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From the President

"Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death." — Albert Einstein

The process of learning is a continuous one. With the academic and professional scenario altering itself dynamically, as a true professional it is imperative on our part to keep ourselves abreast with the ever changing scenarios and circumstances to be able to keep up with the national and global phenomenon.

With the legal, economic and business environment changing incessantly, staying updated is not a choice but a necessity. And with corporates looking for optimal solution and thorough professionals to provide the same, it is quintessential that we keep ourselves well informed, updated and strengthened with the knowledge of recent developments around.

Info Capsule aims to cater to the academic, research and professional needs of our esteemed stakeholders by providing daily updates relating to Corporate Laws, Securities Laws and Capital Markets, Banking and Insurance, including latest news of ICSI.

The recently released Series-1 containing the first 25 issues of Info Capsule received a prodigious response from various stakeholders and was quite the right motivation for us to roll out the **Info Capsule Series-2** compiling the subsequent issues.

I firmly believe that the Info Capsule will continue to play a pivotal role in continuous knowledge updation and capacity building to all the members and students alike.

I extol the endeavours of the Directorate of Academics for ensuring flawless online publication of Info Capsule on daily basis and making constant value additions in order to maintain its relevance for the stakeholders.

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* Latest @ ICSI

First Company **Secretary Executive** Entrance (CSEET) to be conducted on 29th August 2020 through remote proctored mode

The students who have registered for the CSEET up to 27 July 2020 shall be eligible to appear in the first seat scheduled to be held through remote proctored mode on Saturday 29th August 2020. The detailed modus operandi for conducting of CSEET in remote proctored mode is place on ICSI website. https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Con

ducting_1stCSEET_29082020_through_Remote ProctoredMode.pdf

Commencement of Registration Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) November, 2020 Session

The Registration for the CSEET November, 2020 Session has already commenced and the last date for registration of Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test November 2020 Session shall be 27th October 2020. It is to be noted that the November, 2020 Session of CSEET is scheduled to be held on 28th November, 2020.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Nove mber20session_CSEET_heldon_28Nov20.pdf

Ministry of Corporate Affairs

MCA Clarification on dispatch of notice under section 62(2) Companies Act, 2013 by listed companies for rights issues opening upto 31st December, 2020

MCA vide General Circular 27 /2020 dated August 03, 2020 in reference to the General circular no. 21/2020, has clarified that non-dispatch of notice to shareholders through registered post, speed post, courier by the listed Companies would not be viewed as violation of 62(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for rights issues opening upto December 31, 2020.

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/GeneralCircul arNo.25_03082020.pdf



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Securities Laws

SEBI CIRCULAR

Grievance Resolution between listed entities and proxy advisers (August 4, 2020)

In order to facilitate resolution of grievances of listed entities against SEBI registered proxy advisors, the listed entities may approach SEBI with effect from September 01, 2020. SEBI will examine the matter for non-compliance by proxy advisors with the provisions of the Code of Conduct under regulation 24(2) read with regulation 23(1) of the SEBI (Research Analyst) Regulations, 2014 and the procedural guidelines for proxy advisors issued vide SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/147 dated August 03, 2020.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/grievance-resolutionbetween-listed-entities-and-proxy-advisers_47252.html

SEBI INTERIM EX-PARTE ORDER (August 4, 2020)

SEBI under the urgent preventive circumstances, issued an interim ex-parte order against Chetan Yashwant Shukla which, inter alia, directed him to cease and desist from acting as an investment advisor and cease to solicit or undertake such activity or any other activities in the securities market, directly or indirectly, in any matter whatsoever until further orders. This order is issued for preventing Chetan Yashwant Shukla from collecting funds by defrauding investors and by indulging in unauthorized investment advisory services without obtaining the mandatory registrations from SEBI in accordance with the law.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/interim-order-inrespect-of-chetan-yashwant-shukla 47260.html

SEBI FINAL ORDER (August 4, 2020)

SEBI in its final order directed M/s. Top Class Capital Markets Pvt. Ltd. to disgorge the illegal gains of Rs. 3.78 crore along with interest at the rate of 12% per annum within 45 days from the effective date of the Order. The amount relates to a notional profit that was earned by M/s. Top Class Capital Markets Pvt. Ltd. while engaging in trading of the shares of Aurobindo Pharma Ltd. in violation of Regulation 3(i) of the PIT Regulations, 1992.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/final-order-in-thematter-of-aurobindo-pharma-ltd_47259.html

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Government amends export policy with reference to export of all ventilators including any artificial respiratory apparatus or oxygen therapy apparatus or any other breathing appliance/device.

http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/220848.pdf

Ministry of Finance

Government Official Updates Progress of India's Cryptocurrency Law

India's cryptocurrency bill is back in the limelight on August 4, 2020 after Money control reported on a "note" that seeks to "ban trade in cryptocurrency," citing an unnamed government official. On the condition of anonymity, the official explained that the Indian government has been holding consultations with the law ministry, the ministry of information and technology, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on a framework for a law that will "formally end trading in cryptocurrency in India,".

https://news.bitcoin.com/government-official-updates-progress-indias-cryptocurrency-law/

* Banking & Insurance

• PNB classifies its loan exposure to Reliance Home Finance as fraud

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has classified its exposure to Reliance Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) as a fraud account and communicated the same to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As on 3 July 2019, PNB's exposure to the company stood at 280 crore. PNB made the decision following a forensic audit report that highlighted some Reliance Home Finance transactions with other companies in the same group. Though Reliance Home Finance had informed stock exchanges on January 12, 2020 that the audit found no evidence of diversion of funds, the bankers said PNB still went ahead with the decision.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/pnb-classifies-its-loan-exposure-to-reliance-home-finance-as-fraud-11596595877142.html

HDFC Bank Gets Aditya Puri's Successor. Sashidhar Jagdishan to be the New CEO

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as the new managing director and CEO of the country's most valued bank - HDFC Bank - with effect from October 27, 2020. Sashidhar Jagdishan will succeed Aditya Puri, who is due to retire as Managing Director of HDFC Bank on October 26, 2020.

Mr. Jagdishan joined the bank in 1996 as a manager in the finance function and later became Business Head-Finance in 1999 and was appointed as Chief Financial Officer in the year 2008, HDFC Bank said in a regulatory filing.

https://www.ndtv.com/business/hdfc-bank-ceo-appointment-rbi-approves-sashidhar-jagdishan-as-hdfc-bank-ceo-to-succeed-aditya-puri-2273747

Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax - Compliance for the month of August, 2020

S. No.	Return	Return Description		Revised Due Date
1.	GSTR – 1 Details of outward supplies (Aggregate Turnover greater than 1.5 J (Monthly) Crores and up to 5 Crores)		June, 2020	5 th August, 2020
	GSTR – 1 Details of outward supplies (Aggregate Turnover less than 1.5 A (quarterly) Crores)		April to June, 2020	3 rd August, 2020
2.	GSTR – 3B	Self declaration form (Aggregate Turnover above Rs. 5 Crores)	July, 2020	20 th August, 2020
3.	GSTR – 5 Details of outward taxable supplies and tax payable by Non Resident Taxable person (monthly)		July, 2020	20 th August, 2020
4.	e. GSTR – 5A Details of outward taxable supplies and tax payable by OIDAR (monthly)		July, 2020	20 th August, 2020
5.	GSTR – 6 Input Service Distributor		July, 2020	13th August, 2020
6.	GSTR – 7 Details of TDS deducted, amount of TDS paid and payable and any refund of TDS claimed		July, 2020	31st August, 2020
7.			July, 2020	31st August, 2020
8.			June, 2020	31st August, 2020

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	37663.33 (-24.58)	
Nifty 50	11120.10 (+24.85)	

Reference Rate				
INR / 1 USD INR / 1 EUR INR / 1 GBP INR / 1 JPY				
74.89 (+0.31%)	88.02 (+0.11%)	97.84 (+0.16%)	0.71 (+0.24%)	

❖ Direct Tax

Income Tax Department hopes to complete all Faceless e-Assessments by mid-September

The Income Tax Department in October 2019 rolled out the faceless e-assessment scheme that eliminates physical interface between an Assessing Officer and an Assessee. Eight cities - Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Pune are covered under the scheme. The cases taken up for faceless e-assessment include a mix of returns filed by individuals, businesses. MSMEs as well as big companies.

Under the faceless e-assessment system, the tax payer would not know by whom his /her return is being assessed or in which city. The anonymity and the absence of human interface will go a long way in addressing the issue of harassment as well as curb instances of corruption.

https://pib.nic.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1643289

Business and Economic News

IFSCA sets up committee for international retail business development

The work to establish the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) as a credible international jurisdiction and gain from the changing geopolitical situation has picked up steam. On August 3, 2020, Monday, the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), the regulator for IFSC, set up a committee for international retail business development.

The seven-member committee will need to submit its report within three months. The panel has been tasked to suggest measures for developing international retail business in IFSC along with potential strategies for making IFSC attractive for international financial services.

https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/ifsca-sets-up-committee-for-international-retail-business-development-11596460735937.html

Iudicial Pronouncement

NCLAT in the matter of Devarajan Raman, Resolution Professional Poonam Drum & Containers Pvt Ltd. vs. Bank of India Ltd., (Company Appeal (AT) (Insolvency) No. 646 of 2020) on a query of the learned counsel for the Appellant replied that the Resolution Professional has worked for about three months. Since the expenses have been allowed in full and the consolidated amount of Rs.5 Lakh + GST has been allowed as fee of the Resolution Professional for the entire period, NCLAT held that it found the same is not unreasonable. Fixation of fee is not a business decision depending upon the commercial wisdom of the Committee of Creditors.

https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/11870494515f22af31bda59.pdf

NCLAT in the matter of M P Agarwal vs. Shri Lakshmi Cotsyn Ltd. & Anr wherein the Adjudicating Authority (National Company Law Tribunal), Allahabad Bench allowed application filed by the Resolution professional under Section 33(1)(a) r/w Section 33(2) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and Appeal is made by one of the Promoter and Member of the suspended Board of Directors primarily on the ground that the Committee of Creditors had failed to take into account the Settlement Offer/ Proposal of the Appellant and the recommendation for Liquidation was based on stale valuations.

NCLAT held that it is the settled law of the land that the Committee of Creditors enjoys primacy in matter of approval or rejection of Resolution Plan/ Settlement Proposal and the Adjudicating Authority, as also this Appellate Tribunal would be exceeding its jurisdiction in questioning the commercial wisdom of the Committee of Creditors in approving or rejecting such plan/proposal which is essentially based on business decision. NCLAT found no justifiable ground for judicial intervention.

https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/12788111655f20ffb868747.pdf

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❖ Latest @ ICSI

Important decisions taken by the Council of the ICSI at its meeting held on 30th July, 2020

The council has approved the partial revision for conducting of CS Executive Entrance Test (CSEET). The first CSEET is scheduled to be held through remote proctored mode on Saturday 29th August 2020. The details of the technical requirements/specifications with procedural along the methodology are available on ICSI website weblink:

[https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmod ules/Conducting_1stCSEET 29082020 through_RemoteProctoredMode.pdf.]

The council approved the proposed to the Company Amendments Secretaries (Procedure Investigations of Professional and other Misconduct and Conduct of cases) Rules, 2007 ('the Rules') for making provision for Disciplinary proceedings through electronic or other audio visual mode.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodu les/Important_decisions%20taken_Cou ncil ICSI meeting held 300720.pdf

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Securities Laws

SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (August 5, 2020)

SEBI has amended the provisions of Regulation 42 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, which, inter alia, provides that the listed entity shall intimate the record date for the events to all the stock exchange(s) where it is listed or where stock derivatives are available on the stock of the listed entity or where listed entity's stock form part of an index on which derivatives are available.

http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/220864.pdf

SEBI INTERIM EX-PARTE ORDER (August 4, 2020)

SEBI under the urgent preventive circumstances issued an interim exparte order which, inter alia, directed Fortune script Services Private Limited and its Directors to cease and desist from acting as an investment advisor including the activity of acting and representing through any media (physical or digital) as an investment advisor, directly or indirectly, and cease to solicit or undertake such activity or any other activities in the securities market, directly or indirectly, in any matter whatsoever, until further orders.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/interimorder-in-the-matter-of-fortune-services-private-limited_47264.html

RBI Monetary Policy August, 2020

Based upon the deliberations of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held on 4th, 5th and 6th August, 2020, Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that the policy repo rate will remain unchanged at 4 percent and continue with the accommodative stance of monetary policy as long as necessary to revive growth, mitigate the impact of COVID-19, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target going forward.

https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/PressRelease/PDFs/PR148264164EE 91494224AADAD206AADB905F.PDF

❖ Banking & Insurance

Extension of moratorium and restructuring of loan could pose risk to lenders: ICRA

According to the ratings firm ICRA, any further extension of moratorium on loan would be detrimental for banks and adversely impact their outlook. The Reserve Bank is expected to make public its regulatory stance moratorium on loan repayment when it releases its vote on policy action on August 6, 2020, Thursday.

Many industry leaders including HDFC Chairman, Deepak Parekh have publicly called for discontinuing any further extension of moratorium imposed after the nationwide lockdown imposed in March following the concerns of COVID-19, which led to contraction of economic activity.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/extension-of-moratorium-and-restructuring-of-loan-could-pose-risk-to-lenders-icra/articleshow/77376381.cms

Bad loans sold to ARCs: Banks may have to increase provision for Security Receipts

Banks may face a new dilemma. They may need to raise the provisioning not just for expected bad loans, but also for the NPAs they have sold to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs). Data compiled from the FY20 annual reports suggest that many banks have provided about 20 per cent of the book value of the security receipts (SRs) they hold against bad loans sold to ARCs. While this is in line with the regulatory requirements, according to bankers, many lenders may look to increase the provisions as there are now growing concerns over the expected fall in the valuation of the distressed assets as the Covid pandemic rages.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/banks-may-have-to-increase-provision-for-security-receipts/article32279329.ece

• Large masses of humanity at risk in developing nations: Bhanu Baweja of UBS Investment Bank

In an interview with Malini Bhupta, the Chief Strategist of UBS Investment Bank, Bhanu Baweja opined that the Corona pandemic will transform several industries forever and the big will only get bigger as smaller companies just don't have the cash buffer.

https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/large-masses-of-humanity-at-risk-in-developing-nations-bhanu-baweja-of-ubs-investment-bank/2046206/

• RBI firm on no bank licence to India Inc

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has stuck to its traditional stand of restricting large corporates from promoting banks. In informal discussions with the government in the context of the new privatization policy that is in the planning stage, the RBI has communicated its stand on the matter, sources familiar with the developments said. https://www.business-standard.com/article/finance/no-bank-licence-to-india-inc-rbi-sees-threat-to-financial-stability-120080600026 1.html

Now Life Insurance Policies can be received and cancelled online

In a recent circular, the IRDAI stated that in the wake of the emerging situation of Covid19 Global Pandemic and taking into account the feedback received from the Life Insurers who have expressed difficulties in printing and dispatch of policy documents, the regulator has allowed an exemption from the requirement to issue policy document, copy of proposal form in physical form. Now, the IRDAI has allowed insurers to issue the policy document on email and the insured can even get it cancelled within the free-look period.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/now-receive-and-cancel-life-insurance-policies-online-irdai-allows-insurers-to-send-policy-document-on-e-mail/2045274/

* Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38025.45 (+362.12)	
Nifty 50	11200.15 (+98.50)	

Reference Rate				
INR / 1 USD INR / 1 EUR INR / 1 GBP INR/				
74.89 (-0.01%)	88.17 (+0.17%)	97.80 (-0.04%)	0.71 (+0.05%)	

❖ Direct Tax

The Central Board of Direct Tax chief asked taxmen to compute tax demand for all Assessees by Aug 31, 2020 and dispose of pending appeals

With tepid collections proving to be a challenge in meeting tax revenue goals, The CBDT Chairman has set monthly targets for field formations for disposing of appeals and asked them to compute taxes for all assesses by August-end.

https://www.livemint.com/politics/policy/compute-tax-demand-for-all-assessees-by-aug-31-dispose-of-pending-appeals-cbdt-chief-to-taxmen-11596346184247.html

❖ Business and Economic News

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the extension of term of appointment of Shri Ajay Tyagi (HP:1984) as Chairman, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) by a further period of 18 months w.e.f 01.09.2020 up to 28.02.2022 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
 - https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/sebi-chairman-ajay-tyagis-term-extended-by-18-months/articleshow/77374523.cms
- Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Phase-I : April 2020 to June 2020 States/UTs distributed 93.5 % of allocated food grains for the period April-June 2020 among NFSA beneficiaries https://pib.nic.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1643542
- The finance ministry has said the drastic reduction in the number of cases chosen for scrutiny was a reflection of the tax authority's evolution from an enforcement agency to one focused on tax payer services. Data tweeted by the department showed that it chose only 0.25% of all the returns filed in 2018-19 for scrutiny compared with 0.55% examined in 2017-18.

https://www.livemint.com/

Pronouncement

• NCLAT in the matter of *Ricoh India Ltd.* wherein the Appellant questioned the Resolution Professional over acceptance of two Resolution Plans that had been submitted after the expiry of deadline for submission of Resolution Plan, without obtaining any CoC resolution to extend the deadline and issuing notice for inviting EoI from other potential resolution applicants.

NCLAT observed that in the exercise of commercial wisdom, CoC was not authorized to approve the arbitrary and illegal conduct of corporate insolvency resolution process and held that illegal exercise of power by the Resolution Professional in conducting CIRP cannot be treated as an exercise of power for maximization of value under Commercial Wisdom. The CoC is directed to take a decision afresh in the light of the directions given above for consideration on the Resolution Plans already submitted within the stipulated timeline.

https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/9710818165f2a9a5f966eb.pdf

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Securities Laws

SEBI CIRCULAR

Administration and Supervision of Investment Advisers (August 6, 2020)

Considering the growing number of registered Investment Advisers (IAs), SEBI has decided recognize a wholly-owned subsidiary of the stock exchange (Stock Exchange Subsidiary) to administer and supervise IAs registered with SEBI. In this regard, SEBI has issued a circular which, inter alia, provides the criteria for grant of recognition, setting up of requisite systems by stock exchanges for the purpose and responsibilities of subsidiary of a stock exchange.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circ ulars/aug-2020/administrationand-supervision-of-investmentadvisers_47276.html

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***** Banking & Insurance

 Offline Retail Payments using Cards / Wallets / Mobile Devices - Pilot Scheme

The Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies issued as part of Monetary Policy statement dated August 06, 2020 proposed that the Reserve Bank would allow a pilot scheme for small value payments in offline mode. The pilot scheme shall be undertaken till March 31, 2021 only. The Reserve Bank shall decide on formalising such a system based on the experience gained under the pilot.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11947&Mode=0

Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) System for Digital Payments

As per the Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies issued as a part of Monetary Policy statement dated August 06, 2020, it is informed that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had announced introduction of Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) system for resolving customer disputes and grievances pertaining to digital payments, using a system-driven and rule-based mechanism with zero or minimal manual intervention.

To begin with, authorised PSOs shall be required to implement an ODR system for disputes and grievances related to failed transactions in their respective payment systems by January 1, 2021.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11946&Mode=0

• Opening of Current Accounts by Banks - Need for Discipline

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reviewed and revised the instructions for opening of current accounts by banks. No bank shall open current accounts for customers who have availed credit facilities in the form of cash credit (CC)/ overdraft (OD) from the banking system and all transactions shall be routed through the CC/OD account.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11945&Mode=0

Loans against Gold Ornaments and Jewellery for Non-Agricultural Enduses

With a view to further mitigate the economic impact of the COVID19 pandemic on households, entrepreneurs and small businesses, it has been decided to increase the permissible loan to value ratio (LTV) for loans against pledge of gold ornaments and jewellery for non-agricultural purposes from 75 per cent to 90 per cent. This enhanced LTV ratio will be applicable up to March 31, 2021 to enable the borrowers to tide over their temporary liquidity mismatches on account of COVID 19. Accordingly, fresh gold loans sanctioned on and after April 1, 2021 shall attract LTV ratio of 75 per cent. https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?ld=11944&Mode=0

• Resolution Framework for COVID-19-related Stress

The Reserve Bank of India (Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets) Directions 2019, dated June 7, 2019 ("Prudential Framework") provides a principle-based resolution framework for addressing borrower defaults under a normal scenario. Any resolution plan implemented under guidelines of "Prudential Framework" which involves granting of any concession on account of financial difficulty of the borrower entails an asset classification downgrade, except when it is accompanied by a change in ownership, which allows the asset classification to be retained as or upgraded to Standard, subject to the prescribed conditions.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11941&Mode=0

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax

• Restriction on filing Revocation Application removed

In view of the Removal of Difficulty Order No. 01/2020 dated June 25, 2020, the restriction on filing revocation application, in case it was rejected, has been removed. Aggrieved taxpayers can file application for revocation of cancellation of registration once again.

https://www.gst.gov.in/newsandupdates/read/390

• Offline Tool to prepare Form GSTR-4 Annual Return by Composition Taxpayers

An EXCEL based offline tool has been provided on GST portal for composition taxpayers to prepare their GSTR-4 Annual Return.

https://www.gst.gov.in/newsandupdates/read/392

***** Customs Updates

Notification to determine the rate of exchange of conversion of foreign currencies [Notification No. 69/2020- Customs (NT), dated 6th August, 2020]

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs determined the rate of exchange of conversion of several foreign currencies.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt69-2020.pdf

❖ Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

• Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020 The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 enables a corporate person to initiate voluntary liquidation process if it has no debt or it will be able to pay its debts fully from the proceeds of the assets. The corporate person appoints an insolvency professional to conduct the voluntary liquidation process by a resolution of members or partners, or contributories, as the case may be. However, there can be situations which may require appointment of another resolution professional as the liquidator.

