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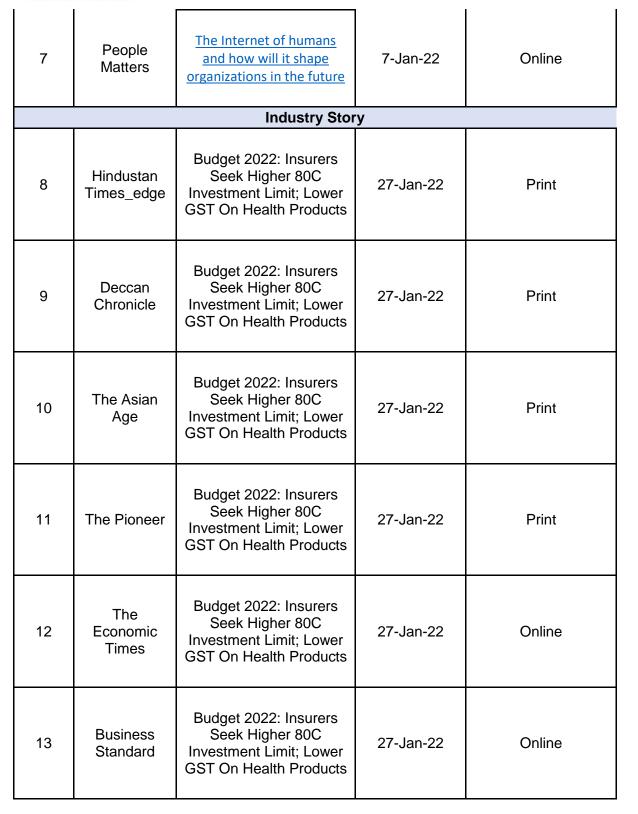
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'Indian life insurance sector is at cusp of a virtuous growth'

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SHED some lights on India's Life insurance outlook (growth wise)?

Life Insurance as a sector has indeed become quintessential for the economy in the aftermath of Covid and has gained more prominence since Covid-19. The two tough years of pandemic era has reinstated the need for deeper penetration of insurance in the country as insurance is a single backstop solu tion for insulating the people against financial perils and extending the protection and financial security net. We deem Indian life insurance sector is at the cusp of a virtuous growth cycle and is well poised to ride on the path of a multi-decade growth rebound era. The next phase of growth is to be driven by robust economic growth and favourable demographic changes amid high and rising mortality protection gap and Longevity (Retirement) sav-ings gap. India has one the probably the highest mortality protection gap among peer countries, which presents significant growth opportunities for the sector. These structural growth drivers should ensure that the life in-surance sector will continue to deliver around 15 per cent total premium CAGR in the ensuing decade. Besides the increase in FDI limit in the insurance sector to 74 per cent is indeed a strong catalyst for growth in the sector providing immediate backstop in terms of capital for growth and aiding the in-surance penetration and financial inclusion in the economy.

Future Generali India Life Insurance outlook

While prima facie, the outbreak of Covid-19 has posed the insurance sector with many challenges, but on crystal gazing it has also provided the sector with myriad of opportunities and the prospects appear encouraging. Going forward, with economic recovery in sight and Insurance being a long-term investment tool, we reckon both life and non-life Insurance will continue to show strong growth and deeper penetration in Indian markets and insurance company like ours will partake in this growth story. As a part of Future Generali India Life Insurance's endeavor to be a front runner in the In-

The industry has witnessed multi-fold claims in FY22 compared to FY21, forcing most companies to have additional provisions. The reason for spike in claims can be primarily attributed to claims arising on account of Covid deaths. We have seen a significant uptick in claims in last two quarters/1HFY22, but in spite of the higher claim across all the insurance companies, the claim ratio has been well managed by industry

dian insurance space, the company shall strive to outpace the industry growth trends and will continue to build on its strong brand image in the ensuing years.

What has been the position of new premium income for the life insurance industry in the first half of the current financial year and in this quarter? In the next half what's outlook?

While the new premium income (i.e., Annualized Premium Equivalent (APE)) was impacted in 1QFY22 due to second wave lockdown restrictions, the industry has bounced back in 20FY22. So. overall in H1FY22 its APE has grown by 17 per cent YoY on a favourable base of -6 per cent in HIFY21. Besides, along with the impact of lockdown, the first half of FY22 also saw a cautious stance by insurance players with respect to selling of high-

ticket protection policies owing to hassles of premedical testing. Going forward in the post lockdown era, with increasing awareness amongst people of having an insurance policy as a financial security, there remains a structural demand for insurance, Also, now with Covid cases having receded, the insurance companies are ramping up the sale of protection policies, which will further augur well for new premium

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high, fortunately, not in the highest bracket and have been well managed We continue to ensure settlement TAT to be well within 30 days for large part of settled claims that we get. The claim ratio for the industry is likely to get bet-

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insurance sector is at the cusp of a virtuous growth cycle and is well poised to ride on the path of a multi-decade growth rebound era," says Niraj Kumar, chief investment officer at Future Generali India Life Insurance Company, in an exclusive interview with Bizz Buzz

> ter, as we gradually move out of the Covid era.

