



MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	September 22, 2017	September 29, 2017	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	31,922.44	31,283.72	(2.00)	
NSE Nifty	9,964.40	9,788.20	(1.77)	

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- 'Saubhagya' scheme is launched to provide power to all
- Cabinet approves installation of telecom towers in cantonments
- Cabinet approves pacts by Exim Bank under BRICS mechanism
- Government launches negotiable warehousing receipts in e-format
- RBI eases foreign investment regulations for corporate debt

'Saubhagya' scheme is launched to provide power to all

Rs USD 2.55 billion scheme - Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana 'Saubhagya' - to provide electricity connections to over 40 million families in rural and urban areas by December 2018. Outlay for the rural households is USD 2.19 billion while Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) is USD 1.65 billion. For urban households, outlay is USD 358 million while GBS is USD 270 million.

Cabinet approves installation of telecom towers in cantonments

Cabinet has approved the installation of telecom towers in army cantonment areas of the country. This will help in resolving mobile call drop issues in these localities. Revised policy will cover allotment of land in defence areas and cantonments for setting up of shared communication towers and allied infrastructure.

Cabinet approves pacts by Exim Bank under BRICS mechanism

Cabinet has approved signing of interbank local currency credit line agreement and cooperation memorandum relating to credit ratings by Exim Bank with member banks under BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Interbank Cooperation Mechanism. Agreements will promote multilateral interaction within the area of mutual interest which will deepen political and economic relations with BRICS nations.

Government launches negotiable warehousing receipts in e-format

Government has launched negotiable warehousing receipts in electronic format that farmers can use to avail of bank credit easily and without fear of losing or misusing it. Also, web portal is launched for registration of warehouses in a faster and more transparent manner. So far, 980 warehouses have been registered with the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA).

RBI eases foreign investment regulations for corporate debt

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has modified foreign investment regulations for corporate debt. Masala bonds, or rupee-denominated bonds sold overseas, will not be part of the investment limit for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in corporate bonds and will instead be included under External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) from 3rd October 2017. This will lead to better monitoring as the ECB framework is restrictive in terms of end-use of funds.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- **Tea exports up 4.6% during Jan-July**
- **Online market sales rise 40% during festive sales**
- **Spices export rises 35% during April-June**
- **Captive coal output rises 7.2% during April-August**
- **PE investment in wind, solar rise 47% in 2017**

Tea exports up 4.6% during Jan-July

Tea exports from India grew 4.57% to 121.13 million kg (mkg) during January-July of 2017, compared to the same period last year due to increase in export to major tea markets like Iran (7.01% at 12.52 mkg), Egypt (98.23% at 4.48 mkg), the UAE (35.09% at 10.01 mkg), China (71.02% at 4.19 mkg), and Sri Lanka (150% at 2.50 mkg).

Online market sales rise 40% during festive sales

Online market sales rose 40% to USD 1.5 billion during the five-day period festive sales in 2017 compared to USD 1.05 billion in 2016. Flipkart Group dominated with 58% share at gross merchandise value of USD 812 million. Amazon holds 26% share while other retailers including Snapdeal, Paytm Mall and Shopclues got remaining share of 16% .

Spices export rises 35% during April-June

Exports from India grew 35% to 3,06,990 tonnes during April-June from 2,27, 938 tonnes a year ago. Chilli is the most exported spice during April-June 2017 with the shipment of 1,33,000 tonnes. Export of Garlic increased by 169% while fennel registered a growth of 92% and other spices like mustard, aniseed and dill seed grew by 83% in quantity.

Captive coal output rises 7.2% during April-August

Captive coal production in India rose 7.2% to 14 million tonnes during April-August 2017 compared to 13.45 million tonnes in April-August 2016. Sasan Power produced 7.3 million tonnes from its Moher and Moher Amlohri Extension mines and Jaiprakash Power produced around 1.7 million tonnes from its Amelia North coal mine and mined 0.6 million tonnes.

PE investment in wind, solar rise 47% in 2017

PE flows into wind and solar power rose 47% to USD 920 million involving nine deals during January-September 2017 against USD 630 million across 10 deals during the corresponding period last year. Major deals in 2017 include USD 2500 million by JERA in ReNew Wind Power, USD 108 million by Warburg Pincus in CleanMax Enviro Energy and Macquarie's USD 250-million investment in Hindustan Powerprojects.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **JSW Energy signs MoU to set up electric car manufacturing plant**
- **HUL enters e-commerce business with premium tea and teaware**
- **Flipkart acquires mobile and repair services company F1 Info Solutions**
- **Sistema forms JV to bring Concept Group to India**
- **Gayatri Projects receives USD 231 million order in Telangana**

JSW Energy signs MoU to set up electric car manufacturing plant

JSW Energy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Gujarat to set up a USD 625 million electric vehicle-manufacturing facility at Vanod near Dasada in the Surendranagar district of Gujarat. Plant will have capacity to make 200,000 electric vehicles every year.

HUL enters e-commerce business with premium tea and teaware

Hindustan Unilever (HUL) plans to sell premium tea through its own portal. Until now, HUL has been selling its products online through marketplaces such as Big Basket and Amazon. HUL's first direct-to-consumer venture will mostly target gifting segment consumers with pricier products under the Brooke Bond Taj Mahal brand and will compete with Ratan Tata-backed Teabox, an online marketplace.

Flipkart acquires mobile and repair services company F1 Info Solutions

Flipkart has acquired mobiles and IT repair services company F1 Info Solutions to expand their capabilities in the mobile service domain. Acquisition ties-in with their strategy of collecting secondhand products through the company's buyback guarantee and exchange offers and repair them in order to make it re-sellable.

Sistema forms JV to bring Concept Group to India

Sistema JSFC through its subsidiary, Concept Group, has formed a 49:51 Joint Venture (JV) with Saamag Group to bring Russia's popular kids retail brand Acoola to India at an initial USD 10 million investment to roll out branded stores. They plan to launch at least 10 kids retail outlets in India by the end of 2018 across Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. Merchandise will include clothing, footwear and accessories for children in the 2-14 age group.

Gayatri Projects receives USD 231 million order in Telangana

Gayatri Projects has received order of USD 231 million irrigation project for the formation of Sri Komaravelli Mallanna Sagar Reservoir with a capacity of 50 TMC (thousand million cubic feet). Project will facilitate irrigation of 1.84 million acres of land in various districts of Telangana and provide major boost to water intensive crops such as sugarcane and banana.