

MARKET WATCH		
	30-01-2020	% CHANGE
Sensex	40,914	-0.69
US Dollar	71.49	-0.35
Gold	41,524	0.97
Brent oil	58.69	-1.89

NIFTY 50		
	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	378.00	-5.35
Asian Paints	1805.00	8.05
Axis Bank	730.90	-4.35
Bajaj Auto	3145.50	-53.65
Bajaj Finserv	9639.65	-254.60
Bajaj Finance	4364.30	-54.70
Bharti Airtel	489.80	-0.45
BPL	469.65	-9.40
Britannia Ind	3210.70	-3.50
Cipla	451.00	-10.55
Coal India	187.95	-3.10
Dr Reddys Lab	3154.85	6.60
Eicher Motors	20340.30	148.05
GAIL (India)	123.35	-2.90
Grasim Ind	791.25	-11.05
HCL Tech	607.85	-1.00
HDFC	2415.00	10.75
HDFC Bank	1226.05	-9.80
Hero MotoCorp	2482.30	-4.05
Hindalco	193.45	-4.30
Hind Unilever	2058.10	-16.10
ICICI Bank	532.20	5.60
Indusind Bank	1231.50	-26.75
Bharti Infratel	246.15	0.95
Infosys	780.70	-9.00
Indian OilCorp	117.15	-1.15
ITC	234.05	-2.60
JSW Steel	256.95	-4.30
Kotak Bank	1628.25	-12.20
L&T	1370.20	4.50
M&M	567.85	-9.90
Maruti Suzuki	7020.45	10.15
Nestle India Ltd.	15520.80	-345.95
NTPC	113.65	0.45
ONGC	115.60	-2.05
PowerGrid Corp	194.40	2.00
Reliance Ind	1443.75	-36.10
State Bank	310.70	-5.75
Sun Pharma	442.10	-8.00
Tata Motors	186.20	-1.85
Tata Steel	448.55	-3.65
TCS	2137.85	-16.75
Tech Mahindra	791.35	-12.80
Titan	1179.25	-6.95
UltraTech Cement	4486.00	-82.20
UPL	544.15	2.00
Vedanta	140.95	-1.25
Wipro	240.70	-6.05
YES Bank	39.05	-2.15
Zee Entertainment	267.85	-6.40

EXCHANGE RATES		
Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 30		
CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	71.28	71.60
Euro	78.60	78.95
British Pound	93.32	93.74
Japanese Yen (100)	65.49	65.79
Chinese Yuan	10.26	10.32
Swiss Franc	73.45	73.79
Singapore Dollar	52.33	52.57
Canadian Dollar	53.92	54.17
Malaysian Ringgit	17.43	17.53
Source: Indian Bank		

BULLION RATES CHENNAI		
January 30 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses		
Retail Silver (1g)	50.1	(49.2)
22 ct gold (1 g)	3891	(3856)



Hyundai Motor to export two lakh cars in 2020

CHENNAI Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) is planning to export about two lakh cars during the calendar year 2020, said a top official. "Last year, we exported 1.81 lakh cars against our internal target of 1.72 lakh units to 88 countries," said S.S. Kim, MD and CEO, HMIL. "This year, we will export about 1.90 lakh to two lakh units to more countries. It will consist of fully-built vehicles and more of completely knocked down kits," he said.

Aurobindo Pharma unit under USFDA scanner

HYDERABAD Aurobindo Pharma shares lost nearly 8% intraday after the drugmaker on Thursday said that post an inspection of its oral solids formulation manufacturing facility here, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) had issued a letter classifying the inspection as Official Action Indicated (OAI). The firm said it "believes that this OAI classification will not have any material impact on the existing revenues or the supplies to the U.S. business at this juncture."

