



MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	December 22, 2017	December 29, 2017	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	33,940.30	34,056.83	0.34	
NSE Nifty	10,493.00	10,530.70	0.35	

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- **545,090 Affordable Houses Sanctioned for Urban Poor Under PMAY**
- **India signs USD 40 million loan agreement with World Bank**
- **Centre approves electric vehicle-based public transportation for 11 cities**
- **DIPP approves 2 FDI proposals in retail sector**
- **Government signs USD 318 million new loan pact with World Bank**

545,090 Affordable Houses Sanctioned for Urban Poor Under PMAY

Centre has approved the construction of 5,45,090 more affordable houses for the benefit of urban poor under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) with an investment of USD 4.76 billion with central assistance of USD 1.24 billion. With the above proposed houses, cumulative houses under PMAY(U) would become 36,00,819 after final approval from Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC).

India signs USD 40 million loan agreement with World Bank

India has signed a loan agreement worth USD 40 million with the World Bank for “UP Pro-Poor Tourism Development Project” to increase tourism-related benefits for local communities in Uttar Pradesh. Total cost of project is around USD 57.14 million, out of which USD 40 million will be financed by the World Bank, and the remaining amount will be funded out of the state budget.

Centre approves electric vehicle-based public transportation for 11 cities

Centre has announced the introduction of electric vehicles in the public transportation systems of 11 cities across all segments—buses, four-wheeler taxis and three-wheelers or autorickshaws. Shortlisted cities are Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Jaipur, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Indore, Kolkata, Jammu and Guwahati.

DIPP approves 2 FDI proposals in retail sector

Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has approved two Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals in the retail sector. Proposals include USD 61.5 million project of Damro Furniture to undertake single-brand retail trading of Damro branded products in India and USD 1.66 million project of Supr Infotech Solutions to carry out food product retail trading of milk and other daily need products.

Government signs USD 318 million new loan pact with World Bank

Government of Tamil Nadu and the World Bank has signed a USD 318 million loan agreement for the Tamil Nadu Irrigated Agriculture Modernization Project to promote climate resilient agriculture technologies, improve water management practices, and increase market opportunities for small and marginal farmers. Project will rehabilitate and modernize about 4,800 irrigation tanks and 477 check dams, spread across 66 sub-basins, in delivering bulk water to irrigation systems.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- Private equity sector records USD 24.4 billion inflow in 2017
- Gems & jewellery exports rises 57%
- Cumulative Capacity of 467 MW of grid interactive Wind Power installed
- 1085 small hydro power projects set up upto November 2017
- Electronic manufacturing investment reaches USD 23.43 billion in 2017

Private equity sector records USD 24.4 billion inflow in 2017

Private Equity Sector investments have grown by 59% to USD 24.4 billion in 2017 compared to USD 15.4 billion in 2016. Information Technology (IT) and IT-enabled services (ITeS) retained its dominant position with 140% growth to USD 11.4 billion followed by financial services sector that rose by 56% to USD 4.4 billion and healthcare sector that recorded 10% growth to USD 1.3 billion.

Gems & jewellery exports rises 57%

Net exports of gems and jewellery rose 57% to USD 2.78 billion in November 2017 from USD 1.77 billion during the same month last year due to higher demand from US. Gold jewellery exports increased by 75.46% to USD 996.32 million in November 2017, shipments of cut and polished diamonds grew by 50% to USD 1.78 billion.

Cumulative Capacity of 467 MW of grid interactive Wind Power installed

Cumulative capacity of 467 MW of grid interactive wind power has been installed and it will be expanded to 9500 MW during the current Financial Year 2017-18. Earlier the wind power projects were being set-up on the basis of Feed-in-Tariff (FiT) determined by respective State Regulators. In February 2017, competitive bidding route was also adopted to install the wind power projects.

1085 small hydro power projects set up upto November 2017

1085 small hydro power projects aggregating to 4399.355 MW capacity have been set up upto November 2017 while work on 140 sites aggregating to 772.56 MW is ongoing. Highest capacity projects were installed in Karnataka with 1230.73 MW followed by Himachal Pradesh with 842.11 MW and Maharashtra with 347.37 MW.

Electronic manufacturing investment reaches USD 23.43 billion in 2017

Electronic manufacturing investment has grown 27% and reached a total volume of USD 23.43 billion in 2017 compared to USD 22 billion in 2016. Mobile phones production rose by 60% to 1750 million units compared to 110 million units last year. Almost 105 mobile and ancillary manufacturing units have set up in India.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- TCS receives USD 2.25 billion Nielsen outsourcing contract
- Cairn India buys AvanStrate for USD 158 million
- Tech Mahindra buys 22.14% stake in Comviva
- BHEL receives USD 103.3 million order for 25 kV AC Mainline EMU Trains
- ARBL commissions India's largest two-wheeler battery Plant

TCS receives USD 2.25 billion Nielsen outsourcing contract

Tata Consultancy Services has received USD 2.25 billion Nielsen outsourcing contract for 5 years. Contract is significant as large outsourcing deals are shrinking both in value and duration, as companies ranging from banks to retailers cut their budgets to maintain back-end technology and plough the savings into work that can help them improve their business operations.

Cairn India buys AvanStrate for USD 158 million

Cairn India has acquired controlling stake in AvanStrate Inc. (ASI) of Carlyle Group, a Japanese manufacturer of LCD glass substrate, with an investment of USD 158 million. Transaction consists of three elements, first an acquisition of USD 151 million in existing debt of ASI with face value of USD 299 million from banks. It also includes an acquisition of just over 51% of the equity stake of ASI for a nominal consideration from the Carlyle Group; and extension of a USD 7 million loan to ASI.

Tech Mahindra buys 22.14% stake in Comviva

Tech Mahindra has acquired additional 22.14% stake in Comviva Technologies Ltd (CTL) from Bharti Group for USD 34.9 million. Besides, the company is in the process of buying another 9.93% stake in CTL from Westbridge Ventures II Investment Holdings for a consideration of USD15.65 million in cash. Post this, Tech Mahindra will hold 99.17% stake in CTL.

BHEL receives USD 103.3 million order for 25 kV AC Mainline EMU Trains

Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd has received a contract for 146 sets of IGBT-based 3 phase electrics for 25 KV AC Mainline EMU (MEMU) trains. BHEL's scope of the work in the order includes design, manufacture, supply, installation and commissioning of IGBT-based propulsion system and other equipment for MEMU trains of Indian Railways.

ARBL commissions India's largest two-wheeler battery Plant

Amara Raja Batteries Ltd (ARBL) has commissioned its two-wheeler battery Plant at the Amara Raja Growth Corridor in Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh. In the first phase, the plant will have a capacity of 5 million units, which will be eventually scaled up to 17 million units. Plant is also installed with 2.7 MW of rooftop solar power which generates 4.5 mn KWh of energy. High-speed assembly lines and advanced Robotic system will help minimising human intervention and making the process highly reliable.