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vestment demand from private corporates will take some time, feelsStateBank of India (SBI) chair-

man Dinesh Kumar Khara.

"My sense is from the nextfinancial year we (economy) will be nearer to the normal," Khara said while speaking on "Indian Economy-Leveraging the Next Normal" at the AGM of BCC&I.

He said all the high frequency indicators were showing very, very positive scenario in October: "I think partly it is also attributed to the fact that there is a lot of Covid fatigue. Everybody would like to get into the mainstream economic activity as soon as possible. That is also one of the reasons for the kind of enthusiasm which is seen in the economy. Earlier, we have felt that it is a pent-up demand, which is there from the consumers. But I think now the way indicators are showing, there is a very clear trend for the demands," heexplained.

Commenting on credit offtake, Khara said SBI was almost back to its pre-Covid numbers as far as its retail lending was concerned, and almost a similar kind of a trend was seen across other banks also. "But yes, when it comes to corporate credit, corporate credit is invariably a function of capacity utilisation and also the kind of demand which is seen in the ground. My interactions with some of the large corporates reflect that since the demand has started coming back from the individuals, the retail customers, so they are seeing that with the help of large e-commerce, their stocking has come down significantly."

Capacity utilisation in the economy was somewhere around 69%, and expecting any fresh investment demand coming from the private corporates looked quite unlikely for some more time, he pointed out.

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'Slow pickup in corporate credit likely'

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Calcutta: Credit demand from Calcutta: Credit demand from private corporate houses for investment is expected to take longer because of low capacity utilisation in the wake of the Covid pandemic and lockdown affecting business. But working capital requirements could recover sooner, according to SBI chairman Dinesh Khara.

Corporate credit demand did not rise in September 2020 compared with a 2.7 per cent

compared with a 2.7 per cent growth rate in September 2019, according to RBI data.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the Bengal eral meeting of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and In-dustry on Saturday, Khara said when a credit recovery cycle starts, borrowings in personal accounts tend to go up first. "We are almost back to our pre-Covid number when it comes to retail lending. Simi-lar trends are seen across

comes to retail lending. Similar trends are seen across other banks also," he said.

Corporate credit is a function of both capacity utilisation and demand on ground. With growth in individual demand reflected in the rising ecommerce sales volume, inventory levels of firms are coming down.

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"Perhaps firms will start utilising their working capital limits," Khara said. But for lenders credit demand will take longer to come in, especially from private corporates

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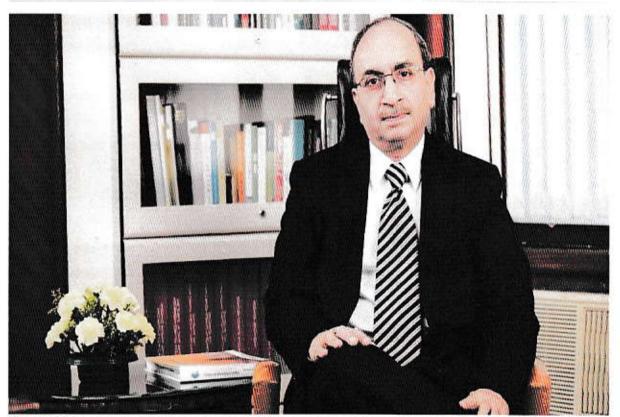
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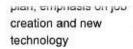
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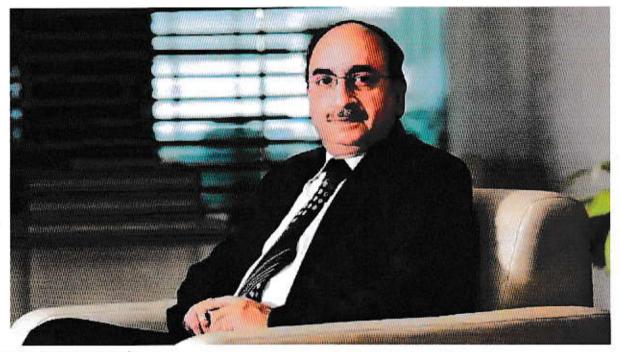
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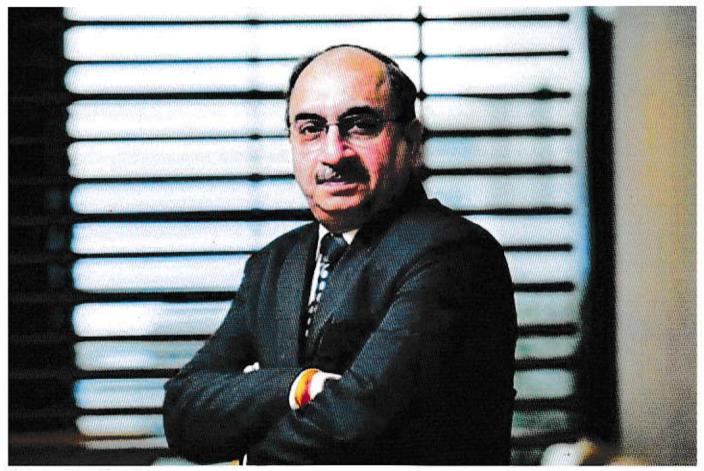
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Fresh investment demand from corporates is some time away, says SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Khara

