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GST & Income Tax

- The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of Section 16(2)(c) of the CGST Act, ruling that Input Tax Credit cannot be availed where the supplier has failed to deposit the corresponding GST with the Government.
- CBIC has clarified the procedure for departmental appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) in DGGI cases adjudicated by Common Adjudicating Authorities, specifying the jurisdictional Commissioner responsible for filing such appeals.
- GSTN has kept on hold all proposed e-Way Bill enhancements that were scheduled to be implemented from 1 August 2026. Earlier advisories and FAQs relating to these changes have also been withdrawn.
- The GST Council's Law Committee has proposed legislative amendments to:
- Protect genuine buyers from denial of ITC where suppliers fail to deposit GST.
- Permit Input Tax Credit on company-owned vehicles used by employees and on employee group health and life insurance policies.
- CBDT has notified the Cost Inflation Index (CII) for FY 2026-27 as 384, applicable for capital gains computation.
- CBDT has notified Form ITR-BN under the Income-tax Act, 2025 for block assessments relating to search and requisition proceedings initiated on or after 1 April 2026.
- The Compliance Portal now provides the Foreign Assets/Income Information Report for Calendar Years 2022, 2023 and 2024, assisting taxpayers in foreign asset reporting.
- The new Annual Tax Statement (Form 168) now displays both PAN and TAN of the deductor, simplifying reconciliation of TDS/TCS records.
- CBDT has notified the Ten-Year Zero Coupon Bond issued by NaBFID under the Income-tax Act, 2025.
- Income-tax Return Due Dates
    - ITR-1 & ITR-2 – 31 July 2026
    - ITR-3 & ITR-4 – 31 August 2026

Corporate Law and Insolvency

- ICAI has approved extension of the time limit for transfer of goodwill of a deceased Chartered Accountant's proprietorship firm from one year to three years.
- ICAI has recommended introduction of a comprehensive regulatory framework governing Virtual Digital Assets (VDAs) covering accounting, auditing, taxation, disclosures and investor protection.

FSSAI & Food Regulatory Enforcement

- FSSAI has deferred implementation of the revised Coffee-Chicory Labelling Regulations till 1 July 2027, keeping the earlier amendment in abeyance due to practical challenges relating to small package declarations

International Trade, Customs & DGFT

- DGFT has synchronized Schedule-II (Export Policy) and Schedule-I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS), 2022 with amendments introduced under the Finance Act, 2026.
- DGFT has introduced electronic filing of refund applications for courier imports through the ECCS Refund Module. Manual filing will continue only till 30 September 2026.
- DGFT has restricted imports of Suspension Grade PVC Resin (S-PVC) below the prescribed CIF value for six months, while exempting EOUs, SEZs and Advance Authorisation holders.
- DGFT has issued a draft amendment proposing a de minimis exemption from RCMC requirements for export consignments having an FOB value up to ₹10,000, while inviting applications for motor vehicle TRQs under the India–UK CETA.
- Gazette reference in Notification No. 28/2026-Customs has been corrected without affecting the substantive provisions.
- New Zealand has confirmed that ratification of the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement is expected by September 2026, with the agreement proposed to become operational before the end of 2026, providing immediate zero-duty access for Indian exports.

Banking, RBI, and FEMA

- RBI has issued Consolidated Supervisory Directions, bringing together supervisory instructions applicable to commercial banks, urban cooperative banks and NBFCs.
- RBI has amended the Pillar 3 Disclosure Framework for banks, extending implementation timelines to 1 April 2027.
- RBI has revised directions governing interest rates on bank deposits, standardising deposit pricing and disclosure requirements effective 1 October 2026.
- RBI has issued amendment directions relating to Specified Non-Financial Assets (SNFA), strengthening prudential norms for stressed asset resolution and classification.
- RBI has prescribed reporting modalities for FCNR(B) Deposits, External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings mobilised under the RBI swap facility.
- RBI has notified the winding-up of Paytm Payments Bank Limited, pursuant to orders passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

International Business & Strategic Developments

- The Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association has recommended policy measures including capital subsidies for repowering ageing wind farms, establishment of export manufacturing hubs and accelerated development of offshore wind infrastructure and Green Energy Corridors.

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Compliance Calendar (Upcoming)

Date	Compliance Form / Action	Applicable To	Status / Remarks
07-08-2026	**TDS / TCS Deposit**	All Tax Deductors / Collectors	Due date for deposit of tax deducted/collected for the month of July 2026
10-08-2026	**GSTR-7 & 8**	Tax Deductors under GST / E-commerce Operators respectively	Monthly return for the month of July 2026.
11-08-2026	**GSTR-1 (Monthly)/ IFF (GSTR-1)**	Monthly GST Taxpayers (Turnover > ₹5 Cr or non-QRMP)	Outward supply details for the month of July 2026
13-08-2026	**GSTR-6 / IFF**	ISD / QRMP Taxpayers	Monthly / Invoice Furnishing Facility
15-08-2026	**PF/ESI Payment**	EPF/ESI Registered Employers	Deposit of Provident Fund / ESI contributions and ECR filing for July 2026.

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