



MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	October 13, 2017	October 20, 2017	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	32,432.69	32,389.96	(0.13)	
NSE Nifty	10,167.45	10,146.55	(0.20)	

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- **DIPP approves 3 FDI proposals for single brand retail**
- **India tightens gold import norms for nominated agencies**
- **Government launches new Tourism policy for Assam**
- **DIPP eases mechanism for processing FDI proposals**
- **Government grants forest clearance for Kodingamali bauxite mine**

DIPP approves 3 FDI proposals for single brand retail

Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has approved three Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) proposals including Mountain Trail Foods, Merlin Entertainment and Kohler India Corporation in the single brand retail sector. Mountain Trail Foods will undertake retail trading of food products, Kohler will carry out single brand retailing of 'Kohler' branded products and Merlin Entertainments will undertake retailing under the brand 'Madame Tussauds'.

India tightens gold import norms for nominated agencies

India has tightened gold import norms for nominated agencies by restricting them from importing the yellow metal only for export purposes and not for selling in the domestic market. Some export houses were inflating the amount of exports for which they were exporting gold, virtually without value addition, and retaining their export house status. This was helping them in importing gold and selling 25% of that in the domestic market and earn a premium.

Government launches new Tourism policy for Assam

'Tourism Policy of Assam 2017' is launched by Government and will be effective from January 2018 till December 2022. It gives special emphasis on making the state a destination of film making by offering a range of incentives (cash grant of 25% or USD 0.15 million, whichever is less) to movie producers. Special incentive will be offered as additional 10% capital grant up to USD 38,460 for investment in remote/potential tourist destination of Assam.

DIPP eases mechanism for processing FDI proposals

Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has eased the mechanism for processing FDI proposals by discontinuing the marking of proposals to the revenue department for their comments with immediate effect. Earlier, all proposals were forwarded to the ministry of external affairs and the department of revenue for information.

Government grants forest clearance for Kodingamali bauxite mine

Government has granted final forest clearance to develop a new bauxite mine located at Kodingamali plateau in Odisha. It can produce 3 million tonne a year from its reserves of 81 million tonne. This will potentially bring significant relief to Vedanta's ore-starved Lanjigarh refinery that is importing raw material despite being located in the mineral-rich state.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- M&A and PE deals rise 34%
- Smartphone shipments records 13% growth in July- September
- NIIF signs investment agreement with ADIA worth USD 1 billion
- Seafood export rises 25% in first quarter
- Hotel occupancy records over 65% in 2016-17

M&A and PE deals rise 34%

Merger & Acquisition (M&A) and Private Equity (PE) deals worth USD 48 billion in Year to Date (YTD) 2017 grew by 34% over YTD 2016 and recorded a six-year high in deal values. There are 32 deals valued at and over USD 100 million accounting for 70% of total PE values. Sector-wise share of PE deals is 23% from E-Commerce, 17% from real estate and 60% from start-ups.

Smartphone shipments records 13% growth in July- September

Shipment of smartphones grew 13% year-on-year (y-o-y) to 40 million units during July-September 2017 compared to 35 million units in the same period last year. Import grows during the second quarter every year in anticipation of higher sales in festive months. Samsung holds top position with 22.8% share followed by Xiaomi with 22.3%.

NIIF signs investment agreement with ADIA worth USD 1 billion

National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) has signed an investment agreement worth USD 1 billion with Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA). Corpus of the NIIF is around USD 6 billion wherein Government would invest 49%. Fund will play an important role in facilitating the flow of foreign capital into India's infrastructure sector.

Seafood export rises 25% in first quarter

Seafood exports has grown by 25% to 251,735 tonnes in quantity and around 16% in value to USD 1.42 billion in the first quarter from a year ago. Frozen shrimp accounted 51% share in quantity and 75% in earnings while frozen squids holds 7.82% share in quantity and 5.81% in earnings. USA and South East Asia are major importers with a share of 35% and 31% respectively.

Hotel occupancy records over 65% in 2016-17

Hotels have recorded over 65% occupancy in 2016-17 for the first time since 2007. Average Room Rates (ARRs) across segments was Rs 5,658 in 2016-17. On a nationwide basis, new branded and organised supply (in 2016-17) grew 5.9% over the preceding year. Overall demand increased by 9.6% in the same period. Existing rooms supply grew 6.8% to 119,219 rooms in 2016-17 over the previous year .

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- Arvind Limited signs MoU with Gujarat for USD 45.4 million apparel park
- IKEA ties up with Snowman Logistics for backend support
- Blackbuck raises USD 7.5 million in venture debt from InnoVen Capital
- BankBazaar raises USD 30 million from Experian
- JSW Cement commences manufacturing of Concreel HD cement at its Dolvi unit

Arvind Limited signs MoU with Gujarat for USD 45.4 million apparel park

Arvind Limited signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to set up a mega apparel park with an investment of USD 45.4 million in Dahegam in Ahmedabad district. Park is expected to commence commercial production in the fourth quarter of 2018-19 financial year and will produce over 24 million garments once it is fully operational.

IKEA ties up with Snowman Logistics for backend support

IKEA has tied up with Snowman to manage backend operations of its in-store restaurant business. Snowman will be the exclusive partner and extend support at pan-India level as IKEA opens stores in various cities. Ikea plans to open largest stores with around 1,000 seats, 100 plus co-workers and will offer mix of Indian and Swedish food at affordable prices

Blackbuck raises USD 7.5 million in venture debt from InnoVen Capital

Blackbuck (Zinka Logistics Solutions Pvt. Ltd) has raised USD 7.57 million in venture debt from InnoVen Capital. Blackbuck will use the capital for expansion of its service offerings. In March, Blackbuck raised USD 70 million in equity funding from US-based VC firm Sands Capital and World Bank arm International Finance Corp.

BankBazaar raises USD 30 million from Experian

BankBazaar has raised USD 30 million from UK-based credit rating agency and information management company, Experian Plc. BankBazaar helps consumers compare offers across various banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) for products such as credit and debit cards, loans, savings and investment products, and insurance. Funds will be used to further strengthen our position as the leader in secure paperless access to loans, cards, and mutual funds.

JSW Cement commences manufacturing of Concreel HD cement at its Dolvi unit

JSW Cement has commenced manufacturing of Concreel HD cement at its Dolvi unit in Maharashtra. Cement division of JSW Group is also increasing capacity at its Dolvi plant from 1 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) to 2.2 MTPA by 2018, and will further expand it to 4.5 MTPA by 2019.