller Member along with the following complete set of documents to allow for verification procedure to be carried out:

(i) Original share certificate(s);

(ii) Valid share transfer form(s) duly filled and signed by the transferors (i.e. by all registered shareholders in the same order and as per the specimen signatures registered with the Company and Registrar to the Offer) and duly witnessed at the appropriate place authorizing the transfer. Attestation, where required, (thumb impressions, signature difference, etc.) should be done by a magistrate/hotary public/bank manager under their official seal;

(iii) Self-attested PAN card copy (in case of joint holders, PAN card copies of all transferors);

(iv) Bid form duly signed (by all Public Shareholders in cases where Offer Shares are held in joint names) in the same order in which they hold the Offer Shares;

(v) Any other relevant documents such as power of attorney, corporate authorization (including board resolution/ specimen signature), notarized copy of death certificate and succession certificate or probated will, if the original shareholder has deceased, etc., as applicable. In addition, if the address of the Public Shareholder has undergone a change from the address registered in the register of members of the Company, the Public Shareholder would be required to submit a self-attested copy of proof of address consisting of any one of the following documents: valid Aadhar Card, Voter Identity Card or Passport.

(vi) Declaration by joint holders consenting to tender Offer Shares in the Delisting Offer, if applicable, and upon placing the Bid, the Seller Member shall provide a TRS generated by the Exchange bidding system to the Public Shareholder. The TRS will contain the details of the order submitted such as Folio No., Certificate No., Distinctive No., No. of Offer Shares tendered and the price at which the Bid was placed.

b. The Seller Member/Public Shareholder should ensure the documents are delivered along with TRS either by registered post or courier or by hand delivery to the Registrar to the Offer at the address given in PA within 2 (two) days of bidding by the Seller Member. The envelope should be marked as 'LKP Finance Limited - Delisting Offer'.

c. Public Shareholders holding Offer Shares in physical form should note that the Offer Shares will not be accepted unless the complete set of documents is submitted. Acceptance of the Offer Shares by the Promoters/ Acquirers shall be subject to verification of documents. The Registrar to the Offer will verify such bids based on the documents submitted on a daily basis and until such time as the BSE shall display such bids as 'unconfirmed physical bids'. Once, the Registrar to the Offer confirms the bids it will be treated as 'Confirmed Bids'. Bids of Public Shareholders whose original share certificate(s) and other documents along with TRS are not received by the Registrar to the Offer two days after the Bid Closing date shall be rejected.

d. In case of non-receipt of the Letter of Offer/Bid Form, Public Shareholders holding Equity shares in physical form can make an application in writing on plain paper, signed by the respective Public Shareholder, stating name and address, folio number, share certificate number, distinctive number and number of Equity shares tendered for the delisting offer thereof, enclosing the original share certificates and other documents. Public Shareholders will be required to approach their respective Seller Member and have to ensure that their bid is entered by their Seller Member in the electronic platform to be made available by the BSE before the Bid Closing Date.

e. The Registrar to the Offer will hold in trust the share certificate(s) and other documents until the Promoters/ Acquirers complete their obligations under the Delisting Offer in accordance with the Delisting Regulations.

XVIII. METHOD OF SETTLEMENT

Upon finalization of the basis of acceptance as per the Delisting Regulations:

a. The settlement of trades shall be carried out in the manner similar to settlement of trades in the secondary market.

b. The Promoters/ Acquirers shall pay the consideration payable towards purchase of the Offer Shares to the Buyer Broker who in turn will transfer the funds to the Clearing Corporation, on or before the pay-in date for settlement as per the secondary market mechanism. For the dematerialised Offer Shares acquired in the Delisting Offer, the Public Shareholders will receive the consideration in their bank account attached to the depository account from the Clearing Corporation. If bank account details of any Public Shareholder are not available or if the fund transfer instruction is rejected by the RBI or relevant bank, due to any reasons, then the amount payable to the relevant Public Shareholder will be transferred to the concerned Seller Members for onward transfer to such Public Shareholder. In case of physical shares, the Clearing Corporation will release the funds to the Seller Member as per the secondary

**Bonds sell-off:
RBI governor asks
markets for trust**

"WE HAVE several tools to manage liquidity and I have made it clear that pulling out liquidity will be done prematurely in a manner that it will stifle growth," he said. The markets have been somewhat nervous about the large government borrowings – Centre and states – in FY22 and the bond actions have received tepid response. Benchmark yields soared some 14 basis points in the week to February 19 and by 6 basis points on Monday to hit 6.2%. Since then yields have tapered off and closed at 6.14% on Wednesday.

The governor said large borrowing may have surprised the market but pointed out the net borrowing was ₹9 lakh crore. "So far, we have done ₹3 lakh crore of OMOs this year and there is no reason why we should do less next year. It would have to be ₹3 lakh crore or depending on how the situation evolves," Das said. Further, we have extended the special dispensation under the HTM (hold to maturity) category of the bond portfolio so that creates space of ₹4 lakh crore," he

governor said. India was in advanced stages of inclusion in EUROCLEAR and that RBI was engaged with the concerned agencies on India's inclusion in a global bond index.

He ruled out any immediate access to the reverse repo window for non-bank players like mutual funds.

**Antitrust action:
Google withdrawal
threatens risk
backlash in EU**

GOOGLE DECLINED to comment on the latest warning by Vestager, who has fined it more than \$9 billion for antitrust breaches.

Meanwhile, it confirmed a report by Reuters that it had received antitrust objections from French regulators over its alleged non-compliance with an order to pay publishers for news snippets.

Alphabet-owned Google said it would review the statement of objections and "will work closely with the French competition authority".

"Our priority is to comply with the law, and to continue to negotiate with publishers in

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good faith, as evidenced by the agreements we have made with publishers in the past few months," the company said.

The French competition authority didn't immediately respond to a request for comment outside of usual business hours.

—BLOOMBERG

**New brand: ABFL
partners with
Tarun Tahiliani
for men's only
ethnic wear**

IN 2019, IT acquired a 51% stake in designer brand Shantanu & Nikhil while also signing an over ₹100-crore deal to

acquire ethnic apparel and lifestyle retailer Jaypore. The recent transaction comes less than a month after the company struck a ₹398-crore deal to acquire a 51% stake in designer brand Sabysachi.

From the recent acquisitions, it is clear that ABFRL is betting big on ethnic, analysts at Edelweiss Research said in a note. "With the new venture, the key thing to understand is how the company will differentiate it from Shantanu & Nikhil's

positioning and focus which is also men's wear driven," they said. Besides, ABFRL will have to strategise on driving scale and synergies with its existing businesses while managing the cultural aspects of these companies, the analysts added.

The Tarun Tahiliani label's offerings range from couture and wedding wear to ready to wear collections for both men and women, as well as accessories, jewellery, interiors and homes.

"The ethnic wear segment is a large and growing market with a significant opportunity to build scale. The combined expertise of Tarun Tahiliani and ABFRL will enable the new brand to make a strong impact in the market. This partnership is in line with our stated strategy to craft a portfolio of brands that address the entire gamut of ethnic wear segments: Value, premium and luxury," said Ashish Dikshit, managing director at ABFRL. As on December 31, 2020, the firm had a network of 3,157 stores.

