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"To be a global leader in promoting good corporate governance"

Motto

सत्यं वद। धर्मं चर। इष्टार्थे तेष्ट त्वाग्रे: क्लेशेष्टे ह्यु तेष्ट त्वेष्ट

Mission

"To develop high calibre professionals facilitating good corporate governance"

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❖ Reserve Bank of India

RBI Board reviews Economic Capital Framework; dividend to govt may rise up to Rs 3 lakh crore (May 15, 2025)

The central board of directors of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reviewed the Economic Capital Framework (ECF), which is used to determine risk provisioning and surplus distribution by the central bank to the government. Based on the ECF, the RBI transfers dividend to the government every year. According to various estimates, the RBI may transfer Rs 2.5 lakh crore to Rs 3 lakh crore as surplus to the government for the accounting year 2024-25. This would be a fresh record dividend transfer by the RBI to the government. For the accounting year 2023-24, the RBI had transferred the highest-ever surplus transfer of Rs 2.11 lakh crore to the government.

For details:

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/banking-and-finance/rbi-board-reviews-economic-capital-framework-dividend-to-govt-may-rise-up-to-rs-3-lakh-crore-10009077/>

❖ Ministry of Commerce & Industry

DPIIT Clears 187 Startups for Tax Relief Under Revised Section 80-IAC Framework (May 15, 2025)

In a significant boost to India's startup ecosystem, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has approved 187 startups for income tax exemption under the revamped Section 80-IAC of the Income Tax Act. Notably, the decision came during the 80th meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Board (IMB), held on 30th April 2025.

According to a spokesperson of DPIIT, the tax benefit allows eligible startups a 100% income tax deduction on profits for any three consecutive years within a ten-year window from the date of incorporation. The scheme is designed to support emerging businesses in their formative years, encouraging innovation, job creation, and wealth generation. Of the total approvals, 75 startups were cleared during the 79th IMB meeting and 112 during 80th such meeting. With this, over 3,700 startups have now been granted exemptions since the scheme's inception. Eligibility Extended for Startups Incorporated upto April 2030.

For details:

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128860>

❖ Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to GoI

India-EU join hands to find innovative research solutions to Marine Plastic Litter and Waste to Hydrogen (May 15, 2025)

India and the European Union (EU) have launched two major research and innovation initiatives under the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC). With a joint investment of ₹391 crore (~ €41 million), the initiatives focus on two coordinated calls in the areas of Marine Plastic Litter (MPL) and Waste to Green Hydrogen (W2GH), co-funded by Horizon Europe—the EU's research and innovation framework programme—and the Government of India. The resulting research will support international commitments such as the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and contribute to the objectives of the EU's Zero Pollution Action Plan and India's National Marine Litter Policy.

For details:

<https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2128923>

❖ **ESG Update**

Natura & Co

- Natura & Co broadened its scope for impact reporting and started measuring its environmental footprint using Environmental Profit and Loss (EP&L) accounting, which quantified the costs and the environmental benefits of its value chain following standards set by the Natural Capital Protocol (led by the Capitals Coalition) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.
- Natura had created a new financial tool: Natura's Integrated Profit and Loss (IP&L) methodology. The IP&L is a pioneering method that collects data, identifies impacts, attributes societal value and, accordingly, enables better business decision-making considering three groups of capital that generate value for society: natural, human and social.
- Natura identifies and measures all externalities and multiplies them by valuation factors (derived from accepted standards, protocols and data from multilateral institutions including the Capitals Coalition, World Bank and the World Health Organisation), resulting in social and environmental monetary impacts.
- Natura's Carbon Neutral Program, which has reduced and offset the company's greenhouse gas emissions since 2007.
- Natura's board monitor progress against sustainability goals, socio-environmental indicators are included in Natura's performance management model.
- Natura &Co became the world's first publicly traded company to receive B Corp certification in 2014.

For details:

<https://hub.climate-governance.org/article/case-study-natura-co-ipl-circular-carbon-and-a-triple-bottom-line-approach>

❖ **Business and Economics News**

• **Govt declares 23rd September as Ayurveda Day (May 14, 2025)**

The government has officially designated 23rd September as Ayurveda Day. The Ayush Ministry stated that the change notified through a Gazette notification marks a significant shift from the earlier practice of observing Ayurveda Day on Dhanteras. The Ministry said, Ayurveda Day has been commemorated annually to promote Ayurveda as a scientific, evidence-based, and holistic system of medicine that plays a pivotal role in preventive healthcare and wellness. It also noted that in the coming decade, the date of Dhanteras would continue to vary widely between 15th October and 12th November, posing logistical challenges for organising national and international observances. The Ministry urged the citizens, health professionals, academic bodies, and international partners to embrace the newly designated date and actively participate in Ayurveda Day celebrations on 23rd September each year.

For Details: <https://www.newsonair.gov.in/govt-declares-23rd-september-as-ayurveda-day/>

• **India remains fastest-growing economy at precarious moment for world: UN (May 15, 2025)**

India remains the fastest-growing large economy, according to the United Nations (UN). As per the UN's World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) mid-year report, the Indian economy is expected to grow by 6.3 per cent this fiscal year, even as the global economy faces a "precarious moment." Ingo Pitterle, a senior UN economist, said the growth is driven by strong private consumption and public investment. The report projects India's growth to rise slightly to 6.4 per cent next year. In contrast, global growth is forecast at just 2.4 per cent in 2025, with trade tensions and policy uncertainty weakening the outlook. The report also noted positive trends in inflation and employment. Inflation is expected to ease from 4.9 per cent in 2024 to 4.3 per cent in 2025, remaining within the central bank's target range.

