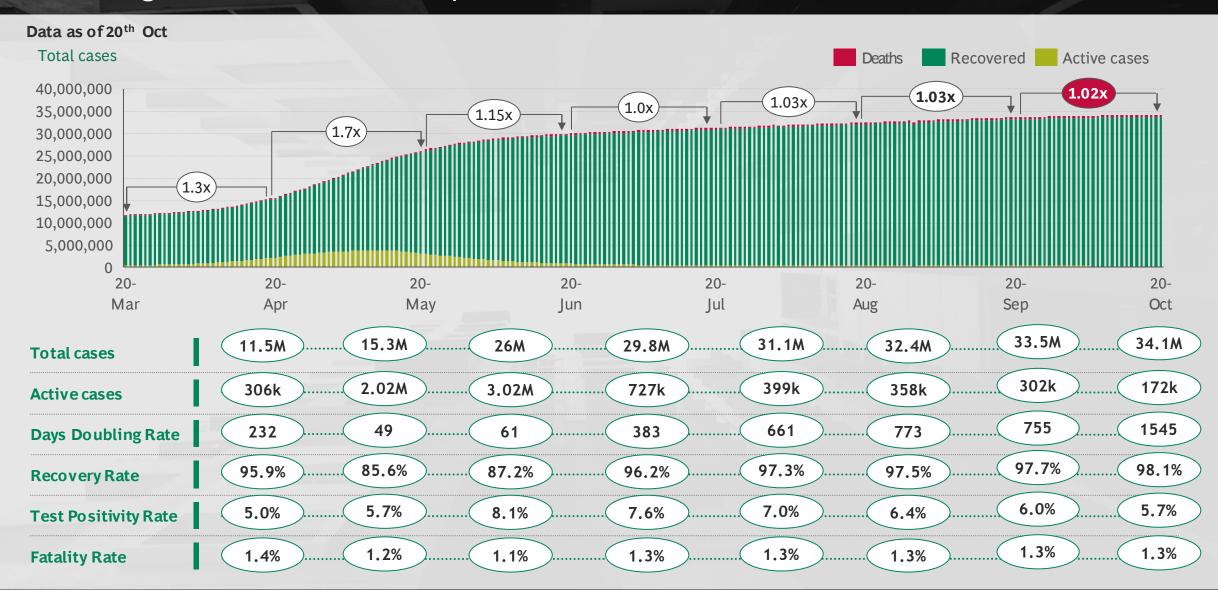
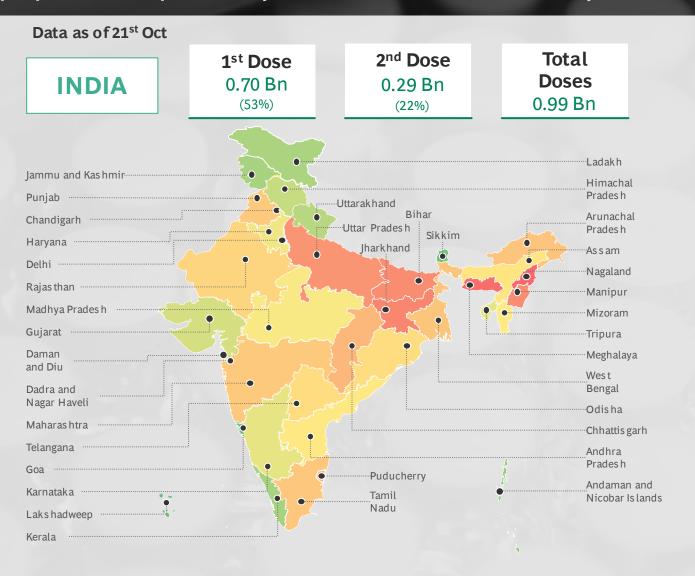




COVID-19 active case count registered a massive decline, recovery rate & days doubling rate continued to improve in Oct'21



India reached ~1 Bn mark in administering COVID vaccines; More than 50% of India's population partially vaccinated & 22% fully vaccinated as on 3rd week of Oct'21



		Beneficiaries partially
S. No	State/UT	vaccinated (%)
1	Goa	81%
2	Lakshadweep	81%
3	Sikkim	78 %
4	Himachal Pradesh	78 %
5	Chandigarh	78 %
6	A & N Islands	74%
7	Kerala	72%
8	Jammu & Kashmir	72%
9	Ladakh	71%
10	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	68 %
11	Uttarakhand	67%
12	Gujarat	65%
13	Delhi	65%
14	Tripura	63%
15	Karnataka	62%
16	Haryana	61%
17	Haryana Madhya Pradesh	60%
18	Mizoram	59%
19	Andhra Pradesh	58 %
20	Assam	58 %
21	Odisha	56%
22	Telangana	56%
23	Rajasthan	54%
24	Punjab*	52%
25	Maharashtra	52%
26	Tamil Nadu	52%
27	West Bengal	51%
28	Arunachal Pradesh	51%
29	Chhattisgarh*	48 %
30	Puducherry	48 %
31	Uttar Pradesh	42%
32	Bihar	40%
33	Manipur	40%
34	Jharkhand	39%
35	Meghalaya	34%
36	Nagaland	33%

India's proportion of fully vaccinated population lower than G20 peers - long way ahead to fully vaccinate the entire population

Data as of 21st October

Select G20 countries

	Country	Doses administered (Mn)	Vaccinated—first dose (%)	Fully vaccinated (%)
*	Canada	57.81	79.0%	74.0%
	Italy	87.96	77.0%	70.0%
	U.K.	94.86	74.0%	68.0%
	France	97.40	76.0%	68.0%
	Japan	182.08	76.0%	68.0%
	Germany	110.22	69.0%	66.0%
# # #	South Korea	73.32	78.0%	66.0%
	United States	409.44	66.0%	57.0%
C*	Turkey	114.43	66.0%	57.0%
•	Argentina	56.22	70.0%	55.0%
	Brazil	258.82	74.0%	51.0%
3	Mexico	112.20	54.0%	40.0%
	Russia	95.89	35.0%	32.0%
	Indonesia	173.01	40.0%	24.0%
•	India	900	53.2%	22.2%
	South Africa	20.20	24.0%	18.0%

Executive Summary

In Sep'21, growth occurred at a moderated pace across several high frequency indicators (e.g., indices of industrial activity, fuel consumption, logistics) vs. previous month. Merchandize trade deficit widened substantially on account of spike in imports. UPI transaction value & volume grew, however at a slower pace vs. previous months. Trends across sectors were mixed - some sectors (e.g., life insurance premium) registered a decline while others (e.g., non-life insurance, pharma sales, cement) remained above pre-COVID levels. Supply chain imbalances led to slowdown in auto & fertilizer sales in Sep'21 vs. previous months. GST collections remained above the INR 1 Tn mark. Inflation eased significantly in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21 however, is expected to shoot up due to looming rise in energy prices. Manufacturing PMI improved, although remained below global levels while Services PMI dipped vs. Aug'21. Analyst forecasts indicate GDP growth of 8.7% to 10% YoY.

