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MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

Dear Readers,

We are delighted to release our Monthly newsletter 'ASC TIMES' - May Edition considering the rigorous demand from our eminent readers. I would like to take this opportunity to present the Volume-8 of our monthly newsletter. ASC Times summarizes all the business-related news & government updates like imparting relevant information, press releases, notifications, periodic updates, etc. to keep you updated with things affecting the business as a whole.

This newsletter is designed as a comprehensive knowledge-sharing initiative focused on updating you with all the monthly updates covering Income Tax Act 1961, Company's Act 2013, Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), Customs, etc.

ASC Group, continues to be the leader for financial, secretarial, legal & management advisory for more than 25 years of industry experience operating out of 9 offices globally. Our team of 300+ professionals consists of experienced Chartered Accountants, Company Secretaries, Lawyers, Investment Advisors, and Management Consultants who continuously contribute towards the ease of doing business across the world.

We as ASC always believe in strengthening the relationship between us and share timely and insightful editions.

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Best regards
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COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

Sr. No.	Date	Compliance	Period
1	7 th May 2022	The due date for deposit of TDS / TCS for the month of April, 2022. However, all sum deducted/collected by an office of the government shall be paid to the credit of the Central Government on the same day where tax is paid without production of an Income-tax Challan.	April 2022
2	15 th May 2022	The due date for the issue of the TDS certificate for tax deducted under sections 194-IA, 194-IB and 194-M in March 2022.	March 2022
3		The due date for furnishing of Form 24G by an office of the Government where TDS/TCS for the month of April, 2022 has been paid without the production of a challan.	April 2022
4		Quarterly statement of TCS deposited for the quarter ending March 31, 2022.	Quarter ending March 2022
5		E-payments of Provident Funds	April 2022
6		E-payments of Employee State Insurance	April 2022
7	30 th May 2022	Submission of a statement (in Form No. 49C) by a non-resident having a liaison office in India for the financial year 2021-22.	FY 2021-22
8		The due date for furnishing of challan-cum-statement in respect of tax deducted under sections 194-IA, 194-IB and 194-M in the month of April, 2022	April 2022
9		Issue of TCS certificates for the 4th Quarter of the Financial Year 2021-22	4 th Quarter of FY 2021-22



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10		Annual Return of LLP in Form LLP-11	FY 2021-22
11	31 st May 2022	Quarterly statement of TDS deposited.	Quarter ending March 2022
12		Return of tax deduction from contributions paid by the trustees of an approved superannuation fund	-
13		The due date for furnishing of statement of financial transaction (in Form No. 61A) as	FY 2021-22



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Self-employed may be brought under EPFO's social security net

The government is planning to come up with a new scheme by making certain changes to the existing EPFO scheme allowing the self-employed people to avail of the benefits of pension and provident fund. It is looking forward to allowing the self-employed people to enrol under the Employees Provident Fund Organization by making a contribution of 10% of the income to the EPFO every month. However, the rate of the contribution could be subject to an income ceiling. This is anticipated to benefit approximately 15 million self-employed people. [Click here](#) to know the full story.



'Windergy India 2022' aims to catalyse up to Rs 15,000 cr. investment into wind energy equipment

Windergy India 2022, India's only International Trade Fair and Conference in the wind sector, is aimed at catalysing investment in the component manufacturing in the country to the tune of Rs. 15,000 crores. Windergy India 2022 was held in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi between 27-29 April 2022 with key focus on quick migration to the clean and green energy of which the wind energy is a key pillar. The event is organised by the Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) and PDA Trade Fairs Pvt. Ltd.

Through this event, many manufacturers, MSMEs as well as start-up companies will get an opportunity to interact with the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). [Click here](#) to know the full story.

UK PM Boris Johnson visits India

Several talks were held between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his UK counterpart Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Several deals were signed between India and the UK including those of defence and trade. The key discussions included the extradition of the Indian economic fugitives to India which was a key priority for India. Boris Johnson also emphasized on the fact that skilled workers in India could be of great help in plugging the labor shortages in various sectors including Information Technology in the UK. Further, UK PM applauded the democracy of India and its constitutional protections. [Click here](#) to know the other important discussions and deals that took place amid UK PM's visit to India.



India signs agreement to set up WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Gujarat

India and the World Health Organization have signed an agreement to set up a WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar, Gujarat. The aim is to build a solid evidence base regarding the standards and the policies on traditional medical products and practices. The Indian government will be contributing \$ 250 million for setting up the centre.

Around 170 of the 194 member countries of the WHO have claimed usage of traditional medicines and their governments are seeking support from the WHO in creating a body of reliable data and evidence on the traditional medical products and practices. It is astonishing to know that nearly 40% of the approved pharmaceutical products are derived from natural substances. [Click here](#) to know the full story.