According to Techopak, the total Indian ethnic wear market is valued at ₹70,000 crore; women's ethnic wear has an 85% (₹59,500 crore) share in the market and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 10% till 2022.

market mechanism for onward transfer to Public Shareholders.

c. In case of certain client types viz. non-resident Indians, non-resident clients etc. (where there are specific RBI and other regulatory requirements pertaining to funds pay-out) who do not opt to settle through custodians, the funds payout will be given to their respective Seller Member's settlement accounts for releasing the same to their respective Public Shareholder's account onward. For this purpose, the client type details will be collected from the depositories whereas funds payout pertaining to the bids settled through custodians will be transferred to the settlement bank account of the custodian, each in accordance with the applicable mechanism prescribed by the Stock Exchange and the Clearing Corporation from time to time.

d. The Offer Shares acquired in dematerialised form shall be transferred by the Buyer Broker to the accounts of the Promoters/ Acquirers on receipt of the Offer Shares pursuant to the clearing and settlement mechanism of the Stock Exchange. Offer Shares acquired in physical form will be transferred directly to the Promoters/ Acquirers by the Registrar to the Offer.

e. In case of rejected dematerialised offer shares, if any, tendered by the Public Shareholders, the same would be transferred by the Clearing Corporation directly to the respective Shareholder's Depository Participant account, as part of the exchange payout process. If the securities transfer instruction is rejected in the depository system, due to any issue then such securities will be transferred to the Seller Member's depository pool account for onward transfer to the respective Shareholder. The Seller Member/ custodian participants would return these unaccepted Offer Shares to their respective clients (i.e. the relevant Public Shareholder(s)) on whose behalf the Bids have been placed. Similarly, in case of rejected physical shares, if any, Offer Shares tendered in physical form will be returned to the respective Public Shareholders directly by Registrar to the Offer.

f. The Seller Member would issue a contract note and pay the consideration to the respective Public Shareholder whose Offer Shares are accepted under the Delisting Offer. The Buyer Broker would also issue a contract note to the Promoters/ Acquirers for the Delisting Offer.

g. Public Shareholders who intend to participate in the Delisting Offer should consult their respective Seller Member for payment of any cost, charges and expenses (including brokerage) that may be levied by the Seller Member upon the Public Shareholders for tendering their Offer Shares in the Delisting Offer (secondary market transaction).

XIX. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR THE DELISTING OFFER

For the process of the Delisting Offer, the tentative schedule of activity will be as set out below:

Activity	Date	Day
Specified Date ⁽ⁱ⁾	February 19, 2021	Friday
Date of receipt of BSE in-principle approval	February 24, 2021	Wednesday
Date of the publication of this PA	February 25, 2021	Thursday
Dispatch of Offer Letters/ Bid Forms to Public Shareholders as on Specified Date	February 2	

Govt steps to shield banks successful: S&P

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S&P GLOBAL RATINGS on Wednesday said an improvement in macroeconomic conditions is likely to alleviate stress for India's banking sector.

It said the Indian government's strong efforts to shield banks from the Covid-19 pandemic have largely been successful, but a hit from the pandemic is inevitable.

"While the Indian economy is on a mend, the permanent GDP loss stemming from the brunt of the coronavirus is huge at 10%. We estimate the banking system's weak loans are at 1.2% of gross loans," S&P said in a statement.

An improvement in India's macroeconomic conditions is likely to alleviate stress for the country's banking sector, said S&P. India's economic risk trend is stable and credit risk remains very high for banks.

"These banks hold elevated levels of stressed corporate assets and, despite new foreclosure laws, progress on their resolution has been slow. The pandemic-induced downcycle has delayed the improvement

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in asset quality for Indian banks. SMEs have been hit hardest, followed by retail loans, especially unsecured loans," S&P added.

Steps by the government and the Reserve Bank of India, including an emergency credit guarantee scheme for SMEs, are likely to lessen the stress. The Union Budget announcement for fiscal 2022 also includes plans to establish an asset reconstruction company and strengthening of the National Company Law Tribunal framework.

"These measures could benefit banks by ensuring that management resources are not spent on recoveries of weak assets. That said, India's challenge has always been on the execution front," it added.

S&P expects earnings of Indian banks to gradually recover from the weak base of past few years.

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Corrigendum NIT No.49 /S-II-11/2020-21

Due to some technical reason the tender invited for item No. 5 of NIT No. 49 due on 8.3.2021 (2020-21) is hereby cancelled with immediate effect. Bidders can quote the rates for all other items except item No. 5
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Advt. No. J.S.V. 440/2020-21

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PRESS NIT No- 18 (2020-21)/EE(E&M)-II

NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earliest Money (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-Procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-Procurement solution
18	S.I.T.C. of Submersible P/Set along with allied (E AND M) Equipment at Chandrawali Water Works for Augmentation of Water Supply	Job Work	67500/-	Tender Id: 2021_DJB_200433_1 Publish Date: 23-Feb-2021 10:00 AM onward	05-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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Notice to the Investors/Unit holders of ICICI Prudential Multi-Asset Fund and ICICI Prudential Balanced Advantage Fund (the Schemes)

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 Schemes, subject to availability of distributable surplus on the record date i.e on March 2, 2021*:

Name of the Schemes/Plans	Dividend (₹ per unit) (Face value of ₹ 10/- each) ^{\$#}	NAV as on February 23, 2021 (₹ Per unit)
ICICI Prudential Multi-Asset Fund		
Dividend	0.1600	20.7729
Direct Plan - Dividend	0.0800	29.4472
ICICI Prudential Balanced Advantage Fund		
Monthly Dividend	0.07	16.26
Direct Plan - Monthly Dividend	0.07	18.36

* 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 Schemes.

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 Schemes, 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 Schemes would fall to the extent of dividend payout and statutory levy (if applicable).

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The units of Value Fund - Sr. 16 are listed on BSE. The trading of units of Value Fund - Sr. 16 will be suspended on BSE with effect from closing hours of trading of February 25, 2021.

For the purposes of redemption proceeds, the record date shall be March 2, 2021.

For ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited
Place : Mumbai
Date : February 24, 2021
No. 009/02/2021

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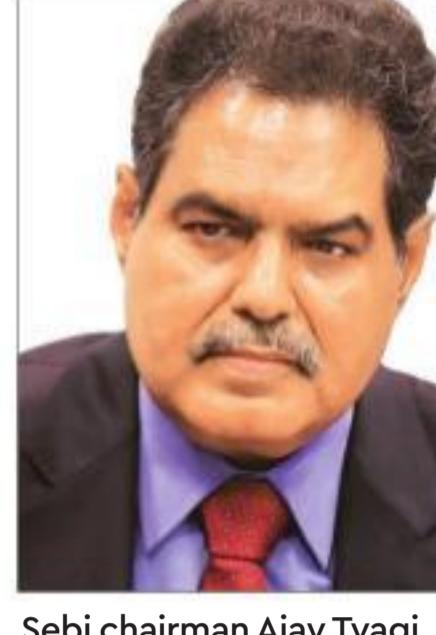
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'Bond mkts unification to allow utilisation of common infra'

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Sebi chairman Ajay Tyagi

enhancement mechanism is required to improve the rating category of infrastructure specific purpose vehicles (SPVs), which, in turn, would facilitate these SPVs to raise funds from the corporate bond market.

"This would be crucial to meet infrastructure financing targets as per the National Infrastructure Pipeline."

Tyagi noted that expanding the investor base with preference for lower-rated corporate bonds is required for further deepening of the corporate bond market. With a conducive ecosystem, mutual funds can be expected to play an even bigger role in the development of relatively lower-rated corporate bonds.

Ratings given by credit rating agencies should be used for guidance purpose and financial institutions should continue to have the onus for due diligence of their investments.

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investments and should not be solely dependent on the ratings given by credit rating agencies," Tyagi said.

