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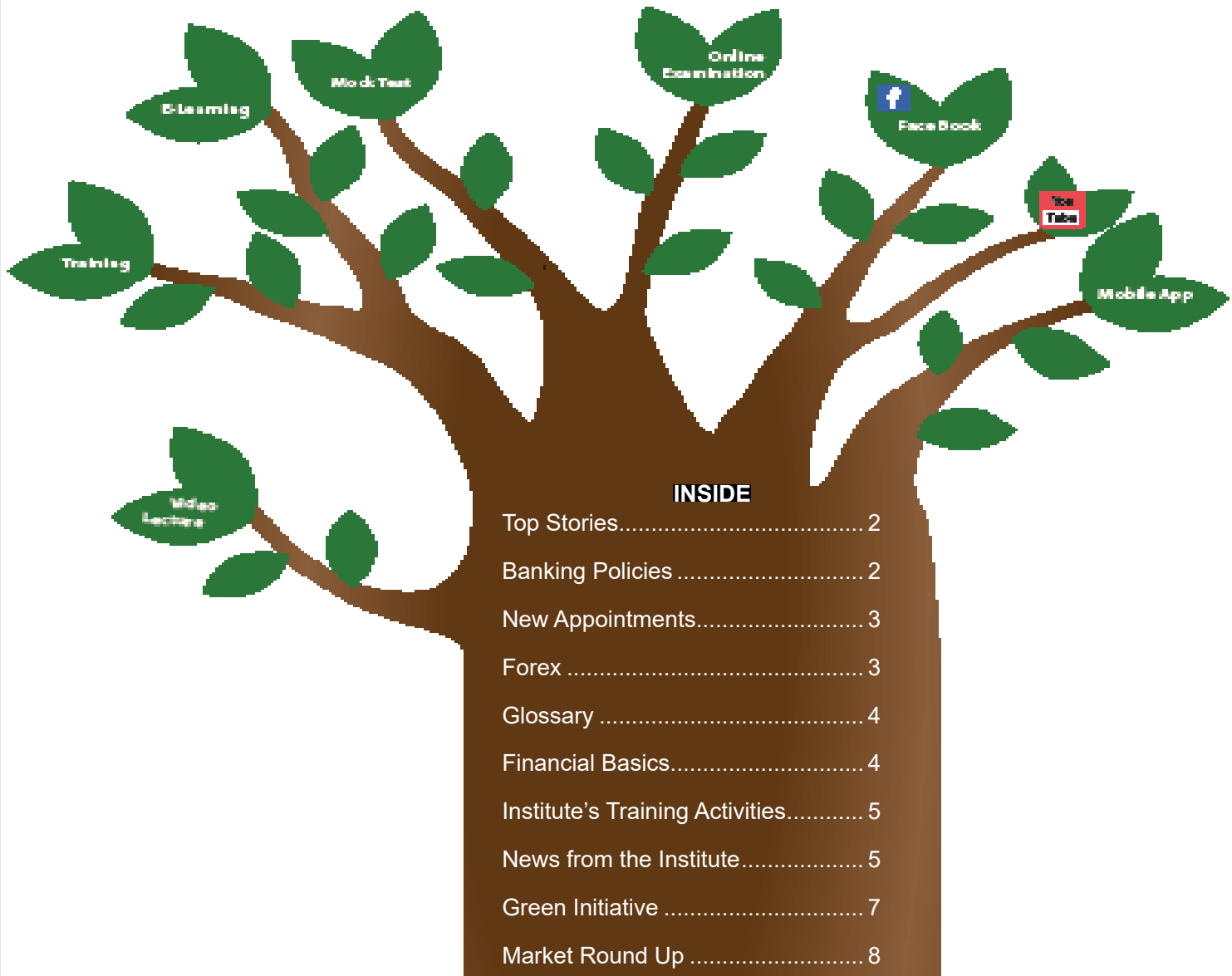
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## VISION

To be premier Institute for developing and nurturing competent professionals in banking and finance field.

## MISSION

To develop professionally qualified and competent bankers and finance professionals primarily through a process of education, training, examination, consultancy / counselling and continuing professional development programs.



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## TOP STORIES

### **Government sets up fintech panel for easier norms**

To make regulations more flexible and promote financial inclusion, the Finance Ministry has set up an 8-member panel to study various issues related to fintech. Headed by the Economic Affairs Secretary, the panel will suggest ways to enhance entrepreneurship in the fintech space, where India has distinctive comparative strengths vis-à-vis other emerging economies.