Equitas Small Finance Bank net profit rises 51%

CHENNAI Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) has reported a 51% increase in its standalone net profit for the third quarter ended December 2019 to ₹94 crore. During the quarter, net interest income grew by 23% to ₹384 crore while net interest margin stood at 9.17%. Provisions and loan loss charges stood at ₹40.5 crore, it said. Gross non-performing assets dropped to 2.86% from 3.14% and net NPAs to 1.73% (1.77%). The Reserve Bank of India has permitted ESFB to open 12 branches, it added.

Kotak gets time to cut promoter stake

Promoters' voting rights in bank to be capped at 15%; lender withdraws petition against the RBI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted more time to Kotak Mahindra Bank to reduce promoter shareholding in the bank while capping promoter voting rights. At present, the promoter shareholding is 29.96%.

The voting rights of the promoter will be capped at 15% from April 1, 2020 and the bank will get at least six months to reduce promoter stake to 15%, as originally envisaged.

Following the development, the bank will be withdrawing the writ petition it had filed against the RBI at the Bombay High Court on the promoter stake dilution



Taking it easy: There is no compulsion for the bank to reduce promoter stake to 15%, as originally envisaged. ■ REUTERS

issue. As per the original plan, the bank was supposed to lower promoter stake to 20% by December 31, 2018 and to 15% by March 31,

2020. In June 2019, the RBI slapped a penalty of ₹2 crore on the private sector lender for not disclosing information on promoter sharehold-

ing. According to the new formula agreed to by the bank and the regulator, promoters' voting rights will be capped at 20% of the paid-up voting equity share capital (PUVESC) until March 31, 2020 and then, to 15% of PUVESC from April 1, 2020.

In-principle nod

The bank, in a stock market notification, said the RBI had granted in-principle approval of this new plan.

Promoters' shareholding is to be reduced to 26% of PUVESC within six months from the date of final approval of the RBI, the bank said.

"Thereafter, the promoters will not purchase any further paid up voting equity shares' of the bank till the percentage of promoters' shareholding reaches 15% of PUVESC of the bank or such higher percentage as may be permitted by the RBI from time to time," the bank said.

"The promoters will be entitled to purchase paid-up voting equity shares of the bank up to 15% of the PUVESC of the bank or such higher percentage as may be permitted in the future, and exercise voting rights on such shares," it added.

Analysts said the dispensation is positive towards the bank's stock since the promoter share sell overhang is limited to 4%. In addition, the bank gets six months to reduce promoter shareholding to 26%. They also say that there is no compulsion for the bank to reduce promoter stake to 15%.



JLR India's Rohit Suri with the new Range Rover Evoque which starts at a price of ₹54.94 lakh. ■SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tata Motors back in black as JLR improves

Firm clocks ₹1,756 crore in Q3 profit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

With an improvement in the performance of its Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) unit, Tata Motors Ltd. (TML), for the quarter ended December 31, 2019, reported a consolidated net profit of ₹1,756 crore against a net loss of ₹26,960 crore in the year-earlier period.

The company reported a consolidated revenue of ₹71,676 crore against ₹76,916 crore, down 7%.

JLR's revenue stood at £6.4 billion, up 3%. TML's standalone revenue stood at ₹10,843 crore, down 33%.

It's pre-tax loss was ₹1,024 crore (against pre-tax profit of ₹519 crore) due to the volume decline in medium and heavy commercial vehicles, stock correction and negative operating leverage. JLR turnaround had been 'satisfactory', the company said, with the firm exceeding its (cash and cost savings) target of ₹2.5 billion and achieving ₹2.9 billion.

Challenging conditions

Ralf Speth, CEO, JLR said, "Conditions in the automotive industry remain challenging but we are encouraged by the recovery in our China business and the success of the new Range Rover Evoque."

TML said Mr. Speth will retire in September 2020 and a search committee had been set up to find his successor. However, he will continue with JLR as its non-executive vice-chairman. He will also continue to be on the board of Tata Sons.

In the domestic business, TML was impacted by the general economic slowdown. Its profitability was impacted by an adverse mix where despite increasing market shares, M&HCV volumes declined. This, coupled with proactive system stock reduction of ₹3,800 crore, resulted in loss of operating leverage.

