

**WEEKLY UPDATES ON COMPANY LAW, SEBI, RBI AND IBC**  
**Week 35 – August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021 to August 29<sup>th</sup> 2021**

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**Companies Act 2013 during the week**

**Rules -0; Circulars - 1; Notifications-0; Orders-0; Important Notices -0**

S. No	Date of Issue	Rules/Circular/ Notification/Order	Contents thereof	Gist thereof
1	25/08/2021	Circular	<b>FAQs on Corporate Social Responsibility</b> <a href="https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=c2vj8NRFvqQHNADnoMn00w%253D%253D&amp;type=open">https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=c2vj8NRFvqQHNADnoMn00w%253D%253D&amp;type=open</a>	MCA has issued clarifications and released Frequently asked questions on Corporate Social Responsibility.

S. No	NEWS ON MCA
1	MCA proposes to do away with Statutory Audit as per the Companies Act, 2013 for Small Companies. This decision has been taken in line with the ease of doing business. Once Statutory Audit for small companies is done away with, companies will no more need CA certificate on their financials and the Director of the Company can self-certify the documents and upload it on the ROC website.

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**SEBI during the week**

**Act -0; Rules -0; Regulations-0; General Orders – 0; Guidelines- 0**

**Master Circulars-0; Circulars – 1; Press Release –0 Others -0;**

S. No	Date of Issue	Act/rules/circulars	Subject & Link	Gist thereof
1	26/08/2021	Circular	<p><b>Modalities for implementation of the framework for Accredited Investors</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2021/circular-on-modalities-for-implementation-of-the-framework-for-accredited-investors-52116.html">https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2021/circular-on-modalities-for-implementation-of-the-framework-for-accredited-investors-52116.html</a></p>	<p>SEBI came out with detailed modalities for implementation of the Accredited Investors (AIs) framework, a move expected to open up a new channel of raising funds from sophisticated investors. Individuals, HUFs, family trusts, sole proprietorship firms, trusts and body corporate can get accreditation based on financial parameters specified by the regulators. The SEBI has issued guidelines on eligibility criteria for AIs procedure to avail benefits linked to accreditation and flexibility to investors to withdraw 'consent'. The SEBI had earlier this month introduced the concept of 'Accredited Investors' in the securities market.</p>

<b>S. No</b>	<b>NEWS ON SEBI</b>
1	<p>National Stock Exchange (NSE) has directed its members, including stockbrokers, to discontinue the sale of digital gold on their platforms by September 10, 2021. The direction came after SEBI said that certain members are providing a platform to their clients for buying and selling digital gold. SEBI through a letter dated August 3, 2021 informed the exchange that the said activity is in contravention of Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules (SCRR), 1957, and the members should refrain from undertaking any such activities. The SCRR rules restrict all members from engaging, either as principal or employee, in any business, other than that of securities or commodity derivatives, except as a broker or agent, not involving any personal financial liability.</p>

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**RBI during the week**

**Notifications -0; Master Directions –0; Master Circulars –0; Circular -0;**

**Press Release – 0**

S. No	Date of Issue	Notifications/Master Directions/Master Circulars	Subject & Link	Gist thereof
NIL				

S. No	NEWS ON RBI
1	The payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme was announced by RBI. The objective of the scheme was to encourage deployment of Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure (both physical and digital modes) in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and north eastern states. The Reserve Bank has now decided to include street vendors identified as part of the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme) in tier-1 and tier-2 centres as beneficiaries under the PIDF Scheme. As hitherto, the street vendors in tier-3 to tier-6 centres will continue to be covered under the Scheme. This decision to expand the targeted beneficiaries under the PIDF scheme will provide fillip to the Reserve Bank’s efforts towards promoting digital transactions at the grass root level.

2	RBI committee suggests measures to strengthen the Urban co-operative banks Larger urban co-operative banks may be allowed to issue stock exchange tradable instruments to shore up capital and allow them to function as an universal bank according to the recommendations of an Expert Committee on Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks which also suggests more enabling regulations giving their role in enhancing financial inclusion.
3	The RBI has revised guidelines regarding local data storage policy, which will disallow payment operators to store the data on their systems. The new rule is expected to be implemented in January 2022. The central bank had earlier postponed the implementation of these norms. Customers will have to enter their 16-digit card number and other details every time they do a transaction, as per the revised rules.

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**IBC during the week**

**Notifications -0; Master Directions –0; Master Circulars –0; Circular –0;**

**Press Release –0; Others – 0**

S. No	Date of Issue	Notifications/Master Directors/Master Circulars	Subject & Link	Gist thereof
NIL				

S. No	NEWS ON IBC
1	Government considers operational changes in IBC following expert panel recommendations. India is considering several operational changes in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), harnessing digital technology to help remove seemingly insurmountable obstacles of distance or time- and speed up the resolution of bad loans.

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**Others during the week**

**NSE-0; BSE-0; DIPP-0; Finance Ministry-0; Others -0;**

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NIL				

S. No	General News
1	The government announced plans to integrate four pension and insurance schemes, including health assurance scheme Ayushman Bharat, with the informal sector database that is in the works.
2	The ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has approved the continuation of the International Cooperation (IC) Scheme for the next financial cycle 2021-22 to 2025-26. The ministry has revised the guidelines of the IC Scheme which will have will now have three sub-components such as: Market Development Assistance (MDA) - (both Physical and Virtual Mode), Capacity Building of First Time Exporters (CBFTE) and Framework for International Market Intelligence Dissemination (IMID).



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