



MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	April 07, 2017	April 13, 2017	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	29,706.61	29,461.45	(0.83)	
NSE Nifty	9,198.30	9,150.80	(0.52)	

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- **Air Services Agreement between India and Georgia approved**
- **MoU with Ferrovie Dello Stato Italiane of Italy on technical cooperation in railways**
- **Collaborative Agreement signed to support Belmont Forum Secretariat**
- **India and Bangladesh to collaborate in field of judicial sector**
- **Cabinet approves MoU between India, Australia on communicable diseases**

Air Services Agreement between India and Georgia approved

The Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and Georgia has been approved. This will help in establishing air connectivity between the two countries. ASA is the basic legal framework for any air operation between two countries. The agreement will help establish air connectivity between the two nations and has the potential to spur greater trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchange.

MoU with Ferrovie Dello Stato Italiane of Italy on technical cooperation in railways

The Union Cabinet has been apprised of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with Ferrovie Dello Stato Italiane S.P.A. of Italy on technical cooperation in railways. The MoU will facilitate exchange of information, experts meetings, seminars, technical visits and implementation of jointly agreed cooperation, projects. The objective of this MoU is to develop technical cooperation activities in the railway sector to promote safety, efficiency and sustainability, to their mutual benefit.

Collaborative Agreement signed to support Belmont Forum Secretariat

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Collaborative Agreement with French National Research Agency, France has been approved by the Union Cabinet. The MoU will be signed to support the Belmont Forum Secretariat, a high-level group of the world's major funders of global

environmental research and international science councils from January, 2015 to December, 2017 at a total estimated expenditure of around USD 43000.

India and Bangladesh to collaborate in judicial sector

The Government has approved signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bangladesh in the field of judicial sector cooperation. It is aimed at developing, promoting and strengthening mutual cooperation between the judiciaries of the two countries. The MoU provides for promoting mutual interaction among judges and officials at various levels of the judiciary through exchange visits, training and academic programmes.

Cabinet approves MoU between India, Australia on communicable diseases

The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Australia on cooperation in the field of communicable diseases and mental health. The agreement will also help enhance cooperation in anti-microbial resistance and responding to public health emergencies and regulation of pharmaceuticals, vaccines and medical devices.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- **India adds record 5,400 MW wind power in 2016-17**
- **Infrastructure sector sees deals worth USD 3.5 billion in FY17**
- **Trade deficit with China at USD 46.7 billion in April-February**
- **Major ports register 6.8 per cent growth in traffic over last year**
- **India second fastest growing passenger vehicles market globally**

India adds record 5,400 MW wind power in 2016-17

India added a record 5,400 megawatts (MW) of wind power in 2016-17, exceeding its 4,000 MW target. This year's achievement surpassed the previous higher capacity addition of 3,423 MW achieved in the previous year. Of about 50,018 MW of installed renewable power across the country, over 55 per cent is wind power. In India, which is the biggest greenhouse gas emitter after the US and China, renewable energy currently accounts for about 16 per cent of the total installed capacity of 315,426 MW.

Infrastructure sector sees deals worth USD 3.5 billion in FY17

The infrastructure sector raised a total of USD 3.5 billion across 33 transactions in FY17 compared with USD 2.98 billion raised in 31 transactions in FY16, highlighting the growing number of deals in the sector. The majority of private market transactions in the fiscal ended 31 March were led by the power, roads and renewables sectors and, within those, about 88 per cent of the transactions were through the mergers and acquisitions (M&A) route with the remaining 12 per cent through private equity (PE) investments.

Trade deficit with China at USD 46.7 billion in April-February

India's trade deficit with China was recorded at USD 46.7 billion during the April-February period of the last fiscal. Trade with China during the 11-month period decreased marginally by 0.87 per cent to USD 64.57 billion. During this period, India's exports to China grew by 8.69 per cent to USD 8.94 billion while imports declined by 2.26 per cent to USD 55.63 billion, resulting in a shrinkage of 4.1 per cent in India's trade deficit with China.

Major ports register 6.8 per cent growth in traffic over last year

The twelve major ports under the Ministry of Shipping handled a record 647.43 MT of traffic in 2016-17, registering an annual growth rate of 6.8 percent, as against 4.32 percent last year. With this, these ports have out-performed private ports for the second consecutive year. The private ports have registered a traffic growth rate of 4 percent this year.

India second fastest growing passenger vehicles market globally

India was ranked as the second fastest growth market for passenger vehicles among top five global nations with a growth of 7 per cent during the year 2016. Passenger vehicle sales stood at 29,66,637 units during the year 2016, as compared to 27,72,270 units in 2015. India maintained its position as the fifth largest market for passenger vehicles in the world in 2016.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Amazon gets RBI nod for e-wallet in India**
- **Flipkart raises USD 1.4 billion; acquires eBay India**
- **Vedanta, Cairn India complete merger to form USD 15.6-bn entity**
- **L&T arm wins order from Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation**
- **ICICI Prudential, HDFC Standard & Pi Ventures buy stake in Capital Small Finance Bank**

Amazon gets RBI nod for e-wallet in India

Amazon India has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to launch its own digital wallet in India, paving the way for the American online retail giant to gain a slice of India's fast-growing digital payments business. Amazon India, which had applied for a Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) licence nearly a year ago, will now look to take on established rivals such as Paytm and Freecharge as it prepares to launch a prepaid wallet service that will be broader in scope than its Pay Balance service and will not be restricted to Amazon-based transactions.

Flipkart raises USD 1.4 billion; acquires eBay India

India's largest online retailer Flipkart has closed a mammoth funding round of USD 1.4 billion from Tencent Holdings Ltd, eBay Inc. and Microsoft Corp., in the biggest-ever start-up funding round

that both boosts Flipkart ability to compete with arch-rival Amazon India and takes the company a step closer to presenting itself (to investors and customers) as the only option to the US firm's Indian arm. Flipkart Ltd will also buy eBay's India business as part of the USD 1.4 billion deal.

Vedanta, Cairn India complete merger to form USD 15.6 billion entity

Consolidating Vedanta's position as one of the world's largest diversified natural resources companies, Vedanta and Cairn India have completed their merger process. The merged entity will have a market capitalisation of USD 15.6 billion, and higher free float — outstanding shares available in the public sphere of 49.9 per cent.

L&T arm wins order from Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Construction has bagged an order worth USD 814.69 million from Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation (Kahramaa) for electricity transmission and expansion of network which involves construction of 30 gas insulated sub-stations of different voltage levels of 220 kilovolt (kv), 132 kv and 66 kv, and underground cables of 132 kv and 66 kv for about 560 kilometre (km).

ICICI Prudential, HDFC Standard & Pi Ventures buy stake in Capital Small Finance Bank

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, HDFC Standard Life Insurance and Pi Ventures LLP have acquired 14.7 per cent stake in Capital Small Finance Bank. All three of them jointly invested USD 10 million in the small finance bank. These three companies have invested 4.9 per cent each in the small finance bank that started operations a year ago. Prior to becoming Capital Small Finance Bank, it was operating as Capital Local Area Bank, which was the largest local area bank in the country.