



**MARKET MOVEMENT**

Major Indices	January 11, 2018	January 18, 2019	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	36,009.84	36,386.61	1.04	
NSE Nifty	10,794.95	10,906.95	1.03	

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

- **Government announces national air cargo policy**
- **Cabinet approves recapitalisation of Exim Bank**
- **Government clears USD 596.4 million income tax filing project**
- **Numaligarh Refinery capacity expansion project gets approval**
- **Cabinet approves USD 506 million for setting up 13 central varsities**

**Government announces national air cargo policy**

Government has announced national air cargo policy. It mandates integrating post offices to the air cargo value chain at the village post office level, and development of regional and state cargo hubs, which will act as gateways for the region and states, connected by domestic trade corridors to production hubs. Use of new technology like internet of things, artificial intelligence and block chain will also be promoted.

**Cabinet approves recapitalisation of Exim Bank**

Cabinet has approved recapitalisation of Export-Import Bank of India to the tune of USD 843.6 million and increase in the authorized capital of Exim Bank from USD 1406 million to USD 2812 million. It will enable it to augment capital adequacy and support Indian exports with enhanced ability. Expenditure sanction of over USD 590.5 million also got approval for Integrated E-filing and Centralized Processing Centre 2.0 Project.

**Government clears USD 596.4 million income tax filing project**

Cabinet has cleared USD 596.4 million on Income Tax (IT) filing system to reduce the time it takes the department for processing returns to just 24 hours from 63 days. Consolidated sum of USD 208.4 million is also sanctioned for the existing Centralised Processing Centre-Income Tax Return [CPC-ITR] 1.0 project up to 2018-19.

### **Numaligarh Refinery capacity expansion project gets approval**

Government has approved a capacity expansion plan for Numaligarh Refinery in Assam from the existing 3 million metric tonne per annum (MMTPA) to 9 MMTPA at an estimated cost of USD 3.17 billion. It involves setting up crude oil pipeline from Paradip to Numaligarh and product pipeline from Numaligarh to Siliguri. Project is to be completed within a period of 48 months after the approval and receipt of statutory clearances.

### **Cabinet approves USD 506 million for setting up 13 central varsities**

Cabinet granted approval to an expenditure of over USD 506 million for setting up of 13 new central universities within the next 36 months. New Central universities were established under the Central Universities Act, 2009 in Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

## **INDUSTRY WATCH**

- Life premium rises 10% in FY18
- Vegetable oil imports rises 11% in December
- M&As increases to USD 100 billion in 2018
- 13.7 million Rural Homes completed since April 2014
- India is 3rd largest intl growth market for Los Angeles

### **Life premium rises 10% in FY18**

Life insurance industry has grown by 10% to USD 64.67 billion in premium for 2017-18 over the previous financial year. Life insurance density has increased to USD 55 in 2017-18 from USD 46.5 in 2016-17. Life business expansion has been recorded by the 23 private sector insurers, which contributed to 19.2% growth last fiscal from 17.4% in 2016-17.

### **Vegetable oil imports rises 11% in December**

Import of vegetable oils (comprising edible and non-edible oils) during December 2018 reported growth of 11% to 1,211,164 tonnes compared to 1,088,783 tonnes in December 2017. Overall import of vegetable oils during November to December 2018 is reported at 2,345,057 tonnes compared to 2,337,593 tonnes

### **M&As increases to USD 100 billion in 2018**

Merger and acquisition (M&A) activities during 2018 in India recorded USD 100.1 billion across 417 deals, compared to 398 deals valued at USD 53.1 billion previous year. After 2013, it was the highest in value. India accounts for 13% of Asia-Pacific M&A activity (4,515 deals, USD 772 billion) by

value. Outbound activity increased 3.7 times in value, with Indian investors spending USD 11.3 billion across 75 deals.

### **13.7 million Rural Homes completed since April 2014**

**Ministry of Rural Development has completed 13.7 million Rural Homes since April 2014.** So far 6.66 million homes have been completed under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G). The remaining 3.34 million homes will be completed by March 2019. PMAY-G has focused on deprived households and the poorest of the poor who live in kutcha houses.

### **India is 3rd largest intl growth market for Los Angeles**

**Los Angeles registered 5.1% growth with 130,000 Indian travellers visiting the city in 2018, becoming the third largest international growth market.** China recorded an all-time high 1.2 million visitors, making Los Angeles the number one ranked US city for Chinese travellers.

## **CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **BHEL receives USD 79.4 million order for solar power plants in Telangana**
- **Adani Green Energy acquires 51% stake in Kodangal Solar Parks**
- **Byju's acquires US-based Osmo for USD 120 million**
- **L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering consortium bags two orders from Saudi Aramco**
- **Fortis completes acquisition of RHT assets**

### **BHEL receives USD 79.4 million order for solar power plants in Telangana**

**Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has received an order worth USD 79.4 million from Singareni Collieries Company for setting up solar photovoltaic (SPV) power plants in Telangana.** Plants are to be set up at four locations in Telangana - Ramagundam (50 MW), Yellandu (39 MW), Manuguru (30 MW) and Pegadapally (10 MW), on engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) basis.

### **Adani Green Energy acquires 51% stake in Kodangal Solar Parks**

**Adani Green Energy (AGE) has acquired 51% equity share capital of Kodangal Solar Parks Pvt Ltd (KSPPL) from FS India Devco Pvt Ltd for about USD 240,000.** AGE already held 49% stake in KSPPL. KSPPL was incorporated in August 2015 and has set up 20 MWac solar power project at Bagewadi, Karnataka.

**Byju's acquires US-based Osmo for USD 120 million**

Byju's (Think & Learn Pvt. Ltd) has acquired Osmo, a maker of educational games, for USD 120 million. Acquisition will help Byju's offer learning solutions to children aged between three and eight by tapping into Osmo's physical-to-digital technology and content. Osmo's use of mixed reality interactions can help it expand its platform to new audiences and applications.

**L&T Hydrocarbon Engineering consortium bags two orders from Saudi Aramco**

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Hydrocarbon Engineering has received two projects from the world's largest oil company Saudi Aramco in consortium with Subsea 7. Projects consists of engineering, procurement, construction and installation (EPCI) of three oil production deck manifolds and subsea pipelines in Zuluf and Berri fields of Saudi Aramco.

**Fortis completes acquisition of RHT assets**

Fortis Healthcare has completed the acquisition of RHT Health Trust (RHT) assets. In February last year, Fortis had announced that it has entered into definitive agreements with RHT to acquire entire portfolio of assets of the Singapore-listed entity for an enterprise value of USD 654 million. It provides Fortis full control over all the assets, enabling direct and more focussed management of the business.