

Indices	15/Apr	12/Apr	% Chg.
S&P BSE SENSEX	38,906	38,767	0.36%
Nifty 50	11,690	11,643	0.40%
NIFTY Midcap 100	18,254	18,168	0.47%
NIFTY Smallcap 100	6,783	6,740	0.63%
BSE Sectoral Indices			
Nifty Metal	3,141	3,072	2.27%
Nifty Realty	280	276	1.65%
Nifty Auto	8,912	8,777	1.53%
Nifty IT	16,114	15,911	1.27%
Nifty Bank	30,104	29,939	0.55%
Nifty Financial Services	12,535	12,496	0.32%
Nifty Infrastructure	3,203	3,194	0.27%
Nifty MNC	13,502	13,472	0.23%
Nifty FMCG	30,547	30,534	0.04%
Nifty Pharma	9,418	9,426	-0.09%
Nifty Energy	16,114	16,170	-0.34%
Nifty Media	2,433	2,443	-0.39%
Nifty PSU Bank	3,289	3,302	-0.40%

Major Indices	15/Apr	12/Apr	% Chg.
United States	26,385	26,412	-0.10%
S&P 500	2,906	2,907	-0.06%
London	7,437	7,437	-0.00%
Frankfurt	12,020	12,000	0.17%

Major Asian Indices	15/Apr	12/Apr	% Chg.
Hong Kong	29,811	29,910	-0.33%
Nikkei 225	22,169	21,871	1.37%
Korea	2,243	2,233	0.42%
Shanghai	3,178	3,189	-0.34%
Taiwan	10,876	10,805	0.65%

FII's & DII's in equity				Rs Crs	
15-Apr	Buy	Sell	Net	Total %	
FII / FPI Investments	3,913	3,200	713	22%	
DII's Investments	3,938	3,357	581	22%	
* Total % - contribution to the total turnover					

FII's in Derivatives (F&O)				Rs Crs	
15-Apr	Index Fut	Index Opt	Stock Fut	Stock Opt	
Net	-222	1,292	-270	-170	
OI	19,260	72,692	90,018	8,122	
Chg.OI	5.5%	4.9%	1.3%	10.3%	
FIIs' contribution to the total F&O turnover					43%

Curr. Derivatives (NSE)	15/Apr	12/Apr	Chg.	% Chg.
EURINR 26-APR-2019	78.76	78.63	0.13	0.17%
GBPINR 26-APR-2019	91.23	90.86	0.37	0.41%
USDINR 26-APR-2019	69.53	69.07	0.45	0.66%
JPYINR 26-APR-2019	62.20	62.23	-0.03	-0.05%

Commodities (MCX)	15/Apr	12/Apr	Chg.	% Chg.
Aluminium(30APR2019)	148	148	0.70	0.5%
Copper (30APR2019)	451	451	-0.55	-0.1%
Crude (18APR2019)	4,403	4,451	-48.00	-1.1%
Gold (05JUN2019)	31,856	31,862	-6.00	-0.0%
Silver (03MAY2019)	37,273	37,220	53.00	0.1%

ADR (\$)	15/Apr	12/Apr	Chg.	% Chg.
Tata Motors (TTM)	16.41	15.94	0.47	2.95%
Wipro (WIT)	4.39	4.33	0.06	1.39%
HDFC Bank (HDB)	114.14	113.43	0.71	0.63%
Infosys (INFY)	10.57	10.55	0.02	0.19%
ICICI Bank (IBN)	11.27	11.25	0.02	0.18%
Dr. Reddy's Lab (RDY)	40.37	40.86	-0.49	-1.20%

Domestic Market View

Benchmarks likely to make slightly positive start

Indian markets extended their northward journey for third straight session on Monday following firm global cues and buying in blue-chip counters such as Tata Motors, TCS and Coal India. Today, the markets are likely to make slightly positive start tracking optimistic monsoon forecast and good trade data. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that the country is likely to have near normal monsoon this year with a well distributed rainfall which could be beneficial for the agriculture sector. It added that the seasonal rainfall is likely to be 96% of the Long Period Average (LPA) with a model error of plus or minus 5%. It also said weak El Nino conditions are likely to prevail during the monsoon season with reduced intensity. Besides, the government data has showed that India's exports grew by 11% to \$32.55 billion in March on account of higher growth in sectors including pharma, chemicals and engineering. Imports rose by 1.44% to \$43.44 billion during the month. However, trade deficit narrows to \$10.89 billion as compared to \$13.51 billion in the same month last year.

