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SECTOR SCAN **PHARMACEUTICALS**

Sun Pharma set to shut down part of Vadodara R&D unit, 80 staff may lose jobs

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, AUGUS T 2

IN A move that may leave around 80 employees jobless, Indian drug maker Sun Pharmaceutical has decided to shut down two of its clinical pharmacology units (CPUs) in the country for not being "cost competitive compared to the industry."

In a letter to employees about the move, parts of which The Indian Express has viewed, Sun Pharmaceutical has announced it will shut down its Tandalja and Akota CPUs, part of the company's Vadodara Research and Development (R&D) unit.

This is because of the "sub-optimal utilisation" of these units, which were found not to be cost competitive, according to the letter.

A clinical pharmacology unit (CPU) is dedicated to conducting early-phase clinical studies.

The decision to close these units has been made "after a long and careful review of available options", according to the letter. At the same time, it added that the company would be "supporting the affected employees over and above contractual and legal obligations" and would also provide "the services of an outplacement firm as well as that of a counselor."

A Sun Pharma spokesperson confirmed the development and that the units together employed "around" 80 persons.

"While we continue to make investments in our R&D operations, we also constantly evaluate our resources and future capacity requirements to bring in efficiencies in cost and processes. To ensure optimal utilisation of Clinical Pharmacology Units that conduct bio-equivalence studies, we are discontinuing

'SUB-OPTIMAL UTILISATION'

■ In a letter to employees, Sun Pharmaceutical said it will shut down its Tandalja and Akota clinical pharmacology units (CPUs), because of sub-optimal utilisation of the units

■ The move to discontinue these units comes as a result of pricing and competitiveness pressures faced by Indian generic firms in the United States, according to the company's letter

operations at two centers at Tandalia & Akota, Vadodara," stated the spokesperson in response to an email by *The* Indian Express.

"The bio-equivalence studies from these centers will be transferred to our other facilities. We are offering full support to the affected employees and helping them with outplacement services. We are intimating all regulatory authorities and ensuring that we comply with all regulations," the spokesperson added.

However, the spokesperson did not respond to queries about whether the pharma major was reviewing any additional CPUs for similar action. Sun Pharma has 10 R&D units, including according to the company's website.

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PROVISIONS FALL

SBI profit at ₹2,312 cr, NPAs down but fresh loan slippages rise sharply

I'm looking at the sky and praying to God that 3 large accounts get resolved: Chairman

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 2

RIDING ON lower provisioning and stable asset quality, State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest commercial bank, has reported a standalone profit of Rs 2,312.20 crore for the quarter ended June 2019, as against a loss of Rs 4,875.85 crore in the same period last fiscal. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, it reported a 176 per cent jump in profit against Rs 838.40 crore in March quarter even as fresh loan slippages rose sharply.

While higher other income and operating income also boosted profitability, tepid net interest income (NII) growth limited profits. Net interest income grew 5.2 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) to Rs 22,938.8 crore in June quarter 2019, with loan growth of 13.8 per cent on a y-o-y basis.

Significantly, gross non-performing asset (NPA) ratio fell to 7.53 per cent of advances, down 316 basis points from 10.69 per cent in June last. Gross NPAs in absolute terms fell both sequentially as well as y-o-y basis. Gross NPAs EXPLAINED Decline in gross NPAs in absolute terms a big positive

THE SBI chief has warned that it would be difficult to increase the bank's net interest margins (NIM), a key indicator of the bank's profitability, on account of subdued credit growth.

Significantly, gross NPA ratio declined to 7.53 per cent of advances, down 316 bps from 10.69 per cent in June 2018. Gross NPAs in absolute terms declined both sequentially as well as year-on-year basis, which is a big positive.

were Rs 168,494 crore in June 2019 as against Rs 212,840 crore a year ago. However, fresh slippages rose sharply to Rs 16,212 crore this June, from Rs 9,984 crore a year ago and Rs 7,505 crore in March quarter.

"Every quarter I am looking at the sky and praying to God that the three large NCLT accounts stuck in the middle of resolution get resolved. These alone will give us Rs 16,000 crore write-back," SBI Chairman Rainish Kumar said.

Kumar said one regular account of a Maharatna company which became NPA of another bank further impacted the gross slippage. Another account failed to successfully implement the resolution plan, adding Rs 2,000 crore to the slippages, he said. It has made Rs 1,200 crore provision on standard account of a stressed

housing finance company. According to SBI, 453 accounts with outstanding of Rs 113,809 crore have been admitted to NCLT.

