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"RESTART" (WEBSITE CREATION) WORKSHOPS HELD AT VARIOUS PLACES.



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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022 !

It was a challenging year for everyone due to the second wave of Corona and also due to the Natural calamities. Inspite of all the Challenges, our Chamber is able to organise the knowledge based MSME lectures/ Webinars and awareness programmes, Free Consultancy Services etc., with the support of various subcommitees of the Chamber, without much hazzle.

The programmes organised by the Chamber with the cooperation of Friedrich Naumann Foundation on E commerce & Digital Marketing were not only a huge success but the participants also gained monetary benefits in business after the learnings are implemented in their business.

To facilitate the MSME Members to create and have their own website to market their products digitally, to RESTART their business after the Covid 19 Pandemic, Chamber organised one day workshops in all the four places viz., Chennai, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada wherein more than 60 MSMEs were able to create their websites.

On the whole, the year was a satisfying year amidst all odds...

Now is the time to look for yet another eventful year to continue to serve the members with the Motto "Progress through Commerce & Industry"

> Dr. V.L. INDIRA DUTT President





RESTART (WEBSITE CREATION) WORKSHOP IN VISAKHAPATNAM ON THE 15TH NOVEMBER 2021

s we all are aware that Covid 19 has affected the World in a big way. Life is slowly coming back to normal. To facilitate the MSME Members to create and have their own website to market their products digitally, to Restart their business after the CovId 19 Pandemic, this workshop is organised by Andhra Chamber of Commerce along with Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom for the industry members in and around Visakhapatnam.

Ms Vijayalakshmi, Secretary General of the Andhra Chamber of Commerce welcomed the participants.

Mr Thathaya Naidu, Executive Committee member of the Chamber inaugurated the workshop. In his address, he said that a strong online presence allows MSMEs to build their brand and gain the credibility that would need to attract more customers. Along with making our business readily accessible, an online presence also gives our customers an easy way to find out more about what we have to offer.

Mr Mohammed Ilias, the resource person of the workshop gave an overview of the workshop.

The participants were then asked to introduce themselves. He then facilitated the participants to first book a suitable domain for the website.

Mr Ilias then taught them how to use the template and create contents and add pictures and formulate a proper website.

In the afternoon, the participants were taught to host their website in a server. The yearly payment for server space etc., was clearly explained.

He also explained about SEO Tags to get more visibility for the website and how to make changes after the website is made online. How to promote website through google my business was also made to learn.

Though nearly 30 participants have registered only 18 attended the workshop and almost all of them have created their websites and made it online.

The participants found it very useful as they said in the feedback that they never thought that they can create the website in one day.

RESTART (WEBSITE CREATION) WORKSHOP IN VIJAYAWADA ON THE 17TH NOVEMBER 2021

To facilitate the MSME Members to create and have their own website to market their products digitally, to RESTART their business after the CovId 19 Pandemic, this one day hands on workshop was organised by Andhra Chamber of Commerce along with Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom for the industry members in and around Vijayawada.

Mr Rajaiah, Chairman, Vijayawada Advisory Committee of Andhra Chamber of Commerce, inaugurated the workshop. In his address, he said that online marketing has become very common now that even small kids are familiar with. Having a website is a must for the industry members, as a strong online presence allows MSMEs to build their brand and gain the credibility that would need to attract more customers. It also helps the customers an easy way to find out more about what the industries are offering.

Mr Mohammed Ilias, the resource person of the workshop gave an overview of the workshop. The participants were then asked to introduce themselves. He then facilitated the participants to first book a suitable domain for the website.

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25 people attended the workshop (though we have received 31 registration forms) and almost all of them have created their websites and hosted it online.

The workshop is very timely, as we are struggling to get back to business due to covid 19 and this workshop made our work easier, said a women entrepreneur who is manufacturing millet based snacks and sweets., in her feedback.

One of the participants who have earlier attended the Digital Marketing Workshop organised by our Chamber informed that he has so far received Rs.25 lakhs worth of business after implementing the tools of Digital Marketing learnt, in his business.



RESTART (WEBSITE CREATION) WORKSHOP IN CHENNAI ON THE 24TH NOVEMBER 2021

nly 51 percent of small businesses have websites, despite the fact that 97 percent of consumers search for products and services online. Hence, to facilitate the MSME Members to create and have their own website to market their products digitally, to RESTART their business after the Covid 19 Pandemic, this one day hands-on workshop was organised by Andhra Chamber of Commerce with the support of Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom for the industry members in and around Chennai.

Mr M.K.Anand, Chairman, MSME Subcommittee of Andhra Chamber of Commerce in his inaugural address, said that twenty years back getting a domain was a big task and was owned by only one or two service providers. Developing a website was another big project and very few people were in the market to do this. Nowadays website development is made very easy and there are umpteen number of domain service providers like godaddy and things are very handy now. The website gives a strong online presence to MSMEs and also allows to build their brand and gain the credibility that would attract more customers and this programme is a bonus to the MSMEs and the participants are lucky to have such an opportunity. workshop gave an overview of the workshop. The participants were then asked to introduce themselves. He then facilitated the participants to first book a suitable domain for the website.