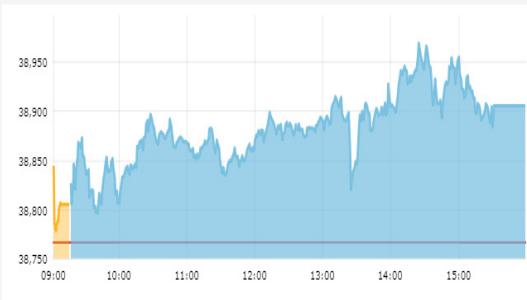
Some support will also come with a private report that the rise in banks' profitability, thanks to a steady decline in dud assets, can give a 0.60% boost to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in fiscal 2020. Meanwhile, Finance minister Arun Jaitley has said fast economic growth and rapid urbanisation would slash the number of people in extreme poverty by 2021 and end it completely in the decade after that. However, there may be some cautiousness amid subdued global cues. There will be some buzz in the agriculture related stocks with report that the government has decided to extend the duration of the New Urea Policy from April 1 this year till further orders to ensure smooth supply of nutrients to farmers. The extension of the policy would facilitate in continuation of operations of urea plants and ensure regular supply of urea to the farmers. There will be some reaction in textile industry stocks with report that India's cotton crop production may fall 7.87% to 343 lakh bales (of 170 kg each) in the 2018-19 season, mainly due to drought in many cotton-growing regions. There will be some earnings announcements too to keep the markets buzzing.

Domestic Market Overview

NSE NIFTY



BSE SENSEX



Indian indices maintain gaining momentum for third straight session

Maintaining gaining momentum for third straight session, Indian equity bourses ended Monday's trading session on cheerful note. The markets started the session with marginal gains, as India's factory output, as measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), slowed down to 20-month low of 0.1% in February, mainly due to contraction in the manufacturing sector. It had grown by 6.9% in February 2018. Separately, India's retail inflation, measured in Consumer Price Index (CPI), continued rising trend for second straight month and increased marginally to 2.86% in March 2019 as compared to 2.57% in February 2019, on account of increase in prices of food articles and fuel. But, key indices managed to add gains during the session, aided by Former Niti Aayog vice chairman Arvind Panagariya's statement that the Modi government has achieved 'major successes' in social sector programmes like Ayushman Bharat, PM-Kisan and rural electrification. Besides, he added that this government has made an 'unprecedented progress' in tackling corruption.

Upward rally continued during second half of the session, on the back of heavy buying coupled with positive cues from other Asian markets. The street took support with a report stating that foreign investors have pumped in a net sum of Rs 11,096 crore into the Indian capital markets in April so far, driven by global and domestic factors. Foreign portfolio investors (FPI) were net buyers for the previous two months as well, infusing a net sum of Rs 11,182 crore in February and Rs 45,981 crore in March. Adding more comfort among traders, a private report showed that financing deals for Indian infrastructure projects are surging on market expectations that the next government will come through with at least some of the spending that politicians are promising now during a heated election campaign. The market participants overlooked rising WPI inflation data report in late noon deals. India's Wholesale price index (WPI) inflation has come in at 3.18% in the month of March as compared to 2.93% (provisional) for the previous month.

Stocks related to the fertilizer sector remained in limelight, as the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the proposal of the Department of fertilizers to extend the duration of New Urea Policy-2015 from April 1, 2019 till further orders, except for the provisions which stand already amended vide notification dated March 28, 2018. Besides,

renewable energy sector stocks also remained in focus after the Union Cabinet gave its approval for a Cooperation Agreement between Ministry of New & Renewable Energy of India and Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate of the Kingdom of Denmark on strategic sector cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy with a focus on Offshore Wind Energy and a Letter of Intent to establish an Indo-Danish Centre of Excellence for renewable energy in India.

Top Gainer				
	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
CNX Nifty	TATAMOTORS	232	16.1	7.4
	TCS	2113	98.5	4.9
	COALINDIA	251	10.0	4.2
	TATASTEEL	554	20	3.8
	KOTAKBANK	1376	32.6	2.4

Top Losers				
	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
NIFTY NEXT 50	INFY	728	-19.6	-2.6
	INFRATEL	309	-5.3	6.0
	SUNPHARMA	459	-6.4	-6.9
	GAIL	354	-3.2	-6.8
	YESBANK	266	-2.1	-5.5

