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# Info Capsule

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## ❖ *Direct Tax*

**CBDT notified "POWERGRID Infrastructure Investment Trust" as prescribed mode of investment under section 11(5) of the Income Tax Act [Notification No. 103 Dated December 18, 2023]**

Rule 17C of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 is modified by adding a new clause (x) that permits investment in POWERGRID Infrastructure Investment Trust units under the powers granted by clause (xii) of sub-section (5) of section 11, in conjunction with section 295 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

*For details:*

<https://incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/notification-103-2023.pdf>

## ❖ *Securities Laws and Capital Market*

**Depositories, Clearing Corporations to comply with global market principles from end of December: SEBI (December 19, 2023)**

Depositories and clearing corporations (CCs) will now have to comply with the Principles of Financial Market Infrastructures (PFMIs), which are global standards prescribed to ensure that the infrastructures supporting the global financial markets are robust and resilient, according to a circular by the market regulator SEBI. PFMIs have been prescribed by international bodies like the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems (CPSS) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). Depositories and CCs will also have to carry out self-assessments on their compliance with these standards and make disclosures periodically on their websites, according to the latest circular issued by the market regulator. These provisions will come into effect from the end of the December 2023 quarter, the circular added.

*For details:*

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/depositories-clearing-corporations-to-comply-with-global-market-principles-from-end-of-dec-sebi-11928891.html>

## ❖ **Banking**

### • **Investments in Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) (December 19, 2023)**

Regulated Entities (REs) make investments in units of AIFs as part of their regular investment operations. However, certain transactions of REs involving AIFs that raise regulatory concerns have come to our notice. These transactions entail substitution of direct loan exposure of REs to borrowers, with indirect exposure through investments in units of AIFs. In order to address concerns relating to possible evergreening through this route, RBI has issued advisory for REs related to AIFs.

*For details:*

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12572&Mode=0>

### • **Unclaimed deposits with banks soar to ₹42,270 crore, up 28% shows Parliament data (December 20, 2023)**

The latest data unveiled in Parliament on December 19, 2023 indicates a significant surge of 28 percent in unclaimed deposits held by banks, reaching a total of ₹42,270 crore as of March 2023. Compared to the preceding financial year of FY22, where the unclaimed deposits with both public and private sector banks stood at ₹32,934 crore, the current figure represents a noteworthy increase to ₹42,272 crore by the end of March 2023, marking a 28 percent rise.

*For details:*

<https://www.livemint.com/industry/banking/unclaimed-deposits-with-banks-soar-to-rs-42-270-crore-up-28-shows-parliament-data-11703047089406.html>

## ❖ **Market Watch**

| <b>Stock Market Indices as on<br/>20.12.2023</b> |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| S & P BSE Sensex                                 | 70,506.31 (-930.88) |
| Nifty 50   | 21,150.15 (-302.95) |

| <b>Foreign Exchange Rates as on 20.12.2023</b><br><i>(<a href="https://m.rbi.org.in//scripts/ReferenceRateArchive.aspx">https://m.rbi.org.in//scripts/ReferenceRateArchive.aspx</a>)</i> |                    |                    |                   |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>INR / 1 USD</b>   | <b>INR / 1 EUR</b> | <b>INR / 1 GBP</b> | <b>INR/ 1 JPY</b> |
| 83.15  | 91.14              | 105.75             | 57.86             |

## ❖ *Business and Economic News*

### **SpiceJet interested in acquiring grounded Go First, plans to bid after due diligence (December 20, 2023)**

In a regulatory filing, SpiceJet confirmed that it has expressed interest in acquiring Go First, which is currently undergoing the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) after it decided to voluntarily file for insolvency in early May.

Budget airline SpiceJet, which itself has been grappling with financial difficulties, has expressed interest in acquiring bankrupt carrier Go First with a view to create a viable airline in “a possible combination with Spicejet”.

“The Board of the Company has recently approved and initiated process of raising fresh capital of about US\$ 270 million to strengthen its financial position and provide resources to invest in growth plans,” SpiceJet added.

Recently, SpiceJet announced that it will be raising fresh capital of Rs 2,250 crore through issuance of equity shares to financial institutions, foreign institutional investors (FIIs), high net worth individuals (HNIs), and private investors for “fortifying the airline’s financial strength and accelerating its growth trajectory”.

*For details:*

<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/aviation/spicejet-interested-in-acquiring-grounded-go-first-9074317/>

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