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Print Coverage
Many firms in default due to force majeure: IBBI chief

RUCHIKA CHITRAVANSCHI
New Delhi, 10 September

Companies are in more danger today than before and some are at the brink of default not because of market pressures but because of force majeure clauses. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Chairman M S Sahoo said on Thursday.

In light of the pandemic, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had suspended initiation of corporate insolvency resolution process for six months starting March 24 to stop firms from being forced into insolvency proceedings in such force majeure cases of default. The exemption is up for review.

Sahoo, while addressing an Assocham seminar, said the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code had taken corporate governance to new heights by providing a new lifeline to rescue a company when it was in distress.

Sahoo said the average life of S&P 500 companies has reportedly reduced from 90 to 18 years over the last century and that a company's life today is shorter than a human's. Quoting a 2015 research, Sahoo said the average life of a publicly traded company, taking into account acquisitions, mergers and bankruptcy is about 10 years. "Because firms are modern means of producing goods and services and that they provide employment for posterity, it is important to save their lives."
‘Health of economy will be determined by good, effective corporate leadership’

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REMINDING INDIA Inc about the spirit of ‘Team India’ that plays out well in a cricket field, the government on Thursday urged promoters, directors, shareholders, key managerial persons and other stakeholders to take responsibility for their companies and pursue and uphold best corporate governance practices for the greater good.

‘First line of defence’ Professionals such as chartered accountants and company secretaries are the first line of defence for building an accountable culture of good governance, Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, said at an Assocham virtual summit on Corporate Governance.

Thakur, who was earlier a<ref>cricket administrator], highlighted that many Boards in the current corporate landscape are very diverse and may have viewpoints that are critical rather than conventional.

Timely disclosure’

He also said that role of independent directors is crucial and they must always ensure no adverse decision is taken in a meeting that would be detrimental to the company or the public or self-interest.

Transparency must be ensured and proper disclosures regarding all material factors must be made to the regulators from time to time.

“The health of the economy will be determined by good, effective corporate leadership,” he said.

He also said that how companies respond to Condi’s will also “determine how customers and employees will treat you as a brand”. Companies that have adopted high corporate governance standards should be comfortable in receiving audit reports.

‘It is cricket’

In a separate session, former SEBI Chairman M Damodaran said that Corporate Governance is doing “the right things at the right time for the right reasons and in a right manner.” If you do that, all stakeholders will stand to benefit”, he said.

Staying with the metaphor of cricket, Damodaran said that Corporate Governance in cricketing terms is “playing with a straight bat, playing within the V of a cricket field” and not bending across the line. If the equivalent of this happens in the corporate space, you will get good corporate governance.”
Online Coverage
Need to strengthen corporate governance; adopt best global practices: Anurag Thakur to India Inc

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Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur said, 'We must work together as equal partners in India's growth story' (PTI)

- Modi govt has taken several measures to improve the regulatory environment, including reduction in tax burden and compliance, said Anurag Thakur.
- Thakur exhorted corporates to look at the best global practices and benchmarks.
ASSOCHAM Hosts International Virtual Summit on “India Corporate Governance Stewardship”

New Delhi: To discuss and deliberate on corporate governance policies, programmes, laws, standards and benchmark global best practices and thereby keeping the managements, boards, promoters and stakeholders stay tuned and sensitized for maintaining the good governance in letter and spirit even during the tough times, ASSOCHAM has organized International Virtual Summit on “India Corporate Governance Stewardship” today.

The Chief Guest of the conference was Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Finance, GOI and Guest of Honour was Dr. M. S. Sahoo, Chairman, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. The other prominent panelists including CS Ashish Garg, President, ICSI, Mr. Ashish Kumar Chauhan, MD & CEO, Bombay Stock Exchange, Ms. Preeti Malhotra, Chairperson, Assocham national council for Company Law & Corporate Governance and many more from government department, corporate world and industries.

Addressing the conference Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Finance, GOI, stressed on the need for adhering to the good principles of corporate governance. “Health of the economy is quite dependent on good corporate leadership. There is a need of good corporate governance practices so as to bring in as much transparency and accountability as possible. I feel that good corporate governance must be industry led and industry driven and they should always look at adopting the best practices in the field from across the globe.”

“Role of independent directors is crucial in good corporate governance and they should always work to make sure that no adverse decision is taken that is detrimental to the companies,” he added.

Dr. M. S. Sahoo, Chairman, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India said, “Companies today are the modern engines of growth and it takes years to bring up a company but today life of companies is in danger more than ever before. They have mainly three types of enemies today – one is danger from within, second is unfair battles at the market place, and the third is competition and innovation in the market place. So companies must always look at taking care of risks emanating from all these areas and also sudden ones like COVID.”
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In the recent past, there have been several instances of corporate governance failures, including Satyam Computer Services, IL&FS, DHFL and Jet Airways.

Thakur exhorted corporates to look at the best global practices and benchmarks, and adopt and adjust them for the benefit of Indian consumers.
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*By editor - September 10, 2020*

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, suspended initiation of corporate insolvency resolution processes for six months starting March 24 to stop several from being forced into insolvency. Many of these enterprises were on the verge of defaulting due to the invocation of force majeure. The exemption is up for review.

