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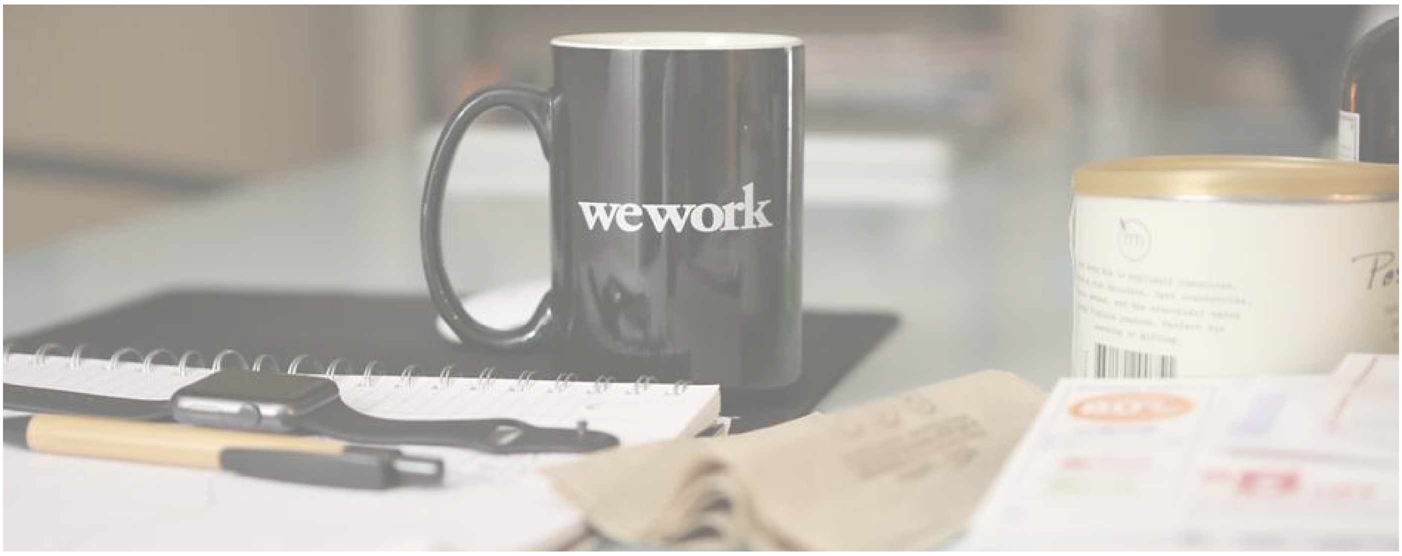

WHAT'S NEW IN PROFESSIONAL/ BUSINESS WORLD TODAY:

Goods & Service Tax
Direct Tax Code
Income Tax
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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 New Direct Tax Code-Ministry of Finance

- **Big tax cuts may be coming for middle class in next Budget; here's why**
  The government is mulling a restructuring of personal income tax rates to encourage the middle class to spend more in its bid to boost consumption. The finance ministry is currently holding discussions to present concrete proposals in next year's Union Budget. Responding to a question at an event in Delhi recently, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also said that the government was looking at myriad suggestions and the relaxation on personal income tax was one of them before it presents the Union Budget 2020 in February next year.
  Source- Business Today

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

- **Notification/Circular/Press release/FAQs/Portal Update/Write-up by CBIC**

  - **CBIC issued its weekly GST update dated 07th December, 2019**
    It covers the GST changes /observations/ press releases/ Tweet FAQs/ Sectoral FAQs released by CBEC since the last update on30.11.2019. It supplements the earlier GST Updates.
    Source-CBIC portal, Click here to download

  - **FAQs-Viewing Orders of Unblocking of E-Way Bill Generation Facility**
    Here is a link to get answer of all your queries.