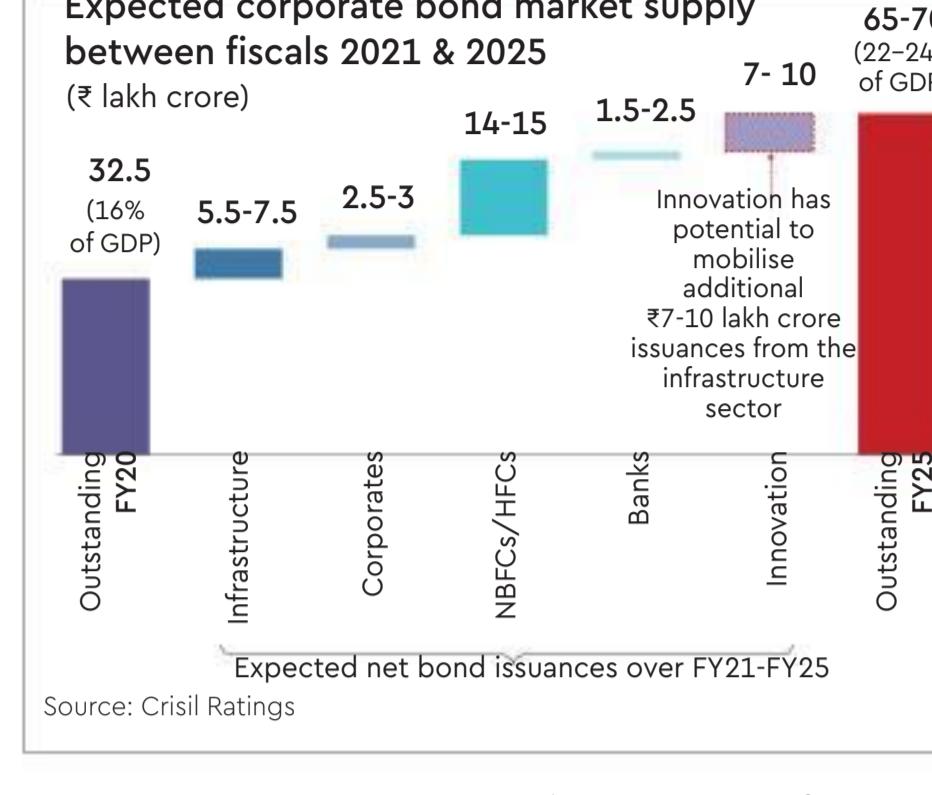
Reacting to the measures announced in the Budget, he said the announcement for creation of permanent institutional framework to purchase investment grade debt securities, both in stressed and normal times, would help the bond market develop. Such a facility would surely lift the confidence of investors in liquidity of corporate bonds which is very much required, especially for relatively lower-rated bonds.

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double the value of outstanding corporate bonds in the domestic market to ₹65-70 lakh crore by March 2025, rating agency Crisil said on Wednesday in its yearbook on the Indian debt market.

However, demand is

expected to be at ₹60-65 lakh crore, which means foreign capital will be necessary to bridge the ₹5-lakh-crore gap, it said.

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DETAILED PUBLIC STATEMENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS OF

TOWA SOKKI LIMITED

(CORPORATE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: L51909GJ1993PLC019111)

Registered Office: FF-6, Amrapali Apartment, Near Air Force Station, Makarpura, VADODARA - 390014

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In compliance with Regulations 3(1) and 4 read with Regulations 13(4), 14(3) and 15(2) and other applicable provisions of the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011, as amended

OPEN OFFER ("OFFER") FOR ACQUISITION OF UP TO 11,84,248 (ELEVEN LACS EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT ONLY) FULLY PAID-UP EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES"), REPRESENTING 26.00% OF THE TOTAL EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF TOWA SOKKI LIMITED ("TARGET COMPANY") ON A FULLY DILUTED BASIS, AS OF THE TENTH WORKING DAY FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE TENDERING PERIOD OF THE OPEN OFFER ("VOTING SHARE CAPITAL"), FROM THE ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE TARGET COMPANY FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ 6/- (RUPEES SIX ONLY) PER EQUITY SHARE BY MR. SUDHIR MEHTA ("ACQUIRER") WITH AN INTENTION TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF THE TARGET COMPANY.

This DETAILED PUBLIC STATEMENT ("DPS") IS BEING ISSUED BY BEELINE BROKING LIMITED ("MANAGER"), FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE ACQUIRER IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION 13(4), 14(3) AND 15(2) AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (SUBSTANTIAL ACQUISITION OF SHARES AND TAKEOVERS) REGULATIONS, 2011, AND SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, ("TAKEOVER REGULATIONS"), PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ("PA") FILED WITH BSE LIMITED ("BSE") ("STOCK EXCHANGE") ON FEBRUARY 17, 2021 IN TERMS OF REGULATIONS 3(1) AND 4 OF THE TAKEOVER REGULATIONS. THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ("SEBI") AND SENT TO THE TARGET COMPANY ON FEBRUARY 17, 2021 BY WAY OF LETTERS DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2021 IN TERMS OF REGULATION 14(2) OF THE TAKEOVER REGULATIONS.

I. ACQUIRERS, SELLERS, TARGET COMPANY AND OFFER

A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACQUIRER :

Mr. Sudhir Mehta (Acquirer)

- a) Mr. Sudhir Mehta, (hereinafter referred to as "Acquirer"), son of Mr. Balu Mehta is an Indian National aged about 46 years having PAN, AHVP7543A and his residential address is Flat No. 403, 4th Floor, The Wadhwa Group, Vista-3, LBS Marg, Ghatkopar West, Mumbai - 400086, Maharashtra, India. His mobile number is +91-7045358684 and his Email id is: gkvalue@gmail.com. He is class 8th passed from Seth MK High School, Borivali, Mumbai Suburban in year 1989 and has experience of about 15 (Fifteen) years in the real estate.
- b) The Acquirer is not a part of any group.
- c) Acquirer has confirmed that he is not categorized as a "Willful Defaulter" in terms of Regulation (1) (ze) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011. It has further confirmed that it is not appearing in the willful defaulters list of the Reserve Bank of India and is not debarred by SEBI from accessing the capital markets or from dealing in securities in terms of the provisions of Section 11B of the SEBI Act, 1992 or under any other Regulation of the SEBI Act, 1992.
- d) Acquirer does not have any interest or relationship with the Target Company or its promoters, directors and Key managerial Personnel.
- e) Acquirer confirms that currently there are no pending litigations pertaining to securities market to which he has been made a party.
- f) Acquirer has not held and does not hold any Equity Shares of the Company as on the date of this DPS. Therefore the provisions of chapter V of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011 and provisions of chapter II of the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1997 and subsequent amendments thereto are not applicable.
- g) CA Vishwas Kalal (Membership No. 174542), Proprietor of Vishwas & Associates (FRN No. 143500W) Chartered Accountants, UDIN:21174542AAACT66663 having his office at Unit No. 5B, Laxmi Plaza, Laxmi Industrial Estate, New Link Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai- 400053 has certified and confirmed that the individual Net Worth of Mr. Sudhir Mehta as on December 31, 2020 is ₹ 10,76,72,452/- (Rupees Ten Crores Ninety Four Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Two Only). Acquirer has sufficient liquid funds to fulfill the obligations under the Open Offer.
- h) Mr. Sudhir Mehta has been associated with Shradha Landmark Private Limited, Shradha Buildcon Private Limited, Shradha Lifespaces Private Limited, Together Fitness Private Limited, Shradha Life Spaces Private Limited, Shradha Landmark Private Limited, Shradha Buildcon Private Limited, Together Fitness Private Limited, Bhavani Developers Private Limited as a Director & with Sui Builders And Developers LLP, Shradha Divine Realtors LLP, Shradha Apex LLP, Shradha Fortune LLP, Shradha Housing Projects LLP as a Partner, Shradha Realty (Partnership Firm) and Nayak Realty (Partnership Firm) as a Partner and his DIN is 02215452.
- i) Acquirer undertakes that if he acquires any Equity Shares of the Target Company during the Offer Period, he will inform the Stock Exchange and the Target Company within 24 hours of such acquisitions and will not acquire any Equity Shares of the Target Company during the period between three working days prior to the commencement of the Tendering Period ("TP") and until the closure of the TP in accordance with Regulation 18(6) of the Regulations.
- j) Acquirer has not been prohibited by SEBI from dealing in securities in terms of directions issued under section 11B of the SEBI Act, as amended or under any other regulations made under the SEBI Act. Acquirer also undertakes that he will not sell the Equity Shares of the Target Company, held by them during the Offer Period in terms of Regulation 25(4) of the Takeover Regulations.

