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Coal India net dips 40%; records 6th straight fall

KOLKATA Coal India Ltd. (CIL) has reported lower profits for the six straight quarter. In the Q2 period ended September 2017, CIL reported a close to 40% fall in its consolidated net profit to ₹368.88 crore compared with the year-earlier period, the company said in a stock exchange filing. Net sales from operations stood at ₹17,748 crore compared with ₹16,788 crore, in the year-earlier period, it said. PTI

Petronet drops plans to buy stake in GSPC plant

NEW DELHI Petronet LNG has dropped plans to buy a 25% stake in Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation's (GSPC) ₹4,500-crore Mundra LNG import terminal, to allow its promoter Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to pick a larger stake, a company official said. In lieu of letting go Mundra, Petronet wants IOC to give it 25% stake in the Ennore terminal, said the official, not wishing to be named. PTI

CAIT may move court against Infosys on GSTN

NEW DELHI Traders body CAIT, which has blamed Infosys for glitches in the GST Network, said if no action was taken against the company, it will have no other option left but to take "shelter of the court of law." CAIT said the GST portal had brought "much harassment" to traders by its 'non-smooth functioning' and has proved "a major roadblock to the success of a good taxation system such as GST". PTI

# Currency in public hands surges

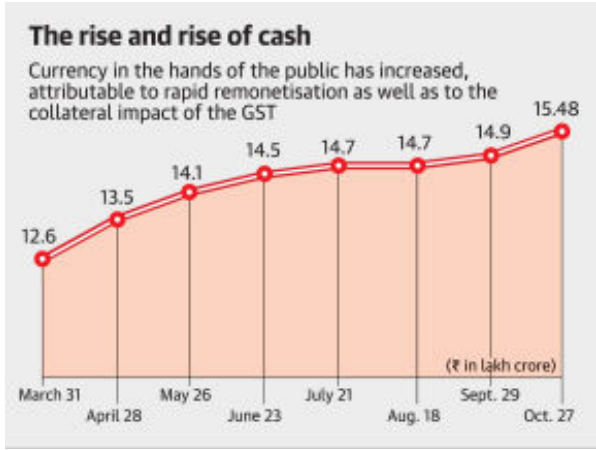
## Growth in bank deposits slows to levels seen prior to demonetisation

MANOJIT SAHA  
MUMBAI

Rapid remonetisation, coupled with the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax, may have reversed some of the progress made towards a less cash economy – one of the objectives of the demonetisation exercise of last year. Currency in the hands of the public registered a robust growth after the new tax system was rolled out in July.

According to data from the Reserve Bank of India, currency with the public, which was growing at 14.7% on a year-to-date basis till June, gained momentum from July – the month when GST was introduced. Between March 31 and October 27, currency in the hands of the public grew 22.5% as compared with 6.6% a year earlier. The data shows currency with the public was ₹12.64 lakh crore at the end of March and had grown to ₹15.48 lakh crore as on October 27.

The rapid pace of remonetisation was cited as one of the main reasons for the



Source: RBI

growth in cash with the public. Also, economists said the GST roll-out could be another reason as small traders are now holding more cash.

**'Traders hold more cash'**  
"Now, with the process of remonetisation almost complete, transaction demand for cash has returned," Rupa Rege Nitsure, group chief economist, L&T Finance Holdings.

"We are seeing this in increased cash withdrawals from the banking system,

impacting deposit growth adversely. Also, due to GST implementation, it seems several small businesses have returned to the cash economy. This too might have impacted the overall deposit growth," she said.

Deposit growth in banks was 9.2% till October 27 – exactly the same level as last year. Following the withdrawal of ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes, there was a surge in deposit growth, which went up to 14.7% in January. On the other hand, Credit

growth, which dipped to 5% in January, improved to 7.2% year-on-year till October 27, though still below the 8.7% growth seen in October 2016.

