#### MARKET WATCH

	04-09-2017	% CHANGE
Sensex	31,702	-0.60
US Dollar	64.05	-0.05
Gold	30,600	0.66
Brent oil	52.43	-0.17

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ACC		CHANG
Adani Ports		
Ambuja Cements		
Asian Paints		
Aurobindo Pharma		
Axis Bank		
Bajaj Auto		
Bank of Baroda		
Bharti Airtel		
Bosch		
BPCL		
Cipla		
Coal India		
Dr Reddys Lab		
Eicher Motors		
GAIL (India)		
HCL Tech	860.60	-5.
HDFC	1755.40	4.
HDFC Bank	1750.90	16.7
Hero MotoCorp	3978.90	70.0
Hindalco	242.45	1.3
Hind Unilever	1197.15	19.0
Indiabulls HFL	1235.35	12.9
ICICI Bank		
IndusInd Bank		
Bharti Infratel		
Infosys		
Indian OilCorp		
ITC		
Kotak Bank		
L&T		
Lupin		
M&M		
Maurti Suzuki		
NTPC	168.25	0.

ONGC

PowerGrid Corp

Reliance Ind

Sun Pharma

Tata Motors

Tata Power

Tata Steel

Tata Motors DVR

UltraTech Cement

## Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 04

161.80

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-4.75 -1.65

US Dollar	63.85	64.17
Euro	76.03	76.41
British Pound	82.68	83.10
Japanese Yen (100)	58.20	58.50
Chinese Yuan	9.78	9.83
Swiss Franc	66.67	67.01
Singapore Dollar	47.05	47.29
Canadian Dollar	51.46	51.72
Malaysian Ringitt	14.95	15.03
Source:Indian Bank		

### September 04 rates in rupees with pre

## ONGC to raise ₹25,000 cr. to buy Centre's stake in HPCL

Oil major opts to borrow for the first time ever; has a cash chest of ₹13,000 crore

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Cash-rich Oil and Natural Gas Corp. (ONGC) will raise its first debt ever, of ₹25,000 crore, to part fund the ₹37,000 crore acquisition of government's stake Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd. (HPCL).

India's largest oil and gas producer has about ₹13,000 crore in cash and will need to borrow the rest to fund the buying of government's 51.11% stake in HPCL. ONGC has sought shareholder approval for "borrowing/ raising funds in Indian rupee and/ or foreign currency by issue of debt instruments (including bonds, non-convertible debentures and notes) in domestic and/ or overseas market" of ₹25,000 crore.

The borrowings would be for "acquisition of projects/



War chest: Last month, the ONGC board gave in-principle approval for the acquisition worth about ₹37,000 crore.

equity shares and/or going concerns, meeting capital expenditure, working capital requirements and general corporate purposes during the period commencing from the date of passing of special resolution till completion of twelve months

thereof or the date of the next annual general meeting in the financial year 2018-19, whichever is earlier," the

The resolution would come up for voting at the company's annual general

company said in a share-

holder resolution.

meeting (AGM) of shareholders on September 27.

The board of ONGC last month gave 'in-principle approval' for the acquisition of the government stake in HPCL, which at Monday's trading price is worth about

#### Stakes in firms

ONGC holds 13.77% stake in IOC, which at Monday's trading price is worth ₹28,800 crore. It also holds 4.83% stake in gas utility GAIL India Ltd. which is worth ₹1,550

But the company is not likely to sell any of it to fund the HPCL buy, officials said. A six-member committee

of directors has been constituted to examine various aspects of the acquisition and provide its recommendations to the board.

## IBC proceedings against Jaypee Infratech stayed

Apex court order a relief to home buyers yet to receive flats

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court on Monday stayed insolvency proceedings against real estate firm Jaypee Infratech by the Allahabad Bench of the National Company Law Tribunal.

The stay order passed by a Bench led by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra was on the basis of the argument made on behalf of more than 30,000 home buyers. who have not yet received their flats in 27 different projects of Jaypee Infratech.