"Growth continues to be impacted by subdued demand following the general economic slowdown, higher axle loads, liquidity stress and low freight availability for cargo operators," P.B. Balaji, group CFO, Tata Motors, said during a conference call.

In commercial vehicle sales, domestic retails were higher by 16% (versus wholesales) and passenger vehicles domestic retails were higher by 35% (versus wholesales). The company's free cash flow (automotive) in the quarter was positive at ₹4,000 crore, compared with a negative ₹5,000 crore a year earlier.

Fear goes viral, spooks investors, drags indices

Sensex drops 0.69%, Nifty 0.77%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

Stocks lost ground on Thursday as concerns over the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak affected investor sentiment across the globe. In Indian markets, expiry of derivative contracts and the upcoming Union Budget also acted as catalysts in increasing uncertainty for investors.

The benchmark Sensex lost 284.84 points, or 0.69%, to close below the psychological 41,000-mark at 40,913.82. Index heavyweight Reliance Industries was the worst performer of the day, shedding 2.51%.

Frontline stocks such as Nestle India, Indusind Bank, State Bank of India, ONGC, Sun Pharmaceuticals and M&M also lost over a per cent each. The broader Nif-

ty settled the day at 12,035.80, down 93.70 points or 0.77%.

Elsewhere in Asia, the Hang Seng lost over 700 points, or 2.62%, while the Nikkei was down by more than 400 points. The benchmark of Taiwan was down 5.75%, or 697 points, on Thursday. Further, most of the European indices were trading over 1% lower at the time of going to press.

FPIs net sellers

Incidentally, foreign portfolio investors were net sellers at nearly ₹963 crore on Thursday. On the BSE, nearly 1,700 stocks ended the day in the red, as against less than 800 gainers.

Meanwhile, the rupee lost 22 paise to close at a three-week low of ₹71.49 against the U.S. dollar.

IRDAI panel for daily premium payments for microinsurance

The 'gives and gets' should be clearly spelt out, it says

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD

An IRDAI committee on micro-insurance has made multiple recommendations towards improving the reach and penetration of such products by way of providing a daily premium payment option to the customers among other things.

"There should be an option to pay single premium in daily, fortnightly, monthly and quarterly instalments. Customers should be allowed to pay mortality premium in lump sum with remaining premiums to be allowed to be paid in instalment," the committee said in its report.

The report said micro-insurance product benefits

Customers should be allowed to pay mortality premium in lump sum and remaining premium in instalments

should be simple so as to be easily conveyed by the distributor and understood by the customer. The 'gives and gets' for the customer should be clearly spelt out.

The committee, whose members were drawn from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, insurers and other organisations concerned, said that on the pricing front, reduction in reserve requirement even for a short duration, can help in better pricing and may also help in

assessing the impact of such products in improving penetration. The expense of management requirement on micro-insurance products should be relaxed.

The panel said there was also the requirement of waiver of stamp duty on micro-insurance products. It also vouched for the e-KYC process to reduce cost and ensure smooth on-boarding and claims settlement processes.

Digital signatures should be encouraged for the micro-insurance business, it said. Cooperatives and self-help groups should be allowed to take up certain on-boarding and claims related processes for the schemes where they are partners.

Carborundum net rises 8%, revenue drops

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI

Murugappa Group firm Carborundum Universal Ltd.'s (CUMI) consolidated profit after tax and non-controlling interest for the third quarter ended December 2019 grew by 8% to ₹63 crore.

During the period under review, sales decreased by 6% to ₹642 crore on lower volumes from abrasives and electro-mineral segments. Consolidated segmental profitability for the quarter improved for the ceramics businesses but contracted for abrasives and electro-minerals.

At a consolidated level, CUMI, spent ₹107 crore on capital expenditure in the nine months ended December 2019.

