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#### ■ IN THE NEWS

#### **DHFL likely to issue** new 10-yr bonds in lieu of existing debt STRESSED FINANCIER

**DEWAN Housing Finance** Corporation (DHFL) met all the institutional lenders on Friday to discuss the draft resolution plan, reports fe Bureau in Mumbai. While the bank expects the resolution plan to be implemented next week, sources in the mutual fund industry told FE that DHFL has proposed to issue new 10-year bonds in lieu of existing debt. There will be no haircuts but the tenure will be much longer. The new 10-year bonds will be issued at a coupon of 8.5%.

#### **CBDT specifies** exceptions to e-assessment

THE INCOME-TAX DEPART-MENT will start faceless assessment from October 8, 2019, but it won't be mandatory for taxpayers who don't have an e-filing account or a PAN, a directive from the CBDT said on Thursday, reports fe Bureau in New Delhi. Further, in cases where the department has conducted raids and instances categorised under "extraordinary circumstances" will also not be covered under the

e-assessment system.

#### **EYE ON GROWTH**

## Key ministries told to fast-track capex

Of CPSE dues to industry, ₹40,000 cr cleared, another ₹20,000 cr to be released in a week

**FE BUREAU** New Delhi, September 27

THE EXTRA FISCAL pressure from the recent slashing of corporate taxes isn't leading to any compression of public expenditure. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday held a meeting with key infrastructure and other ministries and asked them to ensure their capital expenditure targets for FY20 are indeed met. The minister also urged government agencies like the NHAI and CPSEs to clear their outstanding dues to the industry by next week. The ministries have also been asked to provide their detailed capital expenditure plans for the next four quarters for faster execution of projects.

The move clearly signals the government's thinking that apart from giving a cash booster to companies with steep tax cuts, the government-sector will also have to play a timely

#### **FMSPEAK**



"Regular government/ PSE payments are being fast-tracked; outstanding dues that are not under litigation will be cleared by the first week of October."

"There seems more work needs to be done.. I am following this up with RBI."

(On an earlier Cabinet decision for release of 75% of arbitral awards to contractors)

#### ₹1.36 lakh cr

or **40.3%** of FY20 budgetary capex spent by end August; comparable figure was **44.1%** in FY19

#### or **39.7%** of the FY20

₹82,000 crore

target of central grants for creation of capital assets released by August end

and complementary role in advancing the much-awaited revival of investment cycle.

Addressing media persons along with the minister, expenditure secretary Girish Chandra Murmu said that out of the total outstanding dues of about ₹60,000 crore by government agencies and CPSEs

to the industry, about ₹40,000 crore has already been cleared and that balance amount would also be paid soon.

After lagging behind trend in the initial months of this fiscal, the Centre's budgetary capex gathered pace recently.

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#### AIR POCKET

#### With no local partner, Jet resolution to get delayed

**ANWESHA GANGULY** Mumbai, September 27

**ANY RESOLUTION PLAN for** the bankrupt Jet Airways is likely to get delayed as the sole entity to have envinced interest, the Synergy Group, is yet to find an Indian partner. According to sources close to the development, the Synergy Group has been speaking to some Indian entities, but so far has not been able to make any progress.

"The resolution professional (RP) has introduced the Synergy Group to a few Indian companies. The situation is not very promising at this point. We are hoping for some development in another week, it is progressing slowly," one of the people involved in the process said.

There is still a month's time before the final resolution plan is expected to be presented before the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for its approval, but the RP's team is expecting the process to get delayed, the source said. According to the timeline set by the RP, interested parties are expected to finalise a resolution plan by October 14, which is to be presented before the NCLT on October 28.

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#### Crude shock

#### **UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

## Modi wants world to stand united against terrorism

**YOSHITA SINGH United Nations, September 27** 

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi on Friday exhorted the international community to stand united against terrorism, which he described as one of the biggest challenges not for any single country, but for the entire world.

Addressing the 74th session of the UN General Assembly, Modi lamented the lack of unanimity amongst the member states on the issue of terrorism, saying it dents those very principles that are the basis for the creation of the United Nations. "We believe, that this is one

of the biggest challenges, not for any single country, but for the entire world and humanity," Modi said. This was his second address to the General Debate at the UN, five years after his maiden speech as Prime Minister in 2014.

India had proposed a draft document in 1996 on the

Baltic dry index (in \$)

Aug 01,'19

1,812

3,000

1,000



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Friday

'Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism' (CCIT) at the General Assembly but it remained a blueprint as

Key oil freight rates from West Asia to Asia rocketed as much as 28% on Friday in a

for alleged involvement in ferrying crude out of Iran. Detailed report on Page 12

global oil shipping market spooked by US sanctions on units of Chinese giant COSCO

Freight price per barrel of crude oil (in \$)

Global oil shipping rates rocket 28%

1,963

Aug 26,'19

**MOST VALUABLE BRANDS** 

the member states were unable to reach a consensus.

**+2.12** (+17.82%)

**+1.15** (+15.25%)

Saudi Arabia to India

Saudi Arabia to China

**AGENCIES** 

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### **Special Features**

#### Must focus on ADAS features to avoid accidents



Most road accidents occur due to human error. We should focus on Advanced Driver Assistance Systems to save lives, says Sanjay **Gupta of NXP** Semiconductors ■ Motobahn, P13

#### The non-binding nature of Tellurian deal is important



Higher gas adoption to aid volume growth for Petronet LNG; recent tax cut behind ~12% rise in EPS for FY20/21e; TP raised to ₹336 from ₹305; 'Buy' maintained ■ Investor, P13

#### QuickPicks

#### 'PMC's ₹2,500-crore exposure to HDIL was in excess of RBI norms'

PUNJAB & MAHARASHTRA Co-operative (PMC) Bank's exposure of ₹2,500 crore to the Housing Development & Infrastructure (HDIL) Group was in excess of the RBI's prescribed limits for single-

group exposure, suspended CEO Joy Thomas said on Friday, reports **fe Bureau** in **Mumbai**. The loans to HDIL had not been reported during the last six or seven years as the management had earlier feared that disclosing the exposure would lead to "a run on the bank", according to Thomas. PAGE 10

#### 15 more senior tax officials get marching orders from CBDT



THE CBDT on Friday "compulsorily retired" 15 more senior income-tax officials under Fundamental Rule 56 (J), in line with the policy to get rid of non-performers and the corrupt,

reports **fe Bureau** in **New Delhi**. This is the fourth time this year that the government has invoked the rule; with the latest measure, a total of 64 tax officials have been put out to pasture. In the latest round, most of the officials are of the deputy, additional and joint commissioner ranks. PAGE 2

#### Daimler declares non-production days at Chennai unit in Sept, Oct

AMID THE slowdown in the automobile sector,

Daimler India Commercial Vehicle, the subsidiary of Stuttgart-based Daimler, on Friday announced that there will be non-production days at its Chennai plant in September and October, reports PTI. "..DICV will have three non-production days in September and three in October," the company spokesperson said. "We are closely monitoring the situation and adjusting our production line depending on market demand," it said. **PAGE 7** 

#### SUITOR SEARCH

#### Ailing Altico in talks with 3 strategic investors

**SHUBHRATANDON & MITALI SALIAN** Mumbai, September 27

ALTICO CAPITAL INDIA is currently in talks with three strategic investors who could invest ₹1,500-2,000 crore in the cash-strapped non-banking financial company (NBFC) by acquiring a controlling stake. Sources told FE that these investors could include private or public-sector banks, large realty funds and some NBFCs. FE has learned that Kotak Realty Fund is one of the contenders.

The company is expected to finalise an acquirer in the next one month and the deal could close in 3 to 6 months.

In addition, the company may also get some short-term funds to the tune of ₹2,000 crore by way of sale of some of its existing loans and assets.

The sources also said that lenders want the matter to be resolved by way of the above resolution plan, failing which they could move on by signing the inter-creditor agreement (ICA). "Getting into an ICA is not a preferred mode at present," a source with knowledge of the developments said.

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#### **BSNL-MTNL**

## FinMin turns down DoT's ₹74,000-cr revival package

KIRAN RATHEE New Delhi, September 27

THE REVIVAL PLANS for the ailing state-run BSNL and MTNL hangs in a limbo as the finance ministry is reportedly not keen to go ahead with the department of telecommunications' (DoT's) proposal for a massive ₹74,000-crore

bailout package. According to sources, the finance ministry has suggested that the DoT come up with some alternative pro-

posal to revive the ailing telcos. The DoT's proposal for a ₹74,000-crore bailout package was based on the premise that closing down the lossmaking BSNL and MTNL

■ Finance

suggests DoT

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■ DoT's logic is

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ministry

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The assumption behind the revival package, which involved an attractive VRS package to BSNL's 1.65 lakh employees, reducing their retirement age from the current 60 years to 58 years, was that it would reduce the wage bill of the company which in FY19 was 77% of its revenues.

Further, if the company was provided 4G spectrum by the government as part of the package then it would be able to compete in the market and start posting lower losses FY21 onwards and become profitable from FY24 onwards.

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ON THE DOT

### HDFC Bank retains top rank for sixth time in a row

**FE BUREAU** Mumbai, September 27

**HDFC BANK HAS** topped the WPP-Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands ranking for the sixth time in a row. BFSI brands have dominated the top 10 ranking list this year. According to the report, banking brands made up the largest share of the BrandZTop 75 and owned 23% of the total brand value of

\$53.3 billion. Life Insurance Corporation of India and State Bank of India retained their positions in the ranking at No. 2 and No. 5, respectively. Kotak Mahindra Bank moved up a notch, from No. 7 last year to No. 6 this year, while ICICI Bank dropped one rank and was ranked No. 10 in



2019. Together, banking and insurance brands commanded 34% of the top 75 ranking.

In 2018, HDFC Bank's brand value grew by 5% and was evaluated to be around \$22.7 billion. While the growth of the bank's brand value has declined from 21% in 2018 to 5% in 2019, the report states that the bank seems to buck the global trend.

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#### **NEW SIDE OF SON**

### SoftBank gives 'very public lesson' to founders in WeWork ouster

**PAVEL ALPEYEV** Tokyo, September 27

MASAYOSHI SON, LONG known as a free-spending benefactor who encouraged start-up founders to pursue their dreams even if it meant losing billions of dollars, had a different message for entrepreneurs last week: Your dreams had better be profitable.

The chief executive officer of Japan's SoftBank Group told company leaders gathered at the five-star Langham resort

they need to become profitable soon and stressed the importance of good governance, according to a person who attended the event. Public investors aren't going to tolerate gimmicks, like super-voting rights or complicated share structures, that privilege founders over other stakeholders, he said, adding they should get in shape years before they consider going public.

The "or else" part of the message became clear just days later when SoftBank

co-founder controversial Adam Neumann. The co-working giant's plans to go public this month imploded, with investors balking at paying a premium for a money-losing real estate venture controlled by an eccentric founder. More WeWork executives with close ties to Neumann quickly followed him out the door. The messy, high-profile coup tarnishes Son's

reputation for picking win-

ners. But Neumann's removal led the ouster of WeWork's also shows a new side of Son – an investor willing to enforce the kind of discipline that public investors demand at his portfolio companies. "It's a very public lesson for

all the entrepreneurs," said Chris Lane, an analyst at Sanford C Bernstein & Co. "No one will want to be Adam."

A spokeswoman for Soft-Bank declined to comment on the private event. The three-

day affair also featured a per-

formance from singer John

Boston Dynamics stalked across the hotel's lawn. Son, the smiling billionaire with a 300-year vision and a

Legend, and a four-legged

robot from portfolio company

goal for his portfolio companies to create "information revolution-happiness for everyone" has been considered founderfriendly for decades. In 1995, he wrote a \$2-million cheque dur ing his first meeting with Yahoo! co-founder Jerry Yang.

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**HYDERABAD** 

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019



#### OUTSTANDING DUES

Nirmala Sitharaman, finance minister

Government should not sit on overdue payments...The idea here is to ensure that there are no outstanding dues to services and goods supplied to different departments.

reviews economic scenario

FSDC sub-committee

## Quick

#### **Deadline for** highways under TOT

THE NHAI, WHICH is eying an estimated ₹4,995 crore from monetisation of third bundle of highway assets, has extended the deadline for receiving bids by a month on demand from investors, its chairman NN Sinha said on Friday.

#### Thailand, India ink ₹2.4k-cr deals

THAILAND AND INDIA have signed agreements for ₹2,400 crore to boost trade ties between the two countries, deputy prime minister of the southeast Asian country Jurin Laksanawisit said on Friday.

#### Malaysia to up **India imports**

**MALAYSIA IS PLANNING** to step up imports from India in an effort to help bring down New Delhi's trade deficit with Kuala Lumpur, Teresa Kok, Malaysia's minister of primary industries, said.

#### New secy general at Assocham

ASSOCHAM ON

THURSDAY said Deepak Sood has took over as secretary general. Sood has earlier worked in the CII. He was also deputed as CEO of Invest Karnataka Forum, an investment promotion arm of the Karnataka government.

I-T CLEAN-UP

## 15 more senior tax officials axed

senior income-tax officials These officials have under Fundamental Rule 56 (J), in line with the policy to get been facing charges rid of non-performers and the of corruption, corrupt. This is the fourth time harassment of this year that the government has invoked the rule. With the taxpayers and latest measure, a total of 64 tax accumulating officials have been put out to disproportionate Under the Rule 56 (J), the assets

performance of an officer who has turned 50 or 55 years of age or has completed 30 years of service, whichever is earlier, is reviewed to ascertain if he/she is liable for compulsory retirement.

In the latest round, most of the officials are of the deputy,

additional and joint commissioner ranks. However, two officials were serving as commissioners while one held an even more senior designation of principal commissioner, sources said.

These officials have been

facing charges of corruption, harassment of taxpayers, bribery and accumulating disproportionate assets. For instance, the principal commissioner O P Meena is accused of favouring a lawyer quid pro quo when he was a commissioner of appeals in Lucknow.

Similarly, Sailendra Mamidi, a commissioner, was arrested by CBI in a a bribery case. He was also accused of soliciting favours from assessees. Another commissioner P K Bajaj too was allegedly involved in bribery and also faced accusation of irregularities in orders passed by him as commissioner of

appeals. He was also found to have indulged in bigamy.

The prime minister in his recent Independence Day address said that some black sheep in the tax administration may have misused their powers but the government won't tolerate such behaviour.

Though 56(J) has existed for several decades, it has sparingly been invoked. The first Modi government made an attempt to make use of this rule but even it could get only about 230 officers to leave government service before their scheduled superannuation on grounds of non-performance/lack of integrity.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Mumbai, September 27

RBI GOVERNOR SHAK-TIKANTA Das-headed FSDC sub-committee on Friday reviewed the economic scenario as well as financial markets that impinge on the stability, the central bank said in a statement.

The Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) comprising heads of different regulatory bodies and finance ministry officials was set to deal with macro prudential and financial regularities in the Indian financial sector.

While FSDC is chaired by the Union finance minister, the subcommittee is headed by the

Sub-Committee reviewed the major developments in global and domestic economy and financial markets

Reserve Bank of India governor.

that impinge on the financial stability," the RBI said. It discussed about measures

to promote interest and competition in stressed asset markets, enhancing the scope of Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) to more effectively monitor group exposures, issues relating to credit rating agencies and audit quality.

The sub-committee also discussed measures to strengthen the systems against frauds. It also deliberated on revisiting the framework for early warning signals.

#### Mumbai airport runway to be Faceless assessment not mandatory for users without e-a/c, PAN partially shut for five months

Mumbai, September 27

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New Delhi, September 27

THE CENTRAL BOARD of

Direct Taxes (CBDT) on Friday

'compulsorily retired' 15 more

THE MAIN RUNWAY of the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (CSIA) in Mumbai will be partially shut between November 1, 2019 and March 28, 2019 for major rehabilitation work. The closure is likely to affect flight operations from one of the busiest airports in Asia. The runway will not be avail-

able for aircraft operations between 9:30 am to 5:30 am from Mondays to Saturdays during this period for re-carpeting work. It will be operational on Sundays and on some holidays, including Christmas day, and January 1, 2020, MIAL said in a release. The airport's secondary runway will be available for operations during the

"Airlines were informed well ahead of scheduled shut downs

tominimise disruptions," a MIAL spokesperson said. MIAL is a joint venture between a consortium led by the GVK group and the Airports Authority of India.

Budget carrier GoAir, which currently operates 96 daily flights to and from Mumbai, may have to cancel some flights. The airline is working with MIAL on finalising the effective flight schedule for minimising the impact of runway closure on the passengers, the airline's spokesperson said.

SpiceJet is still assessing the

impact it will have on flight operations, the airline spokesperson said. A spokesperson from Vistara said that the closure will have no major impact on its flight operations. Spokesperson from another budget carrier said it was also informed of the shut down ahead of schedule, and is assessing the impact of the closure.

