Onion price

increases to Rs 70

per kg, Odisha asks

NAFED to intervene

New delhi: With onion prices

reaching Rs 70 per kilogram

(kg) in the market, the Odisha government on Wednesday

said it has asked the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of

India Limited (NAFED) to

sell the vegetable at the rate of

Rs 30 per kg in the state. State Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister K C Patra

attributed the price rise to the

market situation at Nasik in

Maharashtra from where the

onions are procured. He said the base price of onions

remained at Rs 45 per kg in

Nasik. "Onions are not pro-

duced in Odisha and hence,

the state is dependent on other

states. Prices of onion and

garlic are high outside the

state and it has contributed to

the price rise here. We have

asked (NAFED) to sell onions at Rs 30 per kg in

Odisha," the minister told

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# Vistara ends nine-year journey; operates last flight before merger with Air India

EW DELHI: Vistara, the Tata Group and Singapore International Airline (SIA) joint venture carrier, flew for the last time on Monday, thus marking an end to its glorious nineyear journey. Vistara is now getting merged with Air India, which has ambitions to establish itself as India's premier full-service airline.

'istara's last domestic voyage was a Mumbai-Delhi flight, ÚK986, an Airbus A321, flew from Mumbai airport at 10.50 pm on November 11, 2024. The airline's last foreign journey was New Delhi-Singapore flight. UK 115, an Airbus A321 Neo, departed from Delhi at 11.45 pm on Monday."Thank you to our 75 million passengers for your support, patronage and touching testimonials. Humbled and honoured to have been part of this team. Onwards and upwards towards our new chapter. The new feeling has a new home," said Vinod Kannan, CEO at Vistara -TATA SIA Airlines in a LinkedIn post.Many passengers and former employees associated with Vistara shared their delightful experiences with the airline. "As the sun sets on one of the most loved brands in the



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country, I wear this Uniform one last time, with a mix of pride and emotions in my heart. In the words of our CEO, "We made a DAMN GOOD AIRLINE"!!!Goodbye Vistara! You shall be missed dearly...," wrote Nehal, a pilot with Vistara on X. Vistara was launched in January 2015. Tata Sons owns a 51% stake with SIA holding the remaining 49%. Vistara's inaugural flight took off on January 9, 2015, from Delhi to Mumbai. After establishing a strong presence on key metro routes, Vistara expanded to tier-2 and tier-3 cities.In

August 2019, Vistara launched its first international flight from Delhi to Singapore. Vistara's Premium Economy, a rare feature on Indian flights, became popular with corporate travellers. The airline's focus on premium services, curated meals, personalized entertainment, and spacious scating distinguished it from other earriers. Due to its strong financial backing, Vistara survived and thrived in the challenging Indian aviation market even as competing airlines such as Jet Airways Go First

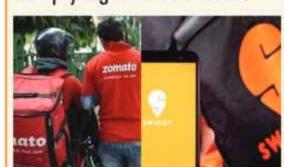
### Gold, silver price Precious metals record hike on MCX

New Delhi, Both gold and silver prices recorded a hike on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Gold futures, maturing on December 5, 2024, stood at Rs 75,420 per 10 grams on the MCX, after recording a jump of Rs 69 or 0.09 per cent. The previous close was recorded at Rs 75,351.Meanwhile, silver futures, maturing on December 5, 2024, witnessed a marginal hike of Rs 22 or 0.02 per cent and were retailing at Rs 89,204 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 89,182. The gold and silver prices in India depend on several factors, including the value of the rupee against the dollar. Global demand also plays a key role in determining the trends observed in the rate of precious metals.

#### GOLD, SILVER PRICES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET

Gold ticked up on Tuesday but hovered near a onemonth low, while investors awaited U.S. economic data and comments from Federal Reserve officials for further clarity on the interest rate trajectory, news agency Reuters reported.

## Zomato, Swiggy say complying with CCI rules



MUMBAI: Amid a CCI investigation into anticompetitive practices, Zomato has emphasised its adherence to competition laws, while competitor Swiggy has affirmed its dedication to following local regulations.

Both Zomato and Swiggy called reports about the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) probe "misleading". They pointed out that the CCI has not yet made final decision on claims of unfair business practices like giving special treatment to restaurant partners. In a regulatory announcement, Zomato said the CCI had issued a preliminary order on April 4, 2022. This order instructed the Office of the Director General of the Commission to look into breaches of the Competition Act. "Since the intimation of April 5, 2022, the CCI, on merits, has not passed any order. The aforementioned news article is misleading,"

# Sensex, Nifty rise ahead of inflation data; Hindalco shares gain 2% after beating estimates in Hindalco gains after Q2 results

NEW DELHI. Benchmark stock market opened the trading session on a positive note as investors wait for the release of retail inflation data later in the day. The S&P BSE Sensex was up 148.85 points to 79,645 at 10:2 6 am, while the NSE Nifty was up 46.75 points to 24,188.05.

The other broader market indices were trading in positive territory as volatility dipped during the session. Nifty Realty jumped 2% and was the top gainer among sectoral indices. Highweightage sectors such as Nifty IT, Nifty Bank and Nifty Financial Services also gained.