B. INFORMATION ABOUT THE SELLER

The details of the Seller are set out below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Seller ^	Residential Address	No. of Shares held in the Target Company	% of Share Capital
1	Mr. O.J. Bansal	33, Ramrao Society, Near Makarpura Bus Depo, Makarpura Road, Vadodara -390010	10,66,200	23.41
2	Mr. S.J. Bansal	25, Rushikesh Society, Opp. Novino Battery, Makarpura Road, Vadodara - 390010	7,14,500	15.69
3	Ms. Sushila O. Bansal	33, Ramrao Society, Near Makarpura Bus Depo, Makarpura Road, Vadodara -390010	6,71,500	14.74
4	Ms. Suman S. Bansal	25, Rushikesh Society, Opp. Novino Battery, Makarpura Road, Vadodara - 390010	7,92,800	17.41
Total		32,45,000	71.25	

Sushila R. Bansal, Vikas Goyal, R.J. Bansal, Raksha K. Agarwal, Jaidevi Goyal, Bhavita O. Bansal and Preeti S. Bansal holding 41,600 Equity Shares, 500 Equity Shares, 3000 Equity Shares and others NIL Equity Shares respectively will be released from "Promoter and Promoter Group" Category to "Public" Category as per Regulation 31A of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and the same has been approved on board meeting dated October 29, 2020 however the same is not yet approved in the General meeting.

- Sellers are part of Promoters/ Promoter Group of the Target Company and they do not belong to any Group.
- Sellers have not been prohibited by SEBI from dealing in securities, in terms of directions issued under Section 11B of the SEBI Act, 1992 and subsequent amendments thereto or under any other regulations made under the SEBI Act, 1992

C. INFORMATION ABOUT THE TARGET COMPANY, TOWA SOKKI LIMITED ("TARGET COMPANY")

- 1) Target Company was incorporated on March 10, 1993 under the Companies act, 1956 in the name and style as "Towa Sokki Limited" as a public Limited company and obtained the Certificate of Commencement of Business on March 19, 1993 by Registrar of Companies, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The Corporate Identification Number is L51909GJ1993PLC019111.
- 2) The registered office of the Target Company is situated at FF-6, Amrapali Apartment, Near Air Force Station, Makarpura, Vadodara-390014, Gujarat, India. Email : towasurvey@yahoo.co.in; Website: www.towasokki.in. Currently, the TC is involved in the business of survey instruments.
- 3) As on the date of this DPS, Target Company has an Authorized Equity Share Capital of ₹ 9,00,00,000/- comprising of 90,00,000 (Ninety Lakhs) Equity Shares of ₹ 10/- each. The Issued, Subscribed and paid up Equity share capital of Target Company is ₹ 4,55,48,000/- (Rupees Four Crores Fifty Five Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Only) comprising of 45,54,800 (Forty Five Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Eight Hundred) Equity Shares of ₹10/- each.
- 4) The Equity Shares of Target Company are currently listed and traded on BSE Limited (BSE) with symbol as Script ID/Code: TOWASOK/ 531771
- 5) The Equity Shares of the Target Company are in-frequently traded within the meaning of Regulation 2(1)(j) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations on BSE Limited.
- 6) As on date of this DPS, there is no subsidiary or holding company of the Target Company.
- 7) The Share of Target Company has been forfeited in the year of 2015-16, except the said forfeiture, there has been no merger, de-merger and spin off in the last three years in the Target Company.
- 8) Currently, there are no outstanding partly paid up shares or any other convertible instruments to be converted into Equity Shares of the Target Company at a future date.
- 9) The brief financials of the Target Company as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs except EPS)

Particulars	For Six months period ended September 30, 2020		Financial Year 2020		Financial Year 2019		Financial Year 2018	
	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited	Audited
Total Revenue	4.61	12.09	14.86	143.81				
Net Profit/(Loss) after tax	(11.14)	(16.61)	(22.67)	(252.35)				
EPS	(0.24)	(0.36)	(0.50)	(5.54)				
Net Worth/Shareholders fund	130.52	141.66	158.27	180.94				

(Source: Annual Report and half yearly financials results filed with BSE Limited: www.bseindia.com).

- 10) None of the Directors of the Target Company represents the Acquirer.

D. DETAILS OF THE OFFER

- 1) The Acquirer is making an Offer to acquire up to 11,84,248 (Eleven Lacs Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only) Equity Shares of Face Value of ₹ 10/- each representing 26.00% of the total issued, subscribed, paid up capital and voting equity share capital of the Target Company ("Offer Size").
- 2) This Offer is being made to all the Equity Shareholders of the Target Company, other than the parties to Share Purchase Agreement ("SPA") dated February 17, 2021.
- 3) The Offer is being made at a price of ₹ 6/- (Rupees Six Only) ("Offer Price") per fully paid up Equity Share, payable in Cash, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Public Announcement (PA), this Detailed Public Statement (DPS) and the Letter of Offer (LOF), that will be sent to the Shareholders of the Target Company.
- 4) To the best of knowledge and belief of the Acquirer, as of the date of this DPS, there are no statutory approvals required for this Offer. However, if any statutory that become applicable prior to completion of this Offer, this Offer would be subject to the receipt of such other statutory approvals that may become applicable at a later date. In terms of regulation 23(1) (a) of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011, if the statutory approvals are not received or are refused, the Offer would stand withdrawn.
- 5) This is not a Competitive Bid in terms of regulation 20 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.
- 6) This Offer is not conditional upon any minimum level of acceptance by the Equity Shareholders of the Target Company in terms of Regulation 19(1) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations. The Acquirer will acquire all the Equity Shares of the Target Company that are validly tendered as per terms of the Offer upto a maximum of 11,84,248 (Eleven Lacs Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only) Equity Shares of Face value of ₹10/- each representing 26.00% of the total issued, subscribed, paid up capital and voting equity share capital of the Target Company.
- 7) There are no conditions stipulated in the SPA between the Sellers and Acquirer, the meeting of which would be outside the reasonable control of the Acquirer and in view of which the Offer might be withdrawn under regulation 23 of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.

- 8) As on the date of this DPS, the Manager to the Offer, Beeline Broking Ltd does not hold any Equity Shares in the Target Company. The Manager to the Offer further declares and undertakes that they will not deal on their own account in the Equity Shares of the Target Company during the Offer Period.
- 9) The SPA is subject to compliance of provisions of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011 and in case of non-compliance with the provisions of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011, the SPA shall not be acted upon by the Seller and Acquirer.
- 10) There are no partly paid shares and there are no convertible instruments which are pending conversion.
- 11) To the best of the knowledge of the Acquirer, there are no statutory approvals required by the Acquirer to complete this Offer. The offer would be subject to all the statutory approvals that may become applicable at a later date.
- 12) The Equity Shares of the Target Company will be acquired by the Acquirer as fully paid up, free from all liens, charges and encumbrances and together with the rights attached thereto, including all rights to dividend, bonus and rights offered declared thereof.
- 13) The Manager to the Offer does not hold any Equity Shares in the Target Company as on the date of appointment as Manager to the Offer and as on the date of this Detailed Public Statement. The Manager to the Offer further declares and undertakes that they shall not deal in the Equity Shares of the Target Company during the period commencing from the date of its appointment as Manager to the Offer till the expiry of 15 days from the date of closure of this Open Offer.
- 14) Upon completion of this Offer and assuming full acceptance, the Acquirer will hold 44,29,248 Equity Shares representing 97.25% of total issued paid up capital of the Target Company, thus Pursuant to this Open Offer, the public shareholding in the Target Company will be decreased from the Minimum Public Shareholding required as per the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957 as amended and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Acquirer undertakes that he will take necessary steps to facilitate compliances of the Target Company with the relevant provisions of Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957 as amended, the Listing Agreement or corresponding provisions of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 and the Regulation 7(4) and 7(5) of the SEBI (SAST) Regulations and will increase the public shareholding to the stipulated public shareholding within the time period mentioned therein.