The amendment made to the Regulations provides that the corporate person may replace the liquidator by appointing another insolvency professional as liquidator by a resolution of members or partners, or contributories, as the case may be. https://www.ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframwork/41dae71b62c3fa756602c8fec7848b58.pdf

IBBI Amends liquidation process regulations

A liquidator can claim fees only on the basis of the amount of work they have done during the liquidation process of a company, be it in terms of the amount realised or distributed.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/ibbi-amends-liquidation-process-regulations-liquidators-fee-to-depend-on-the-work-

 $done/article show/77391077.cms? utm_source = content of interest \& utm_medium = text \& utm_campaign = cppst$

• In aid of Insolvency Professionals conducting Liquidation Process

An Insolvency Professional (IP) plays a key role in various processes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code). He acts as liquidator in liquidation and voluntary liquidation processes and the entire liquidation process revolves around him. The Adjudicating Authority (AA), National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), and High Courts, through their orders and judgements, have guided liquidators in the conduct of liquidation process. This communication presents a few significant directions and observations from these orders and judgements, which an IP may find useful. These are presented under the following six broad categories:

- A. Taking Charge as Liquidator, etc.
- B. Scope of Liquidation Estate, etc.
- C. Sale of Assets, etc.
- D. Attachments, etc.
- E. Managing the Affairs, etc., and
- F. Powers and Duties, etc.

https://www.ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframwork/c3b3b6a01a710b85c8e12d12db52c33f.pdf

Market Watch

Capital Market			
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Nifty 50	11214.05 (+13.90)		

Reference Rate				
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74.67 (-0.28%)	97.90 (+0.11%)	88.47 (+0.34%)	0.71 (+0.03%)	

❖ Business and Economic News

- The policymakers should focus on protecting the economy as businesses struggle amid the corona virus pandemic instead of being overly focused on what ratings agencies think https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/indiabusiness/india-should-focus-on-protecting-economysays-ex-rbi-governor-raghuramrajan/articleshow/77396168.cms
- Account-holders will soon be able to send to their bank the details of a high-value cheque they issue to third parties, which will enable safer and faster clearance of cheques above Rs 50,000. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/774 02609.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medi um=text&utm_campaign=cppst
- According to the documents filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Amazon Founder and CEO Jeff Bezos has sold over \$3.1 billion worth of the company's shares this week. Following tax deductions, the world's richest man will take home an estimated \$2.4 billion.

https://zeenews.india.com/internationalbusiness/jeff-bezos-sells-over-3-1-billion-in-amazonshares-2300971.html

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* Latest @ ICSI

• ICSI to celebrate Independence Day in New-Normal Way

In order to celebrate Independence Day, 2020, ICSI-CCGRT has announced a One Day Online Workshop on 'Redefining New-Normal by Learning Communication Skills' on August 15, 2020.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/filer_public/13/56/1356afe4-769f-4b8c-9001-

91adba07ac0a/independence_day_celebrati ons_finalv3reduced.pdf

• Carry forward of CSEET fees paid for the August, 2020 to the November 2020 session.

To facilitate the candidates facing problems in appearing in CSEET August 2020 session, ICSI has decided to grant benefit of carrying forward the credit of CSEET fee paid by the candidate for August 2020 session to November 2020 session.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/c arry_forward_of_cseet_fees.pdf

 Live Webinar on Corporate Governance and Leadership: Creating Synergistic Nexus

In elevating the MoU Signing Ceremony between ICSI and IIM Jammu, ICSI has organized a live webinar on Corporate Governance and Leadership: Creating Synergistic Nexus, to be held on August 11, 2020.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/I CSI_MOU_webinar.pdf

• ICSI Crash Course (s) - Registration Open

ICSI opened the Registration for (i) Crash Course on Corporate Restructuring and (ii) Crash Course on Offenses and penal provisions of Companies Act, 2013.

https://www.icsi.in/Student/Default.aspx?T abId=137&ctl=ViewEventDetails&mid=454 &EventId=100

https://www.icsi.in/Student/Default.aspx?T abId=137&ctl=ViewEventDetails&mid=454 &EventId=101 (PS)

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Ministry of Finance

Rs. 8,767 crore approved so far under SWAMIH for 81 'Stressed' Projects

Hon'ble Finance Minister informed that SWAMIH Investment Fund has so far approved Rs. 8,767 crore for 81 stressed residential projects. Sitharaman was reviewing the performance of Special Window for Affordable and Mid Income Housing (SWAMIH) with Secretaries of Ministries of Finance and Senior Management of the State Bank of India, SBI Capital Markets and SBICAPS Ventures (SVL).

https://realty.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/industry/finance-ministry-approves-rs-8767-crore-for-81-stressed-projects/77134310

❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

 SEBI (International Financial Services Centres) Guidelines, 2015 – Amendment

In order to further streamline the operations at IFSC and based on consultations held with the stakeholders, SEBI has amended clause 4 (2) of SEBI (IFSC) Guidelines, 2015 to read as "Eligibility and shareholding limit for clearing corporations desirous of operating in IFSC" as prescribed in a circular.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/sebi-international-financial-services-centres-guidelines-2015-amendment_47281.html

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has allowed stock exchanges to propose a subsidiary to regulate investment advisors. There are around 1,300 SEBI-registered investment advisors (RIAs) in India. These comprise both traditional face-to-face advisors and new-age online platforms. SEBI had established the first set of rules governing investment advisors in 2013 and has progressively tightened regulations since then to combat mis-selling and fraudulent stock tip operators.
 - https://www.livemint.com/news/india/sebi-issues-norms-for-stock-exchange-subsidiary-to-regulate-investment-advisors-11596781429412.html
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has ordered a forensic investigation into Rs. 1700 Crore deal of Prabhat Dairy with France's Lactalis. According to media reports, SEBI's investigation come after the complaints were made by the shareholders alleging that Prabhat Dairy misrepresented its financials. The market regulator has appointed Grant Thornton for the audit. The probe will focus on expenditure worth Rs. 438 crore by Prabhat Dairy.

https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/prabhat-dairys-rs-1700-crore-deal-with-lactalis-under-sebi-scanner-5657021.html

Upcoming Due Date

SEBI had put up the Report of the Working Group on Social Stock Exchange for public consultation on its website on June 01, 2020 seeking comments by August 15, 2020 (extended date).

Direct Tax

Cross-border tax disputes over transfer pricing adjustments, permanent establishment between assesses and tax authorities of countries (with which India has tax treaties) and vice versa, can be resolved by an Alternative Resolution Mechanism called Mutual Agreement Procedure.

 $https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/cross-border-tax-disputes-itat-orders-to-overrule-map-outcomes-says-cbdt-120080900239_1.html$

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax updates

GSTR - 1 and GSTR - 3B are to be linked to determine Input Tax Credit and Liability

In an effort to plug GST evasion and frauds and ease compliance, the existing GST return filing system is being enhanced to have an in-built invoice matching system to determine input tax credit and liability. The returns will be auto-populated to minimize errors, ease reconciliation and simplify compliance.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/gstr-1-and-3b-to-be-linked-to-determine-liability-and-input-tax-credit-120080701909_1.html

Delhi Government sends notices for GST default

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis and the consequent economic crisis, the Delhi Government has started proceedings against the tax defaulters and has sent notices to 5,584 companies for not filing GST returns and 36 similar notices to those who failed to have filed VAT returns.

https://www.taxscan.in/gst-default-delhi-government-sends-notices-to-5584-entities/67508/

International Business

Uber yet to see recovery of mobility biz in India

Uber is yet to see recovery of its mobility business in India. CEO Dara Khosrowshahi said that adding other markets in the region were seeing a revival. "Mobility recovery is clearly dependent on the public health situation in any given area," Khosrowshahi said while addressing investors on the company's Q2 2020 earnings call.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/companies/uber-yet-to-see-recovery-of-mobility-biz-in-india-ceo/

& Business and Economic News

- To boost 'self-reliant India' endeavour, Union Minister urged the industry to identify the sectors heavily reliant on imports, particularly from China, and look for substitutes towards indigenous production to make India a super power.
 - https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/nitin-gadkari-exhorts-industry-to-identify-sectors-to-boost-exports-make-india-self-reliant/articleshow/77432684.cms
- A robust Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) ecosystem has the potential to ensure justice delivery in a cheaper, quicker and credible manner, which in turn can help in ease of doing business.
 http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/77433336.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst
- Tribunal Rules 2020 against Principles of Separation of Powers & Judicial Independence : Madras Bar Association Moves SC
 - https://www.livelaw.in/top-stories/tribunal-rules-2020-against-principles-of-separation-of-powers-judicial-independence-madras-bar-association-moves-sc-161194

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38182.08 (+141.51)	
Nifty 50	11270.15 (+56.10)	

	Reference Rate				
INR / 1	INR / 1	INR / 1	INR/1		
USD	EUR	GBP	JPY		
74.70	88.63	98.21	0.71		
(+0.03%)	(+0.18%)	(+0.31%)	(+0.11%)		

* Banking and Insurance

Falling cash usage in May-Jul: Transaction value via UPI 24% higher than that of IMPS

According to data available from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), mounting job losses and salary cuts across sectors coupled with limited use of cash due to COVID-19 apprehensions has changed the spending habits of citizens. During May, June, and July, for example, the total number of transactions done through the NPCI's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) stood at 1,234.5 million, 1,336.9 million, and 1,497.3 million, respectively.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/falling-cash-usage-in-may-jul-transaction-value-via-upi-24higher-than-that-of-imps-6547920/

Kotak Mahindra and Axis Bank allege Rs 1,200 crore fraud by Cox & Kings, probe begins

A probe has been initiated into two complaints of alleged fraud to the tune of Rs 1,204 crore against travel company Cox & Kings Ltd. The complaints, which have been lodged by two banks — Kotak Mahindra and Axis Bank are being investigated by the Economic Offences Wing of the Mumbai police.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/kotak-mahindra-and-axis-bank-allege-rs-1200crore-fraud-by-cox-kings-probe-begins/articleshow/77442407.cms

Big Relief to Borrowers: Banks, NBFCs can recast personal loans, extend moratorium

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently allowed banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to restructure personal loans, which includes granting moratorium to the borrower. As per RBI, "The resolution plans may include rescheduling of payments, conversion of any interest accrued, or to be accrued, into another credit facility, or, granting of moratorium," This will be based on an assessment of income streams of the borrower, subject to a maximum period of two years. However, lending institutions need to provide 10% for implementing resolution in personal loan accounts.

https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/big-relief-to-borrowers-banks-nbfcs-can-recast-personal-loansextend-moratorium/2047271/

RBI sets up panel under K V Kamath to suggest steps for COVID-19 related Stressed Assets

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday set up an expert committee under veteran banker K V Kamath to suggest financial parameters for resolution of coronavirus related stressed assets. The committee will submit its recommendations to the RBI, which will notify them along with modifications, if any, in 30 days.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/rbi-sets-up-panel-under-k-v-kamath-to-suggest-steps-todeal-with-coronavirus-related-stressed-assets-6544280/

LIC to launch Revival Campaign for Lapsed Policies from August 10

To encourage continuation of risk cover in this difficult period, insurance giant LIC on said it will provide an opportunity for its policyholders to revive their lapsed policies. It has decided to launch a special revival campaign from August 10 till October 9, 2020 for its customers to revive their individual lapsed LIC policies. Under this Special Revival Campaign, policies of specific eligible plans can be revived within five years from date of the first unpaid premium subject to certain terms and conditions. https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/lapsed-insurance-policy-lic-to-launch-revival-campaign-for-policiesfrom-august-10/2049975/

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Ministry of Finance

India mulls Setting up Dedicated **Financial** Institution for **Manufacturing**

As per the source aware of the development, India is considering to setting up a dedicated financial institution solely for financing manufacturing activities. This discussed at an informal Group of Ministers (GoM) on Manufacturing in backdrop the of Government's Atma Nirbhar Bharat or Self-Reliant India strategy.

https://www.livemint.com/news/india /informal-gom-on-promoting-localmanufacturing-favours-dedicatednbfc-for-funding-11597056136947.html

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❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

Resources for Trustees of Mutual Funds (August 10, 2020)

In order to provide administrative assistance to trustees in monitoring various activities of the Asset Management Companies and in addition to the appointment of independent auditors, SEBI has allowed trustees to appoint a dedicated officer having professional qualification and a minimum of 5 years' experience in finance and financial services related field. The officer so appointed, shall be employee of the Trustees and directly report to the Trustees.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/resources-fortrustees-of-mutual-funds_47291.html

SEBI strengthens Surveillance **Capabilities** using New **Technologies**

Market regulators in most countries, including the Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI), have strengthened their surveillance capabilities by use of new technologies such as big data analytics, artificial intelligence, block chain technology and natural language processing. SEBI is making efforts to analyse structured and unstructured market data by implementing the "Data Lake" project. This project will help to augment analytical capabilities with advanced AI tools, pattern recognition and text mining.

https://www.khaleejtimes.com/business/global/sebi-strengthenssurveillance-capabilities-using-new-technologies

- SEBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 5 lakh on Bhawani Ferrous Pvt. Ltd. for indulging in execution of reversal trades in Stock Options with same entities on the same day, thereby creating artificial volume. This is leading to false and misleading appearances of trading in the illiquid stock options at BSE and in violation of the SEBI regulations.
 - https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudicationorder-in-respect-of-bhawani-ferrous-private-limited-in-the-matter-ofits-dealing-in-illiquid-stock-options-at-bse 47290.html
- SEBI has barred a number of individuals and entities from the capital market after it unearthed a major case of front running by some dealers of Reliance Securities Ltd. and their connected entities by using their prior access to sell and buy orders by Tata Absolute Return Fund. The regulator examined KYC details, call data records, social media posts and facebook connections of the suspected individuals and entities to probe relationships between various entities under its scanner.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/sebibans-27-entities-from-mkts-in-matter-of-front-running-by-reliancesecurities-dealers/articleshow/77469189.cms

❖ Direct Tax

Senior Indian Revenue Service Officer Shri Patanjali has assumed charge as Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Mumbai on August 10, 2020. Prior to this, he was holding the post of Director General of Income Tax (Investigation Wing), Bengaluru for the State of Karnataka & Goa.

https://pib.nic.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1644792

Customs Updates

Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of Black Toner in powder form originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Chinese Taiepei

The Notification No. 22/2020- Customs (ADD), dated August 10, 2020 seeks to impose Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of Black Toner in powder form originating in or exported from China PR, Malaysia and Chinese Taiepei for a period of six months.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd22-2020.pdf

International Business

TekLink International Inc. is now a Microsoft Gold Partner for Azure Cloud Analytics and Data Analytics

TekLink International Inc., a respected leader in Cloud Platforms, Business and Financial Planning Solutions, and Data Analytics was recently recognized by Microsoft as one of the few industry solution partners to achieve Gold Status in Microsoft's partner program for both Microsoft Azure and Data Analytics platform.

https://aithority.com/it-and-devops/cloud/teklink-international-inc-is-now-a-microsoft-gold-partner-for-azure-cloud-analytics-and-data-analytics/

& Banking and Insurance

Banks in a spot as most bad loans out of recast ambit

Stressed loans totalling ₹5.7 trillion may not be eligible for the proposed one-time debt recast aimed at saving borrowers affected by the coronavirus outbreak, three bankers said. These are so-called special mention accounts (SMAs) where repayments were already late by over 30 days on March 1, i.e. Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) cutoff date to be eligible for the new scheme.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/banks-in-a-spot-as-most-bad-loans-out-of-recast-ambit-11597108251779.html

Best time to start prepayment of your home loan

Home loan is one of the biggest liabilities for majority of the people who buy houses. Most of them stretch their eligibility for getting the highest possible loan amount and hence the repayment period becomes quite long spanning over 15-20 years. However, most borrowers prefer to get their house debt-free as soon as possible.

https://www.businesstoday.in/money/banking/bt-insight-best-time-to-start-prepayment-of-your-home-loan/story/410989.html

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38407.01 (+224.93)	
Nifty 50	11332.20 (+62.05)	

Reference Rate			
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Insolvency and Restructuring

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) (Fourth **Amendment) Regulations**

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) notified the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2020. The amendment Regulations are effective from August 07, 2020.

The amendment made to the Regulations provides that the authorised representative shall seek voting instructions only after circulation of minutes of meeting and vote accordingly. He shall, however, circulate the agenda, and may seek preliminary views of creditors in the class before the meeting, to enable him to effectively participate in the meeting.

https://www.ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframwork/691983ad021bf2a65a708f57d17595b8.pdf

Avoidance Transactions - Red Flags

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has come out with a 'Red Flags' document that would serve as a guide to insolvency professionals (IPs) during the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) and help to detect if the corporate debtor has been subjected to any 'avoidance transactions'. Avoidance transactions include preferential, fraudulent, undervalued and extortionate transactions.

https://www.ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframwork/72438989cca02508e20db38d5f18958e.pdf

Business and Economic News

- While observing that recovery of government dues may not be possible from telcos undergoing insolvency, the Supreme Court asked the Centre to explain if spectrum can be sold/auctioned in the insolvency proceedings of telecom companies under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code.
 - https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/agr-sc-asks-govt-to-explain-if-spectrum-of-telcos-under-ibc-canbe-sold/article32319871.ece
- National Pension System (NPS) funds have been largely unaffected by the credit risk due to the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority's (PFRDA) cautious approach. NPS funds hold long-dated bonds, which gain heavily when interest rates fall. This has helped returns in a big way in the past year. But it can also reverse sharply if interest rates rise.

https://www.livemint.com/money/personal-finance/check-how-your-investments-in-nps-are-farin-11596991807763.html

***** Pronouncements

- In the matter of M.P. Varghese vs. Annamma Yacob and Ors., Kerala High Court explained the procedural mechanism under section 57 of the Transfer of Property Act 1882 in order to lift the encumbrance from an immovable property. The verdict opens with emphasis on the 'Efficacious and Substantive Mechanism' provided under section 57 of the Transfer of Property Act 1882. https://www.livelaw.in/pdf_upload/pdf_upload-379679.pdf
- District Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum, Kheda, Gujarat has ordered a private travel agency to pay a compensation of Rs. 30,000 to a woman in Nadiad for dropping her and her little daughter at an unknown place on express highway.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/gujarat-travel-agency-drops-woman-little-daughter-onhighway-at-4am/articleshow/77439809.cms

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❖ Ministry of Finance

Finance Minister launches Online **Dashboard of National Infrastructure** Pipeline

Finance Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched an Online Dashboard of National Infrastructure Pipeline on August 10, 2020. The Dashboard will showcase over 6,800 projects online.

The Online dashboard of NIP is to be hosted on the India Investment Grid (IIG), which is a dynamic and interactive online platform that showcases real-time and updated investment opportunities in India.

https://www.jagranjosh.com/currentaffairs/finance-minister-nirmalasitharaman-launches-online-dashboardof-national-infrastructure-pipeline-1597148093-1

Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Report of the Committee on Business Responsibility Reporting

MCA has placed at its website, the 'Report of the Committee on Business Responsibility Reporting' constituted for **Business** Responsibility preparing Reporting formats for listed and unlisted companies..

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/BR R_11082020.pdf



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- Securities Laws & Capital Market
- Processing of Complaints only through SCORES (August 12, 2020)

SEBI has been receiving large number of complaints on its generic e-mail ID sebi@sebi.gov.in. Investors from time to time also send their grievances to official IDs of SEBI officers. All complaints sent on sebi@sebi.gov.in and SEBI officers are uploaded on SCORES. It is brought to notice of public that the Competent Authority has now decided that complaints against listed companies, registered intermediaries and recognized Market Infrastructure Institutions sent on sebi@sebi.gov.in or on any official ID of SEBI officers will not be processed. All investors are urged to lodge their complaint directly on SCORES themselves.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/media/public-notices/aug-2020/publicnotice-for-processing-of-complaints-only-throughscores 47309.html

SEBI ADJUDICATION ORDERS (August 12, 2020)

S. No.	Name of Entity on which penalty is imposed	Alleged Violations	Penalty
1)	M/s India Advantage Securities Pvt. Ltd. ("Stock Broker")	Provided incorrect details to the exchange thus allegedly violated clause 3.2 of SEBI circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD2/CIR/P/2 016/95 dated September 26, 2016. The incorrect details parameters, inter alia, given as total end of the day balance in all Client Bank Accounts or Collateral deposited with exchanges in form of Cash and Cash Equivalents.	8 lakh
2)	M/s Siddarth Businesses Limited (currently known as Shivamshree Businesses Limited) ("Noticee")	Noticee submitted incorrect and misleading documents with respect to pre-clearance of trades which is allegedly in violation of sections 11C(2) and 11C(3) of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992	2 lakh

https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/home/HomeAction.do?doListingAll=yes

Direct Tax

Based on the credible information that few Chinese individuals and their Indian associates were involved in money laundering and hawala transactions through series of shell entities, a search action was mounted at various premises of these Chinese entities, their close confederates and couple of bank employees.

https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1645219

❖ Indirect Tax

Customs Updates

Anti-Dumping duty on flax fabrics imported from China and Hong Kong extended for a period of 3 months.

The Notification No. 23/2020- Customs (ADD), dated August, 11 2020 seeks to amend notification No. 39/2015-Customs (ADD) dated August 12, 2015 to extend the levy of ADD on flax fabrics imported from China and Hong Kong for a period of 3 months.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd23n-2020.pdf

International Business

What is the Impact of COVID-19 on International Business Expansion?

COVID-19 has placed businesses under huge pressure, and the economic impact is still unfolding as strategies are shifted to manage the short term and longterm effects. One area of activity to watch closely as a barometer of business health, confidence and ambition is an investment in global expansion.

https://www.techfunnel.com/fintech/what-is-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-international-business-expansion/

* Business and Economic News

- India's equity mutual fund schemes saw a net outflow in July, a first in over four years, as investors redeemed holdings amid a rally in stock markets from the pandemic-induced lows hit in March. According to data released by Association of Mutual Funds in India, there was a net outflow of ₹2,480.35 crore in July, the first sell-off since March 2016.
 - https://www.livemint.com/market/stock-market-news/india-equity-mutual-fund-schemes-see-highest-net-outflow-in-over-6-years-in-july-11597055021857.html
- Industrial production declined by 16.6 per cent in June, mainly due to lower output of manufacturing, mining and power generation
 - $http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/77485895.cms? utm_source=contentofinterest\&utm_medium=text\&utm_campaign=cppst$

* Market Watch

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74.72 (-0.04%)	87.91 (-0.19%)	97.64 (+0.11%)	0.71 (-0.01%)	

* Banking and Insurance

Troubled India shadow lenders show signs of revival on stimulus measures

The fortunes of India's shadow lenders are showing signs of turning suggesting stimulus measures from policy makers will help the troubled sector weather some of the fallout from the pandemic.

Premiums that investors seek to buy AAA rated five-year bonds of non-bank lenders over similarmaturity government notes narrowed the most last month since at least 2012, helping a gauge measuring bond spreads to strengthen. A custom index of shares of 20 financial firms and other companies also improved.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/troubled-india-shadow-lenders-show-signs-of-revival-onstimulus-measures-11597190679683.html

Foreign investors with domestic AIFs in IFSC don't need to get PAN

The Income Tax department has exempted foreign investors from obtaining PAN in domestic Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) operating in International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) if TDS has been deducted from their income by the fund. The move has been enacted after a long-pending demand from investment funds and is expected to help bring in higher investment capital.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/foreign-investors-with-domestic-aifs-inifsc-dont-need-to-get-pan-6550803/

Private lenders rake in around Rs. 52.000 crore from investors

After Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank and others, mortgage firm Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) has raised Rs 14,000 crore and Axis Bank mopped up Rs 10,000 crore through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) of equity shares. With this, private banks have now raised close to Rs. 52.000 crore from the market.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/private-lenders-rake-in-around-rs-52000-crore-from-investors-6550789/

* Pronouncement

In the matter of *Vineeta Sharma vs. Rakesh Sharma and Others*, the Hon'ble Supreme Court held that daughters will have coparcenary rights on father's property even if he died before the Hindu Succession (amendment) Act 2005 came into force.

The bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra was answering a reference based on conflicting decisions given by past verdicts of the top court. Although the amendment was applicable to Hindu daughters as coparceners who died after coming of the act, there was no clarity on whether it will have retrospective effect.

https://www.livelaw.in/pdf_upload/pdf_upload-379766.pdf

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***** Latest @ ICSI

Extension of Due Dates of **Compliances** under the Companies Act, 2013

ICSI has The submitted representation to Ministry Corporate Affairs to consider the relaxation in due dates of following compliances:

- Request for Extension for 1. Holding Annual General Meeting
- Request for Extension of 2. Validity of LLP Settlement Scheme, 2020, Companies Fresh Start Scheme 2020 and Scheme for Relaxation of Time for Filing Forms related to Creation or Modification of Charges.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/filer_pu blic/b7/be/b7be08e3-e1ef-4305-9020-f73e05c07efe/mca representation_agmandcfss.pdf

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Ministry of Finance

India's Finance Ministry suggests alternatives to proposed BAT on steel imports

Indicating a lukewarm response on the imposition of proposed Border Adjustment Tax (BAT) on steel imports, the Ministry of Finance has sought exploration of alternative measures, a Government Official said on August 11, 2020.

The official said that the Ministry of Finance which had received the proposal for imposition of BAT on steel imports, has asked its counterparts at the Ministry of Commerce to seek alternative measures like non-tariff barriers including minimum quality standards for imports and review and re-negotiations of existing Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) through which bulk of steel imports were routed.

https://www.steelorbis.com/steel-news/latest-news/indias-finance-ministry-suggestsalternatives-to-proposed-bat-on-steel-imports-1159010.htm

Securities Laws & Capital Market

A Government-appointed panel has suggested that unlisted companies in India too should be brought under a regime wherein they would report to stakeholders on how they achieve their environmental, social and good governance objectives. It is further contented that this should be mandated for unlisted companies above a specified threshold of turnover and/or paid-up capital.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/stock-markets/bring-unlistedfirms-too-under-the-framework-for-sustainability-reportingpanel/article32336531.ece

SEBI has issued a show cause notice to six promoters of Kirloskar Brothers (KBL) and two others in connection with a 2010 stake sale. It has been conducting a probe into alleged charges of insider trading and unfair trade practices against KBL promoters. The probe relates to the sale of 10.7 million shares (13.5 percent stake) of KBL to Kirloskar Industries (KIL) on October 6, 2010.

https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/sebi-issues-showcause-noticeto-kirloskar-brothers-promoters-in-connection-with-fraud-case-report-5689871.html

Business process management firm Hinduja Global Solutions' (HGS) short-term loans of more than Rs. 340 crore to group companies have raised concerns among corporate governance firms. The company confirmed in a post-earnings call that the loans were given to Hinduja Group Ltd, Hinduja Realty Ltd., and Hinduja Energy Ltd, and have been repaid. Analysts have expressed their concerns with such loans given to related parties and the company's delayed disclosure on the matter.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/company/corporatetrends/hindja-global-solutions-short-term-loans-to-group-companies-raiseconcerns/articleshow/77517522.cms

ADJUDICATION ORDER

SEBI imposed the penalties ranged between 5 lakh to 25 lakh on 81 entities for alleged violation of price manipulation/ fraud by these entities for entering into buy trades in the scrip of Dhyana Finstock Ltd. and made profits and illegal gains.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudication-order-withrespect-to-81-entities-in-the-matter-of-m-s-dhyana-finstock-ltd_47313.html

Ministry of Corporate Affairs

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) will work closely with SEBI for implementation of the 'Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR)' framework in the country. Releasing the report of the MCA appointed committee on Business Responsibility Reporting (BRR), Shri Rajesh Verma, Secretary, MCA highlighted that Indian companies are aspiring to have a global foothold and thus they cannot ignore the emerging trend of Corporate Governance, i.e. Responsible Business.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/business-responsibility-reporting-mc-to-closely-work-with-sebi-for-implementation/article32328833.ece

❖ Direct Tax

- Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will launch a new platform, "Transparent Taxation Honouring the Honest", which will carry forward the journey of direct tax reforms.
 http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/77499304.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_camp aign=cppst
- CBDT has directed that all the assessment orders shall be passed by National e-Assessment Centre through the Faceless Assessment Scheme 2019 except Assessment orders in cases assigned to Central Charges and to International Tax Charges. Any assessment order which is not in conformity shall be treated as non-est and shall be deemed to have never been passed. https://twitter.com/FinMinIndia/status/1293814900628709381/photo/1

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax Updates

DGGI uncovers GST evasion of more than Rs. 17 Crores after multiple searches

The DGGI conducted multiple searches at premises of a major cement manufacturer in Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh over the last seven days and detected GST evasion of Rs. 17.2 crore. The searches have indicated substantial quantities of cement and clinker have been supplied clandestinely without payment of Goods & Service Tax (GST).

https://www.businesstoday.in/current/economy-politics/dggi-uncovers-gst-evasion-worth-rs-172-cr-after-multiple-searches/story/412793.html

***** Business and Economic News

- Union Minister called for increased investment by international institutions and bodies in the Indian highways and MSME sectors
 - https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/nitin-gadkari-calls-for-global-investment-in-highways-msme-sectors/articleshow/77509301.cms
- Gold bounces back above \$1,900 as UK data renews recession fears http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/77503607.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_camp aign=cppst
- Personal Data Protection Bill: Utilising Personal Data in e-commerce Uncertainty or Opportunity?
 https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/sme/cafe-sme/personal-data-protection-bill-utilising-personal-data-in-e-commerce-uncertainty-or-opportunity/2051417/

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38310.49 (-59.14)	
Nifty 50	11311.65 (+3.25)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
74.53 (-0.26%)	87.61 (-0.34%)	97.48 (-0.16%)	0.70 (-0.61%)

* **Banking and Insurance**

System-based Asset Classification - UCBs

In order to improve the efficiency, transparency and integrity of the asset classification process, it has been decided to implement system-based asset classification in urban co-operative banks (UCBs).

https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11948&Mode=0

Lenders question RBI's loan Exposure Definition

Several foreign and private lenders have questioned the definition of "loan exposure" in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent circular that bars corporate borrowers from operating multiple current accounts. While public sector banks (PSBs) stand to benefit the most from the changed regulations on current accounts announced by RBI, the foreign and private sector banks said that more clarity is warranted on what constitutes a loan exposure.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/lenders-question-rbi-s-loan-exposure-definition-11597281334708.html

Get Clarity about Health Insurance Misconceptions

Subramanyam Brahmajosyula, Head Underwriting and Reinsurance, SBI General, makes an attempt to clear certain misconceptions about health insurance in the mind of the younger generation with an email interview with Financial Express, a leading newspaper of India.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/international-youth-day-clearing-misconceptions-about-healthinsurance-among-millennials/2052939/

Pronouncements

In the matter of Balasore Alloys Limited v. Medima LLC, Calcutta High Court ruled that Indian courts have the power to grant anti-arbitration injunctions against foreign seated arbitrations. The Court, however, added that this power should be used sparingly and in line with principles already laid down by the Supreme Court in Modi Entertainment Network v. WSG Cricket.

https://images.assettype.com/barandbench/2020-08/61fa77c4-9a57-46d5-b42cda6bbbdff727/Balasore_Alloys_v_Medima_LLC__Calcutta_HC_order.pdf

In the matter of Yashumati Devi and Another vs. Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) has awarded the compensation to the deceased patient's wife on the finding that deficiency/ negligence is conclusively established. In their considered view and in the facts and specificities of the instant case, compensation of Rs. 25 lakh with interest at the rate of 8% per annum from the date of the death of the patient appears just and equitable.

https://images.assettype.com/barandbench/2020-08/273733a0-cae2-4806-9aa2dff4f8087dc6/Yashumati_Devi_v_CMC_Vellore__NCDRC_Ruling__August_11_2020_compressed.pdf

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❖ International Business

Global Telecom Managed Services Market 2020-2025: Current and Projected Impact of COVID-19 on the Industry -Research and Markets.com

The Global Telecom Managed Services Market is expected to register a CAGR of 14.7% over the forecast period 2020 to 2025.

The Telecom sector is a significant market for the managed services, due to the high rate of various technological adoptions, increased frequency of confirmation of the BYOD policy (to make business operations much more comfortable and controllable), and increased need for high-end security due to the rapidly increasing data among the organizations. The telecom industry has observed extensive growth during the past few years.

https://www.businesswire.com/ne ws/home/20200813005620/en/Gl obal-Telecom-Managed-Services-Market-2020-2025-Current

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- Securities Laws & Capital Market
- **Investor Grievances Redressal Mechanism Handling of SCORES** complaints by Stock Exchanges and Standard Operating Procedure for Non-Redressal of Grievances by Listed companies. (August 13, 2020) The procedure, *inter alia*, provides that the stock exchanges shall levy fines on listed companies in case of nonredressal of investor complaints. In case the listed entity fails to pay fine levied within the stipulated period, the stock exchanges shall intimate the depositories to freeze the entire shareholding of the promoters and promoter group. Lastly, Stock exchanges shall intimate SEBI through SCORES about all actions taken against the listed company for non-resolution of the complaints and non-payment of fines. This will come into force from September 1, 2020. https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/investorgrievances-redressal-mechanism-handling-of-scores-complaints-bystock-exchanges-and-standard-operating-procedure-for-non-redressalof-grievances-by-listed-companies_47325.html
- Reliance Securities has terminated the services of three traders named by SEBI in a front-running case. The brokerage house also emphasised that its internal checks and balances related to trading and execution are fully complied with all requirements. https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/relian ce-securities-terminates-3-traders-named-by-sebi-in-front-runningcase/articleshow/77490853.cms
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has rejected Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) and National Commodity Derivative Exchange (NCDEX) demand for a cross margin facility on commodity indices. This facility allows traders to hedge their positions at the same margin while taking opposite positions on indices.
 - https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/sebi-rejects-traders-demands-for-cross-margin-facility-on-commodity-indices-5696921.html

❖ Direct Tax

Faceless Assessment Scheme [Notification No. 60, 61 Dated August 13, 2020]

With an aim to eliminate the interface between the taxpayer and the income tax department, the Central Board of Direct Taxes vide notification no. 60/61 has notified the Faceless Assessment Scheme.. Under the system, the selection of a taxpayer is possible only through systems using analytics and AI. The system abolishes territorial jurisdiction. The detailed scheme and procedure are available at weblink:

http://www.egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/221089.pdf

❖ Indirect Tax

Customs Updates

Tariff Notification in respect of Fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver [Notification No. 71/2020- Customs (NT), dated August 13, 2020]

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, being satisfied that it is necessary and expedient so to do, hereby make the amendments for fixation of Tariff Value of Edible Oils, Brass Scrap, Poppy Seeds, Areca Nut, Gold and Silver.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt71-2020.pdf

***** Banking and Insurance

• RBI revises norms for Core Investment Companies

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced stricter guidelines for core investment companies (CICs), mandating more disclosures, better risk management and a simpler group structure. These guidelines are based on recommendations of the Working Group to Review Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Core Investment Companies. The group's report was released by RBI on November 6, 2019.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/rbi-tightens-regulations-for-core-investment-companies-11597324785628.html

RBI payout no succour for Government Finances

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman can expect another payout from the Central Bank in coming weeks, but it's unlikely to plug a huge government revenue hole created by the pandemic. The Reserve Bank of India's board, led by Governor Shaktikanta Das, is meeting today,, since August typically is the month the central bank makes its annual transfer to the government. Therefore, expectations are running high that the RBI will disclose its dividend payout.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/rbi-payout-no-succor-for-government-finances-11597363227001.html

• RBI slaps Rs. 10 lakh penalty on four Co-operative Banks for issues in Regulatory Compliance

The RBI informed that it has imposed a total penalty of Rs. 10 lakh on four cooperative banks for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. A penalty of Rs. 5 lakh has been imposed on Jowai Co-operative Urban Bank Limited for contravention of the directions issued by RBI on 'Exposure Norms and Statutory/Other Restrictions-UCBs'.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/rbi-slaps-rs-10-lakh-penalty-on-four-co-operative-banks-for-issues-in-regulatory-compliance/articleshow/77530683.cms

• Credit cost to more than double for NBFCs, says Acuite Ratings

Acuite Ratings and Research said that despite restructuring relief from Reserve Bank of India (RBI), credit costs are likely to more than double for most of non-banking players. In a discussion on non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) amid COVID-19, the rating firm said that profitability headwinds for shadow banks would remain high due to sharp decline in disbursements. RBI had earlier allowed lenders to restructure personal as well as corporate loans with strict barriers.

https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/credit-cost-to-more-than-double-for-nbfcs-says-acuite-ratings/2054390/

• Usage of Debit, Credit Cards Surges: Transactions up 111% from April low

After the crash in April due to the COVID-19 induced lockdown, value of transactions through credit and debit cards jumped 111 per cent in June to come closer to the pre-COVID levels in the month March, and cash withdrawals through ATMs rose by Rs. 1 lakh crore in two months. Indicating that consumer spending has picked up, transactions using debt and credit cards jumped to Rs. 1,05,266 crore in June as against Rs. 49,807 crore in April, latest data available with the RBI said. Card use fell from Rs. 1,15,877 crore in March as trade and business were hit in the wake of the lockdown across the country.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/usage-of-debit-credit-card-surges-transactions-up-111-from-april-low-6553783/

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex 37877.34 (-433.15)		
Nifty 50	11178.40 (-122.05)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD INR / 1 EUR INR / 1 GBP INR / 1 JPY			
74.60 (+0.10%)	87.75 (+0.16%)	97.25 (-0.24%)	0.70 (-0.40%)

Business and Economic News

- Retail inflation based on consumer price index (CPI) accelerated to 6.93% in the month of July as against 6.23% in June mainly due to higher food prices. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/retail-inflation-rises-to-6-93-in-july-from-6-23-in-june/articleshow/77526101.cms
- Faceless tax scrutiny assessment and appeal would help ease compliance burden of taxpayers and increase fairness and objectivity in the tax system. http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/77521160.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medi

Valuations

Bankrupt Energy Companies' Valuations and Unsecured Recoveries Pressured

According to a new Fitch Ratings report, the bondholders of defaulted energy company have suffered from pressured enterprise valuations and poor unsecured recoveries in a number of recent reorganizations. A senior director at Fitch said that "Many of these energy companies have been struggling since the prior oil market price trough. Distress stemming from persistent cash shortfalls and lack of market access was magnified by the historic coronavirus pandemic-related demand cuts for gasoline and aircraft fuel, and plummeting market prices. Others in the energy, power and coal sectors were unable to refinance or repay looming maturities or filed due to an event."

https://www.fitchratings.com/research/corporate-finance/bankrupt-energy-companies-valuationsunsecured-recoveries-pressured-13-08-2020

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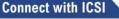
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• ICSI's Online Certificate Course(s) Registration open

ICSI has launched various online certificate courses on Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act (RERA), MSME, Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), Certificate course on Cyber Security, Independent Director, Commercial Contract Management and Prevention of Sexual harassment (POSH).

The registration is open from August 16, 2020 till September 15, 2020 for all the courses.

For more details click on:

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/IC SI_Flyer-rera-2c.pdf

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/IC SI_Flyer-cyber-2c.pdf

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SI_Flyer-msme-2c.pdf
https://www.icsi.edu/media/wehmodules/IC

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/IC SI_Flyer-fema-2c.pdf

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

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/cc

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

 ICSI has launched Online Training Programme for Empanelment as Peer Reviewer to be scheduled on August 22, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Flyer_22082020.jpg

 ICSI has launched "Free online Special Refresher/Doubt Clearing Classes" for students appearing in 1st CSEET to be held on August 29, 2020

For more details click on:

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/1c seet.pdf

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

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Le galAptitudeandLogicalReasoning.pdf

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Ec onomicandBusinessEnvironment.pdf

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/CurrentAffairsPresentationandCommunicationSkills.ndf

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

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❖ Indirect Taxes

Goods and Service Tax Updates

Proposal of 3% GST on purchase of old Jewellery

To plug loopholes in collection of GST, the GoM recommended a 3% GST on purchase of old jewellery under the reverse charge mechanism. Currently, inter-state movement of Gold is exempt.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/proposal-for-gst-under-reverse-mechanism-draws-mixed-response-from-jewellery-sector/articleshow/77565375.cms

Direct Taxes

Notification No. 64/2020 dated August 13, 2020

The CBDT directs that the Income-tax Authorities of the National e-Assessment Centre having its headquarters at the place mentioned in column (3) of the said Schedule, shall exercise the powers and functions of Assessing Officer concurrently, to facilitate the conduct of Faceless Assessment proceedings in respect of territorial areas, persons or classes of persons and cases or classes of cases mentioned in the Schedule-1 of the notification No. 50 of 2014 dated October 22, 2014.

https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/notification_64_2020.pdf

Notification No. 65/2020 dated August 13, 2020

The CBDT directs that the Income-tax Authorities of Regional e-Assessment Centres having their headquarters at the places mentioned in column (3) of the said Schedule, shall exercise the powers and functions of Assessing Officers concurrently, to facilitate the conduct of Faceless Assessment proceedings in respect of territorial areas, persons or classes of persons and cases or classes of cases mentioned in the Schedule-1 of the notification No. 50 of 2014 dated October 22, 2014.

https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/notification_65_2020.pdf

International Business

IBM rolls out newest processor chip, taps Samsung for manufacturing

International Business Machines Corp has announced a new processor chip for data centres, which it says will be able to handle three times the workload of its predecessor. According to the company, the IBM-designed Power 10 chip will be manufactured by Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and is meant for use by businesses inside data centres.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/international/business/ibm-rolls-out-newest-processor-chip-taps-samsung-for-manufacturing/articleshow/77584959.cms

& Banking and Insurance

Central bank opens doors for Financing Fiscal Deficit

In its 584th central board meeting, RBI decided to transfer \$57,182 crore as surplus to the government for the accounting year ended 30 June, slightly less than the \$60,000 crore budgeted by the government for FY21. The fresh transfers are a fraction of the record \$1.76 trillion that the RBI had transferred to the government in the year-ago, including \$1.23 trillion as dividend and \$52,640 crore as a transfer from contingent reserves.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/central-bank-opens-doors-for-financing-fiscal-deficit-11597623949271.html

Banks issued 1.6 crore new Debit Cards during peak lockdown

Indian banks issued more than 16 million new debit cards during the peak months of the lockdown amid an increase demand by customers for contactless card during the pandemic, dovetailing also the banking regulator's directive to replace the old magnetic strips with the new contactless variant.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/banks-issued-1-6-crore-new-debit-cards-during-peak-lockdown/articleshow/77582429.cms

• Government may not need to infuse fresh capital in PSU banks this fiscal

The government may not have to inject fresh capital into the public sector banks (PSBs) as one-time loan restructuring permitted by the RBI has reduced additional fund requirement by them. Also the poor credit off take on account of coronavirus pandemic may obliterate the need for significant growth capital during the current fiscal. There may not be a sudden surge in non-performing assets (NPAs) after the six months moratorium comes to an end this month as it is followed by one-time loan restructuring, sources said, adding, provisioning requirement is also quite low for the debt recast accounts.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/govt-may-not-need-to-infuse-fresh-capital-in-psu-banks-this-fiscal/articleshow/77573788.cms

• SEBI fines SBI, LIC, Bank of Baroda for violating Mutual Fund norms

Markets regulator SEBI has imposed a penalty of ₹10 lakh each on three public sector financial institutions - SBI, LIC and Bank of Baroda - for not complying with the mutual fund norms.

SEBI observed that State Bank of India (SBI), Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) and Bank of Baroda (BoB) are the sponsors of SBI Mutual Fund, LIC Mutual Fund and Baroda Mutual Fund, respectively, and they also hold more than 10 per cent stake each in these mutual funds. In addition, LIC, SBI and BoB are also sponsors of UTI AMC and hold more than 10 per cent stake individually in the Asset Management Company (AMC) and Trustee Company of UTI MF.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/sebi-fines-sbi-lic-bank-of-baroda-for-violating-mutual-fund-norms-11597418868733.html

• Mental illness can be covered under Health Insurance

With the aim of making mental healthcare available to all, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) have asked mental illnesses to be included in all regular health insurance coverage. IRDAI has made it clear that insurers cannot deny coverage to policyholders who have used opioids or anti-depressants in the past. Also, insurers cannot deny coverage to people with a proven history of clinical depression, personality or neurodegenerative disorders, sociopathy and psychopathy. With the latest announcement, IRDAI aims at making mental healthcare available to all.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/does-your-health-insurance-cover-mental-illnesses/2056594/

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38050.78 (+173.44)	
Nifty 50	11247.10 (+68.70)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 INR / 1 INR / 1 INR / 1 USD EUR GBP JPY			
74.64 (+0.05%)	88.23 (+0.54%)	97.58 (+0.34%)	0.70 (+0.02%)

Pronouncements

In the matter of NTPC Limited vs. Rajiv Chakraborty, Supreme Court has stayed the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) against a Corporate Debtor, in view of the futuristic claims made by an Operational Creditor.

https://www.livelaw.in/news-updates/sc-stays-cirp-proceedings-on-behalf-of-operational-creditormaking-futuristic-claims-read-order-161506

A Division Bench of the Madras High Court has issued an interim stay on the single Bench order which had restrained Patanjali Ayurved and the Divya Yog Mandir Trust from using the word "Coronil" in relation to its immunity-boosting products. The Court has suspended the injunction and allowed Patanjali to use "Coronil" for a two-week period. The Court is expected to take up the matter for final hearing after that.

https://www.barandbench.com/news/litigation/breaking-madras-hc-stays-order-restraining-patanjaliayurved-from-using-mark-coronil

In the matter of Quinn Logistics India Pvt. Ltd. & Ors. vs. Registrar of Companies, Hyderabad, NCLAT observed that while compounding any offence the Tribunal is required to notice different factors, such as grounds taken by the applications, nature of offence, etc. There should be consistence in compounding similar offence, if the defaulters are similarly situated and the grounds taken are similar. Hence, the Tribunal rightly brought down the penalty and has undertaken a lenient view which is less than 1/5th of the maximum amount. In this background no interference is called for against the impugned order passed by NCLT, Hyderabad Bench.

https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/4413896295ee3577f83f1f.pdf

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Latest @ ICSI

Revised **Announcement-**Commencement of Registration for **Company Secretary Executive Entrance** Test (CSEET), November, 2020 session

ICSI has rescheduled the 2nd CSEET, November, 2020 session and now it will be conducted on 21st November, 2020 (Earlier it was announced to be held on 28th November, 2020).

It is to be noted that the registration for CSEET, November, 2020 session has already commenced, the last date for registration shall be 27th October, 2020 https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/ November20session_CSEET_heldon_28Nov2 0.pdf

ICSI awards Corona Warriors

ICSI has organised a special Webinar on 15th August 2020 and a Certificate of Appreciation was given to honour the Company Secretary Professionals and Officials from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs for their relentless efforts throughout the Covid-19 lockdown and placed them in the same category as the frontline workers of the country and addressed them as "Corona Warriors".

ICSI also launched the Compliance Software for Practising Company Secretaries, announced 3 Certificate Courses, released 10 publications and unveiled its Bi-Annual report on the occasion along with announcing the celebration of Senior Citizen Day on 21st August 2020.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/ PRESSRELEASE-

ICSIawardsCoronaWarriors.pdf



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❖ Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Clarification on Extension of Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the financial year ended as at 31.03.2020- Companies Act, 2013-reg.

