| | 30-11-2017 | % CHANGE |
|-----------|------------|----------|
| Sensex | 33,149 | -1.35 |
| US Dollar | 64.46 | -0.23 |
| Gold | 30,400 | -0.39 |
| Brent oil | 63.49 | -0.69 |

| NIFTY 50 | DDICE | CHANGE |
|-------------------|---------|--------|
| Adani Ports | | |
| Ambuja Cements | | |
| Asian Paints | | |
| | | |
| Aurobindo Pharma | | |
| Axis Bank | | |
| Bajaj Auto | | |
| Bajaj Finance | | |
| Bharti Airtel | | |
| Bosch | | |
| BPCL | | |
| Cipla | | |
| Coal India | | |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 2284.05 | 7.25 |
| Eicher Motors | | |
| GAIL (India) | | |
| HCL Tech | | |
| HDFC | | |
| HDFC Bank | | |
| Hero MotoCorp | | |
| Hindalco | | |
| HPCL | | |
| Hind Unilever | | |
| Indiabulls HFL | | |
| ICICI Bank | | |
| IndusInd Bank | | |
| Bharti Infratel | | |
| Infosys | | |
| Indian OilCorp | 393.50 | 0.20 |
| ITC | | |
| Kotak Bank | 1000.30 | 25.95 |
| L&T | 1216.55 | 1.30 |
| Lupin | 817.70 | 16.95 |
| M&M | 1406.55 | -26.85 |
| Maurti Suzuki | 8599.10 | 72.25 |
| NTPC | 181.15 | -0.85 |
| ONGC | 180.65 | -1.80 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 206.05 | 2.70 |
| Reliance Ind | 921.55 | 24.45 |
| State Bank | 320.35. | -8.55 |
| Sun Pharma | 539.95 | -7.15 |
| Tata Motors | 404.15. | -9.80 |
| Tata Steel | 694.15 | 15.15 |
| TCS | 2637.00 | 21.15 |
| Tech Mahindra | 489.25 | 7.30 |
| UltraTech Cement | | |
| UPL | 731.35 | -20.95 |
| Vedanta | 295.45 | -2.90 |
| Wipro | | |
| YES Bank | | |
| Zee Entertainment | | |

| Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 30 | | | |
|--|--------|---------|--|
| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL | |
| US Dollar | 64.26 | 64.58 | |
| Euro | 76.10 | 76.48 | |
| British Pound | 86.40 | 86.83 | |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 57.21 | 57.49 | |

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'Final GST data may push up Q2 GDP'

Second-quarter growth could be revised upwards once indirect tax collections are finalised: Anant

TCA SHARAD RAGHAVAN

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) appears to have had an immediate and significant impact on economic growth, according to tax analysts and government officials.

The fiscal second quarter (July-September), coincided with the July 1 rollout of GST, saw GDP growth accelerate to 6.3%, from 5.7% in the first quarter. The new indirect tax regime had an impact – both in terms of the methodology of calculating GDP, as well as on the performance of the input pa rameters themselves.

'Uncertainty over GST'

"In a normal year, businesses are conversant with the tax processes, and so know their tax liability, so the collections are usually in line



Looking ahead: Indirect tax collections are still being updated says Chief Statistician TCA Anant, adding it could lift growth.

with what is anticipated," TCA Anant, Chief Statistician of India and Secretary to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, said on Thursday. "However, this year, the uncertainty surrounding GST

procedures, and the leeway the government has given in terms of extended deadlines, has meant that the indirect tax collections for the particular period are still being updated." Gross Domestic Product (GSP) is calculated by adding the indirect taxes figure to Gross Value Added (GVA), and subtracting subsidies, Mr. Anant said, highlighting the reason that GST collections are so crucial for accurate GDP computation.

"On the one hand, there would possibly have been some disruption in the early days of GST due to the uncertainty surrounding the new processes," Anis Chakravarty, Lead Economist at Deloitte India, told The Hindu. "On the other hand, net taxes are added back to the GVA and somewhat lower collections on the GST front could have had some dampening effect as compared to a non-GST year."

Mr. Anant said the GDP data for the second quarter could see an upward revision when the government released its revised estimates

mine whether the 3 percen-

tage point increase in tax

rate on services - from an ef-

fective 15% pre-GST to 18%

under GST – is causing some

demand side impact. We will

need to wait for Q3 and Q4

GDP numbers to be able to

clusively," he added.

as it would reflect the final indirect tax collections - a figure that would include the taxes collected from late filers as well.

"The Q2 growth pick up is almost entirely due to the growth pick up in manufacturing, which came to a standstill prior to GST due to destocking," D.K. Srivastava, Chief Policy Advisor at EY India, said. "When GST got implemented, then orders started flowing in and growth picked up. So, GST has had a major impact on this quarter's growth rate. In the coming quarters, the GST reforms in terms of rates and compliance should play a significant part in manufacturing sector growth."

