

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>RUPEE</b>	<b>OIL</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
₹35,950	₹68.80	\$62.03*	₹42,035

\*Indian basket as on July 18, 2019

## FORENSIC AUDIT GRANT THORNTON REPORT

### IL&FS 'gifts' for key rating officials: Deal on villa, Fitbit watch and football tickets

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE, KRISHN KAUSHIK & SANDEEP SINGH**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

A DISCOUNT on villa, tickets for a football match in Madrid in the IL&FS corporate box, a Fitbit watch and proposed donation of Rs 25 lakh to a trust featured as gifts handed out by the IL&FS to officials of various ratings agencies. These are some of the favours stated in the email exchanges cited by Grant Thornton in its interim forensic audit report relating to credit rating agencies (CRAs).

The report has flagged "potential favours/gifts to key officials of credit rating agencies" in return of favourable ratings.

According to the Thornton report, in one of the emails exchanged during September 2012 to August 2016, it appeared that then MD and CEO of IL&FS Financial Service Limited (IFIN), Ramesh Bawa, had facilitated purchase of a villa worth Rs 3.12 crore for Jyotsna Srivastava, wife of Ambresh Srivastava, managing director, Fitch, "indicating potential close relationships between IL&FS and the CRA management team", the report said.

It has been seen several times that when the rating was not favourable, IL&FS senior management would fix a meeting with the head of the agency and later it is found that the initial rating was changed.

Also, D Ravishankar (founder and director, Brickwork Ratings), in an email dated April 21, 2015, to IL&FS joint managing director and CEO, Arun Saha, thanked him for arranging tickets for a football match at Madrid in the IL&FS corporate box. "This email suggests potential favours which are arranged for the key officials of credit rating agency (CRA) by one of the former IL&FS management personnel," the report said.

The interim forensic audit report also found that an email dated February 20, 2008, sent by Meenakshi Kanagat (manager, IL&FS Ltd) to then IL&FS chairman Ravi Parthasarthy, indicates donation of Rs 25 lakh to be given to a trust of which a former ICRA chairman was a managing trustee, the report said.

A Fitbit watch was stated as one of the favourites of an official of CARE in one of the email exchanges cited in the Thornton report. Saha and IL&FS chief credit and risk officer Sujoy Das were planning to provide a Fitbit watch as a gift to Rajesh Mokashi, managing director of CARE, in one of the emails dated September 17, 2013, cited in the report.

In an email dated August 29, 2016, which was sent by Lalita Jagtiani (employee, IL&FS) to Melita Pereira (employee, IL&FS), it appears that IL&FS had provided gifts in the form of shirts to various key

#### 'FOR FAVOURABLE CREDIT RATINGS'

Grant Thornton, in its interim forensic audit report relating to credit rating agencies, has flagged "potential favours/gifts to key officials of credit rating agencies" in return of favourable ratings

As per the report, it has been seen on several occasions that when the rating was not favourable, IL&FS senior management would fix a meeting with the head of the agency and later it is found that the initial rating was changed

managerial personnel of IL&FS as well as Ambresh Srivastava, managing director, Fitch, "indicating potential close relationships between IL&FS and the CRA management team", the report said.

While these are some of the alleged favours that top executives of rating agencies took from IL&FS, the email exchanges in the report hint at possible quid pro quo. IL&FS group companies continued to get high ratings even as the rating agencies identified multiple issues with regard to operations of the companies.

"It was noted that although Credit Rating Agencies had concerns/issues with the operations of the IL&FS group (including potential stress and liquidity indicators) during the period June 2012 to June 2018, the ratings assigned by them were consistently high and the same were reversed/downgraded only post June /July 2018," said the Thornton report. It points that there were instances where in case if the then key employees of IL&FS did not receive the desired rating from the CRA they used to potentially pressure rating agencies to either withdraw the credit ratings or credit rating request or approach other rating agencies that would provide the desired ratings.

A spokesperson for Brickworks said that "on the specific instance of alleged favours taken by Mr D Ravishankar, a detailed response on the same has been shared with the new management at IL&FS Ltd".

## INDIGO Q1 NET UP 43-FOLD; HIGHEST EVER QUARTERLY PROFIT

### Board meet spills over; promoter issues, changes in AoA on table

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

AS INTERGLOBE Aviation, parent firm of India's largest airline IndiGo, reported its highest ever quarterly net profit at Rs 1,203.14 crore for April-June, its board discussed addressing some of the issues raised by promoter and co-founder Rakesh Gangwal that are at the centre of the feud between him and his co-promoter Rahul Bhatia.

The board also discussed appointment of a woman independent director to comply with regulatory norms. In a post-earnings conference call, the airline's CEO Ronojoy Dutta said that the board meeting will continue on Saturday, and the directors will discuss further matters.

"I just want to confirm that we had a board meeting today and this board meeting will continue tomorrow as well. The board in its meeting today had a discussion on the appointment of an independent woman director to the board of the company. Of course, we have to take the step to comply with the law but in order to induct an independent woman director, we need to change the Articles of Association (AoA) of the company which now needs to be amended. We are working on

#### TALKS ON INDEPENDENT WOMAN DIRECTOR

Board discussed addressing some of the issues raised by promoter and co-founder Rakesh Gangwal that are at the centre of the feud between him and his co-promoter Rahul Bhatia

The board also discussed

appointment of a woman independent director to comply with regulatory norms. In a post-earnings conference call, the airline's CEO Ronojoy Dutta said that the board meeting will continue on Saturday, and the directors will discuss further matters.

this and a final decision on this subject will be made tomorrow," Dutta said during the call.

