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SOUTHERN INDIA REGIONAL COUNCIL ▶ THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA ▶ SET UP BY AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT



Professional Opportunities for Young Members - Startups in India : Tax and Regulatory Insights from Set-up to Exit The Startup India Trilogy : DPIIT Recognition, Angel Tax and 80-IAC - 4th May 2021



Resource Person CA. Eshank M Shah, Mumbai seen along with CA. M.P. Vijay Kumar, Central Council Member, CA. K. Jalapathi, Chairman, SIRC of ICAI, CA. S. Panna Raj, Secretary, SIRC of ICAI and CA. Dunganar Chand U. Jain, Immediate Past Chairman, SIRC of ICAI

Refresher Course on Standards on Auditing - 11th May 2021



Resource person CA. Bhavani Balasubramanian seen along with CA. Dayaniwas Sharma, Central Council Member, CA. K. Jalapathi, Chairman, SIRC of ICAI and CA. S. Panna Raj, Secretary, SIRC of ICAI.

New Code of Ethics & Recent changes for auditors to consider & Disciplinary Cases – Practical Analysis - 26th May 2021



Resource Persons CA. Prasanna Kumar D, Central Council Member & CA. Ganesh Balakrishna seen along with CA. K. Jalapathi, Chairman, SIRC of ICAI and CA. S. Panna Raj, Secretary, SIRC of ICAI

Corporate and Social Responsibility activities by SIRC and its Branches



► Covid Relief Materials handed over by Coimbatore Branch of ICAI & TAASI by CA. Prabhu - Chairman Coimbatore Branch Past Chairmen CA. N.N. Shanmugavadivel, CA. K. P.Gobinath along with CA. Sarvajit



► Members of Tirupur branch have donated 10 Nos of oxygen cylinders, 15 Nos oxygen cylinder kits and other Medical items totally worth of Rs.4.00 lakhs to Government Medical College and Hospital, Tirupur. Vice Chairman CA.M.P.Varadharajan and Past Chairman CA. Rajesh Kannan are seen.



► ICAI at the Service of Members, their families and their office staff. Free Covid-19 Vaccination Camp organised by, Greater Chennai Municipal Corporation CSR Committee of ICAI and SIRC of ICAI. Central Council Member CA. Rajendra Kumar P., SIRC Treasurer CA. Revathi S. Raghunathan, SRO Head Shri S. Sivanesan and SIRC Head Dr. T. Paramasivan are also seen.



► Kalaburagi Branch of SIRC - Food Kit distribution programme

One Week Unique Health and Immunity enhancement Programme on 'Introduction to Pranayama' 24th to 30th May 2021



► Instructors CA. Girish C.S & CA. Tejasvi seen along with CA. K. Jalapathi, Chairman, SIRC of ICAI and CA. S. Panna Raj, Secretary, SIRC of ICAI, CA. Pampanna B.E, CSR Committee Chariman and CA. Cotha S Srinivas, Past Chairman, SIRC of ICAI



Chairman's Communique...

Beloved and Esteemed Colleagues,

Role of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the Economic Development

Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) play a vital role in national economies around the world and account for approximately 70% of global GDP, generating employment and value additions and contributing to innovation and growth. According to the World Bank Group, around the world roughly 90 per cent of all enterprises are micro. MSMEs are central to the efforts to achieve more inclusive and sustainable economic growth. Within the subset of MSMEs are the crucial demographic of family businesses.

Role of CAs in Nurturing MSMEs

Our accounting profession improve the success of family businesses and their sustainability through encouraging strong governance within family businesses, raising awareness amongst them of the need for early succession planning and other aspects like taxation.

Recognising the importance of MSMEs in our professional arena, ICAI has constituted Committee on MSME & Start-Ups and the SIRC is gearing up to contribute positively for the development of MSME Sector and Start Ups with an overall objective of substantially improving the quality of interface of our profession with that Sectors.

Digitisation – The Future of CA Profession

Digital technologies continue to significantly impact the economies – both macro and micro - with several related implications. The Institute has taken up an initiative to assess the digital competency of professional accounting firms and to guide them on how they could scale up and ride the tide of technology by releasing the “**Digital Competency Maturity Model (DCMM) for Professional Accounting Firms – Version 1.0**” in 2017, which provided a set of minimum requirements which the firms can evaluate on a self-assessment basis, and build a strategy for up skilling, to leverage the opportunities which will unfold in the digital era. **DCMM** Version 2.0, released recently by ICAI enhances and builds upon on the framework of **DCMM** Version 1.0.

SIRC will be conducting series of programmes so that DCMM Version 2.0 could be considered for self-evaluation of the CA firms and handholding will be given for substantially improving the digital competency of our members which will lead to appropriate and appreciable opportunities.

Programmes for the Members of the Institute

SIRC continued to conduct CPE programmes on topics of contemporary relevance such as standards on auditing, transfer pricing, valuation, forensic audit, new code of ethics, artificial intelligence, blockchain technology etc for the members with nationally renowned resource persons. All these programmes have attracted members from across the country.

To cope with the Covid 19 second wave, SIRC has conducted virtual panel discussion on **Ray of Hope and Health during Covid 19** (medical advises) by renowned doctors and a week-long unique health and immunity enhancement Pranayama Programme for the well-being of the members and their families. I place on record our sincere gratitude to the resource persons for sparing their valuable time and sharing their expertise amongst our members. Similarly for June 2021 also we have lined up a number of virtual programmes for the benefit of the members.

Covid 2019 Volunteers

Number of noble hearted members and students have volunteered to help the members and students of ICAI who are in need of certain assistance and their details have been circulated amongst the members and students of the Institute in Southern Region.

Programmes for Students

SIRC has continued to conduct multiple batches of ICITSS (OC, ITT, MCS and AITT) courses for the benefit of students and the next set of batches are scheduled to start on June 07, 2021.

SIRC is pleased to host another batch of region wide online Coaching Classes for CA Foundation from June 09, 2021 for students appearing for November 2021 examination. Details of the same are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

As members are well aware that SIRC has been grooming chartered accountants in its campus through conducting coaching classes for more than five decades with affordable fees and the involvement of eminent faculties.

These region wide coaching classes have been introduced with an aim to

- Taking the expertise of faculty members of SIRC throughout the region
- Enable the students to get the benefits of coaching classes from their hometown itself, instead of moving to far off places, thereby avoiding risks associated with the present Covid 19 pandemic and costs involved in staying in outstation.
- Help those branches, who couldn't conduct their own coaching classes due to various implementation issues.



- Standardize the coaching to students across SIRC and its branches.

I appeal to the members to kindly promote this region wide coaching classes for Foundation Course among our fraternity and students in your circuit through social media pages etc. and help students to make use of this online coaching class and be benefitted.

Career Ascent - Placement Program for Experienced CAs by CMI&B of ICAI

The Committee for Members in Industry and Business of the Institute is organising a placement program for experienced CAs (Exclusively for CAs having job experience of 1 year & above and not having COP). Registration for the same is open between 10th & 16th June 2021 online. For complete details interested members may visit <https://cmib.icai.org/postedcontent/adminuploads//Announcement%20for%20Career%20Ascent%20for%20Experienced%20CAs.pdf>

100 days of Council Year 2021-22

We are privileged to serve our CA fraternity and grateful to the members of the region for giving us this honourable opportunity, which we feel as once in a lifetime chance. By the time the copy of this newsletter reaches you, the present team of office bearers could have completed our 100 days in office. There is always scope for improving our performance and seek your valuable feedback and / or suggestions through a google form <http://bit.ly/feedbackforSIRC> so that our remaining period in office could be made further more productive and proactive.

Signing off this Month's interaction through SIRC Newsletter

To conclude this month's communication, I may draw the golden words of **Mahatma Gandhi** "*Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.*"

In the service of members and students ever,

CA. K. JALAPATHI
Chairman, SIRC of ICAI



Leader's Thoughts

Hope and Optimism during the Pandemic - Professionalism

I am a proud Chartered Accountant and I know that all members of this prestigious institution are too. We imbue professionalism starting from the rigorous training we undergo during our articleship. Upon qualification, we are bound by the Code of Ethics which anchors us while giving wings to our professional glory. Professionalism is a way of life for all of us and

the traits of good morals and high competency form the cornerstone. This is maintained through continuous upgradation, an impeccable personal image, and most importantly our ability to engage.

It is these personality traits especially our ability to engage which is helping us cope during these difficult times with hope and optimism.

Little drops make a huge difference

All of us are engaged in reaching out to help others in a myriad of ways. We have contributed our time and our finances to worthy causes that are working at the ground level supporting our fellow members, students, their families and the society at large. We are all in this war against the pandemic together and together we will overcome.

