MARKET WATCH

	17-05-2019	% CHANGE
Sensex	37,931	1.44
US Dollar	70.23	-0.28
Gold	33,170	-0.48
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NIFTY 50		
MIFIYOU	20165	
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Adani Ports		-4.40
Asian Paints		
Axis Bank		
Bajaj Auto		
Bajaj Finserv		
Bajaj Finance		
Bharti Airtel		
BPCL		
Britannia Ind		
Cipla		
Coal India		
Dr Reddys Lab		
Eicher Motors		
GAIL (India)	333.05	3.85
Grasim Ind	828.95	8.85
HCL Tech	1062.70	-9.55
HDFC	1993.65	51.55
HDFC Bank	2362.10	51.45
Hero MotoCorp		
Hindalco		
Hind Unilever		
Indiabulls HFL		
ICICI Bank		
IndusInd Bank		
Bharti Infratel		
Infosys		
Indian OilCorp		
ITC		
JSW Steel		
Kotak Bank		
L&T		
M&M		
Maruti Suzuki		
NTPC		
ONGC		
PowerGrid Corp		
Reliance Ind		
State Bank		
Sun Pharma		
Tata Motors		
Tata Steel		
TCS		
Tech Mahindra		
Titan		
UltraTech Cement		
UPL		
Vedanta		
Wipro		
YES Bank	134.15	3.60

EXCHANGE RATES				
Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 17				
CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL		
US Dollar	70.02	70.34		
Euro	78.25	78.61		
British Pound	89.28.	89.70		
Japanese Yen (100)	63.87	64.16		
Chinese Yuan	10.13	10.18		
Swiss Franc	69.30	69.62		
Singapore Dollar	50.92	51.16		
Canadian Dollar	51.85	52.09		
Malaysian Ringitt	16.75	16.85		
Source:Indian Bank				

BULLION RATES	CHENNAI
May 17 rates in rupe rates in parentheses	ees with previous
Retail Silver (1g)	39.7 (40.2)

LICE posts 17% increase in Q4 net profit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Government-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Friday reported a 17% growth in its fourth quarter net profit to ₹6,099.27 crore from ₹5,218.10 crore in the same quarter of the previous year.

Net profit for 2018-19 at ₹16,894.14 crore, however, was 20.8% lower than the ₹21,346.12 crore registered in 2017-18 due to foreign exchange losses and lower inventory gains.

"Indian Oil sold 89.894 million tonnes of products, including exports, during the financial year 2018-19," IOC chairman Sanjiv Singh said. Gross refining margin (GRM) during the year 2018-19 was \$5.41 per barrel compared with \$8.49 per barrel in previous financial year.

RBI okays MD appointment at Ujjivan SFB

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Nitin Chugh, the digital banking head of HDFC Bank, as the managing director and chief executive officer of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.

Mr. Chugh would replace Samit Ghosh, who retires on November 30, the lender said in a statement.

"Nitin Chugh will join the bank by August 2019 as president and will work closely with Samit Ghosh, the existing MD & CEO, to ensure a smooth transition," it said.

Mr. Chugh is a career banker with over 25 years of experience. He has been with HDFC Bank since April 2001 and currently serves as the group head of digital banking.

Air India arm's privatisation hits a bump

High royalties quoted by bidders for ground handling unit a concern; deadline for bids extended twice

JAGRITI CHANDRA

NEW DELHI The government's effort to privatise Air India Air Transport Services Ltd., Air India's ground handling arm, has run into a stone wall, with potential bidders raising concerns over the Airport Authority of India's plan to award ground-handling work at 76 of its airports to vendors. This, according to them, could impact the value of the entity up for sale.

The deadline for bids for 98% stake sale for AIATSL has been extended twice since February 12, when the tender was floated. The original deadline for submission of bids was on February 26, which was first extended to May 26, was pushed further to June 16.

"We have sought a res-



Sky high: The annual profit of nearly ₹120 crore earned by AIATSL will be inadequate to match the royalties. •PTI

ponse from the Airport Authority of India (AAI) regarding its tender process for ground handling after which we will be in a position to address concerns raised by potential bidders," said a senior official of the Ministry of Civil

Aviation, on condition of anonymity.

Ground handling agencies such as Bird Group, Celebi Aviation Holding, and Bhadra said that high royalties of up to 226% offered by bidders short-listed by AAI

We have sought a response from the AAI regarding its tender process for ground handling CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL

would have to be matched by the new buyer of AIATSL to provide services, which will make the entity unviable.

