

Info Capsule

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❖ Latest @ ICSI

• Obituary (CS T. P. Subbaraman, Former Secretary, ICSI)

With profound grief and sorrow, the ICSI regret to inform the sad demise of CS T. P. Subbaraman, Former Secretary and Executive Director of the Institute (1971 – 1993) on November 08, 2021 at Chennai.

His contributions towards the development of the Institute as well as the profession of Company Secretaries have been invaluable.

• ICSI International Webinar on 'Corporate Secretaries – Enhancing Collaboration Globally'

The ICSI is organising an International Webinar on "Corporate Secretaries-Enhancing Collaboration Globally" on November 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM. Members will be awarded 2 CPE Credit (Unstructured).

For details:

https://www.icsi.edu/media/web-modules/ICSI_International_webinar_08112021.pdf



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❖ Securities Laws & Capital Markets

SEBI Circular

- **Write-off of debt securities held by FPIs who intend to surrender their registration (November 08, 2021)**

SEBI has permitted the Foreign Portfolio Investors ("FPIs") to write-off all debt securities in their beneficiary account which they are unable to sell for any reason. This shall be applicable only to such FPIs who wish to surrender their registration. SEBI, vide its circulars dated November 05, 2019 and September 21, 2020, had permitted FPIs who wish to surrender their registration to write-off all shares in their beneficiary account which they are unable to sell for any reason.

For details:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/nov-2021/write-off-of-debt-securities-held-by-fpis-who-intend-to-surrender-their-registration_53798.html

SEBI News

- **SEBI fines two Titan Company employees ₹1 lakh each for disclosure lapses (November 08, 2021)**

Markets regulator SEBI has imposed monetary fines on two employees of Titan Company Ltd for violating insider trading norms. Both employees have been asked to pay ₹1 lakh each for the violations within 45 days of the receiving the order. Dheeraj Kumar and G Manigandan had transacted in securities of Titan while in employment of the company but failed to make requisite disclosures, SEBI noted in two separate orders.

For details:

<https://www.livemint.com/market/stock-market-news/sebi-fines-two-titan-company-employees-rs-1-lakh-each-for-disclosure-lapses-11636382465043.html>

- **Stock exchanges to start T+1 settlement cycle from Feb 25, 2022 in phases (November 09, 2021)**

India's stock exchanges have decided to jointly introduce the T+1 settlement cycle in phases from February 25, beginning with the bottom 100 stocks by market capitalisation. From March 2022, on the last Friday (or the immediate next trading day) of every month, the next 500 stocks from the bottom will be subject to T+1 settlement. The phase-wise implementation is expected to give all market participants, including foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), ample time to shift to the shorter cycle.

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/stock-exchanges-to-start-t-1-settlement-cycle-from-feb-25-2022-in-phases-121110801067_1.html

- **Amazon asks SEBI, govt to withdraw \$3.4-bn Future-RIL deal approval (November 07, 2021)**

US e-commerce giant Amazon has written to Ajay Tyagi, Chairman of market regulator SEBI and Manmohan Juneja, director general of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, to withdraw any permission and consents granted to Future Retail Limited (FRL) related to the \$3.4-billion merger deal between Future Group and Reliance. The letter has also been sent to other top officials at stock exchanges such as BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE).

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/amazon-asks-sebi-govt-to-withdraw-3-4-bn-future-ril-deal-approval-121110701040_1.html

❖ **Indirect Tax**

Goods and Services Tax

- **Kerala High Court seeks GST Council's Response on exclusion of Petrol & Diesel from GST (November 08, 2021)**

The Kerala High Court has sought the GST Council's Response on the exclusion of Petrol & Diesel from Goods and Service Tax (GST). Advocate Arun Varghese on behalf of the petitioner, Kerala Pradesh Gandhi Darshanvedhi stated that due to different rates of tax levied by the State governments under their fragment taxing policies, currently petrol and diesel were charged differently across the country. According to the petitioner, this was an impediment in the way of achieving a harmonized national market as contemplated under Article 279 of the Constitution.