Accounts under the two lists have a fund-based outstanding of Rs 38,741 crore. "Three accounts are in an advanced stage of resolution with expected recovery of 62 per cent. Post June 7 RBI circular, 46 accounts (24 NPA and 22 standard) were eligible for signing ICA (inter-creditor agreement), of which six NPAs filed/admitted in NCLT and two standard accounts have since been regularised," the bank said. Bad loans in the agriculture portfolio rose to Rs 26,298 crore (13.08 per cent of advances) in June 2019 from Rs 21,830 crore (11.60 per cent) a year ago. The agri portfolio in just one state contributed around Rs 2,000 crore to slippages in the wake of debt waiver issues.

to 3.01 per cent in O1 of FY20.

On the auto sector which is now facing a slowdown, SBI said it has an exposure of Rs 11,500 crore, but clarified that there was no risk of concentration of stress. It said that robust domestic credit growth at 11.89 per cent was driven by both retail (18.68 per cent growth) as well as high rated corporates (11.62 per cent). Domestic net interest margin rose

A govt trying to raid balance sheet of a central bank ... not a good thing: Subbarao

\$62.96*

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 2

FORMER RESERVE Bank of India Governor Duvvuri Subbarao on Friday spoke out against "raiding" the reserves of the central bank, stating it shows the government is "desperate" and "we should be very careful, very wary of what decision is ultimately taken on the transfer of the surplus reserves."

"A government trying to raid the balance sheet of a central bank anywhere in the world is not a good thing. It shows that the government is desperate," he said while speaking at a CFA Society India event here.

Opposing the desperate attempts to carve out the reserves, Subbarao, who was the RBI Governor from 2008-13, said the risks undertaken by the Reserve Bank are different from other central banks and it will not be entirely beneficial to draw from international practices. Central banks of many nations have transferred a portion of their reserves

to their respective governments. Subbarao's observations have come at a time when the Bimal Jalan committee is in the final stages of finalising its report on identifying the appropriate capital for the RBI and how to transfer the excess reserves to the government. During the tenure of Urjit Patel as the RBI Governor, the government had sought transfer of a part of the reserves, but Patel vehemently opposed the proposal.

Acknowledging that transfer of excess reserves was one of the key causes of tension between the RBI and the government in the run up to Patel's resignation, Subbarao seemed to suggest that there is little use of the transfers from a fund inflow perspective. He said international investors look at balance sheets of both the government and also its central bank, and that the same applies to distress time lending by the IMF as well.

"I do want to say that we should be very careful, very wary of what decision is ultimately taken on the transfer of the surplus reserves," he said.

Subbarao, who now teaches at the National University of Singapore, advocated maintaining the autonomy of the RBI as essential because its horizons ex-

Kotak proposes lowering tax on risk capital

Mumbai: Amid the growing worries over higher taxes that have roiled the markets, banker Uday Kotak Friday called for a relook at the levy on risk capital saying as much as a whopping 60 percent of one's income is taken away by government.

In comments that come amid many industry stalwarts like engineering giant L&T's AM Naik speaking out publicly about the gloomy economic scenario, Kotak speaking at a CFA Society India event — urged the policymakers to "dramatically flood" the market with liquidity to prop growth up. PTI

tend far beyond the immediate objective of elections which a government can be guided by. However. Subbarao said he

would be "ok" if a sovereign bond issue in foreign currency is done once just to test the waters Differing from his predecessor YV Reddy and successor Raghuram Rajan, Subbarao said, "I would say that as a one-time measure, just to test the waters, it's ok." However, the former governor

made his apprehensions on the instrument from a long-term perspective clear. "But the fear and concern that strike me is that this will become a thin end of the wedge and once we see that it has become very successful, we might keep on doing it and get into pressure situations needlessly."

The government can just print its way out of issues on domestic debt, which will not be possible in case of external debt, he warned. There are significant benefits. there are considerable costs of such a move, Subbarao said. The benefits include signalling a confidence to the global investors about opening up the economy which is generally perceived to be cautious on opening up, he said.