Trends across key economic indicators

- Industrial Activity: Average power consumption declined in pre-COVID levels & fuel consumption remained unchanged from the previous month in Sep'21; Indices of industrial activity (IIP & ICI) remained higher than Sep'19 levels in Sep'21
- Trade: Merchandize trade deficit widened to a record high owing to a jump in imports; Services trade surplus improved in Aug'21 vs. Jul'21; Most sub-sectors clocked improvement in merchandize exports & imports in Aug'21 vs. pre-COVID levels
- Logistics: E-way bills touched a 6-month high in Sep'21 while FASTag transaction volumes dipped in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21; Air freight registered degrowth in Sep'21 vs. Sep'19; Railway passenger bookings remained significantly below pre-COVID levels in Sep'21, albeit grew vs. Aug'21
- Financial Services: Aggregate deposits & bank credit growth remained sluggish in Aug'21, although exceeded pre-COVID levels; Both UPI transaction value & volumes touched a new high in Sep'21, although grew at a slower pace vs. previous months
- Sector-wise Impact: Auto sales (except tractor sales) remained lower than pre-COVID levels in Sep'21; Cement production remained above pre-COVID levels, steel consumption inched closer to pre-COVID levels in Sep'21; Fertilizer sales recorded degrowth in Sep'21 vs. Sep'19; Life insurance premium exceeded pre-COVID levels while non-life insurance premium fell below pre-COVID levels in Sep'21
- Macroeconomic Indicators: GST collections sustained growth, reaching a 5-month high in Sep'21; Both count & value of Govt. tenders declined in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21, albeit remained above pre-COVID levels; Gross fiscal deficit witnessed a sharp increase in Sep'21 vs. Aug'19
- Sentiment: Both rural & urban consumer improved significantly in Sep'21 vs. Jul'21, although remained below pre-COVID levels; Manufacturing PMI improved while Services PMI fell slightly vs. Aug'21, Services PMI remained above the 50-point mark for the second straight month

Note: 2019 data has been considered as pre-COVID level to assess recovery trends

Summary: Select high frequency indicators grew at a subdued pace in Aug-Sep'21 vs. pre-COVID levels

Absolute YoY delta comparison of 2021 month-wise data vs. pre-COVID 2019 levels (for respective month)

	Indicator	Unit	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1	Industrial Activity							
	Power Consumption	MU	2%	-10%	-4%	7%	14%	1%
	Petroleum Consumption	MT	-7%	-23%	-10%	-8%	-7%	-2%
	Index of Industrial Prod.	Index	0%	-14%	-5%	0%	4%	NA
2	Trade							
	Services Export	USD	-3%	-7%	6%	-1%	12%	NA
	Services Import	USD	-13%	-18%	-5%	-11%	8%	NA
	Merchandize Export	USD	17%	8%	30%	35%	28%	30%
	Merchandize Import	USD	10%	-15%	4%	17%	18%	53%
3	Logistics							
	E-Way Bills Generated	Mn	12%	-30%	29%	23%	29%	30%
	Railway Freight Originated	MT	10%	9%	11%	13%	22%	20%
	JNPT Container Traffic	TEUs	4%	1%	8%	1%	4%	8%
	Air Freight	kT	-4%	-19%	-13%	-12%	-8%	-3%
	Air Passenger Traffic	Mn	-53%	-85%	-77%	-64%	-50%	-43%
_	Rail Passengers Booked	Mn	-69%	-87%	-80%	-73%	-63%	-58%
4	Financial Services							
	UPI Transactions	Mn	238%	222%	274%	314%	314%	305%
	Total Bank Credit	INR	13%	11%	12%	13%	13%	NA
	Total Bank Deposits	INR	22%	21%	20%	23%	21%	NA

Indicator	Unit	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	
Sector-wise Impact								
Cement Production	MT	-4%	-15%	-3%	5%	17%	NA	
Steel Sales	MT	-2%	6%	-6%	-5%	-15%	-3%	
Passenger Vehicle Sales	k	0%	-58%	7%	26%	10%	-23%	
Tractor Sales	k	16%	-2%	47%	47%	49%	15%	
Two-wheeler Sales	k	-20%	-65%	-28%	-10%	-6%	-4%	
Fertilizer Sales	MT	40%	35%	36%	49%	21%	-27%	
Gross Premium (Life)	INR	-2%	-30%	-7%	-5%	18%	55%	
Gross Premium (Non-Life)	INR	9%	1%	3%	40%	37%	-8%	
Pharma. Sales	INR	13%	36%	18%	14%	15%	18%	
Chemical Production Index	Index	3%	-1%	-2%	-3%	NA	NA	
Macro eco nomic Indicator	'S							
Total GST Collection	INR	24%	2%	-7%	14%	14%	27%	
MGNREGA Jobs Demand	HHs	21%	10%	37%	73%	68%	61%	
MGNREGA Jobs Provided	HHs	-7%	-22%	1%	42%	5 7 %	54%	
No. of Tenders Announced	k	232%	82%	73%	130%	169%	129%	
Sentim ent								
India VIX	Index	5%	5%	-10%	-6%	-12%	16%	
PMI (Manufacturing)	Index	55.5	50.8	48.1	55.3	52.3	53.7	
PMI (Services)	Index	54	46.4	41.2	45.4	56.7	55.2	

2021 Monthly Trend Summary: Most high frequency indicators remained muted or witnessed degrowth in Aug-Sep'21 vs. previous month

Absolute MoM delta comparison of 2021 data (vs. previous month)

Indicator	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Industrial activity remained sluggish in Aug-Sep'21 vs.
Industrial Activity							previous month– Power consumption fell substantially
Power Consumption	-2%	-7%	8%	5%	3%	-12%	
Petroleum Consumption	-9%	-11%	8%	3%	-4%	0%	while fuel consumption & IIP remained unchanged
Index of Industrial Prod.	-13%	-8%	6%	7%	0%	NA	from the previous month in Aug-Sep'21
Trade							
Services Export	-14%	-1%	14%	-4%	3%	NA	Services imports improved slightly; Merchandize
Services Import	-21%	3%	9%	3%	0%	NA	imports spiked and both services & merchandize
Merchandize Export	-11%	5%	1%	9%	-6%	2%	exports grew MoM
Merchandize Import	-5%	-16%	9%	11%	1%	20%	exports grew inform
Logistics							
E-Way Bills Generated	-18%	-32%	37%	17%	3%	3%	Logistics indicators exhibited mixed trends - JNPT
Railway Freight Originated	-14%	3%	-2%	0%	-2%	-4%	traffic & rail freight recorded degrowth; E-way bills, & air
JNPT Container Traffic	-11%	-3%	-3%	-2%	5%	-5%	freight recorded mild improvement in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21
Air Freight	-7%	-9%	0%	9%	2%	4%	Treight recorded into improvement in Sep 21 vs. Aug 21
Financial Services							UPI transactions (by value) grew, however at a slower
UPI Transactions	-2%	-1%	12%	11%	5%	2%	
Sector-wise Impact							pace in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21
Steel Sales	-21%	27%	-13%	0%	-4%	5%	MoM growth across sectors was largely muted-Insurance
Passenger Vehicle Sales	-8%	-61%	137%	11%	-11%	-25%	premium, steel sales & 2W sales clocked mild growth
Two-wheeler Sales	4%	-63%	97%	16%	4%	11%	
Gross Premium (Life)	-78%	33%	131%	-32%	36%	11%	while passenger vehicles recorded MoM degrowth
Macro economic Indicators							Select macroeconomic indicators exhibited mixed
Total GST Collection	14%	-27%	-10%	25%	-4%	4%	trends - GST collections improved while MGNREGA
MGNREGA Jobs Provided	6%	4%	32%	-27%	-9%	-4%	jobs provided continued to fall in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21