#### **FE BUREAU** New Delhi, September 27 THE INCOME-TAX DEPART-**MENT** will start faceless assess-

ment from October 8, 2019 but it won't be mandatory for taxpayers who don't have an e-filing account or a PAN, a directive Direct Taxes (CBDT) issued on Thursday stated. Further, in cases where the department has conducted raids and instances categorised under 'extraordinary circumstances' will also not be covered under the eassessment system.

Additionally, e-assessment will also not be necessary in cases which involve administrative difficulties, or have certain extraordinary circumstances and these will be exceptions for the new system, the circular said. Naveen Wadhwa, DGM at

Taxmann said, "Every year income-tax department pre-

STAGE STORTS SATISF scribes guidelines to be followed by the assessing officers for conducting e-assessment through e-filing portal. For the financial year 2019-20, similar guidelines have been issued. These guidelines include a list of cases where e-proceeding is not mandatory, like cases where

required to be made by the assessee or department. Further, the situations wherein personal hearing of assessee is allowed have also been prescribed."

examination of witness is

The circular added that even

in e-assessment process, certain cases can be considered where 'personal hearing or attendance' of the taxpayer would be warranted. This will be invoked in instances where books of accounts have to be examined or the taxman has invoked provisions of section 131 (power regarding discovery, production of evidence) of the I-TAct.

Further, the department would also seek personal appearance if examination of witness is required to be made by the assessee or the department and where a show cause

that the company has been

instructed not to carry out any

uncertain terms that related-

party transactions to not be

allowed. Also, (there should be)

no third-party involvement

without bankers' consent

(including fresh funding)," said

In another move, the com-

pany has also been asked to

submit a resolution plan in the

next two to three weeks' time, a

source said. FE had reported on

September 20 that the lenders

to Altico have asked private

equity funds (PEs) to infuse

cash-strapped NBFC. Repre-

sentatives of Clearwater Capi-

tal Partners, Varde Partners

and Abu Dhabi Investment

Council, shareholders in Altico,

lenders to restructure their

debt at a meeting on Monday.

It could not be immediately

lenders' demand.

**BSNL-MTNL:** 

FinMin turns

₹10,993 crore would be the

another source.

notice contemplating any adverse view is issued by the assessing officer, and assessee requests personal hearing to explain the matter. "The option provided to the

taxpayer to request for personal

hearing, in cases where a show

cause notice contemplating any

adverse view is issued by a tax

officer, would ensure that there is enough opportunity available to substantiate the facts in the course of assessments itself," Sandeep Jhunjhunwala, director at Nangia Advisors (Andersen Global) said. The circular further said that the assesses, who are part of the e-assessment system, will be 'required to produce

notice, communication or show cause issued by the assessing officer electronically through their e-filing account on the official portal of the department'.

their response, evidence to any

"It is further directed that

requisition of information in cases under e-proceeding should be sought after careful scrutiny of case records," the circular said. It added that all such e-assessment communication and notices to taxpayers should bear the document identification number (DIN), a policy initiated recently to ensure transparency in the process.

A national e-assessment centre (NeAC) has been recently set up in Delhi as part of the central government's plan to launch the faceless and nameless assessment for income tax payers. The NeAC will serve notices to assesses. specifying the issues, for selection of their case for assessment and after a response is received from them within 15 days, the Centre will allocate the case to an assessing officer using an automated system, a government notification had earlier said.

#### From the Front Page

#### Eye on growth: Key ministries told to fasttrack capex

ABOUT ₹1.36 LAKH crore, or 40.3% of the FY20 target, was spent by August end, compared with 44.1% of the relevant target achieved in the year-ago period.

On the difficulties faced by firms to secure bank guarantees to receive 75% of the arbitration awards from government entities as announced on August 23, Sitharaman said fees charged by the banks for guarantee are high and the matterwould be taken up with the Reserve Bank of India.

Among the CPSEs and other government undertakings, NHAI has recently released ₹3,300 crore to the contractors against a bank guarantee of ₹4,000 crore. Going by the diktat to release 75% of the claimed amounts, NHAI should have released ₹12,000 crore.

The industry has been complaining that the bank guarantee requirement for release of dues is imposing an additional cost on them as well as locking up their working capital. Banks tend to reduce the availability of working capital loans to firms which have accessed the

It may, however, be noted that the Budget capex size is not big enough to trigger investment revival. DK Srivasatava, chief policy adviser, EY India, wrote recently: "The direct contribution of the central government in the augmentation of the investment rate is quite limited.Both in FY19 and FY20, the Centre's capital expenditure relative to GDP is estimated to be 1.6% which is about 5% of the aggregate investment. Investment through CPSEs is estimated to be 2.4% of GDP in FY19 but is projected to fall to 2.1% in FY20."

Besides budgetary capex, the Centre also released ₹82,000 crore for creation of capital assets in the first five months of this fiscal, about 40% of the FY20 target of ₹2.07 lakh crore. It also approved release of extra budgetary resources worth ₹46,000 crore, the principal and interest of which are to be paid

from Budget in lateryears, in the first five months of this year.

The Centre's Budget capex is estimated to rise about 10% year-on-year in FY20 compared with ₹3.03 lakh crore in FY19 while the CPSEs would invest about ₹4.5 lakh crore, up 3.2% y-o-y. Under prodding by the government, many large CPSEs have accelerated their capital spending in recent years and they have also had to pay liberal dividends and buy back own shares to support a revenue-hungry government. While this was expected to slow their capex growth a bit in the current year, the latest corporate tax cuts might boost the cash position of CPSEs too.

#### SoftBank gives 'very public lesson' to founders in WeWork ouster

FIVE YEARS LATER, he invested \$20 million in Jack Ma's Alibaba Group Holding, a stake that's now worth more than \$100 billion.

That was just a warm-up for his unprecedented \$100-billion Vision Fund, raised in 2017. It's since put money into more than 80 companies in a dizzying array of sectors, from ride-hailing and genomics to vertical farms and satellites. In June, Son claimed his returns were 62% so far. But Silicon Valley venture capitalists were quick to cite WeWork as evidence of SoftBank's failures.

"Welcoming all the converts to the SoftBank is horrible position," wrote one VC on Twitter.

Now, SoftBank will have to decide whether to write down the value of its stake. The We Co IPO has been delayed for now, but when it does occur, the market may value the company at about a third of its valuation when Son last put money into it.

Neumann didn't make it to Pasadena last week, according to the person. But as the festivities wound down on Thursday, WeWork's board and its institutional investors, including Soft-Bank, arrived at a consensus: WeWork's IPO could not proceed with Neumann at the

for long-time SoftBank directors Ron Fisher and Mark Schwartz to get WeWork's cofounder to come around. On Tuesday, he stepped down from his CEO role, taking the title of

helm. It took another three days

non-executive chairman. SoftBank's strategy of taking non-controlling stakes in the world's leading tech companies and encouraging them to cooperate means that Son doesn't have direct influence on how they are run. But the massive infusions of cash, ranging from about \$100 million into the billions of dollars, come with accelerated growth schedules and an increased need for cash.

"If you are dependent on someone to provide the funding, it doesn't matter how much they own," Bernstein's Lane said. "In the case of WeWork, the public markets clearly weren't willing to step in. Their only viable option was the Vision Fund."

WeWork isn't SoftBank's first intervention. Its investment in Uber Technologies included a deal to block controversial co-founder Travis Kalanick from taking a CEO or

chairman position. More recently, Brandless CEO Tina Sharkey stepped down in March in a move that's been attributed to growing tension with its shareholder. SoftBank had agreed to invest \$240 million in instalments in the maker of unbranded goods last year. Tensions had arisen when SoftBank began pressuring the company to turn a profit, according to news site The Information, which cited people with knowledge of the discussions who it didn't name.

"Founders who really scale businesses like WeWork have to be ambitious and a little bit crazy," said Steve Kaplan, professor at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. "But it's a rare founder who can go from starting a company to building it into a giant."

For entrepreneurs who gathered in Pasadena last week, the lessons of WeWork are only now becoming clear. Among the SoftBank portfolio companies that have yet to go public are ride-hailing giants Didi Chuxing and Grab and

Indian finance start-up Paytm. But even as his lieutenants were laying the groundwork for Neumann's ouster, Son took the stage to tell entrepreneurs that daring and ambition are still a winning for-- Bloomberg mula.

#### Most valuable brands: HDFC Bank retains top rank for sixth time in a row

THE BRANDZ TOP 100 Most Valuable Global Brands study reported an 8% decline in value of the top 20 global

B2B technology services, including brands like Tata Consultancy Services (No. 3) and Infosys (No. 11), was the second largest category, commanding a combined \$27.8 billion in brand value. Asian Paints and Maruti Suzuki were the other brands on the

top 10 list. Jio, which has established its larger ambitions beyond telecom, was the fastest riser in the 2019 ranking. The brand managed to solidify its place in the top 10 list at No. 9 with a 34% increase in brand value to \$5.5 billion. Last year, Jio came in at No. 10 with an estimated brand value of \$4.1 billion. Telecom brand Airtel retained its rank at No. 4 with a decline in brand value of 10% from \$11.5 billion to \$10.3 billion.

The report for the first time saw the inclusion of Vodafone Idea in the top 75 list at No. 24 with a brand value of \$2.5 billion. The merger of Vodafone and Idea make the combined entity eligible for the study which focusses only on Indian brands.

Indian unicorn brands Oyo (\$2 billion), Swiggy (\$1.6 billion) and Zomato (\$1 billion) were newcomers to the ranking at No. 30, No. 39 and No. 61, respectively. The BrandZ Top 75 Most

Valuable Indian Brands ranking is based on market data from Bloomberg, consumer insights from around 3.7 million consumers globally, and includes opinions from around one lakh Indian consumers on 1,000 brands in 80 categories.

#### With no local partner, Jet resolution to get delayed

**BEFORE SETTING SIGHT on** Jet Airways, German Efromovich, owner of the Synergy Group, tried to buy Italian airline Alitalia. Last week, the group met with the lenders of Jet Airways and the civil aviation ministry officials to

glomerate, FDI can go up to 74%, which is the maximum

itly not an airline. Synergy Group's advisor in the resolution process did not respond to FE's email till the

The Synergy Group's advisor had earlier told FE that it expects the Jet Airways' lenders to take a haircut. The financial creditors alone have admitted claims worth over ₹8,200 crore with Jet Airways, data on the airline's website shows. So far, creditors have submitted total claims worth ₹30,907 crore, of which claims of around ₹14,000 crore have been admitted by the RP. Jet Airways was grounded on April 17 this year and insolvency proceedings against the airline were initiated on June 20.

Ailing Altico in talks with 3 strategic investors AS REGARDS CURRENT opera-

apprise them of its plans.

As earlier reported, civil aviation ministry officials had expressed concerns on whether Synergy would be able to find a domestic partner to comply with the foreign direct investment (FDI) regulations for the aviation sector. As per the regulations for the sector, a foreign airline can directly invest up to 49% in a scheduled Indian carrier. However, the rule applies only to those entities which directly own an airline. If the foreign entity is an investment arm or private equity fund or an industry conpermissible investment that can be held by a foreign investor, provided it is explic-

time of going to the press.

down DoT's Suitor search: ₹74,000-cr revival package THE COMPONENTS OF the revival package drawn up by the DoT was as follows: The VRS payout would entail a cost of ₹29,182 crore, another

tions at the company, sources cost in terms of payout of retisaid that it had stopped lending ral benefits by advancing the fresh loans about 10-11 retirement age from 60 to 58 years. The allotment of 4G months back, while current business entailed funding the spectrum would cost ₹20,410 existing commitments of the crore and another ₹13,202 borrowers. "Lenders have not crore would be the capex asked to stop these, rather take a required to rollout the 4G serpause for 10-15 days". However, banking sources have claimed The DoT's logic was that

related-party transactions or loss of ₹13,804 crore on a rev allow any third-party involveenue of ₹18,865 crore in FY19 ment without lenders' consent. would require giving VRS to all Bankers are expected to meet its employees plus repayment of its total debts which would separately on execution of ICA or any further course of action. cost around ₹95,000 crore. As "Bankers have begun the opposed to it, a revival package of ₹74,000 crore would cost valuation of the company and less and by reducing its workforensic audit in keeping with force and allocating it 4G spec the procedure," said a banking source. However, the crisis-ridtrum would make the com den wholesale NBFC has been pany competitive. told to refrain from giving any fresh loans. "Bankers have stated to the company in no

closing down BSNL, for

instance, which posted a net

It had also argued that strategic disinvestment of BSNL would not work out as there may not be any takers for it considering the current financial stress in the telecom industry.

The optimistic projection underlying the revival blueprint was that BSNL would see its net loss widen to ₹18,231 crore in FY20 but thereon it would start narrowing and come down to a loss of ₹5,432 crore in FY21. It would post a net loss of ₹396 crore in FY23 and then break into a profit of ₹2,235 crore in FY24.

#### more equity capital into the **UN General** Assembly: Modi wants are understood to have asked world to stand united against terrorism ascertained whether any of the PE partners have agreed to the

THE CCIT INTENDS to criminalise all forms of terrorism and deny terrorists, their financiers supporters access to funds, arms and safe havens. "The lack of unanimity

amongst us on the issue of terrorism, dents those very principles, that are the basis for the creation of the UN, Modi rued.

Noting that India is a country

that has given the world, not

war, but Buddha and his

message of peace, Modi said,

"And that is the reason why,

rings with seriousness and the outrage." "And that is why, for the sake of humanity, I firmly believe

our voice against terrorism, to

alert the world about this evil

that it is absolutely imperative, that the world unites against terrorism, and that the world stands as one against terrorism," he asserted.

Modi said the largest number of supreme sacrifices made by soldiers of any country for

UN peacekeeping missions is from India. At least 160 Indian peacekeepers have paid the ultimate price while serving

with the United Nations. Modi said the world is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, whose message of truth and non-violence is "very relevant for us even

today, for peace, development

and progress in the world". He said India was one of the leading nations in the fight against climate change, though its contribution to greenhouse gas emissions was "very low" as he elaborated on the steps taken

by his government to fight

"On one hand, we are working towards achieving the target of 450 GW of renewable energy, and on the other hand, we have also taken the initiative to create the International Solar Alliance,

climate change.

he said. Modi said one of the effects of Global Warming was the increasing number and severity of natural disasters, and at the same time "they are appearing in new areas

and in new forms". "In view of this, India has initiated the formation of the 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI). This coalition will help build infrastructure which can withstand natural

disasters," Modi said.

He told the gathering that India was initiating a very large campaign to make the country a plastic-free nation. India has been advocating for the elimination of single-use plastic for long and Modi has used several international platforms to emphasise on the product's ban.

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Please refer to our FOR SALE NOTICE published in Visalandra and Financial Express on 27-09-2019. It is hereby informed that the SALE NOTICE referred above in the name of the company Ommitted to mention the Reserve price in publication dated 27/Sep/2019, the Reserve Price will be Rs.13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs) for each machine mentioned the said publication. Remaining other contents are unchanged. SD/-AUTHORISED OFFICER

For PRIMECCENTRIC

#### PRIMECCENTRIC

Register office: SY-20 28/21 Road- 28 Prajapathi Elite 2 Mayuri Nagar Hyder Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500049 CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the Advertisement published earlier giving notice about Registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of Companies Act, 2013, this is to inform all concerned that the said advertisement shall wholly be substituted as under:

#### Form No. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about Registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act (Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014)

 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Hyderabad that PRIMECCENTRIC, a Partnership Firm may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal object of the company is to carry on the Business of Cross boarder e-commerce trading

3. A copy of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Company may be inspected at the Registered Office at SY-20 28/21 Road-28 Prajapathi Elite 2 Mayuri Nagar, Hyder Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500049.

I. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No 6, 7, 8 sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana) -122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2019 SATYA BHARGAV NEKKANTI

#### ALLAHABAD BANK (A Govt. of India Undertaking) Head Office: No.2, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700 001. Zonal Office: Himayathnagar, Hyderabad. Branch: :Hyderabad Main

through online portals.

