

THUMBNAILS

Lakshmi Vilas Bank: Private sector lender Lakshmi Vilas Bank said on Saturday it has raised Rs 459.59 crore through qualified institutions placement (QIP). The Chennai-headquartered lender said it has raised funds at the rate of Rs 72 per share. "This fund raising via QIP will help the bank in strengthening its capital base and will enable bank to further raise tier II capital," Lakshmi Vilas Bank said in a statement. PTI

Interest rate: Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) has hiked its marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) by 0.05 per cent for sixmonth tenor and lowered interest on three-year tenor by 0.05 per cent. "Our bank has reviewed the marginal cost of fund based lending rate (MCLR) for different tenors," PSB said in a regulatory filing. The bank said these rates are effective from 16 March 2019. PTI

Lupin: Drug major Lupin said in a regulatory filing on Saturday it has been cautioned by the US health regulator that its Somerset (New Jersey) facility may be subject to regulatory or administra-



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lobal private equity majorWarburgPincuś Group will acquire nearly 80 per cent stake in education NBFC firm Avanse Financial Services from Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) and Wadhawan Global Capital.

Wadhawan Global Capital (WGC) announced today that they have entered into a definitive agreement with an affiliate of the Warburg Pincus Group to sell its entire 49.04 per cent stake in its education finance subsidiary, Avanse Financial Services limited.

Separately, DHFL also said that the company will sell its entire stake of 30.63 per cent in Avanse Financial Services to an affiliate of the Warburg Pincus Group.

Both the companies however, did not disclose the financial details of the transaction.

Avanse Financial Services is an education focused NBFC.

DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

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It is an associate enterprise of WGC, a diversified financial services group and housing finance firm DHFL.

Avanse is also backed by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), which has 20 per cent equity stake in the business." company.

Commenting on the development, WGC chairman Kapil Wadhawan said: "The transaction with Warburg Pincus

will allow the company to



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> DHFL further said that it has entered into a share purchase agreement with the Warburg Pincus Group, Avanse and the other sellers including WGC.

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"Mr Santosh Sharma (currently the CFO) will assume a new role as the Head - Corporate Strategy with effect from 16 March 2019. The accounts and finance function which was currently supervised by the chief financial officer, shall now be supervised by the vice-president (finance) and vice-president (accounts) of the company, respective-

ly," the company added.

DHFL's company secretary and compliance officer Niti Arya has resigned from the company with effect from 15 March 2019.

Meanwhile, DHFL's independent director VK Chopra had also resigned.

DHFL is under the scanner of various authorities following allegations of siphoning off Rs 31,000 crore out of total bank loans of Rs 97,000 crore through layers of shell companies.

Dusiness Banks' reliance on bulk deposits likely to increase: Ind-Ra

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Scheduled commercial banks' reliance on bulk deposits is likely to increase if credit growth is higher than that of deposit, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) said in a report.

As per the rating agency, the system level credit growth of 12.9 per cent year-on-year continues to outpace deposit growth at 9.3 per cent, thereby intensifying competition for deposits among banks. This is based on RBI's

quarterly statistics on deposits and credit of scheduled commercial banks for December 2018. In third quarter of this fiscal, state-owned banks have seen credit growth of 8.4 per cent and deposit growth at 4.9 per as compared to the year-ago period, implying that they could also compete to recoup some of the deposit market share loss that they have conceded to private banks over the years.

"With private banks seeing continuing strong credit growth at 22 per cent year-on-

likely to increase which could lead to a higher cost of funds along with increasing volatility in the asset-liability structure of banks". During April-February 2018-19, deposits raised by banks were up 24.6 per cent as compared to the year-ago period even as the outstanding amount was up only 3.6 per cent at Rs 1.78 lakh crore, it said.

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higher rates," Ind-Ra said.

Private banks saw an increase of 235 bps to 26.2 per cent and 234 bps to 31.4 per cent in market share in deposits and credit, respectively, in the last one year while PSBs saw a 274 bps decline to 65.7 per cent in deposits and a 253 bps decline in credit to 60.9 per cent.

