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Month gone by – A snapshot

Global equity markets were under pressure in May amid geo-political worries, rising crude oil prices and global trade concerns. This resulted in flight to safety, leading to dollar index strengthening and US bond yields declining from 3.1% to 2.8% during the month. While developed market index was up by a modest 0.3%, emerging market index fell by 3.8%. Nifty ended flat in May after a strong April. Domestic bond yields remained firm amid surging crude oil prices and depreciating INR.

Strong Q4 FY18 GDP growth signals strengthening cyclical recovery

The Q4 FY18 GDP growth of 7.7% was better than expectations, largely led by growth in investment and government expenditure. Private consumption growth has also improved but remains below pre-demonetisation levels. The GDP growth is expected to pick-up significantly from 6.7% in FY18 largely led by revival in consumption demand and further waning of GST-led disruptions. Weakness in global growth, surge in crude oil prices and increase in interest rates remain key downside risks.

Improvement in Q4 FY18 corporate earnings

The aggregate Q4 FY18 corporate earnings, excluding banks, witnessed an improvement. Accelerated NPA recognition across banks, albeit good in the long run, pulled down overall earnings. Consumption-focused sectors (Automobiles, Consumer Durables and Consumer Staples) posted strong earnings growth led by robust volume growth, signalling continued demand pick-up. Pace of downgrades has tapered, with corporate earnings expected to improve further in FY19 supported by an underlying cyclical recovery.

Normal monsoon to aid growth in rural economy

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted "normal" rainfall at 97% of long-period average (LPA) for the 2018 monsoon season (June-September) with adequate spatial and temporal distribution. Importantly, July – a crucial month for food production – is expected to receive rains of 101% of LPA. This bodes well for food production and rural economy.

Fixed income market performance

Fixed income market remains weak: Fixed income markets remained weak in May, largely led by 1) surge in crude oil prices leading to record-high domestic fuel prices, 2) lacklustre demand by PSU banks, 3) weak INR (-5.5% YTD) and 4) worries around inflation and fiscal balances. The foreign institutional investors (FIIs) remained net sellers for four consecutive months, with net outflows at US$ 2.6bn in May. The 10-year g-sec yield ended flat at 7.8%, partly supported by open market purchases by RBI, but is up 70bps from April-low level.

Bond yields may remain firm in the near-term: Demand-supply mismatch, coupled with weakening macro-economic environment, is likely to keep bond yields firm in the near-term. The key factors that are likely to impact fixed income markets include 1) RBI's stance in the upcoming policy meeting (June 6), 2) trend of GST collections 3) decision on MSP (Minimum Support Price) hikes, 4) OPEC decision regarding crude oil production and 5) monetary policy actions by global central banks, particularly US Fed.

Equity market performance

Equity market consolidates: Following a strong April, Indian equity market declined in May, in-line with the global trend. This was largely on account of negative global geo-political developments and rising crude oil prices. On the positive side, recovery in corporate earnings provided downside support. The FIIs remained net sellers for second consecutive month, while domestic flows remained fairly robust. While Nifty index ended flat MoM in May (+2% YTD), Mid-cap index declined by 5.9% (-10% YTD).

Equities to remain under pressure in near-term; medium-term outlook positive: Evolving global geo-political environment, coupled with rising domestic macro-economic headwinds and political uncertainty, is likely to keep equity markets under pressure in the near-term. Moreover, monetary policy actions by global central banks amid rising geo-political woes remain crucial for equity markets. In the medium-term, improving economic growth outlook and revival in corporate earnings bode well for equity markets.