Double-digit inflation for a year: 6th spell since 1953 & 1st in 25 years

Wholesale Price Inflation (WPI) has been in double-digit and completed 12 successive months in March this year. This is the 6th time that the WPI has remained in double-digit for over a year and this has happened after 25 years. The last time when WPI was in double digits for over a year was between March 1994 and May 1995. [Click here](#) to know when the WPI was in double digits earlier and the reasons for the same.

The Ukraine-Russia war clocks 2 grim months. The latest developments in 10 points

It has been 2 months since the Ukraine-Russia war and this seems far from over. While it continues to have global repercussions and affect the lives of millions of people, even the sanctions and diplomatic talks seem ineffective in stopping this war. Following are some of the key developments of the Ukraine-Russia war:

- The United States pledged \$700 million in additional direct and indirect assistance to Ukraine.
- Kyiv stands still amid the attacks by the Russian army. Still, the democratically elected government of President Zelenskyy remains in power trying to defend their homeland in every way possible.
- European Commission President Ursula Von Der Leyen visited India for the country's neutral stand in the Ukraine-Russia war. India called for the violence to end but hasn't placed any sanctions on Russia which is a long-standing ally of India.



[Click here](#) to know more about the developments in the Ukraine-Russia conflict.

Circulars & Notifications:

Income Tax

New Rules for Furnishing Return of Income

The income tax department introduced new rules for expanding the scope for filing return of income. Normally, income tax return filing is mandatory for assesseees (other than companies and firms) whose income exceeds the threshold limit of Rs. 2,50,000. However, certain conditions are prescribed whereby the return of income shall be filed even if the income of the assessee does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000. Currently, there were 3 conditions for the same which have now been extended to 7. As per the new 4 conditions introduced vide [Notification No. 37/2022 dated 21st April 2022](#), return shall be filed by the assesseees (other than companies and firms) if:

- i) If his total sales, turnover or gross receipts, as the case may be, in the business exceeds Rs. 60 lakhs during the previous year; or
- ii) if his total gross receipts in profession exceed Rs. 10 lakhs during the previous year; or
- iii) if the aggregate of tax deducted at source and tax collected at source during the previous year, in the case of the person, is Rs. 25,000 or more; or
- iv) the deposit in one or more savings bank accounts of the person, in aggregate, is Rs. 50 lakhs or more during the previous year

E-Dispute Resolution Scheme

The Income Tax Department came up with a new e-Dispute Resolution Scheme vide the release of Notification No. 27/2022 dated 5th April, 2022. The dispute resolution under this scheme shall be executed by the Dispute Resolution Committee.

The assesseees who fulfill specified conditions can make an application under the scheme to the Dispute Resolution Committee having jurisdiction over the assessee for resolution of the dispute. The application shall be made in Form No. 34BC and submitted through an e-mail to the official mail-ID of the Dispute Resolution Committee. It should be accompanied by a proof of payment of tax on the returned income and the payment of fees of Rs. 1000 as mentioned under Rule 44DAB (2). [Click here](#) to know the details of this scheme.



CBDT Notifies Form and Manner in which Updated Return can be Filed

Income Tax Department vide Notification No. 48/2022 dated 29th April, 2022 notified the updated return that was introduced in the Finance Act, 2022. Through Income Tax (Eleventh Amendment) Rules, 2022, the form and manner of updated return have been specified and any person who is eligible to file the updated return as per Section 139(8A) can now furnish the updated return in relation to the assessment years commencing on 1st April 2020 and thereafter. ITR-U is the form specified for filing the updated return. [Click here](#) to know the format of ITR-U and the manner for filing the updated return.

Ministry Of Corporate Affairs

Nidhi (Amendment) Rules, 2022

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs by the release of Notification dated 19th April 2022 amended the Nidhi Rules, 2014 through Nidhi (Amendment) Rules, 2022. Some of the key amendments included the insertion of 4th, 5th and 6th proviso to Rule 3A that deals with the restrictions on raising of deposits from and

provision of loans to its members. Other amendments include the manner and procedure of filing of the declaration by the public company desirous to become a Nidhi company. Form NDH-4 has been specified for this purpose and it shall be filed within 120 days after the incorporation. Further, the rules relating to the closing of the branch by the Nidhi Companies have been entirely substituted. [Click here](#) to know the amendments in detail.