Ind-Ra said the longer term trend of market share shift from public to private banks continued in last 12 months.

tion in the education financing industry. This sale also unlocks the latent value within the WGC Group while reinstating our immediate and long-term focus on our core

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Limited were the financial advisors to the company and the sellers on the transaction. Shardul Amarchand

tive action and that it may withhold approval of any pending applications or supplements in which this facility is listed. PTI

Environmental hazard: RLG India has partnered with Manufacturers Association for Information Technology (MAIT) to drive the Clean to Green campaign in India, under the aegis of the ministry of electronics and information technology initiative - Awareness on Environmental Hazards of Electronic Waste, says a Press release.

Designs from Italy: Carrera is introducing new and authentic designs from Italy. Carrera eyewear is crafted with exquisite details and lightweight materials. The Spring-Summer 2019 collection features brand ambassador Ranveer Singh, says a company release. **SNS**

Hiring activity sees 16% growth in February

Also, the report said con-

Hiring in HR functional

CBRE to hire 3,000 in India

he told reporters while

launching its new head-

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had good potential for

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"In 2019, we expect to

quarter at Gurugram.

real estate sector.

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activity based on the job list-Hiring activities registered ings on Naukri.com website 16 per cent growth this Febmonth-on-month.

ruary mainly led by the IT and The report revealed that the IT and software industry software industry that clocked a 38 per cent growth, says a has been on a hiring spree in report. The Naukri JobSpeak February 2019, registering a Index for February 2019 stood growth of 38 per cent, makat 2,415 from 2,087 in February ing it one of the fastest growing industries.

"The JobSpeak index continues to sustain the momenstruction and engineering tum gained and has shown industry saw an increase in a 16 per centY-O-Y growth in hiring with a growth rate of February preceded by a 15 per 16 per cent. cent growth in January. In the latest hiring outlook survey area witnessed 20 per cent with over 3,300 recruiters growth. across the country had anticin demand of 18 per cent was ipated increased hiring, wherein 84 per cent recruiters observed for mid-level cansaid new jobs would be credidates with experience ated," Infoedge India CMO between 4 and 7 years.

Hiring activities in the Sumeet Singh said. The Naukri JobSpeak is a metropolitan cities saw pos-

itive growth with Chennai and monthly Index, which calculates and records hiring Mumbai clocking in a rise of 30 per cent and 26 per cent, respectively.

> Recruitment activities in Chennai was led by industries including auto/auto ancillary (26 per cent), BPO (13 per cent) while FMCG saw a dip of (14 per cent).

Demand for skills such as IT-Software (38 per cent) and ITES (8 per cent) were maximum among recruiters. A 25 per cent rise in hir-

ing activity was seen for the experience band of 4 to 7 years, it added.

While in Mumbai, the industries which dominated Further, it said, an increase the hiring space for the city were FMCG (28 per cent) and IT-software (32 per cent), auto (80 per cent).

However, the accounting functional area saw a decline of 12 per cent.

ties up with European firms

Tata Power-DDL

NEW DELHI, 16 MARCH

Tata Power-DDL has joined hands with European firms Enedis, Schneider Electric, Odit-e and VaasaETT to implement a 1-megawatt smart grid demonstration project in the national capital, which would be insulated from any blackout in the main grid. This microgrid will cater to

a specific area which could be connected to main grid or can be at an isolated place. It will help store and supply renewable energy generation in the area and insulate the area from any outage or fluctuation in the main grid.

The project is planned to start in May this year and is expected to be completed by October 2022.

The company said the project would lead to maximisation of local consumption of renewable energy and support demand management. PTI

No dilution of circular over stressed assets: RBI

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MUMBAI, 16 MARCH

The Reserve Bank of India today maintained that there is no dilution in its stand with regard to the 12 February circular on stressed assets recognition and resolution.

"It is reiterated that the Reserve Bank maintains its stand on all aspects of the framework as has been consistently articulated in its communications, including the clarification given during the post-monetary policy Press conference on 7 February 2019," the central bank said in a statement.

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As the matter is sub-judice It also underscored IBC's and the Supreme Court has status as the cornerstone of reserved its orders on the matter, the Reserve Bank will not comment on the specific details, it said.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das last month had said there would be no changes in the circular.