E. BACKGROUND TO THE OFFER

1. The Acquirer has entered into Share Purchase Agreement with Sellers dated February 17, 2021 for the acquisition of 32,45,000 fully paid-up equity shares of face value of ₹ 10/- each representing 71.25% of the total issued, subscribed, paid up capital and voting equity share capital of the Target Company at a Price of ₹ 6/- (Rupees Six Only) per share aggregating to ₹ 1,94,70,000, (One Crore Ninety Four Lakhs Seventy Thousand only) subject to the terms and conditions as contained in the SPA. Pursuant to SPA, the Acquirer shall hold majority of Equity Shares by virtue of which he shall be in a position to exercise control over management and affairs of the Target Company. This offer is made in terms of Regulation 3(1) and 4 of the Takeover Regulations.
2. Some Salient Features of SPA are as follows:
 - SPAs dated February 17, 2021 between Acquirer and Sellers for acquisition of 32,45,000 Equity Shares constituting 71.25% of the fully paid up and voting equity share capital along with control at a price of ₹ 6/- per Equity Share aggregating purchase consideration for sale shares shall be ₹ 1,94,70,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Four Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only) as follows:
 - i) A sum of Rs 75,00,000 (Seventy Five Lakhs only) as earnest Money or deposit would be to the Sellers simultaneously with the execution of the Share Purchase Agreement;
 - A sum of ₹ 1,19,70,000 (One Crore Nineteen Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only) would be paid at the time of completion of the Open Offer.
 - The Acquirer reserves the right to nominate someone representing them to be a director on the Board of the Target Company during the offer Period in accordance with the Regulations by depositing 100% of the maximum consideration payable under the offer in Cash Escrow Account as required under Regulation 24(1) of the SEBI (SAST), Regulations.
 - Acquirer and Sellers agree to take steps to comply with regulations and laws that may be required to give effect of transfer of sale shares.
3. Consequent upon acquisition of Sale Shares, the Acquirer will hold 32,45,000 equity shares constituting 71.25% of the Existing Share & Voting Capital of Target Company. Pursuant to SPA, the Acquirer shall hold the significant equity shares by virtue of which he shall be in a position to exercise control over management and affairs of the Target Company. This Offer is being made under regulation 3(1) and 4 of the Takeover Regulations. Upon consummation of the transactions contemplated in the SPA, the Acquirer will also acquire control over the Target Company and the Acquirer shall become the promoters of the Target Company upon compliance with the provisions of regulation 31A(5) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. As such, this Offer is also being made under regulation 4 of the Takeover Regulations.
4. The prime objective of the Acquirer behind the acquisition is to have substantial holding of Equity shares and voting rights accompanied with the change in management and control of the Target Company and to classify the Acquirer as 'Promoters' of the Target Company, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 31A(8) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations. The Acquirer does not propose to continue the existing business of the Target Company subject to required approval in accordance with the laws applicable. The Acquirer reserves the right to modify the present structure of the business in a manner which is useful to the larger interest of the shareholders. Any such change in the structure that may affect the larger interest of the shareholders will be done with prior approval of shareholders at a general body meeting of Target Company in accordance with regulation 25(2) of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011 and in accordance with the laws applicable. The Acquirer may diversify, reorganize and/or streamline the business of Target Company for commercial reasons and operational efficiencies.
5. The Acquirer has intention to sell, dispose off or otherwise encumber any significant assets of Target Company and may also in the ordinary course of business of Target Company and future policy for disposal of assets, if any, will be decided by its Board of Directors, subject to the applicable provisions of the law and the prior approval of the shareholders at a general body meeting of Target Company in accordance with regulation 25(2) of SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.

III. SHAREHOLDING AND ACQUISITION DETAILS

Name of the Stock Exchange	Details	Acquirer	
No. of Shares	%		

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JSL
JINDAL STAINLESS LIMITED

CIN: L26922HR1980PLC010901
Regd. Office: P.O. Jindal Marg, Hisar-125 005 (Haryana)
Phone No. (01662) 222471-83, Fax No. (01662) 220499
Email Id. for Investors: investorcare@jindalstainless.com
Website: www.jslstainless.com

PUBLIC NOTICE - LOSS OF SHARE CERTIFICATES

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificate(s) are reported to have been lost. The company will proceed to issue duplicate certificate(s) in respect of these shares, if no valid objection is received within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF RS. 2/- EACH OF THE COMPANY:

Folio No.	Name of shareholder	Certificate No.	Distinctive Numbers	No. of Shares
38089	Kesavulu Tanguturu	401999	59823281-59823480	200

OLD EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF RS.10 PER SHARE OF THE COMPANY
(Issued prior to 9.3.2004):

Folio No.	Name of shareholder(s)	Certificate No(s.)	Distinctive Numbers	No. of Shares
71105	Sarala Devi Agarwal Kallash Chandra Agarwal	12607	3981471-3981514	44
38089	Kesavulu Tanguturu	204941	21097675-21097689	15

Date : February 23, 2021
Place : New Delhi

"Form No. INC-22"
[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
[Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another]

Before the Regional Director,
Ministry of Corporate Affairs,
Northern Region Bengal

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 GCE Consultants India Private Limited (CIN : U74140DL2010PC020977) having its Registered Office at Flat No. GF-1, KH. No. 835, Ground Floor, Upkar Colony, Sant Nagar, Village: Burari, Delhi North East, DL - 110084

For and on behalf of
GCE Consultants India Private Limited
Sd/- (Plyush Kant)

Date : 24.02.2021
Place : Delhi
DIN: 07636807

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 20.02.2021 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to the "State of West Bengal".

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Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051. E-mail: headoffice.it@bankofindia.co.in

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Procurement, Annual Maintenance Support, Facility Management of New Network Devices and Annual Maintenance Support, Facility Management of Existing Network Devices of Bank's Data Center (DC), Disaster Recovery Site (DR) & Near Site (NR) with deployment of Software Defined Networking (SDN) Solution

The captioned RFP is available on Bank's corporate website www.bankofindia.co.in under 'Tender' section since 23.02.2021. Subsequent changes if any, will henceforth be uploaded only on the website. The last date of submission: 19-03-2021.

NUCLEUS SOFTWARE EXPORTS LTD.

CIN : L74899DL1989PLC034594
Regd. Off.: 33-35, Thyagraj Nagar Market, New Delhi-110 003
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 201 of the Companies Act 2013, the Company proposes to make the application under Section 196, Schedule V and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act 2013 to the Central Government, for seeking approval of appointment of Mr. Anurag Mantri, who was not staying in India for continuous period of twelve months immediately preceding the date of his appointment, as Whole Time Director of the Company.

By the Order of the Board
For Nucleus Software Exports Ltd.

Sd/-
Poonam Bhasin
Company Secretary

Date : February 24, 2021

Place : Noida

Corrigendum to Sale Notice/e-auction process document for participation in electronic E-auction Sale of APPLE INDUSTRIES LIMITED - IN LIQUIDATION as going concern issued on 08.02.2021

Revised Details of E-auction process shall be as follows.

Revised Last Date for Submission of EMD along with requisite documents 27.02.2021

Revised Date & Time for physical inspection of assets/properties 27.02.2021

Revised Date and Time of E-Auction 01.03.2021

The other terms and conditions of sale of assets/properties through E-auction shall be same as mentioned in E-AUCTION PROCESS DOCUMENT issued on 08.02.2021 by the Liquidator and available on website <http://www.eauctions.co.in>, appleindustriesltd.com, you may also contact Mr. Dixit Prajapati M-7874138237 or admin@aucations.co.in or Liquidator (Rakesh Kumar Singhal) 931324356 or appleindustries.cirp@gmail.com.