MCA vide General Circular No: 28/2020 dated 17th August, 2020 clarified that the companies which are unable to hold their AGM for the financial year ended on 31.03.2020, despite availing the relaxations provided in the G.C. 20/2020, dated 05.05.2020 ought to file their applications in form No. GNL-1 for seeking extension of time in holding of AGM for the financial year ended on 31.03.2020 with the concerned Registrar of Companies on or before 29.09.2020.

The Registrars of Companies are advised to consider all such applications liberally in view of the hardships faced by the stakeholders and to grant extension for the period as applied for (upto three months) in such applications.

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/GeneralCircularNo.28_17082020.pdf

❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

- SEBI might soon offer a faster settlement trading system. The market regulator is considering lowering the settlement cycle for completion of share transactions to T+1 (trade plus one day). The measure will help boost liquidity, improve efficiency and reduce payment-related risks to brokers and the system, the report said. This means that the shares would be transferred to the buyer's demat account the day after the transaction, and the seller would receive the proceeds.
 - https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/aiming-forfaster-settlement-of-stock-trades-sebi-may-move-to-t1-cycle-report-5714081.html
- SEBI data showed that investors opened a record 2.4 million demat accounts in the three months to 30 June, or 5.6% of the total number of such accounts, reflecting the growing retail participation in stock markets. In the six months ended June, 3.9 million accounts were added, totalling 43.2 million. Many of these new investors were lured into trading by the sharp plunge in stock values after the lockdown was announced in end-March, hoping to make a quick buck as share prices rebound.

https://www.livemint.com/market/stock-market-news/millennials-pileinto-stocks-as-experts-fret-11597629687640.html

Competition Law

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) said one out of five combinations are given approval under the 'green channel' route. The green channel concept, which was recommended by a high-level panel that reviewed competition law, allows for an automatic system for speedy approval of certain categories of mergers and acquisitions.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/1-out-of-5combinations-given-approval-under-green-channel-route-cci-120081701599_1.html

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax

New option of 'Document wise Details of Table 8A' given on the GSTR-9 dashboard

A facility has been provided to the taxpayers to download document wise details of Table 8A of Form GSTR-9, from the GST portal in excel format. This can be done by using a new option of 'Document wise Details of Table 8A' given on the GSTR-9 dashboard, from Financial Year 2018-19 onwards.

https://www.gst.gov.in/newsandupdates/read/393

❖ Banking and Insurance

RBI to sell 3 govt securities for a total of ₹30,000 cr on Friday

The Reserve Bank of India on Monday announced sale of three government dated securities totalling ₹30,000 crore. The securities will be sold through the Reserve Bank of India's Mumbai office on August 21 (Friday).

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/rbi-to-sell-3-govt-securities-for-a-total-of-rs-30-000-cr-on-friday-11597685260513.html

• Partial credit guarantee: Government eases rules to benefit more NBFCs

The government on Monday extended the validity of its partial credit guarantee scheme (PCGS) 2.0 by three months to November 19 to improve liquidity for low-rated shadow lenders and enabled state-run banks to raise their AA and AA- investment sub-portfolio under this scheme by another Rs 11,250 crore. https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/partial-credit-guarantee-government-eases-rules-to-benefit-more-nbfcs/2058131/

• US-based Rosen Law Firm announces securities probe against HDFC Bank

US-based Rosen Law Firm, has announced an investigation of potential securities claims on behalf of shareholders of HDFC Bank, resulting from allegations that "the bank may have issued materially misleading business information to the investing public".

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/us-investor-rights-law-firm-announces-securities-probe-against-hdfc-bank-6558897/

• Hunt for SIDBI Deputy MD: Banks Board Bureau seeks applications for PSU bank post

Banks Board Bureau (BBB), the head-hunter for state-owned banks and financial institutions, has invited applications for the post of Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of public sector financial institution SIDBI. https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/hunt-for-sidbi-deputy-md-banks-board-bureau-seeks-applications-for-psu-bank-post/2057842/

* Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38528.32 (+477.54)	
Nifty 50	11385.35 (+138.25)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
74.59 (-0.06%)	88.32 (+0.11%)	97.60 (+0.03%)	0.70 (+0.15%)

***** Business News

- SC dismisses plea to transfer PM Care Funds to National Disaster Relief Fund https://www.livelaw.in/topstories/sc-dismisses-plea-to-transfer-pm-cares-funds-to-ndrf-saysfresh-national-disaster-plan-for-covid-19not-needed-161577?utm_source=notification&utm_medium=izooto&utm_campaign=noti
- State Bank of India's (SBI's) research report Ecowrap expect the country's GDP (gross domestic product) to contract by 16.5% during the first quarter of the current fiscal. http://m.timesofindia.com/articleshow/77592195.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&

utm_campaign=cppst

- The government is in the process of setting up a system to secure the country's financial sector from cyber attacks after agencies pointed to its vulnerability due to the increase in number of digital transactions over the past few months on account of Covid-19
 - https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/govt-plans-cyber-security-system/storybHRwwBeFVGLIrA3VMmOaDO.html
- Finance minister held a virtual bilateral meeting with United Arab Emirates (UAE) minister of state for financial affairs Obaid Al Tayer and urged the Middle Eastern nation to participate in India's ambitious Rs 111 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline.
 - http://m.timesofindia.com/articleshow/77597696.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text& utm_campaign=cppst
- Central Bank of India has appointed Chief Risk Officer Central bank of India has appointed Mr. Ashwini Kumar Shukla as Chief Risk Officer w.e.f 03rd August 2020. As part of reform agenda announced by Ministry of Finance last year August 2019, state run lender is first one to appoint a CRO from market.

https://www.equitybulls.com/admin/news2006/news_det.asp?id=272600

Pronouncements

- In the matter of K.V.Brahmaji Rao vs. Union of India, NCLAT has set aside the order passed by NCLT, Mumbai bench and observed that the person who may be the head of some other organizations cannot be roped and his or her Assets cannot be attached in exercising the powers under Sections 337 & 339 of the Companies Act, 2013 (i.e. penalty for frauds by officers and Liability for fraudulent conduct of business respectively).
 - https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/3697068215f3a5bfcab9ed.pdf
- A decree, granted by the real estate regulator, in favour of a homebuyer cannot be the basis of an insolvency action, held the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.
 - https://www.bloombergquint.com/business/homebuyers-cannot-initiate-insolvency-to-execute-reradecrees-says-nclat

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Ministry of Finance

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman seeks investment from UAE for Rs 111 lakh cr **National Infrastructure** Pipeline

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on August 17, 2020 conducted a virtual bilateral meeting with United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of State for Financial Affairs Obaid Al Tayer and urged the Middle Eastern nation to participate in India's ambitious Rs 111 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline. About 7,000 projects have been identified under the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) with projected investment of Rs 111 lakh crore during 2020-25.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/n ews/economy/finance/finance-ministernirmala-sitharaman-seeks-investmentfrom-uae-for-rs-111-lakh-cr-nationalinfrastructure-

pipeline/articleshow/77597635.cms

❖ NCLAT/NCLT

E-Filing at NCLT Allahabad Bench

NCLT, Allahabad bench is now ready to start e-filing. Therefore, all concerned are required to file application/petition/ appeal/reply etc. online through NCLT efiling portal w.e.f. 20.08.2020.

https://nclt.gov.in/sites/default/files/Au gust/circulars/Notice%20dated%2018.8. 2020-E-

filing%20at%20NCLT%20Allahabad%20 Bench.pdf



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❖ Securities Law & Capital Market

SEBI REPORT

Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR) (August 18, 2020)

SEBI invited public comments for new format for BRSR covering disclosures, which are from an environmental, social and governance perspectives, which shall be applicable to the top 1,000 listed entities by market capitalisation. The disclosures recommended in BRSR are intended to enable companies to engage more meaningfully with their stakeholders, and encourage them to go beyond regulatory financial compliance and report on their social and environmental impacts. The comments may be sent latest by September 18, 2020.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/reports-and-statistics/reports/aug-2020/consultationpaper-on-the-format-for-business-responsibility-and-sustainabilityreporting_47345.html

SEBI CIRCULARS

Corrigendum to Master Circular for Depositories dated October 25, 2019 on preservation of records (August 18, 2020)

Depositories and Depository Participants are required to preserve the records and documents for a minimum period of 8 years. SEBI has issued a corrigendum to its Master Circular issued dated October 25, 2019, wherein it was mentioned that such records need to be maintained for five years.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/corrigendum-to-mastercircular-for-depositories-dated-october-25-2019-on-preservation-ofrecords_47344.html

SEBI IN NEWS

SEBI has sought one year's action plan from the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX), which has been falling out of favour with investors and traders. SEBI has recently given the go-ahead to an Initial Public Offer (IPOI) plan by NCDEX, in which the National Stock Exchange has 15 percent stake.

https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/sebi-calls-for-one-yearaction-plan-from-ncdex-5724091.html

❖ Direct Tax

Income Tax 20th Amendment Rules 2020 [Notification No. 67/2020 **Dated August 17, 2020**]

The Central Board of Direct Taxes hereby makes the Income-tax (20th Amendment) Rules, 2020 which shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. In the Income-tax Rules, 1962 -

- after rule 2DA, the rules "2DB" shall be inserted which specify Other conditions to be satisfied by the pension fund.
- after rule 2DA, the rules "2DC" shall be inserted which specifies the Guidelines for notification under clause (23FE) of section 10 of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/notificatio n_67_2020.pdf

❖ Indirect Tax

Customs Updates

 Manufacture and Other Operations in Special Warehouse Regulations, 2020 (Notification No. 75/2020- Customs (NT), dated August 17, 2020)

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs makes the Manufacture and other Operations in Special Warehouse Regulations, 2020. A person who has been granted permission under regulation 5 shall appoint a warehouse keeper who has sufficient experience in warehousing operations and customs procedures to discharge functions on his behalf.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt75-2020.pdf

Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Amendment Regulations, 2020

(Notification No. 77/2020- Customs (NT), dated August 17, 2020)

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs makes the Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Amendment Regulations, 2020 to amend the Special Warehouse (Custody and Handling of Goods) Regulations, 2016.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt77-2020.pdf

* Business News

• Companies need approvals to defer AGMs till 31 December

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) clarified that companies would need to seek specific approvals to defer their annual general meeting till 31 December.

https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/companies-will-need-to-get-approvals-to-defer-agms-till-31-december-11597762005934.html

- Reliance Jio told the Supreme Court that it has already paid Rs. 195 crore in AGR-related dues which included spectrum sharing charge of Reliance Communications.
 - http://m.timesofindia.com/articleshow/77616392.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$1 billion loan to support construction of modern, high speed Delhi Meerut Regional Rapid Transport System.

 $http://m.timesofindia.com/articleshow/77613888.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest\&utm_medium=text\&utm_campaign=cppst$

* Market Watch

Capital Market		
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Nifty 50	11419.70 (+34.35)	

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74.63 (+0.04%)	88.50 (+0.20%)	97.75 (+0.15%)	0.70 (+0.36%)

* Banking and Insurance

RBI releases framework for authorisation of pan-India Umbrella Entity for Retail Payments

The Reserve Bank on August 18, 2020 unveiled the framework for setting up umbrella entities for operating pan-India retail payments systems and invited applications from eligible companies by February 26, 2021. The umbrella entity shall be a Company authorised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under Section 4 of the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007. It shall be governed by the provisions of the PSS Act and other relevant statutes and directives, prudential regulations and other guidelines / instructions. https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/bs_viewcontent.aspx?Id=3891

Reserve Bank invites comments on the draft framework for recognition of a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for Payment System Operators

As announced in the Statement on Developmental and Regulatory policies issued as part of Monetary Policy statement dated February 6, 2020, the Reserve Bank placed a draft framework for grant of recognition to an industry association as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for Payment System Operators (PSOs). The SRO shall serve as a two-way communication channel between the PSOs and Reserve Bank and work towards establishing minimum benchmarks and standards in the payments space, apart from helping disciplined behaviour by members. The framework is placed for public comments which may be forwarded through email on or before September 15, 2020.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=50233

Government keen to speed up stake sale in four State-Owned Banks

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's office has asked officials to speed up the process of trimming government stakes in at least four primarily state-owned banks within the current fiscal year. The sources said the four lenders are Punjab & Sind Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, UCO Bank and IDBI Bank, in which the government owns majority stakes through direct and indirect holdings. The government wants to overhaul the banking sector and is also pushing the privatisation of banks and other state-run companies to help raise funds for budgeted spending amid a fall in tax collections due to the economic downturn caused by the pandemic.

https://www.ndtv.com/business/bank-privatisation-government-keen-to-speed-up-stake-sale-in-four-state-ownedbanks-2281352

Now gift an insurance policy - SBI General Insurance launches 'Shagun'

SBI General Insurance, one of the leading general insurance companies in India, announced the launch of first-ofits-kind offering, "Shagun – Gift an Insurance", a unique gift of Personal Accident policy. This product was filed by SBI General under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (IRDAI) Sandbox regulations. The key differentiating feature of the policy is that it can be gifted to anyone you want, which means it is not necessary for the policy buyer to be related to the insured.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/sbi-general-insurance-launches-shagun-gift-an-insurancepolicy-check-features-benefits/2058485/

* Pronouncement

• The Calcutta High Court has struck down the NCLT order directing all financial creditors to mandatorily file default record from Information Utility along with a plea under Section 7 of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code.

https://www.barandbench.com/news/litigation/cal-hc-strikes-down-filing-default-record-information-utility-ibc

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❖ Latest @ ICSI

• ICSI has launched Compliance Software for **Practicing Company Secretaries**

Company Secretaries in Practice can access the software through the dedicated portal on the ICSI webpage wherein the Number of the member can be used for Registration and Login. Members only with a valid CP Number can access the software. https://www.icsi.edu/media/we bmodules/cc.pdf

Admit Card for August, 2020 Session of CSEET (Remote Proctored Mode)

The Admit Cards to eligible candidates for appearing in Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) scheduled to be held on August 29, 2020 through Remote Proctored Mode, have been uploaded on the website of the ICSI. Eligible candidates may download the Admit Card from August 19, 2020 onwards.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/we bmodules/Admit_Card_Downloa d_for_CSEET_August,_2020_sessio n.pdf

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Securities Laws & Capital Market

Consultation Paper

Recalibration of threshold for Minimum Public Shareholding norms, enhanced disclosures in Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) cases (August 19, 2020)

The objective of this discussion paper is to seek comments / views from the public and market intermediaries on recalibration of threshold for Minimum Public Shareholding norms (MPS) in companies which undergo Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) and seek relisting of its shares pursuant to implementation of the approved resolution plan. The comments may be sent on or before September 18, 2020.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/reports-and-statistics/reports/aug-2020/recalibration-of-threshold-for-minimum-publicshareholding-norms-enhanced-disclosures-in-corporate-insolvencyresolution-process-cirp-cases_47360.html

SEBI in News

• SEBI proposes changes in public float norms for companies under insolvency. SEBI in a discussion paper proposed three options for such companies to increase public float at quicker timelines. Under SEBI norms listed companies need to have at least 25% of minimum public shareholding (MPS). But for companies, which undergo an insolvency resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) are being granted a relaxation from this rule.

https://www.livemint.com/news/india/sebi-proposes-changes-inpublic-float-norms-for-companies-under-insolvency-11597840600149.html

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax Updates

• 41st GST Council Meeting on August 27, 2020 to discuss Compensation to States

GST Council will hold its 41st meeting on August 27, 2020 to discuss the single-point agenda of compensation to states for revenue losses under the indirect tax regime. Several options including expanding the ambit of compensation cess, market borrowing to fund compensation deficit along with a future plan for rate rationalisation beginning from correction of inverted duty structure for some items are expected to be discussed in the meeting.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/economy/gst-council-meet-states-centre-tussle-likely-over-compensation-6561791/

Customs Updates

Deferred Payment of Import Duty (Amendment) Rules, 2020

The Notification No. 79/2020- Customs (NT), dated August 19, 2020 seeks to amend Notification No.134/2016-Customs (N.T.) dated 02.11.2016 for omitting Rule 4 of the Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016 https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt79-2020.pdf

❖ Business and Economic News

- Nearly 16,500 companies registered in July: Ministry of Corporate Affairs
 Registration of new companies in India increased to a record breaking high of seven years in July, 2020
 highlighting the renewed interest of entrepreneurs to set up new business ventures. A total of 16,487 companies,
 including 970 OPCs, were registered under the Companies Act, 2013 during July, 2020.
 https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/nearly-16500-companies-registered-in-july-corporate-affairsministry-5726051.html
- Competition Commission throws out Antitrust Complaint against WhatsApp in India India's antitrust watchdog has dismissed a case against Facebook's WhatsApp, saying the company has not abused its dominant position to expand in the country's digital payments market, according to an official order. A case in March alleged that WhatsApp was bundling its digital payment facility WhatsApp Pay within its messaging app for which it already has a large user base. The case alleged WhatsApp was abusing its position by forcing its payments feature on to its existing users.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/competition-commission-throws-out-antitrust-complaint-against-what sapp-in-india-11597837241851.html

- IEX, the country's leading power exchange, has received approval of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) to launch a 'Green Term-Ahead' Market.
 - https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/markets/iex-gets-regulators-nod-for-green-market/article32396502.ece?utm_campaign=amp_article_share&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=whatsapp.com#
- Supreme Court's 7 Judge Committee says that 3 Big Courtrooms to be made ready for Physical Hearing on experimental basis

https://www.barandbench.com/news/litigation/sc-7-judge-committee-asks-3-big-courtrooms-for-physical-hearing-pilot-scheme

* Market Watch

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74.50 (-0.17%)	88.76 (+0.30%)	98.25 (+0.52%)	0.71 (+0.55%)

Banking and Insurance

Bond yields in India creeping back to 6% as RBI goes silent

A conspicuous silence from the Reserve Bank of India regarding support for the nation's bonds has left traders wondering whether the recent gains in yields is a new normal. The central bank may be trying to increase the attraction of sovereign debt by letting yields rise, according to PNB Gilts Ltd. The benchmark 10-year bond yield advanced to 5.97% on August 19, 2020, the highest since May.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/bond-yields-in-india-creeping-back-to-6-as-rbi-goes-silent-11597882600493.html

Banks prefer to park funds in G-secs than give out 'risky' loans

Expecting the credit growth slowdown to continue, banks are increasingly choosing to park funds in safer government securities over riskier credit bets. Bankers said that considering the weak credit demand and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic yet to play out in full, they prefer to invest in safer government securities (Gsecs). The cautious approach adopted by banks is despite the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) and government's push to increase lending across sectors. Moreover, the economic package announced by the government earlier in May depends heavily on bank credit flow to revive the economy.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/banks-prefer-to-park-funds-in-g-secs-than-give-out-risky-loans-11597858078691.html

Good demand for COVID-19 specific Health Insurance Policies

The ongoing pandemic has led more individuals buying health insurance policies. The data from IRDAI shows that in the current financial year till July, health insurance have seen premiums of Rs 18,415.52 crore compared to Rs 16,674.72 crore in same period last year, a growth of 10.44%. The COVID-19 specific policies, which were launched by insurance companies on July 10, have seen high demand. Under 'Corona Kavach' insurers have sold around 7.5 lakh policies collecting premium of about Rs 215 crore, while 'Corona Rakshak' have received premiums worth Rs 29 crore by selling 1.83 lakh policies.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/covid-19-specific-health-insurance-policies-see-gooddemand/2060248/

***** Pronouncements

- In the matter of HUL vs. Emami, Bombay High Court has granted a temporary injunction against Emami Ltd., restraining the Kolkata based conglomerate from using the mark 'Glow and Handsome' noting that the plaintiff Hindustan Unilever was prima facie prior adopter and user of said trademark.
 - https://www.livelaw.in/news-updates/glow-handsome-trademark-dispute-bombay-hc-temporarily-restrainsemami-from-using-the-mark-glow-and-handsome-161660
- In the matter of M/s MTS Logistics Pvt. Ltd. & Ors. vs. Shri Brijesh Uppal & Ors., the Appellant contended that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction to inflict any damages against the alien Company, while deciding the inter-se dispute between two directors of another Company.
 - NCLAT held that both the Companies have close business relations having a common director. Hence, it cannot be said that the Tribunal had no Jurisdiction to inflict any damages against the Appellant Company. Therefore the Tribunal rightly held that both the Appellants are jointly and severally liable to pay compensation to the Respondent.
 - https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/19348251445f1808f3ea475.pdf
- Madras High Court in the matter of Revenue Bar Association (RBA) vs. Union of India restrained the Central Government from appointing technical members to the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunals (GSTAT) until further orders.

https://www.barandbench.com/news/litigation/government-restrained-from-appointing-technical-members-togstat-until-further-orders-madras-hc

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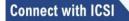
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Latest @ ICSI

ICSI signs MoU with IIM Jammu

With the objective to facilitate a partnership comprehensive imparting knowledge and skills in the areas of mutual interest of academia and research, the ICSI has recently signed a Memorandum Understanding for instituting the ICSI Signature Award Scheme with Indian Institute of Management, Jammu.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmod ules/PRESSRELEASE ICSI signs MoU with IIM Jammu.pdf

❖ Ministry of Finance

Ministry of Finance says Loans worth more than Rs 1 Lakh Crore **Disbursed Under 100% Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme**

Under the 100% Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) backed by a Government of India guarantee, Banks from Public & Private Sectors have sanctioned loans worth over Rs. 1.5 lakh crore as of August 18, 2020, of which more than Rs 1 lakh crore has already been disbursed.

https://www.business-standard.com/ article/news-cm/ministry-of-financesavs-loans-worth-more-than-rs-1lakh-crore-disbursed-under-100emergency-credit-line-guaranteescheme-120082000420 1.html

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Securities Laws & Capital Market

Adjudication Order (August 20, 2020)

SEBI imposed a total penalty of Rs. 2 lakh on Orissa Minerals Development Company Ltd. (OMDC), its Managing Director and Company Secretary for making delayed disclosure to the stock exchanges of the important price sensitive information. Henceforth, they have violated the provisions of Clause 2.1 of the Code of Corporate Disclosure Practice for Prevention of Insider Trading contained in Schedule II read with Regulation 12(2) of the PIT Regulations, 1992. Further, OMDC also violated Clause 36 of the Listing Agreement read with Section 21 of SCRA.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudicationorder-in-the-matter-of-the-orissa-minerals-development-co-ltd-47370.html

Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) Notification (August 19, 2020)

• Extending the closure of the Tribunal till September 02, 2020 due to general lockdown by the government

In consideration of the extension of the lockdown in Containment zones up to August 31, 2020 vide MHA order dated July 29, 2020 and in consideration of extension of the lockdown in the entire State of Maharashtra further till midnight of August 31, 2020, the Hon'ble Presiding Officer and the members of SAT, is of the view that Tribunal shall further remained closed up to September 02, 2020. In case of extreme urgent matters, parties may file cases by adopting Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) laid down in notification dt. 28/04/2020 and 02/06/2020.

