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### **CREDAI-MCHI NEWS**

#### **1. Outlook**

##### **Headline:**

**Chief secy reviews COVID-19 situation in Thane district**

##### **Link:**

<https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/chief-secy-reviews-covid19-situation-in-thane-district/1864196>

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## 2. Express Health Care

### Headline:

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### Link:

<https://www.expresshealthcare.in/covid19-updates/chief-secretary-ajoy-mehta-reviews-covid-19-cases-in-thane/421768/>

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## CITY NEWS (MMR)

### 1. Money Control

#### Headline

**No bailout is coming; Mumbai real estate industry should now lobby for the right bureaucrats**

#### Link

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/real-estate/no-bailout-is-coming-mumbai-real-estate-industry-should-now-lobby-for-the-right-bureaucrats-5396221.html>

Interest rate cut or rise in FSI makes good headlines but the revival of real estate will no longer depend on announcements but on a set of execution specialists.

No single individual has redefined the real estate landscape in Mumbai more than T. Chandrashekhar. His tenure as the boss of Thane Municipal Corporation set the foundation for that belt to become an economic and residential hub. That performance would however get overshadowed by his next grand execution – the construction of the new business district, Bandra Kurla Complex. It changed the economic geography in such a manner that the district fetches the highest realty prices in Mumbai and is a cash-cow for the administrative body that governs it – MMRDA. Rumour has it that a small developer who is now a mid-level developer tracked his postings and initiatives closely and planned projects in the same vicinity counting on the fact that the area would be subsequently transformed.

## 2. Mumbai Mirror

### Headline:

**Primary health centre a must in SRA projects**

### Link:

[https://mumbaimirror.indiatimes.com/mumbai/other/primary-health-centre-a-must-in-sra-projects/articleshow/76349231.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://mumbaimirror.indiatimes.com/mumbai/other/primary-health-centre-a-must-in-sra-projects/articleshow/76349231.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

The move is aimed at upgrading health infra in slum clusters. Housing Minister Jitendra Awhad on Friday said that all Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) projects will have a primary health centre (PHC) from now on as an intrinsic part of the approved project layout.

Awhad, who recovered from Covid, announced the decision on Twitter. “Henceforth, all Slum Rehabilitation Projects will have a primary health care centre admeasuring 1,000-5,000 sq ft. It will be free of FSI basis,” he wrote, adding that the orders had already been issued.

## **BANKING AND FINANCE NEWS**

### **1. Economic Times**

#### **Headline**

**RERA to approach RBI for loan restructuring for real estate sector**

#### **Link**

[https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/real-estate/rera-to-approach-rbi-for-loan-restructuring-for-real-estate-sector/articleshow/76340635.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/wealth/real-estate/rera-to-approach-rbi-for-loan-restructuring-for-real-estate-sector/articleshow/76340635.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

NEW DELHI: The All India Forum of Real Estate Regulatory Authorities (AIFORERA) is planning to approach the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to request for an one-time loan restructuring for the real estate sector, taking a cue from a similar aid extended to the micro, small and medium enterprises segment by the central bank.

The two leading industry bodies, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI) and the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) have have said that developers are either not getting fresh loans or even loan top ups, which in turn, has hurt construction activity of existing projects

### **2. Economic Times**

#### **Headline:**

## **RBI constitutes group to review rules on private sector banks**

### **Link:**

[https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/rbi-constitutes-group-to-review-rules-on-private-sector-banks/articleshow/76343420.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/rbi-constitutes-group-to-review-rules-on-private-sector-banks/articleshow/76343420.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India constituted an Internal Working Group (IWG) to review existing ownership guidelines and corporate structure for the private sector banks.

The central bank said that the IWG will examine and review the extant licensing and regulatory guidelines relating to ownership and control, promoters' holding, requirement of dilution, control and voting rights, among others.

“The review would provide an opportunity to harmonise the norms applicable to banks set up at different time periods, irrespective of their date of commencement of business,” RBI said.

Prasanna Kumar Mohanty, Sachin Chaturvedi, Lily Vadera, SC Murmu and Shrimohan Yadav are the members of the Working Group.

## **4. Economic Times**

### **Headline:**

**Slow transmission of bank rate cuts impacts returns on HAM road projects: India Ratings**

**Link:**

[https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/infrastructure/slow-transmission-of-bank-rate-cuts-impacts-returns-on-ham-road-projects-india-ratings/articleshow/76344421.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/infrastructure/slow-transmission-of-bank-rate-cuts-impacts-returns-on-ham-road-projects-india-ratings/articleshow/76344421.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

Slow transmission of the RBI-prescribed bank rate cuts in project lending rates will impact debt service coverage ratios in operational hybrid annuity model (HAM) based projects, says India Ratings.