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Credit Card and Debit Card – Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022

The Reserve Bank of India issued Credit Card and Debit Card – Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022 in the public interest that shall be applicable for every Scheduled Bank and Non-Banking Financial Companies. However, it shall not apply to the following:

- Payments Bank
- State Co-Op Banks
- District Co-Op Banks

The directions specify the definitions of various types of credit cards that are issued by these organizations. Further, any request for the closure of the credit card shall be honoured by these institutions within 7 working days subject to clearance of all the dues by the cardholder. Multiple options for submitting closure requests shall be provided to the cardholders including dedicated email-ID, helpline, Interactive Voice Response (IVR), internet banking, link on the website prominently visible, mobile-app etc.

[Click here](#) to know the detailed directions issued by RBI.



Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) for Borrowers

The guidelines on LEI have been extended to the Non-Banking Financial Institutions and Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs). Also, it has been advised that the non-individual borrowers with aggregate exposure of Rs. 5 crores and above from the banks and financial institutions shall obtain the LEI codes as per the following timelines:

Total Exposure	LEI to be obtained on or before
Above Rs. 25 crores	30 th April, 2023
Above Rs. 10 crores, up to Rs. 25 crores	30 th April, 2024
Rs. 5 crores and above, up to Rs. 10 crores	30 th April, 2025

It has been specified that the borrowers who fail to obtain the LEI codes shall not be sanctioned any new exposures as well as the renewals and enhancements on the existing exposures shall be disallowed. [Click here](#) to view the RBI notification.

Guidelines for Establishment of Digital Banking Units

As digital banking is emerging as the preferred banking solution, the Reserve Bank of India prepared certain guidelines for the establishment of Digital Banking Units (DBUs) in line with the announcements made in the Budget 2022. These guidelines shall be applicable to all the Domestic Scheduled Commercial Banks excluding the Payments Banks, Local Area Banks and Regional Rural Banks.

Among other things, the guidelines specify the products and services that shall be offered by the DBUs. Minimum products and services that shall be offered by the DBUs shall include:

- **Liability Product and Services:** This includes account opening, digital kit for customers and digital kit for merchants.
- **Asset Product and Services:** This includes making applications for and onboarding of customers and identified Government sponsored schemes.
- **Digital Services:** This includes cash withdrawals and deposits, statement generation or passbook printing, internet banking kiosk, transfer of funds, KYC updation, digital grievance lodging etc.

[Click here](#) to know the detailed RBI guidelines.



Indo Japan News

Japan and India Join Hands in the Strategic Andaman and Nicobar Islands

India-Japan relations have remained dispute-free. After the 1950s, the bilateral relations between India and Japan remained stable. The Indo-Japan relations are evolving in the three areas viz., defence, economic partnership and the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). All three sectors are crucial for both countries.

In relation to the cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed an agreement for a grant of \$ 133 million for a power supply project in the Andaman & Nicobar Island. As India plans to develop Andaman and Nicobar Islands into a well-equipped region to station military assets, this investment on part of Japan becomes crucial. [Click here](#) to know the full story about IOR, the defence and economic partnership of India and Japan.

India, Japan 2+2 meet scheduled for April end postponed

Due to scheduling issues, the India-Japan 2+2 ministerial meeting of foreign and defence that was scheduled to be held on April end has been postponed. The prime focus of the meeting was intensifying the maritime security cooperation amid China's increasing aggression in the Indo-Pacific region. Other areas on the agenda include cybersecurity and outer space. It was also expected that the duo will reassert the importance of upholding international law in the East China Sea and the South China Sea. [Click here](#) to know the full story.

India 'approves' Japanese commercial plane landing for Ukrainian aid, not military aircraft

India received a request from Japan for landing and

picking up humanitarian supplies in Mumbai from the UNHCR depot for Ukraine and neighbouring countries following which India has processed and approved the landing of the Japanese commercial flights in Mumbai. It also granted permission to Japanese Self-Defence Forces (SDF) aircraft carrying humanitarian cargo for Ukraine to overfly India. However, permission for landing in India was not granted to the Japanese SDF aircraft.

This clarification came as the Japanese government official from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party said that India refused to accept the request for the landing of an SDF aircraft in Mumbai. Also, the Ukraine Government requested for SDF flight following which the Japanese government decided to send the SDF aircraft and not the commercial flight. India believes that it cannot permit a military aircraft to land in India as it can entail security issues. [Click here](#) to know the full story.

Japan recognises Bharat Biotech's Covaxin to facilitate travel from April 10

Bharat Biotech's Covaxin has been included in the list of recognized Covid-19 vaccines by Japan. This move further facilitated the travel between both the countries starting from 10th April 2022. The announcement was made by the Twitter handle of the Indian Embassy in Japan that read as under: "Government of Japan includes the indigenously developed and manufactured COVID-19 vaccine COVAXIN by Bharat Biotech of India, as one of the recognised vaccines for 1st and 2nd dose with effect from 10 April 2022 to further facilitate travel from India to Japan #IndiaJapanat70".