He said concerns on issuing sovereign bonds stem from being made hostage to global rate movements and exposing the systems to volatilities. WITHPTI

'\$34 bn PE investment into real estate since 2014' Indian real estate has attracted \$34 billion private 10 million

equity investment since 2014, largely in commercial

STATUS OF 'HOUSING FOR ALL'INITIATIVE **8.36** million houses sanctioned by government, as of **July 2019**

4.9 million units, construction started **2.6** million units,

construction completed **1.64** million houses more likely to be

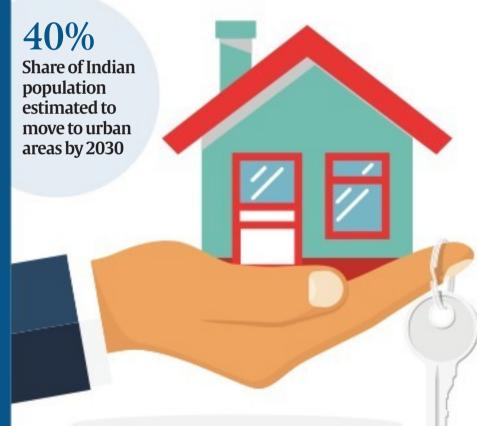
December 2019 10 million houses, possible target for 2022

disbursement over

next three years

sanctioned by Rs 1 trillion, projected subsidy

real estate, Knight Frank and RICS said in a report



■ No. of homes targeted by government for delivery by 2022, as per the Brick by brick - Moving towards 'Housing for All' report 25 MILLION

Projected additional requirement of affordable

homes by 2030 ~\$2 BILLION

into affordable housing projects since 2014

10 MILLION **■** Estimated supply

■ Private equity investment

shortage of homes in urban areas, with most shortage in EWS and Lower Income **Group segment**

NBFCs barred from charging

FM to meet heads of banks on Monday

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 2

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman will on Monday meet heads of public sector as well as major private sector banks, to review flow of credit to important sectors of the economy, such as MSME, housing and automobile, an official statement said Friday.

Minister holds review meeting with heads of state-owned banks and financial institutions, but the Ministry has invited private sector lenders as well this time. The statement said the meet-

Generally, the Finance

ing will "review matters relating to growth of credit in various important sectors of the economy, such as MSME, retail, automobiles, affordable housing, NBFC/HFCs and areas of priority for the bank-

TO REVIEW CREDIT FLOW TO MAJOR SECTORS

ACCORDING TO a Finance Ministry statement the meeting will "review matters relating to growth of credit in ... sectors ... such as MSME, retail, automobiles, affordable housing, NBFC/HFCs and areas of priority for the banking sector ..."



ing sector in the coming months for accelerating GDP growth."

The statement further said, Sitharaman will hold a meeting with stakeholders and representatives of other ministries to discuss recommendations of the UK Sinha committee report on the MSME sector.

The Sinha panel, which submitted its report to the government in June, has made over a 100

far reaching recommendations for the MSME sector, one of the largest job creating segments in the country. The recommendations en-

compass various domains, such as

credit, equity funding, technology, marketing, delayed payment issues, institutional arrangement, need for legislative changes, rural enterprises, and risk mitigation.

Meanwhile, sources said secretaries of department of revenue and Corporate Affairs Ministry too would be attending the meeting. In the last few months, there have been signs of revival in public sector banks.

India's largest bank, SBI has posted a profit of Rs 2,312 crore in the first quarter of this fiscal as against a loss of over Rs 4.876 crore in the year-ago period on better asset management.

PSU banks have recovered Rs 3.59 lakh crore over the last four financial years, including record recovery of Rs 1.23 lakh crore during 2018-19, the government said in a reply to a question in Parliament recently. WITHPTI

loan foreclosure penalties **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

MUMBAI, AUGUST 2

THE RESERVE Bank of India on Friday barred non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) from charging pre-payment penalties or foreclosure charges from individual borrowers.

"NBFCs shall not charge foreclosure charges/pre-payment penalties on any floating rate term loans sanctioned for purposes other than business to individual borrowers, with or without co-obligants," the central bank said in a notification. However, the central bank did not specify from when the new rule will be effective.

The central bank said the rel-

evant rules governing the same have been updated to reflect the change. Foreclosure charges are part of the fee income for any lender and adds to its bottomline. These direction covers both deposit-taking and non- deposittaking NBFCs which are considered systemically important ones.

In May 2014, the RBI had barred commercial banks from charging such fees or penalties from individual borrowers with mortgage loans. But banks are free to charge same on non-secured loans like personal loans. The notification, which will take away an income line for these players, comes at a time when NBFCs are struggling with a host of issues, starting with liquidity crisis.

RBI slaps ₹11 cr fine on 7 PSBs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 2

THE RESERVE Bank of India has imposed a collective penalty of Rs 11 crore on seven public sector banks for violating norms on current account opening. Allahabad Bank and Bank of Maharashtra have been imposed a fine of Rs 2 crore each, Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank and United Bank of India have been slapped with fines of Rs 1.5 crore each, while Oriental Bank of Commerce has been imposed with a penalty of Rs 1 crore.

