



MARKET MOVEMENT

| Major Indices | August 31, 2019 | September 06, 2019 | % Change | Change |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
| BSE Sensex | 37,332.79 | 36,981.77 | (0.94) |  |
| NSE Nifty | 11,023.25 | 10,946.20 | (0.69) |  |

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- **India announces contribution of USD 22 million to GFTAM**
- **India launches Act Far East**
- **India signs pact with Russia to Open Maritime Route**
- **India tie up with Russia in energy and defence**
- **Cabinet approves higher procurement price for ethanol**

India announces contribution of USD 22 million to GFTAM

India has announced a contribution of USD 22 million to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) for the 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22). India shares a sustained partnership with the Global Fund since 2002 both as recipient and as a donor. In the current funding cycle (2018-21), the Global Fund has allocated USD 500 million to India. As a donor, India has contributed USD 46.5 million so far till 2019 including USD 20 million for the 5th Replenishment.

India launches Act Far East

India has launched 'Act Far East' policy with USD 1 billion as line of credit for the development of the resource-rich region in Russia. India has invested in oil fields in Far East and plans to invest more as part of roadmap and joint development of oil fields. India and Russia are also looking at collaborating in sectors such as diamond-processing, rare earths, petroleum and natural gas, agriculture, timber, tourism and infrastructure.

India signs pact with Russia to Open Maritime Route

India and Russia has agreed to open a maritime route between the ports of Chennai and Vladivostok to ensure connectivity between the two countries. A Memorandum of Intent (MoI) was signed between the

Indian Ministry of Shipping and Russia's Ministry of Transport for the development of maritime communications between the ports of Chennai and Vladivostok in Russia's Far East Region.

India tie up with Russia in energy and defence

India and Russia signed a number of energy and defence deals to deepen its ties. The two countries were preparing a 10-year military-technical co-operation programme. Also, companies from both countries signed agreements on gas supplies and agricultural products. Novatek, a Russian gas company developing the Arctic LNG 2 project has signed a MoU with Indian LNG group Petronet on 'future natural gas co-operation'.

Cabinet approves higher procurement price for ethanol

Cabinet has approved a higher procurement price for ethanol purchased by oil marketing companies for the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme, which will come into effect from December 1 for a period of one year. Oil marketing companies will also pay the Goods and Services Tax and transportation tax associated with the ethanol supply, a provision that existed in the previous plan as well.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- **FDI grows 28% to USD 16.33 billion in Q1 FY20**
- **Imports of Agarbatti from China restricted**
- **Tamil Nadu attracts investments worth over USD 376.3 million**
- **India Inc's foreign borrowings grows to USD 4.98 billion in July**
- **PE deal value raises in July**

FDI grows 28% to USD 16.33 billion in Q1 FY20

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) grew by 28% to USD 16.33 billion during the first quarter of the current fiscal. Sectors which attracted maximum foreign inflows during April-June 2019-20 include services (USD 2.8 billion), computer software and hardware (USD 2.24 billion), telecommunications (USD 4.22 billion), and trading (USD 1.13 billion). Singapore is major source of FDI with USD 5.33 billion investments followed by Mauritius (USD 4.67 billion), US (USD 1.45 billion), Netherlands (USD 1.35 billion), and Japan (USD 472 million).

Imports of Agarbatti from China restricted

Government has restricted imports of agarbatti and other similar products amidst report of significant increase in inbound shipments from countries like China and Vietnam. Now importers of these goods require licence from the government for import purpose. Also, imports of odoriferous preparations used for

deodorising room are restricted. Its imports increased to USD 12.35 million in 2018-19 from USD 7.51 million in 2017-18.

Tamil Nadu attracts investments worth over USD 376.3 million

16 companies have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to make investments worth USD 287.5 million in different fields in Tamil Nadu. Companies included Jean Martin, Scitus Pharma, Novitium Labs, Aspire Consulting and Zillion Technologies. Besides, Haldia Petrochemicals signed an agreement for an in-principle investment of USD 6.96 billion to set up a plant.

India Inc's foreign borrowings grows to USD 4.98 billion in July

India Inc's foreign borrowings rose to USD 4.98 billion in July against USD 2.18 billion borrowings from overseas markets in July 2018. Of the total money borrowed by the domestic companies, USD 3.37 billion was through the automatic route of External Commercial Borrowing (ECB), USD 1.56 billion via approval route of ECB and the rest of USD 50.9 million was raised by issuing masala or rupee denominated bonds.

PE deal value raises in July

Private Equity deal value rose by 160% to USD 5.47 billion compared to the same period last year led by Brookfield's USD 3.7-billion investments in Reliance Industries' telecom tower assets. 71 PE deals worth USD 5.5 billion were recorded in July comprising one deal in the billion dollar club and six deals valued at over USD 100 million each.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Google signs pact with IT ministry for 'Build for Digital India'**
- **Mahindra Summit Agrisciences launches organic agriculture product range**
- **Ashok Leyland gets BSVI certification for heavy duty truck range**
- **Reliance Power ties up with JERA for project in Bangladesh**
- **SPML Infra receives orders worth USD 24.7 million**

Google signs pact with IT ministry for 'Build for Digital India'

Google has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for execution of 'Build for Digital India' programme. It will offer a platform for engineering students to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that address key social problems. Engineering students across the country will be invited to present their ideas and solutions in areas like healthcare, agriculture, education, smart cities and infrastructure, women's safety, smart mobility and transportation, environment, accessibility and disability and digital literacy.

Mahindra Summit Agrisciences launches organic agriculture product range

Mahindra Summit Agriscience Ltd, a Joint Venture (JV) between Mahindra Agri Solutions Ltd. (MASL) and Sumitomo Corporation Group, Japan, has launched a new product range for sustainable &

organic agriculture under the “PRAKRTI by Mahindra” brand name. Company will offer high quality microbial products in the plant nutrient, insect & disease management categories. These products ensure residue free fruits and food grains, which in turn will promote Agri exports from India.

Ashok Leyland gets BSVI certification for heavy duty truck range

Ashok Leyland has become the first Indian Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) to meet BS-VI emission norms across its full range of heavy duty trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 16.2 tonne and above. Also, the company has developed an entire new modular vehicle platform for this range to meet the increasingly dynamic customer requirements, with multiple options of loading spans, cabins, suspensions, and drivetrains.

Reliance Power ties up with JERA for project in Bangladesh

Reliance Power has signed a pact to induct Japanese utility JERA as a partner for the 750 mw-gas based combined cycle power project it is setting up in Bangladesh. In 2015, Reliance Power had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh to set up a total of 3,000 mw of power generation capacity in the country in phases. The first phase of 750 mw power plant and the LNG terminal entails an investment of USD 1 billion.

SPML Infra receives orders worth USD 24.7 million

SPML Infra has received new project orders worth USD 24.7 million from Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam. Orders are received for 132/33 kV substation projects to be completed in 24 months period. Projects are funded by the World Bank under 'Jharkhand Power System Improvement Project' scheme'.