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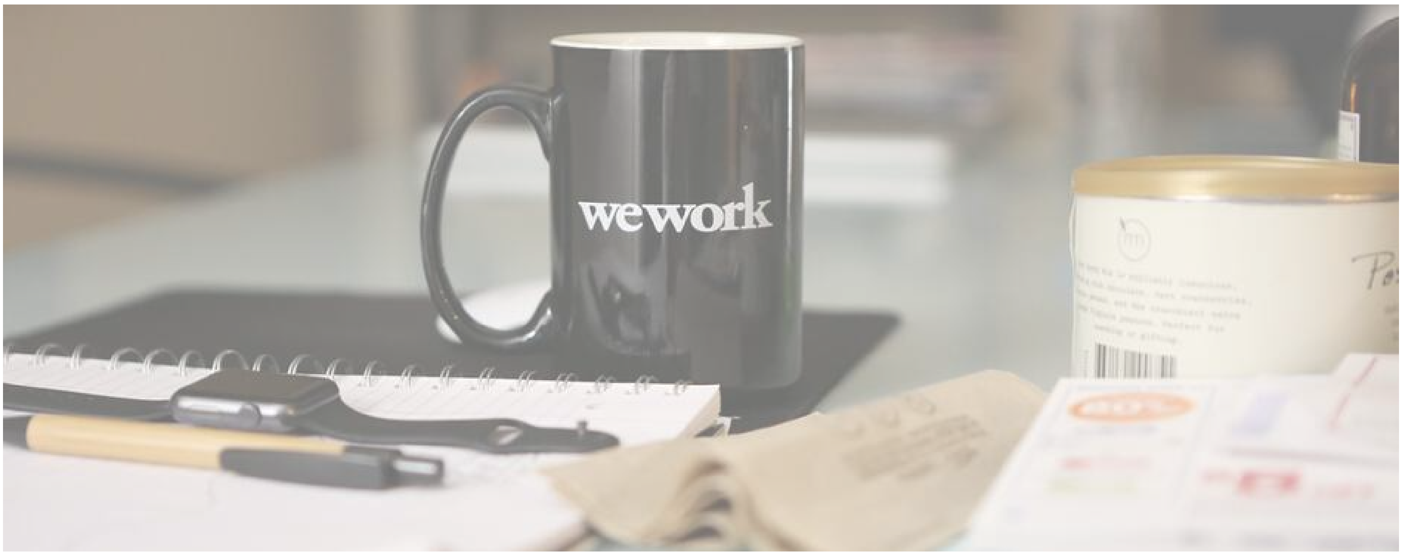

WHAT'S NEW IN PROFESSIONAL/ BUSINESS WORLD TODAY

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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

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[From Monday to Friday 5 days a week as Saturdays and Sundays being holiday and closure of all government departments hence no updates]

Goods & Service Tax & other Indirect taxes

- **Notifications/Circulars/Press releases/FAQs/Portal Updates/Write-ups by CBIC/Government**

  - **CBIC issued it GST Weekly Update dated 18.04.2020- PPT**
    It covers the GST changes / observations/ press releases/ Tweet FAQs/ Sectoral FAQs released by CBEC since the last update on 04.04.2020. It supplements the earlier GST Updates.
    Download here

  - **IGST refunds on exports-extension in SB005 alternate mechanism.**
    To address genuine hard-ships of exporters due to the SB005 errors, it has now been decided to extend the facility of SB005 error correction in the Customs EDI system for Shipping Bills with date up-to 31.12.2019. All members of the trade, exporters, shipping lines, customs brokers are duly advised again to make efforts to understand the problems due to mismatch of invoices resulting in SB005 error, and to invest time and due precautions for preventing such error in the future.
    Download custom circular 22/2020 dated 21/04/2020

  - **Review of Circular No. 17/2020 dated 03.04.2020 namely, 'Measures to facilitate trade during the lockdown period- section 143 AA of the Customs Act, 1962.**
    In order to further facilitate Exim trade in the lockdown period, CBIC extends relaxation for submission of Bond, vide Circular 21/2020-Customs. Now importer/exporter may submit an undertaking in lieu of a Bond till 15.05.2020.
    Download custom circular 22/2020 dated 21/04/2020

  - **The GST Portal has enabled the Option for transfer of an amount from one account head to another head in electronic cash ledger. Now the taxpayer needs not required to go for a refund of excess balance in one particular head.**
    Source: Login with your credential on GST Portal.

- **Legal updates- Advance Ruling Authorities/Tribunals/High Courts/Supreme Court**

Sr.No.	Key to find the document	Authority who passed the order	Details of decision	
			Provisions discussed	**Decision**
1	[2020] 116 taxmann.com 220 Akay Flavours & Aromatics (P.) Ltd. v. Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs* W.P. (C). NO. 29537 OF 2019 (N) JANUARY 20, 2020	Kerala High Court	Section 54 of CGST Act.	Where assessee filed writ petition seeking directions to Competent Authority to refund IGST paid with interest from date of shipping bills, said authority was to be directed to take steps to process claim of assessee for refund

Income Tax

- **Notifications/Circulars/Instructions/Press releases/FAQs by Board/Government**

  - **E-mails for facilitating faster refund cannot be misconstrued as harassment: CBDT.**