And while we are fighting this pandemic, we are also engaged in maintaining our professional competencies. Some opportunities may fade but a whole new set of professional windows are also opening up. Let us equip ourselves in this lull, in the ABCD of technologies, Analytics, Block Chain, Crypto and Data.

Let us forge into the new areas of practice of Insolvency, Valuation, ADR, Cloud audits, Forensics. Let us network with fellow professionals to form multi-disciplinary firms, which will soon be a reality.

Let us evaluate ourselves using the Audit Quality Maturity Model- version 1.0. This is a capacity building measure to enable sole proprietors and audit firms to self-evaluate their current level of audit maturity. Additionally, this helps identify areas where our competencies are good or lacking and develop a road map to upgrade to a higher level of maturity.

The Bhagavad Gita says that we should not be overly excited in good times nor overly depressed in bad times; more so during this pandemic. The best way forward is to keep ourselves engaged and having a composed mindset to achieve more peace and happiness in our lives.

Let us be resilient to win this war and keep the flag of our profession flying high.

Jai Hind, Jai ICAI.

CA. Revathi S Raghunathan
Treasurer, SIRC of ICAI



FORTHCOMING VIRTUAL CPE MEETINGS – JUNE 2021

Regn: <https://bit.ly/sirclogin>

(Limited to 2500 members registering on first come first served basis)

Date	Timings	Topic	Resource Person(s)	Structured CPE	Fees (Rs)
1 st Jun 2021 (Tue)	5 PM - 7 PM	Survey, Search and Seizure under Income Tax Act- Practical Issues	CA. Hari Agarwal, Hyderabad	2	100 +GST
2 nd Jun 2021 (Wed)	5 PM - 8 PM	Taxability of digital and e-commerce Transactions	CA. Amit Jhunjhunwala, Bengaluru	3	Nil
3 rd Jun 2021 (Thu)	5 PM - 8 PM	<p>Accounting Standards : Under the Aegis of Accounting Standards Board of ICAI</p> <p>ICAI Announcement on applicability of AS to Non Company Entities</p> <p>Accounting for taxes on Income (AS 22)</p> <p>Related party disclosures (AS 18)</p>	<p>CA. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar Singhal Vice Chairman, Accounting Standards Board of ICAI</p> <p>CA. Parveen Kumar, New Delhi</p> <p>CA. Manish Goyal, New Delhi</p> <p>Details in the Page No.10 Link for Registration: https://www.sirc-icai.org/common_events.php</p>	3	200+GST
4 th Jun 2021 (Fri)	5 PM - 7 PM	Recent Issues related to ITC, Refunds, Fake Invoicing and E-invoicing in GST	CA. Aanchal Kapoor, Amritsar	2	100 +GST
5 th Jun 2021 (Sat)	5 PM - 7 PM	Practical solutions to TDS issues and way forward	CA. Avinash Rawani, Mumbai	2	100 +GST
7 th Jun 2021 (Mon)	5 PM - 8 PM	<p>Auditing Standards : Under the Aegis of Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of ICAI</p> <p>Key Audit Matters - A New Reporting Regime (SA 701)</p> <p>The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information - SA 720 (Revised)</p>	<p>CA. Mohan R Lavi Bengaluru</p> <p>CA. Dhananjay J Gokhale Mumbai</p> <p>Details in the Page No.10 Link for Registration: https://bit.ly/StandardsonAuditing</p>	3	200+GST
8 th Jun 2021 (Tue)	5 PM - 7 PM	Art of Drafting of Deeds and Document	CA. Bharat R. Popat Ahmedabad	2	100 +GST
9 th & 10 th Jun 2021 (Wed & Thu)	5 PM - 8 PM	Conclave on Internal Audit Under the Aegis of Internal Audit Standards Board of ICAI	Link for Registration: https://www.sirc-icai.org/common_events.php	5	200+GST
11 th Jun 2021 (Fri)	5 PM - 7 PM	ICDS under the Tax Audit Vs Disclosure Standards for Non Companies	CA. Aditya Kumar Maheshwari, Siliguri	2	100 +GST
12 th Jun 2021 (Sat)	5 PM - 7 PM	Enterprise Risk Management	CA. Dipen V. Trivedi Mumbai	2	100+GST



14 th Jun 2021 (Mon)	5 PM - 8 PM	Taxation of HUF Audit of Cooperative banks and opportunities An insight into taxation of co-operative societies	CA. Shardul Shah, Mumbai CA. Shashank Patki, Pune CA. Shajan T.T., Thrissur	3	100+GST
15 th Jun 2021 (Tue)	5 PM - 7 PM	Drafting of WILL and Tax Planning aspects	CA. Govind Agarwal, Indore	2	100+GST
16 th Jun 2021 (Wed)	5 PM - 8 PM	Professional Opportunities for Young Chartered Accountants	CA. Atul Satya Koushik, Mumbai	3	100+GST
17 th Jun 2021 (Thu)	5 PM - 7 PM	"India entry Services - an offering by CA firms"	CA. Guru Prasad Makam, Bengaluru CA. Srilaxmi P, Bengaluru	2	Nil
18 th Jun 2021 (Fri)	5 PM - 7 PM	Economic and Commercial Laws-Trade Related Intellectual Property rights (TRIPS)	CS. Vivek Sharma, New Delhi	2	Nil
19 th Jun 2021 (Sat)	5 PM - 7 PM	Investors Awareness Programme	Eminent Speaker	Nil	Nil
22 nd Jun 2021 (Tue)	5 PM - 8 PM	Withholding taxes under section 195 of the Income Tax Act 1961	CA. Shailendra Sharma, Mumbai	3	200+GST
23 rd Jun 2021 (Wed)	5 PM - 7 PM	Data Analytics for Business Using MS Excel	CA. Deepak Kumar, Chennai	2	100+GST
24 th June 2021 (Thu)	5 PM - 8 PM	IT Security - Fundamentals of vulnerability assessment	CA. Deephika S, Chennai	3	100+GST
25 th Jun 2021 (Fri)	5 PM - 7 PM	Direct Taxes landscape for the media and entertainment industry including emerging issues	CA. Prashant Bhojwani, Mumbai	2	100+GST
26 th Jun 2021 (Sat)	5 PM - 7 PM	Caution to be taken in Cash Transactions	CA. Jignesh Nagda, Mumbai	2	100 +GST
1 st Jul 2021 (Thu)		Chartered Accountants' Day Celebrations	Details will be hosted in the website of SIRC		

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The online link for UPDATES: <https://www.sirc-icai.org/professional-updates.php>



Virtual CPE Programmes Conducted by SIRC of ICAI

Please note the link for Resources of Past Virtual and other Programmes of SIRC of ICAI
<https://www.sirc-icai.org/past-programmes.php>

Examination Department

In continuation to the Announcement dated 27th April, 2021, it is hereby announced for general information that the Chartered Accountants Intermediate (IPC) {Under Old Scheme}, Intermediate {Under New Scheme}, Final {Under Old & New Scheme} and Post Qualification Course, viz., Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) Technical Examination and International Taxation – Assessment Test (INTT – AT) of May 2021 Examinations shall now **commence from Monday, 5th July, 2021** across the globe. The detailed **Schedule / Notifications** for the said Examinations will be announced shortly.

The Candidates are advised to note the above and stay in touch with the website of the Institute, www.icai.org.
S.K. Garg, Additional Secretary (Exams)

Placement Program for Experienced CAs

Organised by CMI&B of ICAI (Exclusively for CAs having Job Experience of 1 year & above and not having COP)
Register between 10th & 16th June 2021

For Complete Details

<https://cmib.icai.org/postedcontent/adminuploads//Announcement%20for%20Career%20Ascent%20for%20Experienced%20CAs.pdf>

OBITUARY



CA. N. C. Sundararajan, Past President of ICAI (1992-93)

CA. N.C. SUNDARARAJAN, passed his C.A. Final at a very young age of 19 and became a member of the Institute in 1951. He was the Vice-Chairman of the Southern India Regional Council of the Institute in 1961-62 and was a member of the Central Council for three consecutive terms between 1985 and 1995 and was the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) during 1992-93.

In the course of his tenure as a Central Council Member, he was the Chairman for various standing and non-standing committees of the Institute and also member of the International Auditing Standards Board. He has chaired various seminars and conferences both at National level and International Level. He was a member of the Securities Exchange Board of India and All India Council for Technical Education. He was also the President of the Rotary Club of Madras the second oldest club in India. He had a massive cardiac arrest and breathed his last on 19th May 2021.

Let's pray to the Almighty to rest His soul in eternal peace.

Southern India Regional Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
 (Setup by an Act of Parliament)

To have a **STRONG FOUNDATION** in CA Course and to Succeed...

