

## Daily Economic News Summary: 9 October 2018

### **1. Pay Tax, Get Rewards From The Government**

**Source: The Economic Times ([Link](#))**

The government is looking to put in place an incentive programme to reward and recognise honest taxpayers to encourage a culture of compliance. A committee has been set up under Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to draw up the scheme, a top official told ET. The government has launched several measures to root out black money, including stringent legislation, comprehensive amendments to the benami law and a major crackdown against tax evaders under Operation Clean Money.

### **2. Guarantors Too Will Be In Insolvency Net**

**Source: The Economic Times ([Link](#))**

The insolvency regulator is readying rules that will enable creditors to go after guarantors of ailing companies to recover dues, a move that will tighten the grip around companies as well as their promoters who had given personal covers. The Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is working on guidelines that are expected to be ready in the next few weeks, sources said, adding that the idea is to help banks and individuals recover dues from guarantors where they have failed to have the entire claims settled during the resolution process, sources told TOI. When contacted, IBBI chairman M S Sahoo confirmed the development.

### **3. Indian Aluminium Makers Win Japan Sales In Market Shake-Up**

**Source: Livemint ([Link](#))**

Indian aluminium makers including Hindalco Industries and Vedanta Ltd are boosting sales to Japan as U.S. sanctions against Russia's Rusal and import tariffs shake up traditional supply routes. India's product has generally not been regarded as high enough quality by Japan's demanding buyers, who have preferred top-tier producers like Rio Tinto, Alcoa and South32 as well as United Company Rusal. However, imports of aluminium ingot from India doubled in the first eight months of 2018 from a year ago, Japanese trade data shows, while imports of alloy - which include higher-value products - surged 11-fold off a tiny base.

#### **4. IMF Keeps India's Growth Forecast For 2018-19 Unchanged, Seeks Higher Interest Rates**

**Source: Livemint ([Link](#))**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has maintained India's growth projection unchanged at 7.3% for 2018-19 and called for further tightening of monetary policy to anchor expectations as inflation is expected to pick up. "Monetary policy should be tightened to reanchor expectations where inflation continues to be high (as recently done in Argentina), where it is increasing further in the wake of a sharp currency depreciation (Turkey), or where it is expected to pick up (India)," IMF said on 9 October in its bi-annual World Economic Outlook report.

#### **5. India And US Bilateral Trade Rises 119% Since 2007 At \$126.2 Billion**

**Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))**

Bilateral trade of goods and services between India and the US has gone up by 119 per cent since 2007, touching \$126.2 billion, according to the data collated by the office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). According to the data, exports were valued at \$49.4 billion and imports were worth \$76.7 billion. The US goods and services trade deficit with India was \$27.3 billion in 2017. The data comes at a time when the two nations are locked in a trade war. The top import categories during the last calendar year were precious metal and stone (diamonds) (\$10 billion), pharmaceuticals (\$6.1 billion), mineral fuels (\$2.7 billion), machinery (\$2.5 billion), and miscellaneous textile articles (\$2.5 billion).

#### **6. Amid Trade War With US, China May Soon Open Its Market For Indian Oilmeals**

**Source: Business Standard ([Link](#))**

Industry sources said that Chinese companies are interested in import of rapeseed meal from India through nearly half a dozen approved Indian exporters, including Adani Wilmar and Ambuja Exports. They added that China's inter-ministerial department, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ), has already taken a final decision in this regard. The official notification, however, is yet to be published. The opening up of the Chinese market would be a great opportunity for Indian oilmeal exporters. Exports from India were reeling under severe stress due to global economic uncertainty. Used as bird and animal feeds, the demand

of oilmeals is interlinked with the economic activity of the importing countries. China, however, is aggressively looking for an alternative market to the US for oilmeals import.

### **7. UIDAI Ready With Masked Aadhaar Cards Sans Number, Biometric Details**

**Source: The Hindu, Business Line ([Link](#))**

Having faced flak over privacy issues, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been exploring ways to further strengthen its systems. A step in this direction is ‘masked Aadhaar’ ID. Masked Aadhaar is an offline verification system that can be used by the holder without revealing his/her 12-digit number or giving biometric details for services. It can be downloaded from UIDAI website and has only your name, address, photo and virtual ID. “The masked Aadhaar is available to 122 crore people as it can be downloaded by the Aadhaar holder from our website or at any Aadhaar centre . This is privacy-proof, digitally signed and cannot be manipulated,” Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Chief Executive Officer, UIDAI said.

### **8. Accenture New Revenue Catches Up With Top Five Indian IT Firms**

**Source: Livemint ([Link](#))**

Accenture Plc reported 13.5% growth and added \$4.72 billion in incremental revenue in the financial year ended August 2018, a shade lower than the combined \$4.78 billion new revenue of Tata Consultancy Services Ltd (TCS), Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp, Infosys Ltd, Wipro Ltd and HCL Technologies Ltd. Accenture’s scorching growth pace was underpinned by the firm’s aggressive acquisition strategy and the firm generating more business from technology areas that are seeing faster growth: digital, the fuzzy umbrella term which each company uses to classify revenue generated from areas generally classified as social, mobile, analytics, cloud computing and Internet of Things.

### **9. Oyo Set To Enter Japan, Tap Into 2020 Olympic Games Demand**

**Source: Livemint ([Link](#))**

Oyo Rooms, the newest unicorn in India, is all set to launch its operations in Japan as it eyes a dominant market share in Japan’s budget hotel market ahead of the 2020 Olympic Games, according to two people close to the development. Japan is also the home market for Oyo’s largest investor SoftBank. According to one of the two people mentioned above, the recent round of

investment from SoftBank will be part dedicated to Oyo's aspirations in Japan. Earlier this month, Oyo raised \$800 million from Japan's SoftBank Vision Fund and other investors, taking the company's valuation to about \$4 billion. Of the \$800 million, Oyo said it would invest around \$600 million to strengthen its position in China.