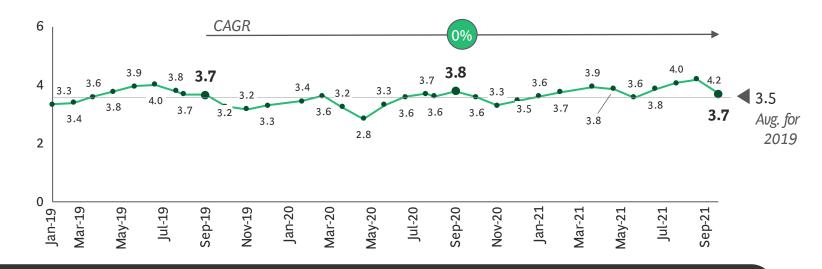


Daily average power consumption declined in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21, reaching Sep'19 levels; Fuel consumption remained below Sep'19 levels in Sep'21

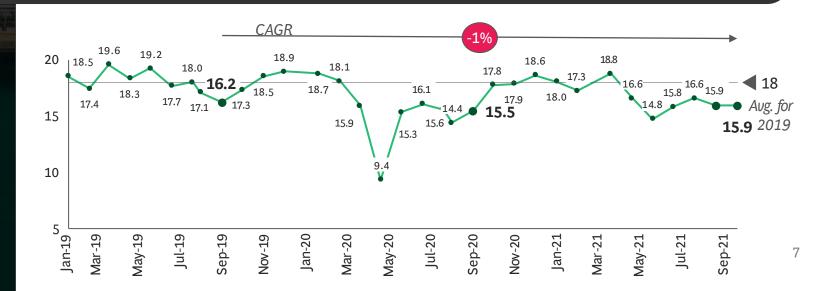
1. Petroleum products include LPG, Naphtha, MS, ATF, SKO, HSD, LDO, Lubricants & Greases, FO & LSHS, Bitumen, coke as reported (provisional) by Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell

Source: Power System Operation Corporation, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Dept. for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, PPAC, BCG analysis

Daily Average Power Consumption Volume ('000s MUs)



Consumption of Petroleum Products (in MMT)¹



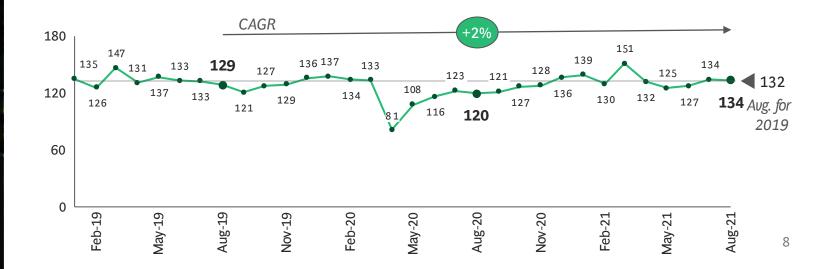
Both IIP & ICI remained unchanged from the previous month in Aug'21, however exceeded Aug'19 levels

1. Index of Industrial Production (IIP) shows the growth rates in different industry groups (comprises of Mfg. (78% weightage), Mining (14%), Electricity (8%))
2. Index of Core Industries (ICI) measures performance of production in 8 core industries (Coal, Crude, NG, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement & Electricity)

IIP (Index of Industrial Production)¹



ICI (Index of Core Industries)²



Merchandize Exports — Merchandize Imports

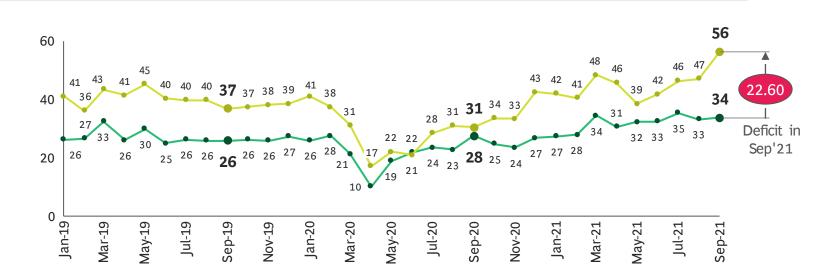


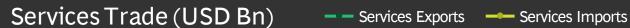
Merchandize trade gap widened to a record high in Sep'21

Services trade surplus improved in Aug'21 vs. Jul'21 & Aug'19 levels

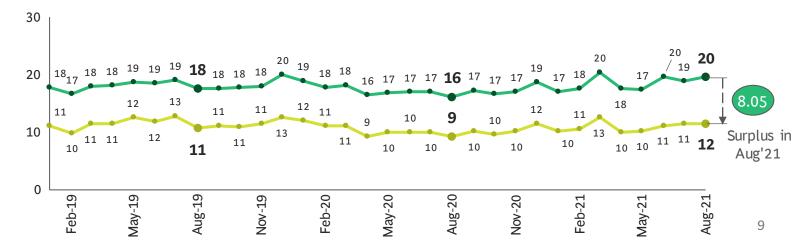
1. Jul'21 Merchandize Import and Export numbers, Jun'21; Service Import and Export numbers are provisional as provided by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 13th Aug'21

Source: RBI, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, BCG analysis





Merchandize Trade (USD Bn)

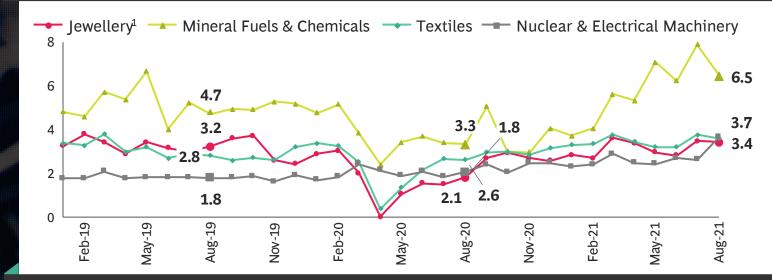




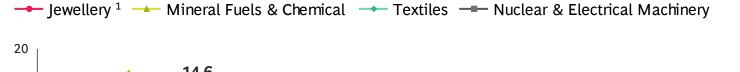
Deep-dive:
Exports as well as imports of key commodities improved in Aug'21 vs. Aug'19 and Aug'20 levels; Trade surplus for textiles improved in Aug'21 vs. 2019 & 2020 levels

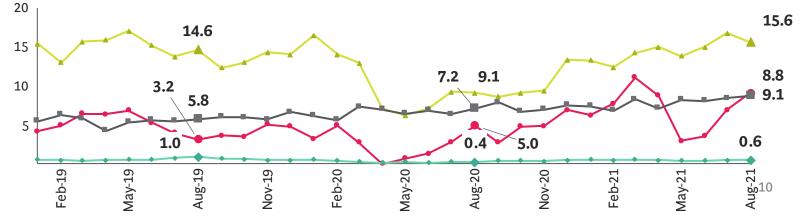
Sector-wise exports (USD Bn)

Note: Only select items (top exported) are showcased in the charts below



Sector-wise imports (USD Bn)





^{1.} Jewellery includes natural or cultured pearls, semiprecious stones

Source: Ministry of Commerce and Industry, BCG analysis

Note: Top commodities shortlisted basis share in total annual exports in 2010, 2015 & 2020

