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training that supports safe,

efficient operations and meets

regulatory requirements," it

said in the emailed statement.

regulators that have indicated

they will perform independent

inspections of the grounded

planes once the US FAA clears

them to fly. SpiceJet has about a dozen Boeing 737 MAX planes

in its fleet and 155 on order -

among the largest single orders

to 400 of the 737 MAX global-

ly before the March ground-

ing, and it has nearly 5,000

orders for the aircraft, a more

fuel-efficient version of its

best-selling single-aisle 737

Boeing had delivered close

for the narrow-body plane.

The DGCA is one of several

# JSW plans to tie up with Suraksha for **Jaypee real estate**



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#### **RUCHIKA CHITRAVANSHI & SURAJEET DAS GUPTA** New Delhi 3 December

n teel major JSW group is in an advanced Stage of talks with Mumbai-based Suraksha Realty to provide it financial and technical support as the latter submitted its final bid to acquire Jaypee Infratech through the insolvency process.

Suraksha and state-owned NBCC are among the two bidders that submitted bids on Tuesday. According to sources, discussions are on between the realty company and JSW group company JSW Infratech.

The entry of JSW as a backer to the realty company provides a new twist to the long process to find a buyer for Jaypee Infratech which went into insolvency in August 2017.

JSW Infra will also provide technical expertise in building and operating infrastructure assets. However, a JSW group spokesperson declined to comment on the issue.

Sources say Suraksha has already tied up ₹2,000 crore funds for the asset with Standard Chartered Bank. JSW Infrastructure could bring in additional financial support that could be potentially used to complete the real estate projects, a person close to the development said. The homebuyers constitute nearly 57.8 per cent of voting on the resolution plan of Jaypee Infratech

According to the revised Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) process, homebuvers have significant voting rights in the resolution process. The homebuyers are expected to cast their votes for the preferred resolution plan from December 8 to 11.

The committee of creditors (CoC) had earlier asked both the bidders to sweeten their offers and submit revised bids by December 3.

The CoC is expected to meet in a few days to consider the two bids. The proposal while banks claim amounts of nearly from Suraksha entails that it give delivery of ₹10,000 crore.

flats to home buyers in three years. In case of delay of more than nine months, the company would provide a delay penalty of ₹10/sq ft to the homebuyers. Moreover, for homebuyers who have already cancelled their flats. Suraksha Realty has said it would give refunds within three years.

It has also made it clear that it will not hive off the road assets from the main company. The road assets currently make an operational profit of ₹350 crore.

Jaypee Infratech has development rights over 6,175 acres along the Yamuna xpressway

The company still has over 3,500 acres yet to be developed. It has launched more than 37,000 units in Noida, Mirzapur and Agra which are yet to be completed fully. Over 20,000 homebuyers have been affected ever since the company filed for bankruptcy. In the revised plan, Suraksha Realty has offered lenders 2,220 acres of land worth ₹9,800 crore for debt swap.

Jaypee Infratech, a subsidiary of crisishit Jaiprakash Associates, went into insolvency in August 2017 after the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) admitted an application by an IDBI Bank-led consortium.

In the first round of insolvency proceedings conducted last year, ₹7,350-crore bid of Lakshdeep, part of the Suraksha group, was rejected by the lenders. The CoC rejected the bids of Suraksha Realty and NBCC in the second round held in Mav-June 2019.

Following this, on November 6, the Supreme Court directed completion of Jaypee Infratech's insolvency process within 90 days and said the revised resolution plan will be invited only from NBCC and Suraksha Realty.

Homebuyers claim amounting to over ₹13,000 crore has been admitted,

## **Tougher rules for Boeing 737 on cards**

#### REUTERS

Mumbai, 3 December

The government is considering setting an experience threshold for pilots who fly Boeing's 737 MAX planes, as it moves to ensure safety once the aircraft returns to service, a senior official of the air safety regulator told Reuters. The 737 MAX, the fastest-

selling plane in the history of Boeing, has been grounded DGCA and the airlines will also worldwide since March, after 346 people were killed in two crashes in five months.

Boeing is making software discussions were private. changes, readying a new pilot training plan and must run a key certification test flight to to set up simulators in India get approval from the US reg-

**Corporate**, PE

EV start-ups

\$397 million

grow 170% to

Driven by the belief that the

next wave of disruption for

India's automobile industry

will be led by electric vehicles

(EVs), corporate and private

equity (PE) investors seem to

be increasing their bets on

start-ups working in this

space. Investment flows into

such start-ups in 2019 (until

the end of November) have

grown nearly 170 per cent to

\$397 million, compared with

\$147 million in the first 11

ment in Ola Electric Mobility

by SoftBank Corp, the Arun

Sarin family, Ratan Tata and

Matrix, in two tranches — \$56

million in February and \$250

million July 2019 — has been

the biggest funding in value

terms, show data from

investments in the EV space

are Hero Motocorp and

Sachin Bansal's \$51-million

investment in Ather Energy

in May 2019, Mitsui PE's \$15-

million in electric last-mile

connectivity provider SmartE

in July, and Bajaj Auto's \$8-

million funding of shared e-

mobility service provider Yulu

announcement that ride-

sharing companies will have

to move to EVs from next year

for India to be able to achieve 2.5 per cent electrification by

2021 and 40 per cent by April

2026, the aim is a 30 per cent

penetration for EVs by 2030.