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In his address, Pradeep Aggarwal, Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council on Real Estate, Housing and Urban Development, said: "The epidemic of Covid-19 has given us an opportunity to think once again on the Smart City Mission and build sustainable cities which can fight such epidemic like situations. It has made us realize that we will need to strengthen the health and education facilities of such cities."
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Leadership Profiling
On the path to recovery

The worst is over and there are several signs that the economy is on the recovery path, says Niranjan Hiranandani, President, ASSOCHAM and co-founder & MD, Hiranandani Group. He talks to Arbind Gupta about the various issues that are confronting the economy at present.

The economy has been very hard hit in this pandemic. Your comments...
The government of India has taken a lot of measures to revive the economy and arrest job losses. However, the magnitude of the losses is so huge that whatever you do seems inadequate at this stage. The 23.9 per cent contraction that we witnessed was the result of the same and was along expected lines. We do anticipate a similar kind of situation in the next two quarters as well. Certain sectors like trade, airlines and hotel industry, have seen a contraction of almost 30 per cent. However, the overall situation may not be so grim. We can say that the worst is over and there are several signs that the economy is on the recovery path.

What suggestions have you put forward to the government to revive the economy?
We at ASSOCHAM have been closely working with the government and its various administrative bodies. In fact, most of the measures that the government has taken were also recommended by us. This includes a fiscal stimulus package to revive the economy, offering a liquidity boost to struggling sectors, offering a moratorium and also one-time loan restructuring to ensure easier repayment terms on outstanding loans. All these measures will help revive the economy.

How long do you think it will take for the industry to get back on track?
The magnitude of the pandemic has been such that it has hit most sectors. Many sectors like travel and tourism, hospitality and civil aviation, have been hit very hard. The government has taken several steps which are well appreciated. However, we believe the government needs to take some steps to address the demand side of the issue. It is very important that demand is created to help them revive the sectors.

Liquidity continues to remain a major concern for the MSME sector.
What measures do you think the government or RBI should take to address this issue?
The RBI has been taking proactive steps to boost liquidity during the pandemic to help stressed sectors gain access to low-cost credit. These measures are much appreciated by the industry. The reduction in the key interest rates and offering collateral free loans to help out the MSME sector would benefit smaller businesses. The moratorium to defer loan payments is also a step in the right direction. However, the RBI also needs to ensure that these measures percolate down to the smallest business units. Besides, most of the measures are aimed at addressing the supply side of the problem. The government needs to take some steps to address the demand side as well. Many companies in sectors like aviation, tourism, and hospitality are finding it difficult to sustain and may even shut their business operations if things continue in a similar manner.

Your views on recent loan restructuring measures announced by the RBI
We believe that the RBI’s announcement to restructure Covid stressed loans based on the recommendation of the Kaviraj Kamath Panel will provide relief to companies in 26 sectors. The recommendations for the restructuring are based on several parameters. There are many companies in the sectors hit badly and would still find it difficult to meet the threshold recommended by the RBI. The government needs to get in better clarity involving all the stakeholders like financial institutions and companies, for better effect. We firmly believe that these measures would be instrumental in bringing more transparency and efficiency into the system. A two-year timeframe to achieve the threshold for all the ratios may not be sufficient for highly stressed companies as a lot would depend on the recovery path for each of the sectors.

What specific measures are called for to revive the real estate sector?
The real estate sector is the second largest employer, with almost 250 industries directly and indirectly dependent on it. We believe that while the Central government has taken several steps, they may not be enough to revive the sector. There is a need to come out with bolder reforms to stimulate the housing sector. The government must look up the affordable rental housing scheme (ARHS) and offer incentives to developers who are actively involved in this segment. There is also a need to permit 100 per cent FDI in completed real estate projects. Presently, around 15% of total investment in commercial projects are stuck in unapproved inventory. There is also a need to set up an infrastructure fund to take care of megaprojects. All our infrastructure banks have turned into commercial banks.
MSMEs riding the e-commerce wave to unlock the country’s future

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By Deepak Sood

Having robust, efficient, and globally aligned MSMEs will underline India’s position in the world as an economic giant post-COVID and... e-commerce will certainly be one of the tools to achieve exactly that.

The Coronavirus pandemic has changed the way businesses are done worldwide, and the prophecy is that it is going to remain unchanged even after the virus decides to leave us, as the new way has come to be accepted as the 'new normal'. Even before COVID, the world had shifted from geographically-bound local markets to the market no longer defined by boundaries, but the ability of the manufacturer to produce goods of a given standard. This global market sources high-quality products and services from specialists across the world and have an aptitude to expand further.

The global value chain thus offers significant scope for the Indian manufacturers to spread their wings and take their businesses many notches higher. The Indian economic vista is dotted with numerous Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) that contribute about 30 per cent to the country’s GDP. The opportunity presented by the pandemic to join the global value chain will unfold many paybacks for the MSMEs in terms of upgrading its product and services, acquiring technology, and upskilling the labor force to make more profits.
Interview | Rs 6.9 lakh cr sitting idle in banks can be given to stressed MSMEs: Niranjan Hiranandani

By: Jyotirmay Sen | Updated: Sep 10, 2020, 8:13 PM

Ease of Doing Business for MSMEs: Indian MSMEs have been a resilient lot. After the problems faced due to the demonetisation and GST, Indian small businesses have remained steadfast in overcoming the current Covid and lockdown-induced challenges. So much so that majority are confident in returning to pre-Covid levels by end of this year itself and there are also beyond 10 lakh MSMEs which the government envisaged to be benefited under various sub-schemes of the Atmanirbhar campaign such as the emergency credit scheme, EPF support, subordinate debt etc. However, the magnitude of the losses is so...
How do you see the adoption of IIoT in the Indian manufacturing industry? How is it empowering the manufacturers in the age of Industry 4.0?

Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) is set to transform the Indian manufacturing industry. It will give the industry the competitive edge globally that would enable them to evaluate and decide based on clear and precise data to step up production. The system would also reduce certain foibles that could cause strain on the environment, in lines with international protocols of green and sustainable manufacturing processes.

Industry 4.0 technologies have promises of widespread benefits in terms of new business models for higher revenue generation, new application opportunity and services. Manufacturers can look forward to giving their customers more value-added services. Specific business models to adapt to the requirement of the manufacturer to increase productivity and customer satisfaction can be done with the automation enabled technologies as IIoT.

How do you see the scope of AR/VR in transforming manufacturing? What are some of the most important use cases that are driving the adoption of AR/VR in manufacturing?
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Digital health plan may cut insurance cost

SUBRATA PANDA
Mumbai, 12 September

The National Digital Health Mission—which aims to create digital health profiles of citizens—will not only be a boon for policyholders but also prove to be equally beneficial for insurers in better pricing of products. Chances are that prices of health insurance products could come down, after the adoption of the mission.

In an address during Assocham’s National E-Summit on Health Insurance, T.L. Alamela, member non-life, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Irda), said, “The government has recently announced the National Digital Health Mission and the insurers need to take advantage of this. They must encourage people to share health records on this platform.”

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Currently, the pricing of health insurance products is done mainly on past experiences. All actuarial calculations are based on historical data. And, insurers do not always have all the data readily available while pricing products. This often leads to higher loss ratios for insurers.

Most insurers in the general insurance space are struggling to make underwriting profits, mainly due to pricing issues.

Alamela also said that due to the ongoing pandemic, the share of health insurance business in the Indian market has grown from 27 per cent to 30 per cent in a very short period, that is, between March and July.

Irda is also looking at mainstreaming the dedicated Covid-19 policies such as Corona Kavach, as the virus is showing no signs of receding.

Alamela said, mostly consumers have opted to buy the policy for the nine-and-a-half-month period, indicating the fact that policyholders think the virus will not go away quickly.
Some countries keen on adopting India’s NEP: Ramesh Pokhriyal

OUR BUREAU
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Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Friday said that some countries have reached out to the Indian government and have showed willingness to implement the New Education Policy in their countries.

While addressing a webinar on ‘National Education Policy 2020, The Brighter Future of Education’ organised by Assocham, Pokhriyal said, “Today, about 8-10 countries have contacted us with their education ministers showing the willingness to implement India’s New Education Policy in their countries.”

Perhaps it is the first such policy in the world which saw such huge consultations with over 1,000 universities, 45,000 degree colleges, 15 lakh schools, one crore teachers and professors along with 33 crore students and their parents, politicians, State governments etc, he added.

Language issue
On the language issue, he said, “We are not against English but the mother tongue as a medium of education would help strengthen Indian languages.” He also said that government does not intend to impose any language on any State. “We are in favour of strengthening 22 Indian languages and we want to promote all these languages,” he added.
Builders seek one-time roll over of loans

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MUMBAI

The Builders’ Association of India (BAI), in consultation with Assocham, has recommended to the Centre for a one-time roll over of loans to developers to save the sector from the adverse impact of COVID-19.

“The real estate sector in India has been one of the worst-affected sectors because of the pandemic,” BAI said in a statement.

“The situation has come to the stage where bank finances have tightened as banks and NBFCs have almost halted funding. While NBFC started tightening funding after collapse of IL&FS, banks have also slowed down disbursement of funds for existing projects,” the statement said.
Corona Kavach health cover may get a fresh lease of life

IRDAI may issue guidelines on mainstreaming or renewal

With little respite in sight from the rising number of COVID-19 positive cases in India, insurance regulator IRDAI may soon issue instructions on mainstreaming or renewing the short-term Corona Kavach cover.

“We are thinking of ways and means,” said T.L. Alamelu, Member (Non Life), IRDAI, at an Assocham event.

“Probably sooner than later we will issue instructions on how it can be mainstreamed or renewed or there could be features of porting, migration.”

To a query on the road ahead for Corona Kavach, a cover health insurers began offering since July 10 following a mandate from IRDAI, she said “I think we were very optimistic in thinking everything is going to end probably in a few months.

“I don’t think that is going to happen soon.”

Though most of the people who bought the policy opted for the longest tenure of 9.5 months, IRDAI wants them to continue getting good cover not only for COVID-19 but for entire health spectrum, she added.

These policies are popular. “Initially, there was huge growth. Even now, week-on-week there is a 15% growth in [the number of] policies,” she said, pointing out to how public awareness of health insurance had also grown exponentially. The share of health insurance business has grown from 27% in March to 30% in July.
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**ICFAI, Assocham to work on green programme**

HYDERABAD  
The ICFAI Foundation for Higher Education (IFHE), a deemed to-be university, and ASSOCHAM have established a strategic alliance to execute the Green and Eco-Friendly Movement Sustainability Certification Programme. The programme includes Sustainability, Energy and Water Efficiency, Fire and Life Safety, Indoor Air Quality, Daylight, Fresh Air and Human Comfort and is based on BEE ECBC 2017 and NBC 2016. National Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council for GEM, Pankaj R. Dharkar and Registrar, IFHE, S. Vijayalakshmi signed the MoU. Vice-Chancellor of IFHE J. Mahender Reddy said that they were committed to develop professionals with a sense of social and moral responsibilities.
Can the post-COVID world give us a Gig-start?