"As remonetisation is taking place, the people have increased cash holdings which is reflected in 'currency with the public' component of RBI data," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, CARE Ratings. "The 10% difference in currency in circulation as of date and last year will continue into November when demonetisation was introduced... this can be interpreted as being the surplus funds with households over and above what is held traditionally, which has found their way into deposits," he said.

RBI data shows currency in circulation was ₹16.35 lakh crore on November 3, this year compared with ₹17.94 lakh crore on November 4 last year, just before demonetisation was announced. So, about 90% of the currency of the pre-demonetisation levels has come back into circulation.

# Air India gets ₹1,500 crore BoI loan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI

Air India has received a loan worth ₹1,500 crore from Bank of India to meet urgent working capital needs less than a month after floating a tender in this regard, an airline source said.

Prior to this, the air carrier had borrowed about ₹3,250 crore as short-term loans from two lenders – IndusInd Bank and Punjab National Bank – sources had said.

# Bombay Shirt Co. to increase store count

N. ANAND  
CHENNAI

Bombay Shirt Company (BSC), an online custom-made shirt brand, has drawn up plans to expand its geographical footprint across the country, said a top executive.

"We have seven physical stores and plan to open 18 offline stores in 18 months," said founder Akshay Narvekar.

"Most of it will be through the franchise route as franchisees have very good local knowledge." Each store

# RBI remains net buyer of U.S. dollars

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
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The Reserve Bank of India continued to remain a net buyer of U.S. dollars after it bought \$1.259 billion in September from the spot market. In the reporting month, the central bank had bought \$3.788 billion, while it sold \$2.529 billion in the spot market, according to the latest RBI data.

The RBI intervenes in the foreign market to contain volatility in the rupee and not to set a price band.

## INTERVIEW | ERIC TRAPPIER

# First Rafale will land in India by 2019: Trappier

## Facility will support 200 SMEs, says Dassault Aviation chief

PIYUSH PANDEY  
MUMBAI

Eric Trappier, chairman of the €3.6 billion Dassault Aviation, was recently in India to lay the foundation stone of Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited (DRAL's) manufacturing facility at Mihan in Nagpur. With production from DRAL expected to start as early as 2018 and the first Rafale expected to land in India in 2019, Mr. Trappier talks about Dassault's future plans and getting repeat orders for Rafale combat jets from the Indian government. Edited excerpts:



the government for repeat orders.

**Is the scope of this partnership with Reliance restricted to Rafale?**  
■ This is a unique opportunity to start manufacturing in India. With our partner Reliance, we also intend to manufacture our business jet Falcon. The first Falcon will soon take off from Indian soil.

**For any new Rafale orders, the jet would be made totally in India**

**There are concerns in certain quarters that India is overpaying for the current Rafale deal. Your comments?**  
■ You have to ask them [the government] this question.

**crore of the ₹60,000 crore order?**

**Why have you chosen Reliance Group, which has no prior experience in defence, as your JV partner?**

■ This is something very important because our company has a very old history with India. We have been continuously supplying to India for the past 65 years. This was possible because of our aircraft and we have a very strategic relationship between France and India. Our government has signed an agreement to supply 36 Rafale jets to India with 50% offset obligation. We will fulfil all our contractual obligations.

■ We are starting with a private company [that wants] to become a global player. I am a private company. It's an equal partnership. We are investing €100 million for our 49% stake.

**What employment opportunities will this JV create?**

■ As chairman of French Aerospace Industries Association, I will lead a big delegation of French SMEs here in the coming months. Our facility here will support over 200 SMEs to secure the component and avionics manufacturing needs of Rafale and Falcon jets. It's not only about Rafale and Dassault. Our French partners and partners of the Reliance Group will set up their facilities here.

**When can we expect the first Rafale to land in India?**  
■ As we have planned, the first Rafale should land in India in 2019. It's on track.

**How many Rafale jets would be made in India as part of the offset clause?**

■ It's not a question of how many Rafale [jets] will be made in India for the first 36 order that we have got. Certain parts of Rafale and Falcon are going to be manufactured in India to start with. We will take a step-by-step approach and we will start manufacturing parts of Rafale in this facility. If there are new orders, we will look at manufacturing here. We are sure that it's win-win situation. Manufacturing in India is going to be the next step and it depends upon the new orders. For the new orders for Rafale, the jet would be made totally in India.

