

MORNING NEWS CALL

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INDIA EDITION

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FACTORS TO WATCH

3:15 pm: **IDBI Bank** management at first-quarter earnings conference call in Mumbai.

5:00 pm: **Yes Bank** management at first-quarter earnings conference call in Mumbai.

5:00 pm: **IndusInd Bank** MD & Chief Executive **Sumant Kathpalia** at first-quarter earnings conference call in Mumbai.

PROMOTION

LIVECHAT - REUTERS GLOBAL MARKETS FORUM

Coronavirus vaccine developer, Professor **Nikolai Petrovsky** at Flinders University and Chairman at Vaxine P/L in Adelaide, which has its COVAX-19 vaccine in human trials and among the top 17 candidates in the world to get the vaccine to the market, joins us to discuss the likely vaccine candidates, potential timeline, key risks and challenges of developing a vaccine for a mutating virus like SARS-COV-2. To join the conversation at 11:00 am IST, [click here](#)

INDIA TOP NEWS

India to boost drug and medical device production to lessen reliance on imports

India's chemicals minister on Monday outlined plans to boost local manufacturing in the bulk drugs and medical device industries to reduce India's reliance on imports, particularly from China.

Huawei cuts India revenue target by up to 50%, laying off staff -ET

Huawei Technologies has cut its India revenue target for 2020 by up to 50% and is laying off more than half of its staff in the country, the Economic Times reported on Monday, amid calls to boycott Chinese goods.

Indian oil, France's Total form JV to make superior quality bitumen

Indian Oil has formed an equal joint venture with France's Total to manufacture and market high-quality bitumen derivatives and specialty products for India's growing road-building industry.

Future Retail shares rise after report says Reliance nears deal with parent

Shares of Future Retail jumped on Monday after a report cited that oil-to-telecoms conglomerate Reliance Industries, led by Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani, is close to acquiring Future Group's retail unit.

GLOBAL TOP STORIES

U.S. Republicans unveil coronavirus plan, slash emergency unemployment benefit

Senate Republicans on Monday proposed a \$1 trillion coronavirus aid package hammered out with the White House, paving the way for talks with Democrats on how to help Americans as expanded unemployment benefits for millions of workers expire this week.

Second COVID-19 wave forces new travel curbs around the globe

Nations in Asia imposed new restrictions on Monday, while an abrupt British quarantine on travellers from Spain threw Europe's summer reopening into disarray, as the world confronted the prospect of a second wave of COVID-19 infections.

Moderna, Pfizer start decisive COVID-19 vaccine trials, eye year-end launches

Moderna and Pfizer launched two 30,000-subject trials of COVID-19 vaccines that could clear the way for regulatory approval and widespread use by the end of this year, the companies said on Monday.

STATE OF THE MARKETS

SGX Nifty nearest-month futures were trading 0.5% higher at 11,174.00. - NewsRise

The **Indian rupee** is likely to rise against the U.S. currency as the dollar remained under pressure on expectations that the Federal Reserve would reiterate its highly accommodative stance. - NewsRise

Indian government bond yields will likely edge lower in early session, as New Delhi in a surprise move announced the issuance of a new 10-year paper. The yield on the benchmark 5.79% bond maturing in 2030 is likely to trade in a range of 5.83%-5.90%. - NewsRise

Wall Street's main indexes closed higher on Monday as investors bet on some of the market's most high-profile stocks ahead of earnings reports while they weighed progress in U.S. government stimulus efforts against rising U.S. COVID-19 cases.

Gold rocketed to record peaks at \$1,975 while the **U.S. dollar** plumbed two-year lows as investors wagered the Federal Reserve would reaffirm its super-easy policy outlook this week, and a tolerance for higher inflation.

The **dollar** nursed losses, after slumping to a two-year low, as investors worry about the damage from the coronavirus to the U.S. economy and await the latest outlook from the Federal Reserve and the passage of a new fiscal rescue package.

U.S. Treasury yields rose back after declines on Monday as investors showed continued demand for notes at auction and prepared for a dovish message from the U.S. Federal Reserve later this week.

Oil prices rose for a third straight day, buoyed by support for demand coming from efforts to stimulate the U.S. economy's recovery from the coronavirus crisis and a weakening of the dollar that makes crude cheaper for global buyers.

Gold jumped more than 1% to a fresh record, as a weaker **U.S. dollar** and hopes of more stimulus measures to combat the economic blow from the pandemic drove investors towards the safe-haven metal.

	CLOSE	FII INVESTMENTS	EQUITIES	DEBT
PNDF spot	74.84/74.87	July 27	3,872.89 crores	(207.41) crores
10-yr bond yield	5.85%	Month-to-date	6,209 crores	(1,357) crores
		Year-to-date	(12,304) crores	(1,08,316) crores

(FII investment numbers are in Indian rupees. Source: National Securities Depository Limited)

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Hindu priests and supporters of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), a Hindu nationalist organisation, perform rituals next to pots filled with holy water and soil which they brought from various Hindu religious places, before taking the pots to the northern town of Ayodhya for a stone laying ceremony in the Ram Temple, in Ahmedabad, India July 27. REUTERS/Amit Dave

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