Can you shed some lights on Bond markets; the recent investment options on G-Secs with RBI Retail Direct Gilt?

The recent launch of the RBI's Retail Direct Scheme is indeed a step in the right direction aimed at widening the participation in G-Sec bond markets and improving the underlying demand for G-Secs. This scheme was mainly in troduced to address the inherent challenges that existed in retail participa tion in gilts viz-low level of awareness procedural issues and low liquidity in the secondary markets. With the opening of an additional investment avenue for retail investors, it would be beneficial for all stakeholders, as directing of savings towards G-Secs would bode well for the government and will also enable the retail investors to partake

The next phase of Insurance industry

growth is to be driven by robust economic growth and favourable demographic changes amid high and rising mortality protection gap and longevity (retirement) savings gap. India has one the probably the highest mortality protection gap among peer countries, which presents significant growth opportunities for the sector

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secure investment avenue that culmi nates into stable returns over long term. While investing in gilts under this platform is free of cost and direct, it does require the investor to partici pate in the primary auction with a noncompetitive bid. Thus, investor educa tion and awareness with respect to the days to bid, details of securities, procedures of trading and transacting in small lots along with inherent interest rate risk may be crucial, as lack of awareness may delay the initial retail offtake. Nonetheless with increasing awareness and education of investors and RBI and government's persi resolve to improve the participation in G-Sec market, the scheme will surely reap fruits in the long run.

VERITAS

Given the fact that we are trading in unchartered territory, should investors consider rebalancing their portfolio? What is the ideal portfolio allocation? Tell us something about the investment strategy/What is your mantra of long-term investment? Any principles or guidelines which you stick with when investina?

We believe that the decision for portfolio allocation should be determined and aligned with the long-term objectives of the investor. We strongly believe 'A Disciplined asset allocation is the key success mantra for long term wealth creation. With the stellar outperformance of equity markets over other asset classes, the proportion of Equity exposure in the overall portfolio has gone up for most of the investors. Thus, rebalancing of the portfolio is an absolute necessity and Investors need to follow disciplined asset allocation strategy aligned with their longer-term goals and rebalance their portfolios at periodic intervals along with maintain ing a diversified portfolio at any point in time. This would enable the in-vestors to redeploy their money into Equity markets in corrections. We continue to remain extremely constructive on the Equity markets from longer term perspective & believe that investors should not get overwhelmed by near-term volatility and should look to harness and partake in the longterm compounding power of the markets to achieve their goals.









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Managing cyber security in the third wave: Governance, regulatory adherence key for the insurance sector

The CISOs had experienced an unprecedented surge in cyber security breach attempts in the last couple of years. It's important to have a review and relook of how the cyber security scenario unfolded in the past couple of years and how can the learnings and observations be adapted to the current circumstances. EC speaks with Pawan Chawla, CISO, Future Generali India Life Insurance



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Pawan Chawla, CISO, Future Generali India Life Insurance





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Flovie Martins on the uniqueness in BFSI communication mandates

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As the COVID-19 continues to spread across the country, it appears that almost every business has suffered a financial setback. The pandemic has not only impacted everyday living but has also had a tremendous economic impact on our country, with most states still under stay-at-home orders and a large number of enterprises still shuttered.

In March, when stay-at-home orders began to spread across the country, the BSFI sector began to close branches or drastically reduce their hours of operation in order to assist stem the spread of the new coronavirus. Prior to the pandemic, however, foot traffic at their branches was falling, showing that customer demand for mobile and internet banking was on the rise. Communicating with the consumers digitally and maintaining relationships with the stakeholder was very essential during these times.

In an interview with Adgully, Flovie Martins, Head - Corporate Communications & CSR,

Future Generali India Life Insurance, explained how is the insurance industry different from other corporate industries with regard to communication, "While the basic tenets of communication remain consistent across industries, the BFSI sector has certain nuances as it involves the promotion and sale of financial products and services. Any documentation or communication material that we receive from financial institutions is traditionally designed or drafted with financial jargons that are difficult to understand at a common man level. Further, there is a heightened need to educate customers on finance-related topics that aim to improve their knowledge of financial products and services before purchase. This exercise helps to also forge strong relationships with stakeholders. By simplifying the otherwise difficult to understand financial jargons, the customer can now make an





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Expect the government to strike a reasonable balance between the focus on employment generation and providing a healing mechanism for the impacted sectors.