Mr Ilias then presented on the nuances of creating a website through the template.

In the afternoon, the participants were taught to host their website in a server. The yearly payment for server space etc., was clearly explained.

He also explained about SEO Tags to get more visibility for the website and how to make changes after the website is made online. How to promote website through google my business was also made to learn.

Though more than 30 registrations were received, only 14 people have attended the workshop and almost all of them have created their websites and hosted it online at the end of the day.

One of the participants in her feedback said "I wholeheartedly thank Andhra Chamber of Commerce for conducting offline website workshop. I also extend my thanks to Mr.Mohammed Ilias for making me to create a website and giving all the info on building a website".



Mr Mohammed Ilias, the resource person of the

RESTART (WEBSITE CREATION) WORKSHOP IN HYDERABAD ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER 2021

To facilitate the MSME Members to create and have their own website to market their products digitally, to RESTART their business after the Covid 19 Pandemic, this one day hands on workshop was organised by Andhra Chamber of Commerce along with Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom for the industry members in and around Hyderabad.

Dr JAS Giri, Chairman, Secunderabad Advisory Committee of Andhra Chamber in his inaugural address thanked the support of Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom for organising such programmes for the Entrepreneurs. Dr V.B.S.S.Koteeswara Rao, EC Member of the Chamber lauded the efforts of Andhra Chamber for organising programmes on Digital Marketing and website creation which is the need of the hour. Ms Vijayalakshmi welcomed the participants and also presented the activities of the Andhra Chamber and briefed the objectives of this workshop.

The series of RESTART programmes comes to a great finish at Hyderabad with 33 participants attending from various fields like skill academy, agricultural produce, painting, interior decorator, logistics provider etc., and almost all of them have created the websites and hosted it live. Mr Mohammed Ilias as usual did a brilliant job in educating the participants about the necessity of a domain and how to create and host the website.

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The participants were then asked to introduce themselves. He then facilitated the participants to first book a suitable domain for the website.

Mr Ilias then taught them how to use the template for developing website and add pictures and design an exclusive website individually depending upon their business.

In the afternoon, the participants were taught to host their website in a server. The yearly payment for server space etc., was clearly explained.

He also explained about SEO Tags to get more visibility for the website and how to make changes after the website is made online. How to promote website through google my business was also made to learn.

33 people attended the workshop (though we have received 43 registration forms) and almost all of them have created their websites and hosted it online.

"Thank you for Andhra Chamber of Commerce for giving us good knowledge on creation of our website. The session was very interesting and interactive. Ilias was excellent in educating us all about creation to go live in a single day with great examples. Thank you!!" - This was a feedback received from one of the participants of the RESTART workshop held in Hyderabad Yesterday.

On the whole it was a very satisfying and successful Programme.

FELICITATION

Shri K.V. Chalamaiah, Member of the Chamber, Freedom Fighter & Rotarian has been awarded with the "Jatheeya Keerthi Pathaka Puraskaramu" by Shri Valampalli Srinivasa Rao, Endowment Minister, Govt. of A.P. on the occasion of Indian National Flag which has been designed by Shri Pingali Venkaiah Garu has completed 100 years – held at Thummalapalli Kshetraiah Kala Kshetram, Vijayawada on 31.10.2021



FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS

India's Foreign Trade: NOVEMBER 2021

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in November 2021* are estimated to be USD 50.36 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 22.80 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 15.53 per cent over November 2019. Overall imports in November 2021* are estimated to be USD 64.75 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 48.54 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 30.90 per cent over November 2019

	Table 1: Trade during November 2021*						
		November 2021 (USD Billion)	November 2020 (USD Billion)	November 2019 (USD Billion)	Growth vis-à-vis November 2020 (%)	Growth vis-à-vis November 2019 (%)	
Merchandise	Exports	30.04	23.62	25.77	27.16	16.55	
	Imports	52.94	33.81	38.52	56.58	37.44	
	Trade Balance	-22.91	-10.19	-12.75	-124.77	-79.65	
Services*	Exports	20.33	17.39	17.82	16.88	14.06	
	Imports	11.81	9.78	10.94	20.71	7.90	
	Net of Services	8.52	7.61	6.88	11.95	23.84	
Overall Trade (Merchandise+	Exports	50.36	41.01	43.59	22.80	15.53	
	Imports	64.75	43.59	49.47	48.54	30.90	
Services)*	Trade Balance	-14.39	-2.58	-5.87	-457.27	-145.04	

***Note:** *i*) The latest data for services sector released by RBI is for October 2021. The data for November 2021 is an estimation, which will be revised based on RBI's subsequent release. ii) Data for 2019 and 2020 and April to June 2021 are revised on pro-rata basis using quarterly balance of payments data.



Fig 1: Overall Trade during November 2021*

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-November 2021* are estimated to be USD 418.74 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 37.21 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 19.13 per cent over April-November 2019. Overall imports in April-November 2021* are estimated to be USD 472.95 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 61.02 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 15.39 per cent over April-November 2019.

