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*"He inherited an 8.5% economic growth rate. He is leaving behind a 4.5% economic growth rate. That says it all!"*

- Arun Jaitley, who is tipped to be India's next Finance Minister, on the present Finance Minister  
Mr. P. Chidambaram, over decline in India's economic growth during his tenure.

## India Inc has more 'Billion Dollar Babies' - Private Companies Dominate in FY2014

### THE EDIT PAGE – Issues & Insights



India's growth slowdown of the past few years doesn't seem to have taken the edge off India Inc.'s appetite for profit. Keeping the rupee-dollar rate constant at current levels, as many as 18 companies are poised to join the club of those reporting \$1 billion in net income in FY14, the highest in the past six years. While this is just one more than last year, the number is significant in the context of India's prolonged slump. **ONGC and Reliance Industries** occupy the top two berths in that order while **TCS** replaces Coal India at the third place that it occupied last year.



As per ETIG comparative analysis, as compared with only four companies in FY08, 18 companies are expected to cross Rs. 6, 100 cr. or \$1 billion in profit in FY14. It seems inflation, rupee depreciation and commodity price increases, while hurting the economy, have also benefited certain sectors, especially, consumer-facing businesses. One of the primary characteristics of the inflationary conditions that prevailed from 2009-14 has been the propensity to consume at the altar of savings.

The nature of companies that are members of the club has also changed significantly over the years. In FY08, of the four companies that crossed Rs. 6, 100 cr. in profit, three belonged to the public sector with RIL being the only non-state entity. In FY14, 13 out of 18 companies will likely be from the private sector.

In the last 5-6 years (since FY08), Indian domestic manufacturing industry has suffered a slowdown while the domestic services sector and export-oriented businesses have done reasonably well. And this is the primary reason why companies like **ONGC, RIL, NTPC**, have taken a back seat and companies like **TCS, Infosys, Wipro, Tata Motors (JLR), and HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank** have done reasonably well. The top three IT companies, including TCS, Infosys, and Wipro, figure in the list for FY14 as well following sustained momentum in global IT outsourcing demand and the weaker rupee. **Export oriented sectors such as IT** have benefited from 33% depreciation in the rupee against the dollar.

Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL) is likely to miss the list this time around, considering the public sector electrical engineering giant's poor show in the first nine months of FY14, when net profit halved to Rs. 1,616 cr. from Rs. 3,377 cr. a year earlier. It's unlikely that the company will be able to exceed last year's profit of Rs. 6,614 cr. **Axis Bank** is expected to debut in the club in FY14 given its resilient double digit net profit growth in each of the three quarters of the fiscal year so far. It has clocked a profit of Rs. 4,375 cr. in nine months and is likely to cross the Rs. 6,100 cr. mark by the end of the March quarter.



Indian markets have surged 23% since last year's August lows, with stocks hitting a life high in March- April 2014, on hopes that the Narendra Modi-led BJP is likely to form a government. A sustained growth revival along with the rupee's appreciating trend could see more companies joining the club in subsequent years. Moreover, given that the informal segment of the economy is being relentlessly squeezed by better organized, listed companies, it is even likely to see a sharp pick up in billion dollar or more profit reporters in the years ahead. Thus, financial analysts are expecting economic revival & at least 16% earnings growth in Sensex earnings for FY15, therefore it is highly expected that, a few more \$1 billion PAT (profit after tax) companies are likely to make their mark in FY16.



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## *Interesting Story about Tax Structure in India*