Sanjay Kumar

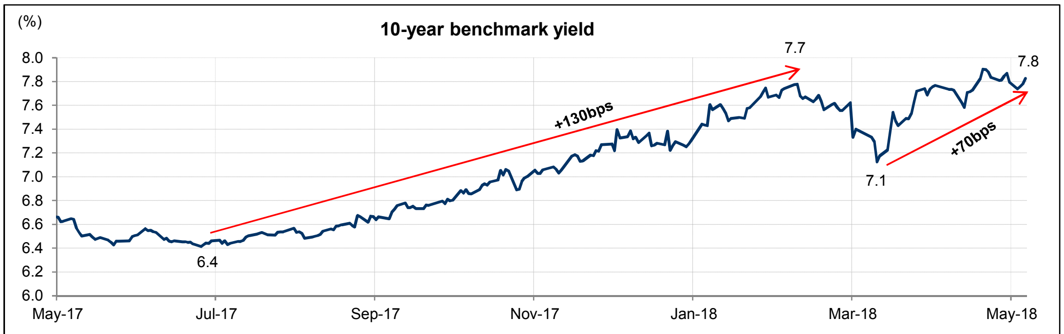
Chief Investment Officer

Economic and market snapshot

Indicators	May 2017	Feb 2018	May 2018	3 Month Change	12 Month Change
Economic indicators					
Consumer Price Index (CPI) Inflation (%)	3.0	5.1	4.6	-0.5	1.6
Gross Domestic product (GDP Growth) (%)	6.1	7.0	7.7	0.7	1.6
Index of Industrial Production (IIP) (%)	4.4	7.3	4.4	-3	0.0
Brent crude oil (USD/barrel)	50	66	78	18%	54%
Domestic Markets					
Nifty Index	9,621	10,493	10,736	2%	12%
BSE Mid-cap Index	14,625	16,563	16,014	-3%	9%
10-year G-Sec Yield (%)	6.7	7.7	7.8	10 bps	110 bps
30-year G-Sec Yield (%)	7.3	8.0	8.1	10 bps	80 bps
10-year AAA PSU Corporate Bond Yield (%)	7.6	8.2	8.5	30 bps	90 bps
Exchange rate (USD/INR)	64.5	65.2	67.4	-3%	-4%
Global Markets					
Dow Jones (U.S.)	21,009	25,029	24,416	-2%	16%
FTSE (U.K.)	7,520	7,232	7,678	6%	2%
Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index (China)	3,117	3,259	3,095	-5%	-1%
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	19,651	22,068	22,202	1%	13%

Source: Central Statistics Organisation (CSO), RBI, Bloomberg

10-year government bond yield trend



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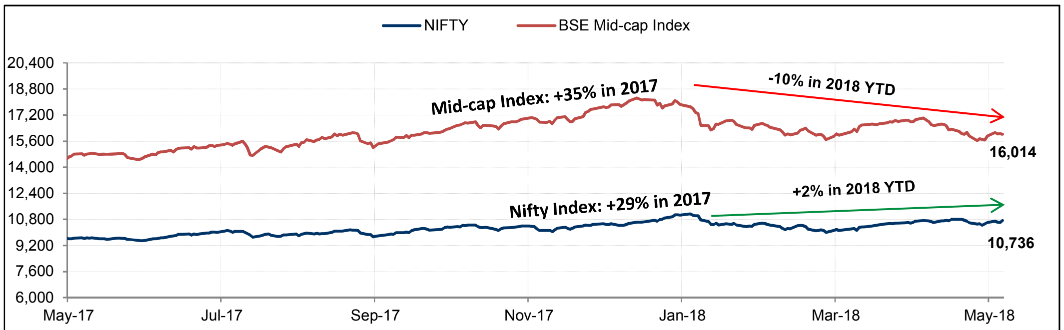
Equity Market performance



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The time to consider Critical Illness Insurance is Now

As we celebrate world Cancer day in February, we would like to highlight insurance covers with options for critical illness. The best way to illustrate this is through an ex; Mayank Desai, a marketing executive, was diagnosed with cancer and had a long and painful recovery. While the insurance company took care of the hospital bills, Desai's family had to undergo financial stress to meet household expenses as he stayed home and recuperated.

Desai's case is by no means unique as an increasing number of people are falling prey to critical illness at younger age. At the same time, the cost of health care is rising and crippling Indian households. Keeping this scenario in mind, investing in a comprehensive health insurance plan to safeguard the interest of the family, has become imperative.

One needs to understand the structure and the benefits of different health insurance products before investing. Health insurance plans can be broadly classified in two categories, namely indemnity based and benefits based. Under an indemnity based plan the insured is paid the entire amount that he spends on medical treatment, provided it is equal to or less than the sum assured. Benefits based plans are mainly critical illness plans under which the insured can claim the entire sum assured for the treatment of a critical illness specified in the policy, irrespective of actual costs incurred.