The buyers said the proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) of 2016 gives priority in clearing the debts of secured creditors like banks and financial institutions. This may leave "unsecured creditors" - individual flat buyers who have invested money for a roof above their



If the insolvency process was not successful, liquidation

would be initiated, it is feared. heads - in the lurch.

The petition filed by Delhi resident Chitra Sharma and other home buyers said the proceedings in NCLT under IBC would leave them without a remedy. The petition has challenged the IBC for violating Articles 14 (right to equality) and 21 (right to life) of the Constitution. The petition argues that certain provisions in the Code "curtail the legal statutory and vested rights of the flat owners/buyers as consumers" defined under the Consumer Protection Act.

#### 'Secured creditor tag'

The petition seeks the court to issue a judicial direction to the government to declare flat buyers as secured creditors like banks and other financial institutions.

The home buyers fear that if the insolvency process was not successful, liquidation process of the company would be initiated, the petition said.

Home buyers were left in dire straits after the NCLT, on August 10, admitted IDBI Bank's plea to initiate insolvency proceedings against Jaypee Infratech for defaulting on a ₹526 crore loan.

The court posted the next hearing for October 10, 2017.

## DBS Bank gets RBI nod for India subsidiary

After final nod, it can expand footprint

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Singapore-based DBS Bank received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to convert its India operations into a locally incorporated, wholly-owned subsidiary

"Through WOS, DBS will leverage its overall strengths and resources, along with its experience in India, to build a scalable business through a multi-channel strategy," according to a statement from the bank.

DBS was the first foreign lender to seek RBI approval for local incorporation in 2014 after the central bank revised the guidelines for foreign banks.

Piyush Gupta, chief executive, DBS Bank, said though the bank can get the final approval in 12 months, it was confident of securing it in 6-9 months.

"The approval enables us to accelerate our growth plans, significantly expand our operations and build a wider footprint. "As a WOS, DBS India will

be able to better serve its customers, particularly SMEs, in support of the government's Make-in-India initiative," said Surojit Shome,

## RBI includes HDFC Bank in the 'too big to fail' list

Lender would need to meet higher capital requirements

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Reserve Bank of India has added HDFC Bank - the second largest private sector lender of the country – in the list of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs). State Bank of India and ICICI Bank continue to be in that category.

Following the global financial crisis of 2008, it was observed that problems faced by certain large and highly interconnected financial institutions hampered the orderly functioning of the financial system, which in turn, negatively impacted



the real economy. It was decided to identify such institutions and prescribe them higher capital requirements.

The RBI has adopted a system by which banks are plotted into four buckets based on a lender's systemic importance scores in ascending order. The banking regulator prescribes higher capital requirements - in terms of additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET 1) capital for such entities. "The additional Common

Equity Tier 1 (CET1) requirement for D-SIBs has already been phased-in from April 1, 2016 and will become fully effective from April 1, 2019... D-SIB surcharge for HDFC Bank will be applicable from April 1, 2018," the RBI said.

RBI had started listing D-SIBs from August 2015. SBI and ICICI Bank were identified as D-SIB both in 2015 and 2016.

## Prabhu holds review meeting with officials

To hold division-wise discussions soon

ARUN S NEW DELHI

Suresh Prabhu, who took charge as the Commerce and Industry Minister on Monday, held a 'review meeting' with the Ministry officials.

His appointment comes in the backdrop of India's goods exports falling for the fifth consecutive month (in July 2017) on a month-onmonth basis and at a time when questions are being raised about the government's flagship programmes

Make In India (MII) and Start-up India initiatives due to their inability to boost employment and investment as expected when they were unveiled amid much fanfare. Official sources told The

Hindu that Mr. Prabhu will soon be holding separate meetings with each division of his Ministry to get a deeper understanding of the outstanding issues. They said Mr. Prabhu was keenly listening to the presentations and discussions which only gave a big picture ana-Most of the files will have

to be re-submitted to the new Minister for him to take a fresh look at the issues and fix new dates for further meetings, they added.