As the pandemic raged, firms laid off workers and consultants across the board, the World Economic Forum argued, gig workers were among those hit hard. This is a throwback to the days of work-at-home and administrative jobs.

What is a Gig economy?

A Gig economy is essentially a market where people offer their services on a voluntary basis.

In the Gig economy, the worker is not an employee. The worker is essentially a service provider who offers their skills to clients.

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Cos can make room for more gig workers amid Covid curbs

By V V Verma

When someone tells me that the concept of gig economy is a new phenomenon, I will firmly insist that the temporary work culture is a way of life. The times of the great depression have taught us how to manage it, and the times of the great wars have shown us how to accommodate it. The times of the great post-tenure workers have shown us how to incorporate it. The times of the great post-retirement workers have shown us how to harness it. The times of the great post-pandemic workers have shown us how to embrace it.

In the gig economy, the idea of gig workers is being promoted as a solution to the problem of unemployment. But the problem is not unemployment, it is underemployment. The problem is not the gig economy, it is the gig economy’s inability to absorb the surplus workforce.

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In the gig economy, workers are hired on a short-term basis and are paid by the hour. They are not entitled to any benefits or job security. This has led to a situation where many workers are living in poverty, with no social security or health care.

The gig economy has also led to a rise in the number of accidents and injuries on the job. Workers are often forced to work long hours in unsafe conditions, with little or no protection.

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GST collection in Gujarat dips 32% in April-August

Nityati Parikh & Kalyan Damor | TNN

Ahmedabad: A 55-day lockdown, major slump in demand coupled with plunging industrial output have dented Gujarat's Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues this fiscal.

The state's GST collection has declined by 32% at Rs 22,056 crore in the first five months (April-August) of fiscal 2020-21 as against Rs 33,350 crore in the same period in 2019-20, shows Union finance ministry data. According to information provided to both Houses of the Parliament, GST mop-up remained at Rs 19,923 crore for entire 2019-20.

"Manufacturing activity came to a standstill during the lockdown and even when it was lifted, it could not recover because of labour shortage. Since the products could not be dispatched in time, it would have a major impact on tax collection. The shutdown of retail during the lockdown except for essential commodities was another reason that caused a plunge in GST revenues," said Chinmay Thaker, co-chair, Assocham Gujarat state council.

"With economic activity impacted during the lockdown, tax collection is bound to go down. In April, the tax collection was low by over 80%," said state government sources. The state's GST collection had tanked to Rs 1,256 in April 2020 from Rs 6,194 crore in the corresponding month last year.

Fall in industrial output dented state's revenues

Economists also indicate that a subsequent fall in industrial output further hit the state's revenues. "Gujarat is a manufacturing-driven state and the fall in industrial output as a consequence of the territorial lockdown dented the state's revenues in a big way. The fall in demand post the lockdown further impacted the tax collection," said Sebastian Morris, professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A).

Interestingly, data tabulated in the parliament also suggests that Gujarat government is still awaiting dues worth Rs 11,563 crore to be cleared by the centre, as a provisional compensation for GST from April to July.

"This further leaves the state government at a deficit of revenue, which will impact its spending. If the state will spend less, it will hurt the poor, hurt employment and will further contribute to the demand compression, as a result of which the tax collection will be even less," Morris further added.

However, there seems to be a slow recovery with GST collection remaining at Rs 6,030 crore in August this year, which is 9% lower than Rs 6,185 crore in August 2019.
MSME NPAs up by ₹1,090cr in a year

Ahmedabad: Slowing demand, the lockdown amid the pandemic situation which caused the economy to shrink had an adverse impact on the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Gujarat, leaving them grappling with shortage of working capital, while adding to their bad loan burden. The latest report by State Level Bankers’ Committee (SLBC) suggests that the gross non-performing assets (NPA) for the MSME sector grew by Rs 1,990 crore in just a year. The NPA burden grew from Rs 8,974 crore in the first quarter of 2019-20 to Rs 10,064 crore in the same period of 2020-21, up 12%, according to the report.

The 169th SLBC meeting was held on Tuesday. Explaining reasons, Chinmay Thaker, co-chair, Assocham—Gujarat state council, said, “Even before the lockdown, MSMEs were adversely hit due to the slump in demand in the domestic as well as international markets. This is particularly true for small manufacturers in the textile, automobile and auto component sectors, among others. In the first quarter, most industries were not functional due to the lockdown, lack of demand and halting of exports, led to the drying up of sources of income for MSMEs. At the same time, labour shortage imposed additional constraints on business operations, impacting their productivity.”

“Since MSMEs don’t have huge financial reserves, loan repayments are bound to get impacted and therefore, the bad loan burden would have gone up,” he further said.

Working capital shortage was also one of the key reasons for weakened loan repayment capacity. “Payment cycles got stretched due to the pandemic and lockdown as production, supply and demand all came to a standstill. This was one of the key reasons for piling bad loan burden for MSMEs,” said Yogesh Parikh, president, Gujarat Dyessuff Manufacturers’ Association (GDMA).