Top Gainer				
	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
NIFTY MIDCAP 50	GILLETTE	7776	477.2	6.5
	GODREJPROP	956	51	5.6
	BHARATFORG	511	18.7	3.8
	SAIL	59	1.9	3.3
	ADANIPOWER	55	1.7	3.1

Top Losers				
	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
NIFTY SMLCAP 50	TATAPOWER	71	-1.6	-2.2
	LICHSGFIN	530	-9.5	-1.8
	EDELWEISS	176	-2.9	-1.6
	SUNTV	595	-8.6	-1.4
	LTI	1628	-22	-1.3

Top Gainer				
	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
NIFTY SMLCAP 50	63MOONS	109	13.9	14.5
	PCJEWELLER	126	14.3	12.8
	DFM	257	28.0	12.2
	SANGHVIMOV	131	13.9	11.8
	8KMILES	123	11.2	10.0

Top Losers				
	Company	LTP	Chg	% Chg
NIFTY SMLCAP 50	CAPITALT	205	-12.9	-5.9
	EMKAY	95	-5.7	-5.6
	TV18BRDCST	36	-2.1	-5.3
	BALLARPUR	3	-0.1	-5.0
	MERCATOR	5	-0.3	-5.0

NIKKEI 225 INDEX



FTSE 100 IDX



NASDAQ NMS COMPOSITE INDEX



Global Market Overview

Asian markets end mostly higher on Monday

Asian markets gave up most of their early gains but managed to end mostly higher on Monday as investors looked for further signs of a pick-up in global growth and progress in US-China trade talks. US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said he hoped US-China trade talks were approaching their final lap. Besides, easing fears of a slowdown in global growth on signs of stabilization in the Chinese economy further boosted investor sentiment. Meanwhile, Chinese data showing exports rebounded in March to a five-month high while new bank loans jumped by far more than expected. Japanese shares hit a four-month high, with sentiment lifted by a weaker yen and positive cues from global markets. However, Chinese shares gave up early gains to end lower.

US markets end marginally lower as bank earnings disappoint

The US markets ended marginally lower on Monday after earnings from Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Citigroup Inc. underwhelmed amid concerns over the banking sector's health. The drop by Goldman Sachs comes after the company reported better than expected first quarter earnings but revenues that missed expectations. Shares of Citigroup (C) also closed just below the unchanged line even though the company reported first quarter earnings that exceeded analyst estimates. Nonetheless, traders seemed reluctant to make more significant moves ahead of the release of quarterly results from a slew of other big-name companies in the coming days. Bank of America (BAC), Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), IBM (IBM), Morgan Stanley (MS), PepsiCo (PEP), and American Express (AXP) are among the companies due to report their results this week.

On the economic front, after reporting an unexpected slowdown in the pace of growth in New York manufacturing activity in the previous month, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York released a report showing growth picked up somewhat in April but remained fairly subdued. The New York Fed said its headline general business conditions index climbed to 10.1 in April after falling to 3.7 in March, with a positive reading indicating growth in regional manufacturing activity. Street had expected the index to rise to 6.0. The bigger than expected increase by the headline index came as the new orders index rose to 7.5 in April from 3.0 in March. The shipments index also inched up to 8.6 from 7.7. On the other hand, the report said the number of employees index edged down to 11.9 in April from 13.8 in March, indicating modestly slower job growth. The prices paid index also slumped to 27.3 in April from 34.1 in March, while the prices received index slid to 14.0 from 18.1.

Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 27.53 points or 0.10 percent to 26384.77, Nasdaq declined 8.15 points or 0.10 percent to 7976.01 and S&P 500 was down by 1.83 points or 0.06 percent to 2905.58.

Index Futures

(OI in '000 Shares)	Future 15/Apr	Chg (%)	Spot 15/Apr	Spot 12/Apr	Chg (%)	Prem / Disc	Total Open Interest 15/Apr Chg (%)	
NIFTY	11,728	0.20	11,690	11,643	0.40	37.4	17,346	3.43
NIFTYIT	16,146	1.04	16,114	15,911	1.27	32.3	20	-15.51
BANKNIFTY	30,188	-0.09	30,104	29,939	0.55	83.3	2,142	2.57

Increasing OI, Increasing Delivery Qty & Increasing Price in Stock Futures (Open Interest in '000 Shares)