The circular directed lenders to refer any loan account over Rs 2,000 crore under the Insolvency and

the bad loan resolution framework, scrapping all previous mechanisms. The circular imposed a one-day default rule. Banks have to treat a company as a defaulter even if it misses repayment schedule by a day. However, these harsh

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pliance with Section 2(19

AA) of the Act, the value of

shares allotted by Aditya

Birla Capital Ltd (ABCL) to

the shareholders Grasim

Industries, in consideration

of the transfer and vesting of

the Demerged Undertaking

into ABCL, amounted to div-

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the view that, the aforesaid

order is not tenable in law.

against the order is being

taken by the company,'

Grasim Industries added.

The company said, it is of

"The necessary action(s)

the Act, the filing added.

Bankruptcy Code (IBC) if it

is not resolved within 180 days

norms have been criticised in various quarters, including by a Parliamentary committee.

of default.

Daimler Buses eyeing sustainable growth in 2019

CHENNAI, 16 MARCH

Daimler Buses India, a subsidiary of Germany-headquartered Daimler AG, is eyeing sustainable growth in revenue as it expects a rise in volumes this year, a top official of the company said.

"We are still in the growth phase. It is sustainable growth, we expect good growth this year," managing director of Daimler Buses India Thomas Fricke said here.

The company recorded a 60 per cent rise in revenue while the sales in the domestic market witnessed a 70 per cent increase and exports grew by 50 per cent in 2018, he said. Asked about the factors **PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, 16 MARCH**

Global property consultant CBRE will hire 3,000 employees across India this year for business expansion, its country head Anshuman Magazine said.

CBRE's India revenue grew 20 per cent during 2018 and it expects to maintain its growth even in 2019, he said, but did not disclose the turnover figure. The con-

sulting firm has entered into housing brokerage and now plans to expand this business in a big way, Mr Magazine, chairman and CEO of India, South-EastAsia, WestAsia and Africa, CBRE said.

"We are a growing service firm and the only asset we that of advisory and transhave is people. Therefore, action capital market, proj-

The consulting firm has entered into housing brokerage and now plans to expand this business in a big way, Mr Magazine, chairman and CEO of India, South-East Asia, West Asia and Africa, CBRE said

we have been hiring the best ect management, consulting and valuations, facilities and talent available in the market since the last few years, property management.

On housing brokerage, Mr Magazine said, the company is selling flats in major cities of South and West India with sale force of 75 people.

"We want to grow this ment," Mr Magazine said. At business as there is a huge present, CBRE India has scope. But, we will be cautious in our approach and around 8,300 employees who provide various services in the market projects of only credible developers," he said.

In housing brokerage These services include business, CBRE will be competing with the likes of showing improvement.

Anarock, PropTiger, JLL India, Quikr, Square Yards, 360 Realtors, Investor Clinic and Wealth Clinic, among others.

warehousing, co-working, co-living, student housing, healthcare, education and hospitality sectors are the new asset class where one can expect growth going forward.

We expect institutional investment in these sectors apart from regular inflows in housing, office and retail assets, he said, adding that warehousing and logistics sector is already attracting huge investment post GST. On the property market, Mr Magazine said, the com-

mercial sector is doing well and the housing segment is

Jaiprakash re-appoints Gaur as exec chairman, CEO for 3 yrs

NEW DELHI, 16 MARCH

Debt-ridden Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) said today its board has approved the reappointment of its promoter Manoj Gaur as executive chairman and CEO for 3 years with effect from 1 April.

Based on recommendations of nomination and remuneration committee, the board has approved the re-appointment of Mr Manoj Gaur, executive chairman and CEO for a further term of 3 years with effect from 1 April 2019 and Mr Sunil Kumar Sharma, executive V-C for a term of 3 years with effect from 18 March 2019, Jaiprakash Associates Ltd (JAL) said in a BSE filing. PTT

Grasim gets ₹5,872-cr tax demand on merger

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, 16 MARCH

Aditya Birla Group firm Grasim Industries today said it has received Rs 5,872.13 crore tax demand from the Income Tax Department with respect to its merger with Aditya Birla Nuvo and Aditya Birla Financial Services.

"The company has, on 15 March 2019, received an order dated 14 March 2019, issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax (DCIT) raising a demand of Rs 5,872.13 crore on account of dividend distribution tax (including interest)," Grasim Industries said in regulatory filing.

