

MARKET WATCH

	05-03-2020	% CHANGE
Sensex	38470	0.16
US Dollar	73.33	0.08
Gold	44250	-0.29
Brent oil	50.99	-3.57

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	349.15	3.20
Asian Paints	1874.45	26.50
Axis Bank	677.90	-4.30
Bajaj Auto	2703.65	-7.85
Bajaj Finserv	8879.90	80.20
Bajaj Finance	4330.70	44.30
Bharti Airtel	526.90	10.15
BPCL	418.40	-0.30
Britannia Ind	3127.15	64.10
Cipla	440.60	-7.05
Coal India	177.15	-0.95
Dr Reddys Lab	3184.45	13.10
Eicher Motors	17775.35	521.15
GAIL (India)	106.80	0.75
Grasim Ind	680.30	-9.20
HCL Tech	576.40	13.30
HDFC	2195.05	-11.00
HDFC Bank	1151.35	2.50
Hero MotoCorp	2063.90	17.55
Hindalco	155.50	-5.10
Hind Unilever	2218.00	42.15
ICICI Bank	504.50	-3.85
IndusInd Bank	1075.00	9.05
Bharti Infratel	214.70	-6.35
Infosys	754.60	-4.15
Indian Oil Corp	104.80	-1.80
ITC	188.05	0.55
JSW Steel	247.15	1.55
Kotak Bank	1651.35	43.40
L&T	1182.45	5.80
M&M	479.30	4.65
Maruti Suzuki	6365.95	-18.40
Nestle India Ltd.	16576.30	34.80
NTPC	107.85	-0.10
ONGC	92.60	-0.20
PowerGrid Corp	195.95	-1.10
Reliance Ind	1311.15	-28.55
State Bank	288.50	3.20
Sun Pharma	404.90	-0.55
Tata Motors	125.75	-0.45
Tata Steel	375.75	-1.40
TCS	2125.05	41.85
Tech Mahindra	756.10	-15.20
Titan	1259.15	8.20
UltraTech Cement	4205.55	32.75
UPL	516.05	4.45
Vedanta	117.10	-2.25
Wipro	229.70	0.85
YES Bank	36.80	7.50
Zee Entertainment	238.15	-13.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	73.11	73.44
Euro	81.83	82.20
British Pound	94.46	94.90
Japanese Yen (100)	68.40	68.71
Chinese Yuan	10.54	10.59
Swiss Franc	76.80	77.19
Singapore Dollar	52.76	53.00
Canadian Dollar	54.46	54.71
Malaysian Ringgit	17.56	17.66

Source: Indian Bank

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March 05 rates in rupees with previous rates in parentheses

Retail Silver (1g)	49.7	(50)
22 ct gold (1g)	4122	(4128)

NCLT allows reopening CG Power books

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MUMBAI
The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Thursday allowed a government petition seeking to reopen CG Power and Industrial Solutions accounts from 2014-15 to 2018-19. The Corporate Affairs Ministry had filed an application in the NCLT seeking the appointment of an independent auditor to reopen the accounts of CG Power & Industrial Solution from 2014-15 to 2018-19. The ministry in its prayer had said the reopening of the books of accounts is needed to bring out the truth in the larger public interest. The Mumbai bench also directed the government not to rely on the report by Vaish Associates, and asked them to conduct a separate investigation.

SEBI app for airing investor grievance

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a mobile application that will allow entities to lodge grievances against listed companies, market intermediaries and all categories of market participants. The app is a mobile version of the SEBI Complaints Redress System (SCORES) launched in June 2011, and has received, on an average, 40,000 complaints every year. Further, a total of 3.57 lakh complaints have been resolved using the SCORES platform. "The app has all the features of SCORES, which is presently available electronically, where investors have to lodge their complaints using the Internet medium," stated a release by SEBI.

Yes Bank put under moratorium till April 3

Deposit withdrawal capped at ₹50,000; board superseded by Reserve Bank of India

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The government has put private sector lender Yes Bank under moratorium till April 3 and capped the deposit withdrawal at ₹50,000 after severe deterioration of the bank's financial position. The decision was taken by the government after an application from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), a gazette notification said. Following the moratorium, RBI superseded the board of the bank and appointed Prashant Kumar, the deputy managing director and chief financial officer of State Bank of India (SBI), as the administrator. Mr. Kumar resigned from SBI to take up the role of the administrator. While assuring depositors that there was no need to panic, RBI said that it would