"The board is having a... discussion on all issues. We obviously had a number of committee meetings today including audit committee and the board covered a whole range of issues and will convene to do so tomorrow. I mentioned the independent woman director issue because it is a compliance issue with the law so it is very urgent for us to resolve this and we hope to have a solution tomorrow," Dutta added.

Currently, there is only one woman director on IndiGo's board - Rohini Bhatia - who is the wife of Rahul Bhatia. Regulations stipulated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) require at least one

times year-on-year. InterGlobe Aviation had reported a profit after tax of Rs 27.79 crore in the year-ago period. Total income climbed to Rs 9,786.94 crore for the June quarter from Rs 8,259.69 crore in the same period a year ago, according to a regulatory filing.

"Strong passenger revenues along with a sharp improvement in cargo performance were key drivers to this improved profitability," he said.

Its revenue from operations jumped nearly 45 per cent to Rs 9,420 crore. Yield, which is an indicator of revenue earned for every kilometre flown, jumped to 12.8 per cent in the latest quarter.

Even as the fall of Jet Airways allowed airlines to rationalise fares that translated into higher fares during the three-month period, Dutta pointed out that meaningful impact of Jet Airways is unlikely to continue as all airlines have replaced the capacity vacated by Jet. "Unfortunately, we are witnessing some lower fares in the 0-15 day booking window and expect this to add some pressure to our unit revenues in the second quarter," he said.

Friday, InterGlobe Aviation's share ended trading 0.32 per cent higher than its previous close at Rs 1,463.35 on the BSE.

## RIL Q1 net up 6.8% to ₹10,104 cr on jump in digital, retail revenue

Profit down 2.5% from March qtr; Rjio net up 45.6%; Retail revenue rises 47.5%

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

AIDED BY a strong revenue growth in digital and retail businesses, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), India's largest company in terms of market valuation, has reported a 6.8 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 10,104 crore for the June 2019 quarter as against Rs 9,459 crore in the same period of last year. However, the net profit declined by 2.5 per cent from Rs 10,362 in the March 2019 quarter when compared on a sequential quarter-on-quarter basis.

The company achieved a revenue of Rs 172,956 crore, an increase of 22.1 per cent as compared to Rs 141,699 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. Growth in revenue was led by sharp increase in revenue from digital services and retail business, which recorded an increase of 55 per cent and 48 per cent on a year-on-year basis respectively. "Higher refinery throughput on a Y-o-Y basis contributed to the increase in revenue for the refining business," RIL said.

RIL's telecom and digital arm Reliance Jio reported a 45.6 per cent increase in net profit at Rs 891 crore for the June quarter as against Rs 612 crore in the same period of last year. Operating revenue shot up by 44 per cent to Rs 11,679 crore from Rs 8,109 crore a year ago.

RIL chairman and managing director Mukesh D Ambani said: "Our first quarter earnings were strong despite weak global macroeconomic environment and challenging hydrocarbon market conditions. Our downstream businesses delivered resilient performance in an environment of slower demand growth and incremental supplies. The performance reflects the benefits of deep refining and petrochemicals integration, chain economics and feedstock flexibility."

"The company continues to make major strides in its retail and digital services businesses led by focus on growth markets with offerings in the right product segments and compelling value proposition. We are pleased with the robust growth both in revenues and operating income for Reliance Retail. Our digital services business continues to transform the mobility market in India while scaling new milestones."

On the digital business, Ambani said, "Growth in Jio mo-

#### Brookfield to invest ₹25K cr in RIL tower arm

Mumbai: Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Limited (RIIHL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries, has entered into an agreement with BIFV India Pte Limited, an affiliate of Brookfield Asset Management Inc (along with co-investors), for an investment of Rs 25,215 crore in the units proposed to be issued by the Tower Infrastructure Trust. This is the single largest foreign investment in an Indian infrastructure vehicle, RIL said.

"Brookfield's investment is subject to conditions precedent, including receipt of requisite government and regulatory approvals," RIL said in a regulatory filing. RIIHL is the Sponsor of the Trust and the Trust currently holds 51 per cent of the issued and paid up equity share capital of Reliance Jio Infratec Private Limited (RJPL) to which the tower assets undertaking of Reliance Jio Infocomm was transferred as a going concern. ENS

bility services has continued to surpass all expectations. In less than two years of commercial operations, Jio network carried almost 11 exabytes of data traffic during the recently concluded fiscal quarter. Jio management is focused on giving unmatched digital experience at most affordable price to every citizen of the country, and accordingly expanding the network capacity and coverage to keep pace with demand."

According to Ambani, Jio has started connecting enterprises with its next-gen connectivity solutions on the back of its extensive fiber network across the country.

In the retail segment, revenue for the June quarter grew by 47.5 per cent to Rs 38,196 crore as against Rs 25,890 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) for the quarter rose by 69.9 per cent to Rs 2,049 crore as against Rs 1,206 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year.