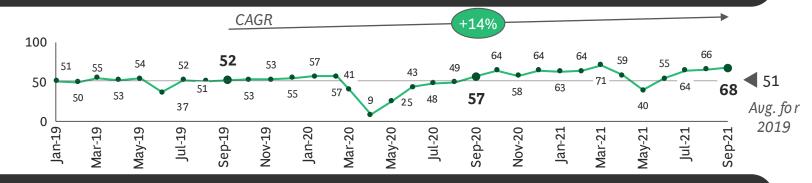


E-way bills reached a 6-month high in Sep'21; FASTag transactions dipped in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21

Railway freight fell for the second consecutive month in Sep'21, albeit remained above Sep'19 levels

1. E-Way bills are required to be generated at the time of transport of goods by every registered person if the value of the consignment exceeds INR 50,000. Source: GST Network, NHAI, NPCI, Ministry of Railways, CEIC data, BCG analysis

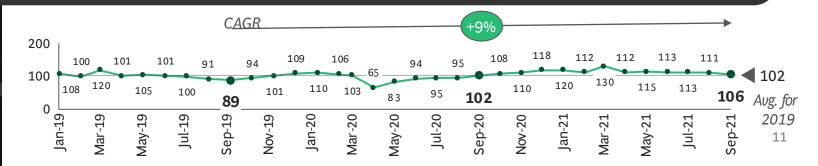
E-way bills¹ generated (Mn)



FASTag transaction volume (Mn)



Railway freight traffic originating (Mn Tons)



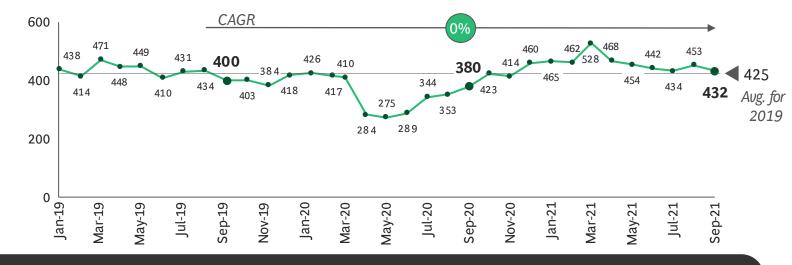


JNPT traffic dipped in Sep'21, to the lowest level since Nov'20

Air freight grew in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21, albeit remained below 2019 levels

1. TEU refers to Twenty-foot equivalent unit equivalent to 20 shipping containers (20 feet long, 8 feet tall) Source: Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Airport Authority of India, BCG analysis

JNPT Container Traffic ('000s TEUs¹)



Air Freight (K Tons)



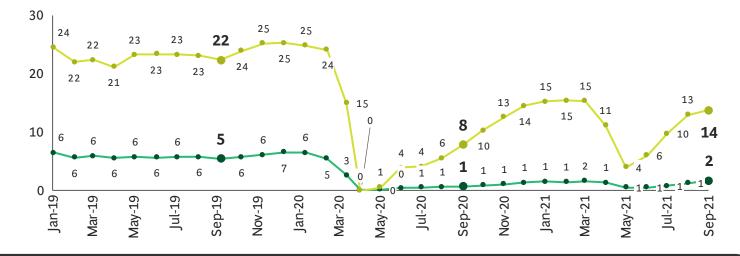




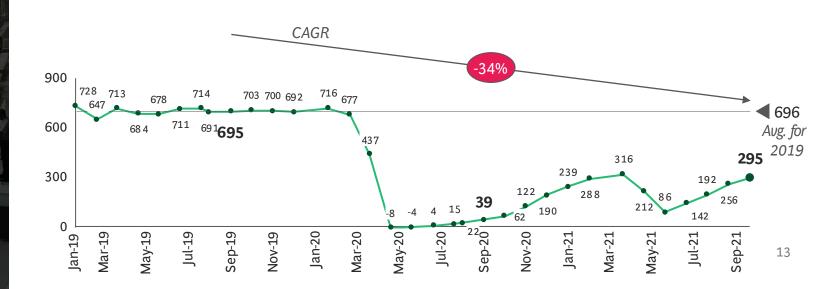
Both rail & air passenger traffic grew marginally in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21, although remained significantly below 2019 levels

Air Passengers (Mn)





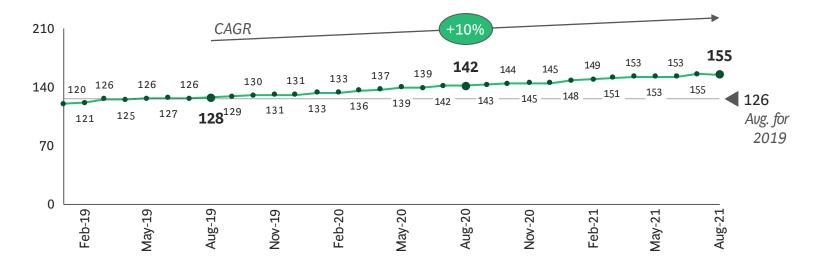
Railway Passenger Bookings (Mn)



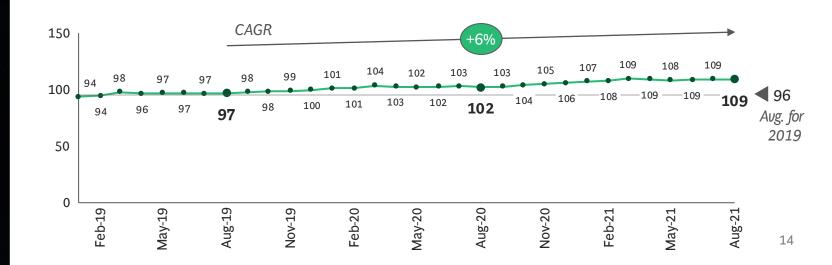


Aggregate bank deposit & credit growth remained muted in Aug'21 vs. previous months

Total deposits value aggregated for all banks (INR Tn)



Total credit outstanding value aggregated for all banks (INR Tn)



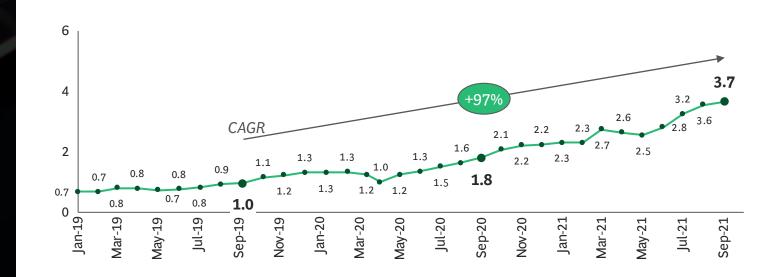


UPI transaction value & volume grew at a mild pace in Sep'21 vs. previous months

UPI Transactions Value (in INR Tn)



UPI Transactions Volumes (in Bn)



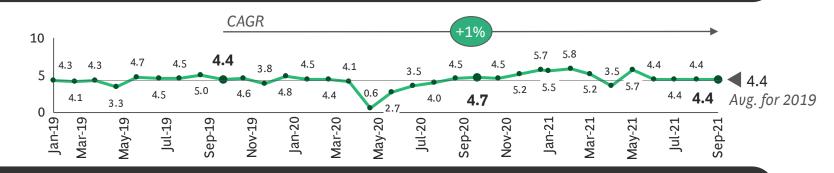


Steel consumption exceeded Aug'21 levels in Sep'21, approaching Sep'19 levels

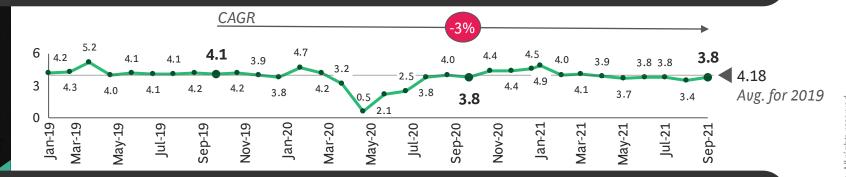
Cement production dipped marginally in Aug'21 vs. Jul'21, albeit remained above 2019 levels

