

**MARKET MOVEMENT**

Major Indices	June 17, 2017	June 23, 2017	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	31,056.40	31,138.21	0.26	
NSE Nifty	9,588.05	9,574.95	(0.13)	

**INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE****POLICY WATCH**

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**IOC, BPCL AND HPCL SIGNS PACT TO SET WORLD'S LARGEST REFINERY**

Indian Oil Corporation ('IOC') Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited ('BPCL') and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited ('HPCL') have signed Joint Venture (JV) agreement to set up the world's largest refinery and petrochemical complex in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra. The refinery is expected to be set up by 2022 at an estimated cost of USD 40 billion and will have a 60 million tonnes refining capacity.

**HARYANA ANNOUNCES CHEAPER POWER FOR INDUSTRY**

Government has announced power tariff concession of INR 1 for industrial sector to boost industrialization and ensure ease of doing business in Haryana. The concession will maintain the balance between industrial and domestic consumer who have already been provided concession of one rupee in the electricity tariff. The state relies on thermal power and is already footing substantial subsidy for power supply to agriculture sector.

**RELAXATION IN FILING GST RETURN FOR FIRST TWO MONTHS**

To provide a sense of comfort to the taxpayers and to adjust themselves with the requirements of the changed system, the tax would be payable based on a simple return (Form GSTR-3B) containing summary of outward and inward supplies in the initial two months of Good

and Service Tax ("GST") implementation. This will be submitted before 20th of the succeeding month. Facility for uploading of outward supplies for July, 2017 will be available from 15th July, 2017. No late fees and penalty would be levied for the interim period.

### **GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES STARTUP INDIA HUB**

Government has launched Startup India Virtual Hub, an online platform for all stakeholders of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in India to discover, connect and engage with each other. India is the 3rd largest startup ecosystem around the globe with 3-4 startups commencing every day. Hub will act as a nodal platform and will enable users to connect with ecosystem stakeholders, access free learning resources, tools & templates on legal, HR, accounting & regulatory issues and discussion forums.

### **NITI AAYOG CLEARS USD 2.76 BILLION PROJECT TO INCREASE TRAIN SPEED**

Niti Aayog has approved the rail project worth USD 2.76 billion for increasing train speed to 160 km/h on the Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah rail corridors. The project envisages fencing off the entire 3,000 kms on both routes, up-gradation of signaling system, elimination of all level crossings and installing Train Protection Warning System ("TPWS").

### **INDUSTRY WATCH**

- **SPICE EXPORT GROWS BY 6 % IN 2016-17**
- **FRUIT & VEGETABLE EXPORTS RISES 15% IN 2 WEEKS**
- **MOBILE DATA CONSUMPTION INCREASES 142% IN LAST 3 YEARS**
- **FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS INCREASE BY 19.5% IN MAY**
- **NATURAL PRODUCTS CONTRIBUTE 41% TO PERSONAL-CARE MARKET**

### **SPICE EXPORT GROWS BY 6% IN 2016-17**

Spices export has recorded a growth of 6% to USD 2.63 billion in 2016-17 compared to USD 2.48 billion in 2015-16 due to robust demand in international markets. 947,790 tonnes spices were exported in 2016-17 compared to 843,255 tonnes in 2015-16. Chilli was the most demanded spice in 2016-17 with export of 400,250 tonnes, followed by cumin, turmeric, garlic, nutmeg and mace.

### **FRUIT & VEGETABLE EXPORTS RISES 15% IN 2 WEEKS**

Exports of fresh fruit and vegetables to Qatar have increased by 15% in the past two weeks as demand has increased due to disruptions in supply to the country from Saudi Arabia and other neighbouring nation. India has exported 4.1 million tonnes fruits and vegetables worth USD 1.6 billion in FY2016-17 compared to 2.4 million tonnes worth USD 1.29 billion in FY2015-16.