## 'Better career prospects attract expats to India'

India has emerged as a popular destination for expatriates as working here boosts their careers and provides sense of fulfilment, said HSBC's '12th Annual League Table of Best Places to Live and Work'

**18,059:** Number of expats from 163 markets, who took part an online questionnaire in February and March 2019, as part of the survey conducted by YouGov and commissioned by HSBC Expats

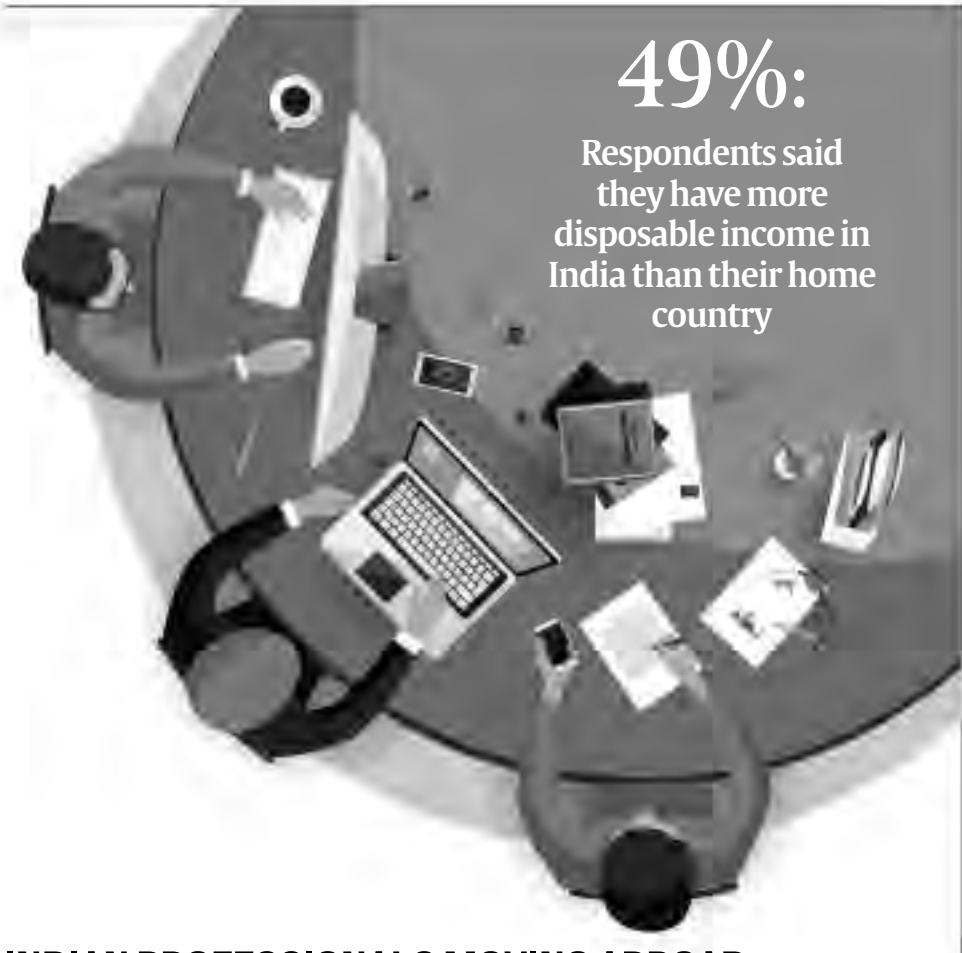
~48%: OVERSEAS professionals who noticed benefits of working in India, as against global average of 42 per cent professionals who achieved sense of fulfilment after relocating

>29%: PROFESSIONALS said they were promoted more rapidly due to relocating

~58%: PROFESSIONALS who believe India provides a good place to pick up new work-related skills

~24%: RISE in gross annual personal income reported by professionals since relocating

~32%: PROFESSIONALS working in India who said they earn \$100,000 or more per year; far above global average of 18 per cent



**INDIAN PROFESSIONALS MOVING ABROAD:** More experienced Indian professionals are moving abroad to countries like UK, UAE and US for career progression, mainly in fields of:
 

- Financial services: 24%
- Health: 11%
- Engineering/Design: 11%

## No tax relief for FPIs pulls Sensex down 560 points

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**  
MUMBAI, JUNE 19

THE BSE Sensex on Friday ignored a global market rally and crashed 560 points after the government declined to give any tax relief for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs).

With this, the Sensex has fallen 818 points in the last two days, largely on the FPI tax worries. On Friday, led by a sell-off in auto and banking stocks, the 30-share index plunged 560.45 points or 1.44 per cent to settle at 38,337.01. It hit an intra-day low of 38,271.35 and a high of 39,058.73, swinging 787 points. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty fell 177.65 points or 1.53 per cent to 11,419.25.

#### Sensex has fallen 818 points in the last two days, largely on the foreign portfolio investors' tax worries

However, other Asian markets rallied as comments from a top Federal Reserve official were pounced on by investors as indicating that the US central bank will unveil a deep interest rate cut at the end of the month. In Asia, Shanghai Composite Index, Hang Seng, Kospi and Nikkei ended up to 2 per cent higher. Bourses in Europe were also trading higher in early sessions.

The selling spree was triggered after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday declined

to remove or relax the applicability of the new surcharge on the super rich on FPIs, but advised those staring at an increase in tax outflows to shift to the corporate structure where the Budget hasn't made any change in tax treatment. On a net basis, FPIs sold equities worth Rs 1,404.86 crore Thursday. FPIs have sold equity worth over Rs 7,700 crore in July so far. According to tax experts, such a shift by FPIs using the trust structure would have been easier if the government had given them

a one-time waiver from capital gains tax.

According to Jagannadham Thunuguntla, head of research, Centrum Broking, "Indian capital markets are in capitulation mode, as there has been dearth of good news. The continuous corporate defaults, high-tax regime, weak earnings season and fragile economy are not helping the already-delicate sentiment. With the crisis deepening and widening, markets are eagerly looking forward if policy makers can talk up the markets with market-friendly tone."

