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[From Monday to Friday | 5 days a week | No updates on Saturdays and Sundays due to closure of all government departments]

Indirect Taxes

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

  ✍ **Govt. facilitates filing of NIL GSTR-3B through SMS**
  The govt. has rolled out filing of NIL GST return in Form GSTR-3B through SMS w.e.f June 8, 2020. Now, the taxpayers with NIL liability are not required to log on to the GST portal and may file NIL GST returns through SMS.
  To know more about this, visit think link

  For this purpose, government also notifies 8th June 2020 as effective date of commencement of Rule "67A. Manner of furnishing of return by short messaging service facility. This new rule was brought in vide the Central Goods and Services Tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2020 through Notification No. 38/2020 – Central Tax New Delhi, the 5th May 2020.
  Here is notification no. 44/2020-CT dated 08.06.2020

  ✍ **The phased rollout plan envisages that Faceless Assessment shall be the norm pan India by 31st December 2020- CBIC**
  Board is all set to implement the next generation reforms in the Customs clearance process under the umbrella of Turant Customs with the objectives of speedy clearance, transparency in decision making, and ease of doing business. Subsequently, Board rolled out numerous changes to the Customs clearance process, which combine together support Turant Customs. These initiatives include the self-registration of goods by importers, automated clearances of bills of entry, digitisation of customs documents, paperless clearance, etc. The stage is now set for the roll out of the most critical reform under the Turant Customs viz., Faceless Assessment.
  Read this Custom Circular for more

- **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
1	[2020] 116 taxmann.com 876 Penna Cement Industries Ltd., In re TSAAR ORDER NO. 03/2020 MARCH 2, 2020	AAR Telangana	As per section 10(1)(a), movement of goods in case of ex-factory inter State sales does not conclude at factory gate but it terminates at place of destination where goods finally are destined as per billing address.

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

✍ **Compensation to states, relief to businesses post Covid-19 likely agenda of GST Council meet on June 12.**

The GST Council scheduled to meet on June 12, for the first time after the countrywide lockdown, is slated to discuss potential compensation to states in light of weak revenues. Another matter on the agenda will be providing relief to businesses owing to losses incurred due to COVID-19-induced lockdown. The Centre last week released over Rs 36,000 crore to states for the months of December - February, however, the GST Council may mull options like market borrowing or extension of compensation beyond 5 years.

Times now report

✍ **Rise in GST e-way bills show early signs of economy restarting**

India is reopening after over 70 days of lockdown. Shops, malls, restaurants and hotels have started operations. There are signs that the economy has restarted, although a revival may still be many months away. Generation of e-way bills for the month of May touched 11.4 lakh per day in the last week of the month. The daily average for the whole month to 8.2 lakh, almost thrice of the figure generated in April.

Money control Report

ICAI Announcements

- ✍ **ICAI's Invitation for expression of interest from software development companies for providing software relevant to the Practitioners & CA Firms of ICAI by 31.08.2020.**
  [Read here for more details]

- ✍ **Committee on International Taxation of ICAI organises LIVE WEBCAST on "Certain Important Amendments by the Finance Act, 2020 – International Taxation" - 12.06.2020 - 4.00 PM to 6.00 PM.**
  [Read here for more]

Insolvency & Bankruptcy

- **Notifications / Circulars / Press releases / FAQs / Portal Updates / Write-ups by Board "IBBI" and Government.**

  - ✍ **Govt. takes ordinance route to suspend initiation of insolvency proceedings for default occurring post Mar 25, 2020.**
    The President of India has promulgated an Ordinance amending the IBC, whereby a Section 10A has been inserted to the Code which prohibits application for initiation of insolvency resolution process against a debtor occurring on or after March 25, 2020 for 6 months or till such period not exceeding 1 year from such date. The amendment also bars RP from filing any application u/s 66 of IBC in respect of such default against which initiation of insolvency proceedings is suspended as per Sec. 10A
    [Download ordinance here]

- **Legal Updates- NCLTs / NCL-ATs / Supreme Court**

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1	[2020] 116 taxmann.com 955 State Bank of India v. Adhunik Steels Ltd. CP(IB) NO. 371 (KB) OF 2017 JULY 9, 2019	NCLT Cuttak	Where on basis of report of special auditor, RP alleged fraudulent trading against erstwhile directors of corporate debtor, since auditors, in forensic audit, had observed that creditors of corporate debtor were not defrauded due to transactions, such transactions could not be treated as fraudulent in nature.

Reserve Bank of India

✍ **RBI issues Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate (MCLR) for the month May 2020.**

The Reserve Bank of India has released Lending Rates of Scheduled Commercial Banks based on data received during the month of May 2020.

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- ✍ **COVID Emergency Credit Facility covers all companies and not just MSMEs: Finance Minister**

  Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt Nirmala Sitharaman today said that the COVID Emergency Credit Facility covers all companies and not just MSMEs. Addressing the FICCI National Executive Committee members, Smt Sitharaman assured the industry of all possible Government support with the intent of supporting Indian business and reviving the economy, and said, "We are committed to support/intervene if any of your members have a problem".

  On the question of liquidity, the Finance Minister said, "We have fairly clearly addressed the issue of liquidity. There is definitely the availability of the liquidity. We will look into it if there are still issues." Smt Sitharaman also said that every Government department has been told to clear dues and if there is any issue with any department, the government will look into it.

  MoF Release here

- ✍ **IBC suspension will fuel innovative options outside the Code: IBBI's Sahoo**

  Even with corporate insolvency having been suspended for six months, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has its hands full with existing cases, designing a special framework for MSMEs, and implementing individual insolvency process. M S Sahoo, chairman of IBBI, in an email interview with Ruchika Chitravanshi said that best use of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) is not using it at all and that the suspension will give momentum to innovative options for lenders outside the Code.

  Business Standard Report

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