

MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	October 11, 2019	October 18, 2019	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	38,127.08	39,298.38	3.07	↑
NSE Nifty	11,305.05	11,661.85	3.15	↑

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- India and Netherlands launched the second phase of the LOTUS-HR
- National e-assessment centre launched
- ADB signs USD 190 million loan agreement with India
- Government imposes ban on tricolour import
- Indian cooperatives signs pact with Sri Lanka for milk supply

India and Netherlands launched the second phase of the LOTUS-HR

India and Netherlands has launched the second phase of the Local Treatment of Urban Sewage streams for Healthy Reuse (LOTUS-HR) that will facilitate 10 thousand liters sewage water treatment per day. Dutch and Indian companies are contributing to the project by sharing their existing technologies and will showcase how one can treat urban wastewater into clean water for various purposes. Pilot scale facility will employ multiple technologies so that the data generated at the pilot scale becomes a toolbox of treatment technologies for replication at other sites in Delhi.

National e-assessment centre launched

Income-tax department has launched National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) that would undertake the first phase of faceless assessment. Income tax department has selected 58,322 cases for scrutiny in the first phase, for which e-notices have been served before September 30, belonging to cases of Assessment Year 2018-19.

ADB signs USD 190 million loan agreement with India

Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India has signed a USD 190 million loan to upgrade 754 kilometres of state highways and Major District Roads (MDRs) to two-lane or

intermediate-lane standards that will benefit about 26 million people in 14 districts of Rajasthan. ADB value-addition will consist in financing part of the construction costs for the annuity-based public private partnership (PPP) concessions and EPC contracts.

Government imposes ban on tricolour import

Government has prohibited import of the Indian national flag "not adhering to specifications prescribed" in the Flag Code of India. Code prescribes that the tricolour can only be made of hand woven wool, cotton, silk khadi "bunting. Most of the flags sold at traffic crossings or outside school are either made of plastics or non-khadi.

Indian cooperatives signs pact with Sri Lanka for milk supply

India has signed a Memorandum of Interest (MoI) with Sri Lanka for supply of milk and milk products. Tamil Nadu Milk Cooperatiave Federation that owns 'Aavin' brand, Puducherry Milk Cooperative Federation that owns 'PonLait' brand and fertiliser company Indian Potash Ltd have signed a separate pact with the Sri Lanka government for supply of milk. The quantity and price has not been quoted.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- **Livestock population up by 4.6%**
- **Securitisation of assets by NBFCs and mortgage lenders grows 48%**
- **Life insurers' new premium income in September rises 15%**
- **Passenger vehicle exports rises 4% in April-September**
- **Maharashtra withdraws subsidy on milk powder exports**

Livestock population up by 4.6%

Livestock population in India has increased by 4.6%, from 512 million in 2012 to nearly 536 million in 2019. Even among the indigenous (desi) breeds of cattle, female ones (cows) showed an increase of 10% in their number. Population of cross-bred cattle recorded an increase of 27% over the 2012 census. State-wise, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has recorded highest livestock population in 2019 followed by Rajasthan, MP, West Bengal, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat.

Securitisation of assets by NBFCs and mortgage lenders grows 48%

Securitisation of assets by Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) and mortgage lenders surged as much as 48% to USD 14.05 billion in the first half of the fiscal year as they raised funds selling assets. volume of pass through certificates (PTCs), which remain the preferred route for asset backed

transactions, rose 63% on-year. Consequently, the share of PTCs in total securitisation rose to 41% from 36% in fiscal 2019. Direct assignment volumes grew 39% on-year to USD 8.29 billion.

Life insurers' new premium income in September rises 15%

New premium income of life insurers rose 15% to USD 2.81 billion in September compared to USD 2.45 billion in September 2018. Cumulatively, insurance premium of all 24 players grew 35.11% during April-September period of the current fiscal to USD 17.67 billion.

Passenger vehicle exports rises 4% in April-September

Passenger vehicle (PV) exports have increased by over 4% to 3,65,282 units in the first half of the current fiscal as compared with 3,49,951 units in the same period of 2018-19. Car shipments recorded 5.61% increase at 2,86,495 units, while Utility Vehicle exports saw a marginal rise at 77,397 units during the April-September period.

Maharashtra withdraws subsidy on milk powder exports

Maharashtra Government has removed the subsidy of USD 0.70 kg on export of milk powder. Under a scheme announced by the state government in July 2018, subsidy of USD 0.70 per kg for export of milk powder and a subsidy of USD 0.07 per litre for farmers were declared.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **ExxonMobil signs MoU with Indian Oil**
- **Glenmark Pharma gets USFDA nod for prostate cancer treatment drug**
- **Adani Wilmar enters into ready-to-cook food segment**
- **Total buys 37.4% stake in Adani Gas for USD 0.81 billion**
- **MG Motor India ties up with eChargeBays**

ExxonMobil signs MoU with Indian Oil

ExxonMobil India LNG Ltd has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC) focused on making natural gas available beyond the present available pipeline networks. They will also explore new models of delivering cost-effective natural gas in India where it is most needed to complement traditional pipelines.

Glenmark Pharma gets USFDA nod for prostate cancer treatment drug

Glenmark Pharmaceuticals has received final approval for Abiraterone Acetate tablets from the US health regulator. These tablets are used in the treatment of prostate cancer. Approved product is a generic version of Zytiga tablets, 250 mg, of Janssen Biotech. Currently, Glenmark's portfolio has 162 products authorised for distribution in the US marketplace.

Adani Wilmar enters into ready-to-cook food segment

Adani Wilmar, which markets a wide range of edible oils, pulses, and other consumer essentials under Fortune brand name has entered the ready-to-cook segment with the launch of its products in Bengal. Ready-to-cook segment in India has been growing at a compounded annual growth rate of 15-20% for the last several years, and is projected to maintain similar growth or achieve even higher growth in the coming years. Presence of large retail chains and online channels is also contributing to increasing the demand for such products.

Total buys 37.4% stake in Adani Gas for USD 0.81 billion

French oil and gas giant Total S.A. has acquired 37.4% stake in Adani Gas Ltd for USD 0.81 billion. Total will bring its Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and retail expertise and also supply up to 3 million tonnes (mt) of LNG to Adani Gas. Total and Adani will also establish a Joint Venture (JV) to market LNG in India and Bangladesh. TOTAL and Adani would make an investment in next 10 years with the presence in over 15 states reaching out to 7.5% of India's population also setting up global-scale LNG, Gas distribution in India.

MG Motor India ties up with eChargeBays

MG Motor India has entered into partnership with eChargeBays, a Delhi-based start-up, for setting up charging infrastructure for Electric Vehicles (EVs). Collaboration will help MG to identify ways in which the buyer of the electric SUV can install the EV charger at home. MG ZS EV is a global product, which has already received 2,000 orders since its UK launch.