### **IBBI amendments – Insolvency resolutions get a boost**

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has amended the IBBI (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2018 to fix a time frame for identifying resolution applicants. The amended regulation makes it mandatory to identify the applicants by the 105th day. This shall enable the resolution process to be completed in a timely manner within the stipulated 180 days.

### **FBIL takes over from FIMMDA for valuation of govt. securities**

Reserve Bank of India has appointed the Financial Benchmark India (FBIL) for valuation of portfolios of government securities, which earlier used to be done by FIMMDA. As per RBI directive, FIMMDA has ceased to publish prices/yield of government securities from March 31, 2018.

## Banking Policies

### **RBI tightens private sector lending norms for MNC banks**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened its priority sector lending (PSL) norms for foreign banks having more than 20 branches. These banks have been directed to mandatorily create sub-targets to ensure they lend a portion of their loans to small and marginal farmers and micro-enterprises from April 2018. The PSL norms also mandate foreign banks to lend 40% of their total loan book to priority sector, such as agriculture, rural infra, and MSMEs, among others, from April 2020.

### **RBI disallows hedging of price risk in gold, gems and precious stones**

RBI has revised its directions on 'Hedging of Commodity Price Risk and Freight Risk in Overseas Markets'. It has excluded gold, gems and precious stones from the list of commodities whose price risk can be hedged.

### **RBI obliterates LoUs**

RBI has disallowed banks from issuing letters of undertaking (LoUs) or guarantees for trade credit for imports in India, except if they meet the apex bank's conditions.

## New Appointments

Name	Designation/Organisation
Mr. Rahul Shukla	To head the corporate and business banking sectors of HDFC Bank-



## Products & Alliances

Organisation	Organisation tied up with	Purpose
The New Development Bank	International Solar Alliance	To promote solar energy across the world
National e-Repository Limited (NERL)	Bank of Baroda	For managing electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWRs)
Lakshmi Vilas Bank	Fisdom	For providing online wealth management service
IndusInd Bank	Tapzo	Providing all-in-one app Store on its Indus Mobile banking App

## Forex

Foreign Exchange Reserves		
Item	As on March 23, 2018	
	₹ Bn.	US\$ Mn.
	1	2
1 Total Reserves	27,514.5	4,22,532.5
1.1 Foreign Currency Assets	25,871.3	3,97,294.6
1.2 Gold	1,407.2	21,614.9
1.3 SDRs	100.4	1,541.9
1.4 Reserve Position in the IMF	135.6	2,081.1

Source: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

**Benchmark Rates for FCNR(B) Deposits applicable for April 2018**
**Base Rates for FCNR(B) Deposits**

Currency	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years
<b>USD</b>	2.39700	2.52950	2.61230	2.67000	2.69700
<b>GBP</b>	0.93720	1.1299	1.2472	1.3172	1.3688
<b>EUR</b>	-0.26000	-0.150	0.030	0.207	0.380
<b>JPY</b>	0.04130	0.061	0.079	0.088	0.109
<b>CAD</b>	2.11000	2.238	2.352	2.410	2.443
<b>AUD</b>	1.97000	2.060	2.170	2.430	2.520
<b>CHF</b>	-0.60250	-0.506	-0.342	-0.193	-0.058
<b>DKK</b>	-0.12570	-0.0053	0.1778	0.3680	0.5445
<b>NZD</b>	2.08300	2.225	2.364	2.495	2.615
<b>SEK</b>	-0.34300	-0.138	0.093	0.323	0.528
<b>SGD</b>	1.68800	1.870	2.005	2.100	2.180
<b>HKD</b>	1.81000	2.160	2.340	2.440	2.500
<b>MYR</b>	3.77000	3.780	3.820	3.840	3.870

Source: [www.fedai.org.in](http://www.fedai.org.in)

## Glossary

### Priority Sector Lending (PSL)

Priority Sector Lending (PSL) refers to those sectors of the economy which may not get timely and adequate credit in the absence of this special dispensation.

It is an important role given by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the banks for providing a specified portion of the bank lending to few specific sectors like agriculture and allied activities, micro and small enterprises, poor people for housing, students for education and other low income groups and weaker sections. This is essentially meant for an all round development of the economy.

