

Info Capsule

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❖ **IFSCA**

Report of the expert committee on longevity finance (April 12, 2022)

The International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) has been established at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) to bring financial services to India that are currently provided outside India. The IFSCA has set sights to develop a Longevity Finance Hub in the GIFT IFSC. As a first step in achieving that vision, it has constituted the Committee to recommend a road map for achieving the same. This committee has submitted its report and it is published by IFSCA on April 12, 2022. The report analyses the concept of longevity, India's opportunities and challenges, longevity products and the eco system. It also discusses the key enablers to develop a Longevity Finance Hub in the GIFT IFSC.

It is expected that the discussion in the report contributes to achieving Hon'ble Prime Minister's grand vision to make India a USD 5 trillion economy and global powerhouse by 2024-25.

For details:

<https://ifsc.gov.in/Viewer/ReportandPublication/29>



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❖ **Ministry of Finance**

Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 (April 12, 2022)

The Central Government amended the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019.

Rule 8 of the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 *inter alia* provides that an Indian company may issue "employees' stock option", "sweat equity shares", and "Share Based Employee Benefits" to its employees or directors or employees or directors of its holding company or joint venture or wholly owned overseas subsidiary or subsidiaries who are resident outside India.

Provided that. - (a) the scheme has been drawn either in terms of regulations issued under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 or the Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2014 or as per other applicable law, as the case may be; (b) the "employee's stock option" or "sweat equity shares" or "Share Based Employee Benefits" so issued under the applicable rules or regulations are in compliance with the sectoral cap applicable to the said company; (c) the issue of "employee's stock option" or "sweat equity shares" or "Share Based Employee Benefits" in a company where foreign investment is under the approval route shall require prior government approval; (d) issue of "employee's stock option" or "sweat equity shares" or "Share Based Employee Benefits" to a citizen of Bangladesh or Pakistan shall require prior government approval.

It may be noted that an individual who is a person resident outside India exercising an option which was issued when he or she was a person resident in India shall hold the shares so acquired on exercising the option on a non-repatriation basis.

For details:

<https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2022/235070.pdf>

❖ *Consumer Protection*

Compliance with the provisions of the Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021 (April 11, 2022)

Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has issued a letter to all Direct Selling Entities stating that the Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021 have been notified on 28.12.2021 under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. The Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021 intendedly envisage to provide self-regulatory ecosystem for direct selling sector. Rule 4, 5 & 7 of these rules broadly provide for mandatory maintenance of records by a direct selling entity, obligations of a direct selling entity and duties of a direct selling entity respectively. These rules don't provide for distinct registration in respect of a direct selling entity except as mandated in clause (a) of sub-rule (1) of rule 5 of the Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021.

Department of Consumer Affairs has, however, been receiving declarations/undertakings from several direct selling entities purportedly under the Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021, though such submissions are not mandated by these rules.

In so far as consumers are concerned, sub-rule (17) of rule 5 of the Consumer Protection (Direct Selling) Rules, 2021 stipulates that every direct selling entity shall become a partner in the convergence process of the National Consumer Helpline of the Central Government so as to facilitate redressal of consumer grievances.

All the Direct Selling Entities are, therefore, sensitized about the above dispensation for the time being in force and advised to become convergence partner with the National Consumer Helpline being run by this Department.

For details:

<https://consumeraffairs.nic.in/sites/default/files/file-uploads/latestnews/The%20CP%28DS%29%20Rules%2C%202021%20-%20follow%20up%20action.pdf>

❖ *Terminology for today*

World Federation of Stock Exchanges (WFE)

The World Federation of Stock Exchanges, more commonly known as the World Federation of Exchanges, is an international trade group that supports the interests of regulated securities exchanges around the world and promotes widespread access to financial markets and the safety and soundness of the global financial system.

❖ *Business and Economic News*

PM to inaugurate Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on 14th April (April 12, 2022)

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on 14th April, 2022 at around 11 AM. The Sangrahalaya, being inaugurated during the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, tells the story of India after Independence through the lives and contributions of its Prime Ministers.

Guided by the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to honour the contribution of all the Prime Ministers of India towards nation building, the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya is a tribute to every Prime Minister of India since Independence, irrespective of their ideology or tenure in office. It is an inclusive endeavour led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, aimed at sensitizing and inspiring the younger generation about the leadership, vision and achievements of all our Prime Ministers.

For details:

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1816124>

❖ *Market Watch*

Stock Market Indices as on 13.04.2022

S & P BSE Sensex	58338.93 (-237.44)
Nifty 50	17475.65 (-54.65)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 12.04.2022

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

INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
75.69	82.43	98.59	0.60

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