    The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) responding to some observations being circulated on social media alleging that the Income Tax Department is pursuing recovery proceedings and using arm-twisting methods by adjusting outstanding demands of the start-ups, today stated that these observations are completely unfounded and are total misrepresentation of facts. The CBDT said that its email seeking clarification from all those who are entitled to get tax refund but also have outstanding tax to pay cannot be misconstrued as harassment. These computers generated emails have been sent to almost 1.72 lakh assessees which includes all classes of taxpayers – from individual to HUF to firms, big or small companies including start-ups and therefore to say that start-ups are being singled out and harassed is total misrepresentation of facts. MoF Release

Announcement by ICAI

- **ICAI issued Exposure Draft on Interest Rate Benchmark Reform-Phase 2 (Proposed amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16).**
  Read here for more details

Corporate Laws

- **Advisory on Holding of AGMs by companies whose financial year ended on 31st December, 2019.**
  Cos. whose financial year has ended on Dec 31, 2019 can hold annual general meeting by Sep 30, 2020
  Download here

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law

- **Notification/Circular/Press release/ Write-ups/Newsletters by IBBI/Government**

- **IBBI's order in the matter of Mr. Koteswara Rao Karuchola, Insolvency Professional**
  The DC hereby imposes on Mr. Koteswara Rao Karuchola, a monetary penalty of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lakh only) and directs him to deposit the penalty amount by a crossed demand draft payable in favour of the „Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India". The Board in turn shall deposit the penalty amount in the Consolidated Fund of India. Mr. Koteswara Rao Karuchola shall not accept any new assignment as an IP till the deposits the monetary penalty of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lakh only) with the Board and produces evidence to the Board of such deposit.
  Download here

Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

- **SEBI extends validity of regulatory approval for IPO and right issues by six months**
  In view of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, based on representations from various industry bodies, the SEBI has extended the validity of SEBI observations on all public issues and rights issues by six months from the date of expiry for issuers whose observation has expired or would expire between March 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020. The Circular will come into force with immediate effect. SEBI Circular here

❖ **SEBI provides temporary relaxations on eligibility norms related to Fast Track Rights Issues**

In the wake of developments relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, SEBI has decided to ease conditions relating to raising of funds from the securities market, and, accordingly It has introduced temporary relaxations in the provisions related to Rights Issues as contained in the SEBI (ICDR) Regulations, 2018. SEBI has also reduced the requirement w.r.t. period of listing of equity shares of the issuer to at least 18 month of listing, earlier the requirement was of at least 3 years of listing.

Circular here

Economy & Finance

❖ **Firms await stimulus, warn of layoffs: FICCI survey on coronavirus impact.**

With coronavirus pandemic having a 'deep impact' on Indian businesses, jobs are at risk over the coming months as firms are looking at some reduction in manpower, says an industry survey. The Covid-19 crisis has already caused an unprecedented collapse in economic activities over the last few weeks, it adds. The survey, jointly conducted by industry body FICCI and tax consultancy Dhruva Advisors by seeking responses from about 380 companies across sectors, also said that businesses are grappling with "tremendous uncertainty" about their future.

Business Standard Report

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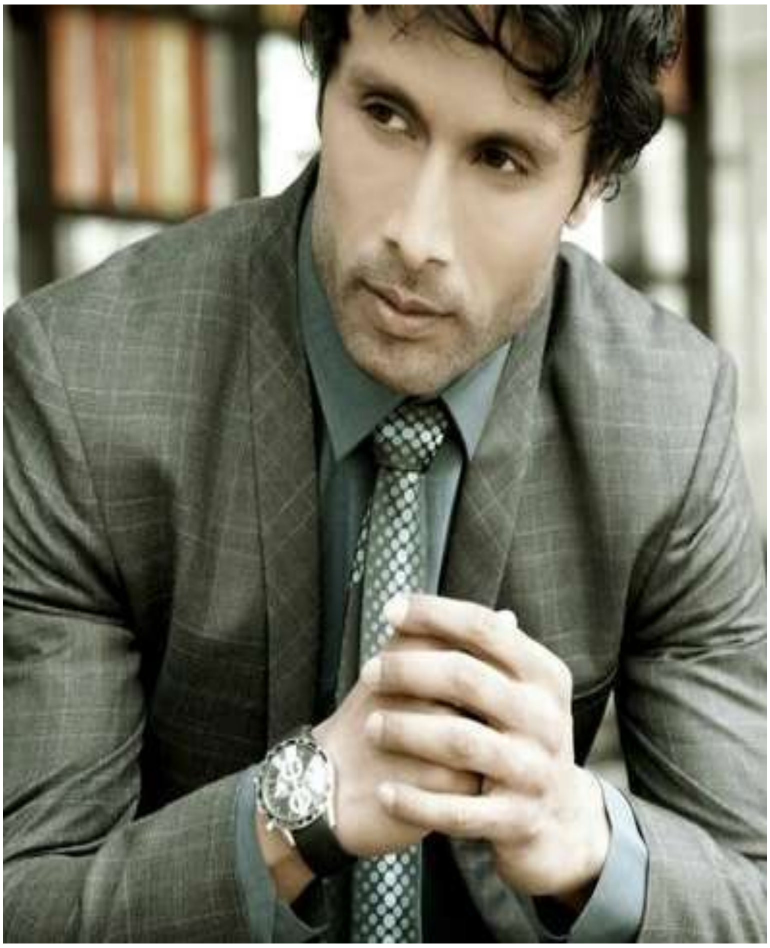

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