"The outcome of AAI's tender will affect the profitability of AIATSL because of high royalties quoted by short-listed bidders," said Celebi Aviation Holding CEO Murali Ramachandran.

He added that the annual

profit of nearly ₹120 crore

earned by AIATSL would be inadequate to match the royalties by competitors.

AIATSL is present at 76 airports in the country and serves 46 airlines, including Air India and its subsidiary airlines.

It has a market share of 48% primarily due to assured business from Air India, as well as rights to operate at State-owned airports.

Other concerns

Uncertainty over Air India's future and whether the new buyer of AIATSL would have assured business from the airline and its subsidiaries as well as grand-father rights at airports enjoyed by it so far, are also among the concerns raised by potential bidders.

The delay in privatising AIATSL is a setback for the government which hopes to use the proceeds from the stake sale of different subsidiaries of Air India to partially pay off its debt of ₹55,000

Ahead of exit polls, Sensex rises 537 points

Surge comes despite global headwinds

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

The BSE Sensex soared 537 points while the NSE Nifty reclaimed the 11,400 level on Friday in a broad-based rally led by banking and auto stocks ahead of exit poll results, despite global headwinds.

Stable government

Markets are pricing in the formation of a stable government and continuation of reforms, experts said.

The 30-share BSE benchmark closed 537.29 points, 1.44%, higher at 37,930.77. Similarly, the broader Nifty rose 150.05 points, or 1.33%, to settle at 11,407,15.

During the week, the Sen-

sex gained 467.78 points, or 1.24%, and the Nifty advanced 128.25 points, or

Bajaj Finance was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, surging 6.09%, after the company reported a 50% jump in net profit for the March quarter. Bajaj Auto, too, ended higher following strong results.

Hero MotoCorp, Maruti, Kotak Bank, HDFC, HUL, M&M, HDFC Bank, ITC, ICI-CI Bank, Axis Bank, Coal India, SBI, IndusInd Bank and Asian Paints were among the other gainers, rising up to 4.26%.

On the other hand, Yes Bank, Vedanta, Infosys, HCL Tech, Sun Pharma, TCS and NTPC shed up to 2.36%.

Yes Bank to claw back Rana Kapoor's bonus

₹1.44 cr. paid to him in 2014-15, 2015-16

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Private sector lender Yes Bank has decided to claw back the performance bonus of former managing director and chief executive officer Rana Kapoor, who demitted office on January 31, 2019.

The entire bonus of ₹1.44 crore given to Mr. Kapoor in 2014-15 and 2015-16 will be clawed back, the bank said in its annual report. For FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18, the bank has not paid any bonus to Mr. Kapoor

"In accordance with the directions of RBI, the Board of Directors of the Bank had considered and approved clawback of 100% of performance bonus paid to Mr. Rana Kapoor for FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 net of taxes," the bank said.

'The amount of bonus subjected to clawback was ₹62,17,823 for FY 2014-15 and ₹82,45,416 for FY2015-16," it said. In February, RBI had pro-

posed clawback norms for whole-time directors, chief executives and other top management staff in private and foreign banks. Mr. Kapoor, who is also

the co-founder of the bank, demitted office after the RBI declined to grant him a three-year extension despite the board's endorsement.

Mr. Kapoor drew a salary of ₹6.48 crore for the 10 months he served as MD and CEO in 2018-19.

DRL profit surges on favourable U.S. winds

Sale of rights for three brands, tax cuts help pharma major's net rise 67%

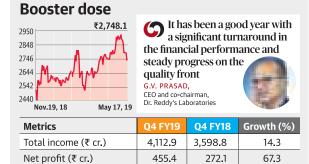
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. has posted a more than 67% increase in consolidated net profit to ₹455.5 crore for the quarter ended March.

The increase from the ₹272.1 crore of the year-earlier period came on the back of better contributions from India and emerging markets, a reduction in tax rate in the U.S., besides sale and assignment of U.S. rights for three dermatology brands by the

The North America market, however, was subdued with price erosion on major products of DRL.

Total income, as per the results prepared under the **Indian Accounting Standards** (Ind AS), was ₹4,112.9 crore, or a little over 14%, higher



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from the ₹3,598.8 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal. CEO and co-chairman G.V.

EPS (₹)

Dividend (₹)

Prasad said that improved performance was also a factor behind the growth.

For 2018-19, the company's net profit more than doubled to ₹1,950 crore (₹946.8 crore), while the total income was ₹15,448.2 crore (₹14,281 crore).