"Going forward, Fed's policy holds key to revive the market sentiment if they can provide delight with 50 bps rate cut," he said.

## EXPLAINED Domestic markets defy global rally on hopes of US rate cut

THE SELLING spree in domestic bourses - the benchmark Sensex having fallen over 800 points in the last two days - was triggered largely by the Finance Minister declining to relax the applicability of the new surcharge announced in the Budget.

Those affected, including FPIs, were, instead, advised to shift to the corporate structure. The slide in the markets in India was in contrast to the trend in other Asian markets, which rallied as comments from a US Fed official indicated that the American central bank could unveil a deep interest rate cut at the end of the month.

## US-China officials talk trade tariffs over phone; Mnuchin eyes possible in-person discussions

**REUTERS**  
CHANTILLY/WASHINGTON, JULY 19

US AND Chinese officials spoke by telephone on Thursday as the world's two largest economies seek to end a year-long trade war, with US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin suggesting in-person talks could follow.

Mnuchin and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer spoke with their Chinese counterparts over the phone, Lighthizer's office said on Thursday, following earlier comments by the Treasury secretary in an interview on the sidelines of the G7 meeting in



"Right now we're having principal-level calls and to the extent that it makes sense for us to set up in-person meetings, I would anticipate that we would be doing that," Mnuchin told Reuters.

Asked if Thursday's call could lead to a face-to-face meeting, Mnuchin said: "It's possible, but I'm not going to speculate on the outcome." Lighthizer's office later confirmed that the conversation took place as scheduled, but gave no details.

China's foreign ministry said on Friday the two sides had discussed ways to implement the consensus reached by the two countries' presidents, but gave no other details.

China has countered that any deal needs to be fair and equitable, leaving the two sides apparently still far from an agreement to end the back-and-forth.

## US Fed officials lay out case for rate cuts

**TREVOR HUNNICUTT**  
NEW YORK, JUNE 19

TWO INFLUENTIAL US Federal Reserve officials on Thursday sharpened their public case for acting, quickly if needed, to support the country's economy, reviving bets the central bank may deliver a double-barreled interest rate cut this month.

Absent clear-and-present signs of a recession, policymakers are suggesting the US-China trade war is denting US business confidence, and that a global manufacturing slowdown and domestic inflation below the Fed's target of 2 per cent a year may be enough to act quickly and aggressively.

#### FAULTY THOUGHT PROCESS: TRUMP ON FED

Keeping up his pressure on the Federal Reserve, US President Donald Trump, in a tweet, reiterated his call for lower interest rates and slammed the Fed for what he called its "faulty thought process", as per a Reuters report



tee and head of the regional Fed bank in New York that implements those policies, said when rates and inflation are low, policymakers cannot afford to keep their "powder dry" and wait for potential economic problems to materialise. He did not say whether that

view meant he would support a cut later this month. "It's better to take preventative measures than to wait for disaster to unfold," with rates in a range of 2.25-2.50 per cent and closer to zero than has historically been the case, Williams told an academic

conference in New York focused on central banking issues. "When you only have so much stimulus at your disposal, it pays to act quickly to lower rates at the first sign of economic distress."

US Fed Board of Governors Vice Chair Richard Clarida, meanwhile, said policymakers might need to act early to stimulate the US economy as an insurance policy against rising risks.

"You don't have to wait until things get so bad to have a dramatic series of rate cuts," Clarida said in an interview with the Fox Business Network. "You don't want to wait until data turns decisively if you can afford to." Markets reacted swiftly to remarks by two of the most senior Fed officials next to Chairman Jerome Powell. REUTERS



# Simplify procedures to attract vendors: Goyal to GeM officials

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

COMMERCE AND Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has asked officials of the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to simplify the public procurement portal's procedures and make it "less time consuming" to attract more vendors, especially in micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) sector.

With the government aiming to achieve Rs 1 lakh crore in GeM's gross merchandise volume this financial year, Goyal has suggested measures such as incentives for ministries procuring products and services through GeM, bringing in technical experts for specialised products and creating more categories to maximise usage of the portal.

During a review meeting on Thursday to formulate an action plan to achieve the government's target, Goyal said, "Greater transparency and quality of products must be ensured on the platform in order to get the railways, defence, telecom and PSUs (public sector undertakings) like oil, power, heavy industry to place orders worth more than Rs 1 lakh crore

## INCENTIVES FOR MINISTRIES SUGGESTED

■ Piyush Goyal has suggested measures such as incentives for ministries procuring products and services via Government e-Marketplace (GeM), bringing in technical experts for specialised products

■ He also requested all ministries and government departments to nominate a Joint Secretary-level officer to coordinate with GeM and identify more products and services that may be procured through GeM

through the GeM."

Ease of getting registered on the GeM platform has to be ensured so that public sector banks, PSUs, ministries and departments of the state governments and local bodies at the district level are able to procure from GeM easily and smoothly, according to the minister.

"Possibilities may also be explored for incentivising ministries and states who procure more products and services from GeM.

"During the review meeting, the Commerce and Industry Minister also examined the possibility of DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) to provide the services of their staff in regional centres all over the country to promote GeM and in-

crease the procurement through GeM in their areas," stated the Commerce Ministry on Friday in a release about the meeting.

As per the release, Goyal also discussed ways with the secretaries of different ministries to bring in external technical experts for specialised products required in the railways, oil PSUs and health sectors, "so that more categories are created in GeM in shortest time and complaints about substandard material is completely eliminated."

