

MARKET WATCH

	26-11-2019	% CHANGE
Sensex	40,821	-0.17
US Dollar	71.50	0.33
Gold	38,547	-0.18
Brent oil	63.92	0.87

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	370.40	-4.30
Asian Paints	1710.30	-0.40
Axis Bank	752.25	-2.50
Bajaj Auto	3178.15	-17.50
Bajaj Finserv	9121.30	-53.70
Bajaj Finance	4098.35	-43.35
Bharti Airtel	432.35	-19.05
BPL	496.65	-10.75
Britannia Ind	3055.25	14.65
Cipla	478.55	-4.95
Coal India	197.75	-2.95
Dr Reddys Lab	2965.85	45.20
Eicher Motors	22805.70	-455.60
GAIL (India)	125.00	2.90
Grasim Ind	791.05	-31.85
HCL Tech	1108.05	-16.70
HDFC	2304.65	10.10
HDFC Bank	1275.05	3.95
Hero MotoCorp	2494.60	15.60
Hindalco	198.70	-0.55
Hind Unilever	2058.35	-4.05
ICICI Bank	510.70	12.90
IndusInd Bank	1515.90	19.05
Bharti Infratel	232.65	-17.50
Infosys	690.60	-7.50
Indian Oil Corp	129.30	-1.55
ITC	249.15	1.40
JSW Steel	253.25	-6.90
Kotak Bank	1604.40	0.75
L&T	1363.00	-17.85
M&M	538.60	-9.20
Maruti Suzuki	7125.00	-111.10
Nestle India Ltd.	14524.40	37.60
NTPC	116.65	-1.45
ONGC	130.25	-0.70
PowerGrid Corp	194.40	-4.20
Reliance Ind	1560.25	-1.30
State Bank	335.50	-0.60
Sun Pharma	450.75	-8.20
Tata Motors	163.40	-2.70
Tata Steel	424.15	4.65
TCS	2046.65	-34.85
Tech Mahindra	763.60	0.05
Titan	1166.10	2.50
UltraTech Cement	4112.85	-0.60
UPL	541.70	-2.80
Vedanta	145.10	-1.05
Wipro	237.55	-5.45
YES Bank	63.15	-0.60
Zee Entertainment	319.70	-24.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 26

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	71.28	71.60
Euro	78.52	78.87
British Pound	91.68	92.09
Japanese Yen (100)	65.42	65.71
Chinese Yuan	10.12	10.17
Swiss Franc	71.48	71.81
Singapore Dollar	52.17	52.40
Canadian Dollar	53.54	53.78
Malaysian Ringgit	17.04	17.12

Source: Indian Bank

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November 26 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses

Retail Silver (1g)	47.7	(47.8)
22 ct gold (1g)	3618	(3623)

IN BRIEF



CUB's clients can invest in MFs via mobile app

CHENNAI City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) has tied up with Finwizard Technology Pvt. Ltd. to help its customers invest in mutual funds (MFs) through its 'all-in-one' mobile application. A senior bank official said with the new app, the bank's customers can invest in MFs through simple, guided interaction. "Using this facility, our customers can invest in any mutual fund offered by any asset management company or in systematic investment plans," the official said.

TVS Motor Co. rolls out first BS-VI two-wheelers

CHENNAI Leading two-and-three wheeler company, TVS Motor Co. Ltd., has rolled out the first BS-VI two-wheelers from its stable on Tuesday. The firm unveiled the 2020 range of TVS Apache RTR 200 4V and TVS Apache RTR 160 4V motorcycles. Bookings commenced on Tuesday. TVS Apache RTR 200 4V-DC is priced at ₹1,24,000 (ex-showroom New Delhi), Apache RTR 160 4V (disc) at ₹1,03,000 and TVS Apache RTR 160 4V (drum) at ₹99,950.

Sical seeks shareholders' approval to sell assets

CHENNAI Sical Logistics Ltd., part of Coffee Day group, has sought the approval of its shareholders to sell its and its subsidiaries' assets to pay off debts and for running the major businesses of the company in a smooth manner. A decision to this effect was taken at the company's board meeting held on August 2, 2019. The company had been facing liquidity challenges after the demise of Coffee Day promoter V. G. Siddhartha.