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On lower restructurings under the the Reserve Bank of India's new scheme, he said corporates were trying to exploit their own internal resources as restructuring would have an impact on their credit ratings.

"There is more responsible behaviour on the part of corporates...When people are coming for restructuring, they, first of all, are ensuring that if at all they have got ways to really go through in this kind of a tough situation," Khara said.

On SBI's agricultural slippages of around Rs 9,000 crore for the September quarter, Khara said it was partly on account of some restrictions on mobility imposed on the bank staff because of the Covid-related issues.

"In October, when we could have the sense of what kind of slippages have happened, and when we put our ground forces into the field, we have seen that we have actually pulled back over Rs 1000 crore," Khara said.



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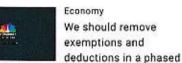


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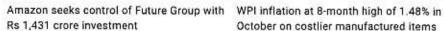
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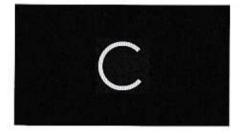




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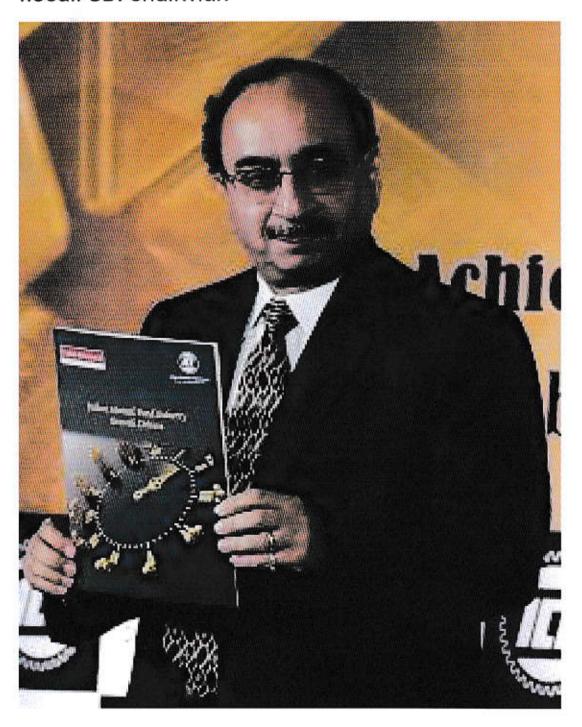