He also requested all ministries and government departments to nominate a Joint Secretary-level officer to coordinate with GeM and identify more products and services that may be procured through the platform.

# INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS NBFC ISSUES ALSO TAKEN UP RBI Guv, state-run bank CEOs discuss slow rate transmission

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, JULY 19

RESERVE BANK of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday discussed the slower transmission of rate reduction and stressed asset resolution with the chief executive officers of public sector banks (PSBs) and the chief executive of Indian Banks Association (IBA).

During the meeting, the issue of less than desired level of transmission of monetary policy rates was discussed with the CEOs of banks, the central bank said. Even though the RBI has cut the Repo rate by 75 basis points in 2019, banks have not fully passed on the benefits to their customers.

Analysts are expecting another rate cut in the next policy review in August.

In his opening remarks, the RBI Governor acknowledged discernible improvements in the banking sector while underscoring that several challenges still remain to be addressed,

## TRANSMISSION LEVEL 'LESS THAN DESIRED'

■ At Friday's meeting, the issue of less than desired level of transmission of monetary policy rates was discussed with the CEOs of banks, the RBI said

■ RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das acknowledged discernible improvements in the banking sector while underscoring that several challenges still remain to be addressed



Express File Photo

particularly with regard to the stressed asset resolution and credit flows to needy sectors.

"Other subjects taken up for discussion included credit and deposit growth on the back of a slowing economy, flow of credit to needy sectors while following prudent lending, robust risk assessment and monitoring standards and improving recovery efforts," the RBI said.

The meeting also discussed

about giving impetus to resolution of stressed assets facilitated by revised framework for resolution announced by the RBI on June 7, 2019, and strengthening internal control mechanism for improved fraud risk management.

The recent initiatives to address issues relating to non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and the role banks can play in mitigating lingering con-

cerns also came up for discussion on Friday.

Das also underlined the importance of expanding and deepening the digital payments ecosystem in line with the recommendations of the Report of the Committee on Deepening of Digital Payments, headed by Nandan Nilekani, and the Reserve Bank's Payment System Vision Document 2021.

The banking regulator stated that on the suggestion of the Governor, it was agreed that banks will identify one district in each state to make it 100 per cent digitally enabled within a time frame of one year in close coordination and collaboration with all stakeholders, including state level bankers' committees (SLBCs), state governments, regional offices of RBI, etc.

"To the extent feasible, such districts may be converged with the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme of the Government of India. IBA is also expected to play a catalytic role in this regard," RBI said.

## BRIEFLY

### 'Incentives only for commercial EV owners'

New Delhi: Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Arjun Ram Meghwal on Friday asserted that subsidies for promotion of electric mobility in India will be only for commercial vehicles, and automobiles for personal usage will not be included.

### Bandhan Bank Q1 net jumps 45% to ₹701 cr

New Delhi: Bandhan Bank Friday reported a jump of over 45 per cent in its net profit to Rs 701 crore in the first quarter ended June 30, on healthy core income.

### AB InBev sells Australian brewer to Asahi

Brussels/London: Anheuser-Busch InBev, the world's largest brewer, is selling its Australian operations to Japan's Asahi for \$11 billion.

### Dabur elevates Amit Burman as chairman

New Delhi: FMCG firm Dabur India on Friday said it has elevated Amit Burman as the company's chairman as part of the family succession. He was earlier designated as vice-chairman. PTI

### BMW picks insider Oliver Zipse as CEO

Frankfurt: BMW has named Oliver Zipse as its new CEO, continuing the German carmaker's tradition of promoting production chiefs to the top job even as the auto industry expands into new areas such as technology and services. Hailing Zipse's "decisive" leadership style, BMW hopes the 55-year-old can help the firm regain its edge in electric cars and win back the market lead lost.

### Bayer welcomes judge's call in Glyphosate case

Frankfurt: Germany's Bayer AG welcomed on Friday a call by a United States judge to cut a \$2 billion damages award to a Californian couple by a jury which found that its glyphosate-based weed killer had caused their cancer. REUTERS

# Centre raises over ₹10,000 crore on net basis via CPSE ETF

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

GIVING A boost to disinvestment receipts, the Centre on Friday raised over Rs 10,000 crore on a net basis from the 5th further fund offer (FFO) of the CPSE ETF.

The two-day ETF issue garnered over Rs 40,000 crore bids from investors, of which Rs 11,500 crore were accepted, an official said.

However, the receipts to the Centre would be lower by Rs 1,500 crore due to purchase of Indian Oil shares from market to maintain the stock's weight in the index as the government's stake in the company is at the threshold of 52 per cent (a norm applicable to all the stocks in the index).

With the mobilisation through the CPSE ETF, the Centre has raised about Rs 12,400 crore so far in FY20 or 12 per cent of the full year disinvestment revenue target of Rs 1.05 lakh crore.

A record Rs 45,080 crore via two extant ETFs — Rs 26,350 crore from CPSE ETF and Rs 18,730 crore from Bharat-22 ETF — helped the Centre mobilise 53 per cent of the disinvestment receipts in FY19.

It could try to repeat the feat

## The two-day ETF issue garnered over Rs 40,000 crore bids from investors, of which Rs 11,500 crore were accepted, an official said

in FY20 as well. Besides the two extant ETFs, it may launch three new sectoral ETFs consisting of PSUs in financial sector, energy, and metal and commodity.