Maruti Suzuki employs 6% less temp workforce in Jan-June

1,181 less hired over same period last year

REUTERS

NEW DELHI, AUGUST 2

MARUTI SUZUKI India Ltd has cut the number of workers it employs on temporary contracts following a plunge in vehicle sales,

it said. The auto industry, which accounts for nearly half of India's manufacturing output, is going through one of its worst slowdowns in nearly a decade, with vehicle sales falling rapidly

and little sign of a revival any-

time soon. The company said it employed 18,845 temporary workers on average during the six months ended June 30, down 6 per cent, or 1,181 people, from the same period last year, adding that job cuts had accel-

erated since April. It is the first time the reduction has been reported. The listed company doesn't have to disclose reductions in temporary workers.

Maruti Suzuki, majorityowned by Japan's Suzuki Motor Corp, said it had not reduced its permanent workforce - which numbered 15,892 at the end of March - over the past year but declined to say whether further reductions were planned.

Maruti Suzuki, which produces about one in two of the passenger vehicles sold in India on Thursday reported a 36 per cent decline in domestic passenger car sales in July compared with July 2018. WITHENSINPUT

ADDITIONAL DUTIES TO BE IMPOSED FROM SEPTEMBER 1

China warns of retaliation after US threatens fresh tariffs on imports

REUTERS BEIJING/WASHINGTON, AUG 2

CHINA ON Friday said it would not be blackmailed and warned of retaliation after US President Donald Trump vowed to slap a 10 per cent tariff on \$300 billion of Chinese imports from next month, sharply

escalating a trade row between the world's biggest economies. Trump stunned financial markets on Thursday by saying he plans to levy the additional duties from September 1, marking an abrupt end to a truce in a year-long trade war that has slowed global growth and disrupted supply chains. Beijing would not give an inch under pressure from

Washington, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said.

"If America does pass these tariffs then China will have to take the necessary countermeasures to protect the country's core and fundamental interests," Hua told a news briefing in Beijing.

"We won't accept any maximum pressure, intimidation or blackmail. On the major issues of principle we won't give an inch," she said, adding that China hoped the US would "give up its illusions" and return to negotiations based

on mutual respect and equality. Trump also threatened to further raise tariffs if Chinese President Xi Jinping fails to move more quickly to strike a trade deal.

The newly threatened duties, which Trump announced in a series of tweets after his top trade negotiators briefed him on a lack of progress in talks in Shanghai this week, would extend tariffs to nearly all Chinese goods that the

United States imports. The president later said if trade discussions failed to progress he could raise tariffs further — even beyond the 25 per cent levy he has already imposed on \$250 billion of imports from China.

Senior Chinese diplomat Wang Yi told reporters on the sidelines of an Association of Southeast Nations event in Thailand that additional tariffs were "definitely not a constructive way to resolve economic and trade frictions".



US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, Chinese Vice Premier Liu He and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin in **Shanghai on Wednesday.** AP File Photo

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who was also in

Bangkok, decried "decades of bad behaviour" by China on trade and

shrinks; exports, imports fall Washington: The US trade

US trade deficit

deficit fell slightly in June as both imports and exports fell, suggesting the Trump administration's "America First" policies were restricting trade flows. The Commerce Department said on Friday the trade deficit slipped 0.3 per cent to \$55.2 billion. **REUTERS**

said Trump had the determination to fix it. The news hit markets hard.

stocks took a battering and safehaven assets such as the yen, gold and government bonds jumped as investors rushed for cover. Moody's said the new tariffs

would weigh on the global economy at a time when growth is already slowing in the United States, China and the euro zone. The tariffs may also force the Federal Reserve to again cut interest rates to protect the US economy from trade-policy risks, experts said. One Chinese official said it was not the first time Trump had "flipflopped", and that though the time between the talks being declared constructive and Trump's threat of new tariffs was short, officials in Beijing were already prepared.

On Friday, Asian and European

BRIEFLY

Gold bonds:

Issue price set

New Delhi: The issue price of

Sovereign Gold Bonds 2019-

20 (Series III) has been fixed

at Rs 3,499 per gram of gold, the finance ministry said in a

statement on Friday. The

Bonds will be open for sub-

scription on August 5 and

Rupee slumps

close on August 9.

at ₹3,499/g

HDFC posts 46.2% rise in Ql net profit at ₹3,203.1 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI. AUGUST 2

MORTGAGE FIRM Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) on Friday reported a 46.2 per cent increase in its net profit for the quarter ended June 2019 at Rs 3,203.10 crore, compared to Rs 2,190 crore in the same period a year ago.

