

# Banks, NBFCs must raise funds, do stress test: Das

ANUP ROY  
Mumbai, 21 October

**B**anks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) must get busy raising capital and do stress test as soon as the Covid-19 pandemic is over to build resilience and to be able to provide capital to the economy to ensure growth, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Wednesday said.

"We are today at the doorstep of the revival process following the Covid crisis. We have told banks and NBFCs that as soon as the crisis settles, they must do stress tests," Das said at a panel discussion during the launch of 15th Finance Commission Chairman N K Singh's book, *Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringeide*.

"I have appealed and impressed upon them to proactively build capital buffers, not only to strengthen their inherent resilience, but also to have adequate capital to ensure that the credit flow is maintained in a phase when the economy comes for a review," Das said. Many of these banks and NBFCs have already raised capital, and many others are planning to do so in the coming months.

The RBI governor stressed the need for governance reforms in banks and NBFCs, and it should not be mixed with ownership only. "When we talk of reforms in banking, people mix it up with ownership reforms. Governance reforms in banks and NBFCs are ownership neutral," he said, adding that after the global financial crisis, governance in banks and NBFCs have become an important area of action globally.

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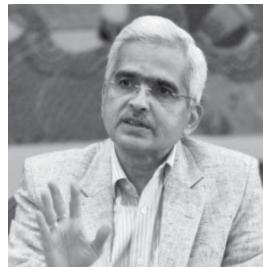
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tices, internal practices, and those who don't undertake smart accounting practices, they survive and grow in every crisis. Governance reforms are ownership agnostic," Das said.

After the Covid crisis is over, the government "certainly will have to roll out a fiscal roadmap" to ensure it gets back to the debt-to-GDP path that the 15th Finance Commission has set in, Das said. At the moment, though, fiscal and monetary policies are countercyclical and the general government debt is exceeding the targets earmarked, which would need to be rolled back, he said.

Still, the measures taken by the government have been fiscally prudent and helped sustain the financial sector, according to Das. The RBI, on its part, is in a monetary expansion mode, and has deployed several tools that were earlier not in the toolkit of the RBI.

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Participating in the discussion, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said multilateralism is in serious danger now, especially in country, especially the bigger ones, "are really very much focused on their own interests". But to preserve multilateralism, others need to step forward. There is diversity in the world and differing opinions, and democratising multilateralism can ensure its survival, he said.

India is keenly watching the debates around the US polls on trade, immigration, security issues, and how the most powerful nation views others to gauge the possible impact on the economic, political and cultural rebalancing, Jaishankar said.

Former US Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, also in the panel, said he expects a new administration in the US, and that "Covid should bring mankind together, not pull apart, and the same can be said about the climate change issue."

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In case the requested amount exceeds the remaining amount under the

scheme on the date of operation, the remaining amount will be distributed on a pro-rata basis among all the eligible requests."

The central bank had originally announced the on-tap TLTRO aggregating ₹1 trillion in the monetary policy on October 9.

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## RBI to release on-tap TLTRO funds every Monday

The Reserve Bank of India on Wednesday said banks can avail on-tap funds under the targeted long-term repo operations (TLTRO) to invest in papers issued by companies in the agriculture, agri-infrastructure, secured retail, micro, small and medium enterprises, drugs, pharma-

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### NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rules 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, read with the General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, the General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and the General Circular No. 33/2020 dated April 13, 2020, that the Company is making available to you the details of the shareholders of the Company under the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereon on account of the threat posed by Covid-19 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India (the "MCA Circulars") (including any statutory modification(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and pursuant to other applicable laws and regulations, the Company seeks approval of Members on:

1. Appointment of Mr. Dayapatra Nevalta (DIN 03557975) as Chief Operating Officer & Executive Director – Ordinary Resolution;

2. Appointment of Mr. Venugopal Lambs (DIN 08840898) as President - Global Markets & Executive Director – Ordinary Resolution;

3. Appointment of Mr. Sureshakaran Ramakrishnan (DIN 00580842) as Independent Director – Ordinary Resolution;

4. Approval of Postal Ballot through voting only by electronic means ("e-voting").

The Notice of the Postal Ballot will be sent only by email to those shareholders, whose email IDs are registered with the company or with their respective Depository Participants in accordance with the MCA Circulars and the SEBI Circular. The Notice of the Postal Ballot will also be available on the Company's website [www.mindtree.com](http://www.mindtree.com) and the website of Stock Exchanges viz., BSE Limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ([www.nsindia.com](http://www.nsindia.com)).