The CPSE ETF was conceptualised in 2014, offering the benefits of diversification, risk management and lower expenses to investors. Through the FFO4 of the CPSE ETF, the Centre had raised Rs 9,350 crore or 2.7 times of the base offer size of Rs 3,500 crore in March.

In November 2018, the Centre had raised Rs 17,000 crore from FFO3 of the CPSE ETF as against the base offer size of Rs 8,000 crore as retail and institutional investors put in bids worth Rs 30,899 crore.

Analysts are of the view that India's ETF market is expected to witness robust growth in the coming years due to a structural shift in asset-class preference from fixed income to equities as interest rates moderate. FE

# Ford India recalls 22,690 units of previous-gen Endeavour

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

FORD INDIA on Friday said it is recalling 22,690 units of previous-generation of premium SUV Endeavour to check faulty airbag inflators.

The automobile manufacturer further said it is carrying out an inspection of battery monitoring system (BMS) wiring harnesses installation for all vehicles, numbering around 30,000 made at its Sanand plant between September 2017 and April 2019.

In a statement, Ford India said it is voluntarily inspecting front airbag inflators on 22,690 previous-generation Ford Endeavour vehicles.

These vehicles were manufactured at the company's Chennai plant between February 2014 and September 2014, it added.

Ford India also said the inspection of BMS wiring harnesses installation will cover all the units of Freestyle, New Figo and New Aspire models that were manufactured at its Sanand plant between September 2017 and April 2019.

Individual customers will be informed and requested to bring their car to the Ford dealership, the statement said.

# Oyo founder inks deal to buy back shares worth \$2 bn; his stake to rise threefold

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

HOSPITALITY FIRM Oyo on Friday said its founder Ritesh Agarwal has signed a deal to buy back shares worth \$2 billion (around Rs 13,770 crore) from early investors through his Cayman islands-registered entity, RA Hospitality Holdings, to almost triple his stake in the company.

Lightspeed Venture Partners and Sequoia India, Oyo's early supporters, are selling part of their holdings in order to help Agarwal increase his stake, while remaining invested significantly in the company's long-term mission, Oyo said in a statement.

"The company's founder and

"I am ... delighted to have gotten the support of all our investors, the board and above all the institutionalised financial partners that have provided the necessary financial support towards realising this vision"

RITESH AGARWAL  
FOUNDER AND CEO, OYO

CEO Ritesh Agarwal, through RA Hospitality Holdings (Cayman), has signed \$2 billion primary and secondary management investment round, supported by global institutional banks and his finan-

cial partners," it added.

As per sources in know of the matter, after the entire process is completed, Agarwal's stake in Oyo will rise from the current 9-10 per cent to around 30 per cent. This would take the valuation of the company to around \$10 billion.

"As an entrepreneur and on behalf of the company's management, I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to re-define ourselves to the company's mission of building the world's most loved hospitality brand that is focused on bringing a better lifestyle for the common man," Agarwal said.

The company has attracted some of the world's leading investors, including Airbnb,

SoftBank Vision Fund, Lightspeed Venture Partners, Greenoaks Capital, Sequoia India and Hero Enterprise, the statement said.

"I am ... delighted to have gotten the support of all our investors, the board and above all the institutionalised financial partners that have provided the necessary financial support towards realising this vision," Agarwal said.

"We have confidence in Ritesh's vision for Oyo and how the team has come together to build a truly global brand from India. It has been an exciting journey so far and we hope to achieve many more milestones together in the time to come," SoftBank Vision Fund managing partner Munish Varma said. FE

# Sebi tweaks formats for limited review, audit reports

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

SEBI ON Friday tweaked the formats for limited review and audit report of listed entities in order to align them with the revised auditing standards. Providing new formats for audit report and limited review report in a circular, the regulator said that in view of revision in auditing standards (SA 700) by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), "audit report formats need to be aligned with SA 700 (revised)".

This will also be applicable to entities whose accounts are to be

consolidated with the listed entity. "This circular shall be applicable with respect to the financial results for the quarter ending September 30, 2019 and after," the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said.

In March, Sebi released procedure and formats for limited review and audit report of listed entities after a new sub-regulation was inserted in the LODR norms, which require a listed entity's statutory auditor to do a limited review of the audit of all entities or firms whose accounts are to be consolidated with the listed entity as per the Accounting Standard 21.

## Insider trading: Format to report code of conduct violations set

New Delhi: Sebi on Friday came out with standardized format for reporting violations of code of conduct, formulated under Prohibition of Insider Trading (PIT) norms. Besides these, all listed firms, intermediaries and fiduciaries are required to formulate a code of conduct for designated persons as well as for their relatives and inform the regulator about any such violation.

Under the code of conduct, the designated persons and their relatives are barred from trading while in the possession of unpublished price sensitive information (UPSI). Besides they are required to maintain the confidentiality of the UPSI, among other restrictions are placed. Sebi said it has been receiving various references from listed firms regarding violations related to code of conduct. PTI

**KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**TENDER NOTICE**  
Commercial Tender No.: 02/2019-20/W Dated: 19/07/2019  
Inviting Tenders in Sealed Envelope for Cleaning and Upkeep of Station on Ratnagiri Station of Konkan Railway. Prescribed application form can obtain from Regional Railway Manager Office, Konkan Railway, M.J.D.C. Mirje, Ratnagiri. Pin 415639 from 20/07/2019 to 20/08/2019 on all working days from 10.00 am to 16.00 pm. by paying Demand Draft of Rs. 5,900/- in favor of "Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd." payable at Ratnagiri. For more information, please contact the Regional Railway Manager Office, Ratnagiri. Also, the details of the tender are available on the Konkan Railway website www.konkanrailway.com. The last date for submission of Tender is 21/08/2019 up to 11.00 hrs. Regional Railway Manager Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Ratnagiri