Symbol	Total OI		Del Qty Cash Market					Spot (₹)	Fut (₹)	Spot Chg (%)	Fut Chg (%)	Prem / Disc
	15/Apr	Chg	15/Apr	12/Apr	% Del.	Prev. % Del.	Increase in Del Qty					
INFIBEAM	15,612	13.4%	6,446,908	4,496,129	17%	13%	1,950,779	51	52	8.6%	8.5%	0.3
MGL	602	13.0%	78,455	73,012	18%	24%	5,443	1022	1029	0.0%	0.0%	6.9
COALINDIA	37,723	12.3%	8,983,521	1,782,922	55%	50%	7,200,599	250	251	4.1%	4.1%	1.3
GODFRYPHLP	641	11.6%	86,565	25,099	14%	14%	61,466	1203	1209	3.7%	4.1%	5.5
HEXAWARE	3,384	10.9%	767,884	301,557	43%	35%	466,327	349	351	3.2%	3.2%	1.8
VGUARD	3,906	8.5%	517,494	104,665	22%	32%	412,829	227	227	2.1%	1.8%	-0.5
IDEA	559,781	7.2%	17,378,893	8,178,196	22%	18%	9,200,697	17	17	6.9%	8.9%	0.1
MINDTREE	4,080	5.0%	403,831	197,979	49%	43%	205,852	980	967	0.1%	0.1%	-12.4

Decreasing OI, Decreasing Delivery Qty & Decreasing Price in Stock Futures (Open Interest in '000 Shares)

Symbol	Total OI		Del Qty Cash Market					Spot (₹)	Fut (₹)	Spot Chg (%)	Fut Chg (%)	Prem / Disc
	15/Apr	Chg	15/Apr	12/Apr	% Del.	Prev. % Del.	Increase in Del Qty					
DCBBANK	6,813	23.8%	990,327	157,923	28%	26%	832,404	192	193	-3.3%	-3.7%	0.6
INFRATEL	5,866	8.9%	546,027	407,133	34%	47%	138,894	308	310	-1.9%	-2.1%	1.9
INFY	50,760	7.0%	17,095,168	2,688,675	52%	36%	14,406,493	728	729	-2.7%	-3.1%	1.5
AMBUJACEM	21,480	3.5%	1,770,750	522,522	60%	23%	1,248,228	227	229	-0.9%	-0.6%	1.3
CADILAHC	11,256	2.4%	209,329	130,036	40%	25%	79,293	341	343	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.9
ICICIBANK	93,387	2.0%	4,486,394	2,712,465	32%	37%	1,773,929	393	394	-0.2%	-0.5%	1.0
TV18BRDCST	70,551	2.0%	4,745,103	4,708,527	18%	19%	36,576	37	37	-5.7%	-5.5%	0.1
MRPL	4,746	1.6%	141,281	113,168	28%	22%	28,113	71	71	-0.5%	-0.9%	0.1

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- **Majesco** has unveiled the upcoming version 11 release of the Majesco P&C Core Suite, including Majesco Policy for P&C, Majesco Billing for P&C and Majesco Claims for P&C. The new version will be generally available in October 2019.
- **Dynamic Technologies** has launched 'Tejas Main Fuselage Assembly' for Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL). This is a milestone in Make-in-India initiative, a unique Public-Private-Partnership successfully implemented in association with HAL.
- **Deepak Fertilisers & Petrochemicals Corporation** has commenced the commercial production of Nitric Acid complex at Dahej in the state of Gujarat. The new facility with project cost of approximately Rs 550 crore, has production capacities of ~92 KTPA for Concentrated Nitric Acid (CNA) and ~149 KTPA for Diluted Nitric Acid (DNA).
- **Cipla's** subsidiary -- Cipla Technologies LLC and Pulmatrix, Inc., a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company has entered into a definitive agreement for the co-development and commercialization of Pulmazole (PUR1900) - an inhaled iSPERSE formulation of the antifungal drug itraconazole for the treatment of allergic bronchopulmonary aspergillosis (ABPA) in patients with asthma.
- **Dr. Reddys Laboratories** has received the Establishment Inspection Report (EIR) from US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA), for the company's Formulations Manufacturing Plant - 3 at Bachupally, Hyderabad.
- **Future Consumer** is planning to raise funds around Rs 280 crore through issuance of debentures to Verinvest SA and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) on a preferential basis.
- **Suven Life Science's** board has approved the enhancement of investment limits in wholly owned subsidiary (WOS) in USA Suven Neurosciences, Inc. from \$25 million upto \$50 million to undertake clinical trials on the molecules in the pipeline. The Board of directors of the company at its meeting held on April 15, 2019 has approved for the same.
- **Cyient** has launched a portfolio of services and solutions that help Communication Service Providers (CSPs) expedite 5G network rollouts globally. The services will help in defining the migration roadmap towards the 5G NSA standard, but also help in planning smarter and faster rollouts, including site verification and benchmarking in post deployment operations.
- **HPL Electric & Power** has launched a new advertising campaign - 'Karo Powerplay On'. The advertisement features Shikhar Dhawan, Rishabh Pant and Prithvi Shaw of Delhi Capitals and highlights the superior features that company's products share with these cricketers such as outstanding and powerful performance with high reliability.
- **Subros** has executed definitive agreement with Zamil Air Conditioners India (ZAMIL) to acquire ZAMIL's

