

Info Capsule

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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_celebrations_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/carry_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/ICI_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?TabId=137&ctl=ViewEventDetails&mid=454&EventId=100>

<https://www.icsi.in/Student/Default.aspx?TabId=137&ctl=ViewEventDetails&mid=454&EventId=101>



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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-subsi-dary-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-cbd-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 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 JPY
74.70 (+0.03%)	88.63 (+0.18%)	98.21 (+0.31%)	0.71 (+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-24-higher-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-1200-crore-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-nbfc-can-recast-personal-loans-extend-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-to-deal-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-policies-from-august-10/2049975/>

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