MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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(Covers Tax updates, Case laws and Due dates of GST, Income Tax and MCA)

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Welcome to our Newsletter!

In this edition of our newsletter, we are excited to bring you the most recent updates and developments in the field of taxation and legal amendments. Our primary goal is to provide you with timely and accurate information to assist you in making informed business decisions.

We understand the complexities of the ever-changing tax laws and regulations. That is why we curate each edition carefully to cover topics that are most relevant to your business and professional needs. Whether it is changes in tax laws, case studies, or tips on tax planning, our newsletter aims to be a comprehensive resource for all your tax-related queries.

Your feedback is incredibly important to us. It not only helps us improve but also ensures that we cover topics that matter the most to you. We are committed to making this newsletter a valuable resource, and we are always open to suggestions and questions.

If you have any questions or require further clarification on any of the topics discussed, please do not hesitate to reach out. Our dedicated team is just an email or a phone call away, ready to assist you in any way possible. We hope you find this newsletter both informative and useful. Thank you for your continued support!

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Rest assured, we keep a vigilant eye on every tax update that's relevant to you. However, knowledge is power, and we encourage you to take a moment to review the recent tax updates below. If you have any questions or need further clarification on any of them, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Your financial success is our priority!

Date	Subject	Details	Act
31-07-2026	GSTN Keeps Proposed E-Way Bill Enhancements on Hold	GSTN has announced that the proposed e-Way Bill enhancements, which were earlier scheduled for implementation from 1st August 2026, have been kept on hold until further notice. As a result, taxpayers, transporters, GSPs, ERP providers and other stakeholders are not required to make any system changes for these proposed features at present. GSTN has also stated that the related advisories and FAQs issued earlier will be withdrawn from the GST Portal. Stakeholders should await further communication before taking any action. Source: GSTN Advisory dated 29 July 2026.	GST
16-07-2026	Income Tax Department Launches Foreign Assets Information (FAI) Report on Compliance Portal	The Income Tax Department has introduced the Foreign Assets Information (FAI) report on the AIS Compliance Portal. Taxpayers can now securely download a password-protected PDF containing foreign financial account details received from international tax jurisdictions for Calendar Year 2022 onwards. The report includes account balances, dividends, interest, gross proceeds and other payments. Taxpayers can also submit feedback in case of discrepancies using the TSN provided in the report, promoting greater transparency and voluntary tax compliance.	Income Tax
13-07-2026	CBDT Authorises Upload of AEOI Information in Form 168 AIS	The CBDT has issued an order under Section 239 of the Income-tax Act, 2025, authorising the Director General of Income-tax (Systems) to upload information received under the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) framework into the Annual Information Statement (AIS) in Form 168. The information must be	Income Tax

		uploaded within 90 days from the end of the month in which it is received. The DGIT (Systems) will also prescribe the procedures, formats and standards for such reporting. Source: CBDT Order F.No. 225/73/2025-ITA-II dated 8 July 2026.	
11-07-2026	GSTAT Introduces Token System to Protect Appeal Filing Deadline till 31st July 2026	The GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) has introduced a token generation mechanism to safeguard taxpayers facing technical issues while filing appeals. Taxpayers who generate a valid token on or before 31st July 2026 will be deemed to have initiated the appeal within the prescribed time. The actual appeal must be completed within 60 days from the token generation date. A separate token is required for each appeal, and tokens generated with incorrect or incomplete details may be treated as void. Source: GSTAT Order No. 156/2026 dated 10th July 2026.	GST
08-07-2026	MCA Extends Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme (CCFS-2026) till 31st August 2026	The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has extended the validity of the Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS-2026) from 15th July 2026 to 31st August 2026. The extension has been granted in view of ongoing data centre capacity enhancement and restoration activities following the fire incident on 5th June 2026. Companies now have additional time to complete pending statutory filings and avail the benefits of the compliance scheme without missing the revised deadline.	MCA
01-07-2026	Rollout of second set of Statutory Forms under Income Tax Rules, 2026	As a part of our continuous endeavor to enhance your experience, 13 more statutory forms covering quarterly forms have been made available on the e-Filing Portal. These forms are accessible through the following path: e-File ? Income Tax Forms ? File Income Tax Forms ? Forms as per Income Tax Act, 2025 ? Select the applicable form Taxpayers are advised to refer to the "Navigator" and the Income Tax Rules, 2026 for detailed information regarding these forms.	Income Tax
30-06-2026	Government Extends Time Limit for Filing GSTAT Appeals in Pending Cases	The Central Government has notified 31 July 2026 as the last date to file appeals or applications before the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) for specified pending cases. The extension applies where appeal orders were communicated before 1 May 2026 and applications relate to orders passed before 1 February 2026. For orders issued after these dates, the normal statutory time limits under Section 112 of the CGST Act will continue to apply.	GST
26-06-2026	CBDT Approves University of Hyderabad for Scientific Research	The CBDT has notified the University of Hyderabad as an approved institution for scientific research under the Income-tax Act, 2025. Eligible donations made to the University for scientific research can qualify for tax benefits, subject to prescribed conditions. The approval is applicable for Tax Years 2026-27 to 2030-31	Income Tax
25-06-2026	Registered Valuers	The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has notified the	MCA

