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Development Board of India

on Friday announced the

assistance programme for

micro and small enterprises

products and services to help

fight the Covid-19. As per the

scheme, MSEs engaged in

manufacturing of hand

sanitisers, masks, gloves,

headgear, bodysuits, shoe

testing labs etc.can avail

covers, ventilators, goggles,

loans up to ₹50 lakh at the rate of 5% for five years.

**MSE** scheme

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launch of its financial

(MSEs) that provide

# Despite RBI measures, markets fail to hold up

Sensex ends down 131.18 points to close at 29,815; Nifty50 gains 18.8 points to 8,660

**URVASHI VALECHA** Mumbai, March 27

**EQUITY MARKETS COULD** not hold their intra-day gains and ended the day flat on Friday after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a series of measures to ease the stress in the financial system as the country came under a lockdown since last week.

After trading in the green for three straight sessions, the benchmark Sensex ended its day down 0.44% or 131.18 points to close at 29,815.59. Broader Nifty 50 ended the day up 18.8 points or 0.22% to close at 8660.25. The rupee posted gains for the first time in the week ending the day at ₹74.9 against the dollar, as opposed to ₹75.19 on Thursday.

The benchmark Sensex, which had rallied by 1310 points earlier in the day, gave up most of its gains towards the end of the session.

Agrawal, head of macro strategy and senior fund manager, DSP Mutual Fund, the reduction in interest rates would help bring the cost of equities

**STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)** 

on Friday announced a sharp

reduction in term deposit rates

of upto 100 basis points (bps),

and external benchmark

linked lending rate (EBLR),

repolinked lending rate (RLLR)

marginal cost of funds based

taken in next asset-liability com-

mittee (ALCO) meeting on April

The reduction in rates was

in response to announcements

made by Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) on Friday, which included

reduction in key policy rate

repo by 75 bps, among others.

reduced retail term deposit

interest rates by 20 to 50 bps

across tenors, and bulk term

deposit rates by 50 to 100 bps

JESSICA RESNICK-AULT

**OIL PRICES PLUNGED** more

than 5% on Friday and were on

track for a fifth straight weekly

loss as demand destruction

caused by the coronavirus out-

weighed stimulus efforts by

policymakers around the world.

nearly two thirds this year and

the coronavirus-related slump

in economic activity and fuel

demand has forced massive

retrenchment in investment by

oil and other energy companies.

\$2.03, or 7.7%, at \$24.31 a

barrel by 12:03 pm EDT (1603

GMT). US crude was down

to support the market," said

Bob Yawger, director of energy

futures at Mizuho in New York.

"The government used up all

their bullets this week — next

week the market is on its own."

lockdown, global oil require-

ments could drop by 20%,

MARKETS REGULATOR SEBI

With 3 billion people in

"We ran out of ammunition

\$1.29, or 5.7%, at \$21.31.

Brent crude was down

Both contracts are down

New York, March 27

across tenors

The public sector bank has

20, the bank said in a release.

However, the decision on

**FE BUREAU** 

by 75 bps.

Mumbai, March 27

#### Rupee pares initial gains, settles 27p higher at 74.89

THE RUPEE PARED its initial gains to settle 27 paise higher at 74.89 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday after the RBI announced various measures to stimulate growth amid coronavirus-induced lockdown in the country.

Forex traders said stimulus measures announced by the RBI and FPIs turning net buyers in capital markets boosted investor sentiment.

However, there are still concerns over the impact of coronavirus outbreak on the domestic as well as the global economy. The rupee opened on a positive note at 74.60 and touched a high of 74.35 in late morning trade. Later it erased the gains to end 27

down."The market was expecting more in terms of a financial package targeted to specific industries such as automobiles where an excise cut could have happened. Cash for clunker and big infrastructure investment would have also helped," he said, adding that the lowering of interest rates by 75 basis points (bps) and cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 100 bps was a good move to boost liquidity and cost of funds.

The RBI has cut CRR requirements for the first time since



paise higher at 74.89 against the American currency.

During the day, the domestic unit touched a high of 74.35 and a low of 75.40.

**RBI governor Shaktikanta** Das said all instruments conventional and unconventional — are on the table to support financial stability and revive growth. — PTI

2013. Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) turned net buyers for the first time in the month. According to provisional data on the exchanges, they bought equities worth \$47.5 million.