Investing in mediclaim can prove extremely useful in case of minor ailments. However, they become futile in case the insured contracts a critical illness such as cancer which demands much larger expenses over a longer term. A critical illness plan can prove extremely beneficial in this case as the lump sum received by the insured can be used to get the illness treated by best professionals. Also the sum assured, if in excess of the medical treatment, can be used to take care of the household expenses during the time of the illness.

Investors can also go for an endowment based life insurance policy from an insurer with a Critical Illness (CI) rider as it will give them a comprehensive insurance cover. This is to say that the sum assured can be claimed by the insured in case he survives through the term or by his family in case he does not. In addition, with a CI rider to the policy, the medical expenses will also be covered in case a critical illness is contracted during the term, over and above the sum assured.

In addition to providing a cover for medical expenses, health insurance products also attract tax benefits. Investing in comprehensive health insurance therefore will not only provide investor the peace of mind but also the freedom to plan their finances to meet more fundamental financial goals.

MARKET OVERVIEW

FUND CATEGORY

Gratuity Balanced Fund

Gratuity Debt Fund

As on May 31, 2018

Gratuity Balanced

SFIN No: ULGF00205/06/04GRABALANCE117

Investment Objective: To generate capital appreciation and current income, through a judicious mix of investments in equities and fixed income securities.

Investment Philosophy: The fund will target 30% investments in Equities and 70% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

Fund Details

Fund Manager	Funds managed by the Fund Manager
Deb Bhattacharya	Equity - 3 | Debt - 2 | Balanced - 6
Himanshu Shethia	Equity - 0 | Debt - 6 | Balanced - 4

AUM as on 31-05-2018	NAV as on 31-05-2018	Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)
Rs. 56 crore	Rs. 21.4135	4.5

Portfolio Return

As on May 31, 2018

Returns	Absolute Return		CAGR Return			
	Last 1 Month	Last 6 Months	Last 1 Year	Last 2 Years	Last 3 Years	Since Inception
Portfolio return	-0.2%	1.4%	5.2%	8.6%	7.6%	8.9%
Benchmark*	0.0%	1.2%	5.2%	9.1%	7.7%	8.7%

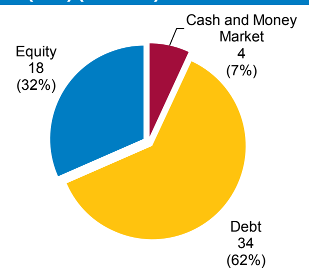
Note: *Past returns are not indicative of future performance.*

** Benchmark return has been computed by applying benchmark weightages on Nifty 50 for Equity and CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index for Debt*

Asset Classes

Asset Classes	F&U	Actual
Government and other Debt Securities	25%-95%	61.6%
Equities	5%-35%	31.5%
Money Market and other liquid assets	0%-40%	6.9%

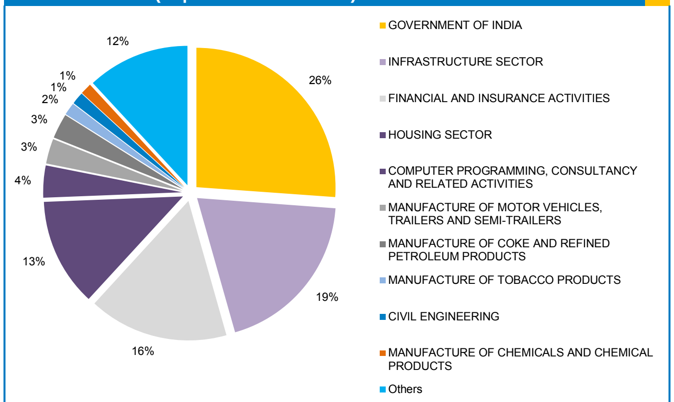
Asset Under Management (AUM) (Rs crores)