	Rules Amended	Companies (Registered Valuers and Valuation) Amendment Rules, 2026, effective from 1 June 2026. Key Highlights: 1. Minimum paid-up share capital for Registered Valuer Organisations (RVOs) increased to ?25 lakh. 2. Existing RVOs have time till 31 March 2028 to comply with the revised capital requirement. 3. Amendment also updates eligibility conditions under Rule 12 of the 2017 Rules.	
20-06-2026	MCA Relaxes Additional Fees for DPT-3 Filing	The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has allowed companies to file Form DPT-3 for FY 2025-26 up to 31 July 2026 without payment of additional fees. The relief has been granted considering MCA data centre restoration activities following the fire incident on 5 June 2026. - Original Due Date: 30 June 2026 - Fee-Free Extended Period: Up to 31 July 2026 Source: MCA General Circular No. 02/2026	MCA

Don't miss out on crucial legal insights that could impact your business success! Our Monthly Case Laws Digest is your gateway to understanding important court decisions that matter to your business. Take a moment to review these significant rulings below, and if you require more information or have questions, feel free to reach out to us.

Date	Subject	Details	Citation
06-07-2026	Section 148 Reopening Invalid Without Live Nexus Between Seized Material and Assessee- Vinod Parsotam Rabara v. Income-tax Offier	**Facts**: The assessee purchased land in April 2021, while a seized brokers inquiry register contained a 2018 entry mentioning the same survey number with a higher asking rate. Relying solely on this entry, the AO alleged payment of on-money and reopened the assessment u/s 148. The assessee challenged the reopening, asserting that the register neither referred to him nor constituted evidence of any undisclosed payment. **Decision**: The Gujarat HC held that the seized inquiry register did not establish any live or direct nexus between the alleged on-money payment and the assessee. The Court ruled that reassessment based only on an old, uncorroborated register entry amounted to mere conjectures and surmises. Accordingly, the Court quashed the notice issued u/s 148 and allowed the assessees writ petition.	R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 6600 of 2026
03-07-2026	R&D Expenses Cannot Reduce Section 80IB/80IC Deduction Without Direct Link- Principal Commissioner of Income-tax v. Macelods Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	**Facts**: The assessee claimed deduction u/s 35(2AB) for expenditure incurred by its separate DSIR-approved R&D units while also claiming deductions u/s 80IB/80IC for eligible manufacturing units. The AO allocated part of the R&D expenditure to the eligible manufacturing units, alleging that the research benefited those units. The Commissioner (Appeals) and the Tribunal found no factual nexus between the R&D activities and the eligible units and deleted the allocation. **Decision**: The HC held that R&D expenditure cannot be apportioned to eligible manufacturing units without evidence establishing a direct nexus. Independent R&D units with separate audited accounts and unrelated research activities justified the assessees claim that the	IT APPEAL NO. 267 OF 2024