Reserve Bank flags rising bad assets from Mudra loans

Unsustainable credit growth in sector could raise risk in the system: M.K. Jain

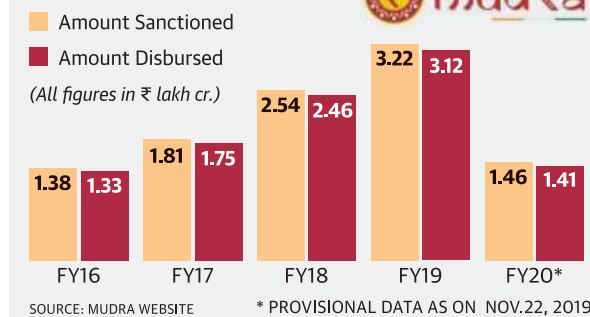
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MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has expressed concern over rising bad loans from Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), a scheme announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2015, which offers faster credit, with ticket sizes starting from ₹50,000 and going up to ₹10 lakh, to small businesses.

"While such a massive push would have lifted many beneficiaries out of poverty, there has been some concerns at the growing level of non-performing assets among these borrowers," RBI Deputy Governor M.K. Jain said at an event organised by the Small Industries Development Bank of India.

With stress in such loans increasing, the central bank

Small loans grow big



is set to ask bankers to monitor such loans closely as unsustainable credit growth in the sector could risk the system.

Mr. Jain also highlighted the systemic and concentration risks that could emerge in the microfinance sector in India. "Systemic risk may arise from unsustainable credit growth, increased inter-con-

nectedness, pro-cyclical and financial risks manifested by lower profitability," he said.

Observing that GST had hit the informal economy significantly, Mr. Jain said, "as a result of the improved digital footprint, MSMEs have become attractive clients for banks, NBFCs and MFIs, thereby reducing their dependence on informal

source of funds." The cost of credit for MSMEs will also come down meaningfully as lending will shift from collateral-based lending to cash flow based lending, he said.

The government had in July informed Parliament that total NPA in the Mudra scheme of over ₹3.21 lakh crore has jumped to 2.68% in FY19 from 2.52% in FY18. Since the inception of the scheme, over 19 crore loans have been extended under the scheme up to June 2019, it had said. Of the total, 3.63 crore accounts are in default as of March 2019.

However, according to an RTI reply, the bad loans in the scheme soared a whopping 126% in FY19, jumping by ₹9,204.14 crore to ₹16,481.45 crore in FY19 over the previous year. (With PTI inputs)

CSB Bank public offer subscribed 87 times

Bids made for 100.41 cr. equity shares

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The initial public offer (IPO) of CSB Bank, which closed for subscription on Tuesday, was subscribed nearly 87 times, with bids received for 100.41 crore equity shares as against 1.16 crore shares on offer in the price band of ₹193 to ₹195, as per data from the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

Further, all categories of investors showed a strong interest in the public issue with the portions reserved for institutional and retail investors getting subscribed 62 times and 44 times, res-

pectively. The segment reserved for high net worth individuals was subscribed nearly 165 times.

CSB Bank reported ₹44 crore profit for the half year ended September 2019 compared with a ₹197 crore loss for the full financial year 2018-19.

The loan book of the bank is at ₹11,500 crore and its deposit base is ₹15,000 crore.

HDFC Life, ICICI Prudential and Edelweiss Tokyo Life Insurance Company, which have a stake in the bank, will partly offload their holdings.

'Govt. delaying payments hits businesses'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

Biggest constraint to doing business in India is poor contract enforcement and the blame for the same rests mostly with the government, a top Finance Ministry official said.

The government delays payments or does not deliver on promises made earlier, posing challenges to businesses, Principal Economic Adviser Sanjeev Sanyal said. "We are ranked 163 among 190 nations in enforcing contract and only "dysfunctional and war-affected" countries follow us," he said.