Voltbek opens \$180 mn manufacturing facility

Gujarat unit to make home appliances

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

Voltbek Home Appliances Pvt Ltd, a JV between Voltas of Tata Group and Europe's consumer durables brand Arcelik have announced the opening of their first manufacturing facility at Sanand, Gujarat which has been set up with an investment of \$180 million (over ₹1,000 crore).

Spread over 60 acres, the factory will manufacture home appliances, including refrigerators and washing machines. This company will create an OEM base for home appliances in the region, along with local employment opportunities.

The facility will leverage Arcelik's global expertise in manufacturing and product



development and Voltas's strong brand presence, and its countrywide sales and distribution network. It will reach annual production capacity of 2.5 million units by 2025. The factory will primarily cater to the domestic market to start with. Noel Tata, chairman, Voltas, said, "We continue to see huge growth opportunities for consumer durables in India.

FinMin lauds bereaved pressman

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

For Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, the man responsible for printing out the Budget documents, this year has been especially difficult, as his father passed away on Republic Day.

The Ministry praised Mr. Sharma's dedication and "exemplary commitment" in choosing not to leave the quarantined press area, despite his loss. "Informing with regret that Shri Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, Dy Manager (Press), lost his father on 26 Jan, 2020. Being on Budget duty, he was on job in the lock-in. In spite of his immense loss, Sharma decided not to leave the press area even for a minute," said a Finance Ministry tweet.

China firms carry corona threat to auto expo

SIAM says it's taking adequate precautions, going through Health Ministry advisories

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

With the biennial Auto Expo and the Auto Components Expo, which kick off next week expected to see a lot of participation from Chinese companies, the auto industry on Thursday tried to allay consumer fears around the coronavirus.

For the auto expo 2020 that will open for public February 7 onwards, Chinese firms have already booked about 20% of the 40,000 sq. m of space available at the venue.

Some of the Chinese participants include MG Motor, and first timers Great Wall Motors and BYD Auto. Likewise, more than 200 exhibitors from China are slated to participate in the components show.

The 'Auto Expo 2020 Components' will take place from February 6-9 at Pragati Maidan, while the 'Auto Expo 2020' will be held from February 5-12 at Greater Noida.



Maiden show: Some of the Chinese participants include first timers Great Wall Motors and BYD Auto. ■AP

Conceding that there is concern about coronavirus, Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA) president Deepak Jain said all the organising entities – ACMA,

Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), have been involved in multiple interactions with the Ministries concerned. "We will

be taking precautionary, preventive as well as containment actions at the motor show as well as at the component show. We will be enhancing the healthcare infrastructure, there would be more awareness; masks, sanitising etc will also be taken care of," he said.

Rajan Wadhwa, president at SIAM, said in a statement, "Reference to the Coronavirus threat, wanted to convey that we as SIAM have gone through the advisories issued by the Ministry of Health and are taking adequate precautions at the venue of the Auto Expo – The Motor Show."

"Chinese participation in the components show has always been there. We have a dedicated pavilion for Chinese companies this year. Of the total 1,500 exhibitors, 200 of them are Chinese. I would say they will occupy less than 10% of the total space of 56,000 sq. m," Mr. Wadhwa added.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF TOURISM

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
EMPANELMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT AGENCIES/ENTITIES

1. The Department of Tourism, Puducherry proposes to empanel reputed Advertising Agencies for its ongoing publicity and advertisement campaign from a week-end gateway to week-long tourist destination.

2. Interested firms/companies having the following experience and competencies may apply to the Director, Directorate of Tourism, Dr.Ambedkar Road, Uppalam, Puducherry - 605 001 within 30 days from the date of this publication.

(i) A minimum of 3 years experience in organizing marketing and advertising campaigns for Tourism activities the value of which should not be less than one crore per annum.

(ii) Having a team of experienced professionals and a good track record.

3. Interested entities may send in their agency profiles, client lists, work portfolios and a hypothetical campaign for Pondicherry Tourism based on the theme "Week-long Destination" along with supporting documents for the assignment as mentioned above.

DIRECTOR OF TOURISM

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