		expenditure was not attributable to the eligible units. Since the Revenue failed to produce any supporting material, the appeal was dismissed, and the Tribunals order was affirmed.	
01-07-2026	Former director cannot be prosecuted for a companys return filing default occurring after his resignation.- Rakesh Bhailalbhai Gandhi v. Income-tax Officer	**Facts**: The company and its directors were prosecuted for failure to file the ITR for A.Y. 2014-15 within the prescribed time. The petitioner contended that he had resigned as a director before the end of the FY and before the due date for filing the return. After the lower courts refused to discharge him, the petitioner challenged the prosecution before the Bombay HC. **Decision**: The Bombay HC held that the petitioner had ceased to be a director before the alleged default occurred and, therefore, could not be held vicariously liable u/s 276CC and 278B. The Court quashed the criminal proceedings and the orders issuing process against the petitioner, holding that no offence was made out against him. The prosecution against the remaining accused was allowed to continue, and the Trial Court was directed to dispose of the case expeditiously.	WRIT PETITION NO. 1034 OF 2024
30-06-2026	Multiple financial years cannot be clubbed in one GST show-cause notice to bypass limitation.- State Bank of India v. Commercial CGST & CE, SLG Commissionerate	**Facts**: The GST authorities issued an SCN notice u/s 74 covering multiple FYs (2018-19 to 2023-24) alleging unpaid IGST on account of fraud. The petitioner bank furnished invoices and supporting documents and objected that one SCN could not validly cover multiple FYs. Despite the objection, the authorities confirmed the IGST demand with interest and penalty, prompting the bank to challenge the notice and order before the HC. **Decision**: The HC held that each FY is a separate unit for limitation u/s 74, and a single SCN cannot club multiple FYs. The composite SCN and the consequential adjudication order were held to be illegal, without jurisdiction, and were quashed. The Revenue was granted liberty to initiate fresh proceedings in accordance with law, if otherwise permissible.	WPA No. 433 OF 2026
29-06-2026	Section 149 Reopening Valid if Escapement Was Likely Above Rs. 50 Lakh- Jitendra Shankarlal Mistri v. Income-tax Officer	**Facts**: A search u/s 132 at the Khavda Group uncovered alleged cash financing transactions and incriminating material linking the petitioner, leading the AO to initiate reassessment proceedings u/s 148. The notice was issued after three years but within five years by invoking section 149(1)(b) on the basis that the information indicated escaped income was likely to amount to Rs. 50 lakh or more. After completing reassessment, the AO assessed the petitioners income at less than Rs. 50 lakh. The petitioner challenged the reopening before the HC, contending that the conditions of section 149(1)(b) were not satisfied. **Decision**: The HC held that reopening u/s 149(1)(b) is valid where the available information is likely to indicate escaped income of Rs. 50 lakh or more, and the final assessed amount does not determine the validity of the	R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 7485, 7605 and 7726 of 2026

		notice. The Court observed that the actual escaped income can only be ascertained after completion of reassessment, and a subsequent determination below the threshold does not invalidate the section 148 notice. The writ petition was dismissed.	
29-06-2026	Search year is the starting point for computing the extended ten-year reassessment period.- Madhav Power (P.) Ltd. v. Assistant Commissioner of Income-tax	**Facts**: The assessee-company was subjected to a search u/s 132 on 18.05.2024, following which the AO issued a Section 148 notice to reopen the assessment for AY 2015-16. The assessee challenged the reopening before the Gujarat HC, contending that the notice was barred by limitation under the extended ten-year period prescribed by the Act. The core issue before the Court was whether the search assessment year should be included while computing the extended ten-year limitation u/s 149 read with Section 153A. **Decision**: The Gujarat HC held that the search assessment year must be included while computing the extended ten-year period under Explanation 1 to Section 153A. The Court ruled that the notice issued u/s 148 for AY 2015-16 was beyond the permissible ten-year limitation and, therefore, invalid. Accordingly, the HC quashed the reassessment notice, holding it to be barred by limitation.	R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 7305 of 2026
25-06-2026	Full tax paid within time amounts to substantial compliance; wrong GST head payment is a curable procedural lapse.- Ayiswarya Polymers v. Assistant commissioner of GST and Central Excise	**Facts**: The assessee paid the entire GST demand determined u/s 73 within the prescribed time, but mistakenly remitted Rs. 3.69 lakh under the IGST head instead of the CGST and SGST heads. The assessee applied for a waiver u/s 128A, claiming that the full tax liability had been discharged. The GST authority rejected the waiver application solely because part of the payment was made under the wrong tax head, leading to the writ petition. **Decision**: The Madras HC held that payment of the entire tax liability within the statutory time amounted to substantial compliance with section 128A. It ruled that payment under the wrong tax head was a procedural error and could not be the sole ground for denying waiver. The Court set aside the rejection order and remanded the matter for fresh consideration after allowing the assessee to rectify the head-wise payment.	WP No. 22814 of 2026 W.M.P. Nos. 24747 & 24748 of 2026
25-06-2026	Portal service alone is sufficient; failure to monitor GST portal cannot invalidate Section 74 proceedings.- SKM Infraventure (P.) Ltd. v. CT & GST Office	**Facts**: The assessee challenged Section 74 proceedings, alleging that notices and orders uploaded only on the GST portal were never physically or postally served. It claimed knowledge of the proceedings only after bank attachment and argued that this prevented participation and timely filing of an appeal. The Revenue maintained that the portal service is valid u/s 169, and records showed the assessee had actually participated by submitting written replies. **Decision**: Uploading notices and orders on the common GST portal is a valid service u/s 169, and no additional mode of service is required. The assessees	WP(C) No.7800 of 2026