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- certain assets relating to manufacture of Home Air conditioning systems for total transaction value of Rs 111.50 million. The company has an order book of Rs 900 million from OEM customer(s) for supply of Home Air conditioning units. The execution of the orders will be by using the manufacturing factories of ZAMIL at Nalagarh, District Solan, Himachal Pradesh.
- **Sadbhav Infrastructure Project's** collection of toll revenue from its 10 operational Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) has increased by around 7.3% to Rs 2,810.9 million in Q4FY19 from Rs 2,620.0 million in Q4FY18. The company's toll revenue from its Ahmedabad Ring Road Infrastructure (ARRIL) in Q4FY19 has increased by around 3.3% to Rs 253.4 million from Rs 245.3 million in Q4FY18.
- **Bharti Airtel** and Cisco have entered into an alliance to offer advanced networking and connectivity solutions to enterprise and SMB customers in India. This partnership will leverage company's deep customer relationships and network to offer highly secure and cutting-edge digitization technology from Cisco in India.
- **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** is planning to hire 1,500 people in the financial year 2020, the same as in previous years. The company's manpower strength stood at 42,924 as on March 31, 2018 as compared to 41,466 as at March 31, 2017. On an average, the company hires close to 1,500 people across functions every year and it see no discontinuity in this practice unless business dynamics change drastically.
- **Shemaroo Entertainment's** board has approved the investment by acquiring 50% stake of Dominiche Productions (Dominiche). Subsequent to the acquisition, Dominiche will be the Associate of the company.
- **Bajaj Finserv** through its lending arm Bajaj Finance has launched a unique proposition through its campaign 'BijliOnEMI' wherein customers buying air-conditioners on EMI can avail an Insta Credit loan in their Bajaj Finserv Wallet which they can use to pay their electricity bills on EMI.
- **Goa Carbon** has temporary shut-down the operations at its Bilaspur Unit located at Sirgitti Industrial Area, Bilaspur in the state of Chhattisgarh, for maintenance work from April 13, 2019.
- **Tech Mahindra** has collaborated with Samsung SDS. As part of the collaboration, the company will offer Samsung SDS's blockchain platform, Nexledger, in the Indian and global market.
- **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** has arrested a declining crude oil production trend in its onshore fields and registered a 1.25% rise in output in the fiscal year ended March 2019. ONGC produced 6.141 million tonnes of crude oil from its onshore fields despite majority of them being more than 50 years old and facing a natural decline.
- **Sudarshan Chemical Industries** has received approval to enter into a definitive agreement with GMM Pfaudler (GMMP) to divest Industrial Mixing Solutions Division (IMSD) of the Company.
- **Pennar Industries** is scaling up its hydraulic cylinders to 200,000 cylinders per annum from the current

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capacity of 75,000 cylinders pa. The company caters to both, the domestic as well as global demand for hydraulic cylinders that find applications in agricultural, forestry, construction equipment, material handling, tippers and trailers, aerospace and defence industries.