### **MOBILE DATA CONSUMPTION INCREASES 142% IN LAST 3 YEARS**

**Mobile data consumption per subscriber in India has risen by 142% in the last three years from the year 2014 to 2017. During the period**, online banking transactions per internet user have increased by 17 times and digital wallet transactions increased by 200 times. India's wireless subscriber base has grown by 9% per year from 0.9 billion in April 2014 to 1.17 billion in April 2017.

### **FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS INCREASE BY 19.5% IN MAY**

**Total number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in May 2017 has increased by 19.5% year-on-year (y-o-y) to 630,000 as compared to 527,000 during same period.** During January-May 2017 FTAs has registered a growth of 16.4% to 4.2 million from 3.6 million in the corresponding period. Percentage share of FTAs during May 2017 was highest from Bangladesh (29.73%) followed by USA (14.37%), UK (6.76%), Malaysia (3.64%), China (2.91%), Sri Lanka (2.68%), Japan (2.38%).

### **NATURAL PRODUCTS CONTRIBUTE 41% TO PERSONAL-CARE MARKET**

**Natural products market has grown by 6.6% last year to USD 2.85 billion, twice the pace compared to regular products.** The segment contributes 41% to the personal care market and mainly driven by chemists and modern trade channels. 79% of natural brands are made by Indian-origin firms while multinationals account for remaining share.

## **CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **TATA GROUP TIES UP WITH LOCKHEED MARTIN**
- **ADANI GROUP SIGNS MoU WITH EAST HOPE GROUP**
- **ZYDUS CADILA GETS USFDA APPROVAL TO MARKET MIGRAINE DRUG**
- **GMR RECEIVES ORDER TO BUILD NEW AIRPORT IN GREECE**
- **SPML INFRA GETS ORDERS OF WORTH USD 98.76 MILLION**

### **TATA GROUP TIES UP WITH LOCKHEED MARTIN**

**Tata Group has signed an agreement with American firm Lockheed Martin to produce and export new generation F-16 Block 70 fighter aircraft in India to meet the IAF's single-engine jet requirement.** The deal for 100 plus fighter aircraft is estimated to be worth over USD 9.23 billion. Tata has an existing partnership with Lockheed under which it manufactures airframe components for the C-130J airlifter and the S-92 helicopter.

### **ADANI GROUP SIGNS MoU WITH EAST HOPE GROUP**

**Adani Group has signed Memorandum of Understanding ('MoU') with East Hope Group, one of China's largest private companies to set up manufacturing units in Mundra Special**

Economic Zone ('SEZ') in Gujarat. The Chinese company will invest USD 300 million to set up units for production of solar power generation equipment, chemicals, aluminium and animal feed.

### **ZYDUS CADILA GETS USFDA APPROVAL TO MARKET MIGRAINE DRUG**

**Zydus Cadila has received an approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration ('USFDA') to market** Eletriptan Hydrobromide tablets of 20 mg (base) and 40 mg (base) used in treatment of migraine. The drug will be produced at the group's formulations manufacturing facility at the Pharma SEZ in Ahmedabad.

### **GMR RECEIVES ORDER TO BUILD NEW AIRPORT IN GREECE**

**GMR Airports Ltd, a subsidiary of GMR Infrastructure Ltd, has received the rights to build, operate and manage the** new international Kastelli airport project in Heraklion, Crete island of Greece, in partnership with Greek infrastructure major Terna S.A.. The concession period for the new project will be 35 years, including 5 years for phase 1 of construction.

### **SPML INFRA GETS ORDERS OF WORTH USD 98.76 MILLION**

**SPML Infra Limited has received new orders for water supply and irrigation projects in various states. The orders** include USD 83.96 million from Gujarat for water irrigation project under Sauni Yojna, USD 8.2 million from Jharkhand for augmentation and strengthening of Giridih Water Supply Scheme, USD 4.43 million for construction of 132/33 kV GIS sub-station from West Bengal and USD 2.07 million for canal construction from Madhya Pradesh.