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On April 1, four years back, piqued by the incessant jokes in the village at his expense, Bandu Barve decided he'd had enough. It was time for him to turn 'smart'. His dead granny's voice rang in his ears — "Read the papers, Bandya, they tell you all." So, off went Bandu to the stash of newspapers on his father's desk. As luck would have it, the first paper Bandu got his hands on was The Hindu BusinessLine. The stock recos, in particular, had him in thrall. Soon Bandu metamorphosed into an ace investor and trader.

BANDU'S PICKS

These days, Bandu picks five stocks each Sunday, which he believes will be blockbusters over the next week

- Just Dial
- Granules India
- Jai Corp
- Page Industries
- Lemon Tree Hotels

Here's your chance to match step with Bandu.
Guess the stock that will give the best return by next Friday (BSE prices). By Wednesday noon, mail us your pick and its expected price rise to **bandublockbuster@gmail.com** with your name, mobile number and address. One lucky winner will get a prize of ₹2,000.

Last week's prize winner Rekha B S

Last week's winning stock
Deepak Nitrite

Closing price (Dec 3): ₹2308.45

Closing price (Dec 10): ₹2351.1

Return: 1.85 per cent