16.4

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"It has been a good year with a significant turnaround in the financial performance and steady progress on the quality front," said Mr. Prasad. According to the notes accompanying the results, the company had recognised ₹180.7 crore as revenue, while ₹15.9 crore represented the profit on sale of intangible assets after adjustment of associated costs towards the sale of three dermatology brands.

On the change in the tax rate during the quarter, CFO Saumen Chakraborty said it was 16.4% against 19.4% in the year earlier period.

He said revenue from generics in North America grew 3% year-on-year during the quarter ended March to ₹1,500 crore while for the year it remained flat at ₹6,000 crore. Revenue from emerging markets increased 41% during the quarter to ₹360 crore and by 28% for the year to ₹2,890 crore.

Bharti Airtel rights issue oversubscribed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Bharti Airtel said its ₹25,000 crore rights issue had been oversubscribed based on "preliminary information received".

The issue had opened for subscription on May 3, which ended on Friday. Bharti Airtel's board had, in February this year, approved fund raising plans of up to ₹32,000 crore through rights issuance of up to ₹25,000 crore and perpetual bonds with equity credit up to ₹7000 crore.

"The applications received in the rights Issue are subject to verification and clearing of payments, as applicable, and finalisation of the basis of allotment," the firm added.

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Bajaj Auto profit rises 17%

Board of directors declares a dividend of ₹60 per share

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Bajaj Auto Ltd. has reported 17% growth in consolidated net profit for the financial vear ended March 31, 2019 to ₹4,928 crore against ₹4,219 crore in the year-earlier period.

Standalone net profit rose

up 15% to ₹4,675 crore against ₹4,068 crore in the previous year. The company reported a 20% growth in turnover to ₹31,899 crore against ₹26,512 crore. Sales volume rose 25% to about 50.2 lakh units for FY19 against about 40.07 lakh the previous year.

Annual net rises 20% For the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2019 the company reported 20% growth in consolidated net profit to ₹1,408.5 crore compared to ₹1,175.5 crore in the same quarter last year. Net profit

On a fast lane Metrics Total income (₹ cr.) 7,828 1,175.5 Net profit (₹ cr.) 1,408.5 19.8 EPS (₹) 48.7 40.6 60 Dividend (₹) 60

rose 21% to ₹1,306 crore against ₹1,080 crore.

The company reported 10% growth in turnover at ₹7,828 crore as compared to ₹7,139 crore in the same period last year. Volumes were up 14% at 1,193,590 units. As on March 31, 2019 the company has surplus cash and cash equivalent of ₹16,368 compared with

₹15,542 crore in FY18.

The board of directors announced a dividend of ₹60 (600%) per share which, including taxes, will cost the company ₹2,093 crore. The firm also announced that Soumen Ray, currently joint president (finance), will take over as president (finance) and CFO of the company effective May 18, 2019.

IHCL readies ₹4,000-cr. war chest to buy hotels

Firm to acquire fully operational units

LALATENDU MISHRA

Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), a Tata Group company, has entered into a strategic partnership with Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, GIC, to set up an investment platform to the tune of ₹4,000 crore, or \$600 million, over a period of three years to acquire fully operational hotels in the

upscale segments in India. "This platform will look at potential hotel assets primarily located in key lodging markets in India. The mandate is to acquire fully operational hotels, which will also include distressed or underperforming hotels that can be turned around banking on IHCL's experience and capabilities,"

IHCL said. Puneet Chhat-

luxury, upper upscale and

wal, MD and CEO, IHCL, said, "This collaboration is in line with Aspiration 2022 and our vision to scale up, create greater enterprise value and make IHCL south Asia's most iconic and profitable hospitality company.

"Through this platform, we expect to acquire strategic and marquee assets that need new ownership, branding and positioning. Through this platform,

IHCL would be able to pursue acquisitions in an assetlight format, with the equity contribution from the IHCL at 30% and the balance 70% contributed by the GIC.

Each acquisition would be in a separate special purpose vehicle with its own funding and the acquired hotels would be managed by IHCL under its various brands.

Lone Etihad nominee on Jet board quits

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Robin Kamark, the lone nominee of Etihad Airways PJSC on the board of Jet Airways, has resigned even though Etihad had submitted a conditional bid for the revival of the airline.

Jet Airways, in a filing with the stock exchanges, stated that Mr. Kamark's resignation was with effect from May 16, 2019. With this, Jet Airways

board is left with two board members including former bureaucrat Ashok Chawla and former banker Sharad Sharma. Earlier this week the

company's CEO, CFO, company secretary and head of HR had resigned.

