

Info Capsule

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❖ **Direct Tax**

Supreme Court holds IT reassessment notices under Section 148 as valid (May 04, 2022)

The Supreme Court while ruling in favour of the Income Tax Department, held that the notices issued by it under old section 148 will be deemed to have been issued under section 148A of the Income tax Act, 1961.

For details:

<https://www.freepressjournal.in/legal/sc-holds-it-reassessmentnotices-under-section-148-as-valid>



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❖ **Banking and Insurance**

● **Liquidity Adjustment Facility- Change in rates (May 04, 2022)**

It has been decided by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to increase the policy Repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) by 40 basis points from 4.00 per cent to 4.40 per cent with immediate effect. Consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate stand adjusted from 3.75 per cent to 4.15 per cent and from 4.25 per cent to 4.65 per cent respectively, with immediate effect.

For details:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12309&Mode=0>

● **ASBA designated branches to remain open for public on May 8, 2022 (Sunday) to facilitate processing of applications for LIC IPO (May 04, 2022)**

The Government of India, in order to facilitate bidding for LIC IPO, has requested that all bank branches designated to process ASBA (Application Supported by Blocked Amount) applications may be kept open for public on May 08, 2022 (Sunday).

For details:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12310&Mode=0>

● **Maintenance of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) (May 04, 2022)**

It has been decided to increase the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) of all banks by 50 basis points from 4.00 percent to 4.50 percent of their Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL), effective from the reporting fortnight beginning May 21, 2022.

For details:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12313&Mode=0>

- **LIC IPO : Insurance giant opens India's largest share sale [May 4, 2022]**

Shares in the Indian state-run insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) have gone on sale in a \$2.75bn (£2.18bn) initial public offering, witnessing strong demand from policyholders. The government is offering a 3.5% stake in what will be India's largest share sale, despite both the size and valuation of the issue being slashed significantly to reflect current market conditions.

For details: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-61296184>

- ❖ **International Business News**

- **India Seeks More Discounts in Its Russian Oil Imports At Less Than \$70 Per Barrel: Reports (May 04, 2022)**

As India continues to purchase crude oil from Russia at steep discounts offered by Moscow in the grip of punitive sanctions on the Vladimir Putin-led nation, recent reports suggest that New Delhi is seeking to obtain deeper concessions on Russian oil. India is seeking to buy oil cargoes at less than USD 70 per barrel.

For details:

<https://www.republicworld.com/business-news/international-business/india-seeks-more-discounts-in-its-russian-oil-imports-at-less-than-70-dollars-per-barrel-reports-articleshow.html>

- ❖ **Terminology for today**

- **Vasicek Interest Rate Model**

The term Vasicek Interest Rate Model refers to a mathematical method of modelling the movement and evolution of interest rates. It is a single-factor short-rate model that is based on market risk. The Vasicek interest model is commonly used in economics to determine where interest rates will move in the future. Put simply, it estimates where interest rates will move in a given period of time and can be used to help analysts and investors figure out how the economy and investments will fare in the future.

- ❖ **Market Watch**

Stock Market Indices as on 05.05.2022	
S & P BSE Sensex	55702.23 (+33.20)
Nifty 50	16682.65 (+5.05)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 04.05.2022 <i>(https://www.geojit.com/currency-futures)</i>			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 JPY
76.11	80.27	95.30	0.59

❖ *Technology & Automation*

Democratizing Chip Designing in India (May 04, 2022)

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) with its series of graded and proactive steps, is in the process of systematic overhaul of semiconductor design approach at 120 premier academic institutions across the country to debut an era of creative enablement where anyone with innate skills, anywhere in the country can get the semiconductor chips designed. In the process, chip design will be democratized in line with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi that - Design in India is as important as Make in India.

Understanding chip design as a strategic necessity, a pilot deployment was successfully tested by MeitY earlier in 2021 under Special Manpower Development Programme for Chips to System Design (SMDP-C2SD), wherein a centralized design facility at C-DAC was enabled for remote access by over 50,000 engineering students at 60 academic institutions for designing chips. Leapfrogging, MeitY now intends to make accessible a centralized chip design infrastructure to be made available at India Chip Centre setup at C-DAC, to train 85000+ B.Tech, M.Tech and PhD students at 120 academic institutions across the country in chip design area for next 5 years.

For making available the chip design infrastructure at India Chip Centre (C-DAC), leading industry vendors from EDA (Electronic Design Automation), Electronic Computer-Aided Design (ECAD), IP Core and Design solutions Industry are being partnered with. Specific collaborative arrangements are being made available with Synopsys, Cadence Design Systems, Siemens EDA, Silvaco & other leading tool vendors, IP & design solution providers and Fab aggregators.

For details:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1822676>

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