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The Monthly Insurance Newsletter

General Insurance Industry Snapshot

As per our regular round-up on the Insurance Industry, this time we bring you product wise business performance of Non-life Insurers.

The data below depicts the performance of Public sector entities and Private sector for the period of April to June 2017.

Insurer	Fire	Marine	Engineering	Motor	Health	All Others	Grand Total	Market Share (%)	Growth %
Private Total	1,779	471	264	7,339	4,070	2,497	16,421	49.3	28.8
<i>Previous year</i>	<i>1,496</i>	<i>442</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>6,108</i>	<i>3,168</i>	<i>1,295</i>	<i>12,748</i>	<i>46.7</i>	
Public Total	1,835	479	373	6,511	6,134	1,534	16,865	50.7	15.8
<i>Previous year</i>	<i>1,649</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>379</i>	<i>5,345</i>	<i>5,210</i>	<i>1,440</i>	<i>14,563</i>	<i>53.3</i>	
Grand Total	3,614	950	637	13,850	10,203	4,031	33,285	100	21.9
<i>Previous year</i>	<i>3,145</i>	<i>981</i>	<i>619</i>	<i>11,453</i>	<i>8,378</i>	<i>2,735</i>	<i>27,311</i>	<i>100</i>	

*Source: IRDAI

* All figures in INR Crores

*Data for period of April-June 2017

Currently there are a total of 29 players in the General Insurance Segment in the country with 6 belonging to Public Sector (including AIC & ECGC) and 23 are from the Private Sector (including 6 stand-alone Health Insurers)

Motor and Health Insurance continue to be the largest contributors respectively and Marine has seen a slight decline in comparison to last year.

Recent Updates & Developments

Banks, insurance companies, mutual funds and pension funds will now chip in to create a common strategy to further the government's financial inclusion agenda in a targeted manner and based on a customer's need. The strategy here would be determining what kind of credit should be given once an account is opened, and then what kind of products should be offered. There would be changes in how the information technology would be used, and how a customer can be tracked.

As per a new IRDAI order, Insurance accruals lying unclaimed for a period of over 10 years as on September 30 will have to be deposited into a fund meant for senior citizens by March 1 next year. This is as per SCWF 2016 rule (Senior Citizen Welfare Fund) and the regulator has asked insurance companies to get details of such accounts and the prescribed format in which the unclaimed deposits have to be submitted. The rules apply to all life, general and health insurers.

ICICI Lombard has become the first non-life insurer in the country to file a draft red herring prospectus with respect to its Initial Public Offering. ICICI Lombard will be offloading 19% of its share in initial public offering amounting to about 8.6 Crore shares. Both the majority share holders (ICICI Bank & FAL Corp, unit of Fairfax Financial Holdings) will be diluting their equity

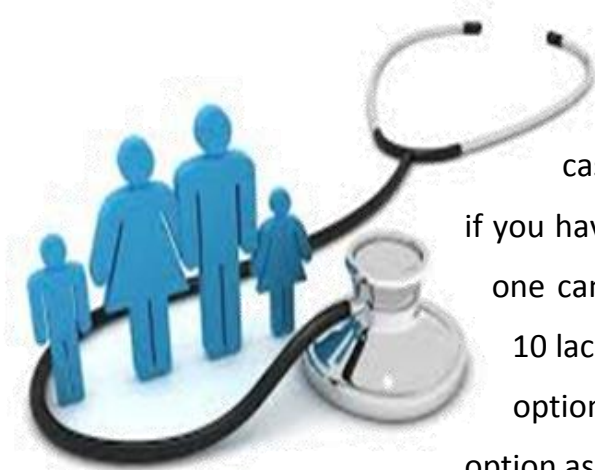
The Indian central government has asked state governments to set up their own insurance companies for better implementation of the crop insurance scheme, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY). While assessing the first year's implementation of PMFBY, the central government has mulled this idea and couple of states (Gujarat & Punjab) have shown interest in the same.

The IRDAI has effected a new regulation which is seen as a big move towards protecting policyholders' interests, including stipulating that insurers are to settle claims in a timely manner and defining the penalties that could be imposed on insurers for delays. The regulation outlines features and terms and conditions that need to be stated explicitly in a policy. For instance, in life insurance, an insurer needs to state things like the type of policy, features, premium payment, riders, exclusions, policy conditions for surrender or discontinuance, revival of the policy and the grievance redressal mechanism. IRDAI has given insurers till 31 December to make such changes in their policy documents.

Information and cyber risk has been rated as the biggest threat to business operations in India, followed by terrorism and insurgency, according to the FICCI-Pinkerton India Risk Survey 2017. A major global cyber-attack has the potential to trigger up to US\$53 billion of economic losses, according to a new report by Lloyd's

Health Top-up Insurance

If you have a car, you would know the risk of driving without a spare tyre. Till 1904, car drivers dreaded punctured tyres. Then Thomas Morris Davies of United Kingdom revolutionised things by adding a spare tyre so that a stand-by tyre was available in case of a punctured tyre.



Top-up health plans have a similar role to play in case you exhaust your base health insurance policy. So if you have a base health insurance policy for (say) INR 3 lacs, one can purchase a top-up policy for a sum insured of INR 10 lacs with a deductible of INR 3 lacs. Various Sum insured options are available and customers can choose suitable option as per their needs.

Considering the high medical costs, it is highly recommended that individuals take top-up plans to cover any high mediclaim cost. Many confuse health top-ups with other riders like critical illness etc; in reality, top-up health plans are indemnity policies and provide the same benefits as regular reimbursement plan. The only difference is the high deductible that makes these plans cheaper and underwriting may differ slightly.

Both your indemnity policy and top-up plan can be claimed together for single hospitalization keeping into account the only condition of the threshold of the top-up plan. As part of our consumer awareness process, we request all our readers to review their existing health insurance plans and explore appropriate health top-up plans.

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Indian Independence Day

Soon we will be celebrating our 71st Independence day. We bring you some interesting information about our Nation :

Highest Mountain Peak	:	Godwin Austin (K2)
Largest Lake of Freshwater	:	Wular Lake, (J & K)
Largest Cave	:	Amarnath Cave (J & K)
Largest State by Area	:	Rajasthan
Smallest State by Area	:	Goa
Most Populated State	:	Uttar Pradesh
Least populated State	:	Sikkim
Largest River Island	:	Majuli on Brahmaputra river, Assam
Largest Man-made Lake	:	Govind Sagar, Bhakra Dam
Longest Coastline State	:	Gujarat
Longest National Highway	:	NH-7 (Varanasi to Kanyakumari)
Longest Distance Train	:	Vivek Express (Dibrugarh to Kanyakumari)
Longest Beach	:	Marina Beach, Chennai
Largest Hospital	:	B J Medical College & Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad
Largest Cinema Theatre	:	Thangam, Madurai
Highest Statue	:	Jain Saint Gomateswara, Karnataka
Highest Airport	:	Leh, Ladakh
Largest Prison	:	Tihar Jail, New Delhi
Largest State (Forest Area)	:	Madhya Pradesh



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