JOIN SIRC Online CA Foundation Coaching Classes

DATE 9th June 2021
 (Tentatively will end by October 2021)

For students appearing for Nov 2021 Examinations (+2 Students & College Students also can attend)

Principles & Practice of Accounting
 CA. S.S.Prahalad, CA. D.Suman

Business Economics
 Dr. R. Vidyarthan, Dr. Seema Goyal

Business Law
 CA. R. Manojah, CA. Sowmya P.

Business and Commercial Knowledge
 CA. Kavitha Umashetty

Business Mathematics & Logical Reasoning
 CA. G.P. Sivaraman

Business Correspondence & Reporting
 Dr. Nirmala Raghavaran

Business Statistics
 Dr. P.R. Vithal, Dr. M. Srinivas

NO FEES
 No Coaching Fee for Govt. & Govt. Aided School Students of Southern Region States. (Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra, Telangana, Union Territory of Pondicherry)

For Registration, Please visit <https://www.sirc-icai.org/view-batches.php>
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For further details, please contact our SIRC Coaching Classes **Help Desk**

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Obituary

Sl. No.	MRN	Name	Status	Place	Demise
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2	028779	RAJASEKARAN M	FCA	COIMBATORE	07-04-2021
3	010074	NANDAGOPAL AMARA	FCA	CHITTOOR	28-04-2021
4	013216	PADMANABHAN R	FCA	CHENNAI	15-04-2021

May the Almighty, architect of the Universe rest the souls in peace.



Annual Fee Circular 2021-22

ICAI requests all its Members to remit annual Membership/Certificate of Practice fees for the year 2021-2022, which became due for payment on 1st April, 2021 and needs to be paid on or before 30th September, 2021. It is also requested to pay the fees preferably by 30th June, 2021 in terms of GST Liability.

Members may also pay total fees in advance for Membership/COP in exact amount for 10 years (1+9 years) along with GST. In such case, any upward revision in amount of fee in future, their Membership/COP will not be removed/cancelled from the Register of Members/COP on account of fee revision. [It may be noted that an ACA who has paid advance membership fee for a period not exceeding 10 years and at a later stage opts for FCA status then the member is required to pay difference fee (the difference of fee in conversion from ACA to FCA and Fellow Member Admission Fee) for the remaining period.]

The applicable amount of Annual Membership Fee / Certificate of Practice Fee and GST i.e.18% is as below

1. Fees for all Members below the age of 60 years as on 01.04.2021 Not holding Certificate of Practice		
Associate Membership Fee GST@ 18%	Rs. 1,500/- Rs. 270/-	Rs. 1,770/-
Fellow Membership Fee GST@ 18%	Rs. 3,000/- Rs. 540/-	Rs. 3,540/-
2. Fees for all Members holding Certificate of Practice (COP)		
Associate Membership Fee Certificate of Practice Fee GST@ 18%	Rs. 1,500/- Rs. 3,000/- Rs. 810/-	Rs. 5,310/-
Fellow Membership Fee Certificate of Practice Fee GST@ 18%	Rs. 3,000/- Rs. 4,000/- Rs. 1,260/-	Rs. 8,260/-
3. Fees for Members of the age of 60 years or above (as on 01.04.2021) Not holding Certificate of Practice (Those holding COP are required to pay the Fees as per 2 above)		
Associate Membership Fee GST@ 18%	Rs. 1,100/- Rs. 198/-	Rs. 1,298/-
Fellow Membership Fee GST@ 18%	Rs. 2,300/- Rs. 414/-	Rs. 2,714/-

Members are also requested to pay the following (optional)

Chartered Accountants Benevolent Fund	
Life Membership	Rs.10,000/- (If already not a Life Member)
Yearly Subscription	Rs.1,000/-
Voluntary Contribution	A respectable amount
S.Vaidyanath Aiyar Memorial Fund	
Life Membership	Rs.1,000/- (If already not a Life Member)
Yearly Subscription	Rs.50/-
Voluntary Contribution	A respectable amount
Air Mail charges for CA Journal (in case of members abroad) (Shall not be applicable if member opts for e-journal)	
Rs. 2,478/- (optional) including 18% GST	

ICAI is promoting "I GO GREEN with ICAI" scheme under which Member opting e-journal will be given a discount of Rs.590/- (including 18% GST) on total amount of Membership Fees.

Payment of fee shall be made online through Self-Service Portal (SSP) at the link <https://eservices.icai.org/>

User Manual for annual Membership and COP payment is available at the link

<https://resource.cdn.icai.org/61637sspfaq-50147mem-fee.pdf>

We appeal all our Members to contribute generously to Chartered Accountants Benevolent fund (CABF) Opt to support 'I GO GREEN with ICAI'

Extend your helping hands: Contribute Generously to CABF



Important Announcements

Mandatory updation of UDINs in all Income Tax Forms at e-filing Portal

Members are aware that the CBDT vide its press release dated 26th November 2020 has mandated the validation of the Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN) generated from ICAI portal in all the Income Tax Form and Audit Reports uploaded at the e-filing portal.

We have been given to understand that CBDT is in process of mandating the updation of UDINs for all IT Forms prior to its upload on the e-filing portal by the members. In other words, members would be required to first generate UDIN and provide the same while uploading the IT forms.

Further, CBDT has given the extension for updating UDINs for all the IT forms at the e-filing portal till 30th June, 2021.

In view of the above, the members are requested to avail this opportunity and update the UDINs on the e-filing Portal at the earliest but not later than 30th June, 2021 to avoid likely invalidation.

For detailed FAQs please https://www.incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in/eFiling/Portal/StaticPDF_News/FAQ_On_UDIN.pdf

For any clarification, please write us at udin@icai.in.

UDIN Directorate, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India

Exposure Draft of Revised Accounting Standards for Public Comments

The Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS), as notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in February, 2015, and as amended from time to time are applicable to the specified class of companies as per Ind AS Roadmap. Accounting Standards notified under Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules 2006 and those issued by the ICAI are applicable to entities to whom Ind AS are not applicable. However, on the basis of the discussions held at various standard setting forums, such as, NACAS (now replaced by NFRA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and Accounting Standards Board (ASB) of ICAI, it has been decided to revise Accounting Standards (AS). Accordingly, ASB is working on the project of revision of these standards which will be applicable to entities to whom Ind AS are not applicable. While formulating these Accounting Standards, the ASB decided to maintain the consistency with the numbering of Standards of Ind AS numbering.

In this direction, the Exposure Draft of revised AS 12, Income Taxes, has been issued by the ASB for comments with the last date being June 10, 2021, which can be assessed at the below link: <https://resource.cdn.icai.org/64776asb51975.pdf>

Further, comments on the abovementioned Exposure Draft issued by the ASB may be submitted through any of the following modes.

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| 1. Electronically | : | Click on http://www.icai.org/comments/asb/ to submit comment online (Preferred method) |
| 2. Email | : | Comments can be sent to: commentsasb@icai.in |
| 3. Postal | : | Secretary, Accounting Standards Board,
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India,
ICAI Bhawan, Post Box No. 7100,
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Further clarifications on any aspect of this Exposure Draft may be sought by e-mail to asb@icai.in.

Completion of Orientation Course/IT Training

By the students undergoing practical training on or before 30th June, 2021 instead of 31st May, 2021

As per current scheme of CA Education & Training, a student is required to complete successfully Integrated Course on Information Technology and Soft Skills (ICITSS) consisting of Information Technology Training (ITT) and Orientation Course (OC) each of 15 days before registering for practical training (Article ship). Due to the prevailing COVID situation, the Institute has given relaxation to such category of students time to time who has joined the practical training (article ship) without completing ITT/OC. The Council in its 401st meeting noted that there are few students who are yet to complete ITT/OC before 31st May, 2021. Accordingly, the Council has decided to extend time to complete the requirement, as a one-time measure, which is as under:

The students who are required to complete OC/ITT course uptill 31st May 2021, can now complete the same on or before 30th June, 2021.

The students who do not complete their OC/ITT on or before 30th June, 2021 as per above extension, their practical training (article ship) period will be extended in direct proportion to the delay in completion of OC/ITT i.e. if they complete their OC/ITT on 25th July, 2021 their articleship period will be extended by 25 days and so on.