Sd/-
RAKESH KUMAR SINGHAL
Place: Delhi Liquidator of Apple Industries Limited - In Liquidation
Date: 24.02.2021 IBBI Reg. No. IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00581/2017-18/11744

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THE FEDERAL BANK LTD. REG. OFFICE: PB. NO: 103, FEDERAL TOWERS, ALUVA, KERALA, INDIA - 683 101 Phone: 0484-2622263, E-MAIL: secretario@federalbank.co.in, Website: www.federalbank.co.in, CIN: L65191KL1931PLC000368

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificate have been reported lost. The bank will proceed to issue duplicate certificate in respect of these shares, if no valid objection is received within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

SL. NO.	NAME (DUP. APPLIED BY)	FOLIO	CERT.NO.	DIST.NO.	SHR.
1	RAKESH CHAWLA	52080	506079	15933966-15935465	1500

Sd/-
Aluva Samir P Rajdev
25.02.2021 Company Secretary

Hemisphere Properties India Limited

CIN: L70101DL2005GOI132162
Reg. Office Address: Room No. 14, C-Wing, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi 110001
Website: www.hpiil.co.in | Contact No: 01123061325

NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT
(Notice issued to Shareholders pursuant to Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013)

Dear Shareholders,
Notice is hereby given that in pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of Section 108 and Section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) and rules made thereunder read with Circulars issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA circulars), the approval of Members vide postal ballot Notice (Notice) dated Wednesday, February 24, 2021 is being sought by way of Special Resolution through e-voting process (e-voting). The proposed resolution for 0.01% Non-Cumulative preference shares 70 crore shall be issued only if the number of votes cast by public shareholders in favour of proposal are more than the number of votes cast against it.

Pursuant the MCA Circulars and the provision of the Act, the Notice along with explanatory statement and instructions for casting votes have been sent through email on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 through Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) to the shareholders on their registered email IDs as on Cut-off date i.e. Friday February 19, 2021. A person who is not a shareholder as on Cut-off date is requested to treat this Notice as information purpose only.

In Compliance with the Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligation & Disclosure Requirement) Regulation 2015, as amended from time to time and pursuant to Section 108 and applicable provision of the Act read with rules and MCA circulars, shareholders as on cut-off date are entitled to vote in e-voting and voting rights shall be reckoned by the paid-up capital value of the equity share as on such date.

The Company has engaged services of CDSL for facilitating e-Voting to enable the Members to cast their votes electronically and the manner of voting by members holding shares in physical mode and for the members who have not registered their email IDs is provided in the Notice.

The Postal Ballot Notice is available on website of the Company under investors section of the Company's website: www.hpiil.co.in and also available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

The Board of Directors appointed Mr. Rahul Chaudhary, Proprietor of Rahul Chaudhary & Associates, Practicing Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizer for conducting the postal ballot only through the e-voting process in a fair and transparent manner.

E-voting facility is available at the link <https://www.evotingindia.com/> from Thursday, February 25, 2021, 9.00 a.m.(IST) onwards to Friday, March 26, 2021, 5.00 p.m. (IST). Shareholders are requested to read carefully the e-voting instructions given in the Notes forming part of the Postal Ballot Notice, before logging into the e-voting link.

The Scrutinizer will submit his report to the Company after completion of scrutiny of e-voting. The results shall be declared on or before, March 28, 2021 on stock exchanges and will also be displayed on the Company's website www.hpiil.co.in.

Members are requested to refer the notice and take note of the following:

S.	Particulars	Schedule date
1.	Date of Completion of Dispatch	Wednesday, February 24, 2021
2.	Remote e-Voting period -Commences from -End at e-Voting module shall be disabled post this date	-Thursday, February 25, 2021 (9:00 a.m. IST) -Friday, March 26, 2021 (5:00 p.m. IST)

Important points to note:

i. Shareholders to select the EVSN no. 210222005 and vote.

ii. The proposed resolution along with notes & explanatory statement is mentioned in the Postal Ballot Notice.

iii. The detailed instructions are mentioned in point 10 of Notes of the Notice. Kindly refer the same at the time of e-voting.

iv. If you have any queries or issues regarding e-Voting from the e-Voting System, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com, under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com or contact Mr. Nitin Kunder (022-23058738) or Mr. Mehbob Lakhani (022-23058543) or Mr. Rakesh Dalvi (022-23058542).

All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com or call on 022-23058424/43.

By the order of the Board

For Hemisphere Properties India Limited Sd/- Lubna

Place: New Delhi

Date: 24.02.2021

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Company Secretary & Compliance officer

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PUNJAB & SIND BANK

(A GOVT. OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 12.03.2021, 11:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON
LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD & DOCUMENTS ALONGWITH DEMAND DRAFT (HARD COPY) ON/BEFORE 10.03.2021 UPTO 4:00 PM**

LAST DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS(ONLINE)ON/BEFORE 11.03.2021 UPTO 4:00 PM

Sale of immovable property/ies mortgaged/ vehicle hypothecated to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002) Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Punjab & Sind Bank, has taken Symbolic/Physical possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS AND AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal <https://www.bankeauctions.com>.

LUDHIANA ZONE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch/ Account Name	Details of Properties	Demand Notice Date/ Outstanding Amount	EMD Submission Account Details	Authorised Officer & Contact No.	Reserve Price EMD	Bid Increase Amount
1.	Branch Office : Jagraon	LOT : 1 a) Plant & Machinery installed at the Factory Unit of M/S Mangla Foods (P) Ltd situated at Agwar Gujran-I, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana. b) Factory land measuring 4K-2M, which is detailed as land 2K-12M being 935/4752 share out of the land 13K-4M, Rect. No. 83, Killa No. 14(8-18), 16(4-6) Khata no. 990/1027 and Land 1K-10M being 541/2754 share out of the land 7K-13M Rect. No. 17(7-13) Khata No. 991/1028 as per jambandhi for the year 2009-10 situated at Agwar Gujran-I, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana standing in the name of M/S Mangla Foods (P) Ltd. through registered Sale Deed dated 07.04.1998 bearing Vasika No. 88.	07.06.2018, Rs. 4,67,53,556.35/- + Future Interest & expenses w.e.f. 31.05.2018 less recovery effective after 31.05.2018	A/c No. 00021100004511 IFSC Code : PSIB0000002	Sh. Chander Kant (Chief Manager) Mob.: 991029708 TELE: 0161-5068260/ 61/63/64/65, 01624-542120/21 E-Mail : J0106@psb.co.in	LOT : 1 Rs. 262.87 Lakh Rs. 26.29 Lakh Rs. 1.00 Lakh	

1.	Branch Office : Jagraon	LOT : 2 House property M.C.J. No. 500/34/DE, measuring 0K-8M, being 32/1620 share out of land 21K-1M, Khasra No. 1092 (21-1), Khata No. 762/790 as per jambandhi for the year 2009-10 situated at Agwar Gujran-II, Tehsil Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana standing in the name of Suman Gupta w/o Pawan Kumar through registered Sale Deed dated 21.10.1998 bearing Vasika No. 3410.
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1.	Branch Office : Jagraon	LOT : 3 House property M.C.J. No. 500/34/DE, Street No. 4, Shastri Nagar, Jagraon, Distt. Ludhiana, measuring 125 sq. yds, standing in the name of Suman Gupta w/o Pawan Kumar through registered Sale Deed dated 03.11.1998 bearing Vasika No. 3624.
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1.	Branch Office : Jagraon	LOT : 4 Property measuring 0K8-5/6 marla (8.83 Marla) being 53/1926 share out of the land 16K-1M, Khasra No. 1081, Khata No. 709/737, as per Jamabandi for the year 2009-10, situated at Agwar Gujran-II H.B.No 126 Tehsil Jagraon, Distt Ludhiana standing in the name of Suman Gupta W/o Pawan Kumar bearing sale deed no 54 dated 03/04/2013.
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2.	NANDPUR	Property measuring 50 sq. yds., comprised in khasra no. 30/16-25/37/4/2-5/6-38/1/1-10/12-11/20/2-30/17/2-24/2-37/7/1/1-14/2-15-16-17-18, Khatta no. 291/299-292/300-293/301, as per Jamabandi for the year 2008-09, situated within the revenue estate of village Giaspura, Hadbast no. 261, Teh & Distt. Ludhiana registered vide sale deed bearing wasika no. 2048 dated 26.05.2016
3.	NANDPUR	Property measuring 55 sq. yds., comprised in khasra no. 32/21/2, 33/24/2, 25/2, 34/4, 5,6,7, 13/1, 14/1, 15/1, 35/1/2, 1/2, 9/2, 10, 11/1, 12/1, Khata No. 588/596, as per jamabandi for the year 2008-09, situated within the revenue estate of village Giaspura, Hadbast no. 261, Abadi Guru Nanak Nagar, Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana, registered vide sale deed bearing Wasika no. 10130 dated 02.03.2016.