Shares of financials and banks, at which RBI's measures were aimed, rallied during the Friday's session with Nifty Bank ending the day 1.8% higher to close at 19,969.

Abhimanyu Sofat, head of research, IIFL Securities, said that additional measures for NBFCs and MFs was hoped for.

"Providing liquidity in investment grade corporate bonds will help in improving the currently stalled credit markets. We had hoped for any additional liquiditywindowforNBFCs and MFs, which hopefully with the possible backstop from the government, RBI may be able to provide in the future," he said. On the other hand, Sanjeev

Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, stated that the stimulus measures by RBI should be looked at from a different perspective. "The RBI looked at from the perspective of business continuity to keep the economy going. The marketwill react to positive indicators in the economy," he said.

The biggest gainers on

Nifty were Coal India which

Hota, head of research,

was up by 6.41%, followed by Axis Bank, Cipla, NTPC and ITC which were up 6.18%, 6%, 4.7% and 4.3% respectively. On the other hand, the biggest losers were Bajaj Finance, Hero Motocorp, IndusInd Bank, GAIL and Maruti Suzuki, which were down by 7.9%, 7.8% 5.6%, 4.58% and 4.57%. NSE Midcap shed 0.6% however, NSE Smallcap ended its day 0.4% higher. Sectorally, the biggest gainers were Nifty Bank, Nifty Private Bank, Nifty Metal, Nifty Financial Services and Nifty Pharma.

Globally, bourses in China, South Korea and Taiwan traded in the red. European markets were also trading negative at the time of going to press.

# Rate cut gets mixed response from rate-sensitive stocks

**CHIRAG MADIA** Mumbai, March 27

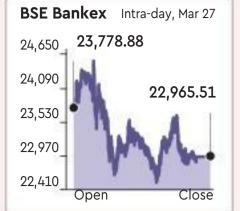
THERE WAS A mixed reaction from rate sensitive sectors following the announcements made by the Reserve Bank of India on interest rates and oter liquidity measures to help borrowers tide over the period of lockdown.

While the S&PBSE Auto and S&P BSE Realty ended the day with losses, the S&P BSE Bankex ended the session with 1% gains.

In its seventh bi-monthly policy for 2019-20, the RBI reduced the policy rate by 75 basis points to 4.4% and cut cash reserve ratio (CRR) for all bank by 100 basis points to 3%. The sharpest cut in repo rate since 2009 has failed to cheer rate sensitive stocks as investors opted to book some profits and gave up most of the gains made before the RBI policy.

Market participants said that despite the RBI announcing measures to help cope with the economic fallout from novel coronavirus, there was uncertainty on how long the problem would last and its impact on overall Indian economy.

Deven Choksey, MD at KR **Choksey Investment Managers** said, "In my view challenges in



are operating with very limited

presence. I think this is one of

the reasons why markets are not

lied as much as 8% in intra-

day trade, gave up much of its

gains to close at 22,965.51, up

0.96% or 218.43 points. While

the BSE Realty slid 0.78% to

end the day at 1,427.65 points,

BSE Auto declined 2.4% to set-

tle at 11,223.81 points. The

gauge for bank stocks Bankex

had rallied as much as 17.5%

during three sessions through

Thursday. BSE Realty and BSE

Auto surged between 7% to

corporate bond funds and bank-

income at Axis Mutual Fund

says, "In the past few days debt

market was in stress due to

the novel coronavirus scare

and there was drop in liquid-

ity which had pushed the

yields of money market bonds

J'TARAKKI KAREIN

Name

Place: Mumbai

Date: March 27, 2020

Mr. P. H.

R Sivakumar, head-Fixed

ing and PSU debt funds.

9% during the same period.

The BSE Bankex, which ral-

holding at this point of time."

the economy continues despite eral Bank and Axis Bank ended all the measures. The current sitthe day with gains of 6.34% uation in the market is more to and 4.98% respectively on do with the technicalities of the markets, where participants are BSE. While Indusind Bank and not able to participate fully RBL Bank among others closed because banks, brokerage in red on Friday. houses and other eco systems Among the real estate

**BSE Auto** 

12,100 **11,780.34** 

stocks, four stocks ended with losses while remaining six stocks ended in green. Out of 16 stocks in S&P BSE Auto index, eight stocks ended the day in red, with most losses seen in Hero Motocorp and TVS Motor.