CHAIRMAN, Board of Studies-Operations (SSEB)



Virtual CPE meeting on Accounting Standards

Organised by	:	Accounting Standards Board of ICAI
Hosted by	:	Southern India Regional Council of ICAI
Date & Venue	:	3 rd June, 2021 - Virtual Goto Webinar platform (3 CPE Hours)

Timing of Sessions	Session Details	Speakers
	Keynote address	CA. JALAPATHI K Chairman, Southern India Regional Council SIRC of ICAI
05.00 PM – 06.00 PM	Technical Session I - Topic	
	ICAI Announcement on applicability of AS to Non Company Entities	CA. (Dr.) Sanjeev Kumar Singhal Vice Chairman, Accounting Standards Board of ICAI
06.00 PM – 07.00 PM	Technical Session II - Topic	
	Accounting for taxes on Income (AS 22)	CA. Parveen Kumar New Delhi
07.00 PM – 08.00 PM	Technical Session III - Topic	
	Related party disclosures (AS 18)	CA. Manish Goyal New Delhi
	Programme Chairman	Chairman Accounting Standards Board of ICAI
	Programme Vice Chairman	Vice Chairman Accounting Standards Board of ICAI

Registration Fees Rs.200 + 18% GST

Link for online Registration : https://www.sirc-icai.org/common_events.php

Please note: The link will be sent to your registered mail id separately before the programme.

For more details, please contact

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Virtual CPE meeting on Standards on Auditing

Organised by	:	Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of ICAI
Hosted by	:	Southern India Regional Council of ICAI
Date & Venue	:	7 th June, 2021 - Virtual (3 CPE Hours)

Timing of Sessions	Session Details	Speakers
05.00 PM – 06.30 PM	Technical Session I - Topic	
	Key Audit Matters - A New Reporting Regime (SA 701)	CA.Mohan R Lavi Bengaluru
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	The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Other Information SA 720 (Revised)	CA. Dhananjay Jayant Gokhale Mumbai
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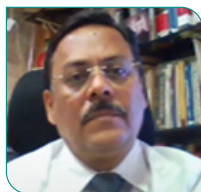
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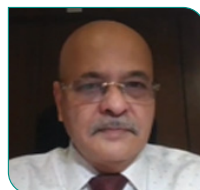
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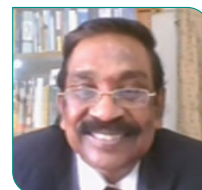
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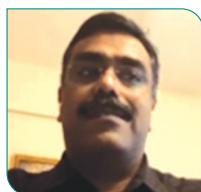
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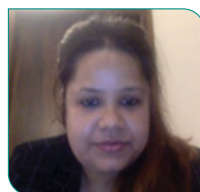
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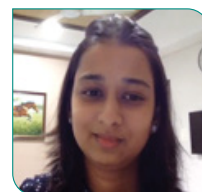
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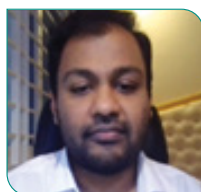
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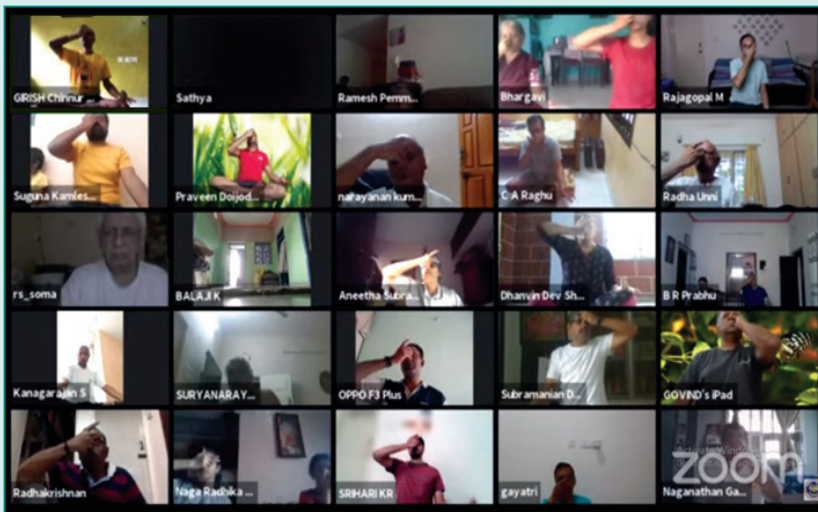
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A Ray of hope and health during Covid-19 Panel Discussion by Renowned Doctors on 23rd May 2021



▶ Panelists seen in the image are Dr. Lavanya Kiran, Gynaecologist, Dr. Kedar R Hibare, Pulmonologist, Dr. Venkat Subramanyam, Eye Specialist, Ms. Apurva Rajashekar, Psychologist, Dr. Payel Biswas Soo, Lactation Specialist OBG Physio and moderator Ms. Rupashree Venkat are seen along with CA. K. Jalapathi, Chairman SIRC of ICAI, CA. Panna Raj, Secretary, SIRC of ICAI, CA. Revathi S Raghunathan, Treasurer, SIRC of ICAI, CA. Chengal Reddy R, Regional Council Member, CA. Pampanna B. E Regional Council Member, and CA. Cotha S Srinivas, Past Chairman, SIRC of ICAI.

Participants in the Pranayama session - 25th May 21'

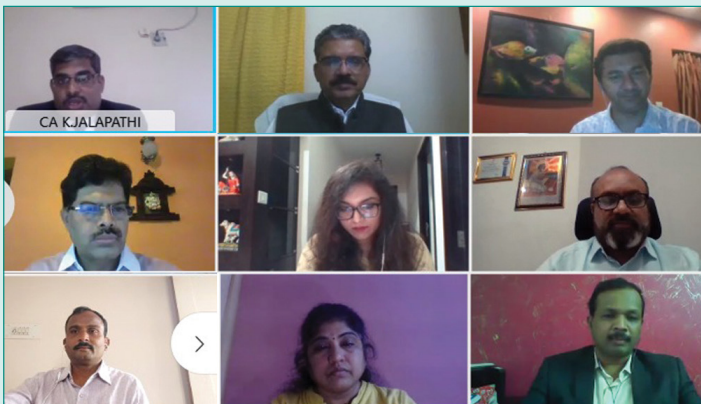


MANGALURU CA'S COVID RELIEF FUND

MANGALURU CA FRATERNITY LED BY THE BRANCH CHAIRMAN CA. K. SUBRAMANYA KAMATH & MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS HANDED OVER MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS & ITEMS AMOUNTING TO RS. 7.41 LAKHS TO WENLOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL, DAKSHINA KANNADA IN THE PRESENCE OF HON'BLE DY. COMMISSIONER DR. RAJENDRA K. V., HON'BLE DISTRICT IN-CHARGE MINISTER SHRI KOTA SRINIVAS POOJARY & HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL. DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER DR. SADASHIV SHANBHAG TOO WAS PRESENT ON THE OCCASION.

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Seminar on Four Corners: Technology-Companies Act-SFT-Form 15CA & 15CB at Vijayawada Branch of SIRC of ICAI - 19th to 22nd May 2021





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1 NEED BASED FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS

Scholarship Amount	Rs. 1500/- per month
Eligibility	<p>a. Students who are registered for Intermediate Course either through Foundation Route or through Direct Entry Route.</p> <p>b. Income of Parents should not be more than Rs. 3,00,000/- per annum.</p>
Period of Scholarship	<p>a. 9 months commencing from the following month of registration for Intermediate Course.</p> <p>b. Additional 3 months if the Student has completed Orientation Course and IT within first 9 months of registration for Intermediate Course.</p> <p>c. Additional 3 months if the Student has passed any one Group in Intermediate Examination within 12 months of registration for Intermediate Course.</p>

(Note: Students who passes both Groups of Intermediate can apply for Scholarship as Final registered students)

2 NEED BASED FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER FINAL STUDENTS

Scholarship Amount	Rs. 1500/- per month
Eligibility	<p>a. Students who are registered for Final Course.</p> <p>b. Income of Parents should not be more than Rs. 3,00,000/- per annum.</p>
Period of Scholarship	30 Months or remaining period of Articleship, whichever is less.

3 MERIT-CUM-NEED BASED SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Amount	Rs. 2000/- per month
Eligibility	<p>a. Rank holders of Intermediate Examinations other than those covered under Merit Scholarship.</p> <p>b. Student must register for Final Course before making application</p> <p>c. Income of Parents should not be more than Rs. 3,00,000/- per annum.</p>
Period of Scholarship	30 Months or remaining period of Articleship, whichever is less.

4 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Amount	Rs. 2500/- per month
Eligibility	<p>a. Rank holders of Intermediate Examinations, whose names appear at Sl. No. 1 to 10 and in case the rank at Sl. No. 10 continues to further ranks i.e. to Sl. No. 11 or to Sl. No. 12 or so on, then all such Rank holders.</p> <p>b. Student must register for Final Course before making application</p>
Period of Scholarship	30 Months or remaining period of Articleship, whichever is less.

