

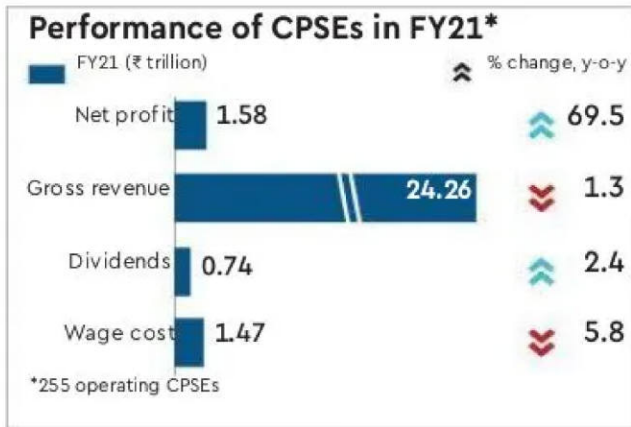


CPSEs post 70% growth in net profit in FY21

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HELPED BY LOWER operating and interest costs as well as a lower base, central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) posted a whopping 70% growth in net profit in the financial year 2020-21 (FY21), when the country was hit by Covid-19 pandemic, even though gross sales declined marginally, according to the latest public enterprise survey.

The net profit of CPSEs had declined nearly 35% in FY20. Net profit of the 255 operating CPSEs rose to ₹1.58 trillion in FY21 from ₹0.93 trillion in the previous year. However, the total income of these CPSEs fell 1.3% on year to ₹24.26 trillion in FY21, largely due to a decline in petroleum (refinery & marketing), transport & logistics services & crude oil. Yet, the CPSEs posted a substantial increase in profit due to contraction in commodity prices, lower interest costs and con-



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state-run petroleum refining-marketing companies, where it increased from ₹3,000 crore in FY20 to ₹54,000 crore in FY21, up by 17 times. Indian Oil was the most profitable CPSE with ₹21,836 crore in FY21, followed by Bharat Petroleum Corporation (₹19,042 crore), NTPC (₹13,770 crore). Whereas, BSNL was the top loss-making CPSE with ₹7,453 crore in FY21, followed by Air India (₹7,017 crore) and Bharat Heavy Electricals (₹2,717 crore).