Interestingly, the bad loan burden marginally declined in the first quarter of 2020-21 against the last quarter of 2019-20. In the last financial year, the gross NPA burden for MSMEs stood at Rs 10,481 crore, which declined by a marginal 4% in the quarter that ended on June 30, 2020. However, industry sources revealed that this was due to the moratorium announced by the Union government.

“As various players opted for moratorium and accounts were not classified as NPAs by banks, the quarterly decline in gross NPA was seen. However, industries have been grappling with working capital concerns thanks to the pandemic,” said an industrialist.
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E-policies to be new norm in future: Irdai

NEW DELHI: The insurance sector regulator has allowed general and health insurers to issue policies in electronic form and this e-policy will become a norm in the future, a senior Irdai official said on Friday.

Speaking at an industry event, T I Alamelu, Member (Non-Life) Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (Irdai), however, said a lot more needs to be done in the insurance sector for both policyholders and other stakeholders.

"As far as regulator is concerned, there is still lot more to be done. We are continually tracking what needs to be done, not only for the policyholders but for all the stakeholders. Some of the things which we have done are relevant to the health insurance industry," she said.

"I think yesterday, all of you would have seen that now we are allowing insurers to issue e-policy in the proposal form. I think that is need of the day. Slowly there will be distancing (physical) between intermediaries, agents and policyholders. We will quickly have to move into a system where this is going to become the norm of the day," Alamelu said.

She also stressed on the need to use cartoons and imagery by intermediaries and agents through digital means to make insurance products more appealing to people.

"Insurance is classified as boring so more of cartoons and imagery will help. I think that will catch on with the public (fast)," she said at the ‘National E-Summit Health Insurance Under Covid Attack’ organised by industry body Assocham.

The official said Irdai has also focus towards making wellness a part of the insurance policy package. "All of us do believe that wellness has to be promoted and wellness promoted by the insurance industry will go a long way in doing good for the policyholders and also good for the insurance industry."

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‘Only 21% Indians want to use public transport’

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NEW DELHI: In a startling revelation, a report from the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) has found out that only 21 per cent of Indians are looking to continue using public transport for their commute needs, with a whopping 73 per cent responding that they would prefer to use their own vehicles (either 2-wheelers or 4-wheelers).

The figure of 21 per cent still opting for public transport in ‘Unlock India’ is a whopping 34 per cent lower than the pre-lockdown levels of 54 per cent. And the trend is translating into auto industry sales, with car sales in the country touching 197,523 units in July 2020, 69 per cent more than the previous month and just 1 per cent less than July 2019.

The last six months have clearly seen India change the way it lives and conducts business, with the COVID-19 pandemic having a profound impact on our lives, completely altering the way India and Indians live.

Along with businesses such as hospitality, entertainment, IT services and aviation, the public transport sector was amongst the first to bear the brunt of the panic caused by the pandemic.

With lockdowns catching on and people in panic mode, the Government was forced to suspend public transport across cities countrywide. During February-March 2020 itself, the Google Mobility Report tracking visitors to public transit locations reported a decline of 60-90 per cent in traffic.

As per a World Bank-International Association of Public Transport (UITP) study on the impact of COVID-19 on public transport in India, passenger traffic reduced by 80-100 per cent during the lockdown, whereas, the economic fallout to bus operators alone was to the tune of Rs 69,000 crore.

Though there has been gradual recovery to the extent of 40-70 per cent since the period of Unlock, the traffic pattern has shifted (at least temporarily) to increased use of private cars and bikes.

The findings above are part of a report released by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM), along with its knowledge partner, Primus Partners.
An uttam future for UP

It is just a matter of time before this State becomes one of the best in India not only on the issue of governance but also on imparting education and health services.

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This is a point-up against the UP Government’s unwise decision to turn UP into a "model" or "showcase" State. This situation was created by the present UP Government, which has been handpicked and appointed by the UP Government. The government is trying to create a "showcase" State by promoting tourism and other economic activities. The government is focusing on promoting tourism and other economic activities to attract investors and tourists.

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Discussion on rights of digital consumers

The Consumer Protection Act of 2019, which has replaced the 1986 law has given scope to consumer courts to deal with complaints pertaining to e-commerce, direct selling entities and unfair contracts. To discuss various provisions of Act and to discuss the Consumer Rights, Assocham along with FICCI organized knowledge management virtual meet on consumer protection — The People’s Right.

At the virtual meet, the speakers discussed various provisions of Act such as product liability action against manufacturers, sellers and service providers for any defects or deficiencies or even failure to provide adequate warning about the use of the product or service.

Government officials and industry including Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, Santanu Kumar Agrahari, Joint Secretary Food Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, (Jharkhand), Arit Bhattacharya, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Consumer Affairs Dept (West Bengal) and others attended the meet. Industry experts such as Rajat Banerjee, VP Corporate Affairs, Amway India Enterprises Pvt Ltd, Venkata Reddy Donthi, Reddy Advocate, RVR Associates, JPR Attorneys & Advocates, Bejon Misra, International Consumer Policy Expert, Anuj Singh, Amway Business Owner and others attended the meet.

In the meeting, Khare talked about the various provisions laid in the Act protecting the rights of digital consumers. She claimed that the new law is in tune with the modern day concepts of consumer protection, the new market dynamics and the rapid advances in digital technology that has so transformed our world.