Students can apply online anytime for the Scholarship by login at Self Service Portal (SSP) at <https://eservices.icai.org>. In case of any clarification, please contact at Ph: 0120-3045914; email: chatur.negji@icai.in, Please visit our website at www.icai.org



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MESSAGE

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- **Date of Interview : 30th June, 2021**



SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sr. No.	Activities	Last Date
1.	Start date for Member registration	10th June, 2021
2.	Last date for Member registration	16th June, 2021
3.	Start date for organization registration	1st June, 2021
4.	Last date for organization registration	18th June, 2021
5.	Opening of database for organizations	18th June, 2021
6.	Shortlisting by organizations	18th to 23rd June, 2021
7.	Consent sending by Members	24th & 25th June, 2021
8.	Online Psychometric and written test, if any	28th June, 2021
9.	Date of Interview	30th June, 2021

GUIDELINES

- The companies participating will have to register online at <https://cmib.icai.org/>
- The companies can access the database at <https://cmib.icai.org/>
- Participating companies will have to provide the list of shortlisted candidates online on placement portal <https://cmib.icai.org/>
- Final list of candidates appearing for interview will be available online at <https://cmib.icai.org/> one day after consent date by candidate at respective centre.
- Interviews will be conducted through virtual mode by the platform provided by the participating organization as per the roster prepared by ICAI.
- Recruiting entity is requested to intimate well in advance (4 days prior to interview) information regarding platform to be used for interview, number of panel taking parallel interview & duration of interview so as to help us in slot allocation and hassle free process on the scheduled date of interview.

- Shortlisting of the candidates by the company is restricted to 7 times of the number of vacancies in that particular organization
- Once a company has selected any candidate and the offer is accepted by the candidate, it is the responsibility of the company to inform the CMI&B.
- The Indian companies participating have to offer a minimum CTC as per the following experience criteria:

S. No.	Work Experience	Minimum CTC
1	1-5 Years	INR 10 LPA
2	5-10 Years	INR 15 LPA
3	10-20 Years	INR 24 LPA
4	20 years & above	INR 36 LPA

- There is no minimum CTC prescribed for overseas recruiters.
- The entire process above would be done online at <https://cmib.icai.org/>



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CORPORATE LAW

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The following are few of the important updates in Companies Act 2013 & SEBI LODR Regulations 2015 during May 2021

Important news is MCA Version 3 Phase I has been launched and the MCA website started functioning under Version 3 from 24th May 2021.

New Services on Data & Report and E-consultation have been included in this Phase I of MCA V3.

I. Relaxation for Additional fees for few forms other than charge forms

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide its General Circular No.06 dated 3rd May 2021 relaxed levy of additional fees for certain forms under Companies Act, 2013 & LLP Act 2008.

It has been decided to grant additional time up to 31st July 2021 for companies / LLPs to file such forms (other than CHG 1, CHG 4 & CHG 9) without any additional fees which were / would be due for filing during 1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021.

List of forms providing waiver of additional fee as per Circular no. 06/2021 (updated up to 28.5.2021)

Sl. No.	Form Id	Form Description
1	ADT - 1	Auditor Appointment
2	INC - 22	Registered Office Address
3	NDH - 2	Application for Extension of Time
4	NDH - 3	Return of Nidhi Company for the half year ended
5	FC - 4	Annual Return of a Foreign Company
6	MSC - 3	Return of Dormant Companies
7	INC - 27	Conversion of Public to Private or Private to Public companies
8	IEPF - 3	Statement of shares and unclaimed or unpaid dividend not transferred to the Investor Education & Protection Fund.
9	AOC - 4	Form for filing financial statement and other documents with the Registrar
10	AOC – 4 NBFC	Form for filing financial statement and other documents with the Registrar for NBFCs
11	FORM AOC-4 XBRL	Form for filing XBRL document in respect of financial statement and other documents with the Registrar
12	Form MGT-7	Form for filing annual return by a company
13	LLP Form 3	Information with regard to limited liability partnership agreement and changes, if any, made therein
14	LLP-Form 11	Annual Return of Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)
15	Form DIR-11	Notice of resignation of a director to the Registrar
16	Form MGT-14	Filing of Resolutions and agreements to the Registrar
17	Form INC-20A	Declaration for commencement of business
18	Form MGT-15	Form for filing Report on Annual General Meeting



19	Form PAS-6	Reconciliation of Share Capital Audit Report (Half-yearly)
20	Form AOC-4 CFS - NBFC	Form for filing consolidated financial statements and other documents with the Registrar for NBFCs
21	Form AOC-4 CFS	Form for filing consolidated financial statements and other documents with the Registrar
22	Form FC-1	Information to be filed by foreign company
23	Form FC-2	Return of alteration in the documents filed for registration by foreign company
24	Form PAS-3	Return of allotment
25	Form MR-1	Return of appointment of MD/WTD/Manager
26	Form INC-4	One Person Company- Change in Member/Nominee
27	Form INC-6	One Person Company- Application for Conversion
28	Form IEPF-5 eVerification Report	Company eVerification Report
29	Form INC-20	Intimation to Registrar of revocation/surrender of license issued under section 8
30	Form NDH-4	Application for declaration as Nidhi Company and for updation of status by Nidhis
31	Form IEPF-4	Statement of shares transferred to the Investor Education and Protection Fund
32	Form GNL-3	Details of persons/directors/charged/specified
33	Form MGT-6	Persons not holding beneficial interest in shares
34	Form GNL-2	Form for submission of documents with the Registrar
35	Form ADT-3	Notice of Resignation by the Auditor
36	Form DIR-12	Particulars of appointment of Directors and the key managerial personnel and the changes among them
37	Form SH-11	Return in respect of buy-back of securities
38	Form CRA-4	Form for filing Cost Audit Report with the Central Government

II. Relaxation for time for filing Charge forms CHG 1 & CHG 9

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide its General Circular No.07 dated 3rd May 2021 relaxed time for filing Charge related forms and condone the delay under Companies Act, 2013.

Applicability :

For any charge form due date for filing were / would lie between 1.4.2021 to 31.5.2021 the dates starting from 1st April and till 31st May will not be counted and time count will start only from 1.6.2021.

This relaxation shall not apply to

- i) CHG 1 & CHG 9 filed already
- ii) The timeline for filing already expired u/s Sec 77 or 78 prior to 1.4.2021
- iii) The timeline expires at future date calculating from 1.6.2021
- iv) Filing for CHG 4 for satisfaction of charges



List of forms providing waiver of additional fee as per Circular no. 07/2021

Sl. No.	Form Id	Form Description
1	CHG - 1	Creation or Modification of charge (other than related to debenture)
2	CHG - 9	Creation or Modification of charge related to debenture

III. Relaxation for Gap Between Two Board Meetings

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide its General Circular No.08 dated 3rd May 2021 relaxed time gap between two board meetings for 1st and 2nd quarter of 2021-22 under Companies Act, 2013.

The requirement of holding board meetings of the Board of the companies within the intervals provided in section 173 of the Companies Act, 2013 (120 days) stands extended by a period of 60 days for first two quarters of Financial year 2021-22. i.e. 180 days gap is allowed for the board meetings held during April – June & July – September of FY 2021-22.

IV. Clarification on spending CSR funds

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide its General Circular No.09 dated 5th May 2021 clarified on spending of CSR funds for creating health infrastructure for Covid Care, establishment of medical oxygen generation and storage plants, etc., under Companies Act, 2013.

In continuation to MCA's General Circular No.10/2020 dated 23rd March 2020 wherein it was clarified that spending CSR funds for Covid – 19 is an eligible CSR activity and it is now further clarified that spending CSR Funds for creating health infrastructure for Covid Care, establishment of medical oxygen generation and storage plants, manufacturing and supply of Oxygen Concentrators, Ventilators, Cylinders and other medical equipment for countering Covid – 19. etc., are eligible CSR activities under items no. (i) and (xii) of Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 relating to promotion of Health Care, including preventive health care and disaster management respectively.

V. Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting by Listed Entities (BRSR)

SEBI, vide Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD-2/P/CIR/2021/562 dated 10th May 2021, in view of adapting to and mitigating climate change impact, inclusive growth and transitioning to a sustainable economy have emerged as major issues globally. There is an increased focus of investors and other stakeholders seeking businesses to be responsible and sustainable towards the environment and society. Thus, reporting of company's performance on sustainability related factors has become as vital as reporting on financial and operational performance.

In terms of amendment to regulation 34 (2) (f) of LODR Regulations vide Gazette notification no. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2021/22 dated May 05, 2021, it has now been decided to introduce new reporting requirements on ESG parameters called the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR). The BRSR is accompanied with a guidance note to enable the companies to interpret the scope of disclosures.

The BRSR is intended towards having quantitative and standardized disclosures on **ESG (Environment, Social and Governance)** parameters to enable comparability across companies, sectors and time. Such disclosures will be helpful for investors to make better investment decisions. The BRSR shall also enable companies to engage more meaningfully with their stakeholders, by encouraging them to look beyond financials and towards social and environmental impacts.