  - **Pure agent concept in GST**
    Here is e-flyer of CBIC where you will get to know the circumstances when you need not to charge GST on re-imbursements.
    The GST Act defines an Agent as a person including a factor, broker, commission agent, arhatia, del credere agent, an auctioneer or any other mercantile agent, by whatever name called, who carries on the business of supply or receipt of goods or services or both on behalf of another.
    Source-CBIC-GST portal, click here to download E-flyer

- **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] 111 taxmann.com 418 Saurabh Chhajer v. State of Rajasthan MISC. (INTERIM) BAIL APPLICATION NO. 12943 OF 2019 SEPTEMBER 24, 2019	Rajasthan High Court	Order	Where assessee for an offence punishable under section 132(1)(i) and (iv) was in custody and he sought interim bail on ground that his wife was pregnant and delivery was expected in last week of September, 2019, on humanitarian ground assessee required to be released on interim bail for a period of fifteen days

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

❖ **GST Council may raise base rate to 10% from 5%, move 243 items to 18% slab**
To raise additional revenue, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council may raise the base rate to 9-10 percent from five percent, reports The Times of India. The GST Council will reportedly discuss the option of moving 243 items to the 18 percent slab and scrapping the 12 percent slab. If this fructifies, there will be three GST slabs: five percent, 18 percent and 28 percent.
Source- Money-control

❖ **GST Seva Kendras resolve complaints related to GST**
CBECMITRA, a Pan-India helpdesk, a national toll-free number and "GST Seva Kendras" have been established to resolve taxpayer grievances relating to Goods & Service Tax (GST). This was stated by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha.
Source- Finance Ministry Release

Updates related to Income Tax by CBDT

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

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		Tribunal/Court	Brief judgement
1	[2019] 111 taxmann.com 385 ITO v. Amarchand P. Shah IT APPEAL NOS. 818-820 (MUM.) OF 2017 JULY 8, 2019	Mumbai Tribunal	Directorate of Income-tax (Investigation), an internal agency/wing of department, which works under aegis of its controlling authority CBDT, cannot be considered to be an 'external source' and, therefore, information received by Assessing Officer from Directorate of Income-tax (Investigation) is not covered by exception as is contained in para 10(e) of CBDT Circular No. 3, dated 11-7-2018

Updates related to Announcement by ICAI

- ICAI notified Information Systems Audit (ISA) Course Assessment Test which is open to the members of the Institute, to be held on 28th December, 2019 (Saturday) from 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM (IST) at the cities mentioned in this notification.
  Source- Gazette of India, Download notification here

- ICAI's announcement on Applicability of "Implementation Guide on Resignation/ Withdrawal from an Engagement to Perform Audit of Financial Statements" to Statutory Auditors of Listed Entities and their Material Subsidiaries.
  Source- ICAI portal, read the announcement here

Corporate Laws by MCA

- **Government amended IEPFA Rules, 2016, to simplify refund of claims**

  The Investor Education & Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules 2016 have been amended vide GSR No.571 (E) dated 14.8.2019 to simplify the process of refund of claims filed with The Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (the Authority). The amended rules inter-alia provide for digitisation with transparent and faceless processing of claims by the Authority. Compliances by companies have also been made time bound and system driven with rule based enforcement.

  Source- Corporate Affairs Ministry release

- **SFIO's Market Research Analysis Unit prepares 55 reports on fraud & misappropriation by Companies; SFIO assigned 12 for probe**

  During the last 3 years, 55 number of research reports prepared by Market Research and Analysis Unit (MRAU) have been submitted to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). 12 number of investigations have been assigned to Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).

  Source- Corporate Affairs Ministry Release

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law.

- **Legal updates- NCLAT | Court**

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1	[2019] 111 taxmann.com 428 Debashis Nanda v. Mohan Gems & Jewels (P.) Ltd. C.A. NO. 1406(PB) OF 2019 COMPANY PETITION (IB) NO. 590 (PB) OF 2018 AUGUST 9, 2019	(NCLT - New Delhi)	Where CoC passed resolution for liquidation of corporate debtor, as no resolution plan was received before expiry of statutory CIRP period of 270 days, in conformity with majority decision of CoC, instant application for liquidation of corporate debtor was to be allowed.

