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GST Relief For Small Trader, Exporter

New Delhi: Three months after the rollout of the new indirect tax regime, the GST Council on Friday made sweeping changes to give relief to small and medium businesses on return filing and payment of taxes, eased rules for exporters and cut tax rates on more than two dozen items.

Businesses with an annual turnover of up to Rs 1.5 crore, which constitute 90 per cent of the taxpayer base but pay only 5-6 per cent of the total tax, have been allowed to file quarterly income returns and pay tax instead of the current provision of monthly filings.

Also, the turnover threshold for businesses to avail of the Composition Scheme that allows them to pay 1-5 per cent tax without going through tedious formalities, was raised to Rs 1 crore from the current Rs 75 lakh.

"The compliance burden of medium and small taxpayers in GST is being reduced," Finance Minister Arun Jaitley told reporters after the 22nd meeting of the Council.

Small and medium enterprises had complained of the tedious compliance burden under the Goods and Services Tax (GST), that was supposed to be a simple indirect tax regime which replaced over a dozen Central and state taxes.

Jaitley said big taxpayers, who contribute 94-95 per cent of the total taxes, will continue to file monthly returns and pay taxes on a monthly basis.

Also, a group of ministers has been asked to go into the issue of extending the Composition Scheme on inter-state sales as well as rationalising taxes on restaurants.

The switchover to quarterly tax filing for small and medium businesses would happen from October 1 and they will have to file monthly returns for the first three months of GST, which was implemented from July 1. With small businesses and traders complaining about the compliance burden the new Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime has put on them, the panel decided to give the option to taxpayers to avail of the so-called Composition Scheme if their turnover is less than Rs 1 crore as against the previous limit of Rs 75 lakh. So far, over 15 lakh out of the 90 lakh registered businesses have opted for the Composition Scheme. The tax rate for traders of goods in the Composition Scheme is 1 per cent, while it is 2 per cent for manufacturers and 5 per cent for suppliers of food or drinks (without alcohol).

Service providers cannot opt for the Composition Scheme. The scheme allows small businesses, including eateries, to pay 1-5 per cent tax without having to deal with the three-stage filing process. It allows small taxpayers to pay GST at a fixed rate of turnover and not go through the tedious GST formalities. The scheme cannot be opted by supplier of services other than restaurant-related services; manufacturer of ice cream, pan masala, or tobacco; casual taxable person or a non-resident taxable person; and businesses which supply goods through an e-commerce operator.

No input tax credit can be claimed by those opting for Composition Scheme. Also, the taxpayer can only make intra-state supply. Eating out is also set to become cheaper with the GST Council agreeing to reduce the GST from the current 18 to 12 per cent.

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Invites applications for Press and Media awards

Udaipur: Deepawali ceremony of UCCI is scheduled to be held at Environment Park on October 14, in evening. During this function various mega events will be organized. A new feather to honor media personalities along with organizations for outstanding services has added the entries for these awards nomination-proposals and applications will be entertained by 10 October 2017.

Chairman Shri Hansraj Choudhary said that during the ceremony, three awards will be given by UCCI for outstanding service in the field of journalism. These are given for journalistic coverage in print media with special reference to industries "Journalist of the Year" award for services related to exemplary social upliftment in the field of journalism.

Chairman, Mr. Hansraj Choudhary informed that the objective of honoring the organizations and journalists associated with journalism by the UCCI is to promote industry and business in the division, to adhere to the ethical values and codes of conduct in the business and to create economic development and the nation's area. Incentives are given to the individuals and groups who provide support. Mrs. Haseena Chakkwala, Chairperson of the All Sub-Committee of Deepawali festival program has appealed to all the journalists to send their applications.

63rd Wildlife Week celebrated

Udaipur: With the message to "Save wildlife" the 63rd Wildlife week celebrated on Thursday at Sajjanganh Biological Park. Spot painting was organized to promote this message.

81 students of 16 schools participated in the junior group and 86 students of 20 schools participated in the senior group for spot painting.

The theme given to junior students was "Environment (Humara Paryavaran)" and that given to the senior students was based on "Wildlife our saviours (Vanyajeev Humare Rakshak)". Students bagging first, second and third positions in the painting competition will be awarded on 7th September in a function.

Retired Forest officer PS Chundawat, Shaitan Singh Devra, Tejveer Singh, Narpat Singh and Ganesh Lal Gothwal among few whom graced the event.

