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In the ever changing and dynamic Capital Market Environment, staying updated with the latest happenings is the need of the hour.

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Mega IPO, mega loss! LIC investors suffer Rs 2.5 lakh crore shock in 1 year





SEBI



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SEBI proposes to cut down IPO listing timeline to 3 days from 6 days

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- Capital markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday proposed to reduce the time taken for the listing of shares on stock exchanges after the closure of initial public offerings (IPOs) to three days from six days at present. The proposed reduction in timelines for listing and trading of shares will benefit both issuers as well as investors.
- Over the last few years, Sebi has ensured that a series of systemic enhancements have been undertaken across all the key stakeholders of the IPO ecosystem to streamline the activities involved in the processing of public issues which will pave the way to reduce the listing timelines from T+6 to T+3.

02

SEBI to issue mutual fund light regulations for passive funds; seeks to ease compliance burden

 SEBI to come out with mutual fund light regulations for passive funds as a part of efforts to reduce the compliance burden, foster growth as well as lower cost to investors.



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- Passive funds is an investment vehicle that tracks a market index or specific market segment. These funds basically include exchange traded fund (ETF) and Fund of Fund investing in ETFs.
- The SEBI is looking to reduce compliance requirements for passive funds that are tied to exchanges in the underlying index and operate on a non-discretionary basis in the market.



SEBI



03

SEBI cancels Certificate of Registration of Karvy Stock **Broking**

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has cancelled the Certificate of Registration of Karvy Stock Broking, a month after it brokerage from the securities market misappropriating clients' funds.
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 - A stock broker plays a critical role in the securities market as it acts as an interface for retail investors and is, therefore, required to maintain high standards of integrity and fairness in the conduct of its business dealings and uphold the trust of investors. Karvy Broking was declared a defaulter and expelled by the stock exchanges in November.

04

SEBI proposes overhaul of expenses charged to mutual fund investors

SEBI in a 40-page consultation paper has proposed a slew of changes to the total expense ratio (TER) that is charged to mutual fund investors. The paper is currently at the consultation stage, awaiting feedback from industry participants. The paper in all put forth 15 topics of consultation.



The market regulator has proposed that TER should be calculated at the AMC (asset management company) level, instead of the scheme level. According to the regulator, this would encourage more competition and help smaller AMCs, as well as help to pass on the benefit of the economies of scale to the investors



SEBI



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OTHER SEBI CIRCULARS

Comprehensive guidelines for Investor Protection Fund and Investor Services Fund at Stock Exchanges and Depositories



Model Tripartite Agreement between the Issuer Company, Existing Share Transfer Agent and New Share Transfer Agent as per Regulation 7(4) of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015



Introduction of Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) for issuers who have listed and/or propose to list non-convertible securities, securitised debt instruments and security receipts



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Dematerialization of securities of Hold Cos and SPVs held by Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)



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RBI to pull out ₹2,000 notes from active circulation

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 19 decided to withdraw ₹2,000 denomination banknotes from circulation in pursuance of its "Clean Note Policy". However the ₹2,000 notes will continue to be legal tender. A similar withdrawal of notes from circulation was undertaken in 2013-2014.
- In a reminder of the demonetisation days when the banking channel was overwhelmed by the massive crowd thronging into the branches to exchange banknotes, the decision to withdraw ₹2,000 notes is also likely to strain the system besides creating anxiety and inconvenience to the public.

02

RBI to hold rates through year-end, cut in early 2024, Reuters poll shows

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will leave its key interest rate unchanged at 6.50% on June 8 and for the rest of 2023 as it waits to see the economic impact of a series of hikes over the past year, a Reuters poll of economists found.
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- Despite hitting an 18-month low of 4.70% in April, inflation was not expected to fall to the RBI's 4% medium-term target for at least another two years, suggesting rate cuts are unlikely in the immediate future.
- All 64 economists in the Reuters poll taken between May 16 and 29 expected no change to the 6.50% repo rate.



RBI



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- India's GDP for financial year 2022-23 could breach estimated growth of 7%: RBI Governer
- India's gross domestic product in the financial year 2022-23 could be more than the estimated 7 per cent, said Reserve Bank of India governor Shaktikanta Das.



■ In the Economic Survey document for 2022-23 released earlier this year, the forecast was that India may grow at 7 per cent. The Economic Survey has projected a baseline GDP growth of 6.5 per cent in real terms for the next financial year 2023-24. Speaking about India's monetary policy and what could be its future move, he said it was not in his hands but depended on various factors on the ground.

04

Framework for fintech, big tech firms soon, CBDC pilots to be expanded: RBI Annual Report

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is looking to expand the ongoing pilots in CBDC (central bank digital currency), retail and wholesale segments by incorporating various use cases and features in the current fiscal year. The pilot in CBDC-Retail is proposed to be expanded to more locations and will include more participating banks.



The first pilot of the digital rupee in the wholesale segment commenced on November 1 last year. The use case for this pilot is the settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities. This is expected to make the interbank market more efficient.