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Amid the government's

Bikes last month.

Among other major

Venture Intelligence.

The \$306-million invest-

months of last year.

investments in

ulator, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), before the planes can resume flying. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) may consider mandating a minimum number of flying hours for pilots of the 737 MAX, the source said, adding a decision would be made once it is clear when the planes are fit to return to the air. "Pilot training is a serious matter for the need to work on building pilot confidence," said the source, who sought anonymity, as the

The regulator will also make it mandatory for Boeing and for airlines to carry out

## **Flipkart** invests ₹2,839 cr in India wholesale entity In September this year,

PEERZADA ABRAR Bengaluru, 3 December

₹1,616 crore and in January it Flipkart India, the wholesale obtained ₹1,431 crore from entity of the Walmart-backed its Singapore-based parent e-commerce company, has received ₹2,838.84 crore from its Singapore-based parent entity, Flipkart.

The investment comes at a time when the government is coming up with National e-Commerce Policy that could have a huge impact on online retailers such as Flipkart and Amazon.

According to the company's regulatory filings, Flipkart's parent entity was issued 815,761 equity shares through a rights issue at a premium of ₹34,799 per share.

resolution on November 28. about \$30 billion last year.



comprehensive pilot training closely with global regulators before it allows the planes to on a training program to help enhance pilots' understanding start flying, the source added. Reuters could not immediof the updated 737 MAX flight ately reach the DGCA to seek control systems.

comment. Boeing said it was working commitment to developing

### series. **Recoveries from Odisha Slurry Pipeline under CIRP** could be low: Srei fund

Fund (IGOF), a scheme of Srei (CIRP) could be lower.

"Boeing will continue its

carries iron ore to Essar's pellet plant. Essar Steel holds the rest While two companies -ArcelorMittal and Thriveni Earthmovers — are in the running for OSPIL, lenders are believed to be in favour of ArcelorMittal's bid. A final call, though, is yet to be taken. **ISHITA AYAN DUTT** 

entity. The funding is expected to help Flipkart take on the Jeff Bezos-led Amazon, with which it is in a

fierce battle for dominance in India's online retail market as well as competition from the vet to be launched e-commerce business of Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries.

Flipkart India received

In October this year, Amazon infused about ₹4,472.5 crore in its various business entities in India. including seller services, digital payments, and retail. The e-commerce market

The board of directors of in India is expected to touch Flipkart India passed this \$200 billion by 2028, from



Even as lenders decide on bids equity in OSPIL, the company for Odisha Slurry Pipeline which owns the pipeline that Infrastructure Ltd (OSIPL), India Growth Opportunities Multiple Asset Investment Trust, has cautioned them and the resolution professional that recoveries under the corporate insolvency resolution process

IGOF holds 69 per cent

## NY court favours **Eros on 'short and** distort' claim

#### PAVAN LALL Mumbai, 3 December

substantial."

A recent judgment of the Supreme Court in the State of New York ruled in favour of Indian film-maker Eros International Media on legal action it had levied against a consortium of short-sellers that were allegedly manipulating Eros stock prices.

Specifically, the court ruled for the motion against Manuel Asensio and Asensio & Company, which missed on a court-stated deadline to revert according to the proceedings of the law despite six attempts to deliver documents to him. Manuel Asensio is the founder. chairman and president of Asensio & Company, an investment firm established in 1992 and well-known as a pioneer of activist short selling.

Eros' Managing Director and to or who has been instigating Chairman Kishore Lulla said, the attacks through the short-"Damages are to be determined sellers?" Our lawsuit speaks for at a later phase in the case but itself," Lulla replied.

the damage done from the misconduct of the short-sellers is

Lulla and Eros filed the lawsuit in 2017 against the shortsellers, which also include other companies and individuals. A former senior employee who worked with Eros said, "The damages may depend on whether those served have the liquidity and also how the judg-

ment affects the other alleged short-sellers: overall the decision helps clears the the reputation of Eros and its promoters." Eros has seen its stock get battered and crash from ₹400 in 2015 to ₹15 in 2019 and become a de facto penny stock. "We will aggressively pur-

sue this matter until its conclusion, which in the US courts may take a matter of years," said Lulla, when asked by when he saw a settlement happen-Referring to the judgment, ing. Does he have an answer as

JioCinema set to host movies available on Sun NXT platform

tion JioCinema, the ondemand video platform, on Tuesday said it would present south Indian movies by partnering with Sun NXT, the online video streaming platform from Sun Television Network.

NXT, JioCinema will present 4,000 movies.

Reliance Jio's movie applica- the best of south Indian movie catalogue to Jio users," a company statement said.

According to the tie-up, JioCinema would host all the movies available on Sun NXT platform across four southern languages Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam and "In association with Sun fans would have access to over PTI