TVS Racing Sponsored Stunt Biking Team performs in Udaipur

Udaipur: TVS Racing organized a special edition of Apache Pro Performance stunt show in Udaipur. The initiative, which is driven by TVS Racing, promotes the prowess of the Apache RTR Series motorcycles among its audience and helps them connect to the essence of the brand - Racing DNA Unleashed. The crowd witnessed adrenaline rushing stunts, performed by experienced stuntmen guided by the TVS Apache team. Special stunts like the Jesus Christ pose, pillion thrill-ride, 360-degree front wheelie, synchronized flower burnout, suicide burnout were performed on the most awarded Indian Motorcycle of the Year 2017, Apache RTR 200 4V. The event also saw a special session for the audience on how to ride safely and responsibly. TVS Apache currently supports 5 stunt teams from across India.

Hindustan Zinc wins India Today SAFAIGIRI AWARDS 2017



Udaipur: Hindustan Zinc has won the INDIATODAY SAFAIGIRI AWARD 2017 under the category of Best Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model for project - Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), built in Udaipur. The award was presented by Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu and Founder & Editor-in-Chief of India Today - Arun Purie, in a glittering ceremony held in New Delhi on 2nd October.

The jury of the award were Shashi Tharoor - MP & Author; Arun Purie - Chairman, India Today; Shubhagato Dasgupta - Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research; Shilpa Shetty - renowned Actress; Vinayak Chatetjee - Co-founder, Feedback Infra Private Limited, TV Mohandas Pai - Chairman, Manipal Global Education and Neeraj Birla - Founder and



Chairperson, Aditya Birla Education Trust. M. Venkaiah Naidu has said that every Indian should become part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, a "JanAndolan", with a missionary zeal so that the goal of a "Clean India" is achieved by 2nd October, 2019 - the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. He was addressing the gathering at an event to present the India

Today Safaigiri Awards 2017, organized by India Today Group, here today. The Chairman of Living Media, Shri Arun Purie was present on the occasion.

The Vice President said that Gandhiji accorded highest priority to sanitation and cleanliness and had famously said "Sanitation is more important than political freedom". He further said that the cause of many

of our diseases is the condition of our latrines and our bad habit of disposing of excreta anywhere and everywhere. The dream of the Father of the Nation a 'Clean India' could be realized through 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan', he added.

The Vice President complimented the India Today Group, under the leadership of 'Swachh Bharat' ambassador Shri Arun Purie, for organizing these Safaigiri Awards. He further said that media today holds enormous potential for influencing public opinion, and award events like these to give a big boost to all stakeholders.

The Vice President congratulated all the India Today Safaigiri Awardees, and said that they are the true beacons of light who can become role models for other citizens to come forward to contribute to

the 'Swachh Bharat Mission'.

On behalf of Hindustan Zinc, Pavan Kaushik - Head Corporate Communication, HZL presented the insight on the STP project to the audience which was very well received and the audience understood this project as a model to be replicated by industries that need water for their operations.

He spoke about how the project STP is cleaning lakes and rivers, replacing fresh water with treated water and how this has impacted the overall environment of Udaipur.

On behalf of Hindustan Zinc, the award was received by Pavan Kaushik - Head Corporate Communication, HZL, T.R. Gupta - Head Corporate Affairs, HZL and Devika Gupta - Associate Manager, HZL.

INTERNATIONAL ROAD FEDERATION

NITI AAYOG SETS UP NATIONAL LEVEL COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTING INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

New Delhi: The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) has set up a National level committee having members from various ministries and states for developing and implementing Intelligent Transportation Systems for better and smarter mobility in the country.

"The National level Committee will have various stakeholders including central, state, foreign ITS companies and private partners active in sector along with several working groups which will develop the National ITS policy and set uniform standards to implement it in various parts of the country including major cities" said Mr Anil Srivastava, IAS, Advisor, (Infrastructure) NITI Aayog, while speaking at a Roundtable on ITS in India organised by International Road Federation (IRF), the Geneva based global road safety body working for better and safer roads world wide.

"Some of the subjects covered by various working groups in the ITS Committee will include Traffic management, parking management, electronic enforcement of traffic rules, fleet management and monitoring, setting up ITS technical standards, generating awareness for acceptance by public and initiating, encouraging pilot projects and developing affordable ITS suited to Indian driving conditions" said Mr Srivastava.

