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DAILY NEWS DIGEST BY BFSI BOARD

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RBI FINES AMAZON PAY INDIA RS 3.06 CRORE FOR NOT COMPLYING WITH KYC, PPI NORMS: RBI on March 3 said it has slapped a penalty of Rs 3.06 crore on Amazon Pay (India) Pvt Ltd, charging the company of not complying with the know your customer norms. The company has also been charged of being non-compliant with some of the provisions of Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs), as per the release issued by the central bank.

(Moneycontrol)

SEBI HALTS B30 INCENTIVE OF MFS DUE TO MISUSE: Capital market regulator SEBI has put on hold the incentive provided to mutual funds for attracting inflows from smaller cities due to misuse and lack of uniformity on its applicability. SEBI has directed mutual funds to arrive at a system-driven mechanism to check misuse of the incentive structure. The inconsistencies detected by SEBI include splitting of transactions by distributors to earn the incentive, churning of investments and calculation of incentives.

(Business Line)

ICRA REVISES RATING FOR 2 ADANI FIRMS TO NEGATIVE: ICRA has revised the outlook for Adani Total Gas Limited (ATGL) and Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZL) to Negative on account of the deterioration in the Adani Group's financial flexibility, following a sharp decline in share prices and an increase in the yield of international bonds raised by the Adani group entities. This followed a report published by US-based short seller Hindenburg. ICRA notes that while ATGL has staggered some of the capex plans over the next two years considering progress achieved in projects awarded in ninth and tenth rounds.

(Business Line)

SELECT CENTRAL GOVT EMPLOYEES CAN SWITCH FROM NPS TO OLD PENSION SCHEME: Select central government employees covered by the National Pension System (NPS) will now get a one-time option to switch to Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 popularly known as the old pension scheme (OPS). The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) issued an office memorandum on March 3, 2023, detailing who is eligible to switch to the old pension scheme. DoPPW stated, "It has now been decided that, in all cases where the Central Government civil employee has been appointed against a post or vacancy which was advertised/notified for recruitment/appointment, prior to the date of notification for National Pension System i.e. 22.12.2003 and is covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may be given a one-time



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option to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972 (now 2021)." The central government employees who wish to switch to the old pension scheme must exercise the option by August 31, 2023. Do remember this will be the final chance to exercise this option.

(Economic Times)

SOVEREIGN GOLD BOND SCHEME 2022-23 (SERIES IV) – ISSUE PRICE: In terms of Government of India Notification dated December 15, 2022, Sovereign Gold Bonds 2022-23 (Series IV) will be opened for subscription during the period March 06-10, 2023 with Settlement date March 14, 2023. The issue price of the Bond during the subscription period shall be ₹5,611.00 per gram. Government of India in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India has decided to allow discount of ₹50 (Rupees Fifty only) per gram from the issue price to those investors who apply online and the payment is made through digital mode. For such investors the issue price of Gold Bond will be ₹5,561 (Rupees Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty One only) per gram of gold.

(PiB)

TATA MOTORS CROSSES 50 LAKH PASSENGER VEHICLE PRODUCTION

MILESTONE: Tata Motors on Friday said it has crossed 50 lakh cumulative passenger vehicle production milestone. The auto major achieved the 10 lakh production mark in 2004 and the 20 lakh milestone in 2010. It crossed 30 lakh units in 2015 and 40 lakh units in 2020.

(Economic Times)

MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT EXTENDS MOU WITH NIFT FOR DESIGN SUPPORT FOR THE PRODUCTS MADE BY SHGS OF DAY - NRLM:

The Ministry of Rural Development has extended its Memorandum of Understanding today with "NIFT" – the National Institute of Fashion Technology for providing design support for the products made by Self Help Groups of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission. A Non-Financial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between NRLM - MoRD and NIFT on October 23, 2019, initially for three years. Due to the effect of COVID pandemic 2019, which started soon after the signing of MoU, nothing much could be done under the scope of MoU between NRLM/ SRLMs and NIFT, however, NRLM engaged the services of NIFT for the designing and renovation of the "Saras Gallery" at Baba Khadak Singh Marg, New Delhi which is now operationalized since December 17, 2021 for marketing of SHG products from all States and UTs.

(PiB)

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY BECOMES FIRST FOREIGN UNIVERSITY TO SET UP ITS INTERNATIONAL BRANCH CAMPUS IN INDIA AT THE GIFT CITY:

The Deakin University, Australia, has become the 1st foreign university to receive approval of the



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International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to set up an International Branch Campus (IBC) in GIFT-IFSC, GIFT City, Gujarat. Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2022-23 announced that “World Class Foreign Universities and Institutions will be allowed in the GIFT City to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics.