- **Xpro India** has commenced commercial production at the company's new Sheet Line at Ranjangaon, District Pune (Maharashtra) with effect from April 13, 2019.
- **Ashok Leyland** may look at partnerships in electric vehicles segment in future in a bid to cut huge costs involved in developing new technologies in this space. One of the foremost reasons for keeping the option open for collaboration in the EV segment is to keep development costs under control.
- **Alembic Pharmaceuticals** has received approval from the US Food & Drug Administration (USFDA) for its Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) Bimatoprost Ophthalmic Solution, 0.03%. The approved ANDA is therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Lumigan, 0.03% of Allergan Sales, LLC (Allergan). Bimatoprost Ophthalmic Solution, 0.03% is indicated for the reduction of elevated intraocular pressure in patients with open angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension.
- **Hero MotoCorp** has launched an exciting vehicle maintenance scheme for customers who exercise their Right to Vote. After casting their vote, customers can come to the company's dealerships and workshops, with the voter's ink mark on their finger, to avail a free two-wheeler wash and get their vehicles serviced at Rs 199 only. The scheme will be available up to two-days after the polling day in every city during the months of April-May 2019.
- **Mastek** is planning to sell its 12% stake held in its former subsidiary Majesco by the end of 2019 and deploy the cash for acquisitions, as it aims a fourfold growth in business in the medium-term.
- **PTC India Financial Services (PFS)** is reportedly planning to raise up to Rs 2,000 crore through a bonds issue. The first tranche will be of about Rs 600 crore under a 10-year bonds issue. This will be issued by the end of April.
- **International Paper APPM** is going to carry out Annual Outage (maintenance) from April 15, 2019 to April 22, 2019 (both days inclusive) in the manufacturing facility located in Kadiyam, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh (AP). The estimated loss of production would be around 200 MTs per day.
- **Coal India** has put in place over 5,000 security cameras across 300 mines of its subsidiaries to thwart pilferage attempts and ensure quick response to disasters. The Rs 50-crore project will provide live feed from the mines to the coal major's headquarters in Kolkata and other regional offices, prompting swift action in case of emergencies.
- **Suven Life Science** has received approval from a US bankruptcy court to buy assets of Rising Pharmaceuticals through its joint venture partner Shore Suven Pharma Inc. The company has completed a 'stalking horse

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agreement' as mandated by a bankruptcy court to buy the assets of Rising Pharmaceuticals. A stalking horse agreement refers to an initial bid for a bankrupt company's assets and sets the lower limit in a bankruptcy auction.

- **Reliance Industries'** (RIL) telecom arm -- Reliance Jio Infocomm (Jio) has crossed the 300 million customers mark in two-and-a-half years of its operations. The milestone was reached on March 2.
- **Dr. Reddy's Laboratories** has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire a portfolio of 42 approved, non-marketed Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) in the US. The portfolio includes more than 30 generic injectable products. These products will require to be technology transferred and could be launched within the next one to two years.
- The United States Food & Drug Administration (USFDA) has carried out inspection of **Wockhardt's** Bioequivalence Centre located at R&D Centre, Aurangabad in the state of Maharashtra. During which Bioequivalence studies of Tamsulosin 0.4mg capsules and Metoprolol Tartrate 200mg ER tablets were audited.
- **Meghmani Organics (MOL)** has repaid total term loan including regular installment Rs 166.83 crore. After this repayment the company's has outstanding term loan of Rs 127 crore as on March 31, 2019.
- **Eris Lifesciences** has pre-paid the entire loan facility obtained from Axis bank. The Loan Facility Agreements dated November 30, 2017 with Axis bank therefore stand closed/terminated. Bank of Baroda (BoB) is expecting to complete the process of merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with it in two years. The merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with BoB became effective from April 1. Information technology platform integration alone will take about 12 months and other processes and systems may take another year.
- **APL Apollo Tubes** will acquire assets of production unit located at Chegunta, Hyderabad, one of the unit of Taurus Value Steel & Pipes. The acquisition will result in higher volumes, better competitive strength and reduced freight cost. The consideration to be paid is cash payment of Rs 70 crore.
- **Cosmo Films** has introduced a cast polypropylene (CPP) film for packaging applications requiring high moisture & oxygen barrier and high hot tack properties. The newly launched heat sealable CPP films also offer high hot tack (>600gf/inch over a range of 100-140 degree celsius) and low seal initiation temperature; enabling packaging machines to run at higher speeds. As far as barrier is concerned, the films offer good moisture, oxygen, light and aroma barrier properties.

Economy

- **WPI inflation spikes to 3.18% in March**

Rising for the second consecutive month, India's Wholesale price index (WPI) inflation has come in at 3.18 percent in the month of March as compared to 2.93 percent (provisional) for the previous month and 2.74 percent during the corresponding month of the previous year, on the back of hardening of primary articles and fuel prices. As per the data of Ministry of Commerce & Industry, WPI for All Commodities (Base: 2011-12=100) for the month of March, 2019 rose by 0.4 percent to 120.0 (provisional) from 119.5 (provisional) for the previous month. Build up inflation rate in the financial year so far was 3.18% compared to a build up rate of 2.74% in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Component wise, primary articles index having weight of 22.62 percent, rose by 0.4 percent to 134.7 (provisional) from 134.2 (provisional) for the previous month. Among the primary articles, the index for 'Food Articles' group rose by 0.9 percent to 145.1 (provisional) from 143.8 (provisional) for the previous month and the index for 'Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas' group rose by 3.3 percent to 87.6 (provisional) from 84.8 (provisional) for the previous month. However, the index for 'Non-Food Articles' group declined by 2.6 percent to 123.5 (provisional) from 126.8 (provisional) for the previous month and the index for 'Minerals' group declined by 1.9 percent to 136.7 (provisional) from 139.3 (provisional) for the previous month.