NITI Aayog and the International Road Federation, (IRF) had recently signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) to cooperate in the field of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) in India.

"The objective of this national ITS Policy will be to contribute to reducing urban traffic congestion, improving the situation around parking of vehicles in cities, improving road safety, and improving the security of passenger and goods traffic," said Dr Adnan Rahman, Director General, International Road Federation, Geneva while speaking on the occasion.

"The work of this National Platform will provide a coherent and consistent National ITS Policy covering domains such as traffic and parking management, enforcement, and security. It will contribute to the Government of India's SMART City Program, the Make in India initiative, and to a host of other initiatives aimed at the economic and social development of India," said Mr Vijay Chibber, Advisor IRF and former secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) while speaking at the ITS roundtable.

At present ITS has been partially implemented in very few cities in India including Mumbai, Bangalore, Surat and Bhopal.

The House of MJB presented an exclusive Polki and Diamond preview



Udaipur: The city's jewellery lovers had a glorious outing as the House of MJB, a well-known jewellery brand that stands out for its handcrafted and designer diamond jewellery, brought its unique royal charm to the city with a preview of its exclusive Polki and Diamond collection at the Mughal Hall, Q Hotel on the 2nd and 3rd October.

With the right kind of setting, vibe and décor to complement the brand aesthetics, the two day preview showcased some of the most unique and iconic pieces from the brand. Talking about the preview Gautam Soni, MD House of MJB said, "It has been a wonderful preview and we are glad we could bring to the jewellery lovers some of our most iconic pieces from our Polki and diamond collection."

Always known for setting itself apart with its Rose Cut Antique, Kundan-Jadai and Polki Jewellery, they have made an inimitable place in the Jewellery market with its attractive Diamond jewellery collection and ranges. Being one of the most trusted jewellery brand across India and overseas with the Royal standards of Ratangarh in Churu, Rajasthan and combining it with the best traditional jewellery of Bengal, MJB has maintained the standard in the jewellery market for legacies and each generation has passed the baton successfully.

Acharya Lokesh and Bihar CM hold important talks

Chief Minister of Bihar honourable Shri Nitish Kumar invited Founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti Eminent Jaicharya Dr. Lokesh Muni to CM House during Acharya Shri's two days visit to Bihar. In the meeting important discussions on issues of social and national relevance were discussed. Shri Nitish Kumar took the historical decision that Bihar Government will celebrate Bhagwan Mahavir Nirwan Diwas this year. He said that Bhagwan Mahavir's message of Non-violence, Peace and Brotherhood can play an important role in formation of healthy society. His message will again reach the masses and they will be encouraged to follow the

path by celebration of Bhagwan Mahavir Nirwan Diwas. Honouring Acharya Lokesh Muni Chief Minister said that in this land of Bhagwan Mahavir and Bhagwan Buddha you guide us so that we will always take decision in people's welfare.

Talking about the campaign against Dowry and Child marriage launched two days back Chief Minister said that we are committed for the welfare and development of women and children.

Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni in his discussion with Chief Minister appreciated that ban on alcohol was firmly implements in Bihar. Acharya Lokesh said that campaign against Dowry and



Child marriage launched by Shri Nitish Kumar is commendable. Acharya Lokesh gave blessings to Shri Nitish Kumar for always working in the welfare of people.

On the occasion Chief Minister released the Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti Patrika. Acharya Shri was accompanied by Bhikshu Sangh Sena, Bhavya Shrivastava and Prashant Jain.

Event and News@RH

All set for Deepawali Dussehra mela

Udaipur: Deepawali Dussehra mela will begin on 10th October continue till 22nd & October in Town hall. Deepawali Dussehra mela is the most awaited mela second largest mela after shilpgram festival that gives udaipurites opportunity to shop items from various states. Major attraction apart from food stalls are the cultural nights organized which are enjoyed by one and all.

The cultural events will end on 16th October but the mela will go on till the 22nd of this month. The biggest attraction this year is play back singer Abhijeet Bhattacharya. Competitions will also be held for 2 days where locals will showcase their talent.

There will be 3 entry gates for the mela... Town hall main gate, Link road gate and RCA campus opposite Mewar Motors.