INDIA'S TAX REGIME-  
*Interesting  
Observations*



- Q.1.** *What are you doing?*  
**Ans:** **Business**  
**Tax:** **PAY PROFESSIONAL TAX!**
- Q.2** *What are you doing in business?*  
**Ans:** **Selling the Goods**  
**Tax:** **PAY SALES TAX!**
- Q.3** *From where are you getting Goods?*  
**Ans:** **From other State/Abroad**  
**Tax:** **PAY CENTRAL SALES TAX,  
CUSTOMS DUTY & OCTROI!**
- Q.4** *What are you getting from Selling Goods?*  
**Ans:** **Profit**  
**Tax:** **PAY INCOME TAX!**
- Q.5** *How do you Distribute Profit?*  
**Ans:** **By way of Dividend**  
**Tax:** **PAY DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION TAX**
- Q.6** *Where do you Manufacture the Goods?*  
**Ans:** **Factory**  
**Tax:** **PAY EXCISE DUTY!**
- Q.7** *Do you have Office/Warehouse/Factory?*  
**Ans:** **Yes**  
**Tax:** **PAY MUNICIPAL & FIRE TAX!**
- Q.8** *Do you have Staff?*  
**Ans:** **Yes**  
**Tax:** **PAY STAFF PROFESSIONAL TAX!**
- Q.9** *Doing Business in Millions?*  
**Ans:** **Yes**  
**Tax:** **PAY TURNOVER TAX!**  
**Ans:** **No**  
**Tax:** **PAY MINIMUM ALTERNATE TAX!**
- Q.10.** *Are you taking out over 25,000 cash from bank?*  
**Ans:** **Yes, for Salary**  
**Tax:** **PAY CASH HANDLING TAX!**
- Q.11** *Where are you taking your client for Lunch & Dinner?*  
**Ans:** **Hotel**  
**Tax:** **PAY FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT TAX!**
- Q.12** *Are you going Out of Station for Business?*  
**Ans:** **Yes**  
**Tax:** **PAY FRINGE BENEFIT TAX!**
- Q.13** *Have you taken or given any Service/s?*  
**Ans:** **Yes**  
**Tax:** **PAY SERVICE TAX!**
- Q.14** *How come you got such a Big Amount?*  
**Ans:** **Gift on Birthday**  
**Tax:** **PAY GIFT TAX!**
- Q.15** *Do you have any Wealth?*  
**Ans:** **Yes**  
**Tax:** **PAY WEALTH TAX!**
- Q.16** *To reduce Tension, for Entertainment, Where are you going?*  
**Ans:** **Cinema or Resort**  
**Tax:** **PAY ENTERTAINMENT TAX!**
- Q.17** *Have you purchased a House?*  
**Ans:** **Yes**  
**Tax:** **PAY STAMP DUTY & REGISTRATION FEE!**
- Q.18** *How do you travel?*  
**Ans:** **Bus**  
**Tax:** **PAY SURCHARGE!**

*“Titan Aerospace & Google share a profound optimism about the potential for technology to improve the world. Google is reaching for the sky. Atmospheric satellites could help bring internet access to millions of people & solve problems including disaster relief & deforestation”*

*- A Google spokesman, following Google's purchase of Titan Aerospace.*

# MANAGEMENT

## QUIZ-3

### MANAGEMENT Task Ahead



1. Five year-old WhatsApp Inc., acquired recently by Facebook for \$19 billion, was founded by Americans Brian Acton and Jan Koum. Where did Acton and Koum worked together before setting it up?
  2. When did micro-blogging site Twitter unveiled its third logo redesign and replaced Larry the Bird with an updated icon simply named as the "Twitter Bird". The word Twitter and the lowercase letter 't' are no longer used while the bird has becomes the sole symbol for Twitter's branding. Who is the designer of Twitter?
  3. Which German auto manufacturer's slogan used to be: 'Advancement through Technology'?
- Clue:** Its logo signifies the automobile companies that merged to form this company.
4. Online search engine giant Google has brought for history and culture lovers a 360 degree online imagery of the iconic Indian heritage sites through a technology. Through this, one can virtually visit famous monuments. Name it.
  5. After dominating the world food markets for many years, in the 1970s, Nestle diversified once again when it acquired a minority interest in a cosmetics company.
  7. Establish the common link among the following three: McCann World group, Lowe and Partners and Drafftcb.
  8. An Indian automobile manufacturer is marketing its latest product as a stable and comfortable alternative to the auto rickshaws, but it claims the vehicle is neither an auto rickshaw nor a car; Government is creating a new classification category for this vehicle, which is yet to be launched. Name the vehicle. **Clue:** This product looks like a small hatchback car
  9. Name the only person who has won two Oscars in the same year for the same performance in the same film. **Clue:** This was year after the World War II.
  10. Who said this, "The biggest risk is not taking any risk...In a world that changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks?"
  11. Name the B-school that focused on international management and was the first graduate school to train students in global business to work for the US government or businesses. Earlier, it had implemented a language program on Spanish and Portuguese, using the instructional methods that the army had used during World War II.

