

MARKET MOVEMENT

Major Indices	February 14, 2020	February 21, 2020	% Change	Change
BSE Sensex	41,257.74	41,170.12	(0.21)	↓
NSE Nifty	12,113.45	12,080.85	(0.26)	↓

INDIAN ECONOMY AT A GLANCE**POLICY WATCH**

- Cabinet approves Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II
- Government of India signs USD 450 million loan agreement with World Bank
- Cabinet approves Elevation of BISAG as BISAG(N) under MEITY
- CCI approves the acquisition of WABCO by ZF Friedrichshafen AG (ZF)
- Government approves USD 633.8 million scheme for the dairy sector

Cabinet approves Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II

Cabinet has approved the Phase II of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM (G)] till 2024-25 with a total outlay of USD 20.16 billion, which will focus on Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF Plus), which includes ODF sustainability and Solid and Liquid Waste Management (SLWM). SLWM component of ODF Plus will be monitored on the basis of output-outcome indicators for four key areas: plastic waste management, bio-degradable solid waste management (including animal waste management), greywater management and faecal sludge management.

Government of India signs USD 450 million loan agreement with World Bank

Government of India and the World Bank have signed a USD 450 million loan agreement to support the national programme Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. It will enhance the recharge of aquifers; promote activities related to water harvesting, water management, and crop alignment; create an institutional structure for sustainable groundwater management; and equip communities and stakeholders to sustainably manage groundwater.

Cabinet approves Elevation of BISAG as BISAG(N) under MEITY

Cabinet has approved Elevation of Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG), Gujarat as Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-

informatics (BISAG(N)) under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY). It would maintain efficiency and innovation of services, the current skilled manpower working at BISAG may join the national level institute on as-is and where-is basis.

CCI approves the acquisition of WABCO by ZF Friedrichshafen AG (ZF)

Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of 100% shareholding of WABCO by ZF. ZF is a global technology company and develops, manufactures and distributes products and systems for passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles, off-highway vehicles and industrial technology. WABCO is a global supplier of primarily pneumatic braking control systems, technologies and services that improve safety, efficiency and connectivity of commercial vehicles including trucks, buses and trailers.

Government approves USD 633.8 million scheme for the dairy sector

Government has approved USD 633.8 million scheme to promote the dairy sector which will benefit about 9.5 million farmers. 28000 Bulk Milk Coolers with 14 million litres per day as additional milk chilling capacity will be established and 210 metric ton per day milk drying capacity will be created. Infrastructure of 5.97 million liters per day capacity will be established for value-added dairy products.

INDUSTRY WATCH

- **Domestic air passenger traffic increases 2.2% in January**
- **Logistics leasing grows 33 million sq ft in 2019**
- **Non-life insurers register 7.2% rise in January premium**
- **Advertising expenditure rises 11%**
- **PE, VC investments rise to USD 48 billion in 2019**

Domestic air passenger traffic increases 2.2% in January

Domestic air passenger traffic in January has increased by 2.2% to 12.7 million compared to the same month in 2019. Highest On-Time Performance (OTP) is registered by AirAsia India with 75.7% followed by Indigo 74% and Vistara at 70.2% in four metro cities- Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai. IndiGo maintained its lead position with 47.9% share of the domestic passenger market in January 2020.

Logistics leasing grows 33 million sq ft in 2019

Logistics and warehousing leasing activity rose by 30% to 33 million sq ft in 2019 from a year ago. Activity is led by Bengaluru, National Capital Region and Mumbai markets and cumulatively accounted for around 60% of the overall space take-up during the year. Supply addition grew by 78% to 19 million

sq ft in 2019 compared to 2018. Leasing in the segment is driven by 3PL (third-party logistics) firms and e-commerce players, along with retail corporates.

Non-life insurers register 7.2% rise in January premium

Non-life insurance companies grew 7.2% in their combined new premium collection at USD 2.46 billion in January this fiscal. Total premium during April-January of this fiscal for non-life insurance companies increased by 14.52% to USD 22.75 billion. 25 general insurance providers collective premium rose by 2.2% to USD 2.10 billion during the month compared to the same period of 2019.

Advertising expenditure rises 11%

Advertising expenditure (Adex) has increased by 11% from USD 8.71 billion to USD 9.67 billion. Largest contributor to Adex remained TV with 37.4% share, followed by print at 29.7%, digital at 22.9%, outdoor at 5.2%, radio at 3.3% and cinema at 1.5%. Contribution of the digital segment increased in the last decade from USD 147.37 million to USD 2.21 billion.

PE, VC investments rise to USD 48 billion in 2019

Private Equity /Venture Capital (PE/VC) investments have increased by 28% while deal volume grew by 35% to USD 48 billion in 2019 compared to 2018. Growth was primarily driven by a significant increase in investments in infrastructure sector, which grew over three times compared to 2018. Largest deal in traditional PE/VC asset class was Alibaba and Softbank's USD 1 billion investment in Paytm

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Novartis launches Biome India**
- **GFG Alliance acquires Adhunik Metaliks**
- **Toray Industries commissions technical textile, auto parts plant**
- **Vedanta Limited signs an agreement to deploy GE's Digital Smelter solutions**
- **EESL signs MoU with BSNL for 1000 public EV charging stations**

Novartis launches Biome India

Novartis launched Biome India, which is a digital innovation hub, located in Hyderabad. company has a huge presence in Hyderabad with its drug development and research facilities. Overall, India is a big hub for the company with around 8,000 employees, manufacturing facilities and business services. Biome India is expected to engage with start-ups and innovators allowing the Novartis teams to better discover, develop and drive collaborations that will transform innovative initiatives into impactful and scalable solutions for patients.

GFG Alliance acquires Adhunik Metaliks

GFG Alliance announced the acquisition of Adhunik Metaliks and its arm Zion Steel for USD 60.81 million. Adhunik has an integrated steel plant located at Chadriharipur near Rourkela in Odisha. Plant includes both blast furnace and Electric Arc Furnace steel making capability with 0.5 million tonne per annum capacity, and a 34 MW captive power plant. Company will focus on reviving and restoring the facilities and operations of the two companies.

Toray Industries commissions technical textile, auto parts plant

Toray Industries (India), a subsidiary of Toray Industries Inc of Japan has commissioned its USD 143.08 million plant in Sri City in Andhra Pradesh to produce meditech technical textile materials and auto components. Unit is built on an 85-acre site to manufacture Polypropylene (PP) Spun Bond and Engineering Plastics Resin Compounds, an Environment Treatment Plant, power utilities, along with related infrastructure.

Vedanta Limited signs an agreement to deploy GE's Digital Smelter solutions

Vedanta Limited's Aluminium & Power business has signed an agreement to deploy GE's Digital Smelter solutions at its largest smelter at Jharsuguda in Odisha. The move is focused to significantly increase its operational efficiency and productivity in India. 1% reduction in specific power consumption based on digital smelter solutions can save about USD 4-5 million annually in the smelter potlines alone, for every one million ton per annum (mtpa) of aluminium production.

EESL signs MoU with BSNL for 1000 public EV charging stations

Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL). EESL will set up public charging stations in 1000 BSNL sites in a phased manner on a pan-India basis. EESL will make the entire upfront investment on the services along with the operation and maintenance of the charging infrastructure. BSNL would provide the requisite space and power connections for installing the charging infrastructure.