Fuel & Power index, having weight of 13.15 percent, rose by 2.3 percent to 103.3 (provisional) from 101.0 (provisional) for the previous month, on account of rising prices of mineral oils.

- **Monetary economics in developing markets needs rethink: RBI Governor**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has observed that the global financial crisis are exposing several limitations of conventional and unconventional monetary policy tools. Therefore, he suggested that monetary economics in emerging markets needs a rethink. He noted that this includes challenging the conventional wisdom of modern central banks to hike or reduce their interest rates by 25 basis points or multiples thereof.

Das has stated that unconventional monetary policies of advanced economies have resulted in risks and spillovers for the emerging markets. According to him, monetary policy must touch the real economy, spur investments and maintain monetary and financial stability. Therefore, he said that the time has come to think out of the box, including challenging the conventional wisdom. Adding further, he said that modern central banks generally announce a stance of tightening, neutrality or accommodative to guide the markets and the public on the future course of policy along with any changes in the rate.

The RBI Governor said "one thought that comes to my mind is that if the unit of 25 basis points is not sacrosanct and just a convention, monetary policy can be well served by calibrating the size of the policy

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rate to the dynamics of the situation and the size of the change itself can convey the stance of policy." He also explained that in a situation in which the central bank prefers to be accommodative but not overly so, it could announce a cut in the policy rate by 35 basis points if it has judged that the standard 25 basis points is too little, but its multiple, that is 50 basis points, is too much. He added that this approach can also be useful when the central bank is on a tightening mode and potentially help avoid policy turnaround from forward guidance via stance too far into the future, which in a highly volatile global scenario, may not even be a year.

- **Retail inflation increases marginally to 2.86% in March**

India's retail inflation, measured in Consumer Price Index (CPI), has continued rising trend for second straight month and increased marginally to 2.86% in March 2019 as compared to 2.57% in February 2019, on account of increase in prices of food articles and fuel. On yearly basis, it was 4.28% in March 2018. Though, retail inflation remains well within the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) comfort level of 4% for about eight months now, coming down from 4.17% in July 2018. Besides, inflation in food basket rose to 0.30% in March from (-) 0.73% in the previous month.

As per the data of the Central Statistics Office (CSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme, the CPI (Rural, Urban, Combined) on Base2012=100 for March 2019, stood at 1.80%, 4.10% and 2.86% respectively, compared to 4.44%, 4.12% and 4.28%, respectively in March 2018. The index value of CPI for combined stood at 140.4. The data also showed that CFPI for all India Rural and Urban for March 2019 stood at (-) 1.46% and 3.47%, respectively, compared to 3.71% and 1.22%, respectively in March 2018. The index value of CFPI for combined stood at 135.9 for the month of March.

The rate of price rise was higher in 'fuel and light' category. The inflation in the segment rose to 2.42% as against 1.24% in February. Besides, the inflation for housing eased to 4.93%, while that for miscellaneous items also fell to 5.68% in March 2019. Within the miscellaneous items, the inflation for personal care and effects declined to 4.06%, education 7.58%, household goods and services 6.05% and transport and communication 2.98%, while it rose for recreation and amusement to 5.60% and health 8.86% in March 2019. The inflation for clothing and footwear declined to 2.59%, while the CPI inflation of fuel and light increased to 2.42% in March 2019.

- **344 infra projects report cost overrun of Rs 3.16 lakh crore**

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) in its latest report for December 2018 has indicated that as many as 344 infrastructure projects, each worth Rs 150 crore or above, have reported cost overrun of Rs 3.16 lakh crore, mainly due to delays and other reasons. Of these 1,424 projects

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monitored by the MOSPI, 344 reported cost overruns and 384 time escalation.

According to the report, the expenditure incurred on these projects till December 2018 was Rs 8,06,997.78 crore, which is 37.82 percent of the anticipated cost of the projects. However, it said the number of delayed projects decreases to 326 if delay is calculated on the basis of latest schedule of completion. For 686 projects, neither the year of commissioning nor the tentative gestation period has been reported. Out of 384 delayed projects, 113 projects have overall delay in the range of 1 to 12 months, 61 are delayed by 13 to 24 months, 101 reflect delay of 25 to 60 months and 109 projects show 61 months and above delay. The average time overrun in these 384 delayed projects is 44.78 months.