**ASSAM ELECTRONICS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.**  
(A Govt. of Assam Undertaking)

Industrial Estate, Barunimaidan, Guwahati - 781021, Assam  
Ph. 0361 2724222 Fax. 0361 2724131

No. AEDC/JS-IB&S/2019-20/02 Dated: 19-07-2019

**SHORT TENDER NOTICE**

e-tenders in two bids system (Technical & Financial bids) for Installation of Integrated Security & Surveillance Systems on Turnkey basis including Operation & Maintenance for period of 5 years are invited from eligible bidders by the undersigned on behalf of the General Administration Department, Government of Assam. Submission of bid shall be through e-procurement portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. Further details and subsequent communication may be seen at <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of bids is 15:00 hours on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019. Sd/- Managing Director A.E.D.C. Ltd.

**CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR**  
B-22, GREEN CAMPUS, GANDERBAL-191201

**CORRIGENDUM**  
**HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES**  
(NIT No. Est. — 03 of 2019)

This is in continuation to Tender Notice No. Est. 3 of 2019, dated 17.07.2019, due to some Technical Difficulties, the Revised Tender Schedule/Critical Dates shall be as under:-

**TENDER SCHEDULE/CRITICAL DATES**

1. Bid Submission Start Date	17.07.2019 (10:00 A.M.)
2. Pre-Bid Meeting Date	23.07.2019 (03:00 P.M.)
3. Bid Submission End Date	05.08.2019 (02:00 P.M.)
4. Last Date for Receiving Hard Copy of Technical Bid along with Cost of Tender and Original EMD	05.08.2019 (02:00 P.M.)
5. Date & Time of Opening of Bids	06.08.2019 (02:00 P.M.)

The detailed Bid/Tender Document consisting of Qualifying Information, Eligibility Criteria, Specifications, Set of Terms & Conditions of the Contract and other Relevant Information is available on the University website: [www.cukashmir.ac.in](http://www.cukashmir.ac.in) and on CPP Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)) or can be obtained from Estates Section, Central University of Kashmir, B-22, Green Campus, Ganderbal, J&K-191201 as per the Notified schedule. The e-Tenders/Bids are to be submitted at CPP Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in)) only. However, Bidders have to submit the Hard Copy of the Technical Bid along with all the requisite documents mentioned in the NIT. No. Est — 3 of 2019 Sd/- Registrar, Date: 17.07.2019 CUK-158 0194-2416107

**श्री अग्रवाल शिक्षा समिति, श्री अग्रसेन कटला, जयपुर**  
शासकीय शिक्षा के वर्ष 2019 में सम्पन्न होने वाले चुनाव का कार्यक्रम

1. नामांकन प्रसूची	दिनांक 20 जुलाई 2019 सम्पन्न प्रातः 09.30 बजे से सायं 04.30 बजे तक व 21 जुलाई 2019 प्रातः 09.30 बजे से दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक
2. नामांकन फार्म की सूची का प्रकाशन	21 जुलाई 2019 दोपहर 02.05 बजे से दोपहर 02.35 बजे तक
3. योग्य उम्मीदवारों की सूची का प्रकाशन	21 जुलाई 2019 नामांकन फार्म की जांच के बाद दोपहर 02.45 बजे तक
4. नाम वापिस लेना	21 जुलाई 2019 दोपहर 02.45 बजे से दोपहर 03.15 बजे तक।
5. उम्मीदवारों की अंतिम सूची का प्रकाशन	21 जुलाई 2019 दोपहर 03.30 बजे तक
6. यदि निर्धारित सदस्य पदों हेतु निर्धारित सदस्य पदों से अधिक नामांकन नहीं मिलने पर दिनांक 21.07.2019 को दोपहर 03.30 बजे परिणाम घोषित कर दिया जायेगा।	
7. मतदान (यदि निर्धारित सदस्य पदों से अधिक नामांकन प्राप्त हुए तो)	रविवार 18 अगस्त 2019 प्रातः 09.00 बजे से सायं 04.00 बजे तक
8. मतगणना	सोमवार दिनांक 19 अगस्त 2019 प्रातः 09.00 बजे से
9. मतगणना स्थल	अग्रवाल सैनियर सैकण्डरी स्कूल, श्री अग्रसेन कटला, अग्रवाल कॉलेज कैम्पस, महाराजा अग्रसेन मार्ग, आगरा रोड, जयपुर
10. चुनाव कार्यालय	केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, श्री अग्रवाल शिक्षा समिति, श्री अग्रसेन कटला, अग्रवाल कॉलेज कैम्पस, महाराजा अग्रसेन मार्ग, आगरा रोड, जयपुर

नोट: 1. मतदाता सूची (500/- रु शुल्क पर) नामांकन पर (50/- रुपये शुल्क पर दिनांक 20 जुलाई 2019 से 21 जुलाई 2019 को दोपहर 01.55 बजे तक चुनाव कार्यालय से प्राप्त किये जा सकेंगे हे एवं नाम वापसी फार्म भी नि:शुल्क प्राप्त किये जा सकेंगे हे। 2. नामांकन शुल्क रु 500/- प्रति उम्मीदवार हे जो किसी भी परिधि में वापस देव नहीं होगा। सामान्यतः अग्रवाल अरुण अग्रवाल मोहितेन्द्र अग्रवाल शिरीष जी.बी.शिवराम चुनाव संयोजक सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी सदस्य चुनाव कमेटी 9414064547 9414079866 9001335000 9414046543 9828013900

**GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN**  
**OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT & MEMBER SECRETARY,**  
**RAJASTHAN MEDICARE RELIFE SOCIETY, SAWAI MAN SINGH HOSPITAL, JAIPUR**  
[Sawai Man Singh Road, Tonk road, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302001]  
[Phone 0141-2518222, 2560291, Email-ms.smshospital@gmail.com]

**NOTICE INVITING BID (UBN No. MCJ1920GLRC00054)**

Sealed Single Stage Two-envelopes unconditional online Bids for One Year Rate Contract, are invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the procurement of Goods as listed below, from manufacturers/ distributors/ authorized dealers/ stockists/ bona fide dealers/ Marketing Agents up to 5.00 PM on 13.8.2019.

S. No.	Name of Goods	Estimated Cost for One Year (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount of Bid Security (Rs. in Lakhs)	Price of Bidding Document (Rs.)	RISL Processing Fee (Rs.)
1	Generic and low cost branded drugs & Medicines, Injectable, Surgical including Disposable & Consumable Items etc. for BSBY and other schemes of GOR/GOI, on the Basis of Maximum Discount on MRP.	400.00	08.00	1000.00	1000.00

Details of the NIS, Bidding Schedule, conditions and Bidding Document may be seen on the website of the State Public Procurement Portal <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> or e-procurement portal <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> and may be downloaded from there.

Sd/-  
Medical Superintendent cum, Member Secretary, RMRS, Jaipur

DIPR/C/5747/2019

# Highest market share in nearly 5 yrs for SpiceJet, but IndiGo still on top

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JULY 19

BUDGET CARRIER SpiceJet captured its highest domestic market share in close to five years at 15.6 per cent this June, as it inducted 30 aircraft of Jet Airways to its fleet. The Gurgaon-based carrier had reported 17.3 per cent share of the domestic aviation market in October 2014.

According to data for June 2019 released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Friday, while IndiGo commanded 48 per cent share of the domestic skies, Air India held 12.9 per cent. This was followed by GoAir, Air Asia and Vistara, with 11.1 per cent, 6.4 per cent and 5.4 per cent, respectively. Spicejet, now the second-

largest domestic carrier, added 30 planes — mostly Boeing 737s — taking its operational fleet strength to 95. Jet Airways suspended all operations on April 17 due to financial crisis. Domestic passenger traffic growth picked up during the holiday month of June by 6.1 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y). A total of 12.02 million passengers booked for air travel in June, as against 11.32 million in June 2018. Air traffic growth in June was the second best in calendar year 2019 after January, which recorded 9.1 per cent y-o-y rise. Domestic passenger growth has been 3.2 per cent y-o-y for first half of 2019 due to higher fares and grounding of Jet. The Civil Aviation Ministry has allocated Jet's vacant airport slots to rival carriers for operations. FE

# Former IL&FS auditors again question NCLT jurisdiction to ban them

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
MUMBAI, JULY 19

FORMER AUDITORS of IL&FS group, Deloitte and BSR Associates, Friday reiterated their contention that the NCLT has no jurisdiction to ban them saying existing law says only those auditors on board can be penalised.

Deloitte Haskins & Sells and BSR Associates, which is an affiliate of KPMG, are no longer the auditors of the crippled IL&FS group, with the former resigning in FY18 and the latter as recently as last month. But the Corporate Affairs Ministry has sought a five-year ban on them for their failure to do the statutory job properly.

Representing Deloitte, Janak Dwarakadas argued that Section 140(5) of the Companies Act does not apply if the auditors are no longer with a company. The said

section deals with resignation of auditors. "Section 140(5) is only applicable to existing auditors," he said and pointed out that Deloitte had retired due to rotational laws in FY18. "Section 140(5) has a limited purpose to remove or change an auditor, (and not punish them)," he said adding SPIO findings against Deloitte are subject to legal challenges.

Echoing similar views, BSR counsel Darius Khambata also said the Companies Act says an auditor can be punished only under Sections 132 and 447, while Section 140(5) allows the government to only remove an auditor. Countering these arguments, ministry's counsel Sanjay Shorey said once there is an allegation of fraud, consequences will follow. An auditor cannot be absolved of consequences of his past omissions and commissions in the name of "interpretation", he added.

# PROLONGED GROUNDING OF AIRCRAFT Boeing takes \$4.9 billion charge for 737 MAX

ERICM JOHNSON  
SEATTLE, JULY 19

BOEING CO said on Thursday it would take an after-tax charge of \$4.9 billion in the second quarter on estimated disruptions from the prolonged grounding of its lucrative 737 MAX passenger jets

after two deadly crashes. The charge is from "potential concessions and other considerations to customers," and the impact of continued lower production, the world's largest planemaker said in a statement, as airlines that use the planes extend flight cancellations until November.

The charge will result in a \$5.6 billion reduction in revenue and pre-tax earnings in the second quarter, Boeing said.

Boeing's stock rose 2 per cent in after-hours trading, which a Morgan Stanley analyst said was a sign that investors were comfortable with the size of the charge and Boeing's production

plans, disclosed less than a week before the company plans to release quarterly financial results on July 24. Boeing is facing one of the worst crises as its 737 MAX has been grounded since March after crashes in Ethiopia and Indonesia that together killed 346 people in a span of five months. REUTERS