http://sat.gov.in/scripts/detailsat.asp?releaseId=E0000US80

SEBI in News

Ruchi Soya was acquired by a Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurveda-led consortium last year via an insolvency resolution process. The founders held 99.03 per cent of the company's capital as of March 31. A 8,764% surge in the shares of a company with a minuscule public shareholding has prompted India's regulator to consider changing its rules for firms emerging from the nation's bankruptcy process.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/a-stocks-8764-surge-spurs-india-to-rethink-shareholdingrules/articleshow/77645997.cms

❖ Indirect Tax

Customs Updates

Exchange Rates of conversion of foreign currencies

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs via a Notification No. 80/2020- Customs (NT), dated August 20, 2020, hereby determines the rate of exchange of conversion of the foreign currencies for import and export of goods.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/csact/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt80-2020.pdf

***** Banking and Insurance

• Minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting August 4 to 6, 2020

The twenty fourth meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), constituted under section 45ZB of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, was held from August 4 to 6, 2020. According to Section 45ZL of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Reserve Bank shall publish, on the fourteenth day after every meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee, the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=50240

• So far, Lenders have disbursed only ₹1 trillion to stressed MSMEs

The Centre's much-publicised credit guarantee scheme to aid small businesses resume operations during the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic may not have achieved the desired results with total disbursements at just about a third of the finance ministry's target of 3 trillion since its launch three months ago. The scheme, part of the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, ends in about two months with sanctioned loans touching the 1.5 trillion mark as on 18 August.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/so-far-lenders-have-disbursed-only-1-tn-to-stressed-msmes-11597972087188.html

Private banks are quietly introducing customer charges on digital payments during lockdown

India's top private sector banks are passing on the losses incurred on processing free digital transactions to their customers amid an increased load on their core banking system clocking record volumes of transactions during lockdown.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/private-banks-are-quitely-introducing-customer-charges-on-digital-payments-during-lockdown/articleshow/77657844.cms

• PUC certificate at the time of renewal of Insurance of Vehicle – Direction given by the Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No.13029 of 1985 in the matter of *M.C. Mehta* vs. *Union of India*

IRDAI had earlier issued the circular no. IRDA/NL/CIR/MISC/104/07/2018 dated 06.07.2018 advising all general insurance companies to comply with the direction issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.13029 of 1985 in M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India and Others. Central pollution control board (CPCB) has raised concerns regarding status of compliance of above direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in National Capital Region of Delhi (Delhi – NCR). IRDAI has issued a circular IRDAI/NL/CIR/MISC/215/08/2020 dated 20.08.2020 directing all CEOs/CMDs of General Insurance Companies that the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is followed scrupulously with special focus on compliance in National Capital Region of Delhi (Delhi – NCR). https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/Circulars Layout.aspx?page=PageNo4221

Corona Insurance Claims cross Rs 2,000 crore

The value of insurance claims from patients infected with novel coronavirus, across India, has hit Rs 2,040 crore, with the number of claims having risen to 1.29 lakh. As on August 19, 2020 insurers have settled over 81,000 claims amounting to Rs 780 crore.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/corona-insurance-claims-cross-rs-2000-crore/2061269/

International Business

UPI, RuPay to be available in International Markets as NPCI launches subsidiary to go global

To take highly popular Unified Payments Interface (UPI), RuPay to more countries, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced the launch of a subsidiary for its international growth ambitions. The subsidiary, NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), will facilitate the body's "ambition" of venturing into newer international markets and co-create payment systems with other nations, as per an official statement.

https://www.indiatvnews.com/business/news-upi-rupay-services-in-international-markets-npci-launches-subsidiary-what-we-know-643586

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex 38466.34 (+245.95)		
Nifty 50	11378.70 (+66.50)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD INR / 1 EUR INR / 1 GBP INR / 1 JPY			
74.64 (+0.18%)	88.88 (+0.13%)	98.49 (+0.24%)	0.71 (+0.10%)

Business and Economic News

- Single e-compliance window soon: MCA initiates discussions with RBI, SEBI, DPIIT on transfer of data MCA has initiated discussions with various regulators including RBI, SEBI, and the DPIIT, on the possibility of creating a single platform or compliance forms with common data sources. The objective of the proposed single platform would be to integrate databases of MCA and other bodies to bring down duplication in filing; this will help in ease of doing business.
 - https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/single-e-compliance-window-soon-mca-initiatesdiscussions-with-rbi-sebi-dpiit-on-transfer-of-data/articleshow/77662021.cms
- Net new enrolments with retirement fund body EPFO rose to 6.55 lakh in June from 1.72 lakh during May 2020, according to its latest payroll data, providing a perspective on employment in the formal sector amid the COVID-19 crisis.
 - https://m.timesofindia.com/business/india-business/epfo-records-6-55-lakh-net-new-enrolments-injune/articleshow/77656773.cms
- Microblogging platform Twitter said, that requests for information on user accounts from India grew over 66 per cent to 789 in July-December 2019. These requests - which include those from the government agencies (a combination of routine requests and emergency requests) - stood at 474 in the first half of 2019, as per data from Twitter's latest Transparency Report.
 - http://m.timesofindia.com/articleshow/77657694.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_ca_ mpaign=cppst

Pronouncements

- In the matter of Vijay Goverdhandas Kalantri & Anr. vs. Union of India & Ors., Punjab & Haryana High Court observed that the jurisdiction of the High Court is limited to the territorial jurisdiction of the State(s) for which it is the High Court. In the present case, the petitioners have been unable to show as to what part of the cause of action arose within the territorial jurisdiction of this Court. So the court held that the initiation of the writ proceedings before this High Court was clearly unsustainable and an abuse of jurisdiction and not bonafide. Hence, this petition is dismissed with imposition of exemplary costs of Rs.1,00,000/-. https://taxguru.in/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Vijay-Goverdhandas-Kalantri-Another-Vs-Union-of-India-
- National Anti-Profiteering Authority (NAA) found M/s Eldeco Infrastructure & Properties Private Limited guilty of profiteering but did not impose the penalty for denying the benefit of Input Tax Credit (ITC) to Flat Buyers as no penalty provisions existed when the ITC was denied.
 - https://www.taxscan.in/gst-naa-didnt-impose-penalty-on-eldeco-infrastructure-for-denying-benefit-of-itc-to-flatbuyers-as-no-penalty-provisions-existed/69209/

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Others-Punjab-and-Haryana-High-Court.pdf

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Business and Economic News

A Profession that blends Law, Accountancy and Governance

With a new training structure, entrance-based enrolment, expanding global footprint, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is all set to realign the sector with the changing requirements of Industry 4.0 and attract the best brains to the discipline in the changed scenario.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/ed ucation/news/a-profession-that-blends-lawaccountancy-andgovernance/articleshow/77716997.cms

Ministry of Finance

With 25 crore covered, KYC data of nearly a fifth of India's population is digital

The digitization of know your customer (KYC) documents with a central registry has finally gained momentum, with financial services providers like banks, mutual fund houses and insurance companies crossing the 25-crore uploads mark earlier this month, The Print has learnt. This means the KYC data of nearly a fifth of the country's population is now stored digitally, which the financial service providers can access for offering services to the customer, who will not have to supply any documents for availing such services.

https://theprint.in/economy/with-25-crore-covered-kyc-data-of-nearly-a-fifth-of-indias-population-is-digital/485998/

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Latest @ ICSI

- First batch of 15 days online EDP (new training structure) under CS Amendment Regulations, 2020
 - The ICSI has announced First batch of 15 days online EDP (New Training Structure) under CS Amendment Regulations, 2020, from 1st September, 2020 15th September, 2020. The registration will open from 25th August- 30th August, 2020 (from start of business hours to end of business hours)
 - $https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Announcement_first_pilot_batch_15 day sonline_EDP.pdf$
- ICSI has uploaded a video link on YouTube regarding the Technical Session on "How to Appear for 1st CSEET through Remote Proctored mode for students appearing in 1st CSEET to be held on 29th August 2020." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3xAM5ogT3c
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about CSEET Through Remote Proctored Mode The ICSI has uploaded Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the CS Executive Entrance Test (CSEET) Through Remote Proctored Mode. https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/FAQ_on_CSEET_(to_be_held_through_Re
- Compulsory Installation of Safe Examination Browser for appearing in the CSEET
 All candidates registered for appearing in CSEET scheduled to be held on 29th
 August, 2020 through remote proctored mode needs to compulsorily install the
 Safe Examination Browser in their laptop/ desktop beforehand through which
 they shall be appearing in the test.
 - https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Announcement_Installation_safeexambrowser_appearing_CSEET.pdf
- The ICSI has arranged a repeat Mock test on 24th August, 2020 for such candidates who were absent in the Mock Test scheduled on 22nd August, 2020, so that they will be familiar with the test before appearing in the CSEET scheduled to be held on 29th August, 2020.
 - https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Repeat_Mock_Test_on_24th_August_202 0.pdf
- Live webinar on inauguration ceremony of ICSI oversees centre, London, UK & panel discussion on "Evolving Role of Company Secretaries-UK Perspective. https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Inauguration_Ceremony_ICSI_Overseas_Centre_LondonUK_PanelDiscussion_24Aug20.pdf

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• SBI, PNB, BoB may go for Share Sale this Fiscal

As many as five large banks, including SBI, PNB and BoB, are likely to sell shares to institutional investors in the second half of this fiscal as they look to shore up their capital base amid the coronavirus pandemic impacting the economy.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/sbi-pnb-bob-may-go-for-share-sale-this-fiscal-report-11598181763113.html

Special Liquidity Scheme for NBFCs and HFCs sees 24 proposals worth 28,594 crore sanctioned

The $\ 2\ 30,000\$ crore Special Liquidity Scheme (SLS) for NBFCs and HFCs, introduced from July 1,2020, has seen as many as 24 proposals sanctioned involving a sanctioned amount of $\ 2\ 8,594\$ crore as of Friday, August 21, 2020.

https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/special-liquidity-scheme-for-nbfcs-and-hfcs-sees-24-proposals-worth-8594-crore-sanctioned/article32419821.ece

Securities Laws & Capital Market

SEBI CIRCULARS

Securities and Exchange Board of India (International Financial Services Centres) Guidelines, 2015 - Amendments (August 21, 2020)

In order to streamline the operations at IFSC, SEBI amended the provisions of the SEBI (IFSC) Guidelines as under:

- 1) Clause 19 is being amended which, inter alia, provides that the entities issuing and/or listing their debt securities in IFSC shall prepare their Statement of Accounts in accordance with IFRS/ US GAAP/ IND AS or accounting standards as applicable to them in their place of incorporation. In case an entity does not prepare its statement of accounts in accordance with IFRS/ US GAAP/ IND AS, a quantitative summary of significant differences between National Accounting Standards and IFRS shall be prepared by such entity and incorporated in the relevant disclosure documents to be filed with the exchange. https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/securities-and-exchange-board-of-india-international-financial-services-centres-guidelines-2015-amendments 47374.html
- 2) A new clause 8(3) is being incorporated which provides that an entity, based in India or in a foreign jurisdiction, may provide financial services in IFSC, subject to compliance with the applicable regulatory framework/ guidelines for such financial services, as specified by the Board, from time to time. https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/securities-and-exchange-board-of-india-international-financial-services
 - https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/securities-and-exchange-board-of-india-international-financial-services-centres-guidelines-2015-amendments_47375.html

ADJUDICATION ORDER (August 21, 2020)

SEBI imposed a total penalty of Rs. 22.39 crore on 32 entities for alleged siphoning off Rs. 33.83 crore of the IPO proceeds of Ravi Kumar Distilleries Ltd., due to fraudulent acts of the entities.

 $https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudication-order-in-the-matter-of-ravi-kumar-distilleries-ltd\ 47376.html$

SEBI IN NEWS

- The government has declined to give the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) permission to tap phones while investigating insider trading cases. The Centre is of the view that details of phone calls should be accessed only in case of threats to national security, terror financing, and money laundering. At present, SEBI has the authority to ask for call records, such as the number dialled and the duration of the calls.
 - https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/centre-declines-sebis-request-to-tap-phones-in-insider-trading-cases-report-5737031.html
- SEBI, NSE urge banks to utilize exchange platform for sourcing, hedging gold. In order to generate confidence among the traders, dealers and other participants in terms of quality, NSE has put in place a robust risk management, auditing, testing methodology and other norms.
 - https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/commodities/sebi-nse-urge-banks-to-utilise-exchange-platform-for-sourcing-hedging-gold-5740451.html
- The government is planning to sell part of its stake in Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corp (IRCTC) in the current fiscal, and has invited bids from merchant bankers for managing the sale process. The government currently holds 87.40% stake in IRCTC. To meet SEBI's public holding norm, the government has to lower its stake in the company to 75%.
 - https://www.livemint.com/news/india/govt-plans-further-stake-sale-in-irctc-invites-bids-from-merchant-bankers-by-sept-10-11597921248414.html

❖ Direct Tax

The Income Tax Department carried out a search and seizure operation on August 20, 2020 at various locations in Bhopal. The key person of one of the groups covered used to run a bangles shop. Another person covered is a property builder/developer and is also running a cricket academy.

https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1647752

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38799.08 (+364.36)	
Nifty 50	11466.45 (+94.85)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1	INR / 1	INR / 1	INR/ 1
USD	EUR	GBP	JPY
74.85	88.67	98.36	0.71
(+0.28%)	(-0.24%)	(-0.13%)	(-0.03%)

Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax

Registration only after physical verification of place of business Notification No. 62/2020- Central Tax dated August 20, 2020

Business registering under GST can opt for Aadhaar authentication, in absence of which registration would be granted only after physical verification of the place of business. When an applicant for GST registration opts for authentication of Aadhaar number, he shall undertake the said authentication while submitting an application in Part B of Form GST REG-01. https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/gst/notfctn-62-central-tax-english-2020.pdf

Provision for Aadhar Authentication in GST Registration

Tax Officer can issue SCN within the period specified for grant of registration, like in cases of successful Aadhar authentication i.e. 03 working days, or in cases when taxpayer do not opt to provide Aadhaar or when Aadhar authentication fails i.e. 21 working days. Applicants can submit their reply within 07 working days from issue of SCN.

https://www.gst.gov.in/newsandupdates/read/394

Customs Updates

Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules Notification No. 81/2020- Customs (NT), dated August 21, 2020

Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020 shall come into force from 21st day of September, 2020. It shall apply to import of goods into India where the importer makes claim of preferential rate of duty in terms of a trade agreement.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt81-2020.pdf

Anti-dumping duty on imports of Phosphoric Acid of all grades and concentrations Notification No. 26/2020- Customs (ADD), dated August 21, 2020

This notification seeks to impose anti-dumping duty on the imports of Phosphoric Acid of all grades and concentrations (excluding Agriculture or Fertilizer grade), originating in or exported from Korea RP for a period of five years.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd26-2020.pdf

Anti-dumping duty on imports of "Acrylonitrile Butadeine Rubber"

Notification No. 27/2020- Customs (ADD), dated August 21, 2020

This notification seeks to amend notification No. 46/2015-Customs (ADD), dated 4th September 2015 to extend the levy of ADD on imports of "Acrylonitrile Butadeine Rubber" originating in or exported from Korea RP, for a period of three months i.e. upto 3rd December, 2020.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/ notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd27-2020.pdf

Pronouncements

SAT directed SEBI's Recovery Officer to De-Freeze the Bank Accounts

SAT directed the Recovery Officer of SEBI to de-freeze the two bank accounts of the appellant, Ms. Kalpana Gupta forthwith, wherein the appellant is only the second holder along with her mother and sons respectively who are the primary holders of those two accounts. The appeal had been filed aggrieved by the issuance of the recovery certificate, notice of attachment of bank accounts and notice of attachment of demat accounts by the Recovery Officer of SEBI all dated June 10, 2020. http://sat.gov.in/english/pdf/E2020_J02020151.PDF

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One More Mock Test will be conducted on 26th August, 2020

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https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodu les/RepeatMockTest_for_Absentees_26 0820.pdf

Login Credentials For Appearing in the CSEET, August 2020 Session

The login credentials for appearing in the CSEET (including the Mock Tests) shall be sent by Email and SMS to the candidates who are scheduled to appear in the CSEET, August 2020 Session. The candidates are advised to check for E-Mail/SMS received at their end.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodu les/Login-

Credentials_appearing_CSEET.pdf

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- Contribution for R&D activities More entities covered under CSR Activities under Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013

MCA vide Notification dated 24th August, 2020 has widened the scope of CSR Activities by amending item (ix) of the Schedule VII of the Companies Act 2013 to include more entities like Ministry of AYUSH etc., engaged in research and development to whom contribution shall be treated as Contribution for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Activities as required under Section 135 of Companies Act, 2013.

http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/221324.pdf

Research and development activity of new vaccine, drugs and medical devices related to COVID-19 brought under CSR policy of companies

MCA has issued the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2020 dated 24th August, 2020 and has notified that any company engaged in research and development activity of new vaccine, drugs and medical devices in their normal course of business may undertake research and development activity of new vaccine, drugs and medical devices related to COVID-19 for financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 subject to the prescribed conditions.

http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/221325.pdf

❖ Indirect Tax

GST reduces tax rate and doubles taxpayer base

GST has reduced the rate at which people have to pay tax and helped increase compliance and doubled taxpaver base to 1.24 crore. All processes in GST have been fully automated.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/gstreduced-tax-rates-doubled-taxpayer-base-to-1-24-crore-financeministry/articleshow/77715440.cms

❖ International Business

Microsoft defends Fortnite maker in Apple Fight

Microsoft came to the defense of the maker of video game sensation Fortnite on Sunday, August 23, 2020, saying in a court filing that Apple's move to cut off the company from programming tools would hurt other game creators and players as well.

❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

ADJUDICATION ORDER

SEBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 5 lakh on MCS Share Transfer Agent Limited on failure to provide documents required by the Auditor appointed by SEBI in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 21(1) of the SEBI (RTI and STA) Regulations, 1993 and thereby violated the provisions of Regulation 18(1) read with Regulation 21 of SEBI (RTI and STA) Regulations, 1993 and Clause 18 of the Code of Conduct for the Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agent prescribed in Schedule III under Regulation 13 of the SEBI (RTI and STA) Regulations, 1993.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudication-order-in-respect-of-mcs-share-transfer-agent-limited-in-the-matter-of-inspection-audit-of-books-of-mcs-share-transfer-agent-limited 47379.html

NSE CIRCULAR

NSE informed its Members about approval received from SEBI, Options in Goods contracts on underlying Silver spot price would be available for trading in Commodity Derivatives segment with effect from September 1, 2020.

https://www1.nseindia.com/content/circulars/COM45445.pdf

SEBI IN NEWS

The Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI's) one-time settlement scheme in the illiquid stock option manipulation case remains a doubtful starter. Sources say most entities could give it a miss given the high settlement cost and fears of prosecution from other enforcement agencies.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/one-month-on-sebi-s-one-time-settlement-scheme-remains-doubtful-starter-120082401306_1.html

* Market Watch

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Reference Rate			
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74.74 (-0.15%)	88.15 (-0.58%)	97.82 (-0.55%)	0.71 (-0.04%)

***** Banking and Insurance

PNB, OBC, UBI merger: No Layoffs for any Bank Employees

There will be no layoffs of employees due to the merger Oriental Bank of Commerce, United Bank of India with Punjab National Bank, MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank SS Mallikarjuna Rao has said. The amalgamation of Punjab National Bank, United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce came into effect from April 1, 2020.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/pnb-obc-ubi-merger-no-layoffs-for-any-bank-employees-11598250738230.html

Ashwani Bhatia takes charge as State Bank of India's Managing Director

The State Bank of India on Monday, August 24, 2020, said Ashwani Bhatia has taken charge as its managing director.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/ashwani-bhatia-takes-chargeas-state-bank-of-indias-managina-director/articleshow/77724518.cms

❖ Business and Economic News

Telecom operators' body COAI (Cellular Operators Association of India) has approached the finance ministry seeking waiver of service tax on Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues to be paid to the government.

http://m.timesofindia.com/articleshow/77727481.cms

The government has come out with norms for the enforcement of 'rules of origin' provisions for allowing preferential rate of customs duties on products imported under free trade agreements (FTAs).

Pronouncement

'Reduction of Capital' under Section 66 of the Companies Act, 2013

In the matter of Economy Hotels India Services Private Limited vs. Registrar of Companies & Anr., NCLAT observed that 'Reduction of Capital' under Section 66 of the Companies Act, 2013 is a 'Domestic Affair' of a particular Company in which, ordinarily, a Tribunal will not interfere because of the reason that it is a 'majority decision' which prevails.

As the Appellant has admitted its typographical error in the extract of the Minutes of the Meeting characterising the 'special resolution' as 'unanimous ordinary resolution' and also taking into consideration of the fact that the Appellant had filed the special resolution with ROC, which satisfies the requirement of Section 66 of the Companies Act, 2013.

NCLAT allowed the Appeal, thereby confirming the reduction of share capital of the Appellant Company.

https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/14264245455f43829d793e8.pdf

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❖ Latest @ ICSI

CSEET e-Bulletin for the month of August, 2020

ICSI has published the 5th Issue of CSEET e-bulletin, for the month of August, 2020. Alike other issues, this issue too contains relevant sample questions pertaining to **CSEET**

https://www.icsi.edu/media/web modules/CSEET/CSEET_ebulletin_ Aug2020.pdf

ICSI inaugurates **Overseas** Centre in London, UK

With the object to promote and develop the Company Secretary Profession in UK, the Institute of Company Secretaries of India inaugurated ICSI Overseas Centre at London, UK, on August 24, 2020

https://www.icsi.edu/media/web modules/PRESSRELEASE ICSI ina ugurates_Overseas_Centre_in_Lon don.pdf

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- ❖ Securities Law & Capital Market
- Master Circular for Mutual Funds (August 24, 2020)

In order to enable the industry and other users to have access to all the applicable circulars at one place, SEBI has issued Master Circular for Mutual Funds. This Master Circular is a compilation of all the circulars issued by SEBI with regard to Mutual Funds, which are operational as on date of this circular and shall supersede the previous Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF5/CIR/P/2018/109 dated July 10, 2018.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/master-circulars/aug-2020/mastercircular-for-mutual-funds_47382.html

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - Portfolio Managers (August 25, 2020)

SEBI vide dated August 25, 2020 uploaded Frequently Asked Questions related to Portfolio Managers on its website. https://www.sebi.gov.in/otherentry/aug-2020/faq-portfoliomanagers 47397.html

Adjudication Order (August 25, 2020)

SEBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 50 lakh on National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on failure of taking prior approval from SEBI before making a change in its policy which was approved by the Compensation Committee/NSE Board of NSE on November 26, 2012 thus violated regulation 27(4) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) (Stock Exchanges and Clearing Corporations) Regulations, 2012.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudication-order-in-the-matter-of-national-stock-exchangeof-india-limited_47395.html

SEBI in News

- SEBI has ordered impounding of wrongful gains worth Rs 3.6 crore from four entities related to a case of insider trading in the shares of Infibeam Avenues Ltd.
 - https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/sebi-ordersimpounding-rs-3-6-crore-in-insider-trading-case-5755011.html
- SEBI has suspended the registration of Corporate Strategic Allianz for one year as it failed to meet the "fit and proper person" requirement to act as a merchant banker. The regulator noted that a restraint order was passed against Corporate Strategic Allianz in August, 2016. Accordingly, the SEBI has suspended, with immediate effect, the certificate of registration of the noticee as a merchant

https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/sebi-suspendsregistration-of-merchant-banker-corporate-strategic-allianz-11598344503147.html

❖ Indirect Tax

GST on Two-Wheelers may be reduced

Two-Wheelers are neither luxury goods nor sin goods. Currently, two-wheelers attract 28 percent GST and those above 350cc attract an additional cess of 3 percent over and above the 28 percent GST rate. The industry has been demanding for a rate reduction, especially for the segment below 150cc, but the Council has still not taken up this issue.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/two-wheelers-merit-gst-rate-revision-says-fm-nirmala-sitharaman-120082600085_1.html

• Interest in GST to be levied on Net Tax Liability w.e.f. September 1, 2020

The Central Government vide Notification No. 63/2020 (Central Tax dated August 25, 2020) has appointed 1st day of September, as the date on which provisions of section 100 of the Finance (No.2) Act, 2019, shall come into force.

http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/221332.pdf

* Banking and Insurance

• Annual Report for the year 2019-20

The Reserve Bank of India released its Annual Report for 2019-20This is a statutory report of its Central Board of Directors.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=50253

• PSB NPAs take a turn for the worse

According to the data compiled by Mint, ten public sector banks wrote off nearly twice the amount of bad loans that they recovered and upgraded during the June quarter, While write-offs stood at ₹21,222 crore, cash recovery and upgradations from bad loan accounts were at ₹11,393 crore. Upgradation refers to a bad loan account turning regular after the borrower restarts payments.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/psb-npas-take-a-turn-for-the-worse-11598405873932.html

Regulatory Sandbox – IRDAI invites Applications for 2nd Cohort

With the objective of carving out a safe and conducive environment to experiment with innovative approaches (including Fin-Tech solutions), and where the consequences of failure, if any, can be contained, the Insurance Regulator, IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) has come out with "Regulatory Sandbox Approach".