4.	IBD. LUDHIANA	LOT : 1 Residential Plot No 1008 measuring 463 Square yards situated near BCM School, Basant Avenue Ludhiana Comprised in khasra no.44/3/2-4-32/18/2-19/1-22/2, Khatta no. 388/400-389/401 JB Year 2007-08 standing in the name of Smt Neelam Batra W/O Harish Batra Vide sale deed no. 1580 dated 28.04.2011 regd with Sub Registrar, Ludhiana.
5.	GSSS	LOT : 2 Residential Plot measuring 273.67 Square yards situated at street number 8, opposite house number 8107, Haibowal Kalan, Ludhiana Comprised in khasra no.19/18/2/1,19/19/2/3 Khata no. 1412/1547 standing in the name of Mr. Harish Batra & Pardeep Kumar Vide sale deed no. 21552 dated 01-12-1989 regd with Sub Registrar, Ludhiana.

5.	GSSS	LOT : 3 Residential Plot measuring 4K-1M (2417.5 sq yards) situated at village Jagirpur, Near Jagirpur- Kakka cremation ground Comprised in khasra no. 11/1/2-2-9,10/1-11/2-12 Khata no. 109/117-118 as per Jamabandi for the year 2004-05 standing in the name of Mr. Lakshay Batra Vide sale deed no. 7876 dated 07-07-2011 regd with Sub Registrar, Ludhiana.
6.	SME	LOT : 4 Commercial unit number 1116 measuring 535 Square yards situated at Vardhman Nagar, street no. 1, Tehsil & District Ludhiana bearing Khasra No. 304, khata no. 681/783 JB year 2003-04 in the name of Smt Neelam Batra W/O Harish Batra Vide sale deed no. 16693 dated 09.02.2011 regd with Sub Registrar, Ludhiana.

5.	GSSS	Vehicle:- FORD FIGO, Vehicle no. : PB01-A-9172, Date of Registration: 06.04.2016, Engine No. - Gb54303 MFD: 01/2016 , Chassis No. MAJZXMTKZGB54303, Fuel Type: Diesel
6.	SME	Vehicle:- Honda Mobilio (SUV), Vehicle no.: PB-10-FE-8363, Fuel Type: Diesel, Mfg Year: 2015, Engine No.: 3 18641, Chassis No. - MAKDD575AFN005907.

7.	DHOELWAL	1. Land measuring 14 K 2 M in the name of Jindal Cotex Limited situated at Village Madiala Kalan, Tehsil Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana bearing Kila No. B/21/2(6-0), 22(7-8), and 10/3/2/2 (1-15), 4(8-0), 5(8-0) and 11/1 (8-0), 2(7-8) Khata No. 127/155 Hadbast No. 151, Jamabandi Year – 2008-2009 registered vide wasika no. 1400 dated 30.05.2011. 2. Land measuring 12 K 5-1/3 M in the name of Jindal Cotex Limited situated at Village Madiala Kalan, Tehsil Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana total area 35K OM out of which 7K 1-2/3M bearing Kila No. 9/13(8-0), 18(8-0), 23/2(3-0) and 9/24(8-0) Khata No. 48/58-59. Total land area 15K 11M out of which 5K 3-2/3M bearing Kila No. 9/14(7-11), 17(8-0) Khata No. 49/60 Jamabandi Year – 2008-2009 registered vide wasika no. 1401 dated 30.05.2011.
8.	KHANNA	LOT : 1 Land measuring 0 Kanal 3 Marla being 3/240 share out of land measuring 12 Kanal 0 Marla situated within the revenue estate of village Lalheri (Hadbast No.219), Tehsil-Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana. Title Deed Wasika no. 4710, Bahi No. 1 Jilad No. 2485 Page No. 0 dated 08.11.2011 in the name of Sh. Rajesh Kumar.

8.	KHANNA	LOT : 2 Land measuring 0 Kanal 3 Marla being 3/240 share out of land measuring 12 Kanal 0 Marla situated within the revenue estate of village Lalheri (Hadbast No.219), Tehsil-Khanna, Distt. Ludhiana. Title deed wasika no. 3077, Bahi No. 1282, Jilad no. 1, Page No. 77 dated 27.12.2001 in the name of Sh. Rajesh Kumar.
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9.	JODHAN	Property msg. 100 sq.yds comprised in Khasra No. 1764, Khata No. 746/914, as per Jamabandi for the year 2010-11 situated within revenue estate of Village Gill -2, Hadbast No. 263, Abadi Saheeda Jasdev Singh Nagar, Tehsil & Distt Ludhiana regd. vide sale deed bearing Wasika no. 5487 dated 21.09.2010.
10.	Guru Nanak Public School	LOT : 1 Residential plot msg 113.33 square yards situated at near Barota Road , Rerru Sahib Gurudwara Road, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana regd. vide sale deed wasika number 8516 dated 25.11.2010.

11.	HAIBOWAL KALAN	Residential/Commercial property msg.200sq. yds. Situated at H.NO. 1156/17C, Street No.1 Jai Singh Nagar, Rahon Road, Vill. Taraf Gahewal Ludhiana regd. vide sale deed wasika number 4390 dated 16.06.2009.
12.	JODHAN	Property (Godown -Maharaja Tent House) msg 400sq.yds situated at Mushkiana Road, Wakia Mullanpur, Ferozpur Road, Teh. & Distt. Ludhiana regd. vide sale deed wasika no. 2803 dated 14.02.2012.


POSSESSION NOTICE
 (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the property/surety to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice. The respective Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rule. The Borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the amount mentioned below plus interest thereon along with other expenses.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrowers/ Mortgagor	Description Of The Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice & Amount as per Notice	Date of Symbolic Possession & Place
1. LAKHIMPUR BRANCH	M/s. Maa Durga Fertilizers, UREM of the plot in the name of Mr. Anand Kumar Singh & Mr. Anand Singh (Proprietor & Mortgagor), M/s. Anaji Singh W/o Anand Singh (Guarantor), Mr. Anand Singh S/o Mr. Ish Kumar Singh (Proprietor & Mortgagor) & Mr. Anurag Singh S/o Mr. Ish Kumar Singh (Guarantor)	UREM of the plot in the name of Mr. Anand Kumar Singh & Mr. Anurag Singh having Gata No. 383/1-622, Mohalla Karmani Pargana- Kasta, Mitauli Distt. Kheri admeasuring 0.809 hectare and Bounded by:- North: Land of Bhagwan ditta, South: Chak Road, East: Chak Road, West: Remaining plot of Asha Kumar after Chak Road.	01.12.2018 Rs. 14,96,609/- + interest & Other expenses from 01.12.2018	23.02.2021 Lakhimpur

Date - 24.02.2021

Authorized Officer

ARVIND SILK MILLS LLP

LLPIN: AAG-1319
A-63, F.I.E.C. Complex, Okha Industrial Area, Phase-2, New Delhi - 110 020

Email: maneesh@ngindia.com

Telephone: 011- 4082320

BEFORE THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES, NEW DELHI, MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT, 2008, SECTION 13(3) OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP ACT, 2008 AND RULE 17 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP RULES, 2009

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the LLP proposes to make application to the Registrar under section 13 (3) of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 after seeking confirmation from the partners in terms of the resolution passed at their meeting held on 20th February, 2021 to enable the LLP to change its Registered office from the "Union Territory of Delhi" to Mumbai in the State of Maharashtra".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the LLP may deliver 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 Registrar of Companies at A) 4th Floor, IFCI Tower, 61, Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110 019 within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant LLP at A-63, F.I.E.C. Complex, Okha Industrial Area, Phase-2, New Delhi - 110 020.