Portfolio Components

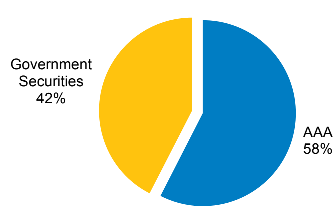
Security	Rating	Net Assets
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES		
6.68% GOI 2031	Sovereign	10.4%
8.6% GOI 2028	Sovereign	7.0%
8.25% SDL 2026	Sovereign	5.3%
7.35% GOI 2024	Sovereign	1.7%
7.17% GOI 2028	Sovereign	1.7%
TOTAL		**26.1%**
CORPORATE BONDS		
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AAA	7.2%
RELIANCE GAS TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	AAA	6.4%
L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD	AAA	6.1%
DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	5.4%
POWER FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	5.1%
HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED	AAA	3.6%
SUNDARAM FINANCE LTD	AAA	1.8%
TOTAL		**35.4%**
TOP 10 EQUITY SECURITIES		
H D F C BANK LTD.		3.9%
RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD.		2.6%
INFOSYS LTD.		2.0%
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPN. LTD.		1.8%
I T C LTD.		1.5%
LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.		1.4%
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD.		1.2%
MARUTI SUZUKI INDIA LTD.		1.1%
I C I C I BANK LTD.		1.0%
INDUSIND BANK LTD.		0.9%
Others		14.2%
TOTAL		**31.5%**
CASH AND MONEY MARKET		**6.9%**
PORTFOLIO TOTAL		**100.0%**

Sector Allocation (As per NIC Classification*)

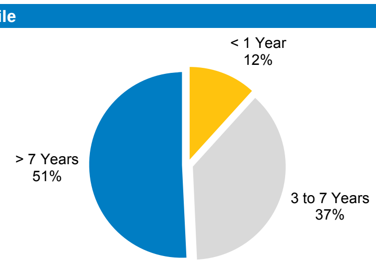


**NIC Classification – Industrial sectors as defined under National Industrial Classification 2008*

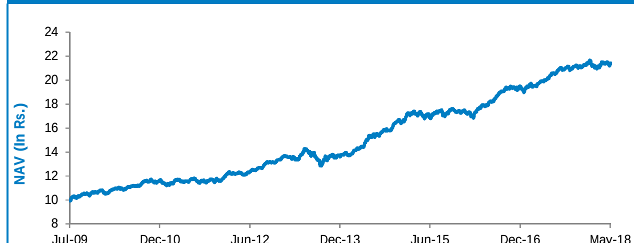
Credit Rating Profile



Maturity by Profile



NAV Movement



Date of Inception: July 07,2009

As on May 31, 2018

Gratuity Debt

SFIN No: ULGF00105/06/04GRADEBTFND117

Investment Objective: To earn regular income by investing in high quality fixed income securities.

Investment Philosophy: The fund would target 100% investments in Government & other debt securities to meet the stated objectives.

Fund Details

Fund Manager	Funds managed by the Fund Manager	
Himanshu Shethia	Equity - 0 | Debt - 6 | Balanced - 4	
AUM as on 31-05-2018	**NAV as on 31-05-2018**	**Modified Duration (Debt and Money Market)**
Rs. 94 crore	Rs. 18.1173	4.6

Portfolio Return

As on May 31, 2018

Returns	Absolute Return		CAGR Return			
	Last 1 Month	Last 6 Months	Last 1 Year	Last 2 Years	Last 3 Years	Since Inception
Portfolio return	-0.2%	-1.1%	1.8%	6.1%	6.7%	8.3%
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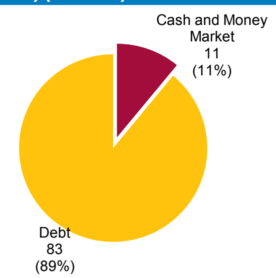

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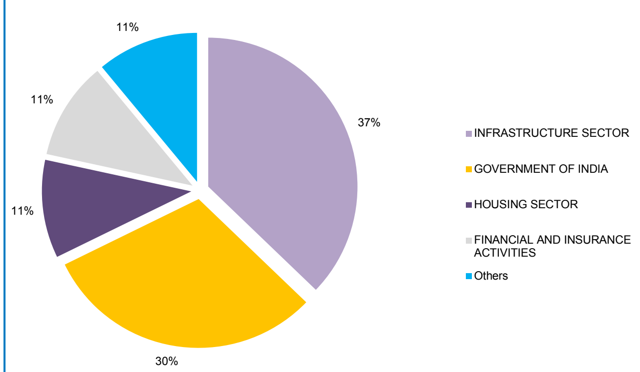

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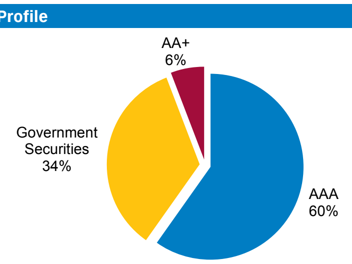