3-5-782 E GROUND FLOOR OPP GOVT HOSPITAL KING KOTI HYDERABAD-500029.Ph: 040-23211255 Email :br. hyderabad@allahabadbank.in E-Auction of Property ON 05.11.2019 under SARFAESI Act 2002

Details of the Immovable property: Equitable Mortgage of flat No.203 in first floor, House No.11-6-296/203, in Sri Krishna Towers,

with plinth area of 815 square feet (including common area), along with an undivided share of land admeasuring 29.00 square yards out of total land admeasuring 915.60 square yards, both the parts of the plot no.28, in survey no.2, situated at Cherukutota Colony, Saroomagar Village, Saroor nagar Mandal, under GHMC LB Nagar Circle, RR. Dist and bounded by: East: Plot No.272, West Parvathi Bai Plot, South: Neighbors Plot, North: Road, Boundaries of Flat: East: 5' Wide Corridor, West: Open to Sky, South: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky

Name of the Borrower (s):	Ms Poleni Haritha [Borrower and Mortgagor]
Name of Guarantor/Mortgagor (s):	Mr Poleni Yadagiri Rao [Guarantor]
Amount of Secured debt	Rs.15,80,992/- + Interest till date of realization of Bank's dues. (Rupees Fifteen Lac Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Two only)
Reserve Price	Rs.16,14,000.00 (Rupees Sixteen Lac Fourteen Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.1,61,400.00 (Rupees One Lac Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Only)
Last Date & time for Submission of Process compliance Form with EMD amount	On 4 th day of November 2019 up to 5.00 P.M.
Date and time of e-Auction	On 5 th day, November 2019 between 1.00PM to 2.00PM with unlimited extension. Bid Incremental amount is Rs 10,000/
Detail of encumbrance, Outstanding Dues of Local Self Govt, Electricity, Property tax, Municipal Tax, etc. if any known to the Bank:	There is no encumbrance on the property described above to the best of knowledge & information of the Authorized Officer.
For further details and Terms & Conditions, contact: Ms. Abirami, Branch Manager, Hyderabad Main Branch Ph.: 040-23211255 040-23215939 Mob. 9840105292 E-mail: br. hyderabad @allahabadbank.in	For downloading further details and Terms & Conditions, please visit: (i) https://www.allahabadbank.in (ii)https:// www.tenders.gov.in iii) https:// www.ibapi.in iv) https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com, Ms Sridevi at M/s Antares System Limited, 8500289475 Helpdesk: 18001026185 & 080-49352000

Date: 24.09.2019, Place: Hyderabad Authorised Officer, Allahabad Bank



Name of Corporate Debtor

Sayeed Plaza, Lakdi-ka-pul, Saifabad, Hyderabad 500004. Phone: 040-2321 0745, Fax: 040-2323 3295. Email: cohydsamd@pnb.co.in POSSESSION NOTICE HOLWOYSDIE OF IMMOVSDIE ORODERWI

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Puniab National Bank, Branch** Himayath Nagar, Hyderabad under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 09-07-2019 calling upon the borrower – Sri Natikala Vijay Sai Baba Prop: M.S.N.B Graphics and Designers, Door No.15-09-233/2, New Ganesh Temple, Gauliguda, Hyderabad, Telangana State (A/c No.497800IB00000016) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.8,44,885.59 ps (Rupees Eight lakhs forty four thousand eight hundred eight) five and paisa fifty nine only) as on 30-06-2019 plus interest w.e.f 01-06-2019 + costs, charges expenses etc., thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

guarantors/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession o the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on this 24th Day of SEPTEMBER, 2019. The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Movable assets and any dealings with the Movable assets will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank, Himayath Nagar branch, Hyderabad for an amount of Rs.8,44,885.59 ps (Rupees Eight lakhs forty four thousand eight hundred eighty five and paisa fifty nine only) as on 30-06-2019 plus interest, costs and expenses thereon from 01-06-2019 less amounts already paid after demand notice.

**Description of Movable Property** 

Date: 24-09-2019 Sd/- Authorized office Punjab National Bank Place: Hyderabad

#### Public Announcement

(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016) FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF M/s SRK FOOD PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED

> RELEVANT PARTICULARS M/s SRK FOOD PRODUCTS PRIVATE LIMITED

2.	Date of Incorporation Of Corporate Debtor	02/07/2011
3.	Authority Under Which Corporate Debtor Is Incorporated / Registered	Companies Act 1956, ROC, Hyderabad
4.	Corporate Identity No./Limited Liability Identification No.of corporate debtor	U15122TG2011PTC075321
5.	Address of the Registered Officeand Principal Office (if any) of Corporate Debtor	H.NO.17-1-391/T/250, SARASWATI NAGAR, SAIDABAD, HYDERABAD 500059
6.	Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	25th September 2019 (Order was pronounced on 17th September 2019)
7.	Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
8.	Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	Prabhakar Rao Kammula IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01467/2018-2019/12339
9.	Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	39-4-1, S5 Koduru Enclave, Picchaiah Street, Labbipet, Vijayawada 520 010, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh E-Mail: ip.srkfoods@gmail.com Mobile No. 98481 24608
10.	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution Professional	301, 3rd Floor, Bhaya's Fantastika,D.No. 8-2-684/A, Road No 12, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad- 500034, Telangana State. E-mail: ip.srkfoods@gmail.com
11.	Last date for submission of claims	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
12.	Classes of creditors, if any, under clause(b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	
13.	Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorised Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	Not Applicable
14.	(a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized	Weblink: www.ibbi.gov.in/downloadform.html Physical Address : Not Applicable

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencemen of a corporate insolvency resolution process of M/s SRK Food Products Private Limited, on 25 The creditors of M/s SRK Food Products Private Limited, are hereby called upon to submit their

claims with proof on or before 9th October, 2019 to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means. Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 Place: Hyderabad

representatives are available:



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FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA 16-20, BARAKHAMBA LANE, NEW DELHI-110001

#### RECRUITMENT NOTICE

The Food Corporation of India (FCI), one of the largest Public Sector Undertakings ensuring the food security of the Nation, invites only ONLINE APPLICATIONS for the posts of MANAGER (GENERAL/DEPOT/ MOVEMENT/ACCOUNTS/ TECHNICAL/CIVIL ENGINEERING/ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING/ HINDI in its Depots and Offices spread all over the Country from eligible candidates who fulfil the prescribed qualifications, age, experience etc.

 Candidates may apply Online through www.fci.gov.in For details regarding eligibility criteria, reservation, age, etc., candidates may

please refer to the detailed advertisement published in 'Employment News/Rozgar Samachar' dated 28th September, 2019 or in the FCI website www.fci.gov.in 3. Submission of Online Application Form will commence from 28-09-2019,

10:00 Hrs. The last date for Online application is 27-10-2019 till 16:00 Hrs.



**AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED** (CIN: L65922RJ2011PLC034297)

Regd. & Corp. Office: 201-202, 2nd Floor, Southend Square, Mansarover Industrial Area, Jaipur-302020

Tel: 0141-6618800, Fax: 0141-6618861, website: www.aavas.in Email: investorrelations@aavas.in

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019, at Jaipur Inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half-year ending on September 30, 2019.

The information contained in this notice is also available on the Company website www.aavas.in and also on the website of the stock exchange at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com

For AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED

Date: September 27, 2019

Sharad Pathak Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

**DELHI JAL BOARD : GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NW) II H-BLOCK: SECTOR-15: ROHINI: DELHI-110089 PH: 27851040 (E-MAIL eenw2.djb@gmail.com)

PRESS NIT No. 32 (2019-20) **Press Notice Tender** 

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender	Earnest Money/ Tender Fee	Date of release of tender procurement solution/I.D.No.	Last date/ time of receipt of bid through e-procurement solution
1.	Replacement of old/damaged encroached water lines for removing deficiency of JJR pockets A-4, B-2, B-4, C-1, C-2, D-1, D-2, D-3 and D-4 of sector-20 Rohini under EE(NW)II	-	Rs. 3,06,300/- Rs.1000/-	26.09.2019 2019_DJB_180999_1	15.10.2019 upto 3:00 pm
ISS	ther details in this regard can be seen at <b>https</b> : UED BY PRO (WATER) t. No. J.S.V. 405/2019-20	://govtprocureme	ent.delhi.gov.ir	5	Sd/- JTIVE ENGINEER (NW) I

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GOLD AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments. ("Facility")

availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an auction of pledged gold ornaments on Oct 09, 2019, as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account /change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online https://gold.samil.in between 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For detailed Terms and conditions, please log into given website. In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs. Loan A/C No. | Customer Nam

Branch Name: Kanhangad 117005001405 | Kavitha K Branch Name: Kasaragod Marine Drive

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Place : Ernakulam, Kasaragod, Kollam, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Pathanamthitta

**Authorised Officer** For ICICI Bank Limited





## Chairman's Address at the





#### Dear Shareholders,

My heartiest greetings to you all on behalf of SJVN and its employees.

Your participation in our business is one of the fundamental drivers of SJVN's sustained growth and its contribution to the Power landscape of the country. Protecting shareholder interests through sustained value creation is top priority for the Company. I thank you heartily for your continued support.

Three decades of sustained hardwork and excellence has enabled your Company carve itself a place amongst its peers in the Power Sector. Through sheer performance and execution, SJVN has transformed from a single project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) into a diversified Power major having presence in six states and two neighbouring countries.

It gives me great pleasure to present the 31" Annual Report of your Company for the financial year 2018-19. The Audited Financial Statements of the Company along with the Reports of the Auditors and Directors for the year 2018-19 are presented for your approval and I take this opportunity to share the achievements of your company during the past year with you.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2018-19

momentous years in the history of the Company.

As head of Team SJVN, my heart is filled with pride, to see the growth of our organization with a rich legacy of hard work & dedication. I am pleased to share with you that your Company is progressing in leaps & bounds towards the shared vision of achieving 5000 MW installed capacity by 2023, 12,000 MW by 2030 and 25000 MW by 2040. I am delighted to inform our Shareholders that the past year has been one of the most eventful and

During the year, two of our Hydro Projects namely Arun-3 HEP and Naitwar Mori HEP have progressed into construction stage. Major Civil, Electrical and Hydro-Mechanical works for Naitwar Mori HEP have been awarded. Diversion of River Tons within one year of laying the foundation stone is testimony of the Company's Hydro Power expertise and professional competence of our dedicated employees.

Generation license for our overseas project Arun-3 Hydro Electric Project has been issued by Government of Nepal on 3" May 2018. Arun-3 HEP is a project of International importance for both India and Nepal and is under constant scrutiny of governments of both the countries. I inform with great pleasure that all four major work packages for the Project have been awarded and construction is going on in full swing. Investment approval has also been accorded for Indo-Nepal portion of 217 km Transmission line from Arun-3 Power House (Diding) to Nepal Border (Bathnaha) on 28" February 2019. Tendering and awarding of all five packages of transmission component are under process.

We have made appreciable progress on Luhri Stage -1, Sunni Dam, Devsari and Jakhol Sankri Hydroelectric projects. It will be my priority that we obtain the necessary clearances and approvals for these projects within this year, and start the construction works at the earliest. We are also making efforts to make the Dhaulasidh HEP financially viable by optimizing cost and seeking some concessions from the Government of Himachal Pradesh

Amongst other major developments, CCEA accorded investment approval for the Buxar Thermal Power Project on 8" March 2019 and Foundation stone was laid by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 9" March 2019. Main plant works as single EPC package have been awarded.

Jangi Thopan Powari HEP with proposed capacity of 780 MW located on river Satluj in Distt. Kinnaur of Himachal Pradesh has been allocated by GoHP to SJVN on 24" November 2018.

On the renewables front, Commissioning and Commercial Operations of all 25 WEGs of 50MW Sadla Wind Power Project have also been completed. Your Company is now a 2015 MW company.

On the Operational front, despite exceptionally poor hydrological conditions during the year, Company's major operational Hydro projects namely NJHPS and RHPS managed to perform fairly well. A total of 8435 MUs of Energy was generated by the Company during the year, out of which 8335 MUs were generated by Hydro Power Projects and remaining 100 MUs by Solar/ Wind Power Projects. Nathpa Jhakri Hydro Power Station surpassed the milestone of generating a cumulative 100 billion units electricity in this fiscal.

The financial performance of the Company continues to remain robust. The Revenue from operations increased by ₹426 crore to ₹2656 crores compared to ₹2230 crores during previous year. Profit After Tax increased by ₹139 crore to ₹1364 crores compared to ₹1225 crores during previous year.

An interim dividend of ₹1.50 per share was paid in the month of February 2019. In addition, your Board has recommended a final dividend of ₹0.65 per share. Thus, subject to your approval, a total dividend of ₹2.15 per share is proposed to be paid for FY 2018-19 as against ₹2.10 paid during the previous.

performance and ensuring overall organizational efficiency and effectiveness in the long run. For its exceptional operational, financial and organizational performance,

At the organizational level, the implementation of Enterprise Resource

Planning (ERP) system has been initiated which will help in boosting

your company has been consistently earning 'Excellent/Very Good' MoU rating for last many years. The banner has been flying high and will continue to do so.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2019-20

Your company's Management and employees are moving closer to their milestones with each passing day. In the first guarter of the Financial Year 2019-20, against the annual target of 9100 MU for excellent rating, 3200 MU of power has already been generated. Out of this, NJHPS generated 2465 MUs, RHPS generated 691 MU, Renewable Power Projects have generated a total of 44 MUs till 30th June 2019.

In the subsequent quarters, SJVN aims to achieve the assigned target of 9100 MUs of generation, as per the MoU signed with the Ministry of Power. Even in terms of revenue realization from sale of energy, we plan to beat the target of ₹2450 crores.

#### MACRO ECONOMIC SCENARIO AND GOVERNMENT POLICY

Access to reliable and affordable energy supply is an important factor affecting the quality of life and economic development in any country. Therefore, the Government is committed to ensure 24 X7 power supply for all. Towards this goal, many important milestones have been achieved and the year 2018 has been historic as electricity reached every village on 28" April, 2018 under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY) and Electrification of 99.99% households across the country was achieved under "Saubhagya" Scheme. Energy deficit has been reduced to almost zero and India has emerged as net exporter of electricity. India's rank has improved to 24 in 2018 from 137 in 2014 on World Bank's Ease of doing business -"Getting Electricity" Ranking.

Several steps have been taken to reform and strengthen the power sector as a whole including power generation, transmission and distribution. These also include not only achievements in capacity addition but also important reforms being undertaken on increasing energy efficiency and increasing accountability and transparency by launching Mobile applications like PRAAPTI, Ash Track etc.

In order to encourage Renewable Generation, Government extended the waiver of ISTS Transmission charges and losses for Solar and Wind based Projects upto March 2022 and also issued Long Term Growth trajectory Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for Solar as well as Non-Solar till the year 2022.

Off-late, the Government has recognized that, besides being environment friendly, hydropower has several other unique features like ability for quick ramping, black start, reactive absorption etc. which make it ideal for peaking power, spinning reserve and grid balancing/ stability. Further, hydropower also provides water security, irrigation and flood moderation benefits, apart from socio-economic development of the entire region by providing employment opportunities and boosting tourism etc. The importance of hydropower is increasing even more as the country has targeted to add 160 GW of intermittent Solar and Wind power by 2022 and 40% of the total capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030 to honour its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for Climate Change. Consequently, Government has undertaken special measures and incentives to promote and support Hydro Power Sector which is good news for your company. Major reform initiatives are being taken by Ministry of Power which include addressing various issues being faced by electricity sector through draft amendments proposed in Electricity Act 2003 and Tariff Policy, 2016.

other things, has brought large hydro projects (above 25 MW) within the ambit of renewable energy which entails a paradigm shift in country's Power landscape.

The Union Cabinet approved a new Hydro Electricity Policy that, amongst

The Policy makers have at last recognized that there has to be an ideal

thermal, hydro and renewables mix. Each of the three sources has its own advantages and disadvantages. Hydro is one of the few sources where you can get peaking power which is critical for grid stability. Other highlights of the new Hydro Electricity Policy include - Hydro Purchase Obligation (HPO) as a separate entity within non-solar Renewable Purchase Obligation; The trajectory of annual HPO targets will be notified by Ministry of Power based on the projected capacity addition plans in hydropower sector; Necessary amendments will be introduced in the Tariff Policy and Tariff Regulations to operationalize HPO. Tariff rationalization measures including providing flexibility to the developers to determine tariff by back loading of tariff after increasing project life to 40 years, increasing debt repayment period to 18 years and introducing escalating tariff of 2%. Budgetary support for funding flood moderation component of hydropower projects on case to case basis; and Budgetary support for funding cost of enabling infrastructure i.e. roads and bridges on case to case basis as per actual, limited to ₹1.5 crore per MW for upto 200 MW projects and ₹1.0 crore per MW for above 200 MW projects. All these measures spell good news for your Company in specific and Hydro Power Segment in general.

## FUTURE BUSINESS STRATEGY

viable and enable construction of these Projects.

Your Management's highest priority would be to execute the projects in hand, with special focus on projects under construction, within the planned schedule. Obtaining necessary approvals for Luhri Stage I, Sunni Dam, Devsari HEP and Jakhol Sankri HEP in this year is targeted. It is heartening to note that Government of Himachal Pradesh is considering the relaxation of its Power Policy to harness the untapped hydro potential of the State. This would go a long way in making Hydro Projects in the State economically

As a part of plan for accomplishing our cherished vision of achieving 5000 MW installed capacity by 2023, 12,000 MW by 2030 and 25000 MW by 2040, the Management has formulated aggressive strategies which include both organic as well as inorganic modes for growth. A Board level Business Expansion Committee has been constituted and also a dedicated Business Expansion Cell has been formed within the organization to identify, assess and implement various avenues for growth and expansion of business. The Company is already charting out expansion strategies like acquisition of stressed companies through NCLT or otherwise, formation of consortiums & strategic partnerships with peer group CPSEs/established players for bidding of power projects in India and South East Asia, acquisition of existing projects in various stages of survey & investigation or construction or O&M, adding new hydro projects in portfolio via MoU route etc.