The event started with an introduction by Bharat Jaiswal, RJ, Assocham, Jaiswal in his address highlighting the provisions of consumer protection act said that in this age everyone is consumers in the literal sense of the term. “When we buy things from the market as a consumer, we expect value for money, i.e., quality, quantity, right price, information about the mode of use, etc. However, there may be instances where a consumer is cheated,” said Jaiswal.

In such cases, most of us do not know whom to approach to seek redressal. Moreover, a majority of us are unaware of our “rights” as a consumer and often hesitate to complain or even stand up to unfair practices & injustice,” added Jaiswal.

Bejon Misra, International Consumer Policy Expert on the occasion said that due to the digitalization, the old Act possessed certain challenges and needed immediate attention and the time has come where consumers can witness and cherish the new Consumer Protection Act, 2019 that has recently replaced the three-decade old Consumer Protection Act, 1986.
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GEARING UP FOR MAKE-OR-BREAK FESTIVE SEASON

Industry Seeks Deferment of Mandatory E-invoicing till Jan

Wants more time to implement technical capabilities

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New Delhi: Industry bodies and multinational companies have sought deferment of mandatory e-invoicing till January 1 next year, seeking more time to implement requisite technical capabilities as they approach the make-or-break festive season.

FICCI, CII, Assocham and the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), which represents several American multinational firms operating in India, are among several industry associations that have asked the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs to allow industry to implement e-invoicing on a voluntary basis from October 1, but extend the deadline for mandatory implementation till December end.

As per a survey conducted by Assocham, over 60% of its members have sought for the extension.

“We have requested the government to introduce e-invoicing from October 1 on a voluntary basis and make it mandatory after three months,” Assocham secretary-general Deepak Sood told ET.

“With the current situation and the fact that we are entering a festive season, though sentiments are muted, it is better to wait for such a major change,” he said.

The government announced the implementation of the new scheme from October 1, 2020, which is mandatory for business-to-business transactions for companies with turnover of over Rs 100 crore.

Earlier this week, the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), the digital backbone of GST, which is executing the scheme said the electronic invoicing standard will not be applicable for business-to-consumer supplies or import bills of entry, and SEZ units, banking companies, insurers, goods transport agencies and passenger transport companies will be exempt from using it.

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India Inc Hails Labour Laws Revamp

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New Delhi: India Inc hailed the proposed changes to labour laws, saying they would provide operational freedom to employers, although provisions related to universal social security and guaranteed minimum wages may substantially add to their cost of hiring.

The government introduced three separate labour codes—on industrial relations, occupational safety and health, and social security—in the Lok Sabha on Saturday, proposing significant changes to make them less rigid for industry, while strengthening the safety net of workers.

“The initiative of bringing transparency and accountability through codification of labour laws will bring ease of compliance to the industry and investment push for India,” said MS Umeshkumar, chairman of the CII national committee on industrial relations.

The Industrial Relations Code (IR Code, 2020) allows businesses with up to 300 workers to retrench and close establishments without government approval.

Industry body Assocham said empirical evidence showed that flexibility in hiring or firing led to net employment generation. “The increase in the threshold of 300 workers, as against 100 at present, has been tried well in Rajasthan, resulting in more employment. Given the current stressed times, this move would support more players to scale up operations and attract investments,” Deepak Sood, secretary general of Assocham said.

“The national and state licence for contract staffing under OSH Code will not only be a progressive step to increase formalisation but an opportunity for over 30 crore informal workers to be employed through formal staffing organisations that can give them wage protection and social security,” said Suchita Dutta, executive director of the Indian Staffing Federation.

A proposed provision under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code that entails a single licence for staffing firms to hire workers on contract across different locations instead of multiple licences, earlier, has come as big relief, the staffing federation said.

Increasing the threshold limit of contractor employees from 20 to 50 under the OSH Code, while opening up hiring of contract workers in all areas will ease compliance for employers.

“Now, the principal employer can engage contract labour through contractors in any core activity of the establishment under given conditions, which is favourable and will improve ease in doing business,” Rohit Relan, a member of industry body PCI, said. Companies are, however, apprehensive over the additional costs of providing universal social security under the Social Security Code to all workers.
State hikes ready reckoner rates, but Mumbai witnesses marginal decrease

The government on Friday announced an average hike of 1.74% in the ready reckoner rates (RR) for properties across the state, except for Mumbai where it decreased by 0.8%. The rates will come into effect from Saturday. As per the rates revised by the registration department, the highest increase is in Pune district at an average of 3.5% followed by Raigad and Nandurbar at 3%. RR rate is the standard value of an immovable property assessed and regulated by the state. The RR rates had been constant following the last revision in April 2017. Generally, new rates come into effect April 1, but the announcement had been deferred due to the Covid outbreak. Revenue minister Balasaheb Thorat told TOI rates had to be corrected, and for the first time after a revision in the rules, it was reduced in some areas. “We decided on a realistic rate. We found that in many areas, the rates were consistently high, and hence we rationalised them,” he said. “There have been maximum transactions in Pune district and, therefore, the rise there,” stated Inspector General of Registration and Stamps Omprakash Deshmukh after announcing the revised rates on Friday.

The hike in ready reckoner rates has come as a blow to the realty sector which had been demanding a reduction. “We expected a higher reduction. Hope the MCGM reduces the premiums to help the industry reduce costs and pass on the benefits to clients. The survival of the real estate is vital for the economy,” said Mumbaibuilder Sanjay Devnani.