**How do you intend to fulfil the offset commitment of ₹30,000**

**What gives you the confidence that you will get repeat orders for Rafale?**

■ As of now, we are proposing it to the government but it's up to the government to go ahead. We have capability to prove that our fighter [jet] is good. It has been bought already. We will deliver the support. We now have the capability to manufacture the aircraft in India. We think we have the right tools to convince

# Jaquar to invest ₹100 crore for expansion overseas

## Eyes 18% of total revenue from foreign markets in 2-3 years

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA  
NEW DELHI

Bathroom and lighting solutions provider Jaquar Group will invest about ₹100 crore to expand footprint overseas as it aims to garner about 18% of its revenues from these markets in the next 2-3 years.

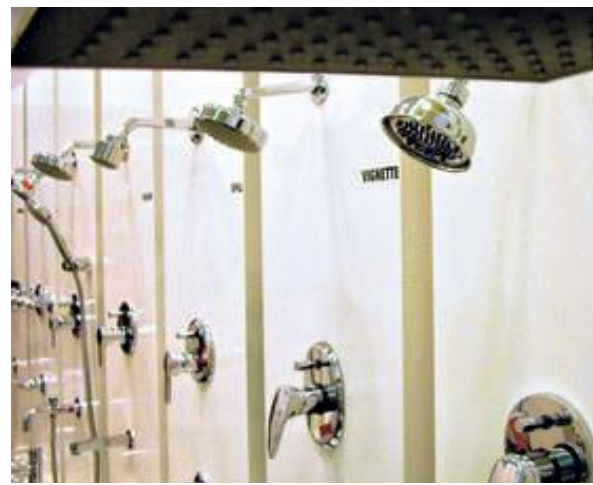
"We have been exporting small quantities up till now. Now, there is a conscious and focussed effort to expand our global business in a big way. This will be a big addition to our growth story," Rajesh Mehra, director and promoter, Jaquar Group told *The Hindu*.

## Four focus regions

He added that the company was focussing on four main regions – West Asia, Africa, Europe and Asia Pacific.

The company, which is expecting to clock revenues of about ₹3,400 crore in the current year, will be investing about ₹100 crore in the next 1-2 years to build the brand in the identified regions. In 2016-17, the company had posted a revenue of ₹2,753 crore.

"Expansion will need the support of investments... A



Going global: A major part of the investment would go into exclusive showrooms, says Rajesh Mehra of Jaquar Group.

major part of this will go into setting up exclusive showrooms, or Jaquar Worlds," he said, adding that these would either be company-owned or set up in collaboration with partners.

The firm has already opened two experience centres in Singapore and Dubai, while another would soon come up in London.

"We are present in over 40 countries... However, as of now our revenues mainly come from India. With the

kind of response we are receiving from overseas markets, we are confident that in the coming 2-3 years at least 15-18% of our revenues will come from the overseas market," Mr. Mehra said.

The company has 22 similar stores in India, which is growing 20% year-on-year.

The company is currently investing ₹150 crore to ramp up capacity at its faucets plants "which is our core business", according to Mr. Mehra.

# 'More capital in PSBs to spur growth'

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GURUGRAM

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Sunday said the government had decided to inject more capital in state-owned banks to strengthen the banking system and spur economic growth.

Last month, the government had unveiled a staggering ₹2.11 lakh crore, two-year road map to bolster NPA-hit public sector banks, which includes recapitalisation bonds, budgetary support and equity dilution.

Addressing heads of state-owned banks at 'PSB Manthan' here, Mr. Jaitley said the government had decided to put in more capital from the Budget, through bonds and banks' equity expansion and "therefore, it is the country which is virtually going to pay to keep the banking system in good health."

He said "when the system is making all these changes and all these monetary contributions in order to strengthen the banking system, we want a robust public sector banking system so that your ability to support growth itself increases."

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