

Info Capsule

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❖ Latest @ICSI

Important decisions taken by the Council of the ICSI at its 276th (Special) Meeting held on May 05, 2021 (May 08, 2021)

Several important decisions were taken by the Council of the ICSI at its 276th (Special) Meeting held on May 05, 2021 such as:

- Complete waiver of the shortfall in the CPE Credit Hours (both structured & unstructured) for the Financial Year 2020-21, in view of COVID- 19 pandemic.
- Creation of a Special Covid- 19 Assistance Corpus of Rs. 10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Crores only) for members of the ICSI who are Non CSBF Members/ CSBF Members who are 60 years and above, who do not have insurance coverage of more than Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs), by granting one-time financial assistance to their legal heir of deceased Member(s) who have lost



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their life, between April 01, 2020 to March 31, 2022, due to Covid-19. As per the guidelines to be issued by the ICSI, the Financial Assistance will be as under:

Category of Members	Eligible Amount (in Rupees)
Non CSBF Members	Rs. 500,000/- (Rs. Five Lakhs only).
CSBF Members who are 60 years and above	Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), in addition to benefits under CSBF.

- Subject to approval from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs –
 - a) Extension of the last date for payment of Annual Membership Fee, Certificate of Practice and Licentiate fee in the FY 2021-22 from June 30, 2021 to September 30, 2021.
 - b) Temporary relaxation be provided to the Students who have qualified CS Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) and are scheduled to appear in the 12th Examinations in 2021 conducted by the Central and State Boards, to seek provisional registration to the Executive Programme subject to submission of proof of passing the 10+2 examinations within six months from the date of such provisional registration to the Executive Programme.

For details:

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Important_Decisions_of_276th_Special_Meeting_of_the_Council.pdf

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/08_05_2021_Exemption_Mandatory_CPE_Credits_2020-21.pdf

❖ **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

Publication of provisional database for the companies under the regulatory ambit of National Financial Reporting Authority (May 07, 2021)

The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) is in the process of creating a verified and accurate database of companies and auditors that come under the regulatory ambit of NFRA. Establishment of this data base involves critical steps like identification and verification of the primary data source, and reconciliation of data (such as Company Identification Number (CIN) which is dynamic) from different sources. In this regard the NFRA has been engaging with the Corporate Data Management (CDM) division of Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and three recognised stock exchanges in India.

A provisional data base of companies and their auditors as of March 31, 2019 has been compiled by the NFRA. This includes approx. 6,500 companies, comprising listed companies (around 5,300), unlisted companies (around 1,000), and Insurance and Banking Companies. The auditor details for many of these companies have been compiled; in the remaining cases, this exercise is in progress.

To achieve the objectives for which NFRA has been established, and to promote transparency in its working, this provisional data as of March 31, 2019 has been published on the website of the NFRA (https://www.nfra.gov.in/nfra_domain). This provisional data will be updated/revised going forward based on the collection of further data and information. Similar exercise for compilation of the data base as of March 31, 2020 will be undertaken shortly.

For details:

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1716834>

❖ **Direct Tax**

Notification No. 56 (May 07, 2021)

The Central Government, in exercise of powers conferred by clause (iii) of Proviso to Section 269ST of the Income-tax Act, 1961, hereby specifies Hospitals, Dispensaries, Nursing Homes, Covid Care Centres or similar other medical facilities providing Covid treatment to patients for the purpose of Section 269ST of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for payment received in cash during April 01, 2021 to May 31, 2021, on obtaining the PAN or AADHAAR of the patient and the payee and the relationship between the patient and the payee by such Hospitals, Dispensaries, Nursing Homes, Covid Care Centres or similar other medical facilities.

For details:

<https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2021/226922.pdf>

❖ **Indirect Tax**

Goods and Services Tax

- **Exempting COVID vaccines from GST will be counterproductive, lead to price increase: FM Sitharaman tells Mamata Banerjee (May 09, 2021)**

A 5 percent GST rate on vaccines ensures that the manufacturer is able to utilise the input tax credit (ITC) and in case of overflow of ITC, claim refund, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, in response to a letter from West Bengal CM. The GST on vaccines is charged at 5 percent, and a tax rate of 12 percent is levied on domestic supplies and commercial imports of COVID-19-related drugs and equipment like oxygen concentrators.

For details:

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/exempting-covid-vaccines-from-gst-will-be-counterproductive-lead-to-price-increase-fm-sitharaman-tells-mamata-banerjee-6872141.html>

Customs

- **Restoration of facility of acceptance of an undertaking in lieu of bond by Customs – Circular No. 9/2021 – Customs (May 08, 2021)**

CBIC has restored the facility of acceptance of an undertaking in lieu of bond by Customs formation from May 08, 2021 till June 30, 2021.

For details:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2021/Circular-No-09-2021.pdf>

❖ **Terminology for today**

FOMC

FOMC stands for the Federal Open Market Committee, which is the branch of the Federal Reserve responsible for reviewing and overseeing open market operations in the US. Through intervening in open market operations – buying or selling government securities – the FOMC can indirectly change the federal funds rate.

❖ **Market Watch**

Stock Market Indices as on 10.05.2021

S & P BSE Sensex	49502.41 (+295.94)
Nifty 50	14942.35 (+119.20)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 07.05.2021

(<https://www.geojit.com/currency-futures/rbi-reference-rate>)

INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 JPY
73.74	102.48	88.77	0.68

❖ **Banking & Insurance**

• **Group of Advisors to Regulations Review Authority invites feedback and suggestions (May 07, 2021)**

The Reserve Bank of India has set up a Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0), initially for a period of one year from May 01, 2021. The RRA will review the regulatory prescriptions internally as well as by seeking suggestions from the RBI regulated entities and other stakeholders on their simplification and ease of implementation. The Group has decided to invite feedback and suggestions from all regulated entities, industry bodies and other stakeholders. The suggestion and feedback may be e-mailed latest by June 15, 2021 to the feedbackrra@rbi.org.in.

For details:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=51544

• **Special Long-Term Repo Operations (SLTRO) for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) (May 07, 2021)**

Small Finance Banks (SFBs) have been playing a prominent role by acting as a conduit for last mile supply of credit to individuals and small businesses. RBI Has decided to conduct special three-year Long-Term Repo Operations (SLTRO) of Rs.10,000 crore at repo rate for the SFBs, to be deployed for fresh lending of up to Rs.10 lakh per borrower. This facility will be available till October 31, 2021.

For details:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=51546

• **National Asset Reconstruction Company to be operational next month: IBA CEO (May 09, 2021)**

National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL), the name coined for the bad bank announced in the Budget 2021-22, is expected to be operational in June. Bad bank refers to a financial institution that takes over bad assets of lenders and undertakes resolution. The new entity is being created in collaboration with both public and private sector banks, as per Indian Banks' Association, Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

For details:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/national-asset-reconstruction-company-to-be-operational-next-month-iba-ceo/2248707/>

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