For details:

<https://www.taxscan.in/kerala-high-court-seeks-gst-councils-response-on-exclusion-of-petrol-diesel-from-gst/139514/>

❖ **Banking and Insurance**

- **Investment by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in Debt – Review (November 08, 2021)**

An announcement was made in the Union Budget 2021-22 that debt financing of Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) will be enabled by making suitable amendments in the relevant legislations. Accordingly, it has been decided to permit FPIs to invest in debt securities issued by InvITs and REITs. Necessary amendments to Foreign Exchange Management (Debt Instruments) Regulations, 2019 (Notification No. FEMA 396/2019-RB dated October 17, 2019) have been notified on October 21, 2021.

For details:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12188&Mode=0>

- **Buy now, pay later business set to surge over ten-fold in India (November 08, 2021)**

India's Buy-Now-Pay-Later (BNPL) industry is booming and set to surge over ten-fold within four years as tens of millions of online shoppers get lured by interest-free credit with fewer hassles, market players told Reuters. Redseer estimates India's BNPL market will rocket to \$45-50 billion by 2026 from \$3-3.5 billion now. The research firm also estimates that the number of BNPL users in the country may rise to 80-100 million customers by then, from 10-15 million currently.

For details:

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/buy-now-pay-later-business-set-to-surge-over-ten-fold-in-india-11636370182746.html>

- **Japan's SoftBank sinks into losses over China investments (November 08, 2021)**

SoftBank Group Corp. sank into red ink for the July-September period, dragged down by losses on its investments in China, the Japanese technology conglomerate said November 08, 2021. SoftBank reported a 397.9 billion yen (USD 3.5 billion) loss for the fiscal second quarter, compared to a 627 billion yen profit recorded the same period the previous year.

For details:

<https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/banking-finance/japans-softbank-sinks-into-losses-over-china-investments/2364987/>

- **ICICI, Axis, SBI and PNB report sharp rise in bad loan recoveries (November 09, 2021)**

ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank have all reported a sharp rise in bad loan recoveries in the second quarter, largely due to improvement in retail collections that had fallen sharply in the first quarter through the second wave of Covid 19. Bankers and analysts said the improvement in recoveries is another indicator of improving consumer sentiment and is a start of better asset quality for banks in the immediate future.

For details:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/banking/finance/banking/icici-axis-sbi-and-pnb-report-sharp-rise-in-bad-loan-recoveries/articleshow/87595371.cms>

❖ *Terminology for today*

Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP)

The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) was an initiative created and run by the U.S. Treasury to stabilize the country's financial system, restore economic growth, and mitigate foreclosures in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. TARP sought to achieve these targets by purchasing troubled companies' assets and stock.

❖ *Market Watch*

Stock Market Indices as on 09.11.2021

S & P BSE Sensex	60433.45 (-112.16)
Nifty 50	18044.25 (-24.3)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 08.11.2021

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

INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 JPY
74.07	85.68	99.93	0.65

❖ **Business and Economic News**

• **Future moves SC to seek stay on Singapore Arbitration Panel's decision (November 09, 2021)**

The Future group on November 08, 2021 moved Supreme Court to appeal against a Delhi High Court, which had endorsed a Singapore Arbitration Panel's decision to freeze the Rs. 24,700 crore transaction with Reliance Retail.

American retail giant Amazon, which owns 9.9 per cent stake in Future Courpons Pvt Ltd a promoter entity of Future Retail, had sought to block the Reliance Retail and Future deal saying the deal violates Amazon and Future's no compete deal.

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/future-moves-sc-to-seek-stay-on-singapore-arbitration-panel-s-decision-121110900075_1.html

• **Former SC judge Justice Ashok Bhushan takes charge as NCLAT Chairperson (November 08, 2021)**

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Ashok Bhushan on November 08, 2021 took over as the chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.

NCLAT has been constituted under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013 for hearing appeals against the orders of NCLT. It has two benches one principal bench at New Delhi and the other in Chennai. It is also the appellate tribunal to hear and dispose of appeals against orders passed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/former-sc-judge-justice-ashok-bhushan-takes-charge-as-nclat-chairperson-121110800992_1.html

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