Applicability

In terms of the aforesaid amendment, with effect from the financial year 2022-2023, filing of BRSR shall be mandatory for the top 1000 listed companies (by market capitalization) and shall replace the existing BRR. Filing of BRSR is voluntary for the financial year 2021-22.



GST

Contributed by: CA. G. Saravana Kumar, Madurai

1. Lowering of interest rate for the month of March 2021 and April 2021 – Notification No 08/2021-CT dated 01.05.2021

The rate of interest for belated payment of GST liability through GSTR – 3B return is reduced for the tax periods March 2021 and April 2021 considering the rising cases of covid across India. Details of such reduction is given in the following table

Category of Tax payer	Details of reduction	Tax periods
Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year	9 per cent for the first 15 days from the due date and 18 per cent thereafter	March, 2021, April, 2021
Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under sub-section (1) of section 39	Nil for the first 15 days from the due date, 9 per cent for the next 15 days, and 18 per cent thereafter	March, 2021, April, 2021
Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 39	Nil for the first 15 days from the due date, 9 per cent for the next 15 days, and 18 per cent thereafter	March, 2021, April, 2021
Taxpayers who are liable to furnish the return as specified under sub-section (2) of section 39	Nil for the first 15 days from the due date, 9 per cent for the next 15 days, and 18 per cent thereafter	Quarter ending March, 2021."

2. Waiver of late fee for the specified tax payers and specified tax periods – Notification No 09/2021-CT dated 01st May, 2021

Late fee for belated filing of GSTR 3B is waived for the tax periods March 2021 and April 2021 as per the details given in the following table.

Class of registered persons	Tax period	Period for which late fee waived
Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of more than rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year	March, 2021 and April, 2021	Fifteen days from the due date of furnishing return
Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under sub-section (1) of section 39	March, 2021 and April, 2021	Thirty days from the due date of furnishing return
Taxpayers having an aggregate turnover of up to rupees 5 crores in the preceding financial year who are liable to furnish the return as specified under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 39	January-March, 2021	Thirty days from the due date of furnishing return."

3. Extension of various due dates

- i. Due date for filing GSTR – 4 for the financial year 2020-21 has been extended to 31st May, 2021 vide Notification No 10/2021-CT dated 01st May 2021
- ii. Due date for filing Form ITC-04 for the period Jan – Mar 2021 has been extended to 31st May, 2021 vide Notification No 11/2021-CT dated 01st May, 2021



- iii. Due date for filing Form GSTR 1 for the tax period April, 2021 has been extended to 26th May, 2021 vide Notification No 12/2021-CT dated 01st May, 2021
- iv. Furnishing details of outward supplies for the month of April 2021 using Invoice Furnishing Facility (IFF) may be filed from 01st May, 2021 to 28th May, 2021.

4. Relaxation in availing Input Tax Credit for the month of April – 2021

As per Rule 36(4) of CGST Rules, a tax payer has to take input tax credit to a maximum of 105% of ITC available in GSTR 2B. This requirement is not required to be complied with while filing GSTR 3B for the month of April 2021. However, while filing GSTR 3B of May 2021 condition of complying with Rule 36(4) is to be satisfied cumulatively for April 2021 and May 2021. – Second proviso to Rule 36(4) inserted vide notification no 13/2021 – CT dated 01st May 2021.

5. Extension of time limits under section 168A – Notification No 14/201-CT dated 01st May 2021

Time limit for completion of various actions, by any authority or by any person, under the GST Act, which falls during the period from 15th April, 2021 to 30th May, 2021, has been extended upto 31st May, 2021, subject to some exceptions as specified in the notification.

6. Time limit for filing application for revocation of cancellation of registration. – Technical changes incorporated in CGST Rules – Notification No 15/2021-CT dated 18th May 2021

Where registration is canceled by the proper officer suo motu, then the taxpayer can file an application for revocation of cancellation of registration. Such application can be filed within 30 days from the date of service of the cancellation order. However,

Finance Act, 2021 has made amendments in the CGST Act to allow filing of such applications even after 30 days on sufficient cause being shown. Above time limit may be increased to further 30 days by additional / joint commissioner and can be further increased to 30 days by commissioner.

7. Amendments in E-Way Bill provisions – Notification No 15/2021-CT dated 18th May, 2021

Where a registered person has failed to furnish Form GSTR 3B/GSTR 1/ CMP 08 for two consecutive months or two consecutive quarters then he shall not be allowed to generate e-way bill for outward movement of goods. Earlier if recipient of goods has made default in their return filings, then supplier is not able to generate the EWB. To overcome this issue, amendment has been made to provide that EWB not be allowed to be generated in respect of outward movement of goods of a registered person who has not complied with the said return filings.

8. Amendments in Refund provisions – Notification No 15/2021-CT dated 18th May 2021

i. Period of deficiency memo excluded in limitation period of 2 years

Wherever deficiency memo is given against a refund application, the applicant needs to file a fresh refund application after rectifying the deficiencies pointed. While calculating limitation period of 2 years the period between date of refund application and date of deficiency memo was not excluded hence, there is likely hood of refund applications getting time barred. To overcome this issue an amendment has been made in Refund Rule 90(3) as follows: “Limitation period of 2 years shall exclude period from date of filing of refund application to date of deficiency memo”

- ii. Amendment has been made to allow the refund applicants to withdraw the refund application before the issuance of refund orders.



INCOME TAX

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1. **Extension of timelines related to certain compliances by the Taxpayers:** The CBDT, in exercise of its powers under Section 119 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, provided following relaxation in respect of Income-tax compliances by the taxpayers vide Circular No8/2021 dated 30th April, 2021:
 - (a) Appeal to Commissioner (Appeals) under Chapter XX of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for which the last date of filing under that Section is 1st April 2021 or thereafter, may be filed within the time provided under that Section or by 31st May 2021, whichever is later;
 - (b) Objections to Dispute Resolution Panel (DRP) under Section 144C of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for which the last date of filing under that Section is 1st April 2021 or thereafter, may be filed within the time provided under that Section or by 31st May 2021, whichever is later;
 - (c) Income-tax return in response to notice under Section 148 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, for which the last date of filing of return of income under the said notice is 1st April 2021 or thereafter, may be filed within the time allowed under that notice or by 31st May 2021, whichever is later;
 - (d) Filing of belated return under sub-section (4) and revised return under sub-section (5) of Section 139 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 for Assessment Year 2020-21, which was required to be filed on or before 31st March 2021, may be filed on or before 31st May 2021;
 - (e) Payment of tax deducted under Section 194-IA, Section 194-IB and Section 194M of the Income-tax Act, 1961 and filing of challan-cum-statement for such tax deducted, which are required to be paid and furnished by 30th April 2021 under Rule 30 of the Income-tax Rules, 1962, may be paid and furnished on or before 31st May 2021;
 - (f) Statement in Form No. 61, containing particulars of declarations received in Form No.60, which is due to be furnished on or before 30th April 2021, may be furnished on or before 31st May 2021.
2. **Extension of timelines related to certain compliances by the Taxpayers:** The CBDT in Circular No.9 of 2021 dated 20th May, 2021 has extended timelines for various compliances which are given below:
 1. The Statement of Financial Transactions (SFT) for the Financial Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before 31st May, 2021 under Rule 114E of the Income-tax Rules, 1962 (hereinafter referred to as "the Rules") and various notifications issued thereunder, may be furnished on or before 30th June 2021 ;
 2. The Statement of Reportable Account for the calendar year 2020, required to be furnished on or before 31st May 2021 under Rule 114G of the Rules, may be furnished on or before 30th June 2021
 3. The Statement of Deduction of Tax for the last quarter of the Financial Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before 31st May, 2021 under Rule 31A of the Rules, may be furnished on or before 30th June 2021;
 4. The Certificate of Tax Deducted at Source in Form No 16, required to be furnished to the employee by 15th June 2021 under Rule 31 of the Rules, may be furnished on or before 15th July 2021;
 5. The TDS/TCS Book Adjustment Statement in Form No 24G for the month of May 2021, required to be furnished on or before 15th June, 2021 under Rule 30 and Rule 37CA of the Rules, may be furnished on or before 30th June, 2021 ;
 6. The Statement of Deduction of Tax from contributions paid by the trustees of an approved superannuation fund for the Financial Year 2020-21, required to be sent on or before 31st May, 2021 under Rule 33 of the Rules, may be sent on or before 30th June,2021;
 7. The Statement of Income paid or credited by an investment fund to its unit holder in Form No 64D for the Previous Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before 15th June, 2021 under Rule 12CB of the Rules, may be furnished on or before 30th June, 2021;
 8. The Statement of Income paid or credited by an investment fund to its unit holder in Form No 64C



for the Previous Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before 30th June, 2021 under Rule 12CB of the Rules, may be furnished on or before 15th July, 2021;

9. The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which is 31st July 2021 under sub-section (1) of section 139 of the Act, is extended to 30th September, 2021;
10. The due date of furnishing of Report of Audit under any provision of the Act for the Previous Year 2020-21, which is 30th September 2021, is extended to 31st October, 2021 ;
11. The due date of furnishing Report from an Accountant by persons entering into international transaction or specified domestic transaction under section 92E of the Act for the Previous Year 2020-21, which is 31st October, 2021, is extended to 30th November, 2021;
12. The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which is 31st October, 2021 under sub-section (1) of section 139 of the Act, is extended to 30th November, 2021;
13. The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which is 30th November, 2021 under sub-section (1) of section 139 of the Act, is extended to 31st December, 2021;
14. The due date of furnishing of belated/revised Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which is 31st December, 2021 under sub-section (4)/sub-section (5) of section 139 of the Act, is extended to 31st January, 2022.