		participation in the proceedings disproved their claim of ignorance, and failure to check the GST portal could not invalidate the proceedings. The HC found no ground to exercise writ jurisdiction and dismissed the petition in favour of the Revenue.	
22-06-2026	DRC-03 payment extracted during search without voluntary compliance cannot be retained by the department.- Baba Contractors and Engineers v. Union of India	**Facts**: GST authorities conducted a search and recovered Rs. 2.35 crore through ITC reversal and cash payment by filing Form GST DRC-03 without issuing an SCN. The assessee claimed that the payment was made under pressure during the search and sought a refund. The department argued that the payment was voluntary u/s 74(5) and that the investigation was still pending. **Decision**: The HC held that the payment made during the search was not voluntary and could not be retained by the department. The Court directed the department to refund Rs. 2.35 crore within eight weeks, while allowing it to continue the investigation in accordance with the law. The Court declined to grant interest on the refund, as the final tax liability was yet to be determined.	D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 21298 OF 2025
19-06-2026	HC restored the GST appeal, holding that the delay caused by the wrong portal upload should not defeat adjudication on the merits.- Appanna Rangappa Roogi v. Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Taxes	**Facts**: The petitioner-partnership firm challenged an adjudication order passed u/s 73 for the tax period 2018-19 by filing an appeal u/s 107. The Appellate Authority dismissed the appeal as time-barred, holding that it was filed 181 days beyond the maximum condonable period. The petitioner filed a writ petition contending that the delay resulted from the order being wrongly uploaded on the GST portal and relied on earlier HC decisions granting similar relief. **Decision**: The Karnataka HC held that, despite the statutory limitation on condonation, binding precedents justified interference in the case. The Court set aside the order dismissing the appeal as time-barred and condoned the delay in filing the appeal. The appeal was restored to the Appellate Authority with directions to decide it on merits, keeping all contentions of both parties open.	WRIT PETITION NO. 102532 OF 2026 (T-RES)

Due Date	Department	Subject	Period
07-08-2026	Income Tax	TDS/TCS Payment	Jul, 26
07-08-2026	Income Tax	Form 127	Jul, 26
10-08-2026	GST	GSTR-7	Jul, 26
10-08-2026	GST	GSTR-8	Jul, 26
11-08-2026	GST	GSTR-1	Jul, 26
13-08-2026	GST	GSTR-5	Jul, 26
13-08-2026	GST	GSTR-6	Jul, 26
13-08-2026	GST	IFF	Jul, 26
14-08-2026	Income Tax	Issue of TDS Certificate- under section 395(4) of the Income-tax Act 2025	Jun, 26
15-08-2026	Income Tax	Issue of TDS Certificate - Other Than Salary	Apr - Jun, 26
15-08-2026	Income Tax	TDS/TCS by Government without challan - Form No. 137	Jul, 26
15-08-2026	Income Tax	Form 1	Jul, 26
15-08-2026	Income Tax	TCS Certificate	Apr - Jun, 26
15-08-2026	PF & ESIC	PF & ESIC Payment	Jul, 26
20-08-2026	GST	GSTR-5A	Jul, 26
20-08-2026	GST	GSTR-3B	Jul, 26
25-08-2026	GST	PMT-06	Jul, 26
30-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 141	Jul, 26
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10-EE	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10BBD	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10BA	-