The RBI has slashed repo rates by almost 200 basis points since June 2019 from 6.25 per cent to 4.25 per cent to ensure availability of cheaper credit.

However, the transmission of the reduced rates has been limited, with key non-banking finance companies having barely reduced the l ..

## **5 Economic Times**

**Headline:**

**RBI paper on banking governance aimed at putting robust management in place: EY India**

**Link:**

[https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/expert-view/rbi-paper-on-banking-governance-aimed-at-putting-robust-management-in-place-ey-india/articleshow/76339626.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/expert-view/rbi-paper-on-banking-governance-aimed-at-putting-robust-management-in-place-ey-india/articleshow/76339626.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

If banks must prepare themselves for September, RBI will have to announce a restructuring scheme, says Abizer Diwanji, Partner.

Another important development apart from what is going on with the moratorium has been the discussion paper on governance in banks. How long can promoters manage the bank? What do you make of this discussion paper?

I think it is pretty much documenting or coming up with the code of conduct on how operations will be run and a very specific responsibility has been put on the board. Going forward, the responsibility of the board has become far more onerous and there is a need to set up not only the code of conduct but also a culture which not only needs to be documented by the board but beyond the point will also need to be communicated down the lines. The responsibility for that communication is now with the board and the senior management of the bank.

## **6. The Indian Express**

### **Headline:**

**HDFC, Central Bank slash lending rate**

### **Link:**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/hdfc-central-bank-slash-lending-rate-6456239/>

Mortgage firm HDFC had reduced its retail prime lending rate (RPLR) on housing and non-housing loans, on which its adjustable rate home loans (ARHL) are benchmarked, by 20 basis points, with effect from June 12, 2020. The change will benefit all existing HDFC retail home loan and non-home loan customers.

Central Bank of India has cut its interest rate on external benchmark linked accounts by 40 basis points. Interest rate on home loans has come down to 6.85 per cent. It has also introduced a guaranteed emergency credit line to MSMEs. Interest rate is linked to Repo rate with a cap of 7.5 per cent.

## **7. Financial Express**

### **Headline:**

**HDFC Bank Summer Treats for people in semi-urban, rural India – Check what is on offer**

### **Link:**

<https://www.financialexpress.com/money/hdfc-bank-summer-treats-for-people-in-semi-urban-rural-india-check-what-is-on-offer/1989499/>

HDFC Bank has come out with its summer offers for the people situated in the most remote parts of the country. The bank today launched the rural phase of ‘Summer Treats’, which has exciting offers to meet the changing needs of merchants as well as salaried and self-employed customers.

Efforts to curb the spread of Covid-19 have changed consumer lifestyles and demands. Work from home and school from home have resulted in increased demand for phones, tablets, computers and related accessories. Demand for safe digital payments and private transport is also rising. Similarly, as shops and businesses begin to reopen, they have requirements for business finance, the bank said.

## **8. HINDUSTAN TIMES**

### **Headline:**



## Central bank sets up panel to review ownership of pvt lenders

### Link:

<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=13607a8ab29&imageview=0>

Mumbai : The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday said it has constituted an internal working group to review the existing guidelines on ownership and corporate structure of private sector banks. The group will be headed by RBI executive director PK Mohanty.

“Though the overarching principles that the ownership and control of private sector banks should be well diversified and that the major shareholders are ‘fit and proper’ have remained unchanged, the specific contours have evolved over the years with specific prescriptions being given as part of licensing guidelines issued at various points in the past. It is, therefore, felt necessary to comprehensively review the extant guidelines on ownership, governance and corporate structure in private sector banks, taking into account key developments which have a bearing on the issue,” RBI said.

## 9. Hindustan Times

### Headline

## HDFC cuts retail lending rates by 20 basis points

### Link

Mumbai : Housing Development Finance Corp. (HDFC) on Friday cut its retail prime lending rate by 20 basis points to 16.2% with effect from June 12.

The reduced rate will benefit all existing HDFC retail home loan and non-home loan customers.

This is HDFC's third reduction in its so called retail prime lending rate (RPLR) since March.

Borrowers will save ₹325 per month on instalments on a ₹25 lakh loan with a 20 year tenure and ₹300 per month for a 15-year tenure after the latest reduction.

## 10. Hindustan Times

### Headline:

**Loan interest can't be waived, SBI tells Apex court**

### Link:

<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=136c87a40a6&imageview=0>

New Delhi : Banks are of the view that interest on loans cannot be waived for the six months of the repayment moratorium allowed by the central bank, State Bank of India (SBI) told the Supreme Court on Friday.

SBI's statement came in an intervention application it filed on Friday in a plea seeking a waiver on interest charges during the course of the moratorium on loan repayments given by banks amid the nationwide lockdown.