HDFC said following the Reserve Bank of India's directive not to hold more than 9.9 per cent stake in Bandhan Bank post merger, it sold 6.35 crore shares of GRUH Finance in the first

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UNION BANK of India on Friday

reported a 73.25 per cent in-

crease in its net profit to Rs

224.43 crore for the three-

month period ended June 2019,

as against Rs 129.54 crore in the

ing the quarter under review

decreased 33.63 per cent to Rs

1,519.34 crore, from Rs 2,289.07

the current fiscal, the state-

In the preceding quarter of

The bank's provisions dur-

MUMBAI, AUGUST 2

year-ago period.

crore a year ago.

quarter of the fiscal 2019-20, which resulted in a pre-tax gain of Rs 1,894.21 crore.

HDFC's revenue from operations rose by 30.6 per cent to Rs 12,990,29 crore in the April-June 2019 period, as against Rs 9,951.98 crore a year ago.

Total interest income increased by 19 per cent to Rs 10,781.07 crore in the first quarter of the current fiscal, from Rs 9,095.70 crore a year ago.

Net interest income grew 11 per cent to Rs 3,041.80 crore in the quarter under review, as compared to Rs 2,743.02 crore a vear ago.

the difference between interest

earned on loans and that paid

on deposits, decreased 4.11 per

cent to Rs 2,518.19 crore,

against Rs 2,626.12 crore in the

corresponding quarter of last fi-

its gross non-performing assets

(NPAs), as a percentage of total

advances, were at 15.18 per

cent in the June quarter, com-

pared with 14.98 per cent in the

March quarter and 16 per cent

Date: July 31, 2019

in the year-ago period.

The bank further said that

nancial year.

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Notice Inviting Tender

"Invitation of bids for grant of

Mining Lease for Limestone,

Graphite and Chromite Minerals"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section

10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development

and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with

the Minerals (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended

from time to time notified thereunder, the Govt. of

Odisha has identified 7(Seven) Mineral Blocks,

4(Four) blocks of Limestone, 1(One) block of

Graphite and 2 (Two) blocks of Chromite for

electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital

format only and technical bids are invited both in

Eligibility conditions, date and time for

participating in the electronic auction are provided

in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender

Documents alongwith timelines, notification,

updates and other details for the e-auction

process for the mineral blocks are available in

electronic form only and can be download from the

website of MSTC Limited.

digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

the purposes of grant of Mining Lease.

Union Bank net up 73.2%, NII falls to ₹2,518 cr in Q1 owned lender had set aside Rs 5,766.15 crore in provisions. Net interest income (NII), or

Data of 10,000 customers exposed, says **Aegon Life**

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 2

AEGON LIFE Insurance India on Friday announced that a vulnerability on its website exposed information of some Indian customers who had used web forms to get in touch with Aegon Life.

The insurer added that it immediately fixed the vulnerability and has since informed all customers of this exposure. Aegon Life estimates that up to 10,000 customers were possibly affected. The company said in a state-

ment: "We will initiate an outreach programme in coming days to offer guidance to affected customers and to let them know what information was exposed. At Aegon Life, data security and customer privacy are of utmost importance and we will continue to be transparent with customers as we investigate further." **FE**

into HFCs to boost flow of funds

Will be over and above what NHB would give HFCs via its two existing schemes

AIMED AT EASING LIQUIDITY CRISIS, FINANCE MINISTRY SAYS

NHB to inject additional ₹10K cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI. AUGUST 2

THE NATIONAL Housing Bank (NHB) will infuse an additional Rs 10,000 crore into eligible housing finance companies (HFCs) in its financial year through June 2020 to shore up liquidity and improve flow of funds for affordable housing loans for individuals, the Finance Ministry said on Friday.

This infusion will be over and above what the NHB would provide to the HFCs through its two existing refinancing schemes.

In a statement on Friday, the Finance Ministry said, "Now ... the backstop guarantee to banks for NBFC portfolios taken over by them has become effective. Banks

BACKSTOP GUARANTEE TO BE UTILISED

On Friday, the Finance Ministry said in a statement that banks will be utilising the backstop guarantee support as per the contours of the newly announced scheme

will be utilising this guarantee support as per the contours of the scheme."

Following the announcements in the Union Budget 2019-20 to ease the liquidity woes in the financial sector, the Reserve Bank of India has initiated a number of steps for banks to avail additional liquidity of Rs 1.34 lakh crore.