RBI said the bank's financial position deteriorated as it failed to raise capital to address loan losses. • REUTERS

explore and draw up a scheme in the next few days for the bank's reconstruction or amalgamation, and with the approval of the government, would put the plan well before the end of the moratorium period of 30 days. During the moratorium period, the bank cannot grant or renew any loan or advance, or make any investment, but would be allowed to make certain expenses like salaries of employees. The withdrawal limit will be relaxed for depositors who need money for medical treatment, education, marriage or other ceremonies and any other unavoidable emergency. In these cases, depositors will be allowed to withdraw up to a maximum of ₹5 lakh. RBI said that the financial position of the bank deteriorated as it failed to raise capital to address loan losses, which resulted in rating downgrades and triggered invocation of bond covenants by investors, and withdrawal of deposits. "The bank has also experienced serious governance issues and practices in the recent years which have led to steady decline of the bank," the RBI said. The central bank said it was in constant engagement with the bank's management to find ways to strengthen its balance sheet and liquidity. While the bank management had indicated that it was in talks with various in-

vestors for capital raising, those plans did not materialise. The regulator said it had given adequate opportunity to the bank to draw a credible revival plan, which, however, did not materialise. "In the meantime, the bank was facing regular outflow of liquidity," RBI said. While the moratorium was announced after the close of trading hours, Yes Bank shares had already shot up 26% after reports of a bail out plan led by the SBI. **SBI board gives nod** Meanwhile, the SBI board, at its meeting on Thursday, gave in-principle approval to explore investment opportunities in Yes Bank. The lender confirmed this in a reply to the exchanges late on Thursday and said that no negotiations had taken place yet.

SBI Cards IPO subscribed more than 22 times

Bids received for 225.1 cr. equity shares

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The initial public offer of SBI Cards and Payment Services, which closed for bidding on Thursday, was subscribed 22.45 times with bids received for nearly 225.1 crore equity shares as against 10.03 crore shares on offer in the price band of ₹750 to ₹755. The segment reserved for retail investors, which closed for bidding on Thursday, was subscribed 2.50 times while that for high net worth individuals was subscribed more than 45 times. Further, the portion reserved for employees was subscribed nearly 4.75 times. The segment reserved for institutional investors,

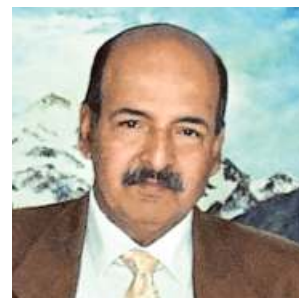
which closed for bidding on Wednesday, was subscribed a little over 57 times with bids received for nearly 139 crore equity shares. The public offering, with a size of over ₹10,000 crore, would see existing shareholders State Bank of India (SBI) and private equity major Carlyle diluting their stake in the company. SBI Cards is the second-largest credit card issuer in the country with a market share of 18% on the back of almost 10 million cards. SBI, which has a stake of 74% in the card company, would be offloading 4% stake by way of the offer while private equity major Carlyle will be diluting its stake by 10% (it currently holds 26% stake).

Vishwanathan seeks early retirement as RBI dy. governor

Cites health issues, replacement likely from within the bank

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N. S. Vishwanathan, one of the four deputy governors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has requested for an early retirement on health grounds. He was due to retire on July 3 this year. While there was no formal communication from the central bank on the issue, sources said he could be relieved by the end of the month or early next month. Mr. Vishwanathan took charge as deputy governor on July 4, 2016. He was given a three-year tenure. Last year, the government reappointed him for another year. Out of the four deputy governors of RBI, two are from outside, of which one



N. S. Vishwanathan

is a commercial banker and the other, an economist. The remaining two are promoted from within the RBI. At present, 3 of the 4 deputy governors are from RBI. Apart from Mr. Vishwanathan and B.P. Kanungo, the economist, deputy governor M.D. Patra, who was appointed in January, is also

the central bank. This led to speculation that Mr. Vishwanathan's replacement may come from outside since the government may stick to the 'two-plus-two' formula. All the deputy governors of RBI are appointed by the government. However, sources clarified that during the economist deputy governor's appointment, which was advertised by the government, Mr. Patra had gone through that process for the appointment. Hence, Mr. Patra's appointment is not considered as an internal promotion. As a result, Mr. Vishwanathan's replacement is likely to be from among the 12 executive directors of the RBI.

HC dismisses Kochhar's plea against termination

'Dispute concerns a private body'

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The Bombay High Court on Thursday dismissed a petition filed by Chanda Kochhar against her termination as the managing director and chief executive officer of the ICICI Bank. A division bench of Justices N.M. Jandhar and M.S. Karnik accepted the bank's contention that Ms. Kochhar's petition was not maintainable as the dispute was contractual and concerns a private body. The bank's counsel Darius Khambata had earlier argued that a judicial review cannot be incurred under Article 226 of the Constitution, which empowers high courts to issue directions, orders or writs in such a matter. The bank sought dismissal of Ms. Kochhar's petition. Ms. Kochhar was termi-



Chanda Kochhar

nated from the ICICI Bank months after she voluntarily left the second largest private sector lender. The high profile former banker moved the high court on November 30, 2019, challenging termination of her employment by the ICICI Bank. Mr. Khambata argued that ICICI is a private banking company and Kochhar's petition seeks to contest what are purely private contractual terms.