Clarification 1: It is clarified that the extension of the dates as referred to in clauses (9), (12) and (13) above shall not apply to Explanation 1 to section 234A of the Act, in cases where the amount of tax on the total income as reduced by the amount as specified in clauses (i) to (vi) of sub-section (1) of that section exceeds one lakh rupees.

Clarification 2: For the purpose of Clarification 1, in case of an individual resident in India referred to in sub-section (2) of section 207 of the Act, the tax paid by him under section 140A of the Act within the due date (without extension under this Circular) provided in that Act, shall be deemed to be the advance tax.

3. **Relief to hospitals, dispensaries, nursing homes and Covid Care Centres:** The Central Government, in exercise of powers conferred by clause (iii) of Proviso to Section 269ST of the Income-tax Act, 1961, vide Notification No 56/2021 dated 7th May, 2021 has specified that hospitals, dispensaries, nursing Homes, Covid Care centres or similar other medical facilities providing Covid treatment to patients can accept payments in cash during 01.04.2021 to 31.05.2021, on obtaining the PAN or AADHAAR of the patient and the payee and thus such receipt would not be construed as being in contravention of section 269ST.
4. **Notification stating amendment of rules for non-residents transacting in IFSCs:** In Notification No.42 /2021 dated 4th May, 2021 the amendment to Income Tax Rules, 1962 by way of insertion of Sub-rule (2A) to Rule 114 AAB is notified. The provisions of section 139A shall not apply to a non-resident, being an eligible foreign investor, who has made transaction only in a capital asset referred to in clause (viiab) of section 47 which are listed on a recognised stock exchange located in any International Financial Services Centre and the consideration on transfer of such capital asset is paid or payable in foreign currency, if the following conditions are fulfilled, namely:—(i) the eligible foreign investor does not earn any income in India, other than the income from transfer of a capital asset referred to in clause (viiab) of section 47; (ii) the eligible foreign investor furnishes the following details and documents to the stock broker through which the transaction is made namely:—(a) name, e-mail id, contact number; (b) address in the country or specified territory outside India of which he is a resident; (c) a declaration that he is a resident of a country or specified territory outside India; and (d) Tax Identification Number in the country or specified territory of his residence and in case no such number is available, then a unique number on the basis of which the non-resident is identified by the Government of that country or the specified territory of which he claims to be a resident.

Similarly, sub-rule (2B) is inserted to Rule 114AAB whereby the stock broker shall furnish a quarterly statement for the quarter of the financial year, in which the details and documents referred to in sub-rule (2A) are received by it, in Form No.49BA to the Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems)



or the Director General of Income-tax (Systems) or the person authorised by him, electronically and upload the declaration referred to in sub-clause (c) of clause (ii) of sub-rule (2A) within fifteen days from the end of the quarter of the financial year to which such statement relates in accordance with the procedures, formats and standards specified by the Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) or the Director General of Income-tax (Systems) under sub-rule (3).”;

5. **Notification for the purpose of Significant Economic Presence:** The CBDT vide Notification No.41 /2021 dated 3rd May, 2021 has specified the threshold monetary limit and number of users for the purpose of determination of SEP by inserting Rule 11UD to the Income Tax Rules, 1962. It is applicable from 1st day of April, 2022. They are (i) The amount of aggregate of payments arising from transaction or transactions in respect of any goods, services or property carried out by a non-resident with any person in India, including provision of download of data or software in India during the previous year, shall be two crore rupees; and (ii) the number of users with whom systematic and continuous business activities are solicited or who are engaged in interaction shall be three lakhs.

KARNATAKA VAT - GST

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I) Karnataka Tax on Professions, Trades, calling and Employment Act 1976.

(No FD 02 CPT 2021 dated 26.4.2021) (ROD order (01/2021))/(No FD 02 CPT 2021 dated 16.5.2021) (ROD order (02/2021))

Particulars	Actual due date	Extension of time
Monthly statement and Professional tax deducted for employees for the month of April 2021	20 th of following month (May 2021)	20 th June 2021
Payment of Professional tax due as an Employer who enrolled before the commencement of year (up to 31.3.2021)	30 th May 2021 for every financial year	30 th June 2021
Payment of Professional tax due as an Employer who enrolled before the commencement of year (from 01.4.2021 for Financial Year 2021-2022)	Within one month from the date of enrolment	Within one month from the date of enrolment

II) Karnataka Tax on Entry of Goods Act 1979.

(No FD 02 CET 2021 dated 31.5.2021) (ROD order (01/2021))

Particulars	Actual due date	Extension of time
Assessment under section 5-D and section 6 of the Act	Five years after the end of prescribed tax period	Five years and three months after the end of prescribed tax period
Assessment due to section 7(2) and section 21(2) of the Act	Eight years after the end of prescribed tax period	Eight years and three months after the end of prescribed tax period
Time limit to file appeal to commissioner (Appeal) for the orders dated between 1.10.2020 to 31.12.2020	Thirty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 180 days	Thirty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 270 days
Time limit to file appeal to Appellate Tribunal for the orders dated between 1.10.2020 to 31.12.2020	Sixty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 180 days	Sixty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 270 days
Revision of order by Joint Commissioner/Additional Commissioner/Commissioner	Four years from the date of order	Four years and three months from the date of order
Rectification of mistakes apparent on record	Five years from date of passing of order	Five years and three months from date of passing of order



III) Karnataka Value Added Tax Act 2003

(No FD 54 CSL 2021 dated 31.5.2021) (ROD order (01/2021))

Particulars	Actual due date	Extension of time
Assessment under section 38 (Assessment) and section 39 (Re-assessment) of the Act	Five years after the end of prescribed tax period	Five years and three months after the end of prescribed tax period
Assessment due to section 40 and section 79 of the Act	Eight years after the end of prescribed tax period	Eight years and three months after the end of prescribed tax period
Time limit to file appeal to commissioner (Appeal) for the orders dated between 1.10.2020 to 31.12.2020	Thirty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 180 days	Thirty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 270 days
Time limit to file appeal to Appellate Tribunal for the orders dated between 1.10.2020 to 31.12.2020	Sixty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 180 days	Sixty days from date of receipt of order with further extension of 270 days
Revision of order by Joint Commissioner Time limit to pass order from the date of initiation or proceedings (relating to tax periods up to 31.3.2017)	Four years from the date of order One Year to pass order	Four years and three months from the date of order. One Year and three months to pass order
Revision of order by Additional Commissioner or Commissioner	Four years from the date of order	Four years and three months from the date of order
Rectification of mistakes apparent on record	Five years from date of passing of order	Five years and three months from date of passing of order

TAMIL NADU VAT

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Limitation: Order of attachment dated 10.03.2021 was issued later to the to an order of assessment dated 17.02.2020, which has been served upon the petitioner only on 30.03.2021 by post. Ld Government Advocate stated that the order has been sent by e-mail on the same day of assessment. Service by e-mail is an accepted mode of service vide Section 169 of the CGST Act, 2017. The petitioner stated that it wishes to file a statutory appeal challenging order of assessment. Court held that the petitioner may do so within 4 weeks from today in view of the decision of the Supreme Court in a series of judgments on limitation. **Tvl. Gokul Traders Vs. 1. DSTO (ST), Hosur (North) – II Assessment Circle, W.P. No.10015 of 2021 DATED: 22.04.2021**

Cross verification report: The prayers in the WPs are for a mandamus directing the respondent to furnish a copy of the cross-verification report received from the Karnataka State, relied upon in notices dated 12.01.2021. Ld AGP has filed a compilation of documents dated 11.03.2021 containing 22 pages. These documents, he says, constitute the cross-verification report and there is no other document available with the AO upon which reliance is placed. Thus, the mandamus stands achieved. The petitioners are permitted to file their response to the notice, upon receipt of which, the respondent officer shall finalise the assessments in accordance with law and as expeditiously as possible. **Ankit Ispat P Ltd Unit-I, Ankit Ispat P Ltd unit II, Vs. CTO, Kariakal, W.P. No.2530 & 2533 of 2021 DATED: 22.04.2021**