■ Meanwhile, the Centre has also received a proposal from the Reserve Bank of India on draft modalities of the guarantee to operationalise the Budget announcement

Under the plan announced in the Budget, the government will offer a one-time six-month partial guarantee of Rs 1 lakh crore to public-sector banks for purchasing consolidated high-rated pooled assets of financially-sound non-banking financial companies (NBFCs). This will cover the banks' first loss of up to 10 per cent.

"This would ease the liquidity stress in the NBFC sector and increase the access of these NBFCs to bank finance, and, in turn, enable them to continue to play their role in meeting the financing requirement of the productive sector of economy," the Ministry added. Meanwhile, the government

has also received a proposal from the Reserve Bank of India on draft modalities of the guarantee to operationalise the Budget announcement. The Finance Ministry has approved the modalities that would be set in motion by the RBI.

"The Department of Financial Services would put in place an oversight mechanism for the scheme," the statement added. FE

54 paise to 69.60 vs USD

Mumbai: The rupee dived 54 paise Friday to close at an over six-week low of 69.60 against US dollar as soaring crude oil prices and a fresh flare up in US-China trade tensions weighed on emerging market currencies.

No Q1 results at CDEL's board meet next week

New Delhi: Coffee Day Enterprises (CDEL) has decided to postpone its earnings announcement as the company's board will not consider June quarter results at its meeting next week.

UrbanClap raises \$75 mn funding

New Delhi: Home services company UrbanClap Friday said it has raised \$75 million in funding, led by Tiger Global. The round also saw participation from existing investors Steadview Capital and Vy Capital, it added. **PTI**

Job growth for July slows down in US

Washington: US job growth slowed in July and manufacturers slashed hours for workers, the US Labor Department's showed Friday. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 164,000 jobs, while average workweek fell to its lowest level in nearly two years as manufacturers cut hours for workers. **REUTERS**

Moody's cuts MDL's rating from B2 to B3

Mumbai: Mumbai: Moody's Investors Service on Friday downgraded the corporate family rating of Macrotech Developers (MDL), formerly known as Lodha Developers, to B3 from B2. ENS

RBI tightens rules for selection of elected directors on bank boards

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, AUGUST 2

THE RESERVE Bank has tightened rules for elected directors on boards of public sector banks, setting strict eligibility criteria and a negative list of people who would not be eligible for directorship.

In its new direction on fit and proper criteria for elected directors on the boards of banks, RBI said the candidate should not be holding the position of a Member of Parliament or state legislature or municipal corporation or municipality or other local bodies.

"The candidate should not be acting as a partner of a chartered accountant firm which is cur-

Notification No: KWSPFT/MBs/CF-/2019-20

(KUIDFC) is acting as the Fund Manager of KWSPF Trust.

2. Should have been in existence for a minimum period of 3 years.

minimum conditions to be eligible for consideration.

1. Rating Agencies should be approved by SEBI.

Mahendragiri invites online tenders for supply of the following:

Also clarifies on people who will not be eligible for directorship

rently engaged as a statutory central auditor of any nationalised bank or State Bank of India," the RBI directive said.

"No person should be elected or re-elected on the board of a bankifhe/she has served as director in the past on the board of any bank, FI, RBI or insurance company under any category for six years, whether continuously or intermittently," it said, adding, "The candidate should not be engaging in the business of stock broking."

According to the RBI, all banks

Karnataka Water and Sanitation Pooled Fund Trust

KUIDFC, Nagarabhivridhi Bhavan #22,17th 'F' cross, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar

2nd Stage, Near BMTC Bus Depot, Bangalore-5600038

Phone No.080-25196124 mail: info@kuidfc.com

APPOINTMENT OF CREDIT RATING AGENCIES

Karnataka Water and Sanitation Pooled Fund Trust (KWSPFT) approved by Government of

Karnataka to function as a "State pooled Finance Entity" for implementation of Pooled

Finance Development Fund(PFDF) scheme of Government of India, process to mobilize

of Rs.174.10 crore during FY 2019-20 The funds raised by used for financing to Complete

of spill over works under North Karnataka urban Sector investment Programme, (NKUSIP)

(ADB) Project. Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation

KWSPF Trust desires to engage the services of Rating Agencies to Structure and rate the

proposed borrowing through term Loan/s. The Rating Agencies should fulfill the following

3. Should have rated at least 3 infrastructure related Term Loans during the previous 2 years.

Documentary proof for fulfilling the minimum conditions has to be submitted along with quotes.