 $https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/frmGeneral_Layout.aspx?page=PageNo4224$

* Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	39073.92 (+230.04)	
Nifty 50	11549.60 (+77.35)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD INR / 1 EUR INR / 1 GBP INR / 1 JPY			
74.25 (-0.65%)	87.66 (-0.56%)	97.17 (-0.66%)	0.70 (-0.69%)

International Business

Reducing COVID risks may help economy more than easing curbs: World Bank

The data on monthly night-time light intensity suggests that without effectively reducing the risk of a COVID-19 infection, India's economy is unlikely to return to full potential even when restrictions are relaxed, according to a recent World Bank report.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/reducing-covid-risks-may-help-economy-morethan-easing-curbs-world-bank-120082501376_1.html

Business and Economic News

Pre-packaged Insolvency Resolution Framework for MSMEs soon, say official

Pre-packaged insolvency resolution framework could make a debut in the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) segment before being expanded to other sectors.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/small-biz/startups/pre-packaged-insolvency-resolutionframework-for-msmes-soon-say-officials/articleshow/77748240.cms?from=mdr

Faulty Battery: Physically challenged man wins case against e-vehicle dealer

A physically challenged man from Mysuru took an e-scooter seller to a consumer court after the batteries of his vehicle, which were under warranty, were damaged, resulting in poor mileage.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/bengaluru/faulty-battery-physically-challenged-man-wins-caseagainst-e-vehicle-dealer/articleshow/77749828.cms#:~:text= Bengaluru%3A%20A%20physically%20challenged%20man,new%20ones%20within%20a%20month.

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❖ Direct Tax

A National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) and a network of Regional e-Assessment Centres will be set up to implement the Faceless Assessment Scheme of the Income Tax Department, launched nation-wide by Minister Shri Narendra Modi on August 13, 2020. The regional assessment network would comprise assessment units, verification units, technical units and review units. The system allows for dynamic jurisdiction, team-based working, and functional specialization and does away with human interface altogether.

https://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetailm.as px?PRID=1648814

❖ Indirect Tax

Clarification on Interest on Delayed **Payment of GST**

CBIC clarified that the Notification No. 63/2020-Central Tax 25th August 2020 relating to interest on delayed payment of GST has been issued prospectively due to certain technical limitations. However, it has been assured that no recoveries shall be made for the past period as well by the Central and State tax administration in accordance with the decision taken in the 39th Meeting of GST Council.

https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.asp x?PRID=1648751

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Latest @ ICSI

Submission for Extension for holding Annual General Meeting In view of the challenges being faced by the corporate and the professionals due to COVID-19 pandemic, ICSI has once again requested MCA to provide general extension for the date of conducting Annual General Meetings. This would enable relief to all the companies and stakeholders.

Further, it is submitted that MCA may also consider filing of e-form GNL-1 for seeking extension of time in holding of AGM through STP mode, so as to speed up the approvals.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Request to MCA for exte nsion_of_date_for_holding_AGM.pdf

Submission for Amendment to Section 137(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, enabling filing of Financial Statement within 60 Days

In view of the practical difficulties being faced by the stakeholders, ICSI has submitted to MCA that the provision of Section 137(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, requiring filing of financial statement within 30 days of the date of Annual General Meeting may be considered for amendment by prescribing a period of 60 days for such filing, aligning it with the date of filing of Annual Return.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Request to MCA for ame ndment_in_section_137(1)_of_CA_2013.pdf

ICSI UDIN and eCSIN Guidelines

With regard to UDIN and eCSIN guidelines, ICSI has submitted following suggestions to MCA for their effective compliance:

- As regard to UDIN, it is suggested that appropriate amendments may be made in all the e-forms requiring certification from Practicing Company Secretaries, so as to require providing UDIN which is a unique number generated by professional at the time of certification itself.
- In case of eCSIN, it is submitted that appropriate amendments may be made in the e-form DIR-12 to require quoting the eCSIN generated at the time of appointment/resignation by the Company Secretary for whom the form is being filed.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/ICSI UDIN and eCSIN G uidelines.pdf

❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

NSE Circular

Reporting of violations under Securities and Exchange Board of India (Prohibition of Insider Trading)
 Regulations, 2015 relating to the Code of Conduct (CoC) (August 26, 2020)

NSE informed the listed companies, intermediaries and fiduciaries that the disclosure regarding violations relating to CoC under PIT Regulations in the format as prescribed by SEBI and in the form as enclosed under this circular as 'Annexure A' shall be submitted on the email id pit_coc@nse.co.in, in both PDF (Annexure 1a) and Excel form (Annexure 1b).

https://www1.nseindia.com/circulars/circular.htm

SEBI Press Release

Regulatory Measures to Continue (August 26, 2020)

On reviewing the situation related to COVID-19 pandemic, it is decided that the regulatory measures introduced vide SEBI Press Release dated March 20, 2020 to curb volatility, shall continue to be in force till September 24, 2020. The stock exchanges and clearing corporations will be issuing necessary instructions to the market participants in this regard.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/media/press-releases/aug-2020/regulatory-measures-to-continue_47408.html

Adjudication Order (August 26, 2020)

- SEBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 1 lakh on the Promoter and Managing Director of M/s SRK Industries Ltd. on failure to make complete disclosures to BSE, required under Regulation 13(4) and 13(4A) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992 and related to the increase of his shareholding on March 22, 2013 due to scheme of arrangement.
 - https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudication-order-in-respect-of-mr-sorabh-rakesh-jain-in-the-matter-of-srk-industries-limited_47411.html
- SEBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 2 lakh on the former Managing Director of M/s Centron Industrial Alliance Ltd. on failure to make disclosures required under Regulation 13(3) and 13(4) read with 13(5) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 1992, which relates to the changes in his shareholding.
 - https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/adjudication-order-in-respect-of-shri-anoop-kumar-garg-in-the-matter-of-centron-industrial-alliance-limited 47409.html

SEBI in News

• An RTI response has revealed that Franklin Templeton did not seek any approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) before winding up its six debt schemes.

https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/rti-reveals-franklin-templeton-did-not-seek-sebi-approval-before-winding-up-6-debt-schemes-5759931.html

❖ International Business

TriSon Farms International Inc. joins the movement to build the World's Safest Food Supply Chain adopting the Free iTrade Traceability Campaign

TriSon Farms International Inc is the latest customer to pick up the food safety mantle and join iTrade's iTracefresh program. As the leading global provider of supply chain software for the food and beverage industry, iTrade is pioneering efforts to build the world's safest and most comprehensive global food supply chain.

https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/08/26/2084436/0/en/TriSon-Farms-International-Inc-Joins-the-Movement-to-Build-The-World-s-Safest-Food-Supply-Chain-Adopting-The-Free-iTrade-Traceability-Campaign.html

* Market Watch

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Nifty 50	11574.00 (+24.40)	

Reference Rate			
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74.09 (-0.22%)	87.56 (-0.11%)	97.20 (+0.03%)	0.70 (-0.60%)

❖ Banking and Insurance

Asset reconstruction companies ask RBI to address regulatory gaps between IBC and SARFAESI Act

In order to enable Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to bid for bankrupt companies, ARCs have asked the Reserve Bank of India to address "regulatory gaps" between the insolvency law and the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act (SARFAESI Act).

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/asset-reconstruction-companies-askrbi-to-address-regulatory-gaps-between-ibc-and-sarfaesi-act/articleshow/77774948.cms

IRDAI may tighten rules for companies

The insurance regulator, IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India) is likely to tighten license norms, favoring candidates that are resilient to deep and prolonged crises. Only entities that are financially strong enough, not only at the time of entry but also during tough liquidity phases for 5-10 years, may get a licence to launch or acquire an insurance company.

https://www.livemint.com/insurance/news/insurance-regulator-irdai-may-tighten-rules-for-companies-11598406694004.html

Business and Economic News

Telecom regulator TRAI has issued a show-cause notice to Vodafone Idea over the contentious priority plan, saying the offer lacks transparency, is misleading and not in compliance with regulatory principles.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/trai-issues-show-cause-notice-to-vodafone-idea-onpriority-plan-says-offer-misleading/articleshow/77758147.cms

SC reserves order on Vijay Mallya's plea seeking review of 2017 order in contempt case

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/sc-reserves-order-on-vijay-mallyas-plea-seekingreview-of-2017-order-in-contemptcase/articleshow/77779058.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

FM to chair 41st GST Council meeting today, states' compensation on agenda

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/nirmala-sitharaman-to-chair-41st-gst-councilmeetinatoday/articleshow/77775771.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

India's banking sector needs more reforms: Shaktikanta Das, RBI Governor

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/indian-banking-sector-continues-to-be-safe-andstable-shaktikanta-das/videoshow/77778560.cms

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❖ Direct Tax

Providing Ease of Tax Compliance and Opportunity to taxpayers before finalizing of Assessment Order are the core features of Faceless Assessment Scheme, a right step towards Minimum Government, Maximum Governance.

https://pib.nic.in/PressReleasePage.aspx? PRID=1649006

❖ Indirect Tax

Nirmala Sitharaman : Covid "Act of God", Economy may Contract

The centre is hard pressed on paying GST dues to states that have not earned much this year due to months of lockdown necessitated by the COVID-19 crisis.

https://www.ndtv.com/indianews/market-borrowings-cess-rate-hikeoptions-before-centre-to-pay-gst-dues-tostates-2286225

❖ International Business

Walmart hires a new General Counsel for International Business

Walmart has hired Deborah Vaughn to lead the retail giant's international legal work as senior vice president and general counsel, international. Vaughn previously held a similar position with Kimberly-Clark for the manufacturer's operations in the Asia Pacific region.

https://talkbusiness.net/2020/08/walma rt-hires-a-new-general-counsel-forinternational-business/

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• **Financial Assistance under ICSI Student Education Fund Trust**In view of the prevailing crisis due to Covid-19, the students desirous to avail financial assistance under **ICSI Students Education Fund Trust** are allowed to submit their applications within 12 months from the date of passing CSEET or within 12 months from the date of registration to Foundation/Executive Programme/Professional Programme.

The detailed guideline in this regard is placed on ICSI Website. https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/SEFT Announcement.pdf

 Request for amendment in Rule 8A of Companies (Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel) Rules, 2014

A representation has been submitted to MCA to widen the scope for appointment of Company Secretary in companies based on the net worth, turnover and borrowings in addition to the paid-up share capital.

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

• Secretarial Audit for bigger Private Companies under the Companies Act, 2013

ICSI has submitted a representation to MCA to extend the applicability of Secretarial Audit to every company having paid up capital of 50 crore or more or turnover of 250 crores or more. https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Final_Secretarial_Audit_f or_bigger_companies.pdf

Representation for Introduction of CSR Compliance Certificate
 To monitor the implementation of the recent amendment in the
 CSR Rules relating to transfer of unspent CSR amount to escrow
 account or fund specified in Schedule VII, ICSI has submitted a
 representation to MCA for introduction of CSR Compliance
 Certificate.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Request_to_MCA_for_amendment_in_section_137(1)_of_CA_2019.pdf

CSEET Mock Test

The ICSI has again arranged a repeat Mock Test on 28th August, 2020 for such candidates, who were unable to appear in the previous scheduled Mock tests, so that they will be familiar with the test before appearing in the CSEET scheduled on 29th August, 2020.

❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

SEBI CIRCULARS

'Procedural Guidelines for Proxy Advisors'-Extension of implementation timeline (August 27, 2020)

After taking into consideration the prevailing business and market conditions due to CoVID-19 pandemic, SEBI has extended the timeline for compliance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF1/CIR/P/2020/147 dated August 03, 2020 on 'Procedural Guidelines for Proxy Advisors', by four months. Accordingly, the provisions of said SEBI Circular shall be applicable with effect from January 01, 2021.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/procedural-guidelines-for-proxy-advisors-extension-of-implementation-timeline_47412.html

• 'Grievance Resolution between listed entities and proxy advisers' – Extension of timeline for implementation (August 27, 2020)

SEBI has extended the timeline for compliance with the requirements of SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/119 dated August 04, 2020 on 'Grievance Resolution between listed entities and proxy advisers', by four months. Accordingly, the provisions of said SEBI Circular shall be applicable with effect from January 01, 2021.

 $https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/-grievance-resolution-between-listed-entities-and-proxy-advisers-extension-of-timeline-for-implementation_47424.html$

• Execution of Power of Attorney (PoA) by the Client in favour of the Stock Broker / Stock Broker and Depository Participant (August 27, 2020)

SEBI, vide circular no. CIR/MRD/DMS/13/2010 dated April 23, 2010, issued Guidelines for execution of PoA by the client favouring Stock Broker / Stock Broker and Depository Participant. The guidelines stands modified which, inter alia, provide that *PoA is optional and should not be insisted upon by the stock broker / stock broker depository participant for opening of the client account.* Further, Stock Exchanges and Depositories shall ensure that PoA is not used by TM/CM/DPs for any purpose other than as specified.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/execution-of-power-of-attorney-poa-by-the-client-in-favour-of-the-stock-broker-stock-broker-and-depository-participant_47423.html

SEBI ADJUDICATION ORDERS (August 27, 2020)

S. No.	Name of Entity on which penalty is imposed	Alleged Violations	Penalty
1)	Sital Leasing and Finance Limited	Failed to make the disclosures of inter-se transfer between two promoters to the exchange within stipulated time thus violated Regulation 7(2)(b) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015	1 lakh
2)	Kanchan Bihani	Failed to disclose the change in its shareholding to the exchanges as well as to the company as required under regulation 29(1) read with 29(3) of SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011	1 lakh
3)	Shri Harsh Dugar	Failed to make mandated disclosures for the transactions executed on February 13, 15, March 20 and March 22, 2017 as required under Regulations 7(2)(a) of SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015	8 lakh
4)	H Bhavesh Securities and Commodities Private Limited	Aided and abetted the group entities to execute manipulative trades of the 5 scrips in contravention of the provisions of Regulations 3(a), (b), (c), (d) and Regulations 4(1), 4(2)(a) of SEBI (PFUTP) Regulations, 2003	5 lakh

https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/home/HomeAction.do?doListingAll=yes

SEBI IN NEWS

The Securities and Exchange Board of India has directed Portfolio Management Service (PMS) providers to disclose to clients the commission payouts they made to distributors.

 $https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/disclose-the-commission-payouts-made-to-distributors-sebi-directs-pmses-120082701184_1.html$

Market Watch

Capital Market		
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74.12 (+0.05%)	87.61 (+0.05%)	97.62 (+0.43%)	0.70 (+0.09%)	

Banking and Insurance

Shaktikanta Das: 'Being overly risk-averse self-defeating for banks'

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said the central bank has not exhausted its ammunition on rate cuts or policy actions and asked the banking sector to "earn its bread" by looking for business opportunities and relooking at the business strategy instead of remaining overly risk-averse.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/rbi-shaktikanta-das-being-overly-risk-averseself-defeating-for-banks-6572662/

IRDAI asks insurers to launch more Covid-focused products

While speaking at FICCI's (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) 21st Annual Insurance Conference 'FINCON 2020', Subhash C Khuntia, Chairman of IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) said that, "More than 15 lakh lives have been covered under the Corona Rakshak and Corona Kavach within a period of month.

It is to be noted that the regulator had allowed insurance companies to come out with Corona Kavach, which is an indemnity plan and will cover all the hospitalization expenses that arise from Novel Coronavirus.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/irdai-asks-insurers-to-launch-more-covid-focused*products*/2067426/

Business and Economic News

India's aviation regulator has framed draft rules for allowing inflight internet connectivity in the country's skies. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) draft rules say "internet service through WiFi on-board aircraft shall be available at minimum height of 3,000 metres or 10,000 feet above departure/arrival airfield elevation."

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/surf-net-in-indian-skies-over-3000-metre-altitudedgca-issues-draft-rules/articleshow/77767767.cms

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 Student Company Secretary e-Journal

ICSI has published the Student Company Secretary e-Journal for the month of August, 2020 https://www.icsi.edu/media/web modules/publications/fcb/e-bulletin_exe_prof_Aug2020.pdf

 National Live Webinar on Ease of Doing Business

ICSI is conducting a National Live Webinar on Ease of doing Business on September 01, 2020 https://www.icsi.edu/media/web modules/IMG_0836.pdf

 Repeat Session of CSEET on August 31, 2020

ICSI has conducted a repeat session of CSEET on August 31, 2020 for those candidates who were absent in the test conducted on August 29, 2020 or could not complete the same due to various technical reasons.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/web modules/Repeat_CSEET_absentees _31aug20.pdf

 ICSI has designated Shri Ashok Kumar Dixit, Joint Secretary as the Director (Discipline) of the Disciplinary Directorate w.e.f. September 01, 2020.

http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2020/221417.pdf

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❖ MCA Initiatives

• MCA notified the provision of placing copy of the Annual Return on website of the company

MCA has notified the amendment to Section 92(3) of the Companies Act, 2013 w.e.f. from August 28, 2020, which provides that every company shall place a copy of the annual return on the website of the company, if any, and the web-link of such annual return shall be disclosed in the Board's report. http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/NotificationCompAct_29082020.pdf

• The Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2020

MCA vide notification dated August 28, 2020 issued the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2020, and notified that a company shall not be required to attach the extract of the annual return with the Board's report in Form No. MGT.9, in case the web link of such annual return has been disclosed in the Board's report in accordance with Section 92(3) of the Companies Act, 2013.

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Rule_29082020.pdf

❖ Direct Tax

Central Board of Direct Taxes 'CBDT' vide its Circular No. 16/2020 Dated August 30, 2020 advised banks to refund all the charges which they collect on digital transaction on and after 1st January 2020. Also, advised to banks not collect any such charges on transaction due to new section 269SU of Income tax Act, 1961.

https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/circular/circular-16-2020.pdf

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax updates

• Borrowing Option to meet the GST Compensation

Consequent to the discussions in the 41st meeting of the GST Council held on August 27, 2020, the two borrowing options to meet the GST Compensation requirement for 2020-21 has been communicated to States, to communicate their preference within seven working days. A meeting of State Finance Secretaries with the Union Finance Secretary and Secretary (Expenditure) is scheduled to be held on September 01, 2020 for clarifying issues, if any.

https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1649485

• Launch of GSTR-2B for the month of July

GSTR-2B is an auto-drafted ITC statement which is generated for every registered person on the basis of the information furnished by his suppliers in their respective GSTR-1, 5 (non-resident taxable person) and 6 (input service distributor). It is a static statement and will be made available for each month, on the 12th day of the succeeding month. It is expected that **GSTR-2B** will help in reduction in time taken for preparing return, minimising errors, assist reconciliation & simplify compliance relating to filing of returns.

https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1649520

❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

SEBI Adjudication Orders (August 28, 2020)

S. No.	Name of Entity on which penalty is imposed	Alleged Violations	Penalty (Amount in Rs.)
1)	Electrotherm (India) Limited	The Company was alleged to violate Clause 41(I) & Clause 50 of the erstwhile Equity Listing Agreement read with section 21 of SCRA and Regulations 4(1)(a), 4(1)(b), 33(1) & 48 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 by not following the accounting principles of Accounting Standards 16	10 lakh
2)	Sanjeev Kapur (Trade Name : Sanjeev Securities)	Acted as an unregistered sub-broker prior to becoming sub-broker affiliated to PSE Securities Ltd (Broker), thereby violating the provisions of Section 12(1) of the SEBI Act read with regulation 11(1) of the SEBI (Stock Brokers and Sub Brokers) Regulations, 1992	5 lakh
3)	Vipin Sharma	Vipin Sharma was being one of the directors of Chromatic India Ltd., had signed the Board Resolution dated August 13, 2010 for the fraudulent GDR issue and not having taken any steps to inform the investors of the Company about such fraud thus violated the provisions of section 12A(a), (b), (c) of the SEBI Act read with Regulations 3(a), (b), (c), (d) and 4(1) of the SEBI (PFUTP) Regulations, 2003	3 lakh
4)	GRM Securities Pvt. Ltd. (Stock Broker)	Executed self-trades for a continuous period which leads to contravention of the provisions of clauses A(1), A(2) and A(4) of Code of Conduct specified in Schedule II read with regulation 9(f) and regulation 26 (xi), (xv), (xvi) and (xx) of Brokers Regulations, and regulations 3, 4(1) and 4(2)(a) of SEBI (PFUTP) Regulations, 2003	8 lakh

https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/home/HomeAction.do?doListingAll=yes

SEBI in News

- The Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI) has requested SEBI to grant them one more month to implement the new system of Margin Pledge and Repledge (MPR) process including penalties provision.
 - https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/anmi-requests-sebi-for-one-month-extension-to-implement-new-margin-rules/articleshow/77805539.cms
- Stock brokers have sought postponement of the new norms on margin pledge and repledge (MPR) process by one more month as both brokers and depositories are not technically prepared to roll out the proposed framework. The new norms on margin pledge are implemented from September 01, 2020.
 - https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/brokers-wants-postponement-of-new-norms-on-margin-pledge-sebi-calls-meeting-on-monday/articleshow/77806977.cms
 - A number of custodians have written to the SEBI, seeking an extension of easier compliance norms for FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) registrations by another three months. Earlier this year, the SEBI had allowed custodians to furnish scanned documents instead of originals for FPI registrations because of the pandemic. The relaxation was given till June 30 and later extended to August 31, 2020.