Niranjan Hiranandani, president (national) NAREDCO and Assocham, said, “The expectation was the state government would reduce the value. Instead, it has chosen to increase the same. New projects will be impacted too as the Ready Reckoner value will govern all levies, duties and taxes payable by a developer.”

Chairman of ANAROCK Property Consultants, Anuj Puri, said a reduction in RR rates would have given developers some room to bring down prices.
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TIMES VIEW: Higher ready reckoner rates push up the agreement value of a property, thereby effectively nullifying the stamp duty reduction granted earlier by the state government. The hike will impact property sales and affect both homeowners and developers. It comes at a time when the real estate sector is looking at a downward revision in RR rates.

Developers had requested that the rates be reduced as they were very high in some areas, he added.

The average hike for rural areas in the state is 3.81%, for Influence areas 1.08%, municipal council areas 1.29% and municipal corporation areas 1.04%.

"The rate hike for rural areas in Pune was 3.81%, while it was 2.92% in the Influence areas where infrastructure projects have been announced and 4.4% in municipal council areas," he said.

"We have parameters to assess transactions and we have seen the maximum transactions in Pune district. Therefore, there is a rise in the rates here," Inspect General of Registration and Stamps (IGR) Omprakash Deshmukh said on Friday.

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Pain may persist for power, infra firms

Small gains for large sectors from recast

FALAKNAAZ SYED
Mumbai, Sept. 8

The guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India based on K.V. Kamath committee recommendations may help bail out borrowers in real estate, traders, hotels/restaurants sectors, but resolving stress in buoyant power and infrastructure sectors through this mechanism would be a challenge without economic revival, say analysts.

The Kamath committee, which suggested restructuring of Covid-stressed corporate loans across 26 sectors, identified five key ratios with different limits across sectors to be used as the threshold in implementing a resolution plan. According to the panel, sectors affected by Covid-19 account for 80 odd years of banking sector debt, formulating 31 per cent of the total banking system debt.

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As was the case earlier, the current corporate one-time restructuring framework for only standard cases with maximum tenor extension of two years in identified stressed sectors, after a limited time period, upfront heavy provisioning requirement and stringent financial thresholds for eligibility and supervisory mechanisms could be better than corporate debt restructuring which was extensively used to resuscitate NPA pools and had a success rate of as low as 15 per cent. We believe that the restructuring mechanism may help the stressed borrowers more in real estate, traders, hotels/restaurants, etc., but resolving stress in buoyant power/infrastructure sector through this mechanism will be challenging without economic revival and sectors specific packages initiatives by the government.

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Even as the first half of the current fiscal is expected to remain weak, we can expect a recovery in the second half.

CHANDRAJIT BANERJEE
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The sharp plunge in quarter-1 GDP growth numbers was anticipated. However, the magnitude of the contraction has indeed come as a surprise.

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Going forward, we are anticipating contractions ... in the July–September quarter and the October–December quarter as well.

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Industry pays rich tributes to Pranab Mukherjee

SNS & PTI
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Indian industry today paid rich tributes to former President Pranab Mukherjee, lauding his contribution to the economy and describing him as a great statesman and outstanding administrator.

Mukherjee, 84, died in a hospital in Delhi today. He was admitted to the hospital on 10 August and was placed in a deep coma. It is a great loss to the country, he said. He was a great statesman and great leader. His contributions to the Indian economy in various capacities were of high standard and great depth.

“Saddened by the demise of former President Pranab Mukherjee. He was an excellent statesman, great leader, loved and admired by ppl across political lines. My condolences, thoughts and prayers with his family and loved ones. Om Shanti,” JSPL chairman Naveen Jindal said.

In a tweet, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said: “Deeply saddened by the demise of Shri Pranab Mukherjee. His knowledge and memory about independent India’s economic history were phenomenal. Sharp mind. A true statesman. Was privileged to work with him closely as Joint/Additional Secretary Budget. May his soul rest in peace.”

Assocham secretary-general Deepak Sood said: “With his demise, the country has lost a seasoned politician, a great administrator and an Indian who was truly a Bharat Ratna”. Soo said Mukherjee's contribution to the Indian economy in various capacities was of high standard and great depth.
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Vijayan Narayanam, president, Assocham, said, “No doubt, the threshold for five ratios that banks need to monitor white putting in place the resolution plan for the stressed borrower will bring transparency and efficiency, but the whole process depends on the recovery path for each of the sectors. However, the two years time frame to achieve the threshold for all the mitas may not be sufficient for highly stressed companies,” he said.

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Industries cheer, unions see red

Labour regime tilts to employer

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New Delhi: Parliament passed three bills on Wednesday to usher in a labour regime that promises employers a less stressful hiring environment that can be tailored to business cycles and increases the size of units that can exist when conditions turn adverse.

While trade unions and some economists warned of deeper uncertainty and anxiety in factory floors, large sections of industry celebrated the passage of the bills as a milestone in labour reforms.

The Rajya Sabha passed the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, Social Security Code and the Industrial Relations (IR) Code a day after the Lok Sabha had cleared them on Tuesday.

These laws will replace 28 existing labour laws—some of them put in place by the Raj—essentially decoupling the multiplicity of state and central laws dealing with protection of workers’ rights and privileges.