For and on behalf of the Applicant

ARVIND SILK MILLS LLP

Sd/- (Supreet Singh)

Authorized Officer

INDOSTAR CAPITAL FINANCE LIMITED

Whereas:
The undersigned being the authorized officer of IndoStar Capital Finance Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 20/03/2020 calling upon the borrower and co-borrowers 1) MisInterests Marketing Private Limited, 2) Mr. Subhash Lohia, 3) Mrs. Mini Lohia, 4) Mrs. Usha, 5) Mr. Arman Lohia, 6) Mr. Mahesh Khanna to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being ₹ 80,89,963/- (In Word Rupees Eighty Lac Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Three Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 17th day of February of the year 2021.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of IndoStar Capital Finance Limited for an amount of ₹ 80,89,963/- and interest thereon.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property consisting of All That "Built-Up Plot No. B-198, Patel Nagar-II, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201002, Admeasuring 91.70 Sq. Mtrs (987 Sq. Ft), Consisting Of Ground Floor (740 Sq Ft); Two Room, One Kitchen, One Toilet, One Dining Hall & First Floor (740 Sq Ft); Two Room, One Kitchen, One Toilet, One Dining Hall (Total Built-Up Area 1480 Sq. Ft) Bound By East: H. No-B-197, West: H.No-B-199, North: H.No-B-183, South: 30 Feet Wide Road".

Sd/- (Supreet Singh)
Authorized Officer
INDOSTAR CAPITAL FINANCE LIMITED

Date : 17-02-2021

Place : Ghaziabad

INDOSTAR CAPITAL FINANCE LIMITED

Tejas Gehl

Date: 25/02/2021

Place: New Delhi

(Designated Partner)

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CIRCLE SASTRA NEW DELHI, 2nd floor, Vikrant tower, Rajendra Bhawan, Rajendra Place, NEW DELHI - 110 125 Ph.: 011 25853242

POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dated 13.07.2020 calling upon the respective borrower/s M/s Trendsetters Books Limited through to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice being Rs.6,64,78,338.06 (Rupees Six Crores Sixty Four Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Eight and Six Paise only) within 60 days from the date of notice/s date of receipt of the said notice(s).

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the 19th day of February of the year 2021.

The borrower's /guarantor's /mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the propertieies and any dealing with the propertieies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for an amount of Rs. 6,64,78,338.06 and interest thereon w.e.f. 01.07.2020 and other expenses until payment in full.

S. No.	Name of the branch	Name of the Account	Name of the borrower (Owner of the property)	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of demand notice	Date of possession notice affixed	Amount Outstanding as on the date of demand Notice	Name of the Authorised Officer/s
1.	Circle Sastra New Delhi	M/s Trend Setters Books Limited	M/s Trend Setters Books Limited	Industrial property situated at 119/ H 26, RIICO Industrial area, Bhiwadi Rajasthan	13.07.2020	-	6,64,78,338.06	Virendra Kumar
2.	Circle Sastra New Delhi	M/s Trend Setters Books Limited	Mr. Vikas Mahajan	Entire 3rd Floor with roof right of residential property situated at B 25, Naraina Vihar, Delhi	13.07.2020	19-02-2021	6,64,78,338.06	Virendra Kumar
3.	Circle Sastra New Delhi	M/s Trend Setters Books Limited	Pradeep Kumar Bubna	Entire 3rd floor of residential property situated at plot no 12, Block No 52, Khasra No 993/6, Ramjas Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi	13.07.2020	19-02-2021	6,64,78,338.06	Virendra Kumar

Date: 19-02-2021, Place: New Delhi

Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank

POSSESSION NOTICE For Immovable Properties [(Appendix-IV) See Rule 8(I)]

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BRANCH OFFICE: MMH COLLEGE, GHAZIABAD, U.P.

Notice is hereby given under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule-9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, The Bank issued demand notices on the date mentioned against accounts and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within sixty days from the date of receipt of said notices. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned against each account. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties. Any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of Central Bank of India for the amounts and interest thereon. Details of Properties where possession had been taken is as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

S. No.	Name of the Borrowers & Guarantors	Description of the Property Mortgaged /Charged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount O/s. As Per 13(2) Notice
1.	BORROWER: SH. VIKRAM S/O. SH. DHARAM PAL SHARMA & SH. KANUJ SHARMA S/O. SH. DHARAM PAL SHARMA AND GUARANTOR: MR. ASHA NAND S/O. RAM DATTA	Equitable Mortgage of Residential Flat Upper Ground Floor, Flat No.106 (Without Roof Rights) at Plot No.75 & 76, Khasra No.543, Area Measuring 54.34 Sq. Meters, Flora Enclave, Indrapuri, Village Dasna, Pargana Dasna, Tehsil & Distt.- Ghaziabad in the name of Sh. Kanuji Sharma S/o. Sh. Dharam Pal Sharma. Bounded: North: Road 25 Feet South: Plot No.57 & 58 East: Part of Plot No.75 West: Part of Plot No.76	30.11.2019	23.02.2021	Rs. 19,46,985/- as on 30.11.2019 and interest thereon.
2.	BORROWER: SH. SAROJ KUMAR S/O. SH. UPENDRA KUNWAR & SMT. ABHA KUNWAR W/O. SH. SAROJ KUMAR AND GUARANTOR: SH. UMA SHANKAR PRASAD SINGH S/O. SH. RAM BAHDUR SINGH	Equitable Mortgage of Residential Flat Ground Floor, Flat No.GH-B, Plot No.C-340, Block-C, Mohalla Panchvati Colony, Hadbast Village Mahma Sarai urf Koat, Ghaziabad-201001 without Roof Rights in the name of Sh. Saroj Kumar S/o. Sh. Upendra Kunwar, Area of property - 52 Sq.Mtr. Bounded By: North: Road 24 Feet Wide South: Property Railway Line East: Plot No.C-339 West: Plot No.C-341	04.11.2019	23.02.2021	Rs. 14,07,564/- as on 04.11.2019 and interest thereon.
3.	BORROWER: SH. SHAKEEL S/O. SH. ABDUL BAARI, SH. VAKIL S/O. SH. ABDUL BAARI & MOHAMMAD SALEEM S/O. ABDUL BAARI	Equitable Mortgage of Residential Property Bearing House No.1109, Part of Khasra No.156/4, Village Kaila Bhatta, Tehsil & Distt.- Ghaziabad, Area Measuring 90.29 Sq.Mtrs. in the name of Mr. Saleem S/o. Mr. Abdul Baari, Bounded by: North: Road 10 Feet South: House of Khalid East: House of Gulsher West: House of Islamuddin	30.11.2019	23.02.2021	Rs. 12,48,083/- as on 30.11.2019 and interest thereon.

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

PLACE: GHAZIABAD DATE: 23.02.2021

Authorised Officer, Central Bank of India



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LUDHIANA ZONE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Reserve Price
EMD
Bid Increase Amount
LOT : 1
Rs. 17.01 Lakh
Rs. 1.75 Lakh
Rs. 0.05 Lakh
LOT : 2
Rs. 27.00 Lakh
Rs. 2.75 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 150.51 Lakh
Rs. 15.10 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 35.18 Lakh
Rs. 3.55 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 30.70 Lakh
Rs. 3.10 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 25.77 Lakh
Rs. 2.60 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 24.73 Lakh
Rs. 2.48 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 27.61 Lakh
Rs. 2.55 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 28.18 Lakh
Rs. 2.85 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 5.54 Lakh
Rs. 0.60 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 17.17 Lakh
Rs. 1.72 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 31.37 Lakh
Rs. 3.14 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 12.65 Lakh
Rs. 1.27 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 27.65 Lakh
Rs. 2.80 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 21.78 Lakh
Rs. 2.20 Lakh
Rs. 0.10 Lakh
Rs. 9.81 Lakh
Rs. 1.00 Lakh