PUBLICATIONS

INTERNAL PUBLICATIONS

A Comprehensive Guide to Tax on Sale of Securities

The taxation on the sale of securities depends upon the head under which the income is classified. While the transaction in securities is itself liable to the Securities Transaction Tax, the gains are taxable separately. Here's a complete guide to help you determine and plan tax on the sale of securities. <https://bit.ly/3l4bsKU>

GST Reconciliation: How to Reconcile your Books With GST?

GST reconciliation has been one of the major concerns of the taxpayers. Thus, a thorough GST reconciliation exercise needs to be carried out to ensure uniformity in the information furnished. GST reconciliation and matching is important because, in case of a mismatch between the books and information furnished through GST returns, it can attract proceedings by the GST department. <https://bit.ly/3L2cuS9>

Clarification to Reports of Purported feedback Sought on Raising GST Rates on 143 items

As per the press release posted on April 25th, 2022 by PIB Delhi, the Finance Ministry has clarified that reports of purported feedback sought on raising GST Rates on 143 items are misleading. <https://bit.ly/3wjCuTX>

Centre Denied Report that GST Council Plans to Raise 5% tax slab to 8%

Currently, the GST has a four-tier slab structure of 5, 12, 18, and 28 %. The gold and gold jewellery attract tax @3%. There were media reports that the Council may decide to cut - back the list of exempt items by moving some of the non-food items to 3% slab to raise revenue. Also, to raise the 5 per cent slab to either 7/8/9%. <https://bit.ly/3NaOVZ6>

Electronic Credit Ledger in GST - Availment and Utilization under GST Law

The credit availed of by the registered person through the filing of return is credited in the electronic credit ledger in GST. This credit can be used to either set off against IGST, CGST, or SGST or to avail of a refund if it satisfies the prescribed conditions. In this guide, we will be discussing the meaning of electronic credit ledger in GST and how it functions. <https://bit.ly/3w8tJgG>

Faceless Assessment Scheme - Applicability, Procedure and Eligibility

The faceless assessment Scheme has revolutionised the way assessment proceedings are conducted in India. The faceless assessment is governed by Section 144B of the Income Tax Act, 1961. It states that the scrutiny assessment [under section 143(3)] or best judgement assessment [under section 144] shall be made in a faceless manner. <https://bit.ly/3L1x5WZ>

New Rules 12AB - Additional Conditions for Mandatory Income Tax Return Filing

The government has increased the scope of filing returns of income. It inserted four additional conditions by issuing Notification No. 37/2022 dated 21st April 2022 thereby notifying the Rule 12AB through Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2022. <https://bit.ly/3w8j6tW>

Complete Analysis on New Updated Income Tax Return - Budget 2022

The government has come up with a new concept of 'Updated Return' in Budget 2022 sparking conversation among the taxpayers and professionals. A plain reading of the term 'updated return' raises a significant question - what is an updated return and how is it different from the existing revised return? Read on the complete analysis of the new updated return. <https://bit.ly/3PdC9L9>

Virtual Digital Assets: Meaning, Taxation and Legal Analysis

The Finance Bill, 2022 created a buzz among the public by introducing various provisions addressing virtual digital assets. These were followed by certain amendments that were carried out in the bill. However, before jumping to the provisions, let's understand what are virtual digital assets and their inclusions into the same. <https://bit.ly/3yxH8Av>

Social Security Compliances and Labour Laws in India - Complete Guide

Currently, there are various laws addressing the labour and employment scenario. However, their shortcomings have led to the introduction of 4 new labour codes that will repeal all the earlier labour and employment laws and address their shortcomings. Meanwhile, they come into effect, organizations need to comply with the existing requirements. <https://bit.ly/38sz1KC>

Ind AS Applicability and Compliances Guide - Indian Accounting Standards

Ind AS are the Indian version of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) which are global standards governing the accounting aspects. This guide covers everything you need to know about Ind AS, Ind AS applicability and Compliances. <https://bit.ly/38h9qoc>

72 more Traders Booked for Hoarding Edible Oil | LM & FSSAI Dept. Participated

In continuation to the raids conducted around 1,890 locations from March 6 to 19 in Andhra Pradesh, the Vigilance and Enforcement (V&E) department inspected 271 establishments to prevent hoarding of edible oil and other essential commodities. Among the inspected establishment, 72 cases were booked under the Essential Commodities Act on Wednesday. <https://bit.ly/39P69g1>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.”

- Warren Buffett

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