## Financial Basics

### Net Interest Margin (NIM)

Net Interest Margin (NIM) is the Net Interest Income (NII) divided by average interest earning assets

## Institute's Training Activities

### Training Programme for the month of April – May 2018

Name of the Programme	Dates	Location
Certificate on Risk in Financial Services	19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2018	Delhi
	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Chennai
	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Mumbai
Certified Treasury Professionals	13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Mumbai
	20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2018	
Certified Credit Professionals	16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Mumbai
	16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Chennai
	9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	Delhi
	16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	

## News from the Institute

### Capacity Building in banks

RBI vide its notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016 has mandated that each bank should have a Board approved policy to deploy staff with adequate qualification/certification in key areas of operations. To begin with, they have identified following areas:

1. Treasury Management: Dealers, mid-office operations.
2. Risk Management: credit risk, market risk, operational risk, enterprise-wide risk, information security, liquidity risk.
3. Accounting - Preparation of financial results, audit function
4. Credit Management: credit appraisal, rating, monitoring, credit administration.

Subsequently on the direction of RBI, IBA had constituted an Expert Group for identifying suitable institutions and courses that can provide the necessary certifications. IIBF is the only institution offering certification in the three out of the four areas.

Further, RBI vide its letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017, addressed to IBA and copy endorsed to IIBF has stated that the Certificate Course in Foreign Exchange offered by IIBF in association with FEDAI will be a mandatory certification for all bank employees who are working or desirous of working in the area of foreign exchange operations including treasury operations.

The courses offered by the Institute in the areas of Treasury Operations, Risk Management and Credit Management are blended in nature with an online examination followed by training for such of those candidates who have successfully cleared the online examination. Please visit the website [www.iibf.org.in](http://www.iibf.org.in) for examination registration and more details.

### **Mutual Recognition Agreement with the Chartered Banker Institute, Edinburgh, U.K**

The Institute is delighted to announce the signing of a Mutual Recognition Agreement with The Chartered Banker Institute, Edinburgh. Under this agreement, “Certified Associates of the Indian Institute of Bankers” (CAIIB) from India will have their qualifications recognised by the Chartered Banker Institute, and will be able to become Chartered Bankers by studying the Institute’s Professionalism, Ethics & Regulation Module, and successfully completing a reflective assignment.

### **MoU with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

The Institute entered into a partnership with SIDBI on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to take forward the Certified Credit Counsellor (CCC) program for MSMEs. Eligible candidates, interested in becoming CCCs, have to pass a certificate examination on MSMEs conducted by IIBF. On successful completion of the examination and after due diligence conducted by SIDBI, a certificate shall be issued to the candidate as Certified Credit Counsellor for MSMEs.

### **New Courseware on NBFCs**

The Institute launched its new courseware on Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The book was released by industry experts from the banking fraternity. The first exam on the subject was held in January 2018.

### **Virtual Classroom Solution**

The Institute has acquired a software for conducting training through the Virtual Classroom mode. This will enable the Institute to disseminate the training inputs to a larger audience without diluting quality. The first Virtual Classroom training (VCT) for Certified Credit Officers was held successfully from Dec 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> and 53 candidates enrolled for the programme. During January to March 2018, 5 VCT programmes were held. For more details, please visit our website [www.iibf.org.in](http://www.iibf.org.in).

### **Mock Test facility for Examinations**

The Institute is offering mock test facility for three of its specialised courses, namely, Certified Treasury Professional, Certified Credit Professional and Risk in Financial Services, in addition to its flagship courses viz JAIIB & CAIIB. The mock test can now be taken by any bank staff.

### **Video Lectures now available on YouTube**

The facility of video lectures, offered by the Institute for 3 compulsory papers of JAIIB and 2 compulsory papers of CAIIB, will be available on the Institute's official YouTube Channel. The link to the same is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjffIKtvEh8yLb3vwxosGow/playlists>

### **Examination at Institute’s own Test Centres at Mumbai & Kolkata**

The Institute, earlier conducted examinations on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month for four of its courses namely, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Customer Service, AML/KYC and Cyber Crimes at its own Test Centres at Mumbai & Kolkata. The Exams shall now be conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every

month for the mentioned courses. Candidates can select the examination date and centre of his/her choice. Registration will be on first come first serve basis. The schedule of the examinations for the said courses is available on our website [www.iibf.org.in](http://www.iibf.org.in).

### Bank Quest Theme for upcoming issue

The theme for the April-June 2018 “Bank Quest” issue is “*International Banking*” and for July-September 2018 issue is “*Risk Management*”. Members are requested to contribute articles for publication in the quarterly journal of the Institute.