Mr. Anant said services was another area impacted by GST as earlier sales tax data was used to gauge activity.

thy and a great confidence

that manufacturing has

emerged as a key driver of

growth indicating that firms

have started restocking and

recovery is taking shape.

"What is encouraging is

Manufacturing, mining and electricity were among the sectors that showed recovery while agriculture proved a drag 2016-17 O Q1 O Q2 2017-18 0 01 0 02 Manufacturing

GDP numberspeak

'Achieving 10% GDP growth challenging'

No country has 5% tax rate, says Jaitley

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said on Thursday that achieving a 10% GDP growth rate was challenging and would depend on how the world is moving.

Speaking at the HT Leadership Summit here, he said India had done well by growing at 7-8% during the last three years.

To scale to 10% is "very challenging" and it would not depend on domestic factors only, but on how the world is moving, he said.

Structurally reformed

On reforms, the Finance Minister said India had structurally reformed and there was no finishing line in reforms.

Mr. Jaitley said the Goods and Services Tax (GST) started with different tax rates and had rationalised the rates on many items. Go-



Arun Jaitley

ing forward, future rationalisation of rates would depend on collections, he said, indicating the merger of 12% and 18% rates into one while keeping a "thin" line of luxury and demerit items in the top 28% band. Currently, the GST has

four rates of 5%, 12%, 18% and 28%. The Finance Minister said a cogent GST mechanism had been developed and no country in the world had a 5% tax rate.

GDP may grow at 7.6% in H2: Crisil

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The second half of this fiscal may see 7.6% growth, given the low base in the second half of fiscal 2017,

The rating agency, however, flagged concerns around the GST regime, "Implementation glitches, on-going changes in the GST structure and a possible cut in capex due to rising fiscal stress may limit upside in subsequent quarters," it said in a statement.

"After a transient slowdown over the last two quarters, the Indian economy has reverted to a recovery path," said Rana Kapoor, MD and CEO of Yes Bank, a private lender.

'Services, agri slowdown, a concern'

Setbacks in agriculture can have cascading effect on inflation, says Assocham

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

While the rebound in GDP growth in the second quarter can act as a 'confidence booster' for the economy, the slowdown in the services sector, including finance, transport and hotels, as well as in agriculture is cause for concern, according to industry bodies and consultants.

Ranen Banerjee, partner (public finance and economics), PwC India, said in a statement, "the GDP numbers for Q2 are not surprising and it is on expected lines given the re-stocking in manufacturing that has taken place in this quarter post the GST roll out.

"We are, however, still experiencing slowdown in the services sector including fi-



nance, transport

GST effect on services Possible causes for the slowdown include the larger working capital requirements faced by the services sector (especially exportoriented ones) and teething

process issues post-GST im-

plementation, he said. "We

also possibly need to exa-

eral D.S. Rawat said, "... agriculture remains an area of concern with a mere 1.7% in the second quarter against 2.3% in the previous quarter. Setbacks in the agri performance can have a cascading impact on consumer inflation." Chandrajit Banerjee, director general, CII, said, "The rebound in GDP growth to 6.3%, after the uninspiring performance of the

previous quarter is notewor-

comment on this more con-Gross fixed capital formation has also picked up from last year's lacklustre pace," he Assocham secretary gen-Pankaj Patel, president, FICCI, said, "The monetary

booster."

policy announcement next week will be a perfect timing to give another shot to boost the sentiment. Also, the government should look at further consolidating its reform agenda in the Union Budget to be announced two months from now to give boost investment.'

$_{+}$ HDFC okays mutual fund arm's IPO

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Housing Development Fi-Corporation nance (HDFC), the country's lar gest mortgage financier, on Thursday, approved the initial public offering (IPO) of HDFC AMC, its mutual fund arm. HDFC which has about 58% stake in HDFC AMC, said its stake would be at least 50.01% post the IPO, while Standard Life Investments (SLI), the other shareholder, will have a minimum 24.99%.

"We believe that the listing would unlock value of the business for the shareholders and provide investors an opportunity to participate in the emerging asset management space within our group," said Deepak Parekh, chairman of HDFC AMC.

Near-term outlook is positive, say investors

'GDP number will add to confidence'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Market participants are bullish on the near-term outlook for the market as the latest GDP – gross domestic product - growth rate of 6.3% reversed the slide registered in the previous five quarters. Incidentally, the June quarter growth rate of 5.7% was the lowest in three years. "The market will certainly get confidence from the latest GDP numbers and will lift investor sentiments," said Aashish Sommaiyaa, MD and CEO, Motilal Oswal Asset Management

"The markets look at a series of data and already there were signals that we have turned the corner. This latest data confirms the view," he added.

Arun Thukral, MD and CEO, Axis Securities believes that the GDP number indicates that the economy is out of woods and a trend

Sensex, Nifty

reversal is in place.

Incidentally, benchmark equity indices lost more than 1% on Thursday as a combination of factors, including global weakness, expiry of derivative contracts and widening fiscal deficit dampened investor sentiments.