Lenders okay resolution plan for RCom

'Practical issues in divesting entire stake at one go'

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With lenders approving a ₹23,000 crore resolution plan for Reliance Communications, as much as ₹5,500 crore will flow to Chinese banks, clearing about 55% of their principal dues, including of those lenders to whom firm's promoter Anil Ambani had allegedly given a personal guarantee. A committee of RCom creditors on March 4 unanimously approved the insolvency resolution plan to settle unpaid debt of Reliance Communications, Reliance Telecom and Reliance Infratel, sources in the panel said. While Jio will get the tower and fiber assets of Reliance Infratel for ₹4,700 crore, UV Asset Reconstruction Co Ltd. will get assets of RCom and Reliance Telecom (spectrum) for ₹14,000 crore.

NSE told to submit road map for diluting stake in CAMS

'Practical issues in divesting entire stake at one go'

ASHISH RUKHAIYAR MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has directed the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to submit a plan for diluting its entire stake in Computer Age Management Systems (CAMS) — the country's largest share registrar and transfer agent (RTA). The stock exchange had about 37% stake in the RTA and had told SEBI it would not be able to divest completely at once and hence would soon be submitting a road map for diluting the entire stake for the necessary regulatory approvals, a senior SEBI official said. "The exchange has said that there are practical issues in divesting the entire stake at one go. So, we told them to submit a road map for divestment that we can approve," the official said,



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adding that the bourse was yet to submit its plan of action for the stake sale. The latest development follows the SEBI directive of February, wherein the watchdog stated that NSE acquired the stake in CAMS without prior regulatory approval and hence needed to divest the stake. Interestingly, CAMS, which has a market share of nearly 70%, has already filed its document for an initial public offer,

which is likely to be around ₹1,500 crore in size. Once the draft document gets the final regulatory approval, the promoter shares, which includes NSE's stake, get locked in for one year, which could derail the stake sale process of NSE to comply with the SEBI directive. "We will take a considerate view on the matter so that none of the processes gets delayed," the SEBI official quoted above said.

Jindal Stainless Ltd. exits CDR

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Jindal Stainless Limited (JSL) has successfully exited from the Corporate Debt Restructuring (CDR) framework with effect from March 31, 2019, with the company receiving a letter from the consortium of CDR lenders to this effect.

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Blackstone keen to invest in India's stressed assets, says Schwarzman

Chairman of the PE major wants Indian banks to follow U.S. model

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Blackstone, one of world's largest private equity (PE) majors, is bullish to invest in India in spite of the economic slowdown in the country. Blackstone has identified "stressed assets" and warehousing as the new areas of investment, besides focus on technology and real estate, according to its chairman, CEO and co-founder Stephen A. Schwarzman. Hinting at buying stressed assets, Mr. Schwarzman said, "Issues with India are more about slowing economic growth and limited credit ex-

tenion by the banking system and neo banks, and that should create more need for owners of companies to look for other sources of liquidity. For us, if there is something very attractive here... we've a lot of long term confidence in India. So, we will be very active buyers or lenders in this market." Blackstone has so far invested over \$15 billion in India since it started Indian operations in 2006. Most of its investments includes PE play in enterprises, and bets on realty, of late. "Blackstone India will be focussing on the real estate sector to create spaces that can be hired by IT companies and also

warehousing space going forward," Schwarzman said. To a query by *The Hindu*, Mr. Schwarzman declined to comment if he would play the role of a negotiator in the U.S.-India trade deal. Mr. Schwarzman had played the key role of a negotiator in the U.S.-China trade deal. Mr. Schwarzman is not happy with the liquidity crisis in the Indian banking system and wants Indian banks to follow the U.S. model. When asked about the impact of COVID-19, Mr. Schwarzman said that the pandemic was a black swan event globally and flagged risks to companies' profits.

Zydus Cadila to launch drug for NASH

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT MUMBAI

The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has approved Zydus Cadila's new drug application (NDA) for Saroglitazar for treatment of Non-Cirrhotic, Non-Alcoholic SteatoHepatitis (NASH) in India, making it the first-ever drug in the world for treatment of the disease. Sharvil P. Patel, managing director, Zydus Cadila, said, "Our new drug will be available in India in the next three months and will stop deterioration of liver for NASH patients. This drug will become our largest brand."

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