The report attributes the time overrun to a host of issues, including land acquisition, forest clearance and supply of equipment, fund constraint, Maoist incursion, legal cases and law and order situation. Besides, there are other reasons like fund constraints, geological surprises, geo-mining conditions, slow progress in civil works, shortage of labour, inadequate mobilisation by the contractor, Maoist problems, court cases, contractual issues, ROU/ROW (right of use/right of way) problems, among others. It also observed that project agencies are not reporting revised cost estimates and commissioning schedules for many projects, which suggests that time/cost overrun figures are under-reported.

- India's economy needs to grow even faster to deal with poverty, other challenges: Das
In order to deal with poverty and other challenges, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said the expansion of the India, world's fastest-growing major economy, needs to pick up to around 8 percent. The Governor stated that while the past few years' average growth of around 7.5 percent was impressive, 'the expectation is India can be better'. He also added more structural reforms were needed in areas such as land and labor.
He is expecting that India will post real economic growth of 7.2 percent in current financial year (FY20) and is seeing below-target inflation even as rising oil prices add an upside risk. Still, he added that the inflationary impact from spikes in crude -- India's biggest import -- can be exaggerated. He further underlined 'if there is a temporary spike of oil prices and again it comes down, then obviously the impact gets moderated. Any sustained increase in crude prices will definitely have an impact on inflation, but we have to see how sustained it is'.
Higher oil prices over the longer term may hurt India's growth as well as its current account deficit, factors which would drag the rupee down. The recent oil spike is occurring against a backdrop of consumption suffering from a crisis in the shadow banking sector and exports stagnating amid a global slowdown -- all of which has seen India's growth prospects dim.
- Factory output slows down to 20-month low of 0.1% in February

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India's factory output, as measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), slowed down to 20-month low of 0.1% in February, mainly due to contraction in the manufacturing sector. It had grown by 6.9% in February 2018. The previous low in IIP growth was recorded in June 2017, when factory output contracted 0.3%. As per the data released by the Central Statistics Office of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, IIP with base 2011-12 for the month of February 2019 stood at 127.5, which was 0.1% higher as compared to the level in the month of February 2018. The cumulative growth for the period April-February 2018-19 over the corresponding period of the previous year stood at 4.0%. Meanwhile, IIP growth for November 2018 was revised downwards to 0.2% from 0.3% released earlier. On the sectoral front, the manufacturing sector, which constitutes 77.63% of the IIP, contracted by 0.3% in February as compared to 8.4% expansion a year ago. Power sector growth slowed to 1.2% in February as compared to 4.5% a year ago. However, mining sector output grew 2% in the month compared to contraction of 0.4% earlier. The Indices of Industrial Production for the Mining, Manufacturing and Electricity sectors for the month of February 2019 stood at 112.3, 129.3 and 137.7 respectively. The cumulative growth in these three sectors during April-February 2018-19 over the corresponding period of 2017-18 has been 3.0%, 3.8% and 5.5%, respectively.

Besides, capital goods output declined by 8.8% in the month under review as against 16.6% growth in February 2018. As per use-based classification, the growth rates in February 2019 over February 2018 were 1.2% in primary goods, (-) 4.9% in intermediate goods and 2.4% in infrastructure/construction goods. Consumer durables and consumer non-durables recorded growth of 1.2% and 4.3%, respectively. In terms of industries, 10 out of the 23 industry groups in the manufacturing sector have shown positive growth during the month of February 2019 as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The industry group 'Manufacture of wearing apparel' has shown the highest positive growth of 19.3% followed by 13.8% in 'Manufacture of food products' and 8.3% in 'Manufacture of wood and products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials'. On the other hand, the industry group 'Manufacture of machinery and equipment n.e.c.' has shown the highest negative growth of (-) 12.8% followed by (-) 10.7% in 'Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment' and (-) 9.7% in 'Manufacture of furniture'.

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Technical View

Index closed a day at 11690 with gains of 47 points on and formed small bullish candle on daily chart. Index has shifted its support to 11640-11600 zone and resistance is coming near 11760-11800 zone any breakout above 11760 can see fresh move in index otherwise index will be in tight range of 11550-11760 zone. Nifty bank has support near 29950-29800 zone and resistance is coming near 30235-30440 zone.

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