Trent, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, Sun Pharma, and Tata Steel were the top five gainers on the Nifty50. On the other hand, the top losers were Britannia, HDFC Bank, Asian Paints,



BEL and Bajaj Auto.Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "Two strong factors have been at play in this consolidating market. One, the relentless selling by FIIs has been favouring the bears and pulling the market down. Two, the sustained buying by DHs has been supporting the

market preventing a crash in the market." How the market will trend in the coming days will depend on the relative strength of these two factors. In this context, it is important to note that the intensity of FII selling is coming down (yesterday FII selling was Rs 2026 crores) and the inflows into mutual funds is steadily increasing which will enable DHs to continue buying,"

he explained. He also highlighted that monthly flows into equity mutual funds have touched an all-time high of Rs 41,887 erore in October, clocking a 22% month-on-month increase. "This can provide resilience to the market and fundamentally strong fairly valued stocks like the leading banking names will outperform."

# Will Trump's win force India to rejig corp taxcritical Illness Insurance

NEW DELHI. As discussions around potential cuts in the US corporate tax rate gain momentum post-Donald Trump's presidential victory, India may find itself at a critical juncture, needing to reassess its own corporate tax framework to remain competitive in attracting foreign investment.

However, experts are of the view that the dynamics of tax rates are complex and influenced by various factors beyond mere comparison with US rates. The government announced a significant cut to the corporate tax rate for domestic companies from 30% to 22% in 2019, and for new manufacturing companies, the rate was set at 15%. Despite these reductions, India's corporate tax rates remain relatively high compared to some ASEAN and OECD economies.Akhilesh Ranjan, Advisor with PwC and Former Member of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), points out that while India has already reduced its corporate tax rates in recent years to foster economic growth, the global investment landscape is dynamic."A competitive corporate tax regime is crucial, but it must be complemented by improvements in infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, and labour market conditions," Ranjan said.

He says that India does not need reconsider its approach to tax policy as the current strategy to stabilise the tax regime aims to provide predictability for investors. Surajkumar Shetty, Partner at JSA Advocates and



Solicitors, notes that the difference between India's corporate tax rate of 22% and the US rate of 21% is not that significant. After accounting for surcharges and cess, India's tax rate touches 25%. He emphasized that India offers numerous benefits that can lower the effective tax rate for foreign companies.Riaz Thingna, partner at Grant Thornton Bharat, emphasizes that investments are primarily guided by business opportunities and returns, with tax acting as a sweetener. While the United States potential move toward lower corporate tax rates will require a relook at India's corporate tax policy, Thingna highlights that India's ambitious capital outlay on infrastructure and fiscal prudence will limit its ability to reduce tax rates easily. To continue attracting FDI, India may consider moderate and gradual tax rate reductions while ensuring stable and predictable tax policies, faster dispute resolution, and reduced tax administration complexities will play an even greater role in attracting investment, he said. Aashish Kasad, Tax Partner, EY India, concurs with Thingana. She says to safeguard its position as a premier investment destination, India might need to recalibrate its corporate tax rates, striking a delicate balance between attracting foreign investment and fostering a sustainable revenue system.

Meanwhile amid fears that the minimum tax under Pillar 2 is in peril under the Trump regime, Ranjan said, "India currently does not appear to be in a hurry to implement the minimum tax under Pillar 2, as the likely revenue gains may not justify the high costs associated with its administration. Therefore if Trump remains unsupportive of Pillar 2 taxation.

# Q2 report: Should you buy

NEW DELHL. Shares of Hindalco rose by 2.6% on Tuesday, reaching a high of Rs 672.20 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), following strong financial resulyts for Q2 FY25. The aluminium and copper manufacturing giant reported a 123% year-on-year (YoY) rise in standalone net profit, amounting to Rs 1,891 crore. This figure is an increase from the Rs 847 crore posted in the same quarter last year and exceeded the market estimate of Rs 1,294 crore. Hindalco's revenue from operations also saw an 8% YoY increase, reaching Rs 22,262 crore for the reporting period. The profit surge was largely driven by strong operational performance in Hindalco's India business, favourable market conditions, and effective cost control measures. Analysts said that Hindalco's overall performance reflected resilience in the face of challenging market factors, particularly within its overseas operations. Hindalco's Novelis unit, the world's largest producer of flat-rolled aluminium products and a major contributor to Hindalco's international business, saw some mixed results in the quarter. Novelis reported revenue of \$4.3 billion, marking a 5% YoY increase, mainly due to higher average aluminium prices. However, adjusted EBITDA for Novelis dropped by 5%, standing at \$462 million. This decline was attributed to less favourable metal benefits, an unfavourable product mix, and a \$25 million impact from a flood at the company's Sierre facility in Switzerland. Excluding the flood impact, Novelis' shipments rose by 4%, with EBITDA per tonne at \$502. Although the flood event in Sierre presented a temporary challenge, the segment maintained growth, indicating a stable base for Novelis despite regional

### disruptions. SHOULD YOU BUY, SELL, OR HOLD?

Several brokerages have shared their perspectives on Hindalco's performance and provided recommendations for investors considering the

### JPMORGAN.

JP Morgan has retained an 'Overweight' rating for Hindalco, with a target price set at Rs 735. The brokerage highlighted the strong Q2 performance across Hindalco's India operations and noted the absence of any significant negatives in the quarterly report. JP Morgan expects a slight upward revision in the FY25 consensus estimates following this strong quarterly showing, signalling confidence in Hindalco's ability to sustain its growth trajectory.

Investec has maintained a 'Buy' rating on Hindalco, with a target price of Rs 860. The brokerage pointed out the operational strength shown in Q2 while also noting that further clarity is needed on capital expenditure plans for future growth. Additionally.

