The apex court directed the Centre to file a detailed reply in three days and scheduled the case for hearing on 17 June.

## 10. Live Mint

**Headline:**

**Post covid, platform-based banks will find it easier to increase profits: Report**

**Link:**

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/post-covid-platform-based-banks-will-find-it-easier-to-increase-profits-report-11591941704792.html>

Covid-19 has accelerated the urgency for digital transformation and banks may need to take a more pragmatic approach to transformation to pursue their journey towards Open X

MUMBAI: Retail banks face pressure to transform as entrants focused on customer experience gain significant market traction, according to World Retail Banking Report 2020 (WRBR) published by Capgemini and Efma.

**NATIONAL NEWS****1. Hindustan Times****Headline**

**Small biz gets GST compliance relief**

**Link**

<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=136436d891e&imageview=0>

New Delhi : The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Friday eased compliance burdens for pandemic-hit industry, particularly small businesses, but deferred taking a call on crucial issues such as resolving the inverted duty structure and paying timely compensation to cash-strapped states for their revenue shortfalls.

Taxpayers who could not file their GST returns between July 2017 and January 2020 can now file them after paying a reduced late fee of ₹500 if they have tax liabilities. Taxpayers who do not have any tax liability and who missed filing returns will not have to pay any late fee, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said after the Council's 40th meeting that took place through video conference. The window to do this will be open from July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020, she said. The council has also provided compliance-related concessions to small businesses that have faced problems due to the pandemic, she said. The Union finance minister is the chairperson of the apex federal body on indirect tax and finance ministers of states are its members. Normally, the council's decisions are unanimous.

## **4. Money Control**

### **Headline**

**COVID-19 impact: Corporates may reduce real estate costs by 20% to counter impact on economic activity**

### **Link**

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/real-estate/covid-19-impact-corporates-may-reduce-real-estate-costs-by-20-to-counter-impact-on-economic-activity-5395351.html>

As employees get ready to return to their offices, the corporate real estate world is likely to see significant changes with respect to the way they operate as the world weathers through an unprecedented crisis. With social distancing and new hygiene standards being the order of the day, the idea of a typical modern office is all set to change

With the announcement of Unlock 1.0, organisations are looking to reduce corporate real estate costs by 20 percent at the very least to counter the effect of the dip in economic activity.

Corporates are also looking at emphasising hygiene and precautionary measures of social distancing to their employees as per the recently issued guidelines.

## 5. Live Mint

### Headline

**₹14,690 crore disbursed under emergency credit line guarantee scheme as of June 11: Finance Ministry**

### Link

<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/rs-14-690-crore-disbursed-under-emergency-credit-line-guarantee-scheme-as-of-june-11-finance-ministry-11591973524491.html>

State-owned lenders have sanctioned loans worth ₹29,490 crore under the emergency credit line guarantee scheme, out of which, 50% of the credit has already been disbursed, as of June 11, the finance ministry said.

“As of 11 June 2020, PSBs have sanctioned loans worth ₹29,490.81 crore under the 100% Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), out of which ₹14,690.84 crore has already been disbursed,” the finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman’s office said in a tweet on Sunday.

## 6. YOURSTORY

### Headline

**Unlock 1.0: What it holds for real estate sector**

### Link:

<https://yourstory.com/2020/06/unlock-one-holds-real-estate-sector>

A one-of-a-kind transition is taking place, as all of us tread our path from multiple lockdown extensions towards Unlock 1.0. Amid this crucial phase, realty also needs to adopt a new framework. Lockdown was imposed to save lives, now it is time we focus on saving our livelihood.

Real Estate offerings are in an advantageous position in terms being of an investment product. The property, once purchased, not only acts as a secure capital asset for the future, but also has great potential for price appreciation as the nearby area develops.

## 6. The New Indian Express

### Headline

**Telangana Finance Minister T Harish Rao urges Nirmala Sitharaman to release Rs 2,800 crore dues**

### Link:

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/teLANGANA/2020/jun/13/teLANGANA-finance-minister-t-harish-rao-urges-nirmala-sitharaman-to-release-rs-2800-crore-dues-2155989.html>

HYDERABAD: Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Friday urged the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to release Rs 2,800 crore dues to the State under unapportioned amount of IGST, GST compensation of Rs 3,975 crore for May and June and also the devolution of taxes for June immediately.

Rao suggested that the GST Council borrow money to give GST compensation to the States.

He participated in the 40th GST Council meeting through video-conference from Hyderabad on Friday.

