

Info Capsule

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❖ **Business and Economic News**

FM announces plan to monetise assets, realise Rs 6 trillion till 2024-25 (August 24, 2021)

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a pipeline of assets the government is looking to monetise to collect about Rs. 6 trillion to partly fund its ambitious infrastructure projects over four years ending 2024-25. About Rs. 88,000 crore will be realised through asset monetisation in the current financial year.

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/fm-announces-plan-to-monetise-assets-realise-rs-6-trillion-till-2024-25-121082300923_1.html



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❖ **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**

• **The Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Amendment Rules, 2021 (August 19, 2021)**

The MCA vide notification dated August 19, 2021, has notified the Companies (Appointment and Qualification of Directors) Amendment Rules, 2021. The Amendment provides that an individual is exempted to pass the online proficiency self-assessment test to be included in independent directors' databank if he has served for a total period of not less than three years as on the date of inclusion of his name in the data bank in the pay scale of Director or equivalent or above in any Ministry or Department, of the Central Government or any State Government, and having experience in handling,—

- (i) the matters relating to commerce, corporate affairs, finance, industry or public enterprises; or
- (ii) the affairs related to Government companies or statutory corporations set up under an Act of Parliament or any State Act and carrying on commercial activities.”.

It is further provided that the following individuals, who are or have been, for at least ten years :—

- (A) an advocate of a court; or
- (B) in practice as a chartered accountant; or
- (C) in practice as a cost accountant; or
- (D) in practice as a company secretary,

shall not be required to pass the online proficiency self-assessment test.

For details:

<https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2021/229158.pdf>

- **The Companies (Creation and Maintenance of databank of Independent Directors) Second Amendment Rules, 2021 (August 19, 2021)**

The MCA vide notification dated August 19, 2021 has notified the Companies (Creation and Maintenance of databank of Independent Directors) Second Amendment Rules, 2021, which seeks to insert Rule 6 pertaining to Annual report on the capacity building of independent directors in the Companies (Creation and Maintenance of databank of Independent Directors) Rules, 2019.

It provides that “the institute shall within sixty days from the end of every financial year send an annual report to every individual whose name is included in the data bank and also to every company in which such individual is appointed as an independent director in format provided in the Schedule to these Rules.”

The amendment also prescribes the format of Annual report on Capacity Building of Independent Director.

For details: <https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2021/229148.pdf>

❖ **Securities Laws & Capital Markets**

SEBI Consultation Paper

- **Extension of timeline for submission of public comments on the consultation paper for introduction of Swing pricing (August 20, 2021)**

SEBI had placed a consultation paper for introduction of Swing pricing on its website on July 19, 2021 seeking comments by August 20, 2021. Now, it has been decided to extend the timeline for submission of comments to August 25, 2021.

For details:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/reports-and-statistics/reports/aug-2021/extension-of-timeline-for-submission-of-public-comments-on-the-consultation-paper-for-introduction-of-swing-pricing_51991.html

SEBI News

- **SEBI keeps Adani Wilmar's Rs 4,500-crore issue in abeyance (August 21, 2021)**

Capital markets regulator SEBI has kept the proposed Rs 4,500-crore initial share-sale of edible oil major Adani Wilmar Ltd. (AWL) in "abeyance".

However, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) did not clarify further. The company had filed preliminary papers with Sebi on August 3, to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/sebi-keeps-adani-wilmar-s-rs-4-500-crore-issue-in-abeyance-121082001377_1.html

❖ **Banking and Insurance**

16 merchant bankers in race for managing LIC IPO (August 23, 2021)

As many as 16 merchant bankers are in the race to manage the initial public offering of LIC - - touted to be the biggest share sale in the country's history. These bankers will be making a presentation before the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) spread over 2 days.

Seven international bankers, including BNP Paribas, Citigroup Global Markets India and DSP Merrill Lynch Ltd (now known as BofA Securities), will make presentations, as per a circular by DIPAM.

For details:

<https://bfsi.economictimes.indiatimes.com/amp/news/insurance/16-merchant-bankers-in-race-for-managing-lic-ipo/85558453>

❖ **International Business News**

Shipping Industry in India: Prospects for Foreign Investors (August 23, 2021)

India's strategic location, enveloped by the world's busiest maritime route in the Indian Ocean, marks the importance of its shipping industry which facilitates 95 percent of India's international trade by volume. Therefore India is according the highest priority to the development of its maritime sector and is seeking investments to the tune of US\$81 billion. India allows upto 100 percent FDI under automatic route for port and harbor construction projects.

For details:

<https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/shipping-industry-in-india-prospects-for-foreign-investors/>

❖ **Competition Law**

CCI imposes Rs. 200 crore penalty on Maruti for restricting discounts by dealers (August 23, 2021)

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) passed a final order against Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) for indulging in anti-competitive conduct of Resale Price Maintenance (RPM) in the passenger vehicle segment by way of implementing Discount Control Policy *vis-à-vis* dealers, and accordingly, imposed a penalty of Rs. 200 crore (Rupees Two Hundred Crore Only) upon MSIL, besides passing a cease-and-desist order.

For details:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1748288>

❖ Terminology for today

Ad Hoc Research

Research that is specifically designed to address a particular problem or issue. Ad hoc research is usually conducted when there is insufficient existing information. Ad hoc projects are usually single pieces of research rather than part of a continuous program.

❖ Market Watch

Stock Market Indices as on 24.08.2021

S & P BSE Sensex	55958.98 (+403.19)
Nifty 50	16624.60 (+128.15)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 23.08.2021

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

INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR/ 1 JPY
74.10	86.68	100.89	0.67

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