Source: Joint Plant Committee, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Livemint, CMIE, BCG Analysis

Consumption of Long Steel (in MMT)



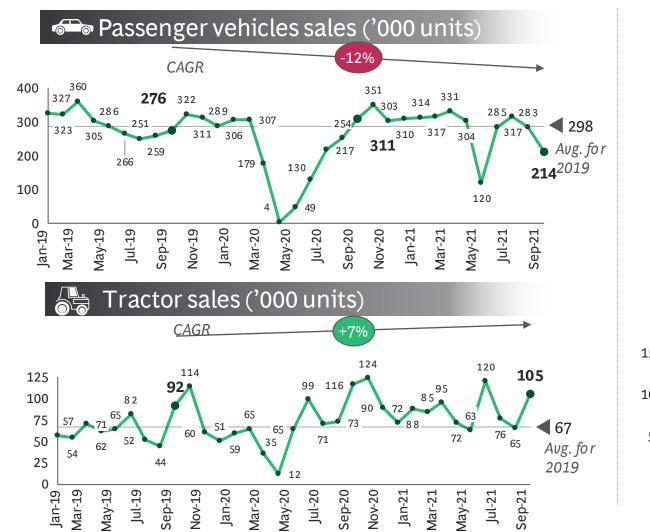
Consumption of Flat Steel (in MMT)

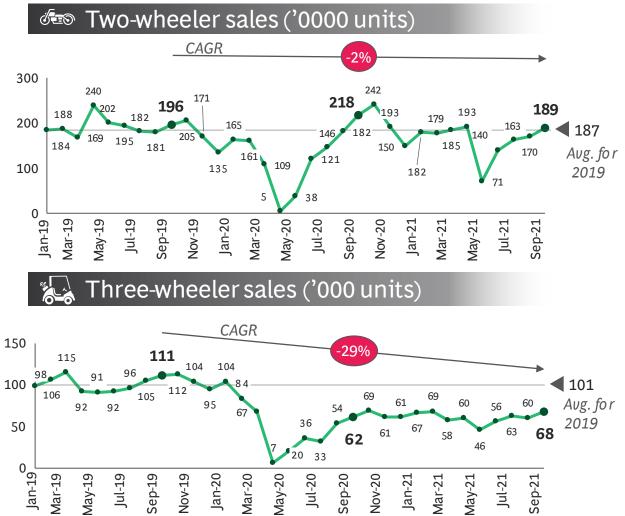


Cement Production (in MT)



2W, 3W & tractor sales grew in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21 while passenger vehicle sales fell; Auto sales (except tractor sales) remained below 2019 levels in Sep'21





Figures represent wholesale numbers (including exports).

^{1.} Tata Motors data is available for Apr-June only, BMW, Mercedes and Volvo Auto data is not available; Source: SIAM, CMIE, TMA, Press search, BCG analysis



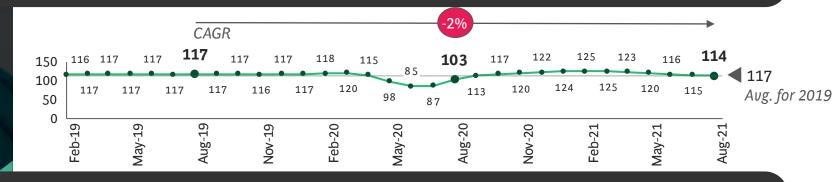
Pharmaceutical sales grew at a gradual pace in Sep'21 vs. previous months, exceeding Sep'19 levels

Fertilizer sales dropped sharply in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21 & Sep'19 levels

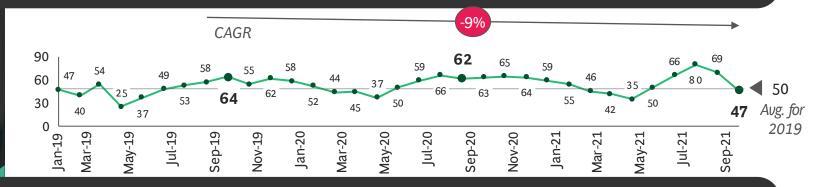
- Indian Chemical Production Index refers to a 3-month moving average figure for chemicals production with figure for 2012 as base figure (100).
- 2. Pharmaceutical Sales are updated quarterly. Last updated in

Source: AIOCD (Total Sales), American Chemistry Council, Mobile Based Fertilizer Management System (mFMS), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Press search, BCG analysis

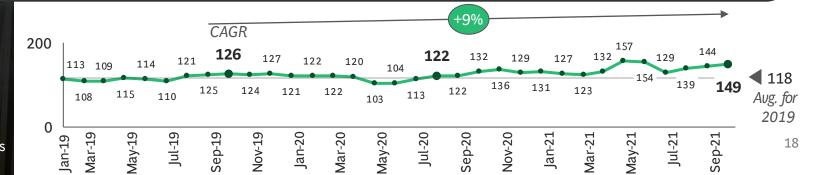
Indian Chemical Production Index¹ (3mo. Moving avg.)



Fertilizer Sales (in lac tonnes)



Pharmaceutical Sales² (INR Tn)





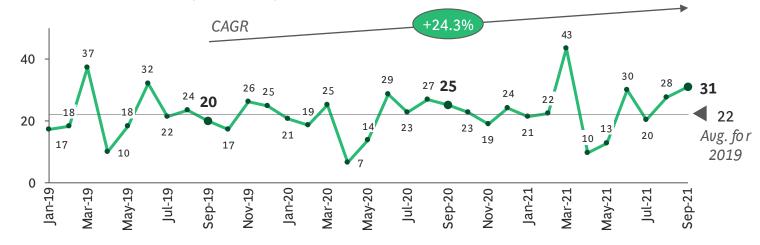
Life insurance premium grew in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21 & Sep'19 levels

Non-life insurance premium remained near Aug'21 levels in Sep'21, although fell below Sep'19 levels

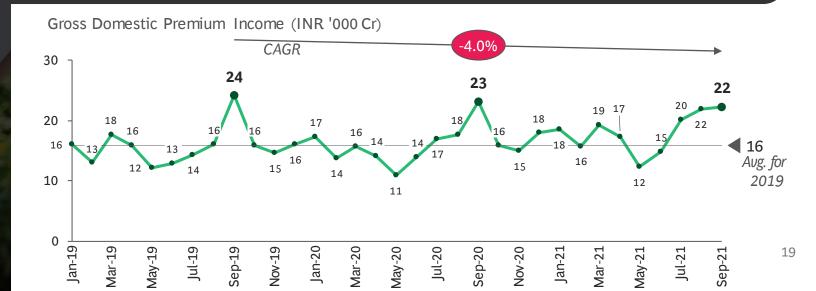
1. Non-Life Insurance includes Fire, Marine, Motor, Engineering, Health, Cop Insurance, Credit Guarantee, Aviation, Personnel accident and Miscellaneous Source: IRDAI, BCG Analysis