### Answers to Management Quiz NO.2

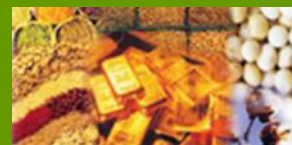
**(Together, March.20, 2014, Vol.4, No.65, p-12)**

1. Ratan Tata
2. Bankruptcies
3. Stenography
4. Warren Buffet and his wife Susan
5. United Airlines
6. Public Relations and Communications, It launched a new initiative, Step Up, catering exclusively to the communication needs of the two most important stakeholders of the entrepreneurial ecosystem: the start-ups and investor networks.
7. Rolex
8. Maxwell Industries owns the VIP inner ware brand
9. Google
10. Tony Hsieh, founder of Zappos.com which is now a part of Amazon
11. Pouring Rights
12. Amartya Sen
13. Vijay Mallaya of UB Group
14. Goldratt UK
15. Lytro

Note: The word 'Microsoft' in page No. 13, of last issue should be read as 'Apple'.

# Companies and Commodity

## COMPANIES & COMMODITIES



### **Candy Crush maker King Digital raises \$500mn in Wall Street debut**

King Digital Entertainment raised a sweet half-billion dollars on Wall Street, & now it is time for the market to show its taste for the makers of mobile game Candy Crush. The British game developer priced its initial public offering at \$22.50 per share on the eve of the start of public trading Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange. King will trade under the ticker "KING" with an opening market valuation of \$7.1 billion.

*Hindustan times March 26, 2014*

### **End of Windows XP gives life to a new industry**

Microsoft's decision to end support for its longest running and most successful operating systems, Windows XP, from April 8 will have a big impact globally. The continued use of the old OS will expose enterprises to security risks and vulnerabilities, the technology giant has warned. The new threat has already spawned a new stream of revenue for the scores of small-time vendors in markets such as New Delhi's Nehru Place that thrive on pirated software.

*Business standard March 26, 2014*

### **Six newspapers join forces to get an edge in war for ads**

In what could be an attempt at taking on Bennett, Coleman & Company Ltd (BCCL), the country's largest publisher and owner of newspapers like The Times of India and The Economic Times, six rival broadsheet dailies have formed an alliance to bring their advertising might together. The six are English dailies the Hindustan Times, The Hindus and The Telegraph; their sister publications The Hindustan and The Hindu Tamil; and Ananda Bazar Patrika. The alliance is to access the six publications through a single point of contact and enjoy a certain cost advantage.

*Business standard March 27, 2014*

### **Ramesh Chauhan sets to re-enter into carbonated drinks.**

Two decades after he sold off Thums Up and other carbonated drink brands to CocaCola, Ramesh Chauhan is set to return to the fizzy drinks market. Chauhan, chairman of Bisleri International, confirmed plans to launch a functional fortified drink, but refused to share details about the upcoming brand. "I enjoy building and creating new brands," said Chauhan. But the creator of India's most popular cola brand, Thums Up, doesn't want to return to the cola market, which make up for about one-third of the 14,000-crore carbonated drinks category in the country. "I will not re-enter colas because it's a declining category," he said. "Besides, I can't compete with Coca-Cola and Pepsi now.

*Economics times March 27, 2014*

### **Paying bills gets quicker with MobiKwik.**

Paying bills just got easier. Thanks to MobiKwik, a new mobile wallet app which helps you recharge your prepaid card, pay your electricity, landline, insurance and gas bills. You can also pay your postpaid phone bills, recharge your data card and DTH. MobiKwik claims its newly launched app is the first mobile wallet app optimised for the iPad. This uncluttered, user-friendly wallet app looks good and performs well on all platforms including iOS, iPad, Windows, Android and Blackberry smart phones

*Business standard March 30, 2014*

### **Snapdeal.com to sell Mahindra Defence Bullet-proof kits for Scorpio.**

Tony Navin, Vice President, Business Development at Snapdeal, commented on the alliance, "Defence Land Systems India has been proving their expertise in the line of defence armoury for a significant time now. This is the first time Indian customers will be able to access such a product in the online space. While the brand itself is a guarantee of product quality and cost effectiveness, we are pleased to be able to offer their range of bullet proof kits to buyers online who are looking at a credible source for such requirements and are often in doubt about the right buying platform for the same.

*Business standard 1 April 2014*

### **IBM's loss in Bharti IT outsourcing deal a gain for TCS, Tech Mahindra.**

In what could be one of the biggest blows for Big Blue, telecom services player Bharti-Airtel has restructured its contract with IBM, giving away work to Indian information technology (IT) services entities, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Tech Mahindra. The restructuring has also meant IBM's share in the \$2-billion landmark IT outsourcing deal would come down significantly. IBM is likely to get about \$500 million worth of outsourcing contracts from Airtel, after the renewed contract that was signed last week, said sources in the know. An announcement is likely within the next couple of days.