Infra spending by States must rise: Crisil

Country-wide spending required over the next decade is about ₹235 lakh crore

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With the 'centre' of gravity of infrastructure spending now shifting to the States, the fiscal squeeze, as seen in persistent revenue deficits, debt surge and high fiscal deficits in several large States, could potentially limit the expansion of their investment capacity in the coming years, according to Crisil.

Infrastructure investments by States need to rise to ₹110 lakh crore over the next decade (fiscal 2021-2030) – or 3.5 times an estimated ₹32 lakh crore in the current decade – if India is to achieve its mammoth infrastructure build-out tar-



gets, rating agency Crisil Ltd. cautioned in its Infrastructure Year Book 2019 released on Tuesday.

"States need to address these constraints urgently if India is to have world-class infrastructure. Without car-

dinal contribution from the States, it will be tough for India's GDP growth to rebound and sustain above 7.5%, and infrastructure spending to increase to 6-6.2% of GDP in the coming decade," it said.

Other impediments include weak institutional capacity reflected in mounting losses and operational deficiencies of utilities in power, water and urban transport sectors. Country-wide infrastructure spending required over the next decade would be about ₹235 lakh crore.

States already account for 41% of the overall infrastructure spending of ₹77 lakh crore this decade. Five sectors – transport, irrigation,

energy, urban and housing, and water and sanitation – accounted for two-thirds of States' spending. Some of these sectors, which come under the purview of States, have burgeoning infrastructure deficits and will need big investment leaps to plug the gaps.

"With private investments tepid in recent years, and fiscal limitations on central spending, States have been keeping public spending going. They will need to strengthen fiscal health and build institutional capacity to sustain far higher levels of capex," said Sameer Bhatia, president, Crisil Infrastructure Advisory.

Ind-Ra lowers FY20 growth to 5.6%

Revises Q2 rate down to 4.7%, consumption expenditure growth to slow

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India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised downwards its growth projection for the second quarter of the current financial year to 4.7% and the full-year growth estimate to 5.6%, it announced on Tuesday.

"This is the fourth revision and has come in after the agency had revised its FY20 GDP growth forecast only a month ago to 6.1%," Ind-Ra said in a report.

"This revision became inevitable as the high-frequency data now suggests that the agency's estimate of second quarter FY20 GDP growth coming in a little higher than 5% is unlikely to hold.

"The new projection suggests that second quarter



Bleak outlook: The ongoing agrarian distress and other factors have weakened consumption demand considerably.

FY20 GDP growth is likely to be 4.7%," the report added.

"Despite favourable base effect, declining growth momentum suggests that even the second half FY20 will now be weaker than previously forecast and is likely to come in at 6.2%," Ind-Ra said in the report.

The 5.6% GDP growth rate for the full year will require the government to shoulder a large part of the investment burden, Ind-Ra said, adding that keeping to the fiscal deficit target for the year could result in an even lower growth rate.

"If the Central govern-

ment adheres to the budgeted fiscal deficit of 3.3% of GDP by cutting/rolling over expenditure, then Ind-Ra believes FY20 GDP growth could be even lower than 5.6%," it said.

The ratings agency said that private final consumption expenditure (PFCE) growth is now expected to grow 4.9% in FY20, as against the previous forecast of 5.5%, which is significantly lower than the 8.1% in FY19, and the slowest since at least FY13.

"Ongoing agrarian distress and dismal income growth so far, coupled with subdued income growth expectation in urban areas have weakened the consumption demand considerably," it said.

Data stored locally, says Oppo

Non-user data also put in servers in India, says official

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chinese smartphone maker OPPO on Tuesday asserted that all data related to users of its devices in India was stored locally.

"Contrary to the perception that data is sent back [to China]... I can assure you that every single [piece of] India data... we are keeping in India. Even data related to analytics, which is not user data... it is anonymised data, that too is put in servers in India," said Manoj Kumar, senior principal engineer of Oppo ColorOS.