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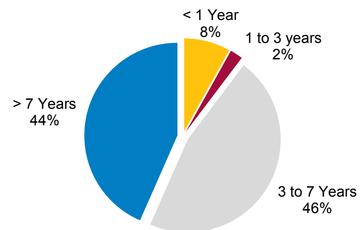

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8.13% GOI 2021	Sovereign	0.1%
7.95% GOI 2032	Sovereign	0.0%
TOTAL		**30.6%**
TOP 10 CORPORATE BONDS		
POWER FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	9.5%
RELIANCE PORTS & TERMINALS LTD.	AAA	5.6%
INFRASTRUCTURE LEASING & FINANCIAL SERVICES	AAA	5.6%
L&T INFRA DEBT FUND LTD	AAA	5.4%
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD	AAA	5.3%
DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPN. LTD.	AAA	5.3%
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CORPN. LTD.	AAA	5.3%
SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE CO. LTD.	AA+	5.2%
RELIANCE GAS TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	AAA	3.2%
IDFC BANK LIMITED	AAA	3.2%
Others		4.9%
TOTAL		**58.4%**
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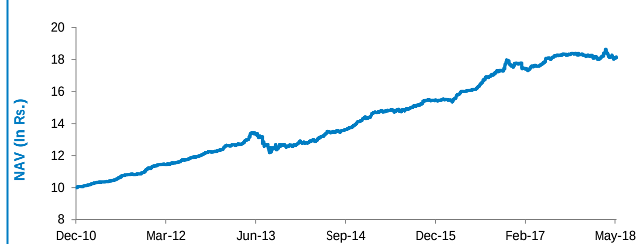
NAV Movement



Date of Inception: December 20,2010

Quantitative Indicators

- **Standard Deviation (SD)** - It shows how much the variation or dispersion of a fund's daily returns has from its average. Lesser SD indicates that the daily returns are moving closer to the average. A higher SD indicates that daily returns are widely spread over a large range of value.
- **Beta** – It indicates how the fund is performing relative to its benchmark. If beta of a fund is higher than its benchmark, which is considered 1, it indicates risk-return trade-off is better and vice-versa.
- **Sharpe Ratio** – It measures the risk-reward ratio as it indicates whether higher returns come with higher or lower risk. Greater the ratio, better is the risk-adjusted performance.
- **Average Maturity** – It is the weighted average period of all the maturities of debt securities in the portfolio.
- **Modified Duration (MD)** – It is the measurable change in the value of a security in response to a change in interest rates.
- **Bond yield** – Bond yield is the amount of return an investor realizes on a bond. Several types of bond yields exist, including nominal yield (interest paid divided by the face value of the bond) and current yield (annual earnings of the bond divided by its current market price). Yield to maturity (YTM), a popular measure where in addition to coupon return it also additionally incorporates price decline/increase to face value of the bond over the maturity period.

Macroeconomic Indicators

- **Macroeconomics** - Macroeconomics is the branch of economics that studies the behavior and performance of an economy as a whole. It focuses on the aggregate changes in the economy such as unemployment, growth rate, gross domestic product and inflation. Macroeconomics analyzes all aggregate indicators that influence the economy. Government and corporations use macroeconomic models to help in formulating of economic policies and strategies.
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** - GDP is one of the primary indicators used to gauge the health of a country's economy. It represents the total value of all goods and services produced over a specific time period. It can be stated in real terms or nominal terms (which includes inflation).
- **Gross value added (GVA)** - GVA is a productivity metric that measures the contribution to an economy, producer, sector or region. Gross value added provides a value for the amount of goods and services that have been produced, less the cost of all inputs and raw materials that are directly attributable to that production.
- **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** – The index represents the production growth of various sectors in India. The index focuses on mining, electricity and manufacturing. The ongoing base year for calculation of index is 2004-2005.
- **HSBC Purchasers Managers' Index (PMI)** - Three types of indices – Manufacturing, Services and Composite Index are published on a monthly basis after surveys of private sector companies. An index reading above 50 indicates an overall increase in that variable, while below 50 shows an overall decrease.
- **Inflation** – Inflation measures the change in the prices of a basket of goods and services in a year. From a calculation standpoint, it is the percentage change in the value of the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) / Consumer Price Index (CPI) on a year-on-year basis. It occurs due to an imbalance between demand and supply, changes in production and distribution cost or increase in taxes on products. When economy experiences inflation, i.e. when the price level of goods and services rises, the value of currency reduces.