**Business standard 01 Apr 14**

### **Homeshop18 first e-commerce company to list on NYSE.**

Homeshop18 became the first Indian e-commerce/online air-retail company to list on NYSE in US. The company has filed for a \$75 million dollar (460 crore) IPO. It is the second e-commerce company to go overseas after online fashion retailer koovs.com went for public listing in AIM-sub market of the London Stock Exchange. The company has denied to comment on the matter. Homeshop18 stocks over 100 Indian and international brands and delivers at over 3000 locations in the country.

**Business Standard April 4, 2014**

### **Apple loses bid to show patent use in trial**

Apple Inc., accusing Samsung Electronics Co of misleading jurors at the start of a \$2-billion trial over smartphone technology, lost its bid to show jurors how it uses three of five patents disputed in the case. US District Judge Lucy H Koh in San Jose, California, on Thursday rejected the Cupertino, California-based company's claim that it deserved the opportunity after Samsung said Apple wasn't using the intellectual property. The fight at the outset of the second US trial between the world's top smartphone makers exemplifies how bitterly contested the case is, and how aggressively the companies want to check any advantage their opponent might gain.

**Bloomberg April 5, 2014**

### **Saathi to help ITC enter mass Notebook market.**

After a decade in notebooks and stationeries, ITC is entering the hinterlands such as Tier-II cities with a new mass brand Saathi. It is testing it in eight states and plans to expand within country in 12-18 months. The Rs 43,000cr conglomerate expects to close the year with revenue of around Rs 800cr from its education and stationery products business that includes the sales of its premium brand, Paper craft, and the largest, Classmate. The Saathi notebooks would be priced 10-15 % lower than Classmate.

**Business standard April 6, 2014**

### **Sun pops Ranbaxy for \$4billion**

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries said today it is acquiring Ranbaxy Laboratories from Daiichi Sankyo for \$4 billion including debt, in an all-stock deal that combines two Indian generic drug developers into the subcontinent's largest biopharma. With annual revenues expected to exceed \$4.2 billion, the combined company would be the world's fifth-largest generic drug company, with 445 ANDAs and 47 manufacturing facilities across five continents. The combined company would also be better resourced to resolve manufacturing problems that have prompted the FDA to bar the active pharmaceutical ingredients produced at all four Ranbaxy plants in India.

**Economics times April 7, 2014**

### **Wal-Mart bets Rs 1,328 crore on India after recent break-up with Bharti**

MUMBAI: The world's largest retailer Wal-Mart Stores has invested Rs 1,328 crore in its India unit, signaling bullishness on the country despite breaking with its joint venture partner last year, internal inquiries into wrongdoing that may have been committed locally and a foreign investment policy that doesn't have too many takers.

**Economics Times Apr 7, 2014**

### **Calvin Klein gets on Arvind's bridge to luxury.**

Textile major Arvind is slowly and steadily stitching together pieces of its business of brands. In 2012, it had said it was looking at a topline of Rs 5,000 crore from brands in the next five years. When Arvind Brands and Retail, a subsidiary, acquired 49 per cent of the Indian business of global fashion brand Calvin Klein, for over Rs 80 crore, it added a crucial piece to its 'bridge to luxury' line-up of brands. Not only is Calvin Klein expected to generate a business of Rs 500 crore in the next five years, it strengthens Arvind's positioning in the category called 'bridge to luxury'

**Business Standard April 09, 2014**

### **New company act 9<sup>th</sup> April.**

The old corporate testament of 1956 has been pushed into the annals of history, beginning the All Fools Day this year. 282 vital sections of the new company law have been made effective, giving vent to a modern, resilient regulatory testament. A host of rulings by various courts in India in the past have established that a corporate body can be prosecuted and penalised, yet not be imprisoned! But will the new law permeate down to the decision makers harboured behind the facade of a corporate body? The attribution of criminality to the "officer who is in default" is established under section 2(60) of the Companies Act, 2013. He shall be liable to penalty or imprisonment.

**Business standard April 9, 2014**

### **Oracle overtakes IBM to become No 2 in India**

Riding high on the demand for database management systems, enterprise software maker Oracle has overtaken IBM to become the second-largest software vendor in India, after Microsoft, according to a report by research firm Gartner. In 2013, the US-headquartered company reported 21.5 per cent year-on-year growth in software revenues in India, the highest among all major information technology (IT) vendors in the country, including Microsoft, IBM, SAP, VMware and CA Technologies

**Business standard 10 Apr 14**

### **Publicis-Omnicom merger triggers top-level churn**

The coming together of the world's second and third-largest advertising networks, Omnicom and Publicis, in a \$35.1-billion merger, is resulting in top-level churn in India. Madhukar Kamath, managing director and chief executive of DDB Mudra Group and someone reported to be a contender for the post of India chairman of the merged entity, has been given a four-year extension at his current organization. Those in the know say this means now, Kamath won't be available for the new post. While Kamath confirmed his extension, he said it had nothing to do with the impending merger.