The Status of Operational Plants and other ongoing Projects has been amply covered in the Directors' Report and hence, I would only like to mention that in addition to the Operational Plants having combined installed capacity of more than 2015 MW, the other projects, namely, Luhri (Stage I & II), Sunni Dam, Dhaulasidh and Jhangi Thopan Powari in Himachal Pradesh; Devsari, Naitwar Mori & Jakhol Sankri projects in Uttarakhand; Arun-3 in Nepal; Kholongchu project in Bhutan; Buxar Thermal Power Project in Bihar; Solar & Wind Projects in Gujarat; totalling up to 4786 MW of capacity, are at

#### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

different stages of construction and development.

Your Company's resolve towards its social and environmental obligations is amply displayed, in the way it functions and operates. We believe in optimum utilization of resources, for environment friendly socio-economic development resulting in growth with sustainability. The challenges ahead are big, but I am sure that the expertise and drive of our employees will see us

Responsibility and Sustainability Policy which is in consonance with the Companies Act, 2013 and the DPE Guidelines on CSR & Sustainability-2014. Your Company spent a total amount of ₹40.25 crore on CSR and Sustainability activities during FY 2018-19 which is ₹5.40 crore more than 2.00% of the average net profit during

Your company has formulated and adopted a well perceived Corporate Social

demonstrates your Company's firm commitment towards its social obligations in letter and spirit. Your Company is engaged in a wide

last three years i.e ₹34.85 crore. This

spectrum of CSR & Sustainability Projects & activities in verticals like



Healthcare, Sanitation (including Swachh Bharat Mission), Education and Skill Development, Empowerment of vulnerable section of Society, Sustainable Development, Preservation and promotion of Culture, heritage and iconic places, Promotion of Sports, Assistance to the victims of natural disasters/ calamities, Infrastructural development and Community Asset

Creation etc. It gives me great satisfaction to share that CSR initiatives of your company have stood the test of time and have been widely acclaimed at various national and international forums.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

As a listed company, SJVN has been complying with the requirements of Corporate Governance under the SEBI LODR Regulations and also Guidelines issued by Department of Public Enterprises, Government of India. In this regard, your company has been constantly achieving "Excellent" rating for compliance with 'DPE Guidelines on Corporate Governance' under the 'Corporate Governance Grading System' prescribed by DPE.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the continued and immense support and co-operation received from the Government of India, State Governments of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Maharashtra and Gujarat, the Governments of Nepal and Bhutan, other Governmental and Non-Governmental agencies; Statutory, Cost, Secretarial and Internal Auditors; our Customers; Business associates who have supported the Company; various Financial Institutions & Bankers and Regulatory authorities. Above all, I acknowledge the unstinted support received from the Shareholders, Investors and Partners in the growth of the Company and thank them for their continued confidence and trust in the Management.

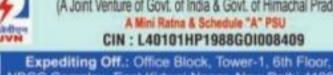
I also convey my thanks and appreciation to my esteemed colleagues on the Board for their valuable support and guidance, to my team of dedicated and hardworking employees for reposing their faith in me and granting me the opportunity to steer this wonderful institution.

Thanking you.

Nand Lal Sharma Chairman & Managing Director DIN: 03495554

Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) (This does not purport to be a record of the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting)





(A Joint Venture of Govt, of India & Govt, of Himachal Pradesh) A Mini Ratna & Schedule "A" PSU CIN: L40101HP1988G0I008409

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower

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Prabhakar Rao Kammula Interim Resolution Professional IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01467/2018-2019/12339 **FINANCIAL EXPRESS** 

from 26" September 2019.

#### FUND NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM

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This Notice Cum Addendum sets out changes to be made in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI) of Tata Mutual Fund. Appointment of Director of Tata Trustee Company Ltd. effective

Mrs. Padmini Khare Kaicker, aged 54 years, has been appointed as an Independent Director of Tata Trustee Company Limited.

Educational Qualification: Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Certified Public Accountant (USA), Diploma in Business Finance from Institute of Chartered Financial Analyst of India.

Experience: She is a Managing Partner in B. K. Khare & Co Chartered Accountants since 1994. She has a rich experience of audits of large Indian Organizations and Multinational Companies. She has also handled assurance and compliance aspect of public offerings and private placements of shares and other securities. She has been involved in corporate restructuring exercise such as amalgamations, demergers, due diligence and valuations. She is currently a Director on the Board of Rallis India Limited, Kotak Mahindra Investments Limited, Tata Chemicals Limited, Mumbai Mobile Creches and Tata Cleantech Capital Limited.

#### Notes:

This notice cum addendum will form an integral part of the SAI.

 All other terms & conditions of the SAI read with other addendums if any remain unchanged.

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market

risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

Corporate Identity Number: TTCL - U65991-MH-1995-PLC-087722



#### **HERITAGE FOODS LIMITED** CIN: L15209TG1992PLC014332

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#### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29, 33, 43 and 47 other applicable Clauses of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 30th October, 2019 at the Registered Office of the Company at Hyderabad, inter-alia to consider, approve and take on record the Un-Audited Financial Results (Standalone and Consolidated) for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30th September, 2019, Limited Review Report of the Statutory Auditors of the Company on the Un-Audited Financial Results (Standalone & Consolidated) for the Quarter and Half Year ended 30th September, 2019 and apart from other items as per the agenda.

In terms of the Code of Conduct to Regulate, Monitor & Report by Insider Trading in Securities of the Company, the Trading Window for the transacting the equity shares of the Company has been closed from 1st October, 2019 to 48 hours from the meeting of Board of Directors.

This notice is also available on the Company's website at www.heritagefoods.in and also on BSE & NSE website at www.bseindia.com & www.nseindia.com respectively.

For Heritage Foods Limited

Mutual Fund

Place: Hyderabad Date: 27.09.2019 Umakanta Barik Company Secretary M. No: FCS-6317

#### **BOI AXA Mutual Fund**

CIN: U65900MH2007FTC173079

(Investment Manager: BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited)

Registered Office: B/204, Tower 1, Peninsula Corporate Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013

NOTICE-CUM-ADDENDUM NO. 4/2019-20

NOTICE-CUM-ADDENDUM TO THE SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENTS ("SID") AND KEY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ("KIM") OF VARIOUS SCHEMES OF BOI AXA MUTUAL FUND ("FUND") AND STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ("SAI") OF THE FUND.

1. Collecting Permanent Account Number ("PAN") in respect of Non- PAN folios for investing in Schemes of BOI AXA Mutual Fund ("the Fund")

Unitholders are requested to note that in terms of SEBI circular no.Cir/IMD/DF/9/2010 dated August 12, 2010 with regard to updation of investor related documents with effect from October 1, 2019, any redemption request (or related request) will not be accepted and/or processed if PAN or PAN exempt KYC is not updated for all the unitholders in the folio. Redemption and related transactions will be accepted and processed only after PAN or PAN exempted KYC Number is updated in the folio. Investors who wish to update their PAN can visit <a href="https://www.boiaxamf.com">www.boiaxamf.com</a> for online updation or submit a copy of self-attested PAN at

any of the investor service centers of BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited ("the AMC") or Karvy Fintech Private Limited

2. Change in Benchmark index of BOI AXA Large & Mid Cap Equity Fund

("Registrar and Share Transfer Agent" with a request letter quoting their folio.)

Investors are requested to note that the Benchmark Index of BOI AXA Large & Mid Cap Equity Fund ("the Scheme") hereby stands revised as follows, with effect from October 1, 2019:

Scheme Name	Existing Benchmark	Revised Benchmark
BOI AXA Large & Mid Cap Equity Fund (An Open Ended Equity Scheme investing in both large cap and mid cap stocks)	BSE 200 Total Return Index	S&P BSE 250 LargeMidCap Total Return Index

This Notice-cum-Addendum forms an integral part of the SID/KIM of the scheme and SAI of the Fund (collectively "Documents"). All other terms and conditions appearing in the Documents being modified through this Addendum remain unchanged.

> For BOI AXA Investment Managers Private Limited (Investment Manager for BOI AXA Mutual Fund)

> > Authorised Signatory

Place : Mumbai Date: September 27, 2019

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

**L&T Mutual Fund** 

6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brindavan, Plot No. 177 C. S. T. Road, Kalina

**call** 1800 2000 400 email investor.line@Intmf.co.in Santacruz (East), Mumbai 400 098 www.ltfs.com

L&T Financial Services Mutual Fund

#### **NOTICE (No. 19 of F.Y. 2019 – 2020)**

Notice is hereby given that L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Limited, the Trustees to L&T Mutual Fund ("the Fund"), has approved declaration of dividend (subject to adequacy and availability of distributable surplus) under the dividend options of the below mentioned scheme on October 03, 2019, the record date ("Record Date") as given under:

Name of the Scheme	Quantum of Dividend (₹ per unit)	Face Value (₹ per unit)	Net Asset Value ("NAV") as on September 26, 2019 (₹ per unit)
L&T Business Cycles Fund – Regular Plan – Dividend Option	0.70	10	13.452
L&T Business Cycles Fund – Direct Plan – Dividend Option	0.90	10	13.974

Pursuant to payment of dividend, NAV per unit of the dividend options of the aforesaid schemes will fall to the extent of the payment and statutory levy (if any).

Distribution of the above dividend is subject to the availability and adequacy of distributable surplus and may be lower to the extent of distributable surplus available on the record date.

Past performance of the aforesaid schemes may or may not be sustained in future.

The dividend will be paid to those unit holders, whose names appear in the register of unit holders of the aforesaid schemes as at the close of the business hours on the Record Date.

Under the dividend re-investment facility, the dividend declared will be re-invested at the ex-dividend NAV.

Please note that in case the aforesaid Record Date falls on a non-business day, the next business day would be considered as the Record Date.

For L&T Investment Management Limited (Investment Manager to L&T Mutual Fund)

Date: September 27, 2019 Place: Mumbai

**Authorised Signatory** 

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.



801, 802 & 803, 8th Floor, Windsor, Off C.S.T. Road, Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai 400 098

#### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in terms of the Notice dated on June 6, 2019, the Board of Directors of Edelweiss Asset Management limited ("the AMC") and Edelweiss Trusteeship Company Limited ("the Trustee") had decided to temporarily suspend all subscriptions made via fresh/additional investments including switch-in transactions, in the following Schemes of Edelweiss Mutual Fund with effect from June 7, 2019 till further notice:

1. Edelweiss Low Duration Fund;

Place: Mumbai

Date: September 27, 2019

2. Edelweiss Short Term Fund; and

3. Edelweiss Corporate Bond Fund

It has now been is decided to reopen the acceptance of subscriptions via fresh/additional investments including switch-in transactions, fresh registration by way of Systematic Investment Plan (SIP), Systematic Transfer Plan (STP) and other special products/facilities offered under the Schemes (if applicable), with effect from October 1, 2019 ("Effective date").

Investors are requested to take note of the aforesaid.

Prior to making investments, investor(s)/Unit Holder(s) are requested to carefully read the relevant addenda, reflecting in detail the consequent amendments to the Scheme Information Document ('SID') and Key Information Memorandum ('KIM'), available at Investor Service Centres and also available on www.edelweissmf.com.

For Edelweiss Asset Management Limited

(Investment Manager to Edelweiss Mutual Fund)

Radhika Gupta Chief Executive Officer

For more information please contact: Edelweiss Asset Management Limited (Investment Manager to Edelweiss Mutual Fund)

CIN: U65991MH2007PLC173409

Registered Office: Edelweiss House, Off C.S.T Road, Kalina, Mumbai – 400098

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MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO MARKET RISKS, READ ALL SCHEME RELATED DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY.

Union Mutual Fund

Place: Mumbai

Date: September 27, 2019

Union Asset Management Company Private Limited

Investment Manager for Union Mutual Fund

492009, Chhattisgarh.

Corporate Identity Number (CIN): U65923MH2009PTC198201

Registered Office: Unit 503, 5" Floor, Leela Business Park, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400059

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Fax No: 022-67483401;
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 Email: investorcare@unionmf.com



NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM TO THE SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT (SID) AND KEY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM (KIM) OF ALL EXISTING SCHEMES OF UNION MUTUAL FUND

Investors are requested to take note of the change in the address of the below mentioned Customer Service Centers and Official Points of

Acceptance of Union Mutual Fund, applicable to all existing Schemes of Union Mutual Fund, with effect from October 01, 2019:

Change in address of Customer Service Centers and Official Points of Acceptance of Union Mutual Fund:

Centre Old Address New Address Union Asset Management Co. Pvt. Ltd. 320, 3rd Floor, Union Asset Management Co Pvt Ltd. Office No - 309, Starlit Indore Starlite Tower, 29 Y. N. Road, Indore 452001 Tower, 29, Yeshwant Niwas Road, Indore - 452 001 Raipur Union Asset Management Co Pvt Ltd, Shop No. T - 18, 3rd Union Asset Management Co. Pvt. Ltd. 36/127 T. D., 3rd Floor, Raheja Tower, Jail Road, Fafadih Chowk, Raipur Floor, D.M. Plaza, Chota Para (Pt Bagwati Charan Shukla

It may be noted that necessary/incidental changes, if any, shall be made in the SID and KIM of aforementioned Schemes in the above

The SID and KIM of the aforementioned Schemes will stand modified to the extent mentioned above.

This Addendum forms an integral part of the SID and KIM of the aforementioned Schemes.

All other terms and conditions of the SID and KIM of the aforementioned Schemes will remain unchanged.

For Union Asset Management Company Private Limited (Investment Manager for Union Mutual Fund)

Ward No. 36), Raipur, Chhattisgarh - 492001

MUTUAL FUND INVESTMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO MARKET RISKS, READ ALL SCHEME RELATED DOCUMENTS CAREFULLY.

Statutory Details: Constitution: Union Mutual Fund has been set up as a Trust under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882; Sponsors: Union Bank of India and Dai-ichi Life Holdings, Inc; Trustee: Union Trustee Company Private Limited [Corporate Identity Number (CIN): U65923MH2009PTC198198], a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 with a limited liability; Investment Manager: Union Asset Management Company Private Limited [Corporate Identity Number (CIN): U65923MH2009PTC198201], a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 with a limited liability.

Copy of all Scheme Related Documents can be obtained from any of our AMC offices/Customer Service Centres/distributors as well as from our website www.unionmf.com.



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Sponsors: Reliance Capital Nippon Life Insurance Company

Authorised Signatory

#### RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(CIN - L65910MH1995PLC220793)

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NOTICE NO. 73 **DIVIDEND DECLARATION** 

**Record Date** October 03, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Trustee of Reliance Mutual Fund ("RMF") has approved declaration of dividend on the face value of Rs. 10/- per unit in the undernoted scheme of RMF, with October 03, 2019 as the record date:

Name of the Scheme(s)	Dividend (₹ per unit)*	NAV as on September 26, 2019 (₹ per unit)
Reliance Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Fund - Series I - Dividend Option	0.3087	10.3298
Reliance Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Fund - Series I - Institutional Plan - Dividend Option	0.3087	10.3300
Reliance Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Fund - Series I - Direct Plan - Dividend Option	0.3186	10.3398

\*As reduced by the amount of applicable statutory levy. Pursuant to payment of dividend, the NAV of the Schemes will fall to the extent of payout,

and statutory levy, if any. \*The dividend payout will be to the extent of above mentioned dividend per unit or the difference of NAV from the last declared dividend record date till the record date mentioned above, whichever is higher. However the payout will be subject to the available distributable surplus in the Scheme as on the Record date. The specified Transaction period for Reliance Interval Fund - Quarterly Interval Fund - Series I is on 3rd & 4th October, 2019 (both business days). The following shall be applicable for application received during the specified transaction period.

For Subscriptions including Switch-ins under Dividend Option

In respect of valid applications for subscriptions received up to 3:00 p.m. on the aforesaid Record Date along with a local cheque or a demand draft payable at par at the place where the application is received, the Ex-Dividend NAV of the day on which application is received shall be applicable. The investors will not be eligible for dividend declared, if any, on the aforesaid Record Date. In respect of valid applications for subscription received after 3:00 p.m. on the aforesaid Record Date and/or up to 3:00 p.m.

on the second day of the Specified Transaction Period the closing NAV of the said second day shall be applicable; In respect of valid applications received after 3.00 p.m. on the second day of the Specified Transaction Period the closing NAV of the next working day shall be applicable, provided such a day is/has been declared as a Specified Transaction day for the fund. Otherwise, the application will be liable for rejection. In respect of purchase of units in Income/ Debt Oriented scheme with amount equal to or more than Rs 2 lakhs, the

applicable NAV shall be subject to the provisions of SEBI Circular Cir/IMD/DF/19/2010 dated November 26, 2010 and CIR/ IMD/DF/21/2012 dated September 13, 2012 on uniform cut-off timings for applicability of NAV. With regard to Unit holders who have opted for Dividend Reinvestment facility, the dividend due will be reinvested by allotting Units for the Income distribution/ Dividend amount at the prevailing Ex-Dividend NAV per Unit on the record date.

