



**MARKET MOVEMENT**

Major Indices	August 16, 2019	August 23, 2019	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	37,350.33	36,701.16	(1.73)	
NSE Nifty	11,047.80	10,829.35	(2.01)	

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

- **India signs 10 MoUs with Bhutan**
- **Odisha Government clears USD 28.47 billion investments**
- **India signs agreements with France**
- **India signs 6 MoUs with Zambia**
- **Government removes DRR requirement**

**India signs 10 MoUs with Bhutan**

**India and Bhutan have signed 10 MoUs (Memorandum of Understanding) in Power, IT, Education, Space research and Aviation sectors.** An additional USD 100 million to Bhutan under the SAARC currency swap framework is also announced to meet foreign exchange requirements. SATCOM network and Ground Earth Station, developed with the assistance from ISRO for utilisation of South Asia Satellite in Bhutan is also inaugurated.

**Odisha Government clears USD 28.47 billion investments**

**High Level-Clearance Authority (HLCA) has approved five new projects with total value of USD 28.47 billion in Odisha.** Mega project of Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd (HPL) to install a hydrocarbon processing complex comprising light crude oil refinery, an aromatics complex and ethylene cracker complex at a combined investment of USD 11.16 billion has got approval.

**India signs agreements with France**

**India has signed agreements with France in the fields of Renewable energy, IT and Electronics, space research and skill development etc.** Memorandum of Agreement is signed between National Institute of Solar Energy(NISE) and 'The French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission' (CEA) to promote renewable energy. Similarly, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) has signed an agreement with ATOS.

**India signs 6 MoUs with Zambia**

**India and Zambia have signed six MoUs in several areas including geology, defence, arts and culture.** Also, both the countries will increase their participation in the fields of health care, tourism,

agriculture, food processing and mining. There are immense opportunities for Indian companies to invest in Zambia and have mutually beneficial partnership.

### **Government removes DRR requirements**

**Ministry of Corporate Affairs has amended the Companies (Share Capital & Debentures) Rules by removing the requirement** for creation of Debenture Redemption Reserve (DRR) of 25% of the value of outstanding debentures in respect of listed companies, Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) registered with RBI and for Housing Finance Companies registered with National Housing Bank (NHB) both for public issue as well as private placements. This will help in safeguarding the interests of investors.

## **INDUSTRY WATCH**

- **PE/VC investment rises USD 8.3 billion in July**
- **Leasing of warehouses rises 31% in H1 of 2019**
- **PC market grows 49.2% in the June quarter**
- **Domestic air passenger traffic rises 3.15% in July**
- **US Government Securities rises USD 6 billion to USD 162.7 billion in June 2019**

### **PE/VC investment rises USD 8.3 billion in July**

Private Equity (PE) and Venture Capital (VC) investment grows to USD 8 billion in July with over 106 deals against USD 1.8 billion in July 2018 through 70 deals. Strong investment movement in infrastructure and real estate asset classes has contributed to the overall deal count with USD 4.7 billion worth of mega deals in the infrastructure sector.

### **Leasing of warehouses rises 31% in H1 of 2019**

Leasing of warehousing spaces increased 31% year-on-year in the first half of 2019 to cross 13 million square feet. Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru accounted for more than 60% of the leasing activity. It includes small-sized transactions of less than 50,000 sq ft each accounting for about 38% of leasing activity, 32% medium-sized deals of (ranging between 50,000 sq ft and 100,000 sq ft), and 30% were large-sized deals of greater than 100,000 sq ft.

### **PC market grows 49.2% in the June quarter**

PC market grows 49.2% year-on-year to 3.4 million units in the June 2019 quarter. Growth was mainly due to commercial segment driven by Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT) education deal fulfilment under which Tamil Nadu government plans to distribute around 1.5 million laptops to students. Lenovo led the market with 46% share in the June quarter, followed by HP (22%), Dell (14%), Acer (10%), Asus (2%) and others.

### **Domestic air passenger traffic rises 3.15% in July**

**Domestic airlines flew 11.9 million travellers registering a growth of 3.15% against 11.5 million travellers flown as previous year.** IndiGo carried highest number of travellers 5.66 million, while SpiceJet carried 1.84 million travellers, GoAir flew 1.3 million travellers, AirAsia carried 771,000 travellers and Vistara flew 715,000 travellers. SpiceJet recorded highest Passenger Load Factor (PLF) of 92.4%, followed by Go Air (90.4%), Air Asia (89.5%) IndiGo (89.5%), and Vistara (82.4%).

### **US Government Securities rises USD 6 billion to USD 162.7 billion in June 2019**

**US Government Securities holding by India rose from USD 6 billion to USD 162.7 billion at the end of June.** Foreign residents increased their holdings of long-term US securities in June with net purchases of USD 63.8 billion. Net purchases by private foreign investors were USD 63.2 billion, while net purchases by foreign official institutions were USD 0.5 billion. Japan is the largest holder with Government securities worth USD 1.122 trillion.

## **CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **KEC International bags USD 117.9 million orders for railway infrastructure**
- **Dr Reddy's launches generic oral anti-epileptic drug in US**
- **Mahindra Finance signs JV deal to acquire over 58% Ideal Finance**
- **Ikea India opens online store in Mumbai**
- **Fintech Tala raises USD 110 million in Series-D funding led by RPS Ventures**

### **KEC International bags USD 117.9 million orders for railway infrastructure**

**KEC International has received orders worth USD 117.9 million for railway infrastructure. Project is to construct** an elevated viaduct and stations of the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System corridor with USD 80.9 million, from the National Capital Region Transport Corporation while USD 37 million is for the construction of a viaduct along with stations for the Phase 1 extension of the Kochi metro rail project, from Kochi Metro Rail Ltd.

### **Dr Reddy's launches generic oral anti-epileptic drug in US**

**Dr Reddy's Laboratories has launched generic anti-epileptic Vigabatrin powder for oral solution in 500 mg per packet** in the US market. The product is a generic version of Lundbeck's Sabril powder for oral solution. Sabril is indicated as adjunctive therapy for adults and pediatric patients of 10 years of age and older with refractory complex partial seizures who have inadequately responded to several alternative treatments and for whom the potential benefits outweigh the risk of vision loss.

### **Mahindra Finance signs JV deal to acquire over 58% Ideal Finance**

**Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (Mahindra Finance) has entered into a Joint Venture (JV) deal with Sri Lanka's Ideal Finance** to acquire up to 58.2% per cent stake in the company for USD 11.2

million. Mahindra Finance will focus to replicate its business model in Sri Lanka and has supported the entrepreneurial aspirations of over 6.2 million customers in over 3,70,000 villages in India.

**Ikea India opens online store in Mumbai**

**Swedish home furnishings major Ikea has launched its online store in Mumbai offering more than 7,500 products.** Online store is part of its new multichannel approach to reach 100 million customers in the next three years. It will offer 1,000 products priced below USD 2.8. Ikea currently has more than 55 suppliers with 45,000 direct employees and 400,000 people in the extended supply chain.

**Fintech Tala raises USD 110 million in Series-D funding led by RPS Ventures**

**Fintech company Tala has raised USD 110 million in Series-D funding led by RPS Ventures. Company will use** the fresh capital to expand in India, support the launch of new products centered on financial health and grow its team across offices, including its Bengaluru engineering hub.