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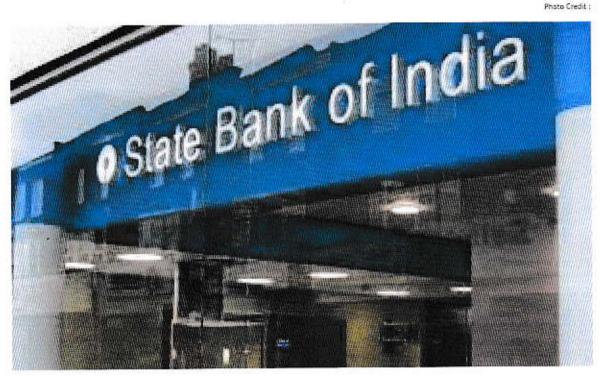
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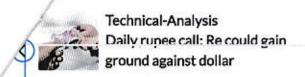
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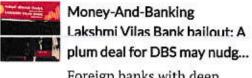


Dinesh Khara, Chairman, State Bank of India on Saturday said that the Indian economy is expected to be on normal course by early next fiscal even while the investment demand from corporate might take some time to pick up.

"In the month of October, all the high frequency indicators are showing very, very positive scenario. I think partly it is also attributed to the fact that there is a lot of Covid fatigue. Everybody would like to get into the mainstream economic activity as soon as possible. Earlier we had felt that it is a pent up demand coming from consumers. But I think now the way indicators are showing, there is a very clear trend pointing towards demand," Khara said while addressing annual general meeting of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI).









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Some of the core sectors including cement and steel have been doing well and there have also been signs of revival in the construction sector. The FMCG and e-commerce segments have remained strong and performed fairly well, he said. However, sectors such as travel, tourism and hospitality have been impacted due to the pandemic.

Talking about credit offtake, while retail credit is back to pre-Covid level, however, corporate credit offtake, which is a function of capacity utilisation and demand, may take some time. However, demand is slowly improving and corporates have started utilising their working capital limits.

"When it comes to investment demand, I think it is still sometime away and that is because as I look at it the capacity utilisation in the economy is somewhere around 69 per cent, and expecting any fresh investment demand coming from the private corporates looks quite unlikely for some more time to come," he pointed out.

However, the cash rich public sector entities are expected to embark upon their capital expenditure plan and that could well serve as a lever to generate investment demands.

"Now, we have started seeing some kind of enquiries for brownfield capacity which is waiting resolutions in the NCLT. So, some kind of interest is seen from some of the corporates," he added.

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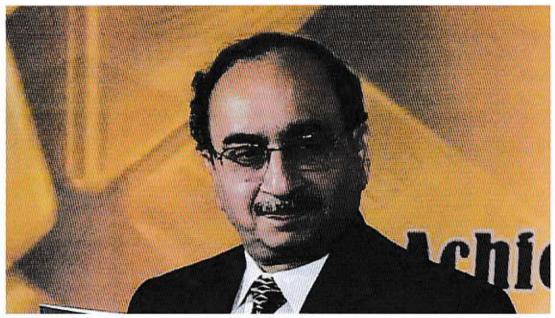
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Mumbai: Dinesh Kumar Khara, who has been appointed as the new State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman, is seen as a focussed and methodical administrator.

These attributes will be more than put to test as he faces the challenge to regain market share, which the country's largest lender has been losing to new-generation lenders.

The bank's market share in advances has fallen in the last three years, while it has barely held on to its share of deposits despite a flight to safety towards state-run banks after the Yes Bank crisis earlier this year. The fall came despite the fact that the bank merged five of its associate banks and the Bhartiya Mahila Bank with itself in April 2017.

This daunting task comes at a time when private sector lenders have upped the ante with superior services, powered with technology, to wrest market share from public sector banks.

The 59-year-old, who was one of the managing directors of SBI handling global banking and subsidiaries, is set to begin his three-year term at the helm Wednesday. He succeeds Rajnish Kumar, who completed his three-year term Tuesday. The Banks Board Bureau had recommended Khara as a successor to Kumar in August.

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Khara understands the market share game. Prior to becoming a managing director, he was heading the lender's mutual fund business as the managing director and chief executive of SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd.