#### For Redemptions including Switch-out under Dividend Option

In respect of valid applications received up to 3 p.m. by the Mutual Fund, on the aforesaid Record Date the Ex-Dividend NAV of the date of receipt of application shall be applicable and the investors will be eligible for the dividend declared on the aforesaid Record Date. In respect of valid applications received after 3 p.m. on the aforesaid Record Date and/or up to 3.00 p.m. on the second day of the Specified Transaction Period the closing NAV of the said second day shall be applicable.

of beneficial owners maintained by the Depositories under dividend plan/option of the Schemes as on record date. All unit holders under the dividend plan/option of the above mentioned schemes, whose names appear on the register

For units in demat form: Dividend will be paid to those Unitholders/Beneficial Owners whose names appear in the statement

of unit holders on the aforesaid record date, will be entitled to receive the dividend.

#### NOTICE NO. 74

Processing of Redemption or Repurchase transactions without PAN in respect of Non-PAN-Exempt folios. Notice is hereby given that Reliance Mutual Fund ("RMF")/ Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management Limited ("RNAM") has decided

to restrict processing of Redemption or Repurchase transactions without PAN in respect of Non-PAN-Exempt folios with effect from September 30, 2019.

For all such Non-PAN-Exempt folios, investors are requested to update PAN by submitting suitable request along with PAN card copy at any of the Designated Investor Service Centre ("DISC") of RMF and then submit Redemption or new Systematic Withdrawal Plans (SWPs) requests. With respect to existing SWPs registered without PAN in Non-PAN-Exempt folios, the same shall be restricted with effect from October

16, 2019 till PAN is updated in the folio. For RELIANCE NIPPON LIFE ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(Asset Management Company for RELIANCE MUTUAL FUND)

Mumbai **September 27, 2019** 

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out in the Rules.

## India looks to ease foreign investment limits in govt bonds

**AFTAB AHMED & SWATI BHAT** New Delhi/Mumbai, September 27

**CENTRE IS LOOKING** to ease foreign investment limits in government bonds, as it seeks to get its securities included in global bond indexes in the next two years, three government officials with knowledge of the matter told *Reuters*.

New Delhi is considering creating a special window for foreign passive investors that focus on index investing, one of the officials added, even as it seeks to counter the risk posed by hot money flows from more actively managed funds.

The investors in the new window will not face the same caps as India currently has on such investments from foreign portfolio investors, the person



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the Companies Act, 2013 that Tuesday, 15" October 2019 has been fixed as the Record Date interest of 10.75% Unsecured Subordinated Rated Listed Non-Convertible Debentures (ISIN:INE245A08042) aggregating ₹1,500 crore, due on 31" October 2019

For The Tata Power Company Limited

H. M. Mistry

Company Secretary (FCS: 3606) Place: Mumbai Dated: 26" September 2019



7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, India Phone No. +91 11 24362200, 24360527

Fax +91 11 24364587 E-TENDER FOR IMPORT OF ONION

E-TENDER NO. MMTC / IMP/ONION / 2019-20/02 Dated 26\* Sep., 2019 Closing date 03th October, 2019

at 1500 Hrs (IST) MMTC INVITES OFFERS FOR IMPORT OF ONION

E-Tender is available on MMTC e-procurement website https:// mmtc.abcprocure.com

Copy of Tender Document can also be obtained from Dy. General Manager (AGRO) or can be downloaded from our Web Site:

www.mmtclimited.gov.in

https://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app

The officials, who asked not to be named as they were not authorised to discuss the matter publicly, did not provide any timeline as the issue is still in early stages of discussion.

The spokesman for the finance ministry did not reply to an email and message seeking comments, while the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) declined to comment.

and a removal of restrictions

on currency convertibility are among the criteria that firms operating global bond indexes consider before including any country and determining its weightage in such indexes.

India currently has limits on the amount of government and corporate bonds foreign investors can hold, and controls on the rupee's convertibility too.

Given its heavy dependence on imports for fuel and other needs, India is concerned rapid inflows or outflows from foreign investors could cause sharp volatility and impact its balance of payments and currency reserves.

Asia's third-largest econ-

omy has a debt market size of

around \$1.6 trillion, of which

only around \$92 billion is accessible to foreign investors. A second official said the RBI has also been meeting investors in global bond

Scheme - Plan/Option Name

statutory levy (if applicable).

documents carefully.

Tata Hybrid Equity Fund - Regular Plan\*

Tata Equity Savings Fund - Regular Plan\*

on the record date shall be eligible for dividend.

Tata Equity Savings Fund - Direct Plan\*

Tata Hybrid Equity Fund - Direct Plan\*

indexes to glean insights. An inclusion in such indexes would open India's bond market to a much deeper investor base, lower yields and potentially reduce the government's overall bor-

Chinese renminbi-denominated government bonds were added to the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate index in April. The inclusion is likely to happen over a 20-

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NOTICE

Unitholders are hereby informed about the declaration of dividend under the monthly dividend option\* of the

Pursuant to the payment of dividend, the NAV of the scheme would fall to the extent of the payout &

\*\*Subject to deduction of applicable Dividend Distribution Tax (D.D.T.) & other statutory levies. Dividend

All unitholders holding units under the above mentioned option of the scheme as at close of business hours

Considering the volatile nature of markets, the Trustees reserves the right to restrict the quantum of dividend

Applicable for units held in non-demat form: Dividend will be paid to those Unitholders whose names

appear in the Register of Unitholders under the Dividend Option of the aforesaid plan as on record date.

Applicable for units held in demat form: Dividend will be paid to those Unitholders/Beneficial Owners

maintained by the Depositories under the Dividend Option of the aforesaid plan as on record date. These

Mutual Fund Investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related

payouts would be done to the last bank/address details updated in Depository Participant(s) records.

\*(Monthly Dividend is not assured & is subject to the availability of distributable surplus).

distribution is subject to availability & adequacy of distributable surplus on the record date

upto the per unit distributable surplus available on the record date in case of fall in the market.

These payouts would be done to the last bank/address details updated in our records.

Gross Dividend Amount per

unit (₹) inclusive of D.D.T.

& other statutory levies \*\*

0.40

0.40

0.070

0.070

rowing costs.

following schemes. The record date for the same is 03 October, 2019.

country by next year.

The head of Bloomberg, global benchmark indices.

India's government and

— REUTERS



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NOTICE

(For Transfer of equity shares of the company to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) account)

NOTICE is hereby given to the shareholders of the Company that pursuant to the provisions of Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) effective from 7° September, 2016 and subsequently amended by Notification dated 28" February, 2017 (the Rules) the Final Dividend declared for the financial year 2011-12 which remained unclaimed for a period of seven years will be credited to the IEPF on last week of October, 2019. The corresponding shares on which dividend was unclaimed for seven consecutive years will also be transferred as per the procedure set

The Company will not transfer such shares to the IEPF where there is a specific order of Court / tribunal restraining transfer of such shares or where the shares are hypothecated / pledged under the Depositories Act, 1996.

In adherence to various requirements set out in the Rules, the Company has sent communication to all the concerned shareholders who have not claimed their dividend for last seven consecutive years at the latest available address, individually and accordingly whose shares are liable to be transferred to the IEPF Authority under the said Rules for taking appropriate action(s).

The Company has also uploaded complete details of such shareholder(s) and shares due for transfer to the IEPF Authority on its website www.easunreyrolle.com. Shareholders are requested to refer to weblink: https://easunreyrolle.com/investors relations verify the details of shares liable to be transferred to the IEPF Authority.

Shareholders are requested to claim the Final dividend declared for the financial year 2011-12 before the same is transferred to the IEPF.

The concerned shareholder(s) holding shares in physical form and whose shares are liable to be transferred to the IEPF Authority, may note that upon transfer of shares to IEPF Authority, the original share certificate(s) which are registered in their name will stand automatically cancelled and be deemed non-negotiable. In case of shares held in Demat Form, to the extent of shares liable to be transferred, shall stand debited from the Shareholders Account.

In case the Company does not receive any communication from the concerned shareholders by 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 related to unpaid dividend for the financial year 2011-12, the Company shall in order to comply with the requirements of the Rules, transfer the shares to the IEPF Authority by the due date as per the procedure set out in the Rules without any further notice to the shareholders. The Shareholders may note that once the dividend and their corresponding shares are credited to the IEPF Authority, no claim shall lie against the Company in respect thereof pursuant to the said Rules.

transferred to the IEPF Authority including all the benefits accruing on such shares, if any, can be claimed from the IEPF Authority by submitting an application in Form IEPF-5 to IEPF as prescribed under the Rules and the same is available on IEPF website In case the shareholders have any queries on the subject matter, they may contact the

Shareholders may also note that both the unclaimed dividend and corresponding shares

Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents at Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited, 2" Floor, "Kences Towers", No.1, Ramakrishna Street, North Usman Road, T Nagar, Chennai 600 017, Tel: 91 44 28140801 - 03, Fax: 91 44 82142479. E-mail ID: corpserv@integratedindia.in.

For Easun Reyrolle Limited

Date: 26.09.2019

Place: Chennai

PS Srinivasaraghavan Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

month period and draw significant capital flows into the

> Michael Bloomberg, has said his company would help India toward including its bonds in

> states'borrowing rose nearly 24% by the end of the year to March 2019 from 2015-16 levels.

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26 Sep, '19

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21 NO.	Name of work	lender IV	Submitting tender
1.	Supply of Chlorine Gas Wash Tower (1 No.)	2019_TCCL_303443_1	14.10.2019
2.	Supply of Nickel Tanks Made of S31008 (2 Nos.)	2019_TCCL_303528_1	14.10.2019
3.	Supply of Caustic Circulating Pump (2 Nos.)	2019_TCCL_303550_1	14.10.2019

All the relevant details and the tender document can be downloaded from the site. Amendments/Corrigendum if any will be published only in the Dy. General Manager (Projects) Date: 28.09.2019

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#### **NOTICE - DIVIDEND DECLARATION**

#### UTI Arbitrage Fund (Formerly known as UTI Spread Fund)

Name of the Plan	Quantum of Dividend (Gross Distributable Amt.)*		Record Date	Face Value (per unit)	NAV as on 26.09.19 (per unit)	
	%	₹ per unit	100001116	Mr. See See See	₹	
UTI Arbitrage Fund - Dividend Option Regular Plan	2.00	0.00	Thursday	₹10.00	16.0769	
UTI Arbitrage Fund - Dividend Option Direct Plan	0.80	0.080	October 03, 2019		17.0965	

#### UTI Fixed Income Interval Fund - Series - II Quarterly Interval Plan - VII

Name of the Plan	Gross Dividend (₹)	Record Date	Face Value (per unit)	NAV as on 26.09.2019 (per unit)	
UTI Fixed Income	*100% of	Thursday	₹10.00	Option	₹
Interval Fund - Series II - Quarterly	distributable surplus as on	October 03, 2019	CAMBONIAN II	Retail Existing Plan	10.1183
Interval Plan - VII (Div. sub option)	the Record Date			Retail Direct Plan	10.1230

The Specified Transaction Period will be Thursday October 03, 2019& Friday October 04, 2019 (Both the days inclusive)

Subscription for purchase of units/redemption of units/switch in/out under Retail Option will be accepted only during the Specified Transaction Period. The applicable price for purchase/ redemption of units will be based on ex-dividend NAV in case of dividend declaration during the Specified Transaction Period. As the units will be issued on ex-dividend basis, the unitholders for the units so issued will not be eligible for the past dividend.

\*Distribution of above dividend are subject to the availability of distributable surplus as on record date. Dividend payment to the investor will be lower to the extent of Dividend Distribution Tax.

Pursuant to payment of dividend, the NAV of the dividend options of the schemes would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy (if applicable).

Such of the unitholders under the dividend option whose names appear in the register of unitholders as at the close of business hours on the record date fixed for each dividend distribution shall be entitled to receive the dividend so distributed. The reinvestment, if any, shall be treated as constructive payment of dividend to the unitholders as also constructive receipt of payment of the amount by the unitholders. No load will be charged on units allotted on reinvestment of dividend.

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September 27, 2019

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#### **MONTECARLO LIMITED** Our Company was incorporated as Montecarlo Construction Private Limited on March 20, 1995 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat as a private limited company under the Companies Act, 1956. Subsequently, the name of our Company

was changed to Montecarlo Construction Limited, pursuant to its conversion into a public limited company, and a fresh certificate of incorporation, dated April 21, 2006, consequent to the conversion, was issued by the Registrar of Companies, Gujarat at Ahmedabad ("RoC"). The name of our Company was further changed to Montecarlo Limited and a fresh certificate of incorporation, dated March 21, 2012, consequent to the change of name, was issued by the RoC. For further details of change in name and Registered Office of our Company, see the section "History and Certain Corporate Matters - Changes in the Registered Office of our Company", on page 187 of the Draft Red Herring Prospectus dated September 26, 2019 ("DRHP"). Registered and Corporate Office: 706, 7th Floor, Shilp Building, Near Municipal Market, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad - 380 009; Tel: +91 79 7199 9300

Contact Person: Kalpesh Punamchand Desai, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer; E-mail: kalpesh.desai@mclindia.com; Website: www.mclindia.com; Corporate Identity Number: U40300GJ1995PLC025082

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFER OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹ 10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF MONTECARLO LIMITED ("OUR COMPANY" OR

PROMOTERS OF OUR COMPANY: KANUBHAI M. PATEL TRUST (REPRESENTED THROUGH ITS TRUSTEES),

KANUBHAI MAFATLAL PATEL, BRIJESH KANUBHAI PATEL AND MRUNAL KANUBHAI PATEL

THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [•] PER EQUITY SHARE INCLUDING A SHARE PREMIUM OF ₹ [•] PER EQUITY SHARE ("OFFER PRICE") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ [•] MILLION CONSISTING OF A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO [•] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ 4,500 MILLION BY OUR COMPANY ("FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 3,000,000 EQUITY SHARES ("OFFERED SHARES") BY KANUBHAI M. PATEL TRUST (REPRESENTED THROUGH ITS TRUSTEES) ("SELLING SHAREHOLDER") AGGREGATING UP TO ₹ [•] MILLION ("OFFER FOR SALE", TOGETHER WITH THE FRESH ISSUE, THE "OFFER"). THE OFFER WOULD CONSTITUTE [•]% OF OUR COMPANY'S POST-OFFER PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL. OUR COMPANY AND THE SELLING SHAREHOLDER MAY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS ("BRLMS") OFFER A DISCOUNT TO RETAIL INDIVIDUAL BIDDERS ("RETAIL DISCOUNT") IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA (ISSUE OF CAPITAL AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS, 2018, AS AMENDED ("SEBI REGULATIONS"). OUR COMPANY MAY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRLMS, CONSIDER A PRE-OFFER PLACEMENT OF AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ₹ 1,000 MILLION ("PRE-IPO PLACEMENT"). THE PRE-IPO PLACEMENT, IF UNDERTAKEN, WILL BE AT A PRICE TO BE DECIDED BY OUR COMPANY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRLMS, AND THE PRE-IPO PLACEMENT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO FILING OF THE RED HERRING PROSPECTUS WITH THE ROC. IF THE PRE-IPO PLACEMENT IS UNDERTAKEN, THE AMOUNT RAISED FROM THE PRE-IPO PLACEMENT WILL BE REDUCED FROM THE FRESH ISSUE, SUBJECT TO THE OFFER SIZE SATISFYING THE MINIMUM ISSUE SIZE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SECURITIES CONTRACTS (REGULATIONS) RULES, 1957, AS AMENDED ("SCRR"). THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES IS ₹ 10 EACH. THE OFFER PRICE IS [•] TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES. THE PRICE BAND AND

THE MINIMUM BID LOT WILL BE DECIDED BY OUR COMPANY AND THE SELLING SHAREHOLDER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRLMS, AND WILL BE ADVERTISED IN: (I) [•] EDITIONS OF ENGLISH NATIONAL DAILY NEWSPAPER, [•], (II) [•] EDITIONS OF THE HINDI NATIONAL DAILY NEWSPAPER, [•], AND (III) [•] EDITION OF THE GUJARATI NEWSPAPER, [+] (GUJARATI BEING THE REGIONAL LANGUAGE OF GUJARAT, WHERE OUR COMPANY'S REGISTERED OFFICE IS LOCATED), EACH WITH WIDE CIRCULATION, AT LEAST TWO WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE BID/OFFER OPENING DATE, AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BSE LIMITED ("BSE") AND NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE OF INDIA LIMITED ("NSE", TOGETHER WITH BSE, THE "STOCK EXCHANGES") FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPLOADING ON THEIR RESPECTIVE WEBSITES. In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days following such revision of the Price Band, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In

cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/Offer Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs"), other Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Bank, as

This Offer is being made in accordance with Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI Regulations. This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in accordance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs" and such portion the "QIB Portion"), provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholder, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis ("Anchor Investor Portion"). Atleast one-third of the Anchor Investor Portion shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds only, subject to valid Bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price, 5% of the QIB Portion (excluding the Anchor Investor Portion) shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only, and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders (other than Anchor Investors), including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders, in accordance with the SEBI Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process providing details of their respective bank account (including UPI ID in case of RIBs, if applicable) which will be blocked by the SCSBs, or the bank accounts linked with the UPI ID, as applicable, to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA process. For details, see the section "Offer Procedure", beginning on page 342 of the DRHP.