(PiB)

AXIS CITI BUY WILL LEAD TO ONE-TIME LOSS IN Q4: Analysts: Acquisition of Citibank India’s retail business will lead to a one-time loss for Axis Bank in the fourth quarter, analysts said. However, the core profitability of the acquiring bank is expected to remain intact, they added. Axis Bank will write-off Rs 11,600 crore as goodwill in Q4FY23 along with other costs, including increased provisioning where Axis Bank policies are more conservative and transaction costs.

(Financial Express)

SIKKIM CM EXTENDS RS 20,000 ANNUAL AID TO 14,000 NON-WORKING MOTHERS: Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Friday distributed cheques of Rs 20,000 each to 14,000 non-working mothers under the 'Aama Yojana'. The state government launched the scheme on August 15 last year for non-working mothers, and sanctioned Rs 100 crores for its implementation till 2023. The annual financial assistance is being extended so that women use the money to support the education of their children, invest in micro-income generating businesses, address immediate medical needs, renovate their houses or meet other unfulfilled obligations as they deem fit.

(Business Standard)

FARMERS RIGHTS TO BE PROTECTED DURING FOOD PROCESSING MODERNISATION: As the Centre moves to modernise the food processing sector of the country, it will also protect the rights and interests of farmers, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Food Processing and Jal Shakti Prahlad Singh Patel said here on Friday. The Minister, who is presently in the southern state, gave the assurance while visiting the CSIR-National Institute For Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST) at Pappanamcode here during the day, a government statement said.

(Business Standard)

SERVICES PMI AT 12-YR HIGH OF 59.4 IN FEB ON STRONG DEMAND, EASING PRICES: The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for the India's dominant services sector touched a 12-year high of 59.4 in February, as a survey by the credit rating agency S&P global, released on Friday, showed strong demand and easing of price pressures amid mild job creation in the country. The index rose from 57.2 in January to 59.4 in February, its highest



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since February 2011. The headline figure has been in the expansion zone for the nineteenth consecutive month since August 2021. A print above 50 in the survey denotes expansion in the sector and below that suggests a contraction in services activity.

(Business Standard)

INVESTORS' WEALTH CLIMBS RS 3.43 TRILLION AS SENSEX JUMPS 900

POINTS: Equity investors became richer by Rs 3.43 lakh crore on Friday amid an overall positive trend in the market and the benchmark Sensex jumping nearly 900 points. The BSE Sensex zoomed 899.62 points or 1.53 per cent to settle at 59,808.97 points. During the day, the benchmark rallied 1,057.69 points or 1.79 per cent to 59,967.04 points. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms rose Rs 3,43,173.59 crore to Rs 2,63,42,218.11 crore.

(Business Standard)



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FINANCIAL TERMINOLOGY/CONCEPTS

PURCHASING MANAGERS' INDEX (PMI)

- ❖ The Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) is an economic indicator derived from the monthly survey of the private sector companies. PMI aims in providing information regarding the current and future conditions of a business to the decision-makers, analysts and investors of the company.
- ❖ It is calculated separately for the manufacturing and services sectors and then a composite index is also constructed.
- ❖ The PMI is a number from 0 to 100. A print above 50 means expansion, while a score below that denotes contraction. reading at 50 indicates no change. If PMI of the previous month is higher than the PMI of the current month, it represents that the economy is contracting.
- ❖ It is usually released at the start of every month. It is, therefore, considered a good leading indicator of economic activity.
- ❖ PMI is compiled by IHS Markit for more than 40 economies worldwide. IHS Markit is a global leader in information, analytics and solutions for the major industries and markets that drive economies worldwide.



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RBI KEY RATES

Repo Rate: 6.50%
SDF: 6.25%
MSF & Bank Rate: 6.75%
CRR: 4.50%
SLR: 18.00%
Fixed Reverse Repo: 3.35%

FOREX (FBIL 1.30 PM)

INR / 1 USD : 82.2643
INR / 1 GBP : 98.5208
INR / 1 EUR : 87.3241
INR /100 JPY : 60.2700

EQUITY MARKET

Sensex: 59808.97 (+899.62)
NIFTY: 17594.30 (+272.40)
Bnk NIFTY: 41251.30 (+861.50)

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