### Cut-off date of guidelines /important developments for examinations

The Institute has a practice of asking some questions in each exam about the recent developments / guidelines issued by the regulator(s) in order to test if the candidates keep themselves abreast of the current developments. However, there could be changes in the developments / guidelines from the date the question papers are prepared and the dates of the actual examinations. In order to address these issues effectively, it has been decided that:

- (i) In respect of the exams to be conducted by the Institute for the Period from February 2018 to July 2018, instructions/guidelines issued by the regulator(s) and important developments in banking and finance up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 will only be considered for the purpose of inclusion in the question papers.
- (ii) In respect of the exams to be conducted by the Institute for the period from August 2018 to January 2019, instructions/guidelines issued by the regulator(s) and important developments in banking and finance up to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 will only be considered for the purpose of inclusion in the question papers.

## Green Initiative

Members are requested to update their e-mail address with the Institute and send their consent to receive the Annual Report via e-mail.

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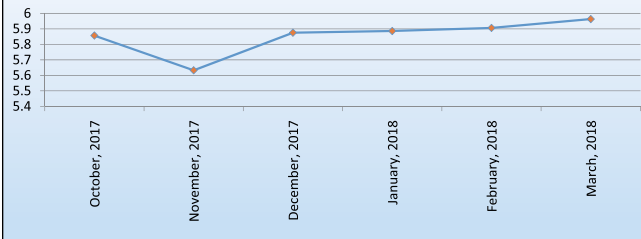
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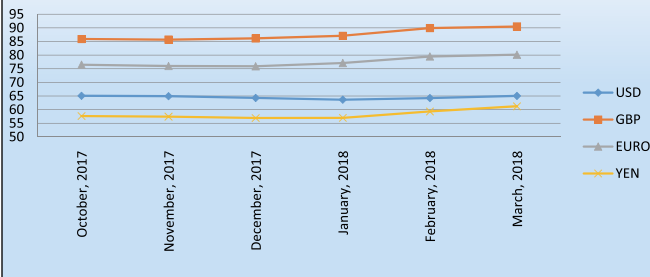
# Market Roundup

## Weighted Average Call Rates



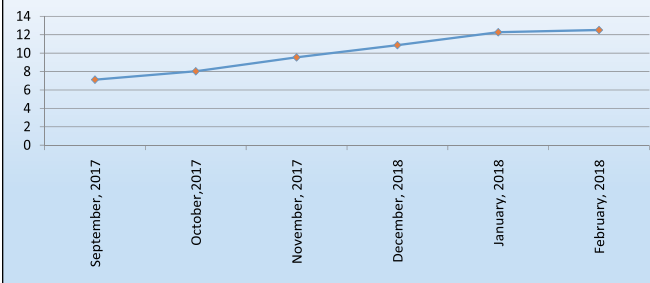
Source: CCIL Newsletter, March 2018

## RBI Reference Rate



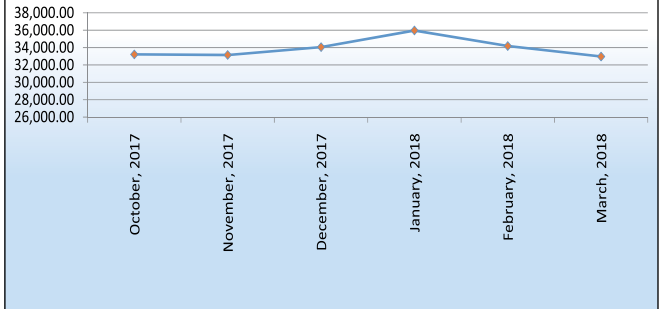
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## Non-food Credit Growth %



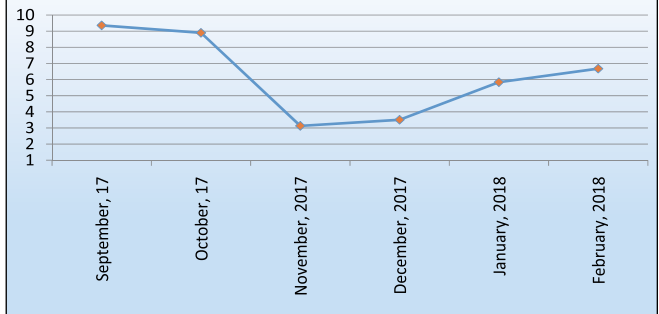
Source: Monthly Review of Economy CCIL, March 2018

## BSE Sensex



Source: Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)

## Aggregate Deposit Growth %



Source: Monthly Review of Economy CCIL, March 2018

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