Under his leadership, the fund leaped one position up and became the fifth largest mutual fund in India with a total asset under management (AUM) of about Rs 1.3 lakh crore by improving its market share to 8.8 per cent from 7 per cent.

The growth of SBI's mutual fund business is mainly attributed to Khara, said one of his former colleagues, who didn't wish to be named.

However, SBI is currently unable to increase its market share in loans and deposits. Its market share in loans fell to 19.69 per cent in 2019-20 from 20.09 per cent in 2018-19. In 2017-18, its loan market share was 19.92 per cent, according to the bank's annual report.

In deposits, the market share in 2019-20 was 22.84 per cent, which is the same level as 2017-18. In 2018-19, deposit market share was 22.38 per cent.

"The top management needs to be proactive. They need to go and meet top corporate houses who are sitting on cash, or looking for loans," said a former SBI chairman on condition of anonymity. "Since there is no credit growth, SBI is also not proactive in seeking deposits."

In his first interaction with the media as SBI Chairman, Khara said Wednesday that the bank is cognisant about market share, but the net interest margins should stay protected.

"We were losing market share, but now, for about a year, we have started gaining the market share also. We are cognisant that we have to have the market share but, in an economy like ours, with 23 per cent of market share in deposits, and 20 per cent in advances, it is a decent market share," he added.

"But a very important component which I would like to focus on is that the quality of advances book should be good and robust. Secondly, our NIM (net interest margin) should stay protected."

Who is Khara?

Khara, who joined SBI as Probationary Officer in 1984, has a Master's in Business Administration from Delhi's prestigious Faculty of Management Studies (FMS). A post-graduate in commerce, he is also a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB).

During his 36-year career, he has handled commercial banking such as retail credit, large, mid and small corporate credit, deposit mobilisation and branch management, among others.



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Khara's name was recommended by the Banks Board Bureau. (File)

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Khara led the SBI initiative to merge five associate banks with SBI in 2017. As the MD, he oversaw the international banking book, corporate banking book & treasury operations of SBI. Additionally, he supervised the businesses of SBI's non-banking subsidiaries, engaged in diverse financial activities such as asset management, insurance, custodial services, primary dealership, broking, credit cards, pension funds and factoring services.



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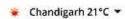
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India's economy expected to bounce back from next fiscal, says SBI chairman Khara

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The SBI chief made the statement while addressing the virtual annual general meeting of Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said that there will be a "paradigm shift" which will lead to a more matured economy" with economic players learning to contain costs.

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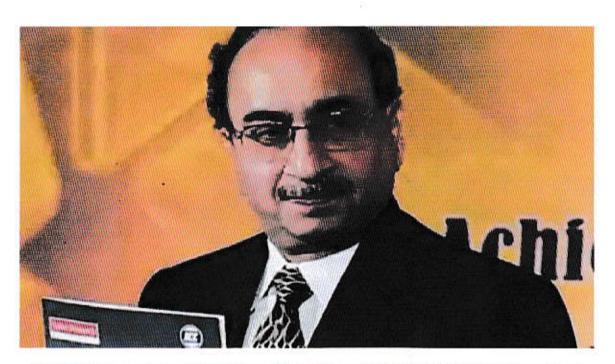
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He further pointed out the industries such as steel and cement are doing well since the beginning of April 2020 and now they are at a position from where they can tap the export markets. Business

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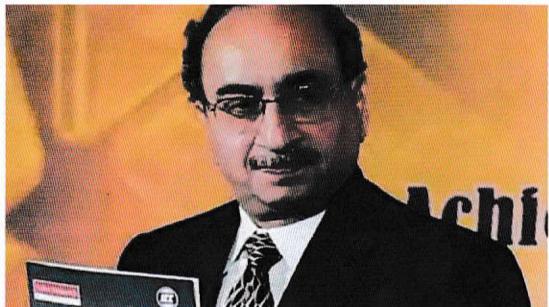


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Addressing the virtual annual general meeting of Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Khara said, "The financial system is expected to bounce back from the next fiscal beginning

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