#### <sup>+</sup> No data on black money yet, says RBI

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The RBI has told a parlia-'no information" on how much black money has been extinguished as a result of demonetisation of ₹500/1,000 notes or about unaccounted cash legitimised through exchange of currency post note ban.

Stating that an estimated ₹15,280 crore in junked notes has come back "subject to future corrections based on verification process," the Reserve Bank also said it has "no information" whether demonetisation is being planned to be implemented at regular intervals.

The RBI has been facing flak for demonetisation and delay in disclosing figures on the junked note.

# Note ban costs to outweigh

'There were better alternatives to achieve the main goals'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Raghuram Rajan had cautioned the government against cost of demonetisation and suggested that there were better alternatives to achieve the main

also warned of what would happen if the preparations for demonetisation were inadequate.

"I was asked by the government in February 2016 for my views on demonetisation, which I gave orally. Although there might be long-



term benefits, I felt the likely short-term economic costs would outweigh them and there were potentially better alternatives to achieve the main goals. I made these views known in no uncer-

He added that he had

potential cost and benefits

"If the government, on weighing the pros and cons, still decided to go ahead with demonetisation, the note outlined the preparation... needed and the time that the preparation would take. The RBI flagged what would happen if preparation

## long-term benefits: Rajan

Former governor of RBI

goals of note ban. In his book, titled I Do What I Do: On Reforms Rhetoric and Resolve, Mr. Rajan, who was the RBI governor between 2013 and 2016, had



Raghuram Rajan

tain terms," Mr. Rajan wrote.

handed over a note to the government outlining the

#### of demonetisation as well as alternatives available. 'Flagged consequences'

was inadequate."

The government then set up a committee to consider the issues, Mr. Rajan said, "The deputy governor in charge of currency attended these meetings and at no point during my term was the RBI asked to make a decision on demonetisation."

## Audi to make more petrol cars in India

Ban on high-powered diesel cars in NCR, customer sentiment prompt shift

LALATENDU MISHRA

Luxury car maker Audi India, as a strategy, has decided to increase the ratio of petrol variants of its models in sync with a shift in buyers' preference, said a top company official.

"In 2015, we had 90% diesel engines," said Rahil Ansari, head, Audi India, in an interview. "Since then, the ratio of petrol engines has increased from 10% to 30% now. We are further increasing this ratio," he said.

He said the ban on highpowered diesel cars in NCR and change in customer sentiment contributed to this major shift.

"Customer sentiment has changed. Earlier people were buying diesel cars for the advantage of total cost of ownership. People have now started realising that if their mileage is so low, it makes no sense to drive a diesel car and they are preferring a petrol one. That tendency



Petrol power: By 2020, 50% of the company's products will run on petrol, says Audi India head Rahil Ansari.

has now increased," Mr. An-

"It is clear part of our strategy to increase that shift from diesel to petrol. By 2020, 50% of our products will be petrol or [will] run on alternative fuel. Electric Vehicle (EV) is the future," he added.

At a time when the Indian government has set a deadline for the passenger vehicles segment to switch over to EVs by 2030, Audi is investing heavily to develop EVs in its portfolio.

"By 2020, Audi will be introducing three EVs globally. From 2020 to 2025, we will be unveiling one EV per year and by 2025, we are expecting a mix of 30% of EVs in the entire Audi portfolio," he The company on Monday

introduced the petrol version of its Q7 SUV and said it has plans to come out with more petrol variants. Since beginning of 2017

Audi India has so far intro-

duced 7 new models and

three more will be intro-

ing the A5 which is placed in between the A4 and the A6. Almost half of the product introduction are in petrol. 'Audi Sport'

As the performance car segment is gradually growing in India, Audi is now evaluating options to bring its Audi Sport brand to India to effectively compete with the AMG brand of Mercedes-

"Audi Sport has made a great presence globally. We have not yet introduced it in India. Currently we are evaluating. We already have some promised performance cars in India which include the R8, RS7. So naturally it makes since to introduce Audi Sport as an option," he added.

He said in case the GST Council, at its meeting on September 9, 2017, decides to increase the cess on luxury cars, then sales will decline in double digits.





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