Rating agencies are requested to offer competitive quotation for initial fee, annual

surveillance fee and any other expenses in clear terms. The quotation shall be submitted

by 5.00 PM on or before 07.08.2019 The quotations submitted by the Rating Agencies will

be opened in the presence of the Rating agencies or their representatives at KUIDFC

Corporate Office as per address mentioned above on 09.08.2019 at 3.00 PM. The KWSPF

Trust reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers submitted by the Rating Agencies,

at its sole discretion. The Structure and rating work should be completed by 17.08.2019.

are required to constitute a Nomination and Remuneration Committee consisting of a minimum of three non-executive directors from the board of directors, out of which not less than one-half should be independent directors and should include at least one member from risk management committee of the board for undertaking a process of due diligence to determine the 'fit and proper' status of the persons to be elected as directors.

As per the directions, the candidate who wants to become an elected director should at least be a graduate. The candidate should be between 35-67 years old as on the cut-off date fixed for submission of nominations for election.

Date: 02.08.2019

'Govt likely to stall 35% minimum shareholding rule for listed entities' Nirmala Sitharaman announced

AFTABAHMED NEW DELHI, AUGUST 2

THE GOVERNMENT is likely to put on hold a plan to raise the minimum public shareholding in listed companies, a source with knowledge of the matter said, amid concerns it could force the issuance of billions of dollars worth of shares.

Indian stock markets fell sharply when Finance Minister

the proposal to raise the minimum public shareholding in companies to 35 per cent from 25 per cent in her July 5 Budget speech.

"We may not notify this year the 35 per cent minimum shareholding norm as we have got some representation on the issue and we will look into it in detail and understand the viability of such a proposal," the source said on Friday. **REUTERS**

Friday to enable the e-mobility

300 charging stations by Tatas

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBALAUGUST 2

TATA POWER and Tata Motors have joined hands to install 300 fast charging stations for electric vehicles (EV) by end-FY20, across key five cities, Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

"The first seven charging stations were inaugurated in Pune on drive in the city. Over the next two months, 45 more chargers will be installed across the other four cities. These chargers will be installed at Tata Motors dealerships, certain Tata Group retail outlets and other public locations," the companies said Friday. The chargers will be operated by Tata Power and adhere to Bharat Standard (15 kW) for the initial 50 chargers.

Bharti Airtel to shut down 3G across India by March

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, AUGUST 2

BHARTI AIRTEL on Friday said it will completely shut down its 3G network by the end of the current financial year and utilise the spectrum in the band to offer 4G services. The 3G customers will be shifted to the 4G network.

Talking to analysts on a conference call a day after declaring its first quarter results, Gopal Vittal,

MD and CEO, Bharti Airtel (India and South Asia), said that by September this year, 3G will be shut down in six-seven circles, and all the remaining circles will be done by March next year.

In June, the telco had shut down its 3G network in Kolkata, becoming the first incumbent operator to do so. The spectrum used for offering 3G will be refarmed for 4G services. "Airtel will offer 2G and 4G services and shut down 3G completely," Vittal said. **FE**

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3	Behera Banjipali Block	Limestone	2,00,000	
4	Garramura Block	Limestone	2,00,000	
5	Jagdalpur Block	Graphite	2,00,000	
6	Saruabil Block	Chromite	5,00,000	
7	Kamarda Block	Chromite	2,00,000	

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क्रय व भंडार प्रभाग/PURCHASE & STORES DIVISION निविदा सूचना सं. आईपीआरसी/प्र.क.व.भं/पीटी/ई-प्रापण/10/2019-20/TENDER NOTICE NO.IPRC/HPS/PT/e-PROC/10/2019-20 भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए और उनकी ओर से प्रधान, क्रय व भंडार, इसरो नोदन कॉम्प्लेक्स (आईपीआरसी), महेंद्रगिरि निम्नलिखित की आपूर्ति हेत् ऑनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित करते हैं। For and on behalf of the President of India, Head, Purchase & Stores, ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC),