**Business standard April 15, 2014**

### **Nokia warns customers of shock from its tablet battery charger**

Mobile devices company Nokia today issued an advisory for customers in the US and parts of Europe warning them of electric shock from a battery charger meant for its Lumia tablet 2520 due to a defect by its vendor. During an internal quality control process, Nokia identified a potential product quality issue that may lead to a safety concern with certain AC-300 chargers, manufactured by a third-party supplier.

"Under certain conditions, the plastic cover of the charger's exchangeable plug could come loose and separate. If loose and separated, certain internal components pose a hazard of an electric shock if touched while the plug remains in a live socket," Nokia said in a statement.

**The Financial Express Apr 17 2014**

### **Riding on growth Mercedes India asks for higher allocation of vehicles**

At a time when the luxury car market is slowing to a crawl, Stuttgart-based Mercedes Benz has posted higher than expected 27 per cent growth in the first quarter of the calendar year. Buoyed by the demand for its cars, the German carmaker's Indian subsidiary has sounded headquarters for higher allocation in 2014.

The company already has three months waiting period for its sports utility vehicles ML and GL Class including its luxury saloon S Class. With six more cars in pipeline for 2014 including the lines of CLA compact sedan, the company is aiming at strong double digit growth for 2014. On the sidelines of the launch of luxury SUV GL 63 AMG (at Rs1.66 crore) in Mumbai, Eberhard Kern, MD of Mercedes Benz told ET, "We sold over 2,500 units in the first quarter, which is the best quarter ever from Mercedes ..

**Economic Time 18 Apr, 2014**

# FINANCIAL & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

## FINANCIAL & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS



### **Govt allows FII, NRI investment in insurance sector under 26% FDI cap**

The department of industrial policy and promotion (DIPP), a part of the commerce ministry, has clarified that the holdings of portfolio investors such as foreign institutional investors (FIIs) and non-resident Indians (NRIs) will be subsumed in the 26% foreign investment cap for insurance companies.

**Livemint.com 23 March, 2014**

### **RIL to sell gas at current rate as govt defers price revision**

Reliance Industries will continue to sell natural gas from its eastern offshore KG-D6 fields at the current rate until the next government decides on a revision in prices. Oil Minister M Veerappa Moily approved continuation of the existing rate of USD 4.2 per million British thermal units until the new government, which will be in place in May, decides on implementation of the Rangarajan formula.

**Zeenews.com 25 March, 2014**

### **IRDA moderates steep hike in third party motor insurance premium rates**

General insurers are in a fix as the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority has moderated the premium hike for third party motor insurance (liability only cover). While the regulator had initially proposed to hike premium rates for private cars and two-wheelers by 26 to 137 per cent in its draft circular, the regulator finally lowered the proposed increase to 9 to 20 per cent in its final circular released.

**Businessline.com 26 March, 2014**

### **Sahara staff offer to collect Rs 5,000 cr for Subrata Roy's release**

In a fresh dramatic twist to the SEBI-Sahara saga, an innovative idea was floated for collection of at least Rs 1 lakh each from Sahara employees and 'well-wishers' to garner at least Rs 5,000 crore and secure group chief Subrata Roy's release from Tihar Jail. The money has been proposed to be collected in lieu of shares in Saharayn e-Multipurpose Society Ltd, which would be allotted to each contributing employee of the entertainment-to retail business conglomerate, which claims to have a workforce of over 11 lakh salaried and field workers.

**Zeenews 27 March, 2014**

### **Govt to borrow Rs 3.68 lakh cr in first half of 2014-15**

The government said it will borrow Rs 3.68 lakh crore in the first half of next fiscal, accounting for 61.5% of the total budget target for 2014-15, which will leave more scope for private sector to tap the market in the second half. The gross market borrowing through issue of dated securities in 2014-15 has been pegged at Rs 5.97 lakh crore, Rs 34,000 crore higher than 2013-14 fiscal ending March 31.