A banking analyst from the leading broking house stated that announcement from RBI was a comprehensive one, but street is more worried about how long it will take for normalcy to return in the markets. "CRR reduction is a big step and it will directly support banks earnings going forward," added the analyst.

steps from RBI will bring the

in debt and money market

instruments where duration of

portfolio is between one-three

years. While corporate bond

funds invest at least 80% of their

total assets in highest rated

Short duration funds invest

yields down."

instruments.

11,800 11,223.81 11,500 11,200 10,900 In the banking sector, Fed-

Intra-day, Mar 27

#### Covid-19 to hit cement sector

THE NATION-WIDE lockdown amid the outbreak of Covid-19 will have a significant near-term volume impact on the cement industry, say experts. Based on the current situation, the March volumes of the commodity is likely to decline by 35-40% and April to be a washout, dealers say.

## A clarification

With reference to the report'Covid-19 no challenge for Allahabad Bank-Indian Bank merger deadline', which appeared in the edition dated March 19, the share swap ratio for Indian Bank's merger with Allahabad Bank was incorrectly mentioned as 151 equity shares of Indian Bank for every 1,000 equity shares of Allahabad Bank. The correct ratio is 115 equity shares of Indian Bank for every 1,000 equity shares of Allahabad Bank. The error is regretted.

### Debt investors must evaluate risks, say fund managers gories such as short-term funds, and corporates bonds, this

CHIRAG MADIA Mumbai, March 27

THE RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) has unleashed a wave of liquidity in the financial system using multiple tools from its arsenal.

The bond markets have seen some serious dislocation over the last few days with market yields spiking even for the highly rated papers as investors perceived higher risk. But with the RBI announcing its targeted LTROwherein banks will have to buy 3-year corporate bonds. This movewill bring back liquidity in the bond markets and lower yields of AAA rated bonds.

Given the dynamic situation on the spread of coronavirus, fund managers are advising investors to look at funds depending on appetite for risk and liquidity of the assets.

Given that the pandemic could have long-lasting impact on financials of companies, the bond markets will continue to be volatile. For those who are uncomfortable with volatility, Arvind Chari, head of fixed income at Quantum Advisors says, they should look at bank deposits.

Investors looking to invest in debt fund should look at cate-



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**Brief Experience** 

Mr. P. H. Ravikumar is a commerce graduate and

skill development in financial markets particularly

in securities markets, wealth management,

In the past, he has been a Director on the Boards

of The Federal Bank Ltd, Fedbank Financial

Services Limited, L&T Investment Management

Co. Ltd. (mutual fund), BOB Capital Markets Ltd.

(a merchant banking subsidiary of Bank of Baroda)

and Eveready Industries Ltd., I G Petrochemicals

Mr. Ravikumar is presently serving as director on

financial integrity and risk management.

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Notice-cum-Addendum to Statement of Additional Information (SAI) of the Fund

Notice is hereby given that Mr. P. H. Ravikumar (DIN: 00280010) has been appointed as an Independent Director on the Board of Directors of ICICI Prudential Trust Limited with effect from March 21, 2020.

The following details of Mr. P. H. Ravikumar shall be included in the SAI of the fund.

Age and

Qualifications

68 Years/Bachelor's

Ravikumar	Degree in Commerce, Certified Associate from Indian Institute of Bankers, Certified Associate from	is an associate of Indian Institute of Bankers, Mumbai and also an associate of Chartered Institute of Bankers, London. He is an 'Honorary Fellow' of The Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment, UK.
	Chartered Institute of Bankers, London, Honorary Fellow of Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments, U.K. and Senior Diploma in French	Mr. Ravikumar has 48 years of financial sector experience with exposure at top/senior management levels. He had a professional banking career of over 33 years with the Bank of India and the ICICI Group. He was also the founding MD & CEO of NCDEX Ltd., of Invent Assets Securitisation & Reconstruction Private Limited (an ARC regulated by RBI) and a co-founder and Chairman of Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. (an affordable housing finance company).
		Mr. Ravikumar is also a member of the Board of Directors (the first non-European to be a Director) of Chartered Institute of Securities and Investments (CISI) U.K. which is a not-for-profit organization operating in over 35 countries under U.K's Royal Charter involved in

Boards of several listed and unlisted companies. Further, Notice is hereby given that Mr. Vinod Kumar Dhall (DIN: 02591373) has ceased to be the Independent Director on the Board of ICICI Prudential Trust Limited pursuant to completion of his tenure.

