

MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	April 12, 2019	April 19, 2019	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	38,767.11	39,140.28	0.96	↑
NSE Nifty	11,643.45	11,752.80	0.93	↑

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

POLICY WATCH

- Cabinet approves Continuation of Phase 4 of GSLV
- Cabinet approves MoU between India and Bolivia
- Government approves extension of duration of New Urea Policy-2015
- Cabinet approves MoU between India and Cambodia
- Army approves import of 240 Israeli Anti-Tank Guided Missiles

Cabinet approves Continuation of Phase 4 of GSLV

Cabinet has approved ongoing (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) GSLV continuation programme Phase-4 consisting of five GSLV flights during the period 2021-2024. GSLV Programme - Phase 4 will enable the launch of 2 tonne class of satellites for Geo-imaging, Navigation, Data Relay Communication and Space Sciences. Total fund requirement is USD 393.4 million.

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Bolivia

Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bolivia on Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources. The MoU was signed in Bolivia in March, 2019. MoU provides exchange of information on resources, laws and policy, organization of seminars to exchange views on development strategies, encouragement of transfer of technologies between the two countries, promotion of value addition.

Government approves extension of duration of New Urea Policy-2015

Government has approved the proposal of the Department of fertilizers to extend the duration of New Urea Policy-2015 from April 1, 2019 till further orders. It will facilitate to continue operations and regular supply of urea to the farmers. Higher energy efficiency due to aforesaid measure will reduce subsidy bill.

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Cambodia

Cabinet has given ex post-facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Cambodia on Cooperation in the field of Communications. MoU will contribute in strengthening bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding between India and Cambodia in the field of communications.

Army approves import of 240 Israeli Anti-Tank Guided Missiles

Army has approved the import of 240 Israeli-made Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Spike medium-range (MR) anti-tank guided missiles (ATGM) and 12 launchers as part of an “emergency purchase” to meet immediate operational requirements.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- Office space supply rises 46% in Jan-Mar at 13.4 million sq ft
- Exports grows 11% in March
- Only dal millers are allowed to import pulses under quota for second year
- Services exports rise 5.5% to USD 15.6 billion in February
- Issuance of Government bonds grows to USD 9.22 billion in FY19

Office space supply rises 46% in Jan-Mar at 13.4 million sq ft

Office space supply rose by 46% during January-March period in the nine major cities to 13.4 million sq ft as real estate developers look to cater rising demand of commercial areas from corporates and co-working operators. Hyderabad witnessed a sharp jump in supply to 5.2 million sq ft from 0.7 million sq ft during the period under review. Delhi-NCR, the office space supply rose to 1.5 million sq ft in the first quarter of 2019 calendar year, from 1.2 million sq ft in the year-ago period.

Exports grows 11% in March

Exports rose 11% in March on account of higher growth mainly in pharma, chemicals and engineering sectors, marking the outbound shipments at USD 331 billion for FY 2018-19. Merchandise exports in March stood at USD 32.55 billion as against USD 29.32 billion in the same month last year. Imports rose by 1.44% to USD 43.44 billion in March 2019.

Only dal millers are allowed to import pulses under quota for second year

Government has allowed only dal millers to import the annual permissible quota of pulses, a restricted commodity, for the second consecutive year. 200,000 tonnes of tur and 150,000 tonnes each of moong, urad and yellow peas imports are allowed. The industry expects the number of applications for

procuring import licences to increase five-eight times this year as those who imported the commodity last year booked good profits.

Services exports rise 5.5% to USD 15.6 billion in February

Services exports rose 5.5% to USD 16.58 billion in February 2018-19 from USD 15.71 billion in the same month a year ago. Services imports in February 2018-19 declined by 3.3% to USD 9.81 billion, compared to USD 10.14 billion in the year-ago month.

Issuance of Government bonds grows to USD 9.22 billion in FY19

Issuances of government-fully serviced bonds (GoI-FSBs) rose to USD 9.22 billion in the year-ended March 2019 as compared to USD 2.17 billion during the last fiscal. Total outstanding value of these GoI-FSBs stood at USD 12.75 billion at the end of FY19. Purpose of these borrowings has been to meet the expenditure towards various schemes of government by raising Extra-Budgetary Resources (EBR) by various Public Sector Entities (PSEs).

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Dr Reddy's acquires a portfolio of 42 ANDAs in US**
- **L&T's heavy engineering arm receives 'significant' contracts**
- **Eight Roads arm invests USD 4.5 million in wealth management startup Kuvera**
- **GVK signs pact to sell 49% stake in airports business to ADIA & NIIF**
- **Ford signs pact with Mahindra & Mahindra to develop SUV**

Dr Reddy's acquires a portfolio of 42 ANDAs in US

Dr Reddy's Laboratories has acquired a portfolio of 42 abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) in the United States (US). Company has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire yet to be marketed portfolio of ANDAs, including more than 30 generic injectable products. These products will require to be technology transferred and could be launched within the next one to two years.

L&T's heavy engineering arm receives 'significant' contracts

Larsen & Toubro's (L&T) heavy engineering arm has received various contracts for supply of critical reactors, equipment and systems for Process Plant sector. Orders (significant category) ranges between USD 144 million and USD 360 million as per its classification of contracts. Mostly orders are from international clients such as US, Europe, Middle East and South East Asia.

Eight Roads arm invests USD 4.5 million in wealth management startup Kuvera

Eight Roads has invested USD 4.5 million in Kuvera, a tech-based wealth management startup. Kureva focus is on companies that help them to understand certain domain spaces and determine how they

should reach customers in new markets. Eight Roads Ventures has invested in more than 200 startups across the US, Europe, China, India, Japan, and South-East Asia.

GVK signs pact to sell 49% stake in airports business to ADIA & NIIF

GVK Power & Infrastructure said it signed an agreement to sell a 49% stake in its airports business to the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) and the National Investment & Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). ADIA and the local fund would invest in GVK Airport Holdings by acquiring new shares. Funds brought in through this proposed transaction will help them deleverage as they continue with their endeavours to create the infrastructure for a strong aviation hub in India that will provide the impetus for growth and development for the entire country

Ford signs pact with Mahindra & Mahindra to develop SUV

Ford has signed an agreement with Mahindra and Mahindra to develop a mid-sized SUV at an expected investment of USD 97 million. Since the SUV will be based on Mahindra's existing platform and powertrain, it will bring down the cost of development and manufacturing for both carmakers. Ford intends to export this SUV to emerging markets.