Mr. Kumar was speaking on the sidelines of the launch of the latest version of the company's ColorOS operating system, which comes integrated with the



with 'personal information protection' that will enable users to protect their personal information from third-party apps.

Key market

"India is one of our key markets and we have been reviewing and implementing feedback consistently," Martin Liu, senior strategy manager, Oppo ColorOS said. He added that the new operating system will deliver a faster and smoother experience to their users in India and around the world.

"The team at the OPPO headquarters and our Indian R&D team worked closely and collaboratively for one year to conceptualize and globally implement ColorOS 7," he said.

Information protection To strengthen privacy and safety of user data, the new operating system will come

UPASI seeks fund release to commodity boards

'Need to clear dues under schemes'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI) has urged the central government to sanction additional funds to commodity boards so that the dues under various schemes can be disbursed to plantations immediately.

AL.R.M. Nagappan, president of UPASI, said in a press statement that a substantial amount was outstanding to growers towards approved schemes of the commodity boards.

In tea alone, ₹55 crore is pending for the sector in south India. For some schemes, the amount to be disbursed has been pending since 2015-2016. The government curtailed the allocations to commodity boards year after year, and the additional allocation made in the Budget this year is not adequate to clear the

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arrears. Plantations are going through a stressful period due to challenges because of climate change and as the plantation commodities do not get remunerative prices. A majority of the estates incur huge losses and are struggling to carry out daily operations, it is learnt. He said the sector was looking forward to the government's intervention.

The Centre should allocate adequate amounts to the plantation commodity boards in order to clear the arrears for south Indian plantations. "This would go a long way in helping growers in south India tide over the financial crisis to some extent," he said.

Online consumer behaviour may be risky, finds study

Users must tread cautiously in digital world: NortonLifeLock

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Even as consumers in India are warming up to digital payments driven by convenience, some aspects of their 'behaviour' may make them vulnerable to financial fraud, as per a new report by NortonLifeLock.

According to the 'India Digital Wellness Report,' 68% (7 out of 10) of responding consumers making financial transactions online are willing to save their personal bank details on websites they trust, even as a majority of 83% respondents understand that financial fraud and data theft are the biggest threats to online banking.

"Our cybersafety is inherently tied to trust. Most consumers are aware their data is being captured by the websites they visit, the social media posts they share and



the apps they use, and trust their information is being properly secured. However, these same consumers are often unaware of how the companies that they have trusted are using this data," Ritesh Chopra, country director, NortonLifeLock, India, told The Hindu.

He added that while consumers want greater control over their privacy and action taken against those that mishandle personal data, they want this control to come

without hassle or cost and are willing to take risks in favour of convenience.

"The realities of cyber crime can seem daunting, with convenience being preferred over risks like identity theft and breach of personal privacy. We strongly advise users to tread [as] carefully in the digital world as one would in the real world," Mr. Chopra said.

The survey highlights that convenience (83%) and time-saving (90%) are the top motivators for making online transactions as consumers make the maximum online financial transactions for shopping (91%), closely followed by bill payments (88%) and ticket booking (87%).

However, it found that women and Generation X [people aged 35-54 years], are most complacent about security.

Marriott International to open 54 hotels in India

Slowdown only a blip, says official

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Marriott International, one of the world's largest hotel chains that hosts over a million guests per night around the globe, is betting high on India.

The hospitality major, which currently manages 120 hotels under 17 brands across the country, says it will open 54 new hotels by 2025, to add 15,000 fresh rooms to its existing bunch of 24,000 keys.

Rajeev Menon, president, Asia Pacific (excluding greater China), Marriott International told The Hindu that, "We have 50-plus hotels in the pipeline and most of them are under construction by various property developers across the country.

"All these hotels will be built as per our brand specification and we will operate them under management agreements that are typical-



Rajeev Menon

ly for 25 to 30 years.'

On the impact of the slowdown on the hospitality industry, he said the industry was going through different cycles and the current situation, in his opinion, was a blip, specific to certain sectors. However, he said, tourism was one of the growth industries in India, with all three segments – inbound, out-bound and domestic travel – witnessing positive growth.