**Business standard 28 March, 2014**

### **Preparing for mandate 2014, the Raghuram Rajan way**

The rupee posted its biggest quarterly gain since the September quarter of 2012, breaching the 60-a-dollar mark on Friday (it ended at 59.94 a dollar). But analysts said further gains could be capped by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which used the opportunity to buy dollars to boost its foreign exchange reserves. According to estimates, RBI has, since mid-March, added about \$5 billion to its foreign exchange reserves

**Business standard 29 March, 2014**

### **SEBI to develop mobile app for investor awareness**

Capital market regulator SEBI plans to bring out a mobile application to increase financial literacy among the public for which it will garner ideas from students. SEBI which has been looking at ways to leverage technology and social media for its financial literacy and investor awareness campaigns, will hold an all India contest for students to create mobile applications.

**Zeenews 30 March, 2014**



### **Kamath leads race to succeed Chakrabarty as RBI deputy governor**

A search panel headed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan has zeroed in on a successor to RBI Deputy Governor K C Chakrabarty. Punjab National Bank (PNB) chairman and managing director K R Kamath is believed to be the lead contender. Rajan, Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Takru and other experts interviewed chairmen and managing directors (CMDs) of nine public sector banks in the capital, an official privy to the selection process said

*Times of India 31 March, 2014*

### **Tata Motors, HCL top FY13 profits in just 9 month**

An ETIG analysis shows two out of every nine companies that reported net profit during the first nine months of FY14 in the BSE200 index have exceeded their FY13 full year profits. These companies have been able to surpass their previous year's profits in less than a year on account of either sustained sales growth or better operating and non-operating cost management or both.

*Economic Times April 1, 2014*

### **RBI bans FIIs from investing in treasury bills**

The Reserve Bank of India has banned foreign institutional investors from buying short-term government securities - treasury bills, investments by foreign portfolio investors in government securities will be permitted only in dated securities of residual maturity of one year and above, and existing investment in T-Bills will be allowed to taper off on maturity or sale.

*Economic Times 3 April, 2014*

### **Redefine deficit targets to allow spending :- Montek singh ahluwalia**

The government's attempts at fiscal consolidation by slashing expenditure over the past two financial years have prompted a suggestion for a course correction, with Planning Commission deputy chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia proposing that fiscal deficit targets be redefined so that they are not calibrated to a particular growth assumption.

*Economic times 4 April, 2014*

### **PSLV C24 launches India's second navigation satellite**

Indian Space Research Organization on 4 April 2014 successfully launched Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C24 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. This was the 25th successful launch mission of PSLV. Its carried IRNSS-1B satellite weighing 1,432 kg and positioned in the geostationary orbit.

*Business standard 5 April, 2014*

### **Stronger rupee a risk to future corporate earnings**

Export-driven IT firms' share in India Inc's earnings rose to 14.5% in Q3 from 7% in 2010. Firms like Sun Pharma have been critical to the earnings trajectory, as export-driven sectors like information technology (IT) and pharma have driven corporate earnings in the past three years, despite a slowdown in the domestic market.

*Business standard 7 April, 2014*

### **IDFC to cut exposure to infrastructure sector**

Infrastructure finance company IDFC will reduce its exposure to the infrastructure sector over the next 18 months as it readies to enter the universal banking space. The company, which was awarded an in-principle banking licence along with Bandhan Financial Services on Wednesday, has a balance sheet of about Rs 60,000 crore, said its executive chairman Rajiv Lal.

**ECONOMIC TIMES, 8 APRIL 2014**

### **With \$1 billion bond sale, SBI to revive overseas fund-raising**

State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, is set to raise \$750 million to \$1 billion through bond sales, reviving overseas fund raising by Indian companies amid rising confidence in the economy, which seems to have put the worst behind.

**ECONOMIC TIMES, 10 APRIL 2014**

### **India's first rupee bond subscription touches \$1 billion**

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, has issued seven-year bonds worth \$194 million indicating increased global interest in rupee debt. This tranche brings total fund raising by IFC under its first rupee bond program to \$1 billion.

**ECONOMIC TIMES, 11 APRIL 2014**

### **Banks burdened with rising bad loans turn foreign loan guarantors**

Indian banks burdened with rising bad loans and a narrowing window to escape providing for bad loans are making a shift to 'guarantee' overseas fund raisings by financially weak companies, which enables them to borrow in US dollars and repay existing loans.