DCIT held that as the had approved the merger.

However on the sales

front, demand conditions

in the manufacturing

sector weakened on

✤ In IT sector, the RBI said,

incurred by manufacturing

year-on-year basis

In September 2017, the NCLT Ahmedabad Bench

Mr Magazine noted that

that would contribute to the growth in 2019, he said: "First, we have a wide product range. We cover a lot of different segments. Secondly, we expand our network and have better customer-reach. And thirdly, we expect the overall industry volume to go up this year."

To a query on the financial show of Daimler Buses in 2018, Mr Fricke declined to share the details.

However, he said the company had sold 1,555 units of luxury coaches and chassis in 2018 as against 906 units in 2017. Export contribution increased by more than 50 per cent ~ 616 units in 2018 as against 405 units in 2017.

"For 2019, Daimler Buses India expects to achieve further significant growth, driven by both domestic and export business," he said.

Mr Fricke said Daimler Buses would focus on upgrading portfolio to BS-VI standard, including the BharatBenz 9ton buses in school, staff and tourist bus, Mercedes-Benz 15metre multi-axle coaches and 9.16-ton bus chassis. PTI

Azerbaijan keen on trade with W Bengal

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KOLKATA, 16 MARCH

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tion and communication, Azerbaijan, located in the transport, petrochemical and chemicals, hospitality, south Caucasus region of Eurasia, is keen to establish tourism, agriculture and trade and investment food processing.

exchanges with West Bengal. Mr Shikhaliyev said Azer-Ambassador of the baijan would also be a suit-Republic of Azerbaijan Ashraf able destination for MICE Shikhaliyev, said the dynam-(Meetings, Incentives, Conics has shifted all of the sudferencing, Exhibitions) den to the eastern coast of tourism for Indian compa-India starting from West nies as it had the potential to bring it back to India.

Though a small country, Filming in Azerbaijan was also a feasible area as Azerbaijan has a huge potential, he said at a session cost of shooting was much organised by the Bengal lower than Europe and National Chamber of Comthe country was blessed merce and Industry (BNCCI) with mountains, forests and the sea.

The envoy said language Direct flight from Baku, capital do Azerbaijan, to would not be a hurdle as Eng-New Delhi would start shortlish was spoken in Azerbaily, Ambassador of the Repub-Some of the sectors which lic of Azerbaijan said.

Pvt mfg firms post 24.9% growth in Q3 net profit: Reserve Bank

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MUMBAI, 16 MARCH

The private companies in manufacturing sector posted a 24.9 per cent growth in net profit in the October-December quarter of the current fiscal on an annual basis, benefiting from lower tax provisions, the RBI has said.

The analysis is based on the performance of private corporate sector during the third quarter of 2018-19 drawn from abridged financial results of 2,703 listed non-government non-financial (NGNF) companies, it said.

"The manufacturing sector continued to record strong growth in net profits, benefiting from the lower tax provisions in Q3:2018-19," the RBI



PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS

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The companies posted a net profit of Rs 77,500 crore

said while releasing the latest data on performance of the 2018-19. private corporate business. The companies posted a net profit of Rs 77,500 crore in the third quarter of the fiscal compared to Rs 57,800 crore in the year-ago period. Their profiron and steel, motor vehicles



sales growth remained in the third quarter of broadly unchanged in the fiscal compared to Rs relation to the previous 57.800 crore in the year-ago period

quarter

July-September quarter of and other transport equipment industries whereas sales However on the sales front, demand conditions in the manufacturing sector weak-

growth improved for consumer-driven sectors such as food product and beverages, ened on year-on-year basis. and pharmaceutical," the "This moderation was central bank said. The interest expenses observed mainly in textiles,

sector also witnessed a dip from a year ago level, reflecting ongoing deleveraging in the corporate sector.

In IT sector, the RBI said, sales growth remained broadly unchanged in relation to the previous quarter, while the services (non-IT) sector maintained the pace of sales growth, riding on the improvement recorded by the transport and storage services industries.

The telecommunications sector continued to experience contraction in sales.

As per the RBI, pricing power in terms of operating profit and net profit margins remained flat in the manufacturing sector.

Net profit margin of the IT sector declined marginally.