Life Insurance premium





Non-Life Insurance premium¹





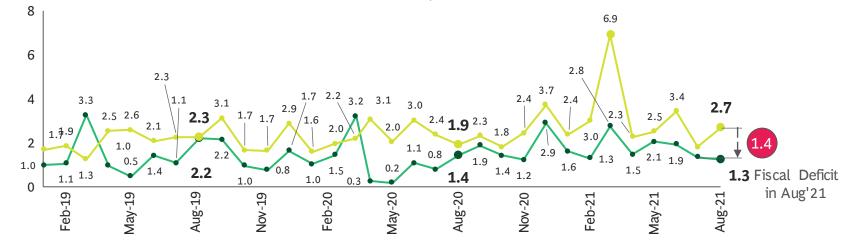
Fiscal deficit sharply increased in Aug'21 vs. Jul'21 & Aug'19 levels

GST collections remained above the INR 1 Tn mark, surging to a 5-month high in Sep'21

1. GST Collections include all components: CGST, SGST, IGST, Cess Source: Ministry of Finance, GST Council, BCG analysis

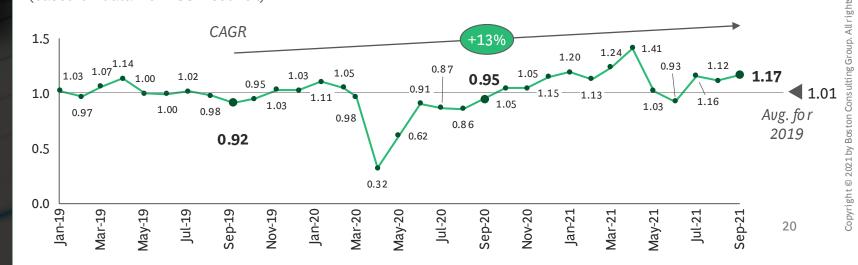


(based on data from Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance)



Total GST Collections¹ (INR Tn)

(based on data from GST Council)





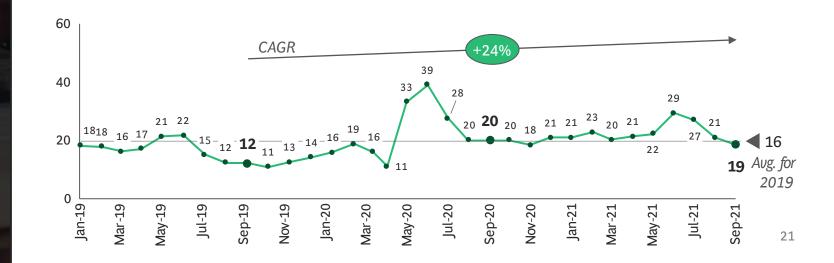
Both MGNREGA work demand & employment provided continued to decline in Sep'21 vs. previous months, however remained above 2019 levels

MGNREGA refers to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act Source: Ministry of Labor & Employment, Ministry of Rural Development, The Indian Express, Outlook India, LiveMint, BCG analysis

MGNREGA Work Demand (households, in Mn)



MGNREGA Employment Provided (households, in Mn)





Both the count & value of Govt. tenders took a nosedive in Sep'21 vs. Aug'21, although remained above Sep'19 levels

Count of tenders announced by central and state govts (K)



Value of tenders announced by central and state govts (INR Tn)



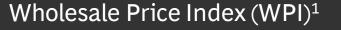


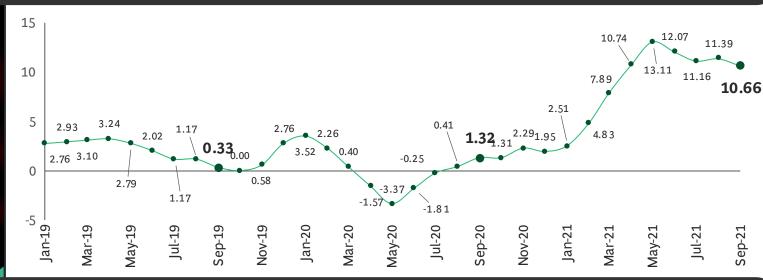
WPI eased to a 6month low in Sep'21; CPI also fell sharply, reaching a 5-month low in Sep'21

1. WPI measures and tracks the changes in the price of goods in the stages before the retail level – that is, goods that are sold in bulk and traded between entities or businesses instead of consumers. It is calculated as YoY increase in prices of the commodities

2. CPI is a measure that examines the weighted average of prices of a basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food, and medical care. It is calculated as YoY increase in prices of the commodities

Source: MOSPI, CMIE, BCG Analysis





Consumer Price Index (CPI)²





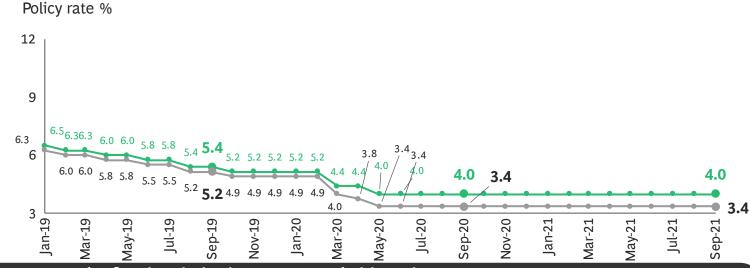
Repo and reverse repo rate remained unchanged from the previous months in Sep'21

MCLR remained near previous months' levels in Sep'21

1. MCLR: Minimum interest rate at which scheduled commercial banks can lend to customers (based on incremental cost of funds). 2. Base Rate: Minimum rate set by the Reserve Bank of India below which banks are not allowed to lend to its customers 3. Repo Rate: Interest rate at which the RBI lends short term funds to licensed commercial banks 4. Reverse Repo Rate: Interest rate which the RBI borrows money from commercial banks.

Source: CMIE, RBI DBIE

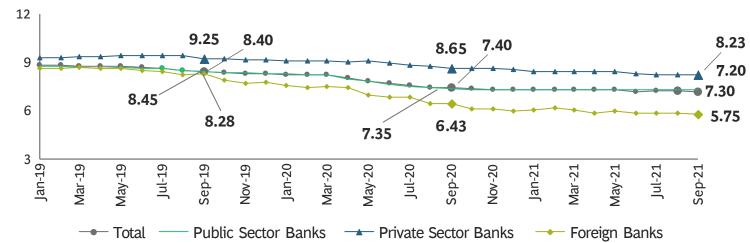




R¹ of scheduled commercial banks

(Median rate on one-year borrowings, in %)

MCLR (%)

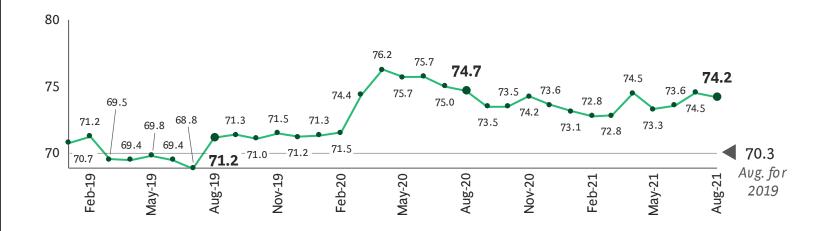


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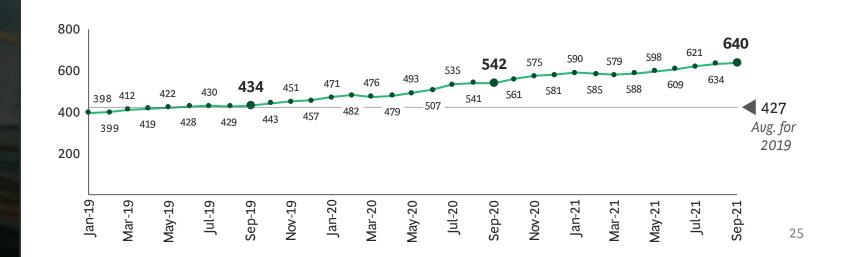
INR remained range bound at ~74/dollar in Aug'21

on a steady upward trajectory, touching the USD 640 Bn mark in Sep'21

Monthly Exchange Rate (INR/USD)