This public announcement is being made in compliance with the provisions of Regulation 26(2) of the SEBI Regulations to inform the public that the Company is proposing, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to undertake an initial public offering of its Equity Shares and has filed a DRHP with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") on September 27, 2019. Pursuant to Regulation 26(1) of the SEBI Regulations, the DRHP filed with SEBI shall be made public for comments, if any, for a period of at least 21 days from the date of such filing, by hosting it on the websites of SEBI, at www.sebi.gov.in and the Stock Exchanges i.e. www.bseindia.com and the websites of the BRLMs, i.e., Edelweiss Financial Services Limited, Axis Capital Limited and HDFC Bank Limited at www.edelweissfin.com, www.axiscapital.co.in and www.hdfcbank.com, respectively. Our Company invites members of the public to give their comments on the DRHP to SEBI and/or the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer of the Company and/or the BRLMs with respect to disclosures made in the DRHP. The members of the public are requested to send a copy of their comments sent to SEBI, to the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer and the BRLMs at their respective addresses mentioned below. All comments must be received by the Company and/or the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer or the BRLMs at their respective addresses in relation to the Offer, on or before 5 p.m. on the 21" day from the aforementioned date of filing of the DRHP with SEBI. Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and bidders should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Bidders are advised to read the risk

factors carefully before taking an investment decision in respect of the Offer. For taking an investment decision, bidders must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares in the Offer have neither been recommended nor approved by the SEBI nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of this Draft Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the bidders is invited to the section "Risk Factors", beginning on page 24 of the DRHP. For details of the share capital and capital structure of the Company, see the section "Capital Structure" beginning on page 71 of the DRHP. For details of the main objects of the Company as contained in the Memorandum of Association, see the section "History and Certain Corporate Matters" beginning on page 187 of the DRHP. **BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS** 



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Date: September 27, 2019

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For MONTECARLO LIMITED On behalf of Board of Directors

Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

MONTECARLO LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its Equity Shares and has filed the DRHP with SEBI. The DRHP is available on the websites of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and is available on the websites of the BRLMs i.e., www.edelweissfin.com, www.axiscapital.co.in and www.hdfcbank.com. Bidders should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to the same, see "Risk Factors" on page 24 of the DRHP. Potential bidders should not rely on the DRHP filed with the SEBI for making any investment decision and such investment decision must be made solely on the basis of the Red Herring Prospectus ("RHP") once filed with the RoC. The Equity Shares when offered through the RHP, are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges.

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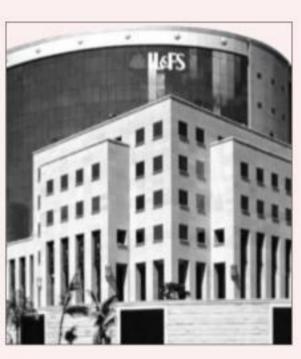


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#### **IL&FS invites Eols to sell** AIF management biz

THE IL&FS GROUP on Friday invited expressions of interest (EoIs) for the acquisition of the group's alternative investment fund management business. Interested parties have till October 11 to send EoIs. The group has engaged JM Financial and Apwood Capital to assist in the process. EoIs have been invited for the sale of 50.42% issued and outstanding equity shares of IL&FS Investment Managers, 86.60% issued and outstanding equity shares of IL&FS Infra Asset Management and 100% equity shares of IL&FS InfraAMC Trustee. Additionally, the board wants to sell 879 units held by IL&FS Financial Services in its infrastructure debt fund. These units have a current net asset value of ₹134.3 crore.

#### EST Group may invest \$250 m in Indian start-ups

SWISS-BASED EST GROUP on Friday said it is planning to invest \$250 million (around ₹1,770 crore) in next 18 months into Indian startups that are focused on fintech applications and related business models. The group is bullish about India market and believes that when markets are slow they provide new opportunities, its chief executive officer and director Sindhu Bhaskar said in a statement.

#### Elgi Equipments opens Europe HQ in Belgium

ELGI EQUIPMENTS, ONE of the world's leading air-compressor manufacturers with 2 million installations across 100 countries, announced the opening of its new European headquarters in Belgium. Jairam Varadaraj, CEO, said, "We're proud of what we've built at ELGi. Over the years, our definition of ₹Always Better'has ensured we are focused on always being the customer's choice.

#### Mphasis sets up new facility in Hyderabad

MPHASIS, A BANGALURU-BASED information technology solutions provider specialising in cloud and cognitive services, inaugurated a new facility in Hyderabad, as part of a plan to expand its footprint in the city. The new centre would help build on the work the company does across verticals.

#### VFS Global opens centre for Lithuania visa

VFS GLOBAL, A visa outsourcing and technology services company, has rolled out visa services in New Delhi for travellers to Lithuania. The visa application centre is equipped with facilities to accept all categories of Schengen visas for Lithuania, as well as biometric enrolment for the same.

#### Hyundai India launches 'H-Social Creator'

HYUNDAI MOTOR INDIA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Hyundai Motor India, has launched its parent's 'H-Social Creator' programme, inviting graduates and post-graduates to develop a novel idea based on three areas — road safety, environment and clean India. The idea should have the power to create a magnanimous impact. Applications for participation will be accepted till October 23, 2019.

#### MIAL bags best airport award in a category

MUMBAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MIAL) has received the Tourism Award 2017-18 under the best airport in class X cities category, the company said in a release on Friday. GVK-owned MIAL handled 48.8 million passengers in FY19. The award is given by the ministry of tourism on the occasion of World Tourism Day.

## Govt: SFIO findings on IFIN enough to prosecute auditors

**ANWESHA GANGULY** Mumbai, September 27

FINDINGS OF THE Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) against IL&FS Financial Services (IFIN) provide enough evidence to prosecute the company's former auditors, the Centre told the Bombay High Court on Friday. The government said this in a written reply to the writ petition filed in the high court by BSR & Associates, one of IFIN's former auditors, in August.

Last month, BSR & Associates filed the writ against the government's plea to ban the auditors of IL&FS for five years. The audit firm's petition said the government's cases are based on SFIO's investigation into IL&FS which is ongoing and incomplete. It contended that the court cannot take action against BSR based on interim findings of the investigative agency.

The high court on September 4 ordered an interim stay on all ongoing proceedings against BSR. It will hear the matter on

"Our understanding is that the SFIO's report on IFIN is complete and final. You cannot ask the government to wait for the report on all the over 300 group companies of IL&FS before taking action against involved parties. The government's reply broadly says there is no further evidence required, and that a fraud of such a large scale should be dealt with urgently," a person involved in the process said.

Following an SFIO investigation into the affairs of IFIN, the government had in May initiated criminal proceedings in the Bombay City Sessions Court against the

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Mumbai, September 27

ing Act cases, VC Barde.

been attached until now.

Gems, the application read.

amount of the banks, it said.

him and others, the plea said.

**DIAMANTAIRE MEHUL CHOKSI, a key** 

accused in the \$2-billion PNB fraud, claimed on Friday that his company Gitan-

jali Gems has "trade receivables" of over

claim in a plea filed before the special

judge for Prevention of Money Launder-

Enforcement Directorate (ED) to "secure"

all assets of Choksi and his firms, includ-

ing the trade receivables that have not

his assets, including trade receivables of

₹8,567 crore as shown in the consolidated

balance sheet of March 2017 of Gitanjali

₹6,097.63 crore so the trade receivables

were sufficient to pay off the entire loan

money as his entire business was closed

down after a case was registered against

a business to its customers when it delivers

The alleged proceeds of crime were

Choksi was not able to recover this

Trade receivables are amounts billed by

The ED has not yet attached number of

The absconding diamantaire made the

The plea sought a direction to the

₹8,000 crore, enough to repay his loans.

Can repay bank loans

says Mehul Choksi

with trade receivables,

goods or services.

October 10.

Nirav Modi.

the applicant.

In another application, Choksi urged

the court to direct the ED to interrogate

him in Antigua, where is living at present.

He also sought the court's permission to

appear before it through video conference

agency to file its reply to all these pleas by

jab National Bank is related to fraudulent

issuance of letters of understanding

(LoUs) to the companies of Choksi and

his nephew and absconding co-accused

bank to Indian banks having branches

abroad for granting a short-term credit to

LoU is a guarantee given by the issuing

The court asked the investigating

The scam at public sector lender Pun-

till he was "fit" to travel back to India.



former board of IL&FS and former auditors of IL&FS – Deloitte Haskin & Sells and BSR. The government had also moved the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) seeking to ban the firms from auditing practices for five years.

BSR in its petition urged the high court to declare the Section 140 (5) of the Companies Act, under which the government sought the ban on the auditor, unconstitutional. The Section 140 of the Company's Act deals with the removal and resignation of auditors. The sub-section 5 states that the NCLT may direct a company to change its auditors if the auditor has  $\hbox{``directly or indirectly acted in a fraudulent'}\\$ manner or abetted or colluded in any

fraud". The sub-section also allows the tribunal to ban such auditors for five years.

FE had on September 5 reported that the government plans to appeal against the HC's interim stay order in the Supreme Court (SC). The SC on Thursday upheld the HC's stay on proceedings against BSR. The SC observed that BSR's petition "...had raised arguable points" and should be dealt with elaborately and promptly.

The SC's order also allowed the government the liberty to appoint a new auditor. The government will file an application at the NCLT for the appointment of a new auditor in the coming two days, counsel Sanjay Shorey informed the tribunal

#### **CBI** arrests firm CMD in ₹106-cr bank fraud case

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, September 27

THE CBI HAS arrested chairman and managing director of Vindhyavasini Steel Corporation (VSCPL) Vijay Rajendra Prasad Gupta from Haridwar in connection with a ₹106-crore bank fraud case, officials said on Friday.

The case was registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on April 17 last year on a complaint from State Bank of India (SBI), they said.

It is alleged from 2011 to 2013, VSCPL, represented by Gupta and other directors,



entered into a criminal conspiracy with an intent to cheat SBI in availing loans. The CBI has alleged that VSCPL was sanctioned term loans and CC limit of ₹36 crore for purchasing land and building plant, besides another limit of ₹63 crore as working capital by SBI.

The company allegedly diverted the sale proceeds without repaying the loan. It is also alleged that the loan sanc-

tioned was diverted to third party, thereby causing a wrongful loss to the tune of ₹106.22 crore to SBI and corresponding gain to themselves.

### SC agrees to hear HDFC plea seeking insolvency action against RHC Holding

**INDU BHAN** New Delhi, September 27

THE SUPREME COURT on Friday agreed to hear HDFC's appeal seeking to initiate insolvency proceedings against RHC Holding, an entity promoted by billionaire brothers Malvinder Mohan Singh and Shivinder Mohan Singh for recovery of ₹41 crore.

A Bench led by Justice Arun Mishra sought response from RHC Holding and others on the HDFC's petition against the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's July order that had dismissed its petition against RHC Holding, which is engaged in the business of investment of shares, bonds, etc in group companies.

The NCLAT, while upholding the order of the principal Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal order, held that non-bank financial companies come under the purview of the RBI and should seek remedies from the central bank and not from the bankruptcy court. The tribunal on December 6 had also observed that RHC Holding was an NBFC as per the certificate of registration issued by the RBI and does not come under the purview of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).

Senior counsel KL Vishwanathan, appearing for HDFC, argued that mere NBFC registration is not sufficient to show that RHC falls within the definition of a financial services provider. The definition of financial services provider under Section 3(17) of the IBC says that a person must actually be engaged in the business, which means that it must be providing services on an ongoing basis and not as a one-time activity.

Besides, the business must be that of providing financial services and such business must be carried out in terms of an authorisation issued or registration granted by a financial sector regulator, the senior counsel said.

He added that the September 2016 report of the Committee to Draft Code on Resolution of Financial Firms stated that financial firms that do not handle consumer money and do not pose a systemic



risk may be covered under the Code. While RHC Holding had taken a loan of

₹200 crore from HDFC in April 2016 for repayment of the existing debts and other general corporate purposes, it had defaulted on paying its dues, thus prompting HDFC to move the NCLT claiming that even after adjusting the proceeds from the sale of pledged shares, an amount of ₹41.09 crore remained due.

According to the HDFC appeal, RHC had undertaken to pledge such number of shares of Religare Enterprises which will maintain the required cover (such value of pledged shares which will maintain the cover of 0.5 times of the outstanding amount under the facility) at all times Even Fortis Healthcare Holdings had undertaken to pledge Fortis Healthcare shares in favour of IL&FS Trust Company (security trustee) so as to maintain the cover of 1.5 times of the outstanding amount, it added.

Between August 2017 and September 2017, HDFC had sold over 28 lakh pledged equity shares of Religare for a net value of ₹12.81 crore and 10 lakh pledged shares of Fortis Healthcare for a net value of ₹14.53 crore. However, even after adjusting the proceeds from the sale of pledged shares, some amount remained outstanding, the lender said.

## Telcos get more time to implement MNP norms

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, September 27

TELECOM REGULATOR TRAI has extended to November 11 the deadline for implementation of new mobile number portability rules for consumers wanting to switch to a new operator without changing their mobile number.

The revamped mobile number portability(MNP) or port out rules aim to makes the entire process faster and simpler, and Trai has prescribed two-day timeline for port out requests within a service area, cutting the migration process from seven days.

The deadline for implementation of MNP Regulations, which was earlier slated to come into effect from September 30, 2019, was extended after the telecom operators and MNP Service Providers (MNPSPs) sought more time to perform testing before migration to the new process, in order to ensure that subscribers are not inconvenienced.

"According to the responses provided by TSPs (telecom service providers), MNPSPs and telecom department; the authority...has extended the timeline for implementation of ...mobile number



portability regulations, from September 30,2019 to November 11,2019,"Trai said.

"As per the discussions taken place during the meetings with MNPSPs and TSPs on 17.09.2019 and 23.09.2019, it was suggested that robust testing should be performed before migration to the new process so that the subscribers are not inconvenienced later for any system related issues," the sectoral watchdog said

The industry informed Trai that they still have to offer the 'acceptance testing' to the DoT in some of the service areas and added that additional time of two weeks is needed for robust internal and inter-operator testing (IOT) and another 2-3 weeks for the testing to be carried out by respective telecom enforcement resource and monitoring cells of the department.

### Virgin claims to offer most energy-efficient mass transportation system

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi/New York, September 27

TRANSPORT TECH FIRM Virgin Hyperloop One (VHO) on Friday said the Hyperloop system is poised to be the most energy-efficient mode of mass transportation globally.

Los Angeles-based Virgin Hyperloop, in conjunction with Climate Week NYC, made its announcement in New York City, where it is showcasing its XP-1 test vehicle from its Nevada test track, according to a statement.

Hyperloop is an ultramodern, superfast transport project planned to be implemented to link Mumbai and Pune, which are located around 200 km apart. The Maharashtra government has already accorded infrastructure status to the Mumbai-Pune ultrafast hyperloop transport project that seeks to reduce the travel time between the two cities to just 23 minutes.

Hyperloop will be able to transport people and goods at nearly 700 miles per hour in de-pressurised environment via magnetic levitation, the statement said, adding that it would be able to carry more people than a subway at airline speeds and with zero direct emissions," the statement said.

By combining an ultra-efficient electric motor, magnetic levitation, and a lowdrag environment, the VHO system will be 5 to 10 times more energy-efficient than an airplane and faster than high-speed rail using less energy, it added.

"VHO is currently working with the government of Maharashtra on a route between Pune and Mumbai. With a combined population of 25 million, the regional city pair sees more than 75 million commuting trips annually, a number which is expected to skyrocket to 130 million by 2026," the statement said.

Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin Group, said: "We need big ideas like hyperloop to reach zero-emission transport while rapidly connecting people and goods."

"As the world's population grows, especially our urban populations, global demands for rapid, seamless travel, and more efficient deliveries will continue to rise. We must meet demand in a way that is efficient, clean, and protects the future of our planet," said CEO Jay Walder.

Virgin Hyperloop One claims to be a company that has successfully tested its hyperloop technology at scale, launching the first new mode of mass transportation in over 100 years.

As far as the Maharashtra project is concerned, the FDI in the entire project is to the tune of ₹70,000 crore, as per a statement issued earlier. In the first phase, the project will be run on a pilot basis for 11.8 km in the Pune Metropolitan region at a cost of ₹5,000 crore, the statement added.

