

Sun-Ranbaxy deal pushes local M&A value to \$20.5b

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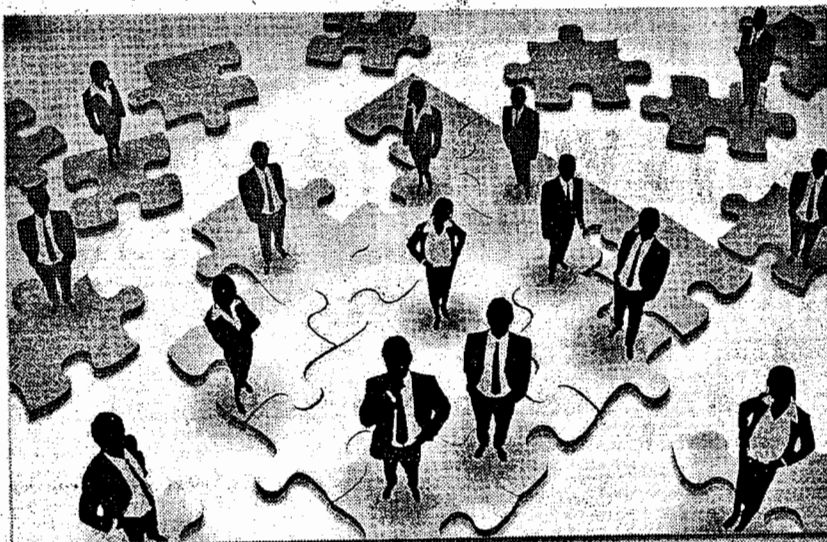
THE mergers and acquisition (M&A) activity involving domestic companies jumped 21.9 per cent at \$20.5 billion in the first half of 2014 over the same period last year, says a report.

The value of announced M&A deals involving companies reached \$20.5 billion during the first half of 2014 despite a 11.2 per cent slowdown in the number of deals from 582 to 517, a report by Thomson Reuters said on Thursday.

The average M&A deal size climbed to \$95 million during the reporting period from \$62.8 million the same period last year.

Domestic M&As stood at \$10.1 billion, up 295.9 per cent compared with the first half of 2013.

This was driven by Sun Pharmaceutical's pending acquisition of Ranbaxy Labs for \$4 billion in a stock swap transaction. The deal pushed the healthcare sector to capture 39.6 per cent of the domestic deal mak-



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ing, the report said. Completed M&A deals involving domestic companies totaled \$14.9 billion, a 20.7 per cent rise compared with the first half of 2013, the highest first half period since 2011 which was at \$20.7 billion.

The technology, media, and telecoms sector cap-

tured an aggregate market share of 13.3 per cent as combined deal value increased 22.5 per cent to \$2.7 billion from the first half of 2013.

Foreign firms acquiring domestic companies reached \$5.9 billion this year, a 41.3 per cent decline from the first half of 2013

alongside a 4.3 per cent drop in the number of announced deals.

The bulk of inbound acquisitions focused on the consumer staples sector in terms of deal value with \$2.2 billion worth of transactions, despite a 42 per cent decrease over a year ago.

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