A section of labour economists say the provisions will boost fixed-term contract employment without protections and workers’ power of collective bargaining, while bringing some benefit to formal sector workers since appointment letters have been made mandatory.

Trade unions, including the RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, expressed concern at several provisions that they felt restricted trade unions’ ability to negotiate with management or organise strikes.

Industry seemed to be chuffed by the changes proposed, and Pramee Minister Narendra Modi held aloft the passed bills as "shining examples of minimum government, maximum governance". Modi added that the reforms would "ensure the well-being of our industrious workers and give a boost to economic growth".

Although industry leaders used terms like "big bang" reforms to tout the bills, for were prepared to say whether investors would flock to the states that grant exemptions from provisions of the Industrial Relations Code which legalises a fixed-term employment contract. The expected short-term labour arrangement takes into account the "dip economy" which is characterised by contract for short periods and freelance work.

States like Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh which had introduced some labour reforms a couple of years ago have not yet experienced a spurt in industrial investment—and it’s hard to say whether there will be an immediate surge in private investment in a post-Covid environment.

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Industry body Assocham said empirical evidence showed that flexibility in hiring or firing led to net employment generation.

"The increase in the threshold of 300 workers, as against 100 at present, has been tried well in Rajasthan, resulting in more employment. Given the current stressed times, this move would support more players to scale up operations and attract investments," Deepak Sood, secretary general of Assocham said.
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Synopsis

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Relaxations will revive economy: Assocham

Tribune News Service

Solan, September 17

The state unit of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham) welcomed the state government's move to relax the restrictions under Unlock 4.

“We extend gratitude to the Himachal Government for taking another major step for reviving the economy. Bringing back tourists is a priority, as a major part of the state’s economy depends on it,” said Jitender Sohni, Chairman, ASSOCHAM Himachal State Council.

Deepak Sood, Secretary General, also appreciated the move and said, “We were waiting for the state to restart its tourism. Tourism is the backbone of its economy.”
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Hiranandani said this, in turn, would help pump in working capital and funds necessary to restart work on projects.

Welcoming the corrections to thresholds made to the real estate sector besides auto, aviation, road and trading wholesale, CREDAI President Satish Magar said the real estate sector has been highlighting severe liquidity crunch and its negative impact on the sector even before COVID-19 crisis.

"The RBI and the Government of India through the Ministry of Finance must address this at the earliest," he said adding that the SWAMFH Fund and additional Rs 10,000 crore to NABARD and National Housing Bank address only a small percentage of liquidity crisis in the sector."
Kamath Comtt: Companies from troubled sectors to find it difficult to meet threshold

Kolkata, Sep 08 (UNI) The ASSOCHAM today said companies from deeply troubled sectors may find it difficult to meet threshold set by the RBI’s Kamath Committee.

While ASSOCHAM welcomes the K V Kamath Panel recommendations providing relief to 26 sectors, many companies in the sectors hit badly would still find it difficult to meet the threshold recommended by the RBI, ASSOCHAM president Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani said in a statement issued here.

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Restarting India: Real estate on brink of collapsing due to COVID; experts discuss ways to revive the sector

The outbreak of the COVID pandemic and the subsequent lockdown restrictions have brought the real estate sector on the brink of collapse. According to a report by Kotak Institutional Equities, apartments in India worth Rs 2.8 lakh crore are in limbo due to stalled construction or sales. This has put nearly 28 percent of loans taken by developers across India at risk and the situation is likely to worsen.

The Kotak report also points out the COVID situation is likely to result in a 35 percent drop in demand for residential real estate in the current fiscal. Residential sales were down over 50 percent in the first half of 2020, according to a Knight Frank report.

And it’s not just the sales picture, residential rentals have seen a significant slump as well. According to sources, homeowners in Mumbai are willing to rent out apartments at a 20-30 percent discount. In some cases, home owners are willing to pay the brokerage amount out of their own pockets as well.

So, in what way can the Centre help revive the sector? To take the discussion forward, CNBC-TV18’s Shreen Bhan caught up with Niranjani Hiranandani, the co-founder and managing director of Hiranandani Group and the president of industry body ASSOCHAM; Anshuman Magazine, chairman and CEO of CBRE Group and Prashant Thakur, director and head of research at Anarock Property Consultants.
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Written By: Sargi Rohatgi

Industry body Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) revealed an interesting survey report which stated that most number of employees would like to continue work-from-home (WFH) setting even after the COVID-19 pandemic.

This survey was conducted by Primus Partners for the business chamber in 8 major cities of India—Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, and Chennai. As per the survey results, 74 per cent of the regular working staff in the companies wish to continue with WFH arrangement even after the Coronavirus is gone.
‘Covid-19 pandemic warrants overhaul of public transportation’

September 21, 2020

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The authorities launched three separate labour codes – on industrial relations, occupational safety and well being, and social safety – within the Lok Sabha on Saturday, proposing vital modifications to make them much less inflexible for business, whereas strengthening the protection web of employees.
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This can significantly decongest cities and would be beneficial in the long run, it said.

The report, prepared in partnership with Primsus Partners, said that governments will also need to look at reforms which facilitate work from home.

ASSOCHAM President Niranjan Hiranandani said: “Recent guidelines signal the government’s intention to fully unlock the economy and open public transportation for the citizens, in a phased manner. However, even with metro services resuming in early September, challenges would continue regarding the fear of the contagion, making people hesitant to return to public transportation.”
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