Forex reserves (\$ Bn)

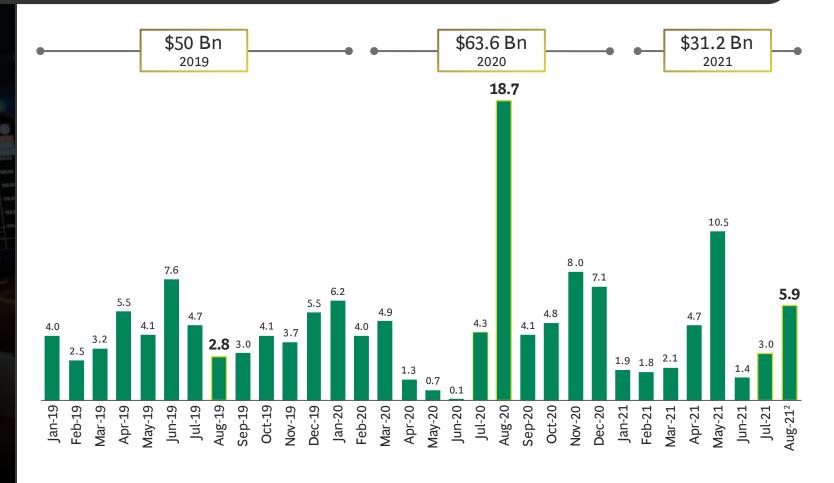


FDI inflows touched a 3-month high in Aug'21, although remained below 2019 & 2020 levels

1. Denotes total inward FDI to India; 2. Aug'21 figures are provisional

Note: Past period data may vary from the previous versions of the Economic Monitor owing to restating of previous years' data by the CMIE/reporting agencies Source: CMIE

Foreign Direct Investments¹ (\$ Bn)



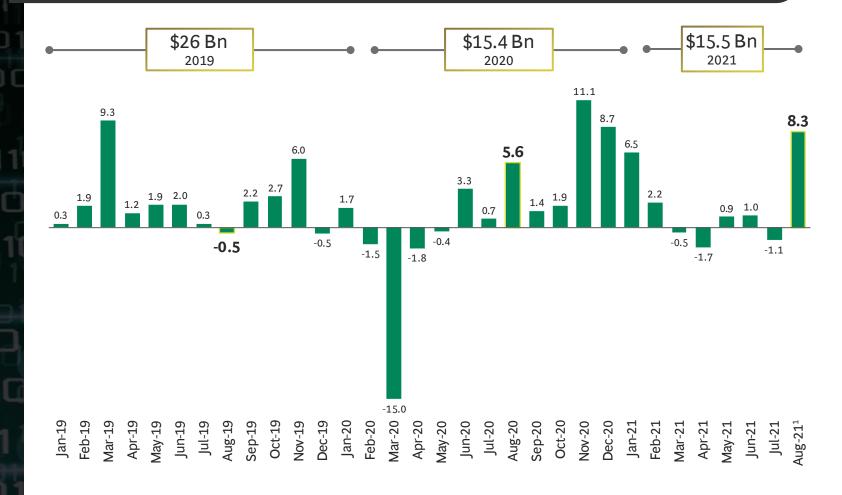


Foreign Institutional Investments significantly improved in Aug'21 vs. previous months as well as Aug'19 & '20 levels, reaching the highest value of 2021

1. Aug'21 figures are provisional Source: CMIE, RBI Note: Past period data may vary from the previous versions of the Economic Monitor owing to restating of

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Foreign Institutional Investments (\$ Bn)



x Annual (Calendar Year) FIIs

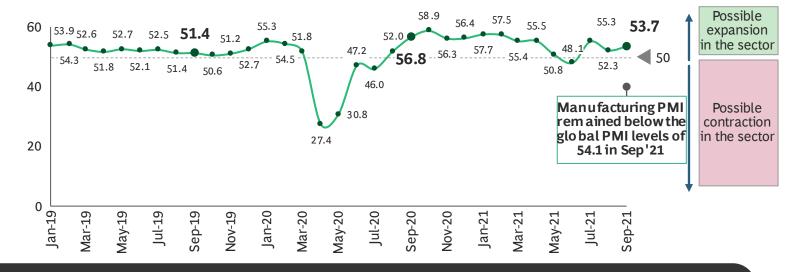


Both manufacturing & services PMI remained above the 50-point in Sep'21; Manufacturing PMI improved while Services PMI fell vs. Aug'21

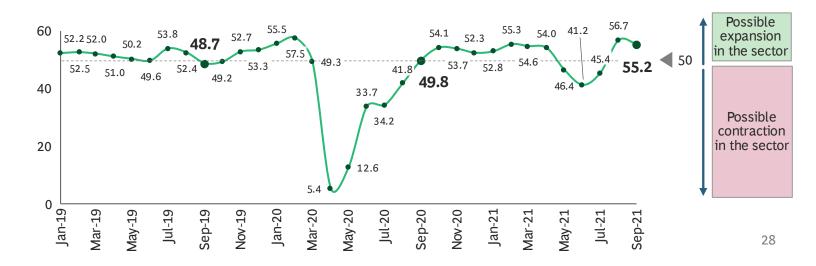
Note: The Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) is a measure of the prevailing direction of economic trends in manufacturing and services sectors. The PMI is based on a monthly survey of supply chain managers across 19 industries, covering both upstream and downstream activity. Value >50 indicates possible expansion in the sector, and value <50 indicates recession.

Source: IHS Markit, CMIE, Analyst Reports, BCG analysis

Manufacturing PMI



Services PMI





Both rural & urban consumersentiment improved in Sep'21; Rural sentiment remained better than urban sentiment

Source: CMIE Consumer Pyramids Survey Sample Size: 1.74L ho useholds in 90 cities and 969 villages surveyed o ver 4 mo nths

Methodology:

Lo ngitudinal survey: Same set of households surveyed in batches o ver time

Scoring based on 5 questions:

- Perception of current well-being
- Expectations of future well-being Perceptions of current economic conditions of the country
- Perceptions of prospective economic conditions of the country Ho usehold's propensity to spend on consumer durables