**ECONOMIC TIMES, 14 APRIL 2014**

### **Players from Gulf nations plan to invest in Indian solar sector**

Solar manufacturing sector in India is all set to get a boost players from Gulf countries are contemplating to invest in the country both in terms of finance and technology. They plan to form joint ventures with Indian manufacturers based on their engineering capabilities.

**Business Standard 17 April 2014**

### **Tightening fuel emission norms: Government plans to impose extra 30% environment compensation on diesel vehicles**

The government plans to impose an additional 30% environment compensation charge on diesel vehicles and is considering tightening the emission norms by mandating fuels compliant with Euro-IV norms by next year and Euro-V norms by 2016 while it is targeting Euro-VI norms by 2021.

**Economic Time 18 Apr, 2014**

### **CAG can audit books of private telcos, says Supreme Court**

The Supreme Court said Thursday the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) can scrutinise the books of private telecom operators that share revenue with the government on spectrum use, in a ruling that's likely to raise anxiety among companies in sectors such as power and oil that are engaged in various projects in partnership with the government.

CAG was entitled to seek records of telcos that they were currently expected to share with the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and DoT, including revenues, operational expenses, cash inflows etc.

**Economic Time 18 Apr, 2014**

### **Aviva shortlists 3 cos to sell stake in JV; valuation likely at over Rs 5k cr**

Aviva Plc has shortlisted Birla Sun Life Insurance, HDFC Life Insurance and Max Life Insurance to sell the British group's 26 per cent stake in its Indian insurance joint venture that has made little headway since starting operations a decade ago, a person with knowledge of the matter said.

**Economic Time 18 Apr, 2014**

### **Ban on foreign portfolio investors in defence retained**

The government on Thursday stuck to its stance of not allowing foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to hold stake in companies engaged in manufacturing in the defence sector. This was stated through clarifications on a consolidated policy issued on foreign direct investment. The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) clarified if FPIs held shares in companies licensed to manufacture defence equipment as on August 22, 2013, their investments would be capped at that level. This means if FPI held 15 per cent stake on that day, they would not be allowed to raise this to 26 per cent, the sectoral foreign investment cap in the defence sector.

**Business Standard 18 April 2014**

### **Foreign exchange reserves swell \$2.8 bn**

The country's foreign exchange reserves rose \$2.8 billion to \$309.4 billion during the week ended April 11, data released by the Reserve Bank of India showed.

Following steps taken by the central bank in September last year to boost inflows in the wake to a depreciating rupee, foreign exchange reserves are at a 28-month high now.

**Business Standard 19 April 2014**

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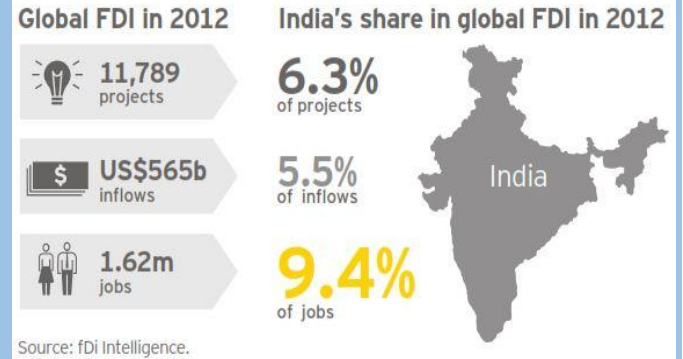


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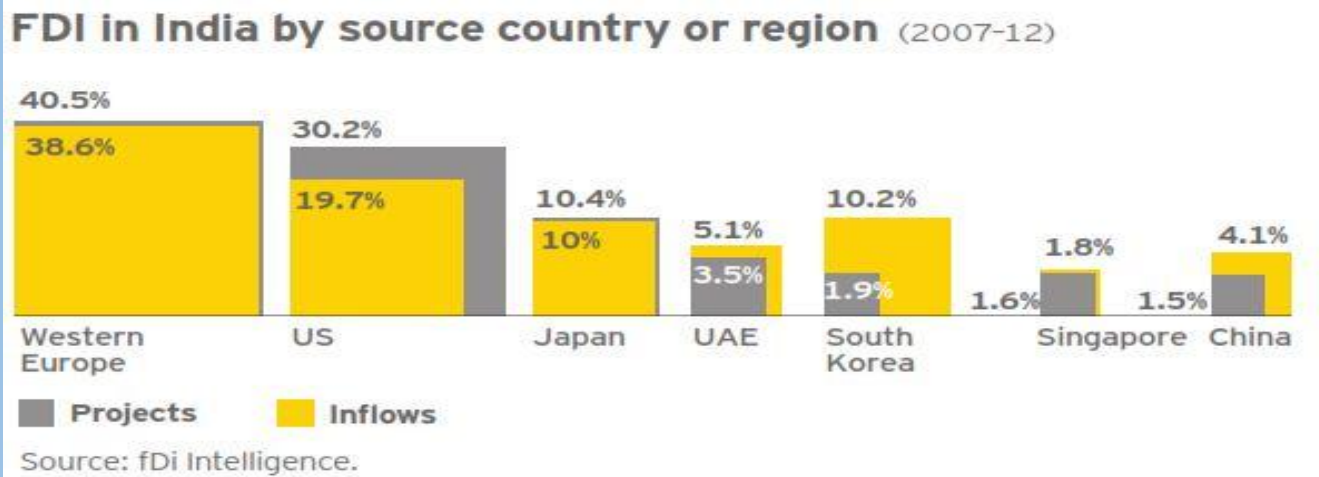
Source: Prowess, ETIG

