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BIGGEST CHALLENGE- HOW TO KEEP UPDATED ON DAILY BASIS

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Laws are changing frequently in India, there are big developments and announcements on daily basis in Economic & Finance world and many other reforms are on the way. This newsletter will keep you updated on daily basis along with documents taken from authentic sources.

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UPDATES RELATED TO

Updates related to New Direct Tax Code-Ministry of Finance

- **Income tax rate may be cut in Budget: Mint Report**

  Those having annual income between ₹2.5- ₹10 lakh may be taxed at the rate of 10 per cent while individuals earning between ₹10-20 lakh may get to pay tax at a lower rate of 20 per cent. The tax exemption limit may, however, remain unchanged at ₹2.5 lakh. The changes are being considered to provide relief to salaried middle income class individuals that were left out from the government's stimulus measures announced in September that reduced income tax rate for the corporate sector to prop up investment climate in a slowing economy.

  It is being designed partially on the lines of recommendations given by a task force on the New Direct Tax Code which submitted its report to the Finance Minister in August. The report is still being examined by the ministry.

  Source- Live Mint Report

Updates related to Goods & Service Tax & other Indirect taxes by CBIC

- **Legal updates- Court/AAARA judgements/Advance Rulings**

  [AAARA- Appellate Authority for Advance Ruling | ARA- Advance Ruling Authority]

Sr.No.	Key to find the document	Court/ARA/AAAR	Description	
			Ruling/ Judgement	Summary
1	[2019] 112 taxmann.com 10 PKR Projects and Engineers, In re AAR NO. 29/AP/GST/2019 JULY 16, 2019	AAR Andhra Pradesh	AR	Applicant received leasing/licensing services from Govt for mining/quarrying of broken or crushed stones and paid royalty for same, said activity of assignment of rights to use natural resources is supply of services & applicant-l required to pay tax on same under RCM

- **News/Latest Developments/Other updates**

❖ **CBIC issues FAQs on Blocking/Unblocking, Viewing Orders and Notifications on E-Way Bill Generation Facility**
For complete FAQs, click here

❖ **GST Council to review revenue position, compensation cess on 18th December, 2019**
Times of India report

Updates related to Income Tax by CBDT

- **Notification/Circular/Press release/FAQs**

❖ Further to amend the Income-tax Act, 1961 and to amend the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2019, parliament passed The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Bill No. 362-C of 2019) which deemed to have come into force on the 20th day of September, 2019.
Download copy of bill here

- **Legal updates- Tribunals, High Court & Supreme Court judgements**

Sr.No.	**Key to find the document**	**Description**	
		Tribunal/Court	**Brief judgement**
1	[2019] 112 taxmann.com 55 ACIT v. JSW Steel Ltd. IT APPEAL NO. 156 (BANG.) OF 2011 CO NO. 59 (MUM.) OF 2012 NOVEMBER 29, 2019	Mumbai ITAT	When a particular receipt is exempt from tax under Income tax law, then same cannot be considered for purpose of computation of book profit under section 115JB of the Income-tax Act 1961

Updates related to Announcement by ICAI

- **Live Webcast of ICAI International Conference would be available from 6th December 2019 from 9.30 AM onwards**
  Click here for more details

- Read ICAI e-journal December, 2019, click here

Updates related to Announcement by ICSI

- **ICSI announces its Inaugural Ceremony of ICSI Middle East (DIFC) NPIO and Panel Discussion on 10th December, 2019 at Dubai**
  Read the announcement

Corporate Laws by MCA

- **MCA with the help of IICA started enrolment in data bank of independent directors.**
  Visit this link to know more

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law.

- **Legal updates- NCLAT | Court**

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1	[2019] 111 taxmann.com 358 (Delhi) Sicom Ltd. v. Hanung Toys & Textiles Ltd. CA. NOS. 1415, 1416 OF 2018 & OTHERS SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	Delhi HC	When application for winding up of company was admitted and official liquidator was appointed by Company Court in saved matters, such application could not be transferred to NCLT for CIRP.

Updates related to Start-ups by Start Up India Department

- **Exam preparation platform Gradeup has raised $7 million in Series A funding from Times Internet. This is the second fundraise for the start-up which has raised a total of $10 million to date.**
  Read the success story

Updates related to Money Market/Banks by RBI

- **Reserve Bank of India retains the Advisory Committee of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL)**
  Reserve Bank had, on November 22, 2019, constituted a three-member Advisory Committee to assist the Administrator of DHFL in discharge of his duties. Upon admission of the petition for insolvency resolution process by the NCLT in respect of DHFL vide order dated December 3, 2019, the Reserve Bank has decided that the above mentioned three-member Committee shall continue as the Advisory Committee constituted under Rule 5 (c) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency and Liquidation Proceedings of Financial Service Providers and Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2019. The Advisory Committee shall advise the Administrator in the operations of the DHFL during the corporate insolvency resolution process.
  RBI Press Release

Updates related to Latest developments in Economy & Finance world

- **RBI likely to cut rates for sixth time this year, try help growth**
  The Reserve Bank of India is set to deliver its sixth straight interest-rate cut Thursday, shrugging off a spike in inflation as it stays doggedly focused on supporting economic growth. While all 34 economists surveyed by Bloomberg News as of Wednesday expect a reduction, the majority expect a quarter-point cut, with the rest expecting reductions of 15 basis points to 50 basis points. The RBI has cut borrowing costs by 135 basis points so far in 2019 to a nine-year low of 5.15%.
  Source- Business Standard

❖ **With rate cuts not helping, here's an unconventional step that RBI can try**

It's time for the Reserve Bank of India to take unconventional policy measures as rate cuts are failing to stimulate the economy, according to the head of fixed income at IDFC Asset Management Co. The central bank, which reviews policy on Thursday, should look to pull down long-term yields by selling short-tenor bonds and reinvesting in longer-term ones, said Suyash Choudhary, who correctly predicted the credit crunch that has been hurting banks. "Cutting policy rates is no longer enough," Choudhary, who oversees $10.5 billion in debt, said in an interview in Mumbai.

Source- Business Standard

❖ **I-T crackdown: Brokers, investors come under scanner for fraudulent trades**

A large number of brokers and investors are under the scanner of the income-tax (I-T) department for allegedly executing fraudulent trades in illiquid stock options. According to sources, I-T officials on Wednesday conducted surveys and search operations at about 150 locations across the country, including Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Kolkata. "We have launched a probe in the matter following information from the market regulator about irregularities in the equity derivative segment," said a tax official privy to the development. The official added that this was a fresh probe based on the inspection of certain derivative contracts both on the BSE and the National Stock Exchange (NSE).

Source: Business Standard

❖ **Cabinet gives approval to Bharat Bond ETF, launch in early January**

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the launch of India's first bond exchange-traded fund (ETF) which can be bought and sold like any listed security on the bourses. The ETF — Bharat Bond ETF — will be made of AAA-rated papers issued by government-linked companies to start with, and will come in two maturities — three and 10 years. Sources say it could be launched in the first week of January. Edelweiss Asset Management will launch the first tranche, but there will be other tranches for which other asset managers may be appointed. A K Capital Services is the sole advisor to the government for the debt ETF.

Source: Business Standard

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