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Master Circular - Income Recognition, Asset Classification, Provisioning and Other Related Matters - UCBs



Levy of charges on forex prepaid cards/store value cards/travel cards, etc.



Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings - Nondeliverable derivative contracts (NDDCs)



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Formalisation of Informal Micro Enterprises on Udyam Assist Platform





MCA



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Stricter rules for removal of companies' names from RoC

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- Companies wishing to get their names struck off from the Register of Companies (RoC) will now have to file overdue financial statements and annual returns first, as the MCA has tightened the rules. Experts said the new rules, on top of other provisions issued recently for this purpose, would discourage fly-by-night operators.
 - According to a notification by the MCA, a company won't file an application for the removal of its name unless it has filed overdue financial statements under section 137 of the Companies Act and overdue annual returns under section 92 up to the end of the financial year in which it stopped carrying out its operations.

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Zee-Sony merger: Relief for Zee, NCLAT sets aside NCLT order directing NSE, BSE to reconsider approval

- The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Friday set aside an NCLT order that directed the BSE and NSE to review their earlier approval for the merger between Zee Entertainment and Culver Max Entertainment and provide their fresh no-objection certificates (NOCs) for the same before the next hearing date.
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- The division bench of Justice Rakesh Kumar and a technical member Alok Srivastava in its oral order has set aside the May 11 order of the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). Zee's merger with Culver Max (earlier known as Sony Pictures Networks India) is likely to create a \$10 billion media giant.



MCA



03

CCI now wants global M&A deals to come into its ambit

- Companies will now have to notify any merger and acquisition (M&A) to the fair trade regulator if the deal value exceeds ₹2,000 crore and if the target firm has "substantial business operations in India"
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- The government has notified provisions of the newly-amended Competition Act -including the introduction of a deal value threshold- which will come into effect from May 18.

04

Ministry for Corporate Affairs Introduces C-PACE

 The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has established the Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) to streamline the process of removing companies from the MCA Register. The purpose of C-PACE is to reduce the burden on the registry and provide a convenient process for stakeholders to remove their company's name from the register.



 This initiative is part of MCA's effort to make doing business and exiting easier for companies. C-PACE will operate under the Registrar of Companies (RoC) and will handle applications for processing and disposal.



INCOME TAX



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Taxation of India's Outbound Remittances: LRS Scheme and Increased Tax Rate from July 1

- According to the latest notification, any individual making payments using their international Debit or Credit cards up to INR 700,000 per financial year will be exempt from the LRS limits. As a result, these transactions will not be subject to any Tax Collected at Source (TCS).
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- From July 1, 2023, the Indian government has increased the tax on outbound remittances from 5% to 20%, as per the amended Incometax Act, 1961. While exceptions apply to educational and medical expenses, the new tax rate will be applicable to funds sent overseas for vacations, investments, and gifts, if the amount exceeds INR 700,000 per financial year.

02

Income Tax department to conduct scrutiny where assesses failed to respond to taxmen's notices

- The Income Tax department has come out with guidelines for selection of cases for scrutiny, under which cases wherein assessees have not responded to I-T notices will be picked up for compulsory examination. The department will also undertake cases for scrutiny where specific information regarding tax evasion has been provided by any law enforcement agencies or regulatory authorities.
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- As per the guidelines, tax officers will have to send a notice under section 143(2) of the I-T Act by June 30 to the assessee regarding discrepancies in income.



INDIRECT TAXATION



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Hunt for fake GST registration may turn heat on minnows of e-commerce

- Small businesses that sell goods through e-commerce platforms fear a recently launched drive against fake Goods and Services Tax (GST) registrations could hit them hard because many of them run operations through co-working spaces or shared warehouses practices that may pose a hurdle during verification.
- Central and state indirect tax authorities launched a two-month drive on 16 May to weed out entities that secure GST registrations wrongfully, generate fake invoices and pass on bogus tax credits to other entities without any actual sales

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GST collections rise 11.5% to cross ₹1.57 lakh crore in May

• India's gross Goods & Services Tax (GST) collections grew 11.5% in May — the slowest uptick in six months — to cross ₹1.57 lakh crore, with revenues from domestic transactions rising 11% and imports yielding 12% more taxes than a year ago.



Sequentially, May's revenues, for transactions undertaken in April, the first month of the new financial year, were the lowest in three months, and 16% below the record ₹1.87 lakh crore collected in April. This was the 14th successive month that GST revenues were over ₹1.4 lakh crore and the fifth occasion that they surpassed the ₹1.5 lakh crore mark.



STARTUP INDIA



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Startup Funds Worth \$3 Bn+ Announced For Startups In 2023; Here's The Full List



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73% job seekers prefer large corporates over startups: Report



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SoftBank likely to invest about \$100 million each in about 5 Indian startups: Report



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With number of startups crossing 1 lakh, Union minister proposes new mechanism to sustain



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CBDT notifies 21 nations from where investment in startups will be exempt from Angel tax



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Startup jobs lose shine amid funding winter



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