 $https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/extend-easier-fpi-compliance-norms-by-three-months-custodians-tell-sebi-120082800940_1.html$

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38628.29 (-839.02)	
Nifty 50	11342.45 (-305.15)	

Reference Rate				
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY	
73.81 (-0.43%)	87.26 (-0.40%)	97.46 (-0.16%)	0.69 (-0.44%)	

❖ Ministry of Finance

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs will meet the top management of Scheduled Commercial Banks and NBFCs on Thursday, September 03, 2020. In the meeting, FM will review the implementation of the resolution framework for COVID-19 related stress in bank loans.

https://www.timesnownews.com/business-economy/economy/article/fm-to-meet-top-management-of-scheduledcommercial-banks-and-nbfcs/644940

Insolvency and Restructuring

IBBI has released the Discussion Paper on Corporate Liquidation Process and invited public comments on the same.

Two issues determining the corpus of liquidation estate and the entitlement of stakeholders under section 53 of the Code have been presented in this discussion paper for facilitating public discussion. The issues are

Issue-1: Assignment of Not Readily Realisable Assets (NRRA)

Issue-2: Assignment of Claims / Interests

❖ Business and Economic News

• After the reforms at state-run banks, the government is set to overhaul the appointments of public sector chiefs and functional directors and is looking to expand the talent pool as part of fresh set of measures.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/govt-set-to-overhaul-psuappointments/articleshow/77814499.cms

• In yet another blockbuster deal, Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd announced the acquisition of businesses of Kishore Biyani's Future Group for 224,713 crore to add to its fast expanding retail business and bolster e-commerce to take on the competition from Jeff Bezos' Amazon.

https://www.livemint.com/companies/news/reliance-retail-buys-future-group-s-retail-other-businessesfor-rs-24-713-cr-11598714386781.html

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Legal News

Supreme Court of India has issued Standard Operating Procedure for **Limited Physical Hearing of Matters**

Hon'ble Supreme Court issued SOP, which states that on an experimental basis and as a pilot scheme, physical hearing of matters may initially commence in three court-rooms. Eventually, number of matters or the number of court-rooms may be increased or reduced, as the situation may warrant or permit.

https://main.sci.gov.in/pdf/LU/310820 20_092032.pdf

Ministry of Finance

Finance Ministry and UNDP India collaborate to promote sustainable finance in India

With the objective of bringing together leading experts and organizations to work towards boosting the country's efforts on mobilizing sustainable and green finance, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and United **Nations** Development Programme (UNDP) India have launched the Collaborative Sustainable Finance (SFC).

https://www.indiablooms.com/financedetails/12480/finance-ministry-andundp-india-collaborate-to-pormotesustainable-finance-in-india.html

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❖ Securities Laws and Capital Market

SEBI Circulars

Temporary Relaxation in Processing of Documents pertaining to FPIs due to COVID-19 (August 31, 2020)

SEBI vide its circular dated March 30, 2020 had prescribed temporary relaxation in processing of documents pertaining to FPIs due to COVID-19 which were further extended till August 31, 2020. In this regard, SEBI has decided that for the entities from jurisdictions which are still under lockdown, the temporary relaxations shall be extended to the entities from such jurisdictions till the time lockdown is lifted from such jurisdictions. https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/temporary-relaxationin-processing-of-documents-pertaining-to-fpis-due-to-covid-19_47446.html

• Relaxation from Default Recognition due to Restructuring of Debt (August 31, 2020)

SEBI has extended the relaxation given for default recognition on account of restructuring of debt. SEBI, in this regard, has directed that "based on its assessment, if the Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs) is of the view that the restructuring by the lenders/investors is solely due to COVID-19 related stress or under the RBI resolution framework, CRAs may not consider the same as a default event and/or recognize default till December 31, 2020". However, appropriate disclosures in this regard shall be made in the Press Release. https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2020/relaxation-from-defaultrecognition-due-to-restructuring-of-debt_47447.html

Due Dates for Compliance

'Margin obligations to be given by way of Pledge / Re-pledge in the **Depository System'**

SEBI via its circular number SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/143 dated July 29, 2020 provided that the Trading Member (TM) / Clearing Member (CM) shall not be allowed to accept client securities as collateral by way of title transfer into the Client Collateral Account as per the present system. TM / CM may continue to hold funded stocks in respect of margin funding in 'Client Margin Trading Securities Account' till August 31, 2020 by which date all such accounts shall be closed. It is to be noted that Compliance Period of the same is starting from September 01, 2020.

SEBI in News

- SEBI decided to provide no further extension of deadline for new 'Pledge and Re-pledge System'. It is set to come into effect from September 01, 2020. It is to be noted that SEBI had extended the deadline three times earlier. https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/sebi-says-nomore-extension-of-deadline-new-pledge-and-re-pledge-system-to-come-intoeffect-tomorrow-5779191.html
- As per a survey conducted by broker body Association of National Exchange Members in India (ANMI), SEBI's new norms on margin framework may be off to a rocky start on September 01, 2020. This is owing to the reason as at least 90% of members August 26, 2020 were not ready have not put the entire system to test and are not confident of going live.

https://www.livemint.com/market/stock-market-news/ahead-of-deadline-90-of-brokers-not-ready-for-new-margin-framework-claims-industry-body-11598794210745.html

❖ Indirect Taxes

Goods and Services Tax updates

Due Date for filing GSTR - 4 extended

The Notification No. 64/2020 – Central Tax dated August 31, 2020 seeks to extend the due date for filing FORM GSTR-4 for financial year 2019-2020 upto October 31, 2020.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/gst/notfctn-64-central-tax-english-2020.pdf;jsessionid=2F058893E5BA5BA2EED0EC9586F476B7

• Notification No. 39/2020 - State Tax - Government of NCT of Delhi

The Government of Delhi has issued a notification stating that all the corporate debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and are undergoing the process of corporate insolvency resolution shall follow a special registration procedure from the date of appointment of the interim resolution professionals and resolution professionals till the period they undergo the corporate insolvency resolution process. These corporate debtors are those registered persons who are having their affairs managed by Interim Resolution Professionals (IRPs) or Resolution Professionals (RPs) and they are to be regarded as a special class of persons. The procedure prescribed in the amended notification includes that the corporate debtors shall be treated as a distinct person and shall go through a new registration process. This registration process shall be completed within 30 days. The individual shall then file the first return under Section 40 of the act and this shall happen from the date of registration till the registration is granted. The person shall be liable to receive an input tax credit on the filing of the first return which shall be completed after they have filed all the details of the supplies carrying the old GSTIN.

http://it.delhigovt.nic.in/writereaddata/egaz202055624.pdf

❖ Business and Economic News

- India's economy posted its steepest contraction on record in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal year as the strict lockdowns imposed to ward off the spread of the deadly coronavirus infection stalled economic activity, shut out consumption and investment and led to job and income losses. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/gdp-collapses-23-9-in-q1-worst-among-big-economies/articleshow/77860877.cms
- In a major move aimed at promoting inland water transport, the government announced waiving waterway usage charges. The decision is aimed at increasing the inland waterway traffic to 110 million tonne (MT) in 2022-23 from 72 MT in 2019-20.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/government-waives-waterway-usage-charges/articleshow/77147197.cms

❖ Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38900.80 (+272.51)	
Nifty 50	11470.25 (+82.75)	

Reference Rate				
INR / 1 USD INR / 1 EUR INR / 1 GBP INR / 1 JPY				
72.96 (-1.15%)	86.85 (-0.47%)	97.39 (-0.07%)	0.69 (-0.37%)	

❖ Banking and Insurance

• RBI releases 'Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs, June 2020'

The Reserve Bank released Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), June 2020 on its Database on Indian Economy (DBIE) portal. Data on total credit and deposits disaggregated by type are classified by states/union territories (UTs), districts, centres, population groups and bank groups. These data are collected from SCBs (including Regional Rural Banks and Small Finance Banks) under the Basic Statistical Return (BSR) – 7 system.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=50292

• RBI Announces Measures to Foster Orderly Market Conditions

Reserve bank of India has announced measures to allay the fears of the market over rising yields and higher borrowing program. RBI has increased the held to Maturity limit (HTM) from 19.5% to 22%. It also announced additional open market operations worth ₹20,000 crore and term repo operations worth ₹1 trillion to infuse liquidity into the market.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=50288

Permission to insurers for use of video-based KYC for prospective customers – IRDAI

IRDAI has permitted life as well general insurers to use the Video-Based Identification Process (VBIP) for prospective customers with a view to enhance the ease of doing KYC and help the insurance sector which is battling the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. VBIP is a method of customer identification by a representative of the insurer by undertaking real-time, consent-based audio-visual interaction with the customer to obtain identification information, including the required documents, and to ascertain the veracity of the information furnished.

https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/irdai-permits-insurers-to-use-video-based-kyc-for-onboarding-customers/2070856/

* Pronouncement

NCLAT directed NCLT to constitute a Bench comprising of a Judicial and a Technical member to dispose of the matter in conformity with Supreme Court directions

In the matter of *Indison Agro Foods Ltd.* vs. *Registrar & Anr.*, Appellant argued that the matter of insolvency was referred before a Single Bench of the NCLT, Indore Bench at Ahmedabad. However, a single-member bench of the NCLT cannot hear and decide the matter, when the law requires a two member bench, consisting of both judicial and technical members, to constitute the adjudicating authority. The Appellant relied on order passed by Supreme Court in Writ Petition No. 722 of 2019 dated June 20, 2019.

NCLAT while disposing of the appeal directed President of NCLT, New Delhi to constitute a Bench comprising of a Judicial Member and a Technical Member for disposal of the matter in hand in conformity with and compliance with the direction passed by Supreme Court.

https://nclat.nic.in/Useradmin/upload/2247381625f44ad716cabc.pdf

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❖ Latest @ ICSI

Online Doubt Clearing Classes

The ICSI is conducting Online Doubt Clearing Classes from September 15, 2020 onwards for students appearing in December, 2020 examination.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmod ules/onlineclasses.pdf

* Ministry of Finance

India to receive Rs 3,500 crore Loans from Japan's donor agency JICA to boost COVID-19 fight

Japan's donor agency JICA signed an agreement with the Government under which it will provide about Rs 3,500 crore in loan to boost the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic in India.

https://zeenews.india.com/india/india-to-receive-rs-3500-crore-loan-from-japans-donor-agency-jica-to-boost-covid-19-fight-2306751.html



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Securities Laws & Capital Market

SEBI Circulars

 Review of Debt and Money Market Securities Transactions Disclosure (September 02, 2020)

In order to enhance transparency, SEBI vide its circular has provided that w.e.f. October 01, 2020, the details of debt and money market securities transacted (including inter scheme transfers) in its schemes portfolio shall be disclosed on daily basis with a time lag of 15 days in a revised format as prescribed in Annexure A of this circular. The disclosure shall be in a comparable, downloadable (spreadsheet) and machine readable format. https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2020/review-of-debt-and-money-market-securities-transactions-disclosure_47465.html

SEBI Adjudication Order (September 01, 2020)

SEBI imposed a penalty of Rs. 1 lakh on Whitefeathers Realty Pvt Ltd for not making disclosure under Regulation 29(1) read with 29(3) of SAST Regulations, 2011 to the company (Mapro Industries Ltd.) and stock exchange regarding its acquisition of 10,000 shares leading to its shareholding from 4,13,050 shares (4.92%) to 4,23,050 shares (5.04%) i.e. breaching the 5% threshold.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/sep-2020/adjudication-order-in-respect-of-whitefeathers-realty-pvt-ltd-in-the-matter-of-mapro-industries-ltd_47463.html

• SEBI Order (August 31, 2020)

SEBI directed Kelvin Fincap Limited not to access the securities market, directly or indirectly, by issuing prospectus, offer document or advertisement soliciting money from the public for a period of 3 years and are further restrained and prohibited from buying, selling or otherwise dealing in the securities market, directly or indirectly, for a period of 7 years. Kelvin Fincap Limited has allotted shares to more than 49 persons under the preferential allotment and thereby has violated the relevant provisions of Companies Act and SEBI (ICDR) Regulations.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/aug-2020/in-the-matter-of-kelvin-fincap-limited_47459.html

SEBI in News

- SEBI levied a fine of Rs 15 lakh on Renish Hareshbhai Bhuva for releasing unpublished price sensitive information (UPSI) related to financial results of HDFC Bank through WhatsApp messages prior to the official announcement by the company.
 - https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/sebipenalises-1-person-for-leaking-info-on-hdfc-bank-results-viawhatsapp/articleshow/77859093.cms

for-disclosure-lapses-in-srk-industries-case-120083101685_1.html

• SEBI imposed a total fine of Rs. 4 lakh on four entities for disclosure lapses in the matter of SRK Industries Ltd. It was found that the entities had failed to make complete disclosures required under PIT (prohibition of insider trading) norms for becoming the promoters of SRK, due to a scheme of arrangement approved by High Court of Bombay and High Court of Madras for the merger of TCL (Transcend Commerce Ltd) with SRK. https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/sebi-fines-4-entities-

Valuations

Guidelines on Use of Caveats, Limitations and Disclaimers by the Registered Valuers in Valuation Reports

With an objective to provide guidance to the Registered Valuers (RVs) in the use of Caveats, Limitations and Disclaimers in the interest of credibility of the valuation reports, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has issued Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Use of Caveats, Limitations, and Disclaimers in Valuation Reports) Guidelines, 2020 on September 01, 2020

These Guidelines shall come into force with respect of valuation reports for the valuations conducted by Registered Valuers (RVs) on or after October 01, 2020.

Further, the objectives on above – mentioned guidelines also provide an illustrative list of the Caveats, Limitations, and Disclaimers which shall not be used in a valuation report.

https://www.ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframwork/e5e1300db2dd6a8bebe289ba579a7c14.pdf

❖ Direct Tax

The Central Government vide Notification No. 71/2020 hereby specifies "Scheduled Commercial Banks" listed in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 for the purposes of the sub-clause (ii) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of Section 138 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/notification_71_2020.pdf

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax Updates

• Due date of Compliances further extended till November 30, 2020

Notification No. 65/2020 – Central Tax dated September 01, 2020 seeks to amend notification no. 35/2020-Central Tax dated 03.04.2020 to extend due date of compliance under Section 171 which falls during the period from "20.03.2020 to 29.11.2020" till 30.11.2020

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/gst/notfctn-65-central-tax-english-2020.pdf

• New functionalities for TCS and Composite Tax pavers

It is a provision to make amendment, multiple times, in Table 4 of Form GSTR-8. The taxpayers under composition scheme, who are permitted to make supplies through E-Commerce Operators, e.g. Restaurant Services, will now be able to view and take necessary actions in their TDS/TCS credit received form. E-commerce operators would now be able to add GSTIN of such composition suppliers, in their Form GSTR-8 and file the Form.

https://www.gst.gov.in/newsandupdates/read/397

❖ Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	39086.03 (+185.23)	
Nifty 50	11535.00 (+64.75)	

Reference Rate				
INR / 1 USD INR / 1 EUR INR / 1 GBP INR / 1 JPY				
73.26 (+0.41%)	87.35 (+0.58%)	97.77 (+0.40%)	0.69 (+0.03%)	

Insolvency and Bankruptcy

COVID-19 clouds IBC Resolution, Applicants seek payment schedule relaxation

The COVID-19 pandemic is prompting successful resolution applicants to seek relaxation in the payment schedule. Resolution applicants of at least two corporate debtors from the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) first list of non-performing assets (NPAs) including Bhushan Power & Steel (BPSL) and Amtek Auto have asked for flexibility in the payment schedule in recent months.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/finance/covid-19-clouds-ibc-resolution-applicants-seekpayment-schedule-relaxation-120083100494_1.html

Videocon Industries promoters seek fresh package for debt restructuring

In a last-ditch effort to save Videocon Industries from going into liquidation, the promoters have sought a debt restructuring package which would result in banks getting back Rs 33,400 crore from the company over the next few years. The company was sent to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for debt resolution in December 2017 and almost shut operations.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/videocon-industries-promoters-seek-debt-recastpackage-from-lenders-120090100725 1.html

❖ Banking & Insurance

Moratorium period on Loan Repayment extendable by two years: Centre, RBI tell SC

The Centre and RBI Tuesday told the Supreme Court that the moratorium period on repayment of loans amid the COVID-19 pandemic is "extendable" by two years. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), told a bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan that several steps have been taken for stressed sectors and the economy has contracted by 23 per cent due to the pandemic.

https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/loan-repayment-moratorium-period-rbi-6578768/

❖ Business and Economic News

- Supreme Court allows Telcos to pay AGR dues within 10 years, NCLT to decide whether spectrum can be sold. The Supreme Court granted telecom companies 10 years to clear AGR (adjusted gross revenue) dues of around Rs 1.43 lakh crore to the Centre, providing much needed relief to some of the Telcos which could have faced the prospect of winding up their operations for being unable to pay the entire amount at one go.
 - https://www.barandbench.com/news/litigation/supreme-court-allows-telcos-agr-dues-within-10-years
- Major rating agencies have raised their projections of the contraction of India's economy in the current fiscal year, with some anticipating a double-digit fall after gross domestic product (GDP) declined 23.9% in April-June.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/rating-agencies-up-projection-for-india-sgdp-contraction-in-fy21-120090200039 1.html

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* Latest @ ICSI

- The ICSI has published its Progress Report for the period January to July, 2020 https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmo dules/090120_Progressreport_5th_S A.pdf
- Webinar on VC & OAVM Meetings: Law, Technology and People
 ICSI is conducting a webinar on VC & OAVM Meetings: Law, Technology and People on September 04, 2020 from 3:00 P.M. onwards.

 Members can raise queries in advance at:

 https://forms.gle/xkKkePmsN79rWq
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* Ministry of Finance

Better Performance of CPSEs will help Economy Revive : Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman called upon the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) to improve their performance, as this would eventually help the Indian economy recover from the slowdown induced by the coronavirus pandemic.

https://auto.economictimes.indiatimes.c om/news/industry/better-performanceof-cpses-will-help-economy-revivesitharaman/77556919

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Securities Laws and Capital Market

SEBI Circulars

• Disclosures on Margin obligations given by way of Pledge/Re-pledge in the Depository System (September 02, 2020)

Regulation 29 (4) of the Takeover Regulations provides that for the purposes of disclosure under regulation 29 (1) and (2), shares taken by way of encumbrance shall be treated as an acquisition, shares given upon release of encumbrance shall be treated as a disposal, and disclosures shall be made by such person accordingly in such form as may be specified. For ease of doing business, SEBI has provided that disclosures specified under Regulation 29(4) of Takeover Regulations, in relation to shares encumbered with TM /CM as collateral from clients for margin obligation in the ordinary course of stock broking business are dispensed with.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2020/disclosures-on-marginobligations-given-by-way-of-pledge-re-pledge-in-the-depositorysystem 47476.html

 Review of provision regarding segregation of portfolio due to the COVID -19 pandemic (September 02, 2020)

SEBI has reviewed the provision regarding segregation of portfolio due to the COVID - 19 pandemic in partial modification to SEBI circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/DF2/CIR/P/2018/160 dated December 28, 2018. SEBI, under the modification, provided that till December 31, 2020, the date of proposal for restructuring of debt received by AMCs shall be treated as the trigger date for the purpose of creation of segregated portfolio. Such proposal of restructuring of debt received by AMCs shall be immediately reported to the Valuation Agencies, Credit Rating Agencies, Debenture Trustees and AMFI. AMFI, on receipt of such information, shall immediately disseminate it to its members.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2020/review-of-provision-regarding-segregation-of-portfolio-due-to-the-covid-19-pandemic_47477.html

SEBI Exemption Order (September 02, 2020)

SEBI granted exemption to the Proposed Acquirer, viz. Babasaheb Kalyani Family Trust, on certain conditions from complying with the requirements of Regulations 4 and 5 of the Takeover Regulations with respect to the proposed acquisitions in the Target Companies by way of the proposed transactions. The ground for seeking exemptions includes that it is a non-commercial transaction and therefore, it will not affect or prejudice the interests of the public shareholders of the Target companies in any manner and there will be no reduction in the holding of the public shareholders in the Target companies.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/sep-2020/exemption-order-under-regulation-11-of-sebi-sast-regulations-2011-in-the-matter-of-bharat-forge-ltd-and-6-other-companies_47471.html

SEBI Order (September 02, 2020)

SEBI warns the Accurate Securities and Registry Private Limited (Category 1 RTA) to be careful and cautious as regards the conduct of its business and to adhere to and comply with all the applicable statutory provisions while carrying out its activities in the securities market. It was alleged that the RTA inadvertently submitted its Half Yearly Report for the Half Year ended March 2016 to SEBI via courier instead of being emailed as prescribed under the SEBI circular.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/sep-2020/order-in-the-matter-of-accurate-securities-and-registry-pvt-ltd_47478.html

❖ Direct Tax

The Income Tax Department has carried out simultaneous search and seizure operations on September 2, 2020 in the case of three prominent businessmen in Srinagar and Kupwara. These operations have, *prima facie*, led to the detection of huge amount of undisclosed income, seizure of unaccounted assets and incriminating evidence and involvement in benami transactions by these three groups.

https://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetailm.aspx?PRID=1650758

❖ Indirect Tax

Goods and Services Tax - Compliance for the month of September, 2020

S. No.	Return	Description	Month(s) Period	Revised Due Date
1.	GSTR - 1 (Monthly)	Details of outward supplies (Aggregate Turnover greater than 1.5 Crores and up to 5 Crores)	August, 2020	11 th September, 2020
2.	GSTR - 3B*	Self-declaration form Aggregate Turnover > 5 Crore in preceding F.Y.	August, 2020	20 th September, 2020
		Group A States: Aggregate Turnover < 5 Crore in preceding F.Y.	May, 2020	12 th September, 2020
			June, 2020	23 rd September, 2020
			July, 2020	27 th September, 2020
		Group B States:	May, 2020	15 th September, 2020
		Aggregate Turnover < 5 Crore in preceding F.Y.	June, 2020	25 th September, 2020
			July, 2020	29th September, 2020
3.	GSTR - 5	Details of outward taxable supplies and tax payable by Non Resident Taxable person (monthly)	August, 2020	20th September, 2020
4.	GSTR - 5A	Details of outward taxable supplies and tax payable by OIDAR (monthly)	August, 2020	20th September, 2020
5.	GSTR - 6	Input Service Distributor	August, 2020	13 th September, 2020
6.	GSTR - 7	Details of TDS deducted, amount of TDS paid and payable and any refund of TDS claimed	August, 2020	10 th September, 2020
7.	GSTR - 8	Details of tax collected at source	August, 2020	10 th September, 2020
8.	GSTR - 9	Annual Return	For F.Y. 18-19	30 th September, 2020
9.	GSTR - 9C	Reconciliation Statement	For F.Y. 18-19	30 th September, 2020

*GSTR – 3B: Period July 2017 to July 2020 - Late fees has been reduced to maximum of Rs. 500 for Nil Returns, if the returns are filed till September 30, 2020.