Jet Airways shares closed with a loss of 2.32% to ₹124.10 on the BSE on Friday.



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Jaypee Infratech: voting on NBCC's bid annulled

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Friday annulled voting by homebuyers and lenders on NBCC's bid to acquire debtladen Jaypee Infratech, and allowed renegotiation on the offer by May 30. Hearing an IDBI Bank plea, the bench allowed nine homebuyers associations, representing about 5,000 buyers, to file an intervention application. A fresh voting process would start from May 31. PTI

India probes 'dumping' of digital printing plates

India has begun a probe into the alleged dumping of digital printing plates from China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam on a complaint by a domestic manufacturer, a Commerce Ministry notification said. The probe is being carried out by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies on an application filed by Technova Imaging Systems for levying antidumping duty on imports of 'digital offset printing plates' from the five countries. PTI

USFDA classifies three Aurobindo plants as OAI

HYDERABAD Aurobindo Pharma on said three of its facilities have been classified postinspection as Official Action Indicated (OAI) by the USFDA. The classification means the facility concerned requires regulatory and/or administrative actions. The firm is confident that the OAI classification would not impact supplies from these facilities. Aurobindo Pharma shares tanked 7.53% to close the day at ₹670.25 apiece on the BSE.

KPR Mill expands to Ethiopia

Garment maker establishes production facility, to invest \$5 million initially

M. SOUNDARIYA PREETHA COIMBATORE

KPR Mill, a fully-integrated garment manufacturing company in Coimbatore, has expanded to Ethiopia, setting up its first overseas production facility - KPR Export Plc – in Makelle at an initial investment of \$5 mil-

The investment was facilitated by the International Trade Centre (ITC) under its Supporting Indian Trade and Investment for Africa (SITA) project. According to a note from ITC, KPR has committed an additional investment of \$15 million.

Commencing trial operations in October-November last year, the company has generated more than 700 jobs so far. The 53,300 sq.ft shed at Makelle Industrial



New frontiers: As many as 14 Indians are employed at the Makelle unit at the management level. • M. SOUNDARIYA PREETHA

Park has 20 garment stitching lines, apart from cutting, pressing and packing facilities. As many as 12 workers from Ethiopia were trained at the Coimbatore factory for 40 days and 14 Indians are employed at the Makelle unit

at the management level.

Shipped to Ethiopia The fabric is shipped from KPR's India plants to Ethiopia and garments stitched there are shipped to the U.S., said C.R. Anandakrishnan,

executive director, KPR Mill. It is making knitted garments there, to begin with, he said.

Speaking at the inaugural of the factory recently, K.P. Ramasamy, founder and chairman, KPR Mill, said that following his visit to Ethiopia in April last year, he decided to invest in the country.

According to Debretsion Gebremichael, vice-president, Tigrai National Regional State, the region had amresources opportunities for investments. The government is working towards making Tigrai investment-friendly as industrialisation would create more jobs.

(The correspondent was in Makelle, Ethiopia, recently at the invitation of the International Trade Centre)

Spencer's Retail to buy Nature's Basket from Godrej for ₹300 cr.

Post acquisition, SRL eyes access to western India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The board of Spencer's Retail Ltd. (SRL), a RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group company, has approved a proposal to acquire Nature's Basket Ltd., a 100% subsidiary of Godrej Industries Ltd. for ₹300 crore, SRL said in a regulatory filing.

The acquisition will make Spencer's Retail a national player, according to Shashwat Goenka, sector head -Retail & FMCG RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group.

He said that the acquisition would add ₹363 crore of topline to Spencer's portfolio. The deal would give SRL access to western India through 36 stores in Mumbai, Pune and Bengaluru, The acquisition

will make Spencer's Retail a national player

SHASHWAT GOENKA, Ssector head - Retail & FMCG,

the company said in a state-Nature's Basket ment. clocked a ₹338.3-crore turnover in 2018-19, Spencer's Retail said, giving details of the acquisition in its filing. Nature's Basket, a 14-yearold firm, is engaged in retailing food (fresh fruits, vegetables, meat fish artisanal breads, FMCG and staples) and beverages.

Tanya Dubash, executive director and chief brand officer, Godrej Group, said for unlocking the brand value, there was a need to pass it on to a group that had prioritised retail.