## **6. The Hans India**

### **Headline**

**Work From Home impacts real estate, housing choices**

### **Link:**

<https://www.thehansindia.com/business/work-from-home-impacts-real-estate-housing-choices-627697>

The Covid-19 era presents a radically transformed real estate market, with preferences changing to accommodate new market realities. With work-from-home a viable option even after the lockdown, many future homebuyers will shift to the peripheral areas for bigger homes and a better lifestyle - at more affordable prices, say a report. With the rise of Work-From-Home (WFH), the 'walk-to-work' concept may lose some sheen as prospective homebuyers will see sense in shifting to city peripheries, among many trends. The previous gold standard' of Indian housing - the walk-to-work/ short drive to work, by definition only in and around central corporate workplace hubs - may shed some of its popularity for the middle class.

## 7. The Hans India

### Headline

**Real estate can revive economy after Covid**

### Link:

<https://www.thehansindia.com/business/real-estate-can-revive-economy-after-covid-627686>

Mushrooming urban slums and the exodus of migrant workers during the two-month lockdown period highlight the failure of urban planning in India, says billionaire realty mogul K P Singh, adding that real estate business can be a major driver for reviving the economy in the post-Covid world. "One of the most important sectors of the economy, which is called urbanisation, includes real estate, construction and urban infrastructure. Now these all three are the most highly neglected sectors. Unfortunately, these should be the most important sectors of the economy," Singh said. Wrong urban development policies and inaccurate assessment of urbanisation by the Planning Commission led to creation of slums that eventually caused the migrants crisis, he said just before stepping down as Chairman of India's biggest real estate firm DLF Ltd, handing over his post to son Rajiv. Singh is now chairman emeritus of DLF.

## 8. Times of India

### Headline

**5 strategies the real estate developers can adapt, to fight with the pandemic**

### Link:



<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/subham-mohanty/5-strategies-the-real-estate-developers-can-adapt-to-fight-with-the-pandemic/>

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the real estate industry pretty adversely. Majority of the construction workers are the migrant workers. Due to the difficult situations many of these migrant workers have moved towards their own shelters and there is a less possibility of their return any time soon. Therefore, the Developers are experiencing a shortage of construction workers all around the world. Not only from the construction aspect but also the developers are experiencing problems from the revenue side as well. Many of their customers have experienced economic challenges, which has slowed down the flow of funds towards the developers. This has resulted in delayed payments to material suppliers and contractors.

## **General News**

### **1. Hindustan Times**

#### **Headline**

**Don't believe rumours, we have not decided to reimpose lockdown: CM**

#### **Link:**

<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=13631305815&imageview=0>

Mumbai : With rumours circulating on social media that the state government was planning to impose lockdown restrictions in the state once again, chief minister Uddhav Thackeray clarified on Friday that no such decision has been taken. While Mission Begin Again has relaxed some restrictions on movement, Thackeray appealed to citizens to follow lockdown norms to help curb the spread of Covid-19.

On Friday, messages started making rounds on social media about the state government in Maharashtra re-imposing the lockdown from next week. In response to these rumours, the chief minister's office issued a statement on Friday morning, dispelling these speculations.

## **2. Hindustan Times**

### **Headline**

### **Economic impact to vary in sectors**

### **Link:**

<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=13623ab9747&imageview=0>

If the Indian economy were a person, her income in 2020-21 and 2021-22 would be less than what it was in 2019-20. At least, this is what the latest World Bank forecasts tell us. There is enormous, perhaps unprecedented, economic pain ahead. Both policy and politics will have to play an important role to alleviate this. Bad policy can delay, even derail economic revival. Good politics can ensure that the suffering of the masses is minimized. What can be done to ensure this?

A three-part series in these pages looked at the nature of economic challenge facing India in detail. Its main argument was that India needs a demand-side intervention. But Indian economy is both huge and diverse. The policy response will have to be mindful of this diversity. Only then can suitable measures be applied where they are needed. Policy, especially in times of crisis, is also a question of distributing scarce resources among competing needs.

## **3. Hindustan Times**

**Headline****City doing better, but far from road to recovery****Link:**

<https://epaper.hindustantimes.com/Home/ShareArticle?OrgId=136043a5185&imageview=0>

Mumbai : Amid the grim Covid-19 milestones, Mumbai is showing some signs of improvement, with its share in Maharashtra's cases dropping to 54.82% as of June 12, from the average of 64% in May. The city has seen a dip in cases in Dharavi, Worli, Wadala and Parel, which had emerged as Covid hotspots, according to the state's and civic body's data for their wards. Some areas such as Govandi, and Mankhurd, Bandra East, and slums of Kurla and Ghatkopar, too, are registering a drop in cases in June, compared to May.

Experts, however, say it is too early to rejoice. Reasons? None of the 24 wards of Mumbai are showing signs of flattening the curve. Experts feel Mumbai is in the middle of its peak right now, with this being its "wait-and-watch period". And, with the staggered easing of relaxations announced in the city since June 5, as part of Maharashtra's Mission Begin Again plan, cases are likely to surge again.

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