Group A States : Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep.

Group B States: Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh, Delhi.

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	39022.71 (-63.32)	
Nifty 50	11535.75 (+0.75)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
72.94 (-0.44%)	87.20 (-0.17%)	97.81 (+0.03%)	0.69 (-0.49%)

Customs Updates

Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride

The Notification No. 28/2020- Customs (ADD), dated September 02, 2020 seeks to impose Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride originating in or exported from China PR, for a period of six months.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/csact/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd28-2020.pdf;isessionid=A419060A58922928143A2EC98C73B89D

Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of Float Glass

The Notification No. 29/2020- Customs (ADD), dated September 02, 2020 seeks to amend notification No. 47/2015-Customs (ADD), dated 8th September 2015 to extend the levy of ADD on imports of "Float Glass" originating in or exported from China PR, for a period of three months i.e. up to December 07, 2020.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-add2020/csadd29-2020.pdf;isessionid=7AA4FBA4E511F1CC9ACC9A9B15E29C05

❖ Banking & Insurance

DHFL case: Auditor flags fraudulent transactions worth Rs 17,394 crore

Fraudulent transactions worth Rs 17,394 crore happened at debt-ridden mortgage firm DHFL during FY07 to FY19, according to transaction auditor Grant Thornton. Earlier this year, the administrator of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL), appointed under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), obtained assistance from Grant Thornton to conduct investigation into the affairs of the mortgage firm.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/dhfl-case-auditor-flags-fraudulenttransactions-worth-rs-17394-crore/articleshow/77899005.cms

IRDAI issued Order in the matter of MAGMA HDI GIC Ltd.

The Insurance regulator IRDAI has levied a penalty of Rs.28 lakhs on Magma HDI GIC Ltd. for the violation of Provisions of Regulation 12 (1 & 2) read with Regulation 3 and 4 of the IRDAI (Insurance Surveyors and Loss Assessors) Regulations, 2015.

https://www.irdai.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/frmGeneral Layout.aspx?page=PageNo4232

❖ Business and Economic News

India has been ranked 48th on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2020 among 131 economies, breaking into the top 50 countries for the first time.

https://m.timesofindia.com/business/india-business/india-now-in-top-50-on-alobal-innovationlist/articleshow/77898413.cms

Government bans PUBG and 117 other Apps linked to China, citing security

Government banned gaming app PUBG and 117 other platforms linked to China, saying they threatened the country's "sovereignty and security"—a move that comes during a military standoff between the two countries in Ladakh.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/govt-bans-pubg-and-117-other-apps-linked-to-chinaciting-security-120090201257_1.html

Bus operator directed to pay Rs 20K to consumer for charging Rs 1 extra

The district consumer grievances redressal forum in Tirunelveli has directed a private bus operator to pay Rs 20,000 as compensation to a commuter for charging Rs 1 more than the actual fare.

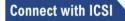
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/bus-operator-directed-to-pay-rs-20k-to-consumer-forcharging-rs-1-extra/articleshow/77900469.cms

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❖ Ministry of Finance

Finance Minister asks Banks to roll out Loan Restructuring Scheme by **September 15, 2020**

Hon'ble Finance Minister has asked banks to and NBFCs to roll out loan restructuring scheme for COVID-19 related stress by September 15, 2020, and provide adequate support to the borrowers following the lifting of moratorium on repayment of debts.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/b usiness/india-business/financeminister-asks-banks-to-roll-out-loanrestructuring-scheme-by-september-15/articleshow/77912496.cms

❖ International Business

Allcargo is said to Mull Europe **Listing for Global Business**

India's Allcargo Logistics Ltd. is considering listing its international business on a European exchange, according to people familiar with the matter, as it weighs a proposal to give up its listing at home.

https://www.bloombergquint.com/bu siness/india-s-allcargo-said-to-mulleurope-listing-for-global-business

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❖ Securities Laws and Capital Market

SEBI Order

In the matter of Sulabh Engineers and Services Limited, SEBI restrained 102 entities from accessing the securities market and are also prohibited from buying, selling or otherwise dealing in securities, directly or indirectly, or being associated with the securities market in any manner for the violation of regulations 3(a), (b), (c), (d) and regulations 4(1), 4(2) (a) and (e) of SEBI (PFUTP) Regulations, 2003. In the matter, it is alleged that the company had come out with two preferential allotments, thereafter, the price of the scrip was artificially manipulated by price manipulators, connected to the company and Promoter Directors by 220 times

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/sep-2020/order-inthe-matter-of-sulabh-engineers-and-services-limited_47491.html

SEBI Adjudication Order

In the matter of Finalysis Credit & Guarantee Company Ltd ("FCGCL"), SEBI imposed a total penalty of Rs 20 lakh on 12 entities on failure to make disclosures and for creation of artificial volume in the scrip of FCGCL thus violated the provisions of SEBI (PFUTP) Regulations, 2003, SEBI (PIT) Regulations, 2015 and SEBI (SAST) Regulations, 2011.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/sep-2020/adjudication-order-in-respect-of-various-entities-in-thematter-of-finalysis-credit-and-gurantee-company-ltd_47490.html

SEBI in News

In order to recover dues totalling nearly Rs 40 crore, SEBI has ordered attachment of bank and demat accounts of two dozen defaulters in the matters of three companies i.e. Mass Infra Realty, Skymarg Agro Industries India, and Life Care Real Developers.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/sebi-ordersnearly-rs-40-crore-recovery-from-two-dozen-defaulters-120090300052_1.html?1599093673https://www.businessstandard.com/article/markets/sebi-orders-nearly-rs-40-crorerecovery-from-two-dozen-defaulters-120090300052 1.html

❖ Direct Tax

• CBDT has issued a circular on Imposition of charge on the prescribed electronic modes under Section 269SU of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

Section 269SU prescribes the electronic modes for payments acceptance that an individual who is engaged in business has to provide in addition to the other electronic facility or digital mode of payment already available for the customers. It is operative for the traders or businessmen whose total sales, turnover or gross receipts from the business is more than INR 50 crore in the immediately preceding year. Another provision which was inserted is Section 10A in the Payment and Settlement Systems (PSS) Act, 2007, which provides that no Bank or system provider shall impose any charge on a payer making payment, or a beneficiary receiving payment, through electronic modes prescribed under section 269SU of their Income-Tax Act, 1961. However, it was received that some banks are imposing and collecting charges on transactions carried out through UPI. A certain number of transactions are allowed free of charge beyond which every transaction bears a charge. The said circular thus advised banks to refund the charges if collected immediately on or after January 01, 2020 on transactions carried out using the electronic modes prescribed under section 269SU of the Income-tax act, 1961 and also to not impose charges in such further transactions by prescribed modes.

https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/circular/circular-16-2020.pdf

❖ Banking & Insurance

• Loan Moratorium: Banks should not declare accounts as NPAs till further order, says SC

The Supreme Court of India passed an interim order saying that the accounts not declared as nonperforming asset (NPA) as on 31 August shall not be declared as NPAs till further notice.

https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/loan-moratorium-banks-shouldn-t-declare-accounts-as-npas-till-further-order-sc-11599129403598.html

• Private Banks likely to gain market share from State-Owners Peers : Fitch

Private Banks' loss-absorption buffers, in particular enhanced capital bases, strengthen their ability to recognise losses up-front with less disruption in their efforts to accelerate market-share gains, Fitch said.

https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/private-banks-likely-to-gain-market-share-from-state-owners-peers-fitch/2074024/

• Kamath Panel on Loan Restructuring identifies Six Problem Industries

Committee suggests solutions for 29 out of 307 sectors assessed. The panel has suggested that the two-year cut off for the restructuring will begin after implementation of the resolution plan.

https://economic times. indiatimes. com/industry/banking/finance/banking/kamath-panel-identifies-six-problem-sectors/articleshow/77921619. cms

Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38357.18 (-633.76)	
Nifty 50	11333.85 (-193.60)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/1 JPY
73.05 (+0.15%)	86.67 (-0.60%)	97.51 (-0.31%)	0.69 (-0.12%)

Business and Economic News

- A tweet put out by the IMF's Chief Economist Gita Gopinath confirmed that the Indian economy saw the steepest contraction in the June quarter among G20 countries. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/imf-confirms-indias-gdp-worst-hit-amongg20/articleshow/77922024.cms
- Chinese-funded home-grown Fintech Start-ups pose risk to Indian users' data in absence of Regulations https://scroll.in/article/971959/chinese-funded-homegrown-fintech-startups-pose-risk-to-indian-usersdata-in-absence-of-regulations
- India needs paradigm shift in personal data management: Niti Aayog https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/technology/india-needs-paradigm-shift-in-personal-datamanagement-niti-aayog/2074244/

FSSAI

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a circular relating to Standardized List of Documents for FSSAI License.

The Commissioner of Food Safety of the concerned States / UTs and Regional Directors of FSSAI are requested to direct the concerned designated officers / Food Safety Officers to refrain from insisting on submission of additional documents beyond the list issued by FSSAI.

https://fssai.gov.in/upload/advisories/2020/09/5f4dd5aa5c3f7Letter_Standardized_Document_License_31_0 8_2020.pdf

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❖ Latest @ ICSI

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https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmod ules/National_Webinar_Investor_Educ ation_Awareness.pdf

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmod ules/National_Webinar_Investor_Educ ation Awareness 2.pdf

Ministry of Finance

India witnessing V-shaped recovery; stringent lockdown led to steep contraction of economy: FinMin report

The finance ministry on September 04, 2020 said the country is witnessing a V-shaped economic recovery and attributed the steep 23.9 percent contraction of the economy in the June quarter to "stringent lockdown" that was put in place to curb spreading of coronavirus infections.

https://yourstory.com/2020/09/india -v-shaped-recovery-stringentlockdown-finmin

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❖ Securities Laws & Capital Market

SEBI in News

In order to recover dues worth over Rs 5 crore, SEBI has ordered attachment of bank accounts of fugitive businessman Mehul Choksi along with the accounts of Gitanjali Gems and its executive director Dhanesh Sheth. Choksi, the uncle of diamantaire Nirav Modi, is the promoter and managing director of Gitanjali Gems.

https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/sebiorders-attachment-of-bank-demat-accounts-of-mehul-choksigitanjali-gems-5800661.html

The Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI) urged SEBI to waive the penalty for short margining in all the segments till September 15 as systems are not fully geared for the new mechanism on 'pledge and repledge'. The new mechanism on 'pledge and repledge' came into force from September 1. Under the new framework, stock brokers will have to collect margins from investors upfront for any purchase or sale of shares and failure to do so will attract penalty.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/anmiurges-sebi-to-waive-short-margin-penalty-collection-till-sep-15/articleshow/77917855.cms

SEBI's new margin norms may hit traditional brokers harder than the new-age discount brokers or those that cater to institutional clients. Market players said the new norms were more suited for online brokers, where clients were typically internet savvy. For an offline broker, the client either visits the branch or places orders through the telephone. Creating a pledge, however, requires authentication on the depository website.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/new-marginnorms-to-hit-traditional-brokers-more-suited-for-online-brokers-120090401308 1.html

❖ Indirect Tax

System Computed Values of GSTR - 1 Statement

A pdf statement has been made available to taxpayers, filing monthly GSTR-1 statement, with system computed values of Table 3 of Form GSTR-3B. This PDF will be prepared on the basis of the values reported by them, in their GSTR-1 statement, for the said tax period.

https://www.gst.gov.in/newsandupdates/read/398

* Banking and Insurance

Master Directions - Priority Sector Lending (PSL) - Targets and Classification

The Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India were last reviewed for Commercial Banks in April 2015 and for UCBs in May 2018 respectively. With an objective to harmonise various instructions issued to Commercial Banks, SFBs, RRBs, UCBs and LABs; align these guidelines with emerging national priorities and bring sharper focus on inclusive development, it was decided to comprehensively review the PSL guidelines. The revised guidelines also aim to encourage and support environment friendly lending policies to help achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11959&Mode=0

• Long Form Audit Report (LFAR) - Review

Keeping in view the large scale changes in the size, complexities, business model and risks in the banking operations, a review of the LFAR formats has been initiated in consultation with the stakeholders.

https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11960&Mode=0

* Restructuring and Insolvency

Guidelines for Appointment of Insolvency Professionals as Administrators under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Appointment of Administrator and Procedure for Refunding to the Investors) Regulations, 2018

The IBBI and the SEBI have mutually agreed upon to use a Panel of IPs for appointment as Administrators for effective implementation of the Regulations. The IBBI shall prepare a Panel of IPs keeping in view the requirements of SEBI and the Regulations and the SEBI shall appoint the IPs from the Panel as Administrators, as per its requirement in accordance with the Regulations.

https://ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframwork/1d05f0423806860621ad259e52ed40f2.pdf

❖ International Business

TerraPay announces the appointment of Ron Vollebregt as Chairman of the Board

TerraPay, a global payments infrastructure company, announced the appointment of Ron Vollebregt as Chairman of its Board of Directors.

https://finance.yahoo.com/news/terrapay-announces-appointment-ron-vollebregt-020000528.html

❖ Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38417.23 (+60.05)	
Nifty 50	11355.05 (+21.20)	

Reference Rate			
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73.25 (+0.28%)	86.66 (-0.02%)	97.34 (-0.17%)	0.69 (+0.19%)

Business and Economic News

- The Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), the apex national body of Automobile Retail in India, announced the appointment of Vinkesh Gulati as its 35th president.
 - https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/vinkesh-qulati-appointed-president-offada/articleshow/77952364.cms
- Telecom regulator 'TRAI' has granted additional time, till September 08, to Vodafone Idea to reply to its show-cause notice on priority plan, after the company sought more time to respond.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/trai-grants-voda-idea-time-till-sep-8-torespond-to-priority-plan-show-cause-notice/articleshow/77958691.cms

Pronouncement

Delhi High Court has set aside the disqualification of Directors, in light of the Companies Fresh Start Scheme (CFSS), 2020

In the matter of Sandeep Agarwal & Anr. vs. Union of India & Anr., the Petitioners are directors of two companies – one whose name has been struck off from the Register of Companies on June 30, 2017, due to non-filing of financial statements and annual returns and one, which is still active. The Petitioners, being directors of struck off company were also disqualified w.e.f. November 01, 2016 for a period of five years till October 31, 2021 under Section 164(2)(a) of the Companies Act, 2013. Consequently, their DIN and DSC have also been cancelled.

Delhi High Court has set aside the disqualification of the Petitioners as directors, in light of the Companies Fresh Start Scheme (CFSS), 2020 and observed that considering the COVID-19 pandemic, the MCA has launched the CFSS-2020 to allow a fresh start for the companies which have defaulted, which ought to be given full effect. It is not uncommon to see directors of one company being directors in another company. Under such circumstances, to disqualify directors permanently and not allowing them to avail of their DINs and DSCs could render the Scheme itself nugatory.

https://www.livelaw.in/pdf upload/pdf upload-380971.pdf

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❖ Latest @ ICSI

The ICSI in association with ASSOCHAM is conducting a webinar on Investors Protection, Education and Awareness on September 08, 2020.

https://register.gotowebinar.com/regi ster/3303166435675212555

The ICSI has published guidelines on How to pay the Annual Membership & COP fee for FY 2020-21.

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmod ules/How_to_pay_Membership_fee.pdf

Ministry of Finance

one-time **FHRAI** stresses on restructuring of loans at interactive webinar

The apex body of hotels and restaurants in the country - Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FHRAI), recently, held an interactive webinar with Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance. The association informed Sanval about the reservations and non-cooperation of banks in extending the one-time restructuring of loans announced by the government and requested for his intervention in getting the issue resolved.

http://www.fnbnews.com/Top-News/fhrai-stresses-on-onetimerestructuring-of-loans-at-interactivewebinar-60866

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❖ Ministry of Corporate Affairs

The Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Amendment Rules, 2020

MCA vide notification dated September 07, 2020, issued the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Amendment Rules, 2020. Amended Rule provided that Start-up Company receiving an amount of Rs. 25 Lakhs or more by way of convertible note (which is convertible into equity shares or repayable) within a period of not exceeding 10 years (earlier 5 years) from date of issue in a single tranche from a person, won't be treated as deposit.

http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Rule_08092020.pdf

❖ Securities Law & Capital Market

SEBI CIRCULARS

Re-lodgement of Shares Transfer Requests (September 07, 2020)

SEBI, in March 2019, had clarified that transfer deeds lodged prior to deadline of April 01, 2019 and rejected/returned due to deficiency in the documents may be re-lodged with requisite documents. SEBI fixed the cutoff date as March 31, 2021 for re-lodgement of transfer deeds. Further, the shares that are re-lodged for transfer (including those request that are pending with the listed company / RTA, as on date) shall henceforth be issued only in demat mode.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/sep-2020/re-lodgement-oftransfer-requests-shares_47500.html

SEBI IMPOUNDING ORDER (September 04, 2020)

In the matter of Tara Jewels Ltd., SEBI issued an Ad-Interim Ex-Parte Order against 3 entities for impounding such alleged unlawful notional loss avoided of total Rs. 1.38 crore under Section 11(1) read with 11(4)(d) and 11B(1) of the SEBI Act read with Regulation 10 of the PIT Regulations. It is alleged that the trades were done by these entities, who were insiders and also promoters of the Company, while in possession of the UPSI to the detriment of the public shareholders of the Company.

https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/sep-2020/impoundingorder-in-the-matter-of-tara-jewels-limited_47496.html

SEBI IN NEWS

SEBI's new margin norms may give a fillip to Dabba Trading in equities - a parallel market where trades are done based on prices quoted on exchanges, but settled in cash off-market. 'Dabba Trading' is catching on like wildfire. Terminals are being circulated, mobile apps created and people are being hired to meet the demand. Several authorized persons may migrate to this platform.

https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/market-regulator-snew-margin-norms-may-give-boost-to-dabba-trading-120090701150_1.html

❖ Indirect Taxes

Goods and Services Tax

• Centre would honour full GST Compensation owed to States

The entire sum of compensation owed to states on account of shortfall in collections of Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be "honoured". Part of it would be paid out immediately and the balance over a deferred period to be mutually decided by GST Council.

https://www.livemint.com/politics/policy/entire-gst-compensation-owed-to-states-will-be-honoured-union-government-11599480445528.html

Customs

Paper based Taggants exempt from Basic Customs Duty

Notification No. 33/2020- Customs, dated September 07, 2020

The Central Government, on being satisfied that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 50/2017-Customs, dated the June 30, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 785(E), dated the June 30, 2017, namely:- In the said notification, in the Table, against S. No. 258, in column (3), for the word "M-feature", the words "Paper Based Taggant, including M-feature," shall be substituted.

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-tarr2020/cs33-2020.pdf

• Notification to amend earlier Notification which specifies the duties of Officers

Notification No. 85/2020- Customs (NT), dated September 04, 2020

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) hereby makes the following further amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No. 92/2017-Customs (N.T.), dated the September 28, 2017, namely:- In the said notification, in paragraph 1, for the provisos, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:- "Provided that each of the officers as mentioned in column (2) of the Table, shall have jurisdiction in relation to an order or decision of the officers sub-ordinate to all other officers as mentioned in column (3) thereof, in respect of the bill of entry entered for home consumption under sub-section (1) of section 46 or for warehousing under section 68 of the said Act for goods imported at a customs station in the jurisdiction of the officers as mentioned in the corresponding entry in said column (3) of the said Table against their own which are assigned to them electronically in the Customs Automated System for the purposes of subsection (5) of section 17 and section 18 of the said Act."

https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2020/cs-nt2020/csnt85-2020.pdf

❖ International Business

• Himachal Pradesh, World Bank sign \$82 mn loan deal for, HP State Roads Transformation Project

The Government of Himachal Pradesh and the World Bank today signed \$82 million loan for the implementation of Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project which will strengthen transport and road safety institutions of Himachal Pradesh by improving the condition, safety, resilience, and engineering standards of state road network.

https://www.timesnownews.com/business-economy/economy/article/himachal-pradesh-world-bank-sign-82-mn-loan-deal-for-hp-state-roads-transformation-project/649042

* Market Watch

Capital Market		
S & P BSE Sensex	38365.35 (-51.88)	
Nifty 50	11317.35 (-37.70)	

Reference Rate			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
73.04 (-0.29%)	86.46 (-0.23%)	96.95 (-0.40%)	0.69 (-0.33%)

* Banking and Insurance

• Resolution Framework for COVID-19-related Stress - Financial Parameters

The Reserve Bank had set up an Expert Committee with Shri K. V. Kamath as the Chairperson, as announced in the press release dated August 07, 2020. The Expert Committee has since submitted its recommendations to the Reserve Bank on September 04, 2020, which have been broadly accepted by the Reserve Bank. Accordingly, all lending institutions shall mandatorily consider the key ratios while finalizing the resolution plans in respect of eligible borrowers under Part B of the Annex to the Resolution Framework.

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11961&Mode=0

RBI constituted K.V. Kamath committee names 26 sectors for restructuring

The K.V. Kamath committee has selected 26 sectors which will require restructuring based on its analyses of financial parameters hit due to the economic crash caused by the coronavirus pandemic. In its report the five member committee said power, construction, iron and steel, roads, real estate, wholesale trading, textiles, consumer durables, aviation, logistics, hotels, restaurants and tourism, mining are among the sectors that will need restructuring.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/rbi-constituted-kv-kamath-committee-names-26-sectors-for-restructuring/articleshow/779 81829.cms

• Chanda Kochhar's husband Deepak Kochhar arrested by ED in money laundering case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday arrested Deepak Kochhar in a money-laundering case registered more than a year and half ago against the businessman and his wife, former ICICI Bank Chief Executive Chanda Kochhar. The agency arrested him around 8.30 pm after a round of questioning that started in the afternoon, people in the know said. During questioning, he was confronted with fresh evidence that recently emerged about a money trail related to his company NuPower Renewables.

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/ed-arrests-deepak-kochhar-in-a-money-laundering-case/articleshow/77982406.cms

• Wellness and Preventive features to make Health Insurance affordable

Broadening the scope of insurance, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has asked the insurance companies to include wellness and preventive features in insurance policies, which would encourage the policyholders to stay healthy to minimise the chance of falling sick and getting hospitalised. The aim of taking such measures is to minimise the instances of hospitalisations, which would ease the burden on the insurance pool. https://www.financialexpress.com/money/insurance/wellness-and-preventive-features-to-make-health-insurance-affordable/2076984/

***** Business and Economic News

- The issue of delay in ratification of 8.5% rate of interest for Employees Provident Fund (EPF) for 2019-20 is likely to be raised in the meeting of retirement fund body EPFO scheduled on September 09, 2020. https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/epfo-trustees-to-flag-delay-in-ratification-of-epf-interest-rate-for-fy20/articleshow/77985188.cms
- From the merger of various banks with roots in Dakshina Kannada to the shifting of the office of the principal commissioner (administration) for Income Tax by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) from Mangaluru to Panaji.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mangaluru/lobo-slams-local-bjp-leadership-for-dks-waning-economic-prowess/articleshow/77953197.cms

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