

MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	February 28, 2020	March 06, 2020	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	38,297.29	37,576.62	(1.88)	↓
NSE Nifty	11,219.20	10,979.55	(2.13)	↓

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- Cabinet approves the FDI policy on Civil Aviation
- Cabinet approves MoU between India and Cote d'Ivoire
- Government makes compliance simpler for India Inc
- Consolidation of 10 PSBs get approval
- NCLT approves Jaypee Infratech acquisition by NBCC

Cabinet approves the FDI policy on Civil Aviation

Cabinet has approved to amend the extant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy upto 100% by Non Resident Indians (NRIs) under automatic route in Scheduled Air Transport Service/Domestic Scheduled Passenger Airline. As per the present FDI Policy, 100% FDI is permitted - upto 49% in automatic and 49% beyond Government route. Further, FDI is subject to the condition that Substantial Ownership & Effective Control (SOEC) shall be vested in Indian Nationals as per aircraft rules, 1937.

Cabinet approves MoU between India and Cote d'Ivoire

Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health and Public Hygiene of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on cooperation in the field of Health. It covers Exchange & training of medical doctors, officials, other health professionals and experts in the field of advanced medical technology, nuclear medicine, renal transplantation, cardiac surgery, nephrology, hemodialysis and medical research, regulation of drugs and pharmaceutical products, assistance in development of human resources and setting up of health care facilities etc.

Government makes compliance simpler for India Inc

Government has cleared amendments in Companies Act including a moderate penalty regime for all offences and allowing direct listing of public limited companies in select foreign markets to help companies with disruptive business models in raising capital abroad. Also, companies are now allowed to offer independent directors higher remuneration.

Consolidation of 10 PSBs get approval

Cabinet has approved the consolidation of 10 public sector banks (PSBs) into four 'mega banks'. Banks' merger is on course and decisions have already been taken by the respective bank boards. United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce would merge with Punjab National Bank. Syndicate Bank will be merged with Canara Bank, and Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank. Similarly, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank are to be joined with Union Bank of India.

NCLT approves Jaypee Infratech acquisition by NBCC

National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved acquisition of Jaypee Infratech by National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC (India)). Resolution plan of NBCC had proposed to complete the under-construction housing projects of Jaypee Infratech in three and a half years and repay institutional financial creditors in full. NCLT has directed to include USD 102 million to the resolution plan which was submitted by Jaypee infratech in Supreme Court.

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INDUSTRY WATCH

- **10 projects worth USD 41 million sanctioned in food processing sector**
- **Core sector grows 2.2% in January**
- **Government amends Export Policy of APIs and formulations**
- **APEDA Signs MoUs for implementation of Agri Export Policy**
- **12 start-ups get support from NEVF**

10 projects worth USD 41 million sanctioned in food processing sector

10 projects worth rupees USD 41 million with total grant-in-aid of USD 9.1 million were sanctioned under the 'Agro Processing Cluster Scheme. Scheme focuses on development of common facilities for entrepreneurs to set up food processing units based on cluster approach by linking groups of producers/farmers to the processors and markets through well-equipped supply chain. Units are set up simultaneously along with the creation of common infrastructure.

Core sector grows 2.2% in January

Growth recorded by eight core industries is 2.2% in January 2020 compared to 1.5% in January 2019.

Major sectors that contributed growth year on year (y-o-y) basis are coal with 8% , refinery products 1.9% and electricity 2.8%. Steel production increased by 2.2% in January 2020, while the cement production rose 5%.

Government amends Export Policy of APIs and formulations

Government has made amendments in the export policy and restricted export of specified APIs (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients) and formulations made from these APIs with immediate effect. Paracetamol, Tinidazole, Metronidazole, Acyclovir, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B6, Vitamin B12, Progesterone, Chloramphenicol, Erythromycin Salts, Neomycin, Clindamycin Salts and Ornidazole.

APEDA Signs MoUs for implementation of Agri Export Policy

Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA), Quality Council of India (QCI), Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) and others. Collaborative approach is adopted to leverage professional expertise in different areas for capacity building of various stakeholders and providing solutions for the development of Agriculture and its export enhancement as per objectives set under Agri Export Policy (AEP).

12 start-ups get support from NEVF

North East Venture Fund (NEVF) has disbursed USD 2.5 million to 12 start-ups till date to support entrepreneurs and Start-ups from the North Eastern Region (NER). Investment is ranging between USD 34,000 and USD 1.35 million per venture, which is long termed with investment horizon of 4-5 years. Along with this, 22 proposals across sectors like Agri-Allied, Healthcare, Biotechnology, Education, Food Processing, Tourism, Logistics, Parking, Aggregation of Services, Entertainment have received investment cooperation.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Tricog raises USD 10.5 million from Japanese, US investors**
- **Oricon in JV with Italian firm to make lug caps**
- **Strides receives USFDA approval for tetracycline hydrochloride capsules**
- **IBS ties up with Japan Airlines**
- **Reliance Retail buys SKDS**

Tricog raises USD 10.5 million from Japanese, US investors

Tricog Health India Pvt. Ltd, a healthcare analytics firm, has raised USD 10.5 million in a Series B funding round from Japan's University of Tokyo Edge Capital, Aflac Ventures Llc and Dream Incubator, and US-based fund TeamFund. Company plans to utilise these funds in product line expansion for remote patient monitoring and to establish a strong presence in Asia and Africa. Tricog has grown its presence in more than 12 countries in South-East Asia and Africa.

Oricon in JV with Italian firm to make lug caps

Oricon Enterprises has entered into a Joint Venture agreement with Italy-headquartered Tecnocap Group to set up a new company, Tecnocap Oriental, for manufacturing lug caps. Its manufacturing facility will be located at Murbad in Maharashtra's Thane district. Partnership will enable them to jointly leverage their synergies to provide state-of-the-art packaging solutions to Indian customers.

Strides receives USFDA approval for tetracycline hydrochloride capsules

Strides Pharma Science Ltd has received USFDA approval for tetracycline hydrochloride capsules USP, 250 mg and 500 mg. Tetracycline hydrochloride is an antibiotic which is used to treat various bacterial infections of the skin, intestines, respiratory tract, urinary tract, genitals and lymph nodes. Antibiotics are also used when penicillin or other antibiotics cannot be used to treat serious infections such as anthrax, listeria, clostridium and actinomyces.

IBS ties up with Japan Airlines

IBS Software has entered into a contract with Japan Airlines (JAL) for the implementation of iCargo, that supports the end-to-end business functions. JAL will replace multiple legacy systems with IBS's iCargo terminal operations solution for Japan that will manage the entire operations process covering the import, export, transfers, warehouse operations and airports operations across the network.

Reliance Retail buys SKDS

Reliance Retail has acquired 786,191 equity shares representing 100% of the equity share capital of Shri Kannan Departmental Store (SKDS). Buy-out will help Reliance to expand its presence in the southern state. SKDS currently operates 29 grocery outlets in Coimbatore, Erode and Pollachi regions and has an annual revenues of USD 56.4 million.