For Details: <https://www.newsonair.gov.in/india-remains-fastest-growing-economy-at-precarious-moment-for-world-un/>

❖ **Pronouncement**

21.04.2025	Electrosteel Steel Limited (Now M/S ESL Steel Limited) vs Ispat Carrier Private Limited	Supreme Court
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Arbitral Award should be part of IBC Resolution Plan

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has laid down that it is by now well settled that once a resolution plan is duly approved by the adjudicating authority under sub-section (1) of Section 31, all claims which are not part of the resolution plan shall stand extinguished and no person will be entitled to initiate or continue any proceeding in respect to a claim which is not part of the resolution plan.

In fact, the Hon'ble Court in Essar Steel India Ltd. (supra) had categorically declared that a successful resolution applicant cannot be faced with undecided claims after the resolution plan is accepted. Otherwise, this would amount to a hydra head popping up which would throw into uncertainty the amount payable by the resolution applicant. In so far the resolution plan is concerned, the resolution professional, the committee of creditors and the adjudicating authority noted about the claim lodged by the respondent in the arbitration proceeding. However, the respondent was not included in the top 30 operational creditors whose claims were settled at nil. This can only mean that the three authorities conducting the corporate insolvency resolution process did not deem it appropriate to include the respondent in the top 30 operational creditors. If the claims of the top 30 operational creditors were settled at nil, it goes without saying that the claim of the respondent could not be placed higher than the said top 30 operational creditors. Moreover, the resolution plan itself provides that all claims covered by any suit, cause of action, arbitration etc. shall be settled at nil. Therefore, it is crystal clear that in so far claim of the respondent is concerned, the same would be treated as nil at par with the claims of the top 30 operational creditors.

The Apex Court has also laid down that we have no hesitation to hold that upon approval of the resolution plan by the NCLT, the claim of the respondent being outside the purview of the resolution plan stood extinguished. Therefore, the Arbitral award dated 06.07.2018 is incapable of being executed.

For Details: https://api.sci.gov.in/supremecourt/2023/28800/28800_2023_4_1503_61073_Judgement_21-Apr-2025.pdf

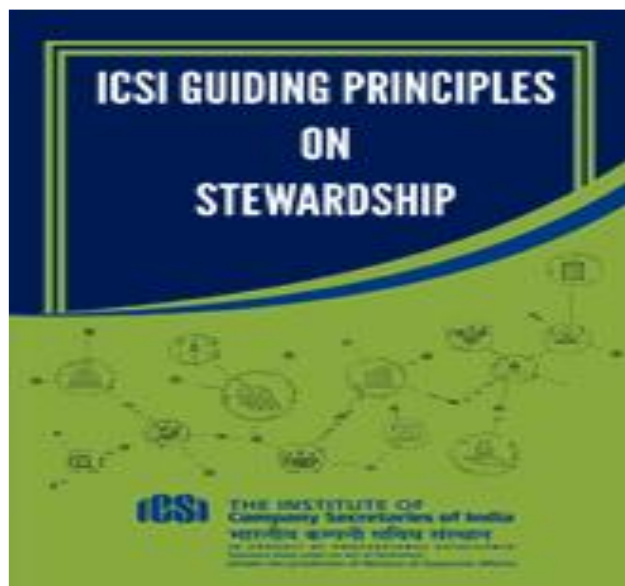
❖ **Market Watch**

Stock Market Indices as on 16.05.2025	
S & P BSE Sensex	82330.59(-0.24%)
Nifty 50	25019.80(-0.17%)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 16.05.2025 (https://m.rbi.org.in/scripts/ReferenceRateArchive.aspx)			
INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 JPY
85.56	95.95	114.02	.58

ICSI GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON STEWARDSHIP

About the Book



The ICSI Guiding Principles on Stewardship ("IGPS") is the culmination of various practices followed while exercising stewardship responsibilities in different jurisdictions.

The IGPS aim to set out certain best practices in relation to Institutional Investors and Service Providers stewardship obligations, policies and processes.

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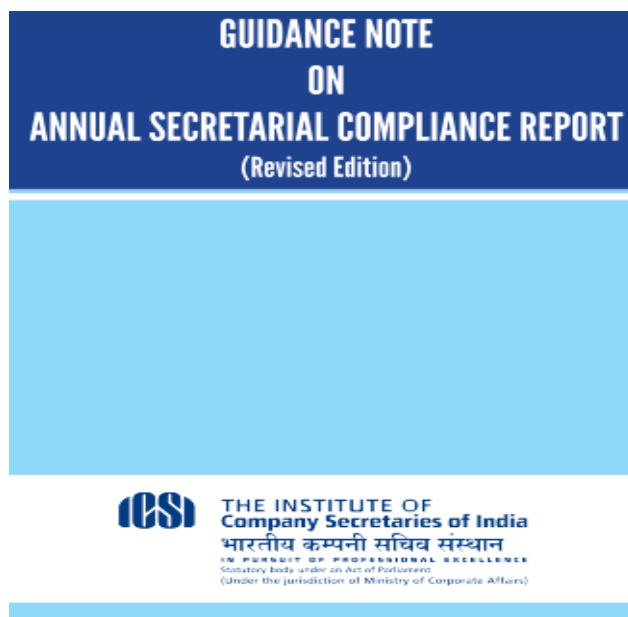
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About the Book



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