Table 2: Trade during April-November 2021*						
		April- November 2021 (USD Billion)	April- November 2020 (USD Billion)	April- November 2019 (USD Billion)	Growth vis-à-vis April- November 2020 (%)	Growth vis-à-vis April- November 2019 (%)
Merchandise	Exports	263.57	174.16	211.17	51.34	24.82
	Imports	384.34	219.82	324.59	74.84	18.41
	Trade Balance	-120.76	-45.66	-113.42	-164.49	-6.47
Services*	Exports	155.17	131.02	140.32	18.43	10.58
	Imports	88.61	73.89	85.26	19.92	3.92
	Net of Services	66.56	57.13	55.06	16.50	20.88
Overall Trade	Exports	418.74	305.19	351.49	37.21	19.13
(Merchandise+	Imports	472.95	293.71	409.85	61.02	15.39
Services)*	Trade Balance	-54.21	11.47	-58.36	-572.43	7.12

***Note:** *i*) The latest data for services sector released by RBI is for October 2021. The data for November 2021 is an estimation, which will be revised based on RBI's subsequent release. ii) Data for 2019 and 2020 and April to June 2021 are revised on pro-rata basis using quarterly balance of payments data.



Fig 2: Overall Trade during April-November 2021*

I. MERCHANDISE TRADE

EXPORTS (including re-exports)

Merchandise exports in November 2021 were USD 30.04 Billion, as compared to USD 23.62 Billion in November 2020, exhibiting a positive growth of 27.16 per cent. As compared to November 2019, exports in November 2021 exhibited a positive growth of 16.55 per cent.

Merchandise imports in November 2021 were USD 52.94 Billion, which is an increase of 56.58 per cent

over imports of USD 33.81 Billion in November 2020. Imports in November 2021 have registered a positive growth of 37.44 per cent in comparison to November 2019.

The merchandise trade balance for November 2021 was estimated at USD (-) 22.91 Billion as against USD (-)10.19 Billion in November 2020, which is a decline of (-) 124.77 per cent. As compared to November 2019 (USD(-) 12.75 Billion), trade balance in November 2021 exhibited a negative growth of (-) 79.65 per cent.



Fig 3: Merchandise Trade during November 2021

Merchandise exports for the period April-November 2021 was USD 263.57 Billion as against USD 174.16 Billion during the period April-November 2020, registering a positive growth of 51.34 per cent. As compared to April-November 2019, exports in April-November 2021 exhibited a positive growth of 24.82 per cent.

Merchandise imports for the period April-November 2021 was USD 384.34 Billion as against USD 219.82 Billion during the period April-November 2020, registering a positive growth of 74.84 per cent. Imports in April-November 2021 have registered a positive growth of 18.41 per cent in comparison to April-November 2019.

The merchandise trade balance for April-November 2021 was estimated at USD (-) 120.76 Billion as against USD(-) 45.66 Billion in April-November 2020, which is a decline of (-) 164.49 per cent. As compared to April-November 2019 (USD (-) 113.42 Billion), trade balance in April-November 2021 exhibited a negative growth of(-) 6.47 per cent.



Fig 4: Merchandise Trade during April-November 2021

Non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports in November 2021 were USD 23.68 Billion, registering a positive growth of 22.26 per cent over non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports of USD 19.37 Billion in November 2020 and a positive growth of 22.28 per cent over nonpetroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports of USD 19.37 Billion in November 2019.

Non-petroleum, non-gems & jewellery (gold, silver & precious metals) imports were USD 31.82 Billion inNovember 2021 with a positive growth of 40.64 per cent over Non-petroleum, non-gems & jewellery imports of USD 22.63 Billion in November 2020 and a positive growth of 41.82 per cent over Non-petroleum, non-gems & jewellery imports of USD 22.44 Billion in November 2019.



Table 3: Trade excluding Petroleum and Gems & Jewellery during November 2021						
	November 2021 (USD Billion)	November 2020 (USD Billion)	November 2019 (USD Billion)	Growth vis-à-vis November 2020 (%)	Growth vis-à-vis November 2019 (%)	
Non-petroleum exports	26.08	22.06	21.95	18.19	18.78	
Non-petroleum imports	38.27	27.50	27.45	39.17	39.38	
Non-petroleum & Non Gems & Jewellery exports	23.68	19.37	19.37	22.26	22.28	
Non-petroleum & Non Gems & Jewellery imports*	31.82	22.63	22.44	40.64	41.82	

Note: Gems & Jewellery Imports include Gold, Silver & Pearls, precious & Semi-precious stones

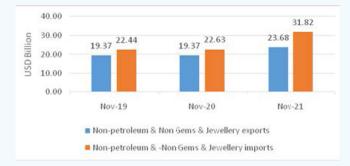


Fig 5: Trade excluding Petroleum and Gems & Jewellery during November 2021

Non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports during April-November 2021 was USD 199.67 Billion, an in crease of 38.08 per cent over nonpetroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports of USD 144.60 Billion in April-November 2020 and an increase of