To enable to participate in the remote e-voting process by those shareholders whose email IDs are not registered with the Company or with their respective Depository Participants, the Company has made appropriate arrangements with the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) for registration of email IDs, in terms of the above mentioned circular.

The Process for registration of e-mail IDs is as under:

- Physical Form: Please get your e-mail addresses registered with Link Intime India Pvt Ltd, by clicking on the link: [https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email\\_register.html](https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email_register.html) and follow the registration process as guided therein. You are requested to provide details such as Name, Folio Number, Certificate number, PAN, mobile number and e-mail id and also upload the image of share certificate in PDF or JPEG format (upto 1 MB).
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- For Temporary Registration for Demat shareholders: Please get your email addresses registered with Link Intime India Pvt Ltd, by clicking on the link: [https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email\\_register.html](https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email_register.html) and follow the registration process as guided therein. You are requested to provide details such as Name, DPID, Client ID/ PAN, mobile number and e-mail id. (The data will be only used as referral data and will not be updated in the system). Kindly update your details with the respective DP for having the record permanently.

The above information is being issued for the information and benefit of all the shareholders of the Company and is in compliance with the MCA Circulars and the SEBI Circular.

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Pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulations 29 & 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015 notice is given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 29, 2020, inter alia, to consider, approve and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended on 30 September, 2020.

As required in terms of Reg. 40 of Listing Regulations, this notice is also available on website of the Company at [www.zuarisugar.com](http://www.zuarisugar.com) and website of the Stock Exchange at [www.mse.nse.in](http://www.mse.nse.in).

For Gobind Sugar Mills Limited  
Sd/-  
Gaurav Dutta  
Company Secretary

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For Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited  
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Sandip Lakshmi  
Company Secretary  
Place : Kolkata  
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Date : 21st October, 2020

Please register your e-mail address with the Company to receive communications electronically.

# SBI offers more sops for home loans above ₹75 lakh

ABHJIT LELE  
Mumbai, 21 October

Amid intense competition to a grab slice of retail credit during the festive season, banks are giving more sops to attract customers. The country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI), has now announced another round of interest rate benefits.

As a step to push retail credit in the festive season, SBI will give an interest concession of up to 25 basis points for home loans above ₹75 lakh. The extent of concession is linked to credit score and application made through the lender's digital lending app VONO.

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SBI now offers interest rates starting as low as 6.9 per cent for a home loan of up to ₹30 lakh and 7 per cent for above ₹30 lakh

sion would also be applicable for home loans up to ₹3 crore in eight metro cities, SBI said in a statement.

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Digital Banking), SBI said: "With the nation all geared for the post-Covid era, we are witnessing increased customer demands. SBI will continue to offer lucrative benefits suited needs and requirements of the customers."

Early this month, its new chairman Dinesh Khara, after taking charge, had said after the gradual withdrawal of restrictions, economic activity has slowly picked up the pace, and the bank was witnessing credit growth of around 6.7 per cent as of now. Its domestic retail credit rose by 12.85 per cent to ₹748,800 crore at the

end of June 2020 (Q1FY21).

Private lender Yes Bank, associate of SBI, has also come out with a slew of benefits, including discounts on processing fee on loans, no-cost EMIs, gift vouchers, and cash-back for retail customers. It is giving car loan of up to 100 per cent on on-road price, and pre-owned car loan of up to 100 per cent on car valuation. It is also offering hassle-free and easy home loan with up to 35 years of tenure.

