

Brought to you by  
the inFINite Club

# CRISPY NEWS

## This is best time for India to become superpower: KPMG CEO

Global consultancy firm KPMG India's CEO Richard Rekhy today said that economic slowdown in many countries have provided a great opportunity for India to be at centre stage of world.

Addressing management students at 'Confluence-2014', held at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A) here, Rekhy also listed several challenges which India needs to overcome to become the superpower.

"Chinese economy is slowing down, while US economy is fluctuating. This is the best opportunity for India to get the centre stage. The new government (Centre) came into power at the time when we are having USD 300 billion in foreign reserves. There can't be a better time than this," he said.

Rekhy also pointed out several challenges, which he called as 'global mega-trends' that India needs to face in the coming years. "By 2030, 60 per cent of world's population will be middle class. Thus we need to build new cities and create infrastructure for this population. We also need a plan to address issues like education, health-care and water crisis," he emphasised. He said that rising dependence of automation in manufacturing sector will affect new job creation. "Indian economy cannot grow without manufacturing base. Though we are now focusing on 'Make in India' mission, we should understand that jobs will not be created by manufacturing sector but by service sector," he added. Instead of becoming economic superpower, he stressed on how India can rise as 'Responsible Superpower' by helping other nations.

He cited an example that how due to climate change, most of the coastline of Bangladesh will be submerged in next 20 years and that instead of stopping them (from migrating to India), India should act like a responsible superpower. "Recently, India ranked 142nd in 'Ease of Doing Business' criteria in the world. India needs to bring changes in regulatory framework. Government also needs to cut Income Tax rates. Instead of earning revenues from taxes, government should generate revenue by providing services to people" said Reggy.

## **Jhunjunwala's Rare Enterprises picks up stake in Spicejet**

Ace investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala's Rare Enterprises today picked up 75 lakh shares of SpiceJet for more than Rs 13 crore through open market route, amid the no frills carrier facing tough business conditions. The share purchase comes days after SpiceJet said that a few parties have evinced interest in making investments in the carrier.

## **Government Eases Gold Import Rules in Surprise Move**

The government has scrapped a rule mandating traders to export 20 per cent of all gold imported into the country, in a surprise move that could cut smuggling and raise legal shipments into the world's second biggest consumer of the metal after China. Along with a record duty of 10 per cent, India introduced the so-called 80:20 import rule tying imports to exports of jewellery last year to bring down inbound shipments and narrow the current account deficit that had hit a record.

## **AstraZeneca: Test case for Sebi's rule on 10% cap for FII**

AstraZeneca Pharma's delisting could be delayed further with some aggrieved shareholders moving the Securities Appellate Tribunal claiming the process was rigged. The Bombay High Court has ruled that AstraZeneca cannot proceed with the delisting unless SAT decides on the appeal. The matter relates to AstraZeneca's controversial Offer For Sale (OFS) to institutional investors in May 2013 to pare stake to 75 percent from 90 percent to comply with Sebi rule on minimum 25 percent public shareholding.

## **Around the world in 80 seconds**

### **Global oil prices to remain lower, triggering production cuts**

Global crude oil prices will hover around \$70 well into 2015, potentially reducing production in U.S. shale plays and sparking acquisitions of companies which may struggle under lower prices, according to eight analysts' reports compiled by Reuters. The fresh round of analyst's assessments came after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, led by Saudi Arabia, agreed on Thursday to maintain its production quota of 30 million barrels per day in the face of declining oil prices.

### **Dollar gains from oil slide, deflation in Europe and Japan**

The dollar gained on Friday as concerns about continuing low oil prices added to deflation fears in the euro zone and Japan, while conversely boosting expectations that cheaper oil will help stimulate US consumer spending. Annual inflation in the euro zone cooled to 0.3 per cent in November, marking a return to September's five-year low for consumer inflation, as energy prices fell, suggesting deflation remains a real threat for the European Central Bank.

### **Barclays' complaints fall by 7 percent in third quarter**

Customer complaints at Barclays fell by 7 per cent in the third quarter of 2014, compared with the same period a year ago, led by a decline in cases relating to the mis-selling of loan insurance. The bank said total complaints in the quarter fell by 11,407 to 150,953 from a global customer base of 48 million. That included a 21 per cent decline in complaints about insurance to 91,302. The vast majority of those complaints related to payment protection insurance sold in the UK.