## PE investments were robust in August on high-value deals: Grant Thornton report

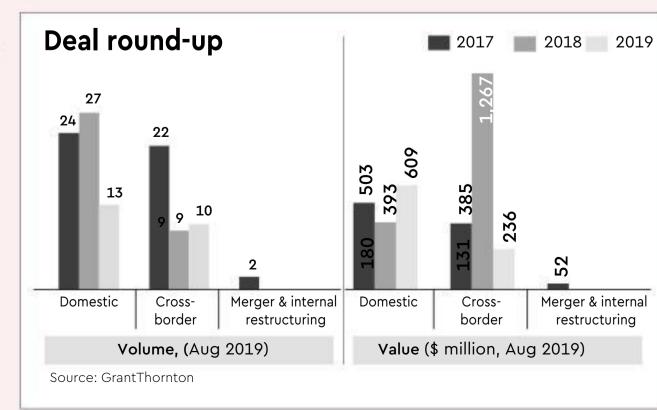
**FE BUREAU** Mumbai, September 27

**PRIVATE EQUITY (PE)** investment values recorded a 1.6x increase in August, compared to the same period last year, with deal values being driven by eight high-value investments of over \$100 million each, contributing 72% to the total PE investment value, said the Grant Thornton monthly PE dealtracker.

"However, compared to July 2019, August witnessed a significant downtrend in the deal activity with 2.6x fall in the investment value with a marginal 3% fall in volumes," the report Driven by GIC's \$622-million invest-

ment in IRB Infrastructure's BOT assets, the infrastructure sector dominated the PE investment values with 29% share. This deal is also the biggest infrastructure investment till date by a single sovereign wealth fund.

The start-up sector continued to occupy the larger share of volumes with 68%, dominated by investments in fintech companies, followed by data analytics and AI, retail and discovery platforms.



"This demonstrates a continued uptrend and consistently attracted investors amid the prevailing economic and political crisis. The month also displayed the potential of the IT sector with Uniphore raising its largest fund to date. It also marked one of the most substantial funding rounds in the conversational AI sector," it said.

Pankaj Chopda, director at Grant Thornton India, said while policy actions and missteps have played an important role in shaping the global economic events and their impact on the market sentiment, active policy stimulus will be the need of the hour to support deal activity in the face of adverse macroeconomic indicators.

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## Six non-production days at DICV plant in Sept-Oct



PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Chennai, September 27

R RAVICHANDRAN

Chennai, September 27

**AMIDTHE SLOWDOWN** in the automobile sector, Daimler India Commercial Vehicle (DICV), the subsidiary of Stuttgart-based Daimler, on Friday announced that there will be non-production days at its plant near Chennai in September and October.

THE LATIN NCAP (new car assessment

programme) has awarded a 4-star safety

rating to the India-made Ford Figo for

adult occupancy as well as child occu-

Latin American market, primarily Mexico,

is manufactured by the American brand

at its plant in Sanand, Gujarat, alongside

renowned safety accreditation body,

which promotes vehicle crash-tests in

emerging markets like India. Over the last

India-made cars are usually tested by the global NCAP, an internationally-

the India-specific Aspire sedan.

The vehicle, which is on sale in the

"DICV will have three non-production days in September and three in October," the company spokesperson said in a statement. "We are closely monitoring the situation and adjusting our production line depending on market demand," it said. Permanent employees have been granted additional vacation days.

The move follows the slowdown in the

few years, global NCAP has released the results models like the Renault Lodgy,

Maruti Suzuki's Swift, Vitara Brezza, Tata

the others passed. Nexon was the first

Made-in-India model to clear the test

with the highest score of five star, while

Mahindra's Marazzo and Maruti's Brezza

year, comes with standard four airbags

and standard electronic stability control.

As per the test report, these safety features

offered good to adequate protection for

the front occupants, with marginal pro-

tection for the driver's chest. A side-

impact collision revealed good levels of

Ford's Figo, which was updated last

While Lodgy and Swift failed the tests,

Nexon and Mahindra Marazzo.

achieved four-star rating

Daimler India currently has an over ₹5,000-cr manufacturing facility at **Oragadam near Chennai spread** across 440 acres. The company produces buses and trucks under

automobile sector that has forced many manufacturers and component suppliers to cut production and plan temporary plant closures.

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Daimler India currently has an over ₹5,000-crore manufacturing facility at Oragadam near Chennai spread across 440 acres. The company produces buses and trucks under various brands to serve both domestic and overseas.

Recently, Hinduja Group's heavy commercial vehicle maker Ashok Leyland announced non-working days at its various manufacturing facilities following weak demand.

Last month, Chennai-based TVS Group firm Sundaram-Clayton, Maruti Suzuki, and Hero MotoCorpo had announced suspension of production at their facilities in line with market demand.

## Maruti cuts price of Baleno RS by ₹1 lakh



**FE BUREAU** New Delhi, September 27

MARUTI SUZUKI HAS cut prices of the performance version of its premium hatchback - the Baleno RS – by ₹1 lakh, two days after the company reduced prices by ₹5,000 on several models.

poor demand for the model, which is over ₹1.2 lakh costlier than the standard Baleno. Launched in 2017, the Baleno RS comes with a 1.0-litre, 3-cylinder, turbocharged petrol engine while the standard Baleno comes with a 1.2-litre, 4-cylinder petrol engine. While sales of Baleno have been averaging at around 15,000 units every month, the RS variant sales stood at less than 2,000 units.

with isofix child restraint systems using

the top tether for the three years old

dummy and support leg for the 18-

months-old dummy, showing good pro-

tection levels. This result, however, was

not valid for the similarly looking Ford Ka

made in Brazil in any of its versions, the

chairman, said that the results show

most relevant regional markets are

aligning and offering more and more

mitted to offering vehicles that have bet-

ter levels of safety and equipment than

"Manufacturers such as Ford are com-

Ricardo Morales Rubio, Latin NCAP

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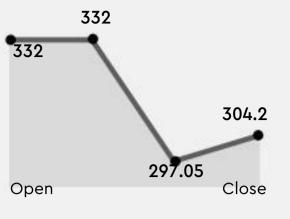
People aware of the development said the company is unlikely to upgrade the variant to the BS-VI emission standards and cut down on its production. Baleno RS is also not

Earlier on Wednesday, Maruti had reduced the prices of entry-level cars and dieselvariants of all products by ₹5,000. The models include cars like Alto 800, Alto K10, Swift Diesel, Celerio, Baleno Diesel, Ignis, Dzire Diesel, Tour S Diesel, Vitara Brezza and S-Cross. In a stock exchange notice, Maruti said that along with the above reduction, it has also reduced the ex-showroom price of Baleno RS by ₹1 lakh.

### Street Signs

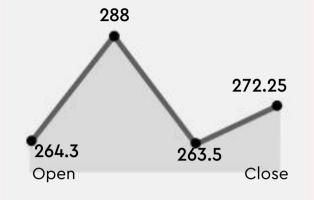
**Strides Pharma** 

Stock hits over 9-year 7.43% low as it suspends sales of ranitidine tablets in US



**Kolte Patil Developers** 

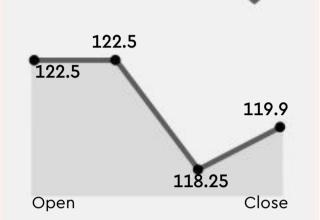
Shares surge with 11-fold 4.87% spurt over 20-day



**Tata Motors** 

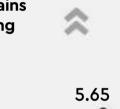
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Stock falls as JLR plans to 3.69% close its UK factories

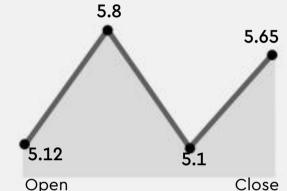


**Vodafone Idea** 

Scrip jumps even as **Credit Suisse maintains** 'underperform' rating



8.24%



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#### **CCI clears stake** acquisition in SABIC by Saudi Aramco

FAIR TRADE regulator CCI has given approval to the acquisition of 70% stake in Saudi Basic Industries Corporation by Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) for \$69.1 billion (around ₹4,87,569.6 crore). Through this acquisition, Saudi Aramco will have sole control over Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), the combination notice filed with Competition Commission of India (CCI) said. In India, SABIC is mainly active in the supply of agrinutrient and petrochemical products while Saudi Aramco is active in the supply of crude oil, LPG, base oil and petrochemical products.

#### Strides Pharma arm gets USFDA nod for drug

STRIDES PHARMA Science on Friday said its step-down wholly-owned subsidiary has received approval from the US health regulator for Solifenacin Succinate tablets, used to treat overactive bladder. The approved product is a generic version of Vesicare tablets of Astellas Pharma US. Strides Pharma Global, Singapore, has received approval for Solifenacin Succinate tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg, from the USFDA, Strides Pharma Science said in a filing. Citing IQVIA data, the company said the US market for Solifenacin Succinate tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg is approximately \$820 million.

#### 'Corp tax cut to improve India's competitiveness'

THE STEEPEST ever cut in tax that

companies pay will improve relative competitiveness of India and should help boost corporate investment over the medium-term, IHS Markit said in a report on Friday. The decision to implement the sweeping corporate tax reform measures reflects the slowdown in economic growth momentum in recent quarters as well as the need to improve India's international competitiveness as a manufacturing hub, it said. The economy has been facing headwinds in 2019 due to weakening domestic demand.

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listed on the company's official website anymore. The vehicle is priced at ₹8.89 lakh (exshowroom) and post the price cut and other prevaling discounts, it is available at around The massive price cut comes following ₹7.6 lakh.

protection for all areas, except the chest. those required by local regulations and

Both child dummies were installed strive for this information to reach con-

sumers," Rubio said.

India-made Ford Figo gets 4-star rating from Latin NCAP

Ford India makes Figo, Figo Aspire, Freestyle out of its Sanand plant in Gujarat. Figo, which was introduced in India a few years ago, has been the flagship product of Ford India for sometime now. It has undergone facelifts over the years and even it leads on the company's export front.

As per the SIAM data, Ford India made 45,398 units of Ford Figo, Aspire, Freestyle for the period of April-August 2019. Within this, the exports were much higher than the domestic sales at 29,043 units compared to 16,893 units in the domestic market.

## Nippon Life Insurance completes acquisition of 75% stake in RNAM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, September 27

NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE of Japan on Friday said it has completed the acquisition of 75% stake in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM) from Reliance Capital.

With this latest transaction, Nippon Life's total gross investment for RNAM stake is now over ₹7,800 crore, amongst the largest FDI inflows into India in the financial services sector, a statement said. The Japanese firm initially acquired 26% stake in 2012.

Nippon Life Insurance, a 130-year old company, is one of the largest life insur-



ance companies in Japan, managing assets of over \$700 billion.

The company, with operating profit of \$6.8 billion, has the largest market ance companies, employing over 70,000 employees and serving nearly 14 million customers worldwide. Total assets managed by Nippon Life Insurance are twice the size of the Indian mutual funds Nippon Life Insurance has shown

share in Japan among private life insur-

complete faith and commitment in the leadership team of RNAM led by executive director and CEO Sundeep Sikka, who will continue to lead the company along with rest of the management team, it said.

The company will continue to run its operations as is without any change in structure and management, it added.

## Strides suspends sales of ranitidine tablets in US

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA New Delhi, September 27

STRIDES PHARMASCIENCE on Friday said it has suspended sales of ulcer-treating tablet ranitidine in the US following the USFDA finding contamination in some of such medicines with potentially cancer causing impurities, N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA).

In a regulatory filing, the company said it has received an Information Request from the USFDA to provide test data related to NDMAimpurities in ranitidine tablets. "This data is to be provided to the agency in 30 days," Strides said.

While the company conducts the relevant tests mandated by the USFDA, Strides said it "has suspended sales of ranitidine tablets in the US market until such time it has clarity of next steps as would be indicated by the USFDA".

The company further said it predominantly sells ranitidine tablets in the US market, and its front end sales globally for the product were around \$9 million in the first half of 2019-20. "In spite of this temporary suspension of the ranitidine supplies, the company retains its FY20 growth outlook for the US markets," it said.

On Wednesday, Strides had said that the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has learned that some ranitidine products contain NDMA at low levels. The agency is examining the levels of NDMA in ranitidine and is evaluating any possible risks to patients. On the basis of a Citizen petition, the USFDA is reaching out to all formulation companies to perform tests to evaluate presence of NDMA in the product.



In a regulatory filing, Strides Pharma said it has received an Information Request from the USFDA to provide test data related to N-nitrosodimethylamine impurities in ranitidine tablets.

On Wednesday, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals had also announced recall of ranitidine hydrochloride tablets produced in India using API sourced from Saraca Laboratories following detection of genotoxic nitrosamine NDMA by authorities.

The company has also decided to suspend release, distribution and supply of all dose forms of ranitidine hydrochloride products to all markets, including India, as a precautionary action pending the outcome of ongoing tests and investigations.

In a separate filing, Strides said its stepdown subsidiary Strides Pharma Global Singapore has received nod from the USFDA for Solifenacin Succinate Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg, which is the generic version of Vesicare Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg, of Astellas Pharma US.

#### 'Mistrust between govt, businesses growing' PRESS TRUST OF INDIA cuts last week has resulted in more opti-

Mumbai, September 27

**BUSINESSMAN AJAY PIRAMAL** on Friday spoke out against the frequent raids, searches and lookout notices by various government agencies on corporates, and blamed these actions for creating a "mistrust" among the business community.

The head of the diversified Piramal Group refused to comment on the media reports of Japanese investor SoftBank backing out of a proposed deal with his NBFC arm. The comments on the business climate come at a time when many a too business leader, including L&T's AM Naik and others have been flagging these concerns. However, the massive corporate tax

It also comes at a time when regulators and enforcement agencies are very busy with actions like stopping Jet Airways founder Naresh Goyal from flying abroad, raiding Videocon group founders etc. Piramal chose to make the concerns public at the World Hindu Economic Forum, which began in the financial capital.

"Today I see there is a gap, there is mistrust between the people who are in power and the people who are wealth creators," he said. "Why do we need to have everything criminalised if there is a charge of an offence against you? With so much of information available, with so much of data available, do you need to have searches and raids? Do you need to have lookout notices issued? It does not give a positive feeling to any businessman," he said. "What is critical is that wealth creators get the respect they deserve."

Without mentioning the liquidity squeeze being faced by select entities, Piramal said availability of capital is also a challenge facing the country at present.

He said the high interest rate regime is another challenge, as it makes exports uncompetitive, and pointed out that domestic businesses pay up to 14% interest on borrowing against 2-3% in developed markets. The high interest rate is also impacting investments and consumption, he added.

## FB mulls equity in Indian tech start-ups, Twitter may follow

**M SARITA VARMA** 

Kovalam, September 27

FACEBOOK HAS COME forward to put direct equity in technology start-ups in India. Not to be left behind, Twitter cofounder Christopher Isaac Biz Stone too has promised to "get involved".

It was at the opening function of Huddle Kerala-2019, billed as "Asia's largest tech start-up congregation", in Kovalam on Friday that the top brass of the two social media giants made this commitment to Indian start-up eco-system.

Ajit Mohan, Facebook's vice-president and MD for India, made it clear that his company had "shown willingness to make direct investments in technology start-ups in India." He added that Facebook was "willing to spend time and energy to tap the massive depth of engineering talent in the country".

Close on the heels of the keynote



address by Mohan, Twitter co-founder Biz Stone spoke to the technopreneurs in a live video address. Referring fondly to his association with Sanjay Nediyara of Sieve Inc,

an AI-based project platform for freelancers worldwide, the Twitter co-founder said that he'd also "like to be involved" in the "good work".

Meanwhile, Mohan went on to recount the first minority investment that FB had done anywhere in the world, in a company called Meesho. What Meesho does is, it leverages on Indian women entrepreneurs, essentially pitching products to their friends and families. It focuses on skill-building and introduction of platforms to start-ups.

According to Mohan, the best thing about the model was it could bring 2,00,000 first-time female entrepreneurs online. "It is an innovation that was coming out of India, which can be exported to rest of the world," he said, adding that women's representation in technology is just 30-35% and such initiatives would help close the gender gap.

Huddle Kerala-2019 is organised by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and KSUM (Kerala Startup Mission). As the chief guest, Anil Agrawal, joint secretary, Department for Promotion of said.

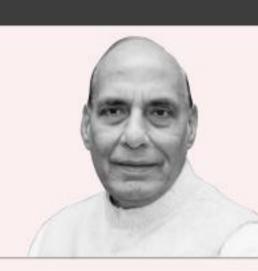
Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), said that other states should replicate the Kerala model in building the start-up ecosystem. "In India, around 1.95 start-ups get registered every hour. In the next month, it could be two start-ups per hour. We have 22,895 registered start-ups in the country as per the records till September. Around 45% of start-ups come from tier-2 and tier-3 cities. About 9% to 10% start-ups have women as founders," he added. The two-day event also had Kerala gov-

ernment signing MoUs with firms like Oppo, Future Group and Wadhani Foundation, in the presence of chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan, besides the launch of Adobe Creative JAM.

Jitender S Minhas, CEO, IAMAI Startup Foundation, said Kerala is exploring emerging technologies like blockchain.