The 30-share Sensex lost 453.41 points or 1.35% to close at 33,149.35 as all but two stocks in the index lost ground. The broader Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) closed at 10,226.55, down 134.75 points or 1.30%.

Fiscal deficit hits 96% of FY18 target

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India's fiscal deficit at the end of October hit 96.1% of the budget estimate for 2017-18, mainly due to lower revenue realisation and rise in expenditure.

In absolute terms, the fiscal deficitwas ₹5.25 lakh crore during April-October of 2017-18, according to data of the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).

During the same period of 2016-17, the deficit stood at 79.3% of the target. For 2017-18, the government aims to bring down the fiscal deficit to 3.2% of GDP. Last fiscal, it had met the 3.5% target. The CGA data showed that the government's revenue receipts were at ₹7.29 lakh crore in the seven months of the

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE WIPRO CHENNAI MARATHON

5.00 am (Half Marathon)

6.30 am (10k) Finish Location

: The Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Behind Taramani Station

THE HINDU 3. DECEMBER 2017

42.195 KM | 21.1 KM | 10 KM FIRST SUNDAY OF DECEMBER

START CORRALS

The 'runners' holding area at the race start line is divided into distinct zones or corrals, designated by the letter A, B, C, D, E or F. Each corral represents the projected finish time for runners lining up in that area. Your bib has been tagged

With the large number of runners in this event, there can be up to a 5 mins variation in the start times of individuals. However, your timing will start getting recorded only when you hit the start line mat, so you will get your actual race finish time. Runners should ONLY line up in their assigned corral. If you wish to run with a friend in a slower corral, that can be accommodated, but not in a faster one.

Parking

Half Marathon & Full Marathon: Areas around CPT and MGR film city are designated for parking. Please use the Kanagam Road next to IIT to reach the parking area.

10 Kilometer Runners: CLRI, areas near Kasthuribai nagar station, Indira Nagar station and Indira Nagar water tank are designated for parking. Please use Canal Bank Road, Kasthuribai Nagar 3rd Cross Street and LB Road to reach the parking.

Baggage Check

The start area will have baggage check locations clearly marked. The bags will be tagged with stickers having your bib number. Do not store valuables (cash, mobiles, jewelry). Your bags will be available for pick-up by you in the finish area. Please produce your running bib to claim your bag. Unclaimed bags will be handed over to local police at 2 pm on event day.

Portable toilets are available at the race start, finish and along the race routefor use by runners.

Aid Stations

Adequate water will be provided in all aid stations and alternate aid stations will be stocked with energy drink, water, bananas and salt.

Medical Assistance

Apollo Hospitals, our health-care partner, will provide adequate medical assistance for runners along the route at the aid-stations. The finish area also will house a fully equipped medical tent & ambulances.



Participants can collect MRTS ticket by showing their bib to the TWCM volunteer at Taramani railway station (behind finish area), to travel till Kasturibai Nagar station (near Madhyakailash).

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

* Race registrations are non-transferrable • Remember to fill the emergency information at the back of your bib • Plan to reach the start point early . Co-operate with us in ensuring effective waste management - do deposit all the trash in trash bins provided for the purpose. only . The common finish area for all races provides a festive atmosphere and lot of photo opportunities . Designated family and friends meeting areas are marked in the finish area • All finishers will be provided with a finisher's medal & breakfast • Certificates will be available for download online at our website (http://www.thewiprochennaimarathon.com) within 3 days after the event • Do sign up for free auto-upload of your photographs on social media, on our website • Please co-operate with volunteers along the route • In case of cancellation of the event, no refund will be provided

Cement, steel, refinery drag down core sector growth to 4.7% in Oct.

Industry Ministry revises downwards Sept. growth to 4.7% from 5.2% earlier

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Eight core sectors grew at a slower pace of 4.7% in October, chiefly due to subdued performance of cement, steel and refinery segments.

The eight infrastructure sectors - coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity - had clocked a growth of 7.1% in October last year.

Meanwhile, the Industry Ministry has revised downwards September growth print of these eight sectors to 4.7% from the earlier estimate of 5.2%.

Official data released Thursday showed that cement production contracted by 2.7% as against an expansion of 6.2% in October 2016.



Losing steam: The eight core sectors had clocked a growth of 7.1% in October last year. ■ REUTERS

Output growth in the steel segment too slowed to 8.4% in the last month compared with 17.4% in the year-earlier period. Similarly, there was

slowdown in refinery output, whose growth was 7.5% in October this year. This compared with 12.6% expansion in the same month last too, was slower on an annual

year. Electricity generation,

Coal improves Meanwhile, coal segment

has shown significant improvement as it expanded by 3.9%. It had witnessed a decline of 1.9% in the year-earlier period. The fertiliser sector grew

by 3% as against 0.7% last vear. Crude oil production and

natural gas output have shown improvement, too. Cumulatively, the growth

in the eight core sectors

slowed down to 3.5% as

The eight core industries constitute 40.27% of weight of items in the index of in-

against 5.6% in the comparable period of the last fiscal.

dustrial production (IIP).