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SEBI board overhauls rules for collective investment schemes

- The board of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Tuesday approved the proposal to tighten rules on collective investment schemes (CIS). The capital markets regulator also approved changes to the listing and disclosure norms and allowed custodians to provide custodial services in respect of silver-related instruments held by silver exchange traded funds (ETFs) of mutual funds.
- SEBI has increased the networth criteria and enhanced the track record requirement of promoters for running collective investment management company (CIMC).

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New SEBI rules set the stage for formal adoption of ESG from April 1

- New rules on good governance will kick in from April 1 as Sebi regulations require the top 1,000 companies ranked by market cap to mandatorily include Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report or BRSR in their annual reports disclosed to stock exchanges
- This sets the stage for the formal adoption of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) as a metric for measuring corporate performance (or the lack of it).

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SEBIभारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड
Securities and Exchange Board of India**03****AIFs: SEBI streamlines approval process for sponsor changes requiring NCLT nod**

- SEBI clarified on the new norms governing related party transactions that will come into effect from April 1.
- The regulator said listed companies need not seek fresh approval from the shareholders for a related party transaction (RPT) that has been approved by the audit committee and shareholders till March 31.
- “Based on the representations received from listed entities and industry bodies, it has been decided to provide clarifications and guidance for smooth implementation of the amended Regulation,”.

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more***04****SEBI clarifies on new norms for related party transactions**

- SEBI can now use special powers to relax compliance requirements for foreign funds. The capital markets regulator's board has been empowered to give overseas investors leeway in the event of inadvertent lapses while investing in the country.
- Currently, there are no provisions in the law to provide exemptions to foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). The regulator, however, has powers to provide special exemptions to listed companies, fund houses and other market entities.

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01 Bank of Russia, RBI to ready framework for trade, banking

- Russian central bank officials are expected to meet their counterparts from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to create a regulatory framework that will help sustain bilateral trade and banking operations despite the global sanctions against Moscow
- Since the creation of a rupee-rouble exchange channel is likely to feature in the talks, the team of officials from Moscow may also include representatives from Russia's financial sector.



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02 RBI releases framework for geo-tagging of payment system touch points

- Released the framework for geo-tagging of payment system touch points to ensure proper monitoring of the availability of payment acceptance infrastructure. Geo-tagging refers to capturing the geographical coordinates (latitude and longitude) of payment touch points deployed by merchants to receive payments from their customers.
- The payment acceptance infrastructure includes Point of Sale (PoS) terminals, and quick response (QR) codes.



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RBI**03****RBI's new directions to MFIs**

- The Reserve Bank of India's decision to do away with limits on the pricing of small loans disbursed by the non-banking finance companies and microfinance institutions poses a risk of over-leveraging, rating agency ICRA said..
- The RBI's master directions on the regulatory framework for microfinance are aimed at providing a level playing field to all entities involved in microfinance businesses and build upon a consultation paper issued in June 2021



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04**RBI plans \$5-billion sell/buy swap auction in April**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will conduct a sell/buy swap auction for \$5 billion in the last week of April to achieve three simultaneous goals - arresting a rout of the local unit, draining rupee liquidity, and rationalising the cost of covering currency risks.
- ""With a view to elongating the maturity profile of forward book and smoothen the receivables relating to forward assets, it has been decided to undertake a sell/buy swap auction of \$5 billion on April 26, 2022."



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MCA**01****Artificial Intelligence could be used for early resolution of matters, says NCLT President**

- New-age technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) could be used for early resolution of matters, including insolvency cases, National Company Law Tribunal President Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar said. While addressing a national-level colloquium of NCLT, Justice Sudhakar suggested that AI can be used in case of resolution, especially in the admission of cases, a statement issued by NCLT said.
- This will help in reducing delays. We are also focused on evolving a code of best practices so that there is certainty in decision making.

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more***02****Reliance & ACRE bid for Sintex filed before NCLT for approval**

- The joint bid of Reliance Industries and Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise (ACRE) for debt-ridden Sintex Industries has been moved before the NCLT for its approval after getting unanimously selected by the lenders of the textiles maker. The resolution professional of Sintex Industries has filed the resolution plan by RIL and ACRE, as approved by the Committee of Creditors (CoC) before the Ahmedabad Bench of the (NCLT)
- As per the IBC procedures, RP has to submit the resolution plan as approved by the CoC to NCLT under Section 30(6) of IBC, which gives its final approval

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MCA**03****Bankers decide to refer Future Retail to NCLT**

- Led by the Bank of India, bankers have initiated the process of taking FRL to NCLT, starting with inviting bids from insolvency professionals.
- The bankers will also try to recover dues under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Sarfaesi) Act, which pertains to the recovery of debt by auctioning mortgaged properties.



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04**Suspended Board can't appoint Resolution Professional : NCLAT**

- A suspended board of directors has no power under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code to appoint a resolution professional or to replace an existing resolution professional, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has held.
- In a case involving SLO Industrial Ltd, the Chennai bench of the NCLAT consisting of M Venugopal and Kanthi Narahari said the power to do so has only been vested in the committee of creditors (CoC) and then the adjudicating authority.



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INCOME TAX**01****PAN-Aadhaar linking 'deadline extended' to this date but fees imposed from April 1, 2022**

- Even if you do not link your PAN with your Aadhaar number by end of the day today, your PAN will remain operative till March 31, 2023 and will not become inoperative as was earlier notified/indicated by the government
- Essentially, the deadline to keep your PAN operative without linking it to your Aadhaar has been extended to March 31, 2023 from the earlier deadline of March 31, 2022. However, linking of PAN-Aadhaar from April 1, 2022, will cost you money. This was announced by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) via a notification dated March 29, 2022, and press release dated March 30, 2022.



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02**Income-tax (35th Amendment) Rules, 2021**

- In the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (hereinafter referred to as principal rules), after rule 16D, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:–
–16DD.
- Form of particulars to be furnished along with return of income for claiming deduction under clause (b) of sub-section (1B) of section 10A.–The particulars, which are required to be furnished by the assessee along with the return of income under clause (b) of sub-section (1B) of section 10A shall be in Form No. 56FF.¶



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INDIRECT TAXATION



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CBIC issues guidelines for scrutiny of GST returns for FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19

- CBIC has issued standard operating procedures for the scrutiny of GST returns for financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19.
- "Till the time a module for online scrutiny of returns is made available on the CBIC-GST application, as an interim measure, the following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is being issued by the board in order to ensure uniformity in selection/ identification of returns for scrutiny, methodology of scrutiny of such returns and other related procedures," the CBIC said in a detailed note



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GST rules changing from April 1, to impact lakhs of companies in India

- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has said that businesses with turnover of over Rs 20 crore will have to generate electronic invoice for B2B transactions from April 1, 2022.
- Companies with turnover of more than Rs 20 crore will have to generate B2B e-invoices.
- Under GST law, e-invoicing for business-to-business (B2B) transactions was made mandatory for companies with turnover of over Rs 500 crore from October 1, 2020, which was then extended to those with turnover of over Rs 100 crore from January 1, 2021.



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