



**MARKET MOVEMENT**

Major Indices	June 22, 2018	June 29, 2018	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	35,689.60	35,423.48	(0.74)	
NSE Nifty	10,821.85	10,714.30	(0.99)	

**INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE****POLICY WATCH**

- Centre eases oil exploration norms
- Government approves funds for ECGC and NEIA
- Cabinet approves establishment of additional 6.5 mmt SPR
- CMFRI launches USD 2.2 million cage farming project in Kerala
- Exim Bank extends USD 10 million loan facility to Seychelles

**Centre eases oil exploration norms**

Government has allowed producers in the country to go beyond their assigned areas in case the same reservoir continues outside the contracted areas. This would help an operator undertake seismic studies, understand the data, and develop a discovery more efficiently. Government also empowered Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) by allowing it to approve the cases of excess cost recovery up to 20%.

**Government approves funds for ECGC and NEIA**

Government has approved a capital infusion of USD 291 million and USD 151.5 million, to strengthen Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) and National Export Insurance Account Trust (NEIA), respectively. ECGC would get USD 211 million in the current fiscal, while USD 72.8 million will be given in the fiscal 2019-20. It will improve insurance coverage to MSME exports and strengthen India's exports to emerging and challenging markets like Africa, CIS and Latin American countries.

### **Cabinet approves establishment of additional 6.5 mmt SPR**

Government has approved establishment of additional 6.5 million metric tonne (MMT) Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) facilities at two locations, i.e. Chandikhol in Odisha and Padur in Karnataka, including construction of dedicated SPMs (Single Point Mooring) for the two SPRs. SPR facilities at Chandikhol and Padur will be underground rock caverns and will have capacities of 4 mmt and 2.5 mmt respectively. In principle approval is to take up the project under PPP model to reduce budgetary support of Government.

### **CMFRI launches USD 2.2 million cage farming project in Kerala**

Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) will implement USD 2.2 million project to help fish farmers launch 500 cage farming units in Kerala. Three aqua one labs will be set up for smooth conduct of the cage farming and will provide services such as water quality check, sediment analysis, seed transportation, disease management, etc. Farmers will be offered subsidy and technical support to carry out the cage culture under the scheme funded by the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad.

### **Exim Bank extends USD 10 million loan facility to Seychelles**

Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has extended USD 10 million worth of line of credit (LOC) to Seychelles for healthcare and procurement of goods and projects. With this agreement, Exim Bank has extended two LOCs to Seychelles, taking the total value to USD 28 million. Also, bank had extended two LOCs aggregating USD 31 million to the Republic of Suriname for upgradation of transmission line network and maintenance of Chetak helicopters.

## **INDUSTRY WATCH**

- MSMEs revenue rose 27% in FY18
- Annual marine fish landings in 2017 grows by 5.6%
- Approval for Haryana SPV Horticulture International market
- Minerals worth USD 16.45 billion produced in FY18
- Motorcycle sales grows 22% in five months

### **MSMEs revenue rose 27% in FY18**

**Revenues of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) surged by 27% and operating profit by 66% in 2017-18.** Liquidity challenges have receded with improvement in the working capital parameters particularly the debtor position which has declined from 100 days as on March 2017 to 78 days as on March 2018. Approximately 500,000 new borrowers have opted formal borrowing channels in the first half of 2018 as compared to 400,000 in the second half of 2017.

### **Annual marine fish landings in 2017 grows by 5.6%**

**Annual marine fish landings in 2017 has registered 5.6% increase to 3.83 million tonnes (MT) compared to the previous year.** Gujarat contributed 786,000 tonnes (20.5% of total landings) followed by Tamil Nadu and Kerala. A total of 788 marine fish species were landed this time with maximum numbers landed along the Tamil Nadu coast followed by Kerala and Maharashtra.

### **Approval for Haryana SPV Horticulture International market**

**Setting up of a special purpose vehicle (SPV) - Haryana International Horticultural Marketing Corporation Limited (HIHMCL) is approved.** Land for this project was acquired in 2007-08, initiating the process for setting up the international terminal market. It will design, plan, build, construct, operate, manage, develop, finance and maintain agriculture, horticulture, dairy, poultry, livestock, dry-fruits related infrastructure, processing, exports and allied commercial activities relating to produce market projects in any territory of India and abroad.

### **Minerals worth USD 16.45 billion produced in FY18**

**Minerals production registered an increase of 13% in value terms from USD 14.56 billion in 2016-17 to USD 16.45 billion in 2017-18.** Estimated value for metallic minerals is USD 7.72 billion and that of non-metallic minerals, including minor minerals, is USD 8.81 billion. The number of mines, which reported mineral output, excluding atomic, fuel and minor minerals, in the country was 1,531 in 2017-18 compared to 1,508 in 2016-17.

### **Motorcycle sales grows 22% in five months**

**Motorcycle sales have grown at over 22% to 5.7 million units compared to a growth of about 15% in scooters** to 2.84 million units between January to May 2018. In the last two months of April and May, motorcycles grew at 19.38% and 15.16%, respectively against was 12.63% and a decline of 1.40% in scooters.

## CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **LTTS partners with Cadence Design Systems for NB-IoT protocol stack**
- **GMR gets greenfield port project in Andhra Pradesh**
- **ADNOC signs pact to take stake in Ratnagiri refinery project**
- **Lupin, Nichi-Iko tie up for commercialization of biosimilar Etanercept in Japan**
- **Adani Ports completes acquisition of Kattupalli Port**

### **LTTS partners with Cadence Design Systems for NB-IoT protocol stack**

L&T Technology Services has partnered with Cadence Design Systems to launch a new **narrow band-Internet of Things (NB-IoT)** protocol stack nB-on which will be hosted on Cadence's Tensilica platform. NB-IoT is a low power, low energy consuming connectivity standard which can be used to connect a wide range of devices and services. This will help LTTS tap into the smart city opportunity in a big manner as this can find use across applications like smart meters and smart parking, along with other industrial applications.

### **GMR gets greenfield port project in Andhra Pradesh**

**GMR Infrastructure** has received **greenfield commercial port project near Kakinada**. It will be developed into an **all-weather**, deep draft, multi-cargo port. port is located at one of the nodes of the Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor and is expected to benefit from the associated corridor developments. Once operational, the port will have an initial capacity of 16 million tons.

### **ADNOC signs pact to take stake in Ratnagiri refinery project**

**Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC)** has signed an **initial agreement for 50% stake in the planned USD 44-billion** refinery-cum-petrochemical project in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra. Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) will own the remaining 50%. ADNOC will now supply some of the crude to be processed at the unit.

### **Lupin, Nichi-Iko tie up for commercialization of biosimilar Etanercept in Japan**

**Lupin Ltd** has tied up with Japan's **Nichi-Iko** for the **distribution, promotion and sale of biosimilar Etanercept in Japan**. Etanercept is used for the treatment of several autoimmune

diseases. Developed by YL Biologics, a Joint venture (JV) between Lupin Atlantis Holdings SA (LAHSA) and Yoshindo, the product will be launched by Nichi-Iko after receiving approval from the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA), the Japanese regulator.

### **Adani Ports completes acquisition of Kattupalli Port**

**Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd, (APSEZ) has executed a share purchase agreement with Larsen and Toubro Limited** to 97% shares of the Kattupalli Port, Tamil Nadu. Construction is started to diversify the cargo of the port and 40 MMT of new capacity will be added in next 3 years. APSEZ plans to transform Kattupalli into a multi commodity port to handle cargoes like containers, automobiles, break bulk, general cargo, liquid cargo and project cargo.