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

- **IBC to be amended to protect new owners of bankrupt companies.**
  The Centre is set to alter the insolvency code to shield new owners of bankrupt companies from criminal liabilities pertaining to the time when the entities were controlled by the outgoing promoters, The Cabinet is likely to approve relevant changes to the three-year-old Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) at the earliest. The government is expected to shortly seek Cabinet approval on amending the IBC.
  Source- Economic Times

Listing/Market by SEBI

- **Government issued Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2019 effective from 06th December, 2019.**
  Existing schedule IV "Filing of offer documents with the Board" is replaced by new schedule IV, read as below -
  "Draft offer documents/ letters of offer/ offer documents shall be filed by the lead manager(s) with the relevant office of the Board under the jurisdiction of which the registered office of the issuer company is located, based on the estimated issue size as may be specified by the Board from time to time."
  Source- Gazette of India, download notification here

Updates related to Foreign Trade Policy by DGFT

- **Changes in Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) MEIS rates.**
  Government issued public notice to intimate changes in MEIS rates. For more details, download this public notice (Source- DGFT webpage]

Updates related to Money Market/Banks by RBI

- Government of India has offered to sell (re-issue) four dated securities for a notified amount of ₹16,000 crores as per the details in this notification.

Updates related to Latest developments in Economy & Finance world

- **Government issues Quarterly report on Public Debt Management**

  Since Apr-June (Q1) 2010-11, Public Debt Management Cell (PDMC) (earlier Middle Office), Budget Division, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance has been bringing out a quarterly report on debt management on a regular basis. The current report pertains to the quarter July-September 2019 (Q2 FY20).

  Source- Finance Ministry Release

- **Government has introduced 33 tranches of Sovereign Gold Bonds**

  The Government Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB) Scheme was introduced in November 2015. SGBs are provided as a substitute for physical gold to investors. There have been 33 tranches since the introduction of SGB. Details are provided in this Finance Ministry Press Release

- **Amazon, Flipkart planning to help SMEs go digital and grow their businesses**

  American rivals Walmart and Amazon are finally walking the common line, at least while dealing with small traders and corner stores in India. Having faced the heat from domestic trader lobbies, Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart on Monday organised two separate events to spread the word that they would help small and medium enterprises go up the tech ladder and grow their business.

  Source- Business Standard

- **FDI Limit in Insurance Cos may Rise to 74%**

  There may be an increase in the overseas investment limit in insurance to 74% in the February budget, up from 49% now, possibly paving the way for foreign control of companies, according to a report by The Economic Times.

- **SEBI sends show-cause notice to 10 entities for WhatsApp leaks**

  At least 10 entities and individuals have been sent show-cause notices by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in the case of unpublished financial results finding their way to private WhatsApp groups, according to a report by Live-Mint.

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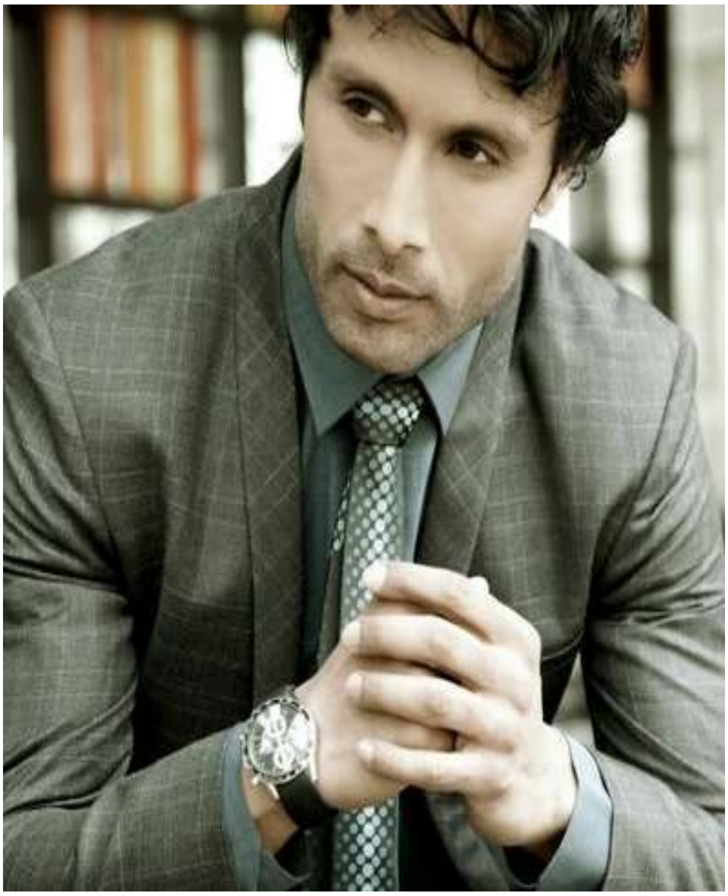

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