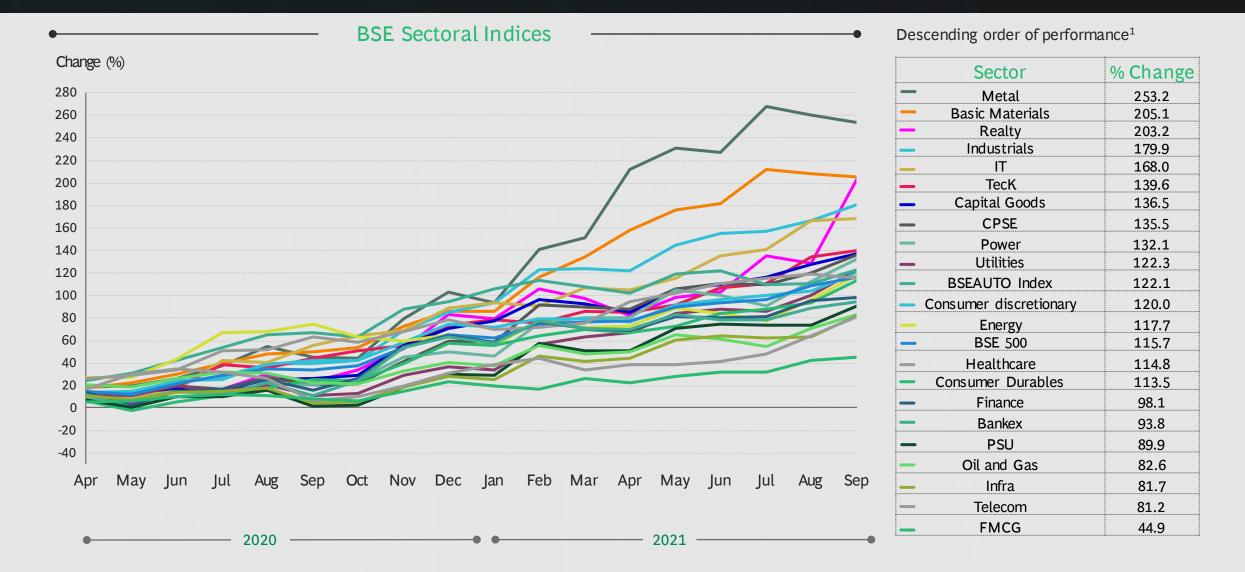
Rural Consumer Sentiment Index



Urban Consumer Sentiment Index



BSE sectoral indices trended upwards across all sectors in Sep'21 vs. Sep'20



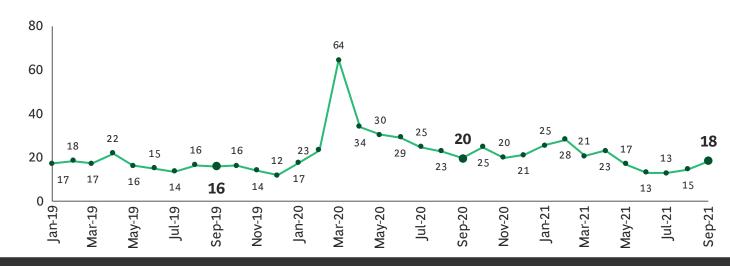


Volatility spiked in Sep'21 after remaining subdued in previous months

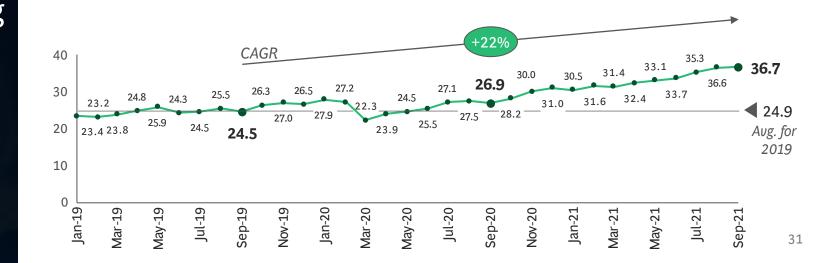
Mutual fund AUM remained near Aug'21 levels in Sep'21, exceeding 2019 levels

- 1. Volatility Index is a measure of market's expectation of volatility over the near term; India VIX is a volatility index based on the NIFTY50 Index Option prices providing the expected market volatility over the next 30 calendar days—figures represented are as of end of every month shown
- 2. Mutual funds Assets Under Management (AUM) represented as recorded at end of every month shown
- 3. Mutual Funds AUM include investments from individuals (50.5%) & institutions (49.5%); institutions include domestic and foreign institutions and banks

India Volatility Index (VIX)¹



Mutual Funds AUM² (INR L Cr)

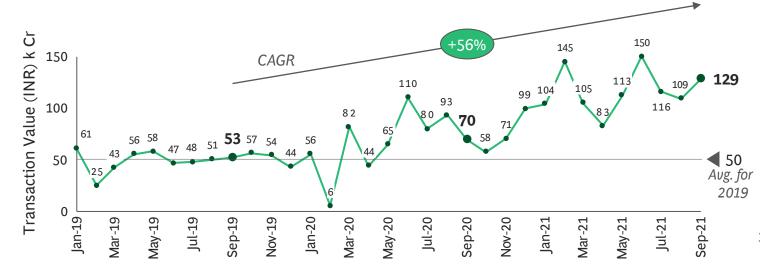


Both NSE & BSE transactions grew in Sep'21 vs. Jul-Aug'21 levels, remaining significantly above 2019 & 2020 levels

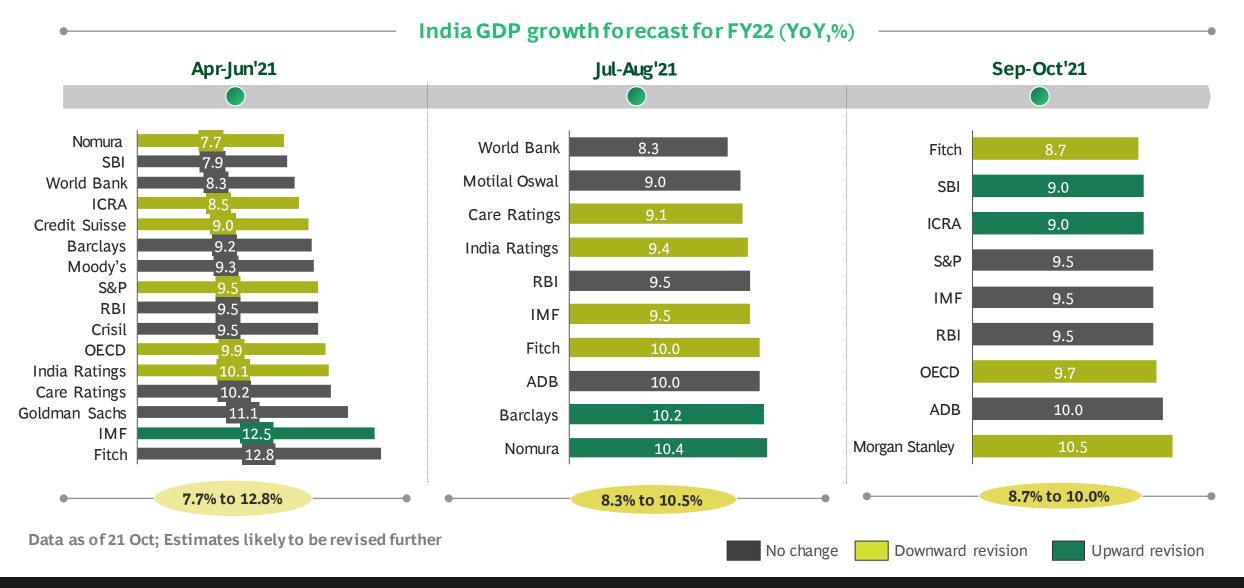
NSE Transactions (INR k Cr)



BSE Transactions (INR k Cr)



India's FY22 GDP forecasted to grow within the range 8.7% to 10.0% YoY; Projections witnessed upward as well as downward revisions in Sep-Oct'21



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