### FDI IN INDIA



Source: India Attractiveness Survey 2014 by E&Y

### FDI IN INDIA BY SOURCE COUNTRY OR REGION



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### FACEBOOK INDIA MONTHLY ACTIVE USER BASE (IN MILLION)



Source: Technology, Media & Telecommunications India Predictions by Deloitte January 2014

# MARKET TRACKERS- Vital Indices

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### BSE AND NIFTY INDEX (As on 19 April, 2014)



Source: BSE and NSE

### GLOBAL MARKET INDICES (As on 19 April, 2014)

Name	Current Value	Change	% Chg	Open	High	Low
<b>US Markets</b>						
<a href="#">Dow Jones Industrial Average (Apr 17)</a>	16,408.54	-16.31	-0.1	16,424.14	16,460.49	16,368.14
<a href="#">Nasdaq (Apr 17)</a>	4,095.52	9.29	0.23	4,080.30	4,110.46	4,064.70
S&P 500 (US) (Apr 18)	1,864.85	2.54	0.14	1,861.73	1,869.63	1,856.72
S&P 500 Fut (Apr 18)	1,859.10	6.3	0.34	1,852.10	1,860.70	1,847.30
<b>European Markets</b>						
<a href="#">FTSE 100 (Apr 17)</a>	6,625.25	41.08	0.62	6,584.17	6,627.25	6,559.35
<a href="#">CAC 40 (Apr 17)</a>	4,431.81	26.15	0.59	4,413.36	4,432.64	4,392.06
<a href="#">DAX (Apr 17)</a>	9,409.71	91.89	0.98	9,311.03	9,417.82	9,277.36
<b>Asian Markets</b>						
<a href="#">Nikkei 225 (Apr 18)</a>	14,516.27	98.74	0.68	14,489.37	14,536.67	14,442.74
<a href="#">Straits Times (Apr 17)</a>	3,253.80	0.6	0.02	3,257.52	3,259.07	3,246.66
<a href="#">Hang Seng (Apr 17)</a>	22,760.24	64.23	0.28	22,858.79	22,858.79	22,657.95
<a href="#">Taiwan Weighted (Apr 18)</a>	8,966.66	22.5	0.25	8,994.77	9,002.70	8,945.56
<a href="#">KOSPI (Apr 18)</a>	2,004.28	12.23	0.61	1,998.52	2,005.22	1,998.26
<a href="#">Shanghai Composite (Apr 18)</a>	2,097.75	-1.14	-0.05	2,091.48	2,099.64	2,081.19
SGX Nifty (Apr 18)	6,803.00	-5.5	-0.08	6,807.00	6,807.00	6,803.00

Source: Money Control

### COMMODITY PRICES (As on 19 April, 2014)

Commodity	Rs	Chg	% Chng
Gold - 5 Jun	28505.00	84.00	-0.29%
Silver - 5 May	42377.00	39.00	-0.09%
Crudeoil - 21 Apr	6287.00	37.00	0.59%
Naturalgas - 25 Apr	285.50	11.10	4.05%
Aluminium - 30 Apr	111.00	0.35	-0.31%
Copper - 30 Apr	407.40	2.70	0.67%
Nickel - 30 Apr	1083.30	4.20	0.39%
Lead - 30 Apr	128.80	0.45	0.35%
Zinc - 30 Apr	124.25	0.00	0%
Menthaoil - 30 Apr	852.40	1.90	0.22%
Cotton - 30 Apr	20130.00	0.00	0%

Source: Money Control