Sd/- Member Secretary, KWSPF Trust

क्र. सं. SI. No.	निविदा संदर्भ सं. Tender Ref. No.	संक्षिप्त विवरण Brief Description	निविदा प्रस्तुतीकरण की अंतिम तिथि व समय Last Date & Time for Tender Submission
1.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0341701 (एक-भाग)	द्वि डिस्क सेफ्टी हेड असेम्बली और रण्यर डिस्क्स	Upto 13.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0341701 (Single-Part)	Dual disk safety head assembly and rupture disks	11:00 बजे/hrs. तक
2.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0327501 (एक-भाग)	यांत्रिक संहनित्र भंडारण प्रणाली	Upto 04.09.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0327501 (Single-Part)	Mechanical Compactor Storage System	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
3.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0335001 (दो-भाग)	20 कि.लि. द्रव ऑक्सीजन टैंकर सहित सेमी ट्रेलर की आपूर्ति	Upto 06.09.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0335001 (Two-Part)	Supply of 20kl LOX Tanker with Semi Trailer	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
4.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0328902 (दो-भाग)	सार्वत्रिक बेलनाकार अपघर्षण मशीन की आपूर्ति	Upto 26.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0328902 (Two-Part)	Supply of Universal Cylindrical grinding Machine	11:00 बजे/hrs. तक
5.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0349501 (एक -भाग)	रॉकेट नोदक ग्रेड केरोसिन की आपूर्ति	Upto 26.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0349501 (Single-Part)	Supply of Rocket Propellant grade Kerosene	11:00 बजे/hrs. तक
6.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0347601 (एक -भाग)	नया पीएस2 / जीएस2 चरण एकीकरण भवन हेतु ऐलिवेटर	Upto 26.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0347601 (Single-Part)	Elevator for New PS2/GS2 stage integ. building	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
7.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0327601 (एक-भाग)	एस.ओ.वी. क्यूबिकल बॉक्स की आपूर्ति	Upto 20.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0327601 (Single-Part)	Supply of SOV Cubicle Box	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
8.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0347201 (दो-भाग)	हस्त गेट वाल्व	Upto 20.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0347201 (Two-Part)	Manual Gate Valves	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
9.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0344501 (एक-भाग)	एस.एस. नम्य होज़ों की आपूर्ति	Upto 22.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0344501 (Single-Part)	Supply of SS Flexible hoses	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
10.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0343901 (दो-भाग)	सीएमईएसटी में क्रियाकलापों हेतु कार्य संविदा	Upto 21.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0343901 (Two-Part)	Work contract for activities at CMEST	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
11.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0344001 (दो-भाग) IPRC/PUR/2019E0344001 (Two-Part)	एस.आई. पाइपलाइनों की आपूर्ति, उन्निर्माण एवं कमीशन करना / Supply, erection and commissioning of SI pipelines	Upto 13.08.2019 10:00 बजे/hrs. तक
12.	आईपीआरसी/क्रय/2019ई0340701 (दो-भाग)	डी.पी. संवेदक	Upto 15.08.2019
	IPRC/PUR/2019E0340701 (Two-Part)	DP Sensor	10:00 बजे/hrs. तक

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NMDC Limited PELLET PLANT, DONIMALAI COMPLEX DONIMALAI TOWNSHIP - PO, SANDUR - TALUK, BALLARI DISTRICT KARNATAKA, PIN CODE - 583 118. PHONE - 08395-274613

Corrigendum No. 1, dated 03.08.2019 Bid Notice No. and Name of work:

1. NO.: DNM/PPT/O&M/BP/2019/

Donimalai, Karnataka* No.: DNM/PPT/O&M/PP&MRSS/2019 Date: 08.07.2019 "Operation & Maintenance of Pelletisation Plant and MRSS at 1.2 MTPA Pellet Plant, NMDC Donimalai, Kamataka'

"Operation & Maintenance of Beneficiation Plant at 1.2 MTPA Pellet Plant, NMDC

Clause No. 20.0 (Payment of SRNPP), in General Conditions of Contract (GCC)/Part-I of Tender Document (Page. 89 for Sl.No.1 and Pae - 89 for Sl.No.2) Under the heading Contract Labour Regulations is applicable. Existing: Read as:

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All other terms and conditions remain the same. For further details logon to "Tender Section" of our website "www.nmdc.co.in" For and on behalf of NMDA Ltd Dy. General Manager (M), Pellet Plant

I-T raids on Mumbai realty firm; '₹700 cr tax evasion detected'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, AUGUST 2

THE INCOME-TAX department on Friday said it has conducted raids at 40 premises of a Mumbai-based real estate firm and claimed to have detected tax evasion worth Rs 700 crore.

The CBDT, that frames policy for the tax department, issued a statement saying the operation was conducted on July 29 on a "prominent group involved in real estate development" and its premises in Mumbai and Pune were searched.

While the CBDT statement did not identify the group, official sources said it was the Hubtown group.

During the course of search operations, the statement said, the department unearthed evidences related to receipt of 'On Money' on sale of commercial and residential blocks, bogus unsecured loans taken, bogus Long Term Capital Gains (LTCG) and various other sham transactions to evade income aggregating to about Rs 700 crore.

"The search action has unravelled peculiar transactions wherein by way of accounting jugglery, income on transactions worth about Rs 525 crore has been evaded," it said.