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Macroeconomic Indicators

- **Nominal interest rate** - Nominal interest rate is the interest rate that does not take inflation impact into account. It is the interest rate that is quoted on bonds and loans.
- **Real interest rate** - Real interest rate adjusts for the inflation and gives the real rate of a bond or a loan.
- **Monetary Policy** – Monetary policy is the macroeconomic policy laid down by the Central bank. It involves management of money supply and interest rates to achieve macroeconomic objectives like inflation, consumption, growth and liquidity. Depending on growth-inflation dynamics, the central bank can either pursue an easy or a tight monetary policy. An expansionary/easy/ accommodative monetary policy involves expansion of money supply, mainly by keeping interest rates low, to boost economic growth. A contractionary/tight monetary policy involves reduction in money supply to control inflation in the economy.
- **Liquidity** - The Central bank of a country has to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity to help meet the credit demand of the country as well as maintain price stability. This is done by way of direct monetary policy tools such as policy rates and cash reserves to be maintained with it by banks. It is also done by indirect means such as Open market Operations (OMO) which involve sale and purchase of Government securities.
- **Fiscal Deficit –** This takes place when India's expenditure rises than its revenue. To fill this gap, the Government raises debt by issuing Government/ sovereign bonds. Fiscal deficit is usually compared with GDP to understand the financial position of the country. Rising fiscal deficit to GDP ratio is not good for the country, which requires immediate attention to cut expenditure and/or increase the source of revenue.
- **Current Account Deficit (CAD)** - Current account deficit is a measurement of a country’s trade where the value of imports of goods and services as well as net investment income or transfer from abroad is greater than the value of exports of goods and services for a country. This indicates that the country is a net debtor of foreign currency, which increases the pressure on the country's existing foreign currency reserves. Current account surplus is the opposite of this.
- **Investment** - In private investment, the funds come from a private, for-profit business. A few examples of private investment are a private company’s manufacturing plant, a commercial office building, or a shopping mall. In public investment, the money exchanged comes from a governmental entity such as a city, state, country, etc. It would involve roads, airports, dams and other public infrastructure.

Market Indices

- **Nifty 50 Index –** It is a well diversified 50 stock index accounting for 22 sectors of the economy. It is used for a variety of purposes such as benchmarking fund portfolios, index based derivatives and index funds.
- **CRISIL Composite Bond Fund Index** - It seeks to track the performance of a debt portfolio that includes government securities and AAA/AA rated corporate bonds.

Fixed Income Indicators

- **Repo Rate** - The rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks is called repo rate. It is an instrument of monetary policy. Whenever shortage of funds banks has, they can borrow from the RBI.
- **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)** - CRR is the amount of funds which the banks need to keep with the RBI. If the RBI decides to increase the CRR, the available amount with the banks comes down. The RBI uses the CRR to drain out excessive money from the system.

Fixed Income Indicators

- **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)** – It is a rate at which the RBI provides overnight lending to commercial banks over and above the repo window (repo rate). The interest rate charged is higher than the repo rate and hence it is used when there is considerable shortfall in liquidity.
- **Statutory Liquidity ratio (SLR) –** In India, commercial banks are required to maintain a certain percentage of their total deposits (net demand and time liabilities) in notified Government securities to ensure safety and liquidity of deposits. This percentage is known as the SLR rate. If the RBI or Central Bank reduces the SLR rate, it means that higher liquidity will be available to banks for their lending activity and vice-versa.

Others

- **Goods and Services Tax (GST) –** The GST is one of the biggest indirect tax reforms, with an aim to make India one unified common market. It is a single tax on the supply of goods and services, right from the manufacturer to the consumer. Credits of input taxes paid at each stage will be available in the subsequent stage of value addition, which makes GST essentially a tax only on value addition at each stage. The final consumer will thus bear only the GST charged by the last dealer in the supply chain, with set-off benefits at all the previous stages.
- **Foreign institutional investors (FIIs)** - FIIs are those institutional investors who invest in the assets belonging to a different country other than that where these organizations are based. These are the big companies such as investment banks, mutual funds etc, which invest considerable amount of money in Indian equity and fixed income markets, and consequently have a strong bearing on the respective market movement and currency.
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