This Notice-cum-addendum forms an integral part of the SAI of ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund, as amended from time to time. All the other provisions of the SAI except as specifically modified herein above remain unchanged.

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For ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company Limited

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According to Gopal

SBI cuts term deposit rates up to 100 bps Speaking earlier in the day,

ing," Kumar said. ment of three months moratorium on term loan payments by RBI, Kumar said there will be lending rate (MCLR) will be no impact on the profitability

> He said, "Banks' profitability will remain unchanged because accrual of income, or payment of interest on deposit does not stop." The bank is expecting around ₹50-60,000 crore of term loans to come under the ambit of RBI's announcement on Friday.

of bank and the loan install-

ments will automatically get

deferred by three months.

We are not uncomfortable even if 100% of the people choose to avail option of not

International Energy Agency

head Fatih Birol said as he

called on major producers such

as Saudi Arabia to help to sta-

bilise oil markets. The calls may

not be enough to bring the

whether Saudi Arabia will

allow itself to be persuaded so

easily to return from the path

of revenge that it only recently

embarked upon," said Com-

merzbank analyst Eugen

Weinberg, referring to the

price war being waged between

economies on Thursday

pledged to inject more than \$5

trillion into the global econ-

omy to limit job and income

losses from the coronavirus

and "do whatever it takes to

Representatives are determined

to pass a \$2.2 trillion coron-

avirus relief bill by Saturday at

the latest, hoping to provide

quick help as deaths mount and

the economy reels. —**REUTERS** 

These disclosures were

Leaders of the US House of

overcome the pandemic".

The Group of 20 major

Russia and Saudi Arabia.

"We have our doubts about

market back into balance.

Oil slides more than 5%



paying term loan installment, the chairman of largest bank in India said.

Explaining the process of implementation, he said, "the loan installments automatically get deferred by 3 months." However those borrowers who wish to pay can continue to do so. Citing his own example he said, "I also have a housing loan from the bank. But I do not want any change in my installments...so, it will be continue to be recovered from my salary."

He also said banks will ben-

efit from the flexibility given by the regulator to recalculate working capital limit. RBI in its statement on Fri-

day said that lending institutions may recalculate drawing power of working capital facilities by reducing margins, reassessing the working capital cycle for the borrowers. "In case of working capital

limit, the banks will have to reassess case to case basis and wherever we feel relief is required, that relief will be given," Kumar further said. Assessing benefit due to cash reserve ratio (CRR) cut announced by RBI, Kumar said, "₹31,000 crore will be released for SBI due to CRR cut

Kumar, who is also chairman of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), had requested CRR cut of 1% from the regulator. CRR is the amount of funds that banks have to maintain with RBI at all times.

## of 1% by RBI."

NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM NO. 08/2020

THIS NOTICE CUM ADDENDUM SETS OUT THE CHANGES TO BE MADE IN THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ("SAI"), SCHEME INFORMATION DOCUMENT ("SID") AND KEY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM ("KIM") OF ALL THE SCHEMES OF MIRAE ASSET MUTUAL FUND ("MAMF")

TRANSACTIONS THROUGH ELECTRONIC MODE

NOTICE is hereby that in light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and the latest government and Municipal authorities directive and in line with the AMFI's (Association of Mutual Funds in India) Public notice to Mutual Fund Investors & Distributors on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020, all the collection centres/branch offices of the AMC and the Investor Service centres ("official points of acceptance") of the Registrar and Transfer Agent i.e., KFin Technologies Pvt. Ltd. are closed with effect from Monday 23rd March 2020, and shall thereby not accept any physical transactions.

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All Investors transacting through online mode are requested to only adopt online means for transacting.

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The investors may note that the time of receipt of the email to the AMC's server with all the correct details shall be considered for the purpose of NAV applicability.

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Date: March 22, 2020

Place: Mumbai

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read all scheme related documents carefully.

#### on Friday relaxed compliance required to be made by April 15. norms pertaining to shareholding disclosures in the wake of coronavirus pandemic.

Sebi eases disclosures norms

Now, shareholders can disclose "information of their consolidated shareholding as on March 31, 2020, to the company and the stock

The SAST (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, require the shareholders to compile, collate, and disseminate information of their consolidated shareholding as on March 31, 2020, to the company and the stock exchanges within seven working days from the end of the

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(Asset Management Company for Mirae Asset Mutual Fund)

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exchanges till June 1", the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a circular. financial year.