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Niraj Kumar is the Chief Investment Officer at Future Generali Life Insurance India





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Cloud footprint growth in the BFSI organizations

Sharing some of the cloud adoption risks, Pawan Chawla, CISO, Future Generali India Life Insurance, said, "If I look at cyber risk, cloud comes with its own kind of risks, and every organization will still be vulnerable. So, I put four critical risks which are there in terms of cloud adoption strategy which I see as a challenge for every organization, including limited visibility to the network; evolution of malware; compliance; and the loss of data."

"We are hosting security technologies on the cloud itself so that we can arrest those attacks in the outermost parameters of our infrastructure before reaching our physical parameters. So cloud has not only improved our security vigilance but also skilled manpower ensuring the infrastructure is deployed on the cloud in a much more secure manner," said Shiv Kumar Bhasin, CIO, NSE, while sharing his insightful outlook on how cloud is enabling their security rather than becoming an inhibitor to security.

Adding to the point, Shiju Rawther, Head IT, SBI Mutual Funds, said, "When we transformed over the cloud, we saw the flexibility and the elasticity that we got from the cloud. During the pandemic also, given all those security controls, the cloud was one of the game-changers for us. We are embarking towards the cloud journey because that's how we will be able to scale up the next level demands in the business and meet the latest requirements."





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Outlook of the Life Insurance space in India and future trends

With ~90% of the population still under insured, the Life insurance industry is slated to enjoy multi-year growth in the coming decade

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Ever since the world was ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic, people have given more thought towards securing themselves and loved ones through insurance; be it medical insurance or life insurance. In India too, there has been a surge in enquiries for life insurance products in the financial year 2021-22. Individual new business has witnessed an 18% increase over the last year and this trend is likely to continue.







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HR Technology

The Internet of humans and how will it shape organizations in the future

Let us look at how HR leaders can effectively harness the power of this connected network of employees to shape the future of organizations





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Press Trust of India feedback@livemint.com MUMBAI: Insurance companies are seeking a separate deduc- tion limit of 74 lakh for insur- ance premium payment under Section 80 C of the Income Tax Act in the upcoming Union	to common people. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the Union Budget for 2022-23 on February 1. The industry has long pend- ing expectations from the polley makers for incentivizing people to get life insurance by giving a separate deduction limit of min-	investment horizon and are covered under the 80C provi- sion. Currently, all financial purchases are clubbed under the same IT deduction section (80C) capped at 81.50,000. "We expect the budget to con- sider creating a separate section for tax deduction on premium	Managing Director and CEG Vighnesh Shahane said the Sec tion 80 C is currently cluttere with several investment option such as Public Provident Fum (PPF), Equity-Linked Saving Scheme (ELSS) and Nationa	Chinmay Bade said that life insurance is a proxy to social security in case of death of a person as well as survival and, therefore, the exemption limit of ₹1.5 lakh under Section 80C l needs a revision.	Roopam Asthana said due the uncertainty spurred by t Covid pandemic, health inst ance has become an everyd need in order to protect ones from uncertainties and is mo relevant than ever. "Therefoo the government should co sider a drastic reduction in t

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Reduction in GST on health products to 5% from 18% sought Insurers seek higher 80 C limit

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Insurance companies are seeking a separate deduction limit of Rs I lakh for insurance premium payment under Section 80 C of the Income Tax Act in the upcoming <u>Union Budget</u> to bring in more people under the ambit of insurance.

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"The industry has long pending expectations from the policy makers for incentivizing people to get life insurance by giving a separate deduction limit of minimum Rs 1 lakh for insurance premium payment under Section 80C," Tarun Rustagi Chief Financial Officer Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance said.

Life insurance is a long-term solution, unlike other financial products which have a shorter investment horizon and are covered under the 8DC provision.





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Budget 2022: 10 key factors to watch in Budget week ahead for D-Street

The coming week is going to be critical as the Union Budget will be presented on February 1, which will have an impact on market sentiment and economy.



Bears dominated Dalal Street for the second consecutive week ended January 28, getting support from rising expectations of faster Fed tightening, inflation concerns as oil prices spike, relentless FII (foreign institutional investor) selling, and geopolitical tensions between Ukraine and Russia. Margin pressure reflected in corporate earnings and caution ahead of the <u>Union Budget</u> also prompted selling.

The BSE Sensex plunged 1,836.95 points or 3.11 percent to close the week at 57,200.23, and the Nifty50 declined 515.20 points or 2.92 percent to 17,101.95, taking two-week losses to more than six percent. The broader markets were also caught in a bear trap with the BSE Midcap and Smallcap indices falling in line with benchmarks.