

MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	December 06, 2019	December 13, 2019	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	40,445.15	41,009.70	1.39	↑
NSE Nifty	11,921.50	12,086.70	1.38	↑

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

POLICY WATCH

- Cabinet clears social security pact with Brazil
- Pact between India and Japan in Steel Sector gets approval
- Cabinet approves Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019
- 'Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme' gets approval
- MoU between India and Japan Coal Energy Centre gets approval

Cabinet clears social security pact with Brazil

Cabinet has approved a Social Security Agreement (SSA) between India and Brazil. SSA with Brazil will help in avoiding making of double social security contributions by the workers (detachment); easy remittance of benefits (exportability); aggregating the contribution periods (in two countries) to prevent loss of benefits (totalisation). It will also provide for disability insurance benefits to Indian nationals working abroad.

Pact between India and Japan in Steel Sector gets approval

Government has given its approval for signing the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between Government of India and Government of Japan to constitute the 'India-Japan Steel Dialogue' to strengthen cooperation in steel sector. It envisages enhancement of mutual understanding to secure sustainable growth in the steel sector, examine all aspects of cooperation in steel sector including promotion of investment in high grade steel making and finding new avenues of steel usage in India.

Cabinet approves Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019

Cabinet has approved the proposal to make amendments in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (code), through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019. Amendments to

the Code to remove bottlenecks, streamline Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) and protection of last mile funding will promote investment in financially distressed sectors. It also ensures the substratum of the business of corporate debtor is not lost, can be continued.

'Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme' gets approval

Government has approved a **Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS)**. **Public Sector Banks (PSBs) can purchase high-rated** pooled assets from financially sound Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)/Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) with the amount of overall guarantee provided by government till the first loss of up to 10% of fair value of assets by banks or USD 1.41 billion, whichever is lower.

MoU between India and Japan Coal Energy Centre gets approval

Government has given approval for signing of **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Central Electricity Authority, India and Japan Coal Energy Centre**, on Japan-India cooperation for Efficiency and Environmental Improvement for Sustainable, Stable and Low-Carbon supply of Electricity. It will provide an enabling framework to address issues and barriers in expediting sustainable, stable and low carbon thermal power development by means of studies, training program and knowledge-sharing activities

INDUSTRY WATCH

- **Passenger vehicle retail sales increases 1% in November**
- **South Eastern Railway freight loading rises 9.49%**
- **Domestic air passenger traffic grows 11.2% in November**
- **Ports handle 463 million tonnes cargo in April-November**
- **47.86 GW of renewable energy capacity installed in last six years**

Passenger vehicle retail sales increases 1% in November

Retail sales of passenger vehicles in November recorded an increase by 1% to 257,271 units from 255,535 units in November 2018. Increase in sales of two-wheeler is by 3% to 1,705,495 units last month in comparison with 1,660,082 units in the year-ago period. Total sales across categories rose 2% to 2,105,508 units in November as against 2,054,296 units in the same month last year.

South Eastern Railway freight loading rises 9.49%

South Eastern Railway (SER) freight loading and earnings during April-November of 2019-20 has registered an increase of 9.49% in quantity and 14.4 % in value terms to 110.71 million tonnes of value USD 1.32 billion from 101.11 million tonnes of value USD 1.15 billion against same period last year. Major

components of freight loading during the period were 63.12 million tonnes of iron ore, 22.71 million tonnes of coal, 10.69 million tonnes of pig-iron and finished steel and 7.29 million tonnes of cement

Domestic air passenger traffic grows 11.2% in November

12 domestic carriers, including full-service carriers Air India and Vistara and budget carriers Indigo, Spicejet, GoAir and AirAsia India together have flown 11.6 million passengers in November. Cumulative domestic passenger traffic in the January-November period of 2019 stood at 131.11 million compared to 126.28 million in 2018. Passenger Load Factor (PLF) of the six major carriers stood between 83% and 92.8% in November as against 76-90% in October.

Ports handle 463 million tonnes cargo in April-November

Cargo volume handled by top 12 Indian ports rises marginally by 0.34% at 463.07 million tonnes (mt) during April-November against 461.48 mt in the corresponding period of the last fiscal. Iron ore shipment rises 30.24% to 33.95 mt. coking and other coal rose by 1.95% to 37.17 mt during the eight months as compared with 36.45 mt in the corresponding period last fiscal. Finished fertiliser volumes increased 24.08%. Containers recorded a growth of 3.36% in terms of TEUs (20-foot equivalent units).

47.86 GW of renewable energy capacity installed in last six years

A total of 47.86 GW of renewable energy capacity has been installed during March 2014 to October 2019. Maharashtra got the highest installation with 10756.58 million units followed by 10061.03 million units in Karnataka, 9331.47 million units in Tamil Nadu, 8003.73 million units Gujarat and 6600.24 in Rajasthan etc. Total wind energy installed in all states is 33029.39 million units, 7447.92 million units of solar, 8354.51 million units of small hydel projects and 16949.03 million units of bio power.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **ReNew Power forms JV with Korean company for 300 MW solar power plant**
- **RSBVL acquires 85% stake in NowFloats Technologies**
- **RIL signs pact with ADNOC**
- **Tech Mahindra gets USD 71.54 million Smart City project in Pune**
- **NSIC signs MoU with ARAMCO Asia for development in Oil & Gas Sectors**

ReNew Power forms JV with Korean company for 300 MW solar power plant

ReNew Power has entered into a Joint Venture (JV) with South Korea based GS E&C for the implementation of its 300 MW solar power plant in Rajasthan. 51% equity will be held by ReNew Power, while the GS E&C will hold the balance. The asset value of the ReNew is over USD 6.5 billion.

RSBVL acquires 85% stake in NowFloats Technologies

Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd (RSBVL) has acquired 85% stake in NowFloats Technologies for USD 0.20 million in cash. Nowfloats offers SaaS solutions, which is an online business management suite, website promotion and marketing solutions, among others, to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Acquisition will support group's digital and new commerce initiatives.

RIL signs pact with ADNOC

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) have signed a framework agreement to explore development of an Ethylene Dichloride (EDC) facility in Ruwais. Planned unit will help RIL in procuring EDC, a key raw material used in the manufacturing of a polymer product, Polyvinyl chloride (PVC). PVC products are used in the housing and agriculture sectors, and demand for it, particularly in the Indian vinyls market, is expected to grow.

Tech Mahindra gets USD 71.54 million Smart City project in Pune

Tech Mahindra has received largest smart city project worth USD 71.54 million from Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC). Tech Mahindra will be able to connect with more than 1.5 million citizens of PCMC through this project by enabling technology-led transformation to convert it into a smart and sustainable city. Project will be executed in a period of one year for completion, and the operations and maintenance for five years.

NSIC signs MoU with ARAMCO Asia for development in Oil & Gas Sectors

NSIC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Aramco Asia for the development of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Ecosystem in India in Oil & Gas Sector. This will support accredited Indian MSMEs to strengthen their position as vendors in the Global space.