





**Regulatory Easing:** RBI announced regulatory measures to accommodate corporate India as their near term cash flows are likely to adversely impacted.

- RBI on March 27 had permitted all lending institutions to allow a three-month moratorium relief to their borrowers from March 1, 2020 up to May 31, 2020 to help ease any debt servicing for borrowers impacted due to COVID-19. This has now been further extended by another three months up to August 31, 2020. Banks can convert deferred interest on working capital facilities to a funded "term loan".
- ❖ Group exposure limits increased to 30% from 25% of eligible capital base of banks till June 30. 2021.
- Extension of Time for Payment for Imports and Export Credit were the other measures announced by RBI.

## **Liquidity Boost:**

- RBI will roll out special refinance facility of Rs. 15,000 cr to Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for on-lending/refinancing.
- As Exim Bank is facing challenges to raise funds in international debt capital markets. Thereby, **RBI will extend** a line of credit of Rs 15,000 cr to the EXIM Bank for a period of 90 days from the date of availing with rollover up to a maximum period of one year so as to enable it to avail a US dollar swap facility to meet its foreign exchange requirements.

# **Growth & Inflation Outlook by RBI:**

- ❖ Domestic economic activity has been impacted severely by the two-month lockdown and the fact that top-six industrialised states that account for 60% of India's industrial output are largely in red and orange zones. Besides the biggest blow to the economy came from the slump in private consumption which accounts for 60% of the domestic demand. The Governor predicted that the GDP growth in 2020-21 is likely to remain in the negative territory.
- The Monetary Policy Committee assessed that inflation outlook is highly uncertain and by Q3 and Q4 of FY21, it is expected that headline inflation will fall below the target of 4%.
- India's foreign exchange reserves have increased by US\$ 9.2 billion in FY21 so far (up to May 15) to US\$ 487.0 billion equivalent to 12 months of imports.



### **Outlook**

- The RBI in a yet another unscheduled policy meeting announced measures to boost liquidity, bring regulatory easing to borrowers, de-incentivise banks to park money with RBI and make loans more cheaper. The bond market rallied traders are expecting more rate cuts ahead as the MPC maintained its "Accommodative" stance, implying it could ease further.
- After providing a bleak outlook on Inflation and Growth the Governor added that the macroeconomic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is turning out to be more severe than initially anticipated this weighed on sentiment in the equity as well as the bond market.
- Meanwhile the bond market continues its flight towards quality remains in the bond market and Credit spreads are elevated but they also reflect the economic uncertainty and constraints in the financial system. . <a href="https://example.continue.contin

# Break-up of Monetary Announcements since the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis

Date	Announcement	Amount (Rs. Cr.)	% of GDP
Total Monetary Announcement			
27-Mar-20	TLTRO	100,000	0.50%
27-Mar-20	MSF Borrowing	137,000	0.69%
27-Mar-20	CRR	137,000	0.69%
17-Apr-20	TLTRO 2.0	50,000	0.25%
17-Apr-20	NABARD, SIDBI, NHB	50,000	0.25%
26-Apr-20	SLF - MF	50,000	0.25%
17-May-20	WMA Limit increased from Centre to State	145,000	0.73%
Mar-Apr -20	ОМО	40,000	0.20%
Mar-Apr -20	Purchase of T Bills	90,000	0.45%
Mar-Apr -20	Other Mis.	2,603	0.01%
22-May-20	SIDBI	15,000	0.08%
22-May-20	EXIM Bank	15,000	0.08%
		831,603	4.16%



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