According to the Reserve Bank of India data, the retail credit activity covering segments like housing and credit cards moderated in August 2020 against the trend in July. Retail loans grew by ₹6,879 crore in August; they had grown by ₹40,853 crore in July, the RBI data showed. Retail loans had grown by ₹11,518 crore in June.

Three critical categories — housing, credit card, and vehicle — saw a slowdown.

Housing loans rose by just ₹3,936 crore in August (₹11,663 crore in July), and credit card

outstanding was up by ₹3,442 crore (₹3,805 crore in July). The vehicles segment also saw a marginal rise of ₹2,072 crore (₹3,095 crore in July).

## Pompeo in India next week for strategic talks

REUTERS & PTI  
New Delhi, 21 October

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defence Secretary Mark Esper will travel to India next week for a top-level ministerial dialogue, a statement from the external affairs ministry said on Wednesday, and are expected to discuss defence and trade issues.

Pompeo and Esper will hold two-plus-two talks with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on October 27, the statement said.

Ahead of the talks, Esper said India would be the most consequential partner for the US in Indo-Pacific this century.

## Bajaj Fin Q2 profit down 36% on increased provisioning

ABHJIT LELE  
Mumbai, 21 October

Bajaj Finance's standalone net profit for the second quarter ended September 30 (Q2FY21) declined 36 per cent to ₹877 crore, from ₹1,377 crore in the corresponding period last financial year, because of the rise in loan loss provisions.

Its net interest income (NII) was up 5 per cent to ₹3,922 crore in Q2FY21, against ₹3,746 crore in Q2FY20.

Its fees, commission, and other income declined 8 per cent to ₹600 crore, from ₹652 crore a year ago.

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Its assets under management (AUM) as of September 30, 2020, declined 5 per cent to ₹10,496 crore, from ₹11,946 crore in Q2FY20.

The company's liquidity position remains very strong, the company said. The company's liquidity surplus stood at ₹22,414 crore at the end of the second quarter of 2020-21, against ₹10,270 crore a year ago.

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| Standalone numbers     | ₹ cr        |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Q2FY21                 | Q2FY20      |
| Net interest income    | 3,922 3,746 |
| Fees & commissions     | 600 652     |
| Loan loss & provisions | 1,635 581   |
| Net profit             | 877 1,377   |

Source: Company statement

company has further increased its provisions on Stage 1 and 2 assets by ₹1,306 crore to ₹4,879 crore on June 30.

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**PAYOUT COUNT FOR THE MONTH OF...**

| Series   | April    | May     |
|----------|----------|---------|
| 1 (June) | 133,080  |         |
| 2 (July) | 100,825  | 318,789 |
| 3 (Aug)  | 20,164   | 172,774 |
| 4 (Sept) | 61,807   | 40,551  |
| 5 (Oct)  | -104,608 | -35,336 |
| % Change | -178     | -111    |

Note: 1. Bracket implies month in which the data series was released; 2. Change implies the latest change in figures from the time when the data was first reported.

Source: EPFO

decline in payroll by 35.33%, the data released on Tuesday showed, against net enrolment of 318,789 reported in July — a major difference of 354.12%.

But this doesn't take away the fact that there were more job losses than gains in April and May, which were reported in the subsequent months to the EPFO.

"It gives a myopic view of the entire labour force. We do need to know the trends in the formal sector, but this dataset is constantly fluctuating making it difficult to track on a monthly basis," said Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations Senior Fellow Radhika Kapoor.

She pointed out how much of the addition to the EPFO numbers in 2017-2018 was attributed to the Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Pratsahan Yojana — a scheme effective from 2016-19 through which the government funded the EPFO contribution of new employment for the first three years.

When the Code on Social Security, 2020, will get implemented from the next fiscal year, the EPFO payroll data will get distorted further.

The new law will cover all establishments hiring at least 20 workers under the EPFO, against only specific set of sectors notified by the government.

The EPFO data released on Tuesday showed net enrolment of ₹1 million in August, compared to ₹748,784 in the previous month.

### NEWS ANALYSIS

Even for May, there was a net

