

# Info Capsule

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## ❖ **Business and Economics News**

### • **Government announces New Social Media Rules to curb its misuse (February 26, 2021)**

The Centre notified new stricter guidelines for social media intermediaries that will make it mandatory for platforms such as WhatsApp to aid in identifying the “originator” of “unlawful” messages.

It will also require the likes of Twitter, Facebook and YouTube to take down such messages within a specific time-frame, set up grievance redressal mechanisms as well as assist government agencies in investigation

*For details:*

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/govt-announces-new-social-media-rules/article33931290.ece>



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## ❖ **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

### • **MCA & CBIC sign MoU for exchange of data for enhancing Ease of Doing Business in India and improve overall regulatory enforcement (February 25, 2021)**

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Ministry of Finance, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for data exchange between the two organisations.

The MoU will facilitate the sharing of data and information between MCA and CBIC on an automatic and regular basis. It will enable sharing of specific information such as details of Bill of Entry (Imports), Shipping Bill (Exports) Summary from CBIC and financial statements filed with the Registrar by corporates, returns of allotment of shares. The MoU will ensure that both MCA and CBIC have seamless linkage for regulatory purposes. In addition to regular exchange of data, MCA and CBIC will also exchange with each other, on request, any information available in their respective databases, for the purpose of carrying out scrutiny, inspection, investigation and prosecution.

*For details:*

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1700715>

### • **MCA advises investors to verify status of Nidhi companies before investment (February 25, 2021)**

Under the amended Companies Act, 2013 and the Nidhi Rules, 2014, companies need to get themselves updated (those companies which were earlier declared as Nidhi company under the Companies Act, 1956) or declared as Nidhi company (those companies which were incorporated as Nidhi company after 01.04.2014) by applying to the MCA in form NDH-4. While examining the applications in form NDH-4, it has been observed by the Central Government that these companies have not been complying with the provisions of the rules in-toto. This has resulted in rejection of applications filed by the

companies for declaration since they have not been found fit to be declared as Nidhi Company.

Investors are advised to verify the antecedents / status of a Nidhi Company especially their declaration of their status as Nidhi Company by the Central Government before becoming its member and investing their hard earned money in such companies.

*For details:*

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1700679>

### ❖ ***Securities and Capital Markets***

#### **SEBI guidelines related to Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) soon (February 25, 2021)**

SEBI's Chairman Mr. Ajay Tyagi in his speech at SEBI-NISM conference on "Behavior of Securities Market-Sighting of Black Swan" on February 25, 2021 said that 'with a view to meeting the increasing investor demand for ESG related information, SEBI is in active discussions with various stakeholders to bring in greater granularity in disclosures by listed companies in the ESG space so that investors can make well informed investment decisions. We are expecting to issue the relevant guidelines soon. The proposed guidelines are aimed at achieving much higher level of transparency and accountability from listed entities in the ESG arena.'

*For full speech, please refer:*

[https://www.sebi.gov.in/media/speeches/feb-2021/chairman-s-speech-dated-february-25-2021-on-behavior-of-securities-market-sighting-of-black-swan-at-sebi-nism-conference\\_49271.html](https://www.sebi.gov.in/media/speeches/feb-2021/chairman-s-speech-dated-february-25-2021-on-behavior-of-securities-market-sighting-of-black-swan-at-sebi-nism-conference_49271.html)

### ❖ ***Terminology for today***

#### **Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)**

A specialized community based financial institution with a primary mission to promote economic development by providing financial products and services to people and communities underserved by traditional financial institutions, particularly in low income areas.

## ❖ **Indirect Tax**

### **Goods and Services Tax**

- **GSTN issues advisory on Annual Return (GSTR -9C) (February 24, 2021)**

The taxpayers are advised to ensure that values are reported upto two decimal places in the GSTR-9 offline utility. The error “Error! Invalid Summary payload” after uploading the JSON created from the Offline Utility of GSTR-9 is reported due to reporting values upto three decimal places instead of two decimals.

*For details:*

<https://www.gst.gov.in/newsandupdates/read/454>

### **Customs**

- **Extension in ADD on imports of Glazed/Unglazed Porcelain/Vitrified tiles in polished or unpolished finish with less than 3% water absorption – Notification No. 09/2021 – Customs (February 25, 2021)**

This notification seeks to amend notification no 29/2017-Customs (ADD) dated June 14, 2017 so as to extend the said notification up to June 28, 2021. As per Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and in pursuance of rule 23 of the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on Dumped Articles and for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995 in the matter of continuation of Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on imports of “Glazed/Unglazed Porcelain/Vitrified tiles in polished or unpolished finish with less than 3% water absorption” falling under headings 6907 or 6914 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, originating in or exported from China PR.

*For details:*

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd09-2021.pdf>

- **Notification to extend the levy of Anti-Dumping duty on Melamine originating in or exported from China PR (People’s Republic of China) , up to and inclusive of March 31, 2021– Notification No. 10/2021 – Customs (February 25, 2021)**

This notification seeks to extend the levy of Anti-Dumping duty on Melamine originating in or exported from China PR, up to and inclusive of March 31, 2021

*For details:*

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2021/cs-add2021/csadd10-2021.pdf>

## ❖ **Banking and Insurance**

- **Bad bank will be a new ARC set up by PSBs: Shaktikanta Das (February 26, 2021)**  
Central Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das on February 25, 2021 said the proposed bad bank, considered crucial in helping to extract the capital stuck in soured loans, will be a new Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC) set up by public sector lenders to take over bad assets. Further, he stated that the new entity will in no way jeopardise the functioning of existing ARCs.

For details:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/bad-bank-will-be-a-new-arc-set-up-by-psbs-rbi-governor-shaktikanta-das/articleshow/81220091.cms>

- **Guidelines on Standard Personal Accident Insurance Product (February 25, 2021)**  
The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on February 25, 2021 has issued Guidelines on Standard Personal Accident Insurance Product. The insurance market is having a wide variety of personal accident insurance products. Each product has unique features and the insuring public may find it a challenge to choose an appropriate product. Therefore, with the objective of having a standard product with common coverage and policy wordings across the industry, the Authority has decided to mandate all general and health insurers to offer the standard personal accident insurance product.

For details:

[https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/whatsNew\\_Layout.aspx?page=PageNo4381&flag=1](https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/whatsNew_Layout.aspx?page=PageNo4381&flag=1)

## ❖ **Market Watch**

### **Stock Market Indices as on 26.02.2021**

S & P BSE Sensex	49099.99 (-1939.32)
Nifty 50	14529.15 (-568.20)

### **Foreign Exchange Rates as on 25.02.2021**

(<https://www.fbil.org.in/#/home>)

INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 EUR	INR/ 1 JPY
72.4953	102.6582	88.2727	.6845

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