"No other state has achieved the kind of ecosystem it has created so far," Minhas

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### CLEARING THE COASTLINE Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh

We cannot rule out that our neighbouring country's terrorist can carry out a big incident on our coastline which extends from Kutch to Kerala



## Reward's here, time to take risk

India Inc must pass on the benefits of the corporation tax rate cut to consumers, else, demand will remain depressed

**NDIAINC HAS** just got a generous gift from the government, a hefty 10 percentage points cut in corporation taxes—from an effective 34.9% to 25.17%. For the top 1,000 companies, which account for nearly a third of the taxes paid by corporate India, this amounts to a windfall gain of ₹37,000 crore, and a recurring one at that. Now, companies must stop cribbing for more sops and concessions, and must start investing again. Before that, they need to stimulate demand—consumer demand in particular—by sacrificing some profits and margins. So far, it has been all "where's the stimulus!"There are few signs companies want to contribute to the economic recovery. If they simply pocket the gains now, without lowering product prices, that would be unfortunate. Maruti Suzuki, for instance, has dropped prices almost across its portfolio, but just by some ₹5,000. True, there are other freebies accompanying this, but even on a car that costs just ₹3 lakh, it doesn't add up to much.

Developers, such as DLF and Sobha, are unwilling to drop prices even by a paise because, apparently, these are pretty low. "Prices are already low. If the economy gets a boost, it will help the real estate sector as well," Rajeev Talwar, CEO, DLF said in Business Standard.

In other words, they are not going to do their bit. What they need to keep in mind is affordability has worsened to a four-year low. RBI data shows, house price-to-income ratio in India increased in the last four years, from 56.1 in the 2015 March quarter to 61.5 in the corresponding period in 2019. Not surprisingly, close to three lakh units remained unsold in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region at the end of July. According to Knight Frank, the rise in residential prices in the last four years in the top eight cities has been lower than retail inflation. Given how prices were highly inflated to begin with—due to land bought at very high costs, and speculative buying encouraged by builders—

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prices should not have gone up in the first place. The scepticism runs high. While one brokerage appreci-

ated the argument that companies should pass on, and not retain, 100% of the gross mathematical upside from this development, it also said "we believe they would (retain the upside from the stimulus)". It added that the Indian consumer staples space was not the most competitive of sectors, and that it had generally seen companies retain windfalls elsewhere—whether in raw materials deflation phases, or the the upside from GST implementation. "We would not expect a different outcome this time," the analysis read.

The belief is that even if a few cuts are made here and there, these would not so much as singe the profits. To assume companies will share anything more than a small portion of the benefits with the consumers or trade would fly in the face of historical evidence. "We see no reason to challenge history", the analysis noted. That is a sad commentary on corporate India, but so far, it hasn't prompted companies to act.

To be sure, sectors such as steel may be facing headwinds in terms of falling prices, and somewhat sluggish demand; ebitda spreads contracted 420 bp y-o-y in Q1FY20. But, despite this, the robust 7.5-8% growth in the last two fiscals is only expected to slow to 4-5%, and that's no collapse, just a slowing.

India Inc must not retain the gains from the tax cuts, it must spend these to boost consumption. Aditya Narain at Edelweiss has pointed out how the US economy hasn't done well post the sharp tax cuts from 35% to 21% in December, 2017. The tax cuts in the US came on the back of a strong economy, and low interest rates, but nearly two years after the event, investment momentum has decelerated, the deficit is up, and growth has slowed. Of course, any comparison between India and the US needs to be come with the necessary caveats about the market, and the economic cycle. India is not where the US was then; risk appetite is low—both on the part of companies and some lenders. Private sector capex has been decelerating for over two years now and remains muted, except for the assets purchased by the bigger business houses via the IBC route. While liquidity in the banking sector may be in a big surplus, some segments of business and retail customers are not able to access affordable loans. Unlike in the past, this time around, the slowdown has resulted, to a great extent, from over-leveraging by companies; the situation has been aggravated by the shortfall in funds with NBFCs. But, there are some pluses. While in the US, the Fed was not accommodative, RBI has been easing, and should continue to do so. More important, banks are lowering loan rates. It is true that corporate profits have been been falling—excluding TCS, and Reliance Industries, they fell some 15% y-on-y in the June quarter for a sample of 2,145 companies. Nonetheless, it is a chunky ₹86,000 crore coming from an aggregate ebitda margin of 14.7%, or an annualised ₹3.5 lakh crore. Not small change. Now that they have got their reward, India's industrialists need to to take on some responsibility, some risk.

### Co-operative REFORMS

To prevent more PMC-type failures, culture of 'phone-banking' and political interference must stop

**TNOW TURNS** out that co-operative banks, primarily intended to lend to smaller enterprises and individuals, have been loaning money to big companies, and probably industrialists in their personal capacity. The fault lies with the country's lawmakers, who have not thought it necessary to increase oversight of these lenders; clamping down on Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank is like bolting the stable door after the horse has bolted.

RBI may have allowed PMC's depositors to withdraw ₹10,000—compared with the earlier ₹1,000—and, on the face of it, net NPAs are just 2.19%, but one needs to scratch the surface, which is what RBI is doing. The PMC matter is a wake-up call for the government, regulators, the banking system and, the biggest stakeholders—lower-middle-income households that put all their savings in these banks.

It isn't as though RBI hasn't been cognisant of co-op bank failures; of the 1,542 urban co-op banks operational till FY19,46 had a negative net worth, and 26 were under RBI administration. Nabard, too, has been highlighting financial irregularities in co-operative banks for quite some time now. Earlier this year, a special investigation team from the Economic Offences Wing started a probe into Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank. The problem is that co-operative banks are regulated by both RBI, and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies of a state. This dual oversight leaves co-op banks free from RBI scrutiny in several aspects of functioning. Amendments have been proposed, including one to convert UCBs to Small Finance Banks (SFBs), and some large UCBs into banks. That the proposal has not seen the light of day is not surprising; the state governments don't want to give up control over these lenders. Areport by the NGO Sampark to UNDP in 2015 noted that in Assam and Maharashtra, politicians had often used the government's share capital to exercise control, and push through their agendas, influencing appointments, and advances.

However, it is time the government took a firm view, and brought all co-operative banks under the sole oversight of RBI. Converting these banks into larger lenders—by merging them—would bring in economies of scale, allow access to RBI's liquidity support facilities, and enable capital-raising. Today, the co-operative bank model is inherently flawed, and vulnerable to insolvency. UCBs can undertake a host of lending activities while being subject to a capital requirement of just ₹25 lakh while SFBs with a ₹100-crore networth and a CRAR of 15% are not permitted to do so. Given the present government wants to eschew "phone-banking", it should now stop political interference in co-operative banks. That will help prevent a PMC-type crisis.

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MODI 2.0 HAS STARTED WITH A BIG BANG—THE LARGEST CORPORATE TAX CUT IN WORLD HISTORY FOR NEW MANUFACTURING FIRMS. EVEN FOR ALL FIRMS, THE CUT OF 10 % IS THE THIRD HIGHEST

## Corporate tax cut: The making of history

N SEPTEMBER 20, 2019, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced one of the largest corporate tax cuts in world history. For all companies that don't avail exemptions or incentives, the new corporate tax rate was set at 22% while for new manufacturing firms, established after October 1 (and who start production before 2023), the corporate tax rate was set at 15%. The prevailing corporate rate—30%. The relevant tax rate is with surcharges, and cesses—this has been reduced from 35% to 25% (all firms), and from 35% to 17% (new manufacturing firms).

Analysts, commentators, and economists have looked at these large, historical tax cuts, and debated whether they will have any impact on demand, or GDP growth.Adominant belief is that this is a supply-side intervention, and even if it were to have an effect on demand, it will be only after a considerable lag. Some are even opining that this is neither a supply-nora demand-side intervention, but instead a 'gift' to the corporate sector; others believe that what is needed to revive demand, and GDP growth are long-term structural reforms. According to them, only structural changes in animal spirits, agriculture, quality of education, improved healthcare, etc, matter for growth acceleration. (Add a structural change in weather as well).

These Godot experts believe India's time will come, but only when Godot arrives, i.e., after much-needed structural reforms. By definition, structural reforms mean policies that have not been in place, to date. Godot needs to answer as to how, and why, India managed to grow at 7+% for more than a decade without structural change?

We believe that a large part of the recent Indian growth decline to 5% is cyclical, caused by both global (trade wars), and domestic factors. A major contributor to India's growth sluggishness (and decline) are distorted domestic policies—particularly corporate tax rates (highest in the world), and real policy rates (highest in the world).

We go into details below, but we do want to make an Econ000 point—cutting corporate tax rates is both a supply,

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and a demand intervention. Even the supply effect will likely not take long to materialise. On the demand side, there is the wealth effect, due to higher asset prices. Assume, for a moment, that stock market rise is at least 15% for the fiscal year from the close of trade on September 19t (Sensex at 36,000 and Nifty at 10,700). In one week, the stock market is up more than 8%—we realise this may be noise, but the estimate of only an additional 7% rise over the next six months is conservative. Each 1% rise in market cap is approximately ₹1.4 lakh crores (lc). A 15% rise translates into an additional ₹21 lc. Global estimates of wealth effect on consumption vary, but a magnitude of .05 is reasonable, i.e., the wealth effect can be expected to yield an additional of consumption. [Note that we have completely ignored the wealth effect emanating from the likely stabilisation, and increase, in house prices.

An important additional demand effect is via additional investment. The sceptics (Godot fans?) will say that since there is excess capacity, there will be no additional investment until demand magically reappears. Of course, this argument is close to tautological, and as close to "Ganga gaye to Gangadas aur jamuna gaye to jamunadas". With this view, there is no wealth effect, and no investment effect, and no growth effect, i.e., at whatever time we are, we are at a standstill. This logic defies logic. There is bound to be an additional effect on investment. We will report on cross-country results at a later date, but we do expect a 2.5 percentage point (ppt) rise in real investment over the next two years. This will take real investment to be close to 35.5% of GDP, or less than 1.5 ppts away from the peak of 36.8% reached in Q3-2011. Needless to say, this is additional demand, and additional GDP in the economy. And, needless to add, but this investment increase is unlikely to occur if the RBI/MPC persist with the highest real rates in the world. Just like woman does not live on bread alone, investment is strongly affected by both tax rates, and the cost of credit. The other policy shoe needs to fall for *acche din* to happen. We can all speculate,

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and disagree, but there are some incontrovertible facts pertaining to FM Nirmala Sitharaman's announcement of September 19. Indian (and world) history was made on that date. A 10 ppt reduction in the corporate tax rate (CTR) is only exceeded by Germany's 15.8% reduction in 2001, and the USA's 14 ppt reduc-

tion in 2018 (from 35 to 21%). However, for new firms, the reduction of the CTR to 17% (CTR of 15%, and surcharges etc of 2.2%), an 18 ppt reduction, is the largest on record since 2000 (OECD database). Very likely, such a big reduction is the biggest reduction in the world, ever.

Some Indian economists have asked for a reduction in the CTR for a long, long time. I say, some with some expertise because in *none* of the traditional economists' pre-Budget consultative meetings over the last 22 years has the argument been made to cut the CTR. The discussion, argument, has always been to raise tax rates to keep the fiscal deficit down (this for more than 99% of the participants). Earlier this year, only two economists argued for a cut in CTR—the same two also argued for a cut in the real policy rates. The rest said don't tinker, worry about the fiscal deficit etc. And, yes—some experts said the real policy problem

pertaining to Indian GDP growth was that the exchange rate was overvalued. Note that these expert views were made at the time of the lowest real (and nominal) GDP growth in decades.

Hence, when the announcement was made on September 20, there were some who thought this was fake news! That is how much history was in the making.

A real perspective on history is provided via the OECD corporate tax database for close to 60 countries (since 2000). The data has 1,155 observations on CTR, and 1,057 country-year observations on change in CTR. For countries with a population above 5 million (682 observations), there are only 161 obser-

vations of any change in the tax rate. Of these, 126 show a decline; only 34 show a decline of more increase is unlikely than 3 ppt, and only 14 countries cut taxes in any year by more than 5% (Germany did it twice: 15.8 ppt in 2001, and 10.6 ppt in 2008). Other countries in the club of a 10% cut in CTR are France (2018), Hungary (2017), and Paraguay and

> India now joins this club of bold tax policy makers—just 2% of the total changes made in the 21st century. As we said earlier, while data are not easily available, this is possibly in all history since tax increases, like death, have been a certainty. And, large tax cuts have been rarer than the sighting of the blue whale. That is how historic the decision made in Modi 2.0, and FM NS 1.0 was. The nation owes a strong debt of gratitude to these two masters of

Turkey (both in 2006).

India's economic fate.

We want to end with a speculation We believe that there is a strong possibility of a final corporate tax cut with the adoption of the direct tax code (DTC) The latter has to happen, and the most likely date is February 2020. The FM has left us with two corporate tax rates— 15% (new manufacturing firms), and 22% (all firms). Maybe the DTC compromise will be somewhere inbetween—say, 18 % for all firms?!

## Technology won't solve climate change

On climate change, political leaders have a tendency to make lofty long-term promises. They believe technology eventually will pick up the slack

**ON CLIMATE CHANGE**, leaders have a tendency to make lofty long-term promises, but take only baby steps to reach them. At the United Nations climate summit, German chancellor Angela Merkel gave an interesting explanation for why: They believe technology eventually will pick up the slack. This represents an ideological divide with environmental advocates, who don't put much stock in the inevitability of technological progress and would rather support fail-safe

curbs on consumption now. Merkel was responding to an address by the young Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, who said world leaders weren't doing enough to reach the goal set out in the Paris climate agreement: to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels by the end of this century. "She gave a rousing speech," Merkel told a press conference on Tuesday. "But also one which, in my view, underplayed the role of technology and innovation, particularly in the field of energy, but also in the field of energy savings, in opening up opportunities for us to achieve our goals."

Merkel is not alone in believing future technology can stave off climate change. UK prime minister Boris Johnson gave a bizarre, technologyfocused speech—mentioning "pinkeyed terminators" and "terrifying limbless chickens"—in which he argued that "new advances are making renewable energy ever cheaper, aiding our common struggle against climate change."

Such potential technological solu-

**BERSHIDSKY** Bloomberg tions are mostly of the pie-in-the-sky variety. They include using satellites equipped with reflectors to deflect

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sunlight, and sucking out carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it deep underground. Some of the required technologies are untested, others prohibitively expensive. The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has expressed a preference for "bioenergy with carbon capture and storage." This process depends on

growing "energy crops" plants meant solely for energy production and that absorb CO2 as they grow—and capturing the CO2 released when power is generated from them. But the problem with the concept, still not applied anywhere on an industrial scale, is that the crops grown for biofuel would compete for land with food crops.

It is impossible to order scientists to develop commercially viable technology to fit the time frame dictated by political decisions. No

Moore's Law, which describes the exponential increase in computer chips' productivity and decrease in their cost, has been formulated for energy storage or carbon capture.

No wonder, then, that technology hasn't been able to magically bridge the gap between political goals and reality. Germany set its 2020 climate

goal, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40% compared with the 1990 level, in 2014. That means it had a good understanding of the available technology. Still, the goal almost certainly won't be reached: Germany is only on track for a 32% reduction.

So the climate activists can be forgiven for not believing in a technological magic bullet. What they propose instead are immediate consumption cuts: travelling less; not eating meat; repairing

> things such as clothes rather than throwing them away; turning down radiators; and switching off air conditioners. They broadly subscribe to the idea of sacrificing economic growth to sustainability. Politically, at least for

now, that is a tough sell. It is useless to tell the majority of voters they need sharply to lower their living standards so that global temperatures don't rise another 0.5 degrees. That is the freedom the climate activists enjoy and political leaders don't. The

disagreement between Merkel and Thunberg is one between a starryeyed believer in progress and a hardnosed pragmatist. But, which of the two women plays which role is in the eye of the beholder.

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### Why the mess, Cook?

As authorities consider an investigation in the pioneer travel agency's financials, the fallout from the collapse has led to an uncertain environment for the staff, suppliers, and customers. While rescue flights and guarantees by the government are on, it is time that different stakeholders, steepen their learning curve. The sectoral-leader has been audited by the best auditors in the industry. Yet, a series of changes in top management, and

discrepancies in pay structure over the past couple of years was never flagged as a non-conformance, or followed-up with action items. Laxity on the part of fiduciaries was well-complemented by the firm's reactive measures to dishonour its traveller cheques at the eleventh hour, and retain customers/staffmembers as hostage to recover outstanding dues. As scrutiny continues, it is unlikely that thousands of agitated holiday makers, and jobless workers can draw comfort, knowing that the higher authorities have resorted to mud-slinging already. It is time that regulators, and law makers adopt a collaborative approach, develop a flexible stance to re-negotiate terms, and implement preventive measures to avoid a situation of aggravated debt, or potential bankruptcy in the first place. A financial regulatory system cannot afford to be fragile. A far more robust framework, driven by proper checks and balances, is needed to

address the possibility of delinquencies. Accountability demands that result-oriented efforts be prioritised to prevent the ripple effects of a disastrous collapse, especially without warning. — Girish Lalwani, Delhi

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