SRL, which was recently listed as part of the ongoing recast of CESC Ltd., also declared its 2018-19 results on Friday. Its fourth quarter turnover stood at ₹523 crore with a post-tax profit of ₹1.8 crore. For the full year, the company reported ₹2,215.3 crore turnover and ₹2.4 crore profit against a loss of ₹14.1 crore in 2017-18.

"We have made key investments in business. Spencer's had already added 2.1 lakh sq.ft. diversifying from a large food and grocery stores to non-food categories. We are planning to add another 3 lakh sq. ft. trading area this fiscal," Mr. Goenka

SFHL fourth quarter profit rises 113%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Sundaram Finance Holdings Ltd. (SFHL) registered a 113% rise in its standalone net profit for the fourth quarter ended March 2019 to ₹32 crore from ₹15 crore registered in the corresponding quarter last year on higher income.

Revenue grew 86% to ₹42 crore from ₹23 crore.

For the full year, the firm, which is a holding company for the non-financial services investments of the Sundaram Finance Group, registered a 56% rise in its net profit to ₹85 crore against ₹54 crore.

The board recommended a dividend of ₹1.75 per share for the financial year

City Union Bank profit rises 15% to ₹175 crore

Aided by retail, wholesale segments

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI

City Union Bank has reported a 15% growth in standalone net profit for the fourth quarter ended March 2019 to ₹175 crore from ₹152 crore, driven by strong revenue growth from retail and wholesale banking segments.

Net interest income grew 14% to ₹421 crore, while net interest margin stood at 4.40%. It made a provision of ₹90.67 crore against ₹86.15 crore in the year-earlier period.

Gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) stood at 2.95% against 3.03% of total advances, amounting to ₹977 crore (₹857 crore). Net NPAs rose to 1.81% (₹591 crore)

from 1.70% (₹475 crore). During the quarter, the bank reported fresh slippages of ₹204 crore against ₹148 crore. Total recovery from live accounts and technical write-offs were ₹98 crore (₹85.22 crore).

"For the first time in a year, we posted ₹10,000 crore increase in total business to ₹71,513 crore," said N. Kamakodi, MD & CEO. Asserting that the bank

was able to reap rich dividends by staying away from corporate and consortiumbased lending, he said: "This enabled us to focus on core sectors. This year, we are aiming to grow between 18% and 20% from the current 17.2%." The board declared a dividend of 50%.

Sundaram-Clayton sets up U.S. unit

Facility will produce 1,000 tonnes of castings in first year

K.T. JAGANNATHAN

Sundaram-Clayton Limited (SCL), a member of the TVS group, has announced the setting up of a facility in South Carolina. The U.S. facility is set up through its subsidiaries.

The venture involves an investment outlay of \$90 million. The facility will produce 1,000 tonnes of castings in the first year of operation. In five years, the output will scale up to 10,000 tonnes. The unit will make a range of high-pressure die-cast and gravity diecast parts. South Carolina is among the fastest growing automotive and manufacturing hubs in the U.S. The SCL facility is built on 50 acres in Dorchester County in the Ridgeville Industrial Park,



Lakshmi Venu

South Carolina.

The setting up of a unit in the U.S. will significantly enhance the ability of SCL to serve its customers in North America, its biggest export market. The facility, which has already been inaugurated, will go commercial by September. "The U.S. market represents about 60% of our exports and 40% of revenues. An on-shore presence will enable us to sharply reduce delivery lead time, giving us a competitive advantage in an increasingly demanding market for automotive components," a company statement said.

The long-term outlook for both the American and the Indian automotive industries is strong. In both markets, OEM [original equipment manufacturer] vehicle makers are focussed on light-weighting and better fuel economy. Our technologies are aimed at supporting this industry trend. Our strategy of expanding in both these markets enables us to support our customers with a more responsive supply chain in an increasingly dynamic world," said Lakshmi Venu, joint MD, SCL.

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE

DEVELOPMENT COMPANY 3rd Floor, Pragati Sadan (RRDA Building) Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi-834001, Jharkhand CIN: U45200JH2013SGC001752

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Textile machinery expo in Africa

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT COIMBATORE

The India International Textile Machinery Exhibitions Society (India ITME Society) will organise ITME Africa 2020 between February 14 and 16 next year at Addis Ababa. It is co-organised by the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce and Sectoral Associations.

The exhibits will be under four major categories textiles, textile engineering, financial institutions and allied segments. It will have country pavilions of Italy, Turkey, China and Switzerland, showcasing technology and engineering expertise in textiles.

The event is supported by the governments of India and Ethiopia.

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