Another event will be Kavi Sammelan on 14th October where dignitaries like Hariom Panwar, Pratap Faujdar, Kunwar Javed, Kaanu Pandit, Sudip Bhola, Ashok Bhati, Shalini and Vani Gaurav Golcha will be present. The invitation card has been designed with Bheelu Rana's image on it.

Chinse items will not be a part of the mela this year. Municipal Corporation has earned 74 lakhs 50 thousand rupees this year from stalls and swings. This is 20 lakhs more than the income of last year.

Projectors will be installed at various points for the mela. CCTV cameras are also being installed. Home Guards will be appointed at various points for the purpose of safety. Security will also be put up behind the stalls to be more on the safer side.

Programs

10th and 11th October- Local talent night
12th October- Gazal night (Anup Jalota)
13th October- Singer night (Abhijeet Bhattacharya)
14th October- Kavi sammelan
15th October- Punjabi night (Dilbaag Singh)
16th October- Dance night (Question mark crew and Dynamic crew group)

Invites proposals and applications for State, National and International awards

Udaipur: Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation (MMCF) is all set to organize the Maharana Mewar Foundation 36th Annual Awards Distribution Ceremony (MMFAA) on 11th March 2018. Standing true to its vision to perpetuate its core values such as service to society and mankind, serving as a temple of inspiration to future generations to continue the model of sustainability of 'Eternal Mewar', MMCF has been organizing this award ceremony since 1981. The scope and spectrum of the awards has been steadily widening since then. At present MMFAA not only applauds students but also honours international and national scholars for their work of permanent value to society. Few of the eminent personalities who have graced the MMFAA platform by receiving an award are Sir V S Naipaul, Dr. Chitrnanjan Singh Ranawat,



Sir Gulam Noon, Professor Sir Angus Deaton, Mr. Shekhar Gupta, Mr. Sanjeev Srivastava, Mr. Sunil Gavaskar, Ms. Lata Mangeshkar, Mr. Shyam Benegal, Mr. Kisan Babu Rao (Anna Hazare), Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, Ms. Aruna Roy, Mr. Rahul Bose, Dr. Mandakini and Dr. Prakash Amte, Dr. Tessa Thomas, Mr. Piyush Pandey, Ms. Anu Aga, Ms. Amla Ashok Ruia, Ms. P. T. Usha, Dr. R. Vasudevan, Mr. Jadav Mulai Payeng, Mr. Amaan Ali Khan, Mr. Ayaan Ali Khan and many more.

One can either apply on his/her own or can be nominated by someone for the annual awards. The applications and nominations received are reviewed by a distinguished panel of scholars, artists, historians and civil servants after which a final list of awardees is prepared. The awards are categorized into International, National, State and Student awards. Each award carries a cash prize, a certificate, a silver trophy or a medal and a ceremonial shawl. The ceremony starts with the presentation of certificates to students from schools and universities in Udaipur and across the State of Rajasthan.

This is followed by the main Distribution Ceremony when the awardees gather on the dais to receive their awards from Shri Arvind Singh Mewar of Udaipur, Chairman and Managing Trustee of Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation, Udaipur. 'Maharana Mewar Foundation Annual Awards' is an integral part of the activities of the Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation (MMCF). Udaipur and we take great pride in organizing this award ceremony every year to felicitate and give recognition to people who have truly served society by excelling in their respective fields' said Dr. Mayank Gupta, Convener of the 36th MMFAA - 2018. Award details and prescribed application format can be downloaded from <http://www.eternalmewar.in/collaboration/awards/index.aspx> or can be obtained free of cost from the Office of Maharana Mewar Foundation 36th Annual Awards - 2018 located at The City Palace, Udaipur. The last date for submitting the application form is on or before 30th November 2017.

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Navila Club judged First

Udaipur: Inner Club Garba Contest was organized at Oriental Palace Resort on behalf of Maheshwari Mahila Gaurav. In which Navila Club stood First, Jain Jagriti stood second where as Gautam Maheshwari Club remained third. Dr. Satyanarayan Maheshwari, inaugurated the event by cutting lace.

On this occasion, all the participating clubs dressed in traditional garba costumes were garlanded. Dr. Maheshwari, Sunita Devpura Kaushalya Gattani, Aasha Naraniwal were present during prize giving ceremony. Sarita Nyati, patron Janak Bangar, Biman Rima Somani, Saroj Sodhani, Nirmala Kabra and members of the executive graced the function. All participants were dressed in garba in traditional costumes.