Alternative remedy: In a matter of mismatch, the AO records that the details culled out from the Departmental website on the basis of annexure I and II of the purchasing/selling dealers were furnished to the petitioner and thus the burden cast upon the Department stands discharged. Personal hearing is stated to have been afforded on 14.11.2016 and 13.06.2017 and on both dates the petitioner did not appear and neither was there any appearance thereafter. Hence, the Court rules that there is no justification to interfere with the impugned orders under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. The petitioner may file appeals, if it is so inclined, within a period of 2 weeks from today, in view of the decision of the Supreme Court in a series of judgments as to limitation. **Tvl.Rajgaru Plywoods Vs. AC (ST), Shevapet Circle, Salem. W.P. Nos.10072 of 2021 DATED: 22.04.2021**



Waiver Petition: Petitioner prays for a Mandamus directing the respondents 3 & 5 to dispose its representation dated 23.01.2021 seeking waiver of interest and penalty. This Court directed on 19.03.2020, R3 & R5, being AC (ST), Salem, and the JC, Salem, to consider the representation and dispose the same. Today, the provisions of Section 16-B of the TNGST Act, 1959 are brought to my notice, as per which, the power to reduce or waive penalty in certain circumstances, stand vested in the Commissioner. Thus, the petitioner is permitted to seek waiver of interest and penalty before the Commissioner. **Salem Textile Limited Vs. 1 Addl Commr (ST), Chepauk, Chennai-6 2.The CTO, Bazaar Circle, Salem-7. 3.AC(ST), Bazaar Circle,. 4.DC (ST), Bazaar Circle, 5.The JC,No.17, Pitchards Road,Salem-7. W.P. No.7225 of 2021 DATED: 22.04.2021**

Remand directions: The impugned order has come to be passed without affording an opportunity to the petitioner and merely confirming the original proposals in two words "found intact". The Court held that this sort of order is absolutely unacceptable as it is in violation of all accepted norms of framing an assessment and set aside the same with directions. **W.P. No.7002 of 2021 DATED: 18.03.2021 Tvl.Dhanalakshmi Automobiles Vs. 1. DCTO I Vriddhacahalam 2.ADC (CT), Cuddalore.**

Attachment for arrears: An asset admittedly belonging to a Director of company 1 cannot be attached for the arrears of another Company, especially when the said property has not been offered as security by the Director to the CT Department. **International Asset Reconstruction Co P Ltd, Vs.1.CTO, Bhavani, Erode 2. The Sub-Registrar, Bhavani. 3.M/s. Erode Rana Textiles Processors P Ltd, (In Liquidation), W.P.No.35347 of 2019 DATED: 01.04.2021**

Personal Hearing: The Ld Government Advocate stated that the non-grant of personal hearing is erroneous. The petitioner ought to have been called for a hearing, and the statement of the AO to the effect that such opportunity was not necessary, is deprecated. Stating so, the impugned orders are set aside on this short point and remanded back to the Assessing to be redone afresh. **M/s.Rasi Seeds (P) Ltd, Vs. STO, Attur (town) Assessment Circle, W.P. No.9974, 10174, 8342 & 8341 of 2020 DATED: 22.03.2021**

Stay order: The direction to pay Rs.58,590/-, issued by the Appellate authority in a stay order, has been complied . The petitioner is aggrieved against the condition imposed in regard to the furnishing of bank guarantee for the balance of the disputed tax and penalty. WP Prayer that the same be modified to furnish a personal bond instead of bank guarantee is accepted by the Court. **M/s.Cauvery Timber Co (P) Ltd vs. 1. AC (ST), Saravanampatti West Circle, 2. Appellate DC, Coimbatore. W.P. No.10606 of 2021 DATED: 28.04.2021**

Stay orders: Case law rulings in CTO Vs A. Infrastructure Ltd. (87 VST 190)(SC) has been noticed by the first appellate authority, who rightly states that the grant or refusal of a request for stay is a matter of exercise of discretion. Having said so, it then becomes incumbent upon him to consider the three factors for grant of stay or rejection thereof and pass a speaking order on the applicability of the aforesaid factors to the facts and circumstances as well as the legalities that arise in a particular case. However, this has not been done in the present matter and the first appellate authority proceeds to pass a rather mechanical order calling upon the petitioner to remit a further 25% of tax and furnish a bank guarantee for the balance. This is akin to orders that are routinely passed in stay applications and ought not to be passed, as a matter of routine. The impugned orders are set aside with a direction that the petitioner be heard and orders passed afresh on the stay applications. **M/s.Chennai Petroleum Corpn Ltd., Vs 1 DC (CT) – III (FAC) LTU, 2. JC (CT) (Appeals), W.P Nos.8676 and 8678 of 2021 DATED: 08.04.2021**

Court Directions: When the representation of the petitioner was not considered and the impugned order has been passed without hearing the petitioner the impugned order of assessment is set aside with the directions that the petitioner appear before the AO on 05.05.21 at 10.30 a.m along with materials without expecting any further notice. The AO is directed to pass an order of assessment, de novo, within a period of 4 weeks thereafter, in accordance with the law. **Tvl.S.S.S.Jewel Paradise (P) Ltd, Vs. AC (ST), Dharmapuri Assessment Circle, W.P. No.5868 of 2021 DATED: 29.04.2021**

Natural Justice: A notice appears to have been issued pursuant thereto the petitioner has filed a response dated 18.02.2021. Proof of service of the same is placed in the typed set accompanying the WP. AO proceeded stating that there has been no response and finalised the assessments. No opportunity of personal hearing has also been afforded. The impugned orders are set aside by the Court with certain directions. **M/s.Sridevi Traders, Vs. DSTO, Thirukoilur. W.P. Nos.10692 & 10694 of 2021 DATED: 29.04.2021**



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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This section of updates will provide you updates on the following.

1. New regulatory compliances on Information Technology and Information Technology audit during the month.
2. Feature updates during the month on commonly used tools for audit such as Microsoft office, outlook, IDEA, Tally, ACL, Power BI, Tableau
3. Crisp summary of status of key technology related issues.

For this month newsletter we are seeing the Current status on RBI's Digital currency.

RBI's Digital currency – Central Bank Digital currency (CBDC)

Following Bitcoin, there have been various start-ups dealing with cryptocurrency in India. However, the volatility in private cryptocurrency prices and the instances of frauds have brought to the fore regulatory concerns over the risks of cryptocurrencies. Both the Government of India and the Reserve Bank have indicated that they have not authorised or issued regulation for any entity to deal with cryptocurrencies and, hence, public have no legal protection in dealing with cryptocurrencies and would bear all the risks associated with it. In fact, the Reserve Bank has issued several press releases (Dec 24, 2013, Feb 01, 2017, Dec 05, 2017) warning against dealing in cryptocurrencies.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on January 25 released booklet on Booklet on Payment Systems covering the journey of Payment and Settlement Systems in India during the second decade of the millennium, viz., from the beginning of 2010 till the end of 2020. This booklet included reference to RBI's views on **Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDC)**.

“CBDC is a legal tender and a central bank liability in digital form denominated in a sovereign currency and appearing on the central bank's balance sheet. It is in the form of electronic currency which can be converted or exchanged at par with similarly denominated cash and traditional central bank deposits. Innovations are changing the payments space rapidly. This has made central banks around the world to examine whether they could leverage on technology and issue fiat money in digital form.”

It is important to note that CBDC is a digital currency and its price or value for usage within the country will not fluctuate like crypto currency. The concept and design of a CBDC is being investigated by many central banks for few years now. Although different central banks are working on different concepts of CBDC depending on their country-specific requirements and utilisation, these will eventually converge at some point of time. Pilot runs are conducted on adoption of CBDC in various sectors of economy by China, Sweden and few other countries. RBI is exploring the possibility as to whether there is a need for a digital version of fiat currency in India and in case there is, then how to operationalise it.

On 29 January 2021, Circular number 2022 of Lok Sabha bulletin, in the 'E' new bills section under Legislative business, the Indian government proposed a new bill **“The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021”**

The objective of the Bill was to create a facilitative framework for creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India. The Bill also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India, however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses.

The bill appears to be based on a recommendation given by SC Garg Committee formed by the Centre. The Committee had recommended banning cryptocurrencies and allow an official digital currency. The Government formed an Inter-Ministerial Committee to manage this bill, however this bill is delayed was not passed during this budget session.