31-08-2026	Income Tax	ITR Filing	FY 25-26
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10H	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10E	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10CCD	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10CCE	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 3CFA	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 3CT	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10-IA	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 5C	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 9A	-
31-08-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 10	-
07-09-2026	Income Tax	TDS/TCS Payment	Aug, 26
07-09-2026	Income Tax	Form 127	Aug, 26
10-09-2026	GST	GSTR-7	Aug, 26
10-09-2026	GST	GSTR-8	Aug, 26
11-09-2026	GST	GSTR-1	Aug, 26
13-09-2026	GST	GSTR-5	Aug, 26
13-09-2026	GST	GSTR-6	Aug, 26
13-09-2026	GST	IFF	Aug, 26
14-09-2026	Income Tax	Issue of TDS Certificate- under section 395(4) of the Income-tax Act 2025	Jul, 26
15-09-2026	Income Tax	Form 1	Aug, 26
15-09-2026	Income Tax	TDS/TCS by Government without challan - Form No. 137	Aug, 26
15-09-2026	Income Tax	Advance Tax - Q2	Tax Year 26-27
15-09-2026	PF & ESIC	PF & ESIC Payment	Aug, 26
20-09-2026	GST	GSTR-5A	Aug, 26
20-09-2026	GST	GSTR-3B	Aug, 26
25-09-2026	GST	PMT-06	Aug, 26
27-09-2026	MCA	AOC 4 (OPC)	FY 25-26
30-09-2026	Income Tax	Tax Audit	FY 25-26
30-09-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 141	Aug, 26
30-09-2026	Income Tax	Form No. 3AF	FY 25-26
30-09-2026	MCA	AGM	-

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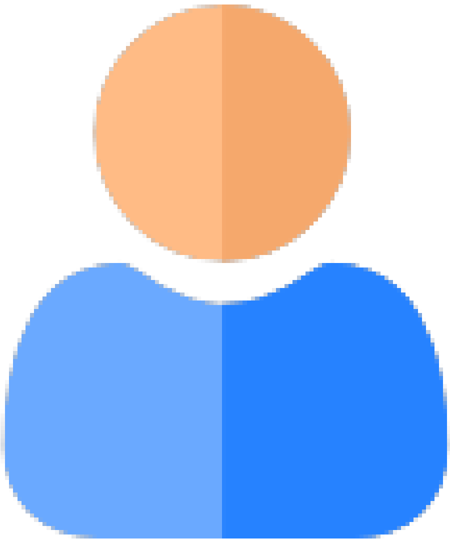

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Department	Heading	Service
Audit	Auditing Services	Our meticulous auditing practices help you maintain transparency and adhere to financial standards. Our meticulous auditing practices help you maintain transparency and adhere to financial standards.
GST	GST Compliance	From registration to return filing, we handle all your GST needs, ensuring full compliance with laws.
Income Tax	ITR Filing	Personl ITR Filing for individuals.
Trust Registration & Taxation	Formation and Taxation of Trust	We offer services of Formation of Trusts, Societies, Section 8 Companies and offer services of Tax Return Filing, Advisory and Consultancy
Income Tax	Tax Planning	Tax planning for businesses efficiently.
Income Tax	Income Tax Consultancy	We offer expert advice on income tax planning and filing, helping you optimize your tax liabilities.
Personal Finance	Financial Planning	We provide personalized financial planning services aimed at achieving your long-term financial goals.
Business Support Services	Payroll Management	Outsource your payroll to us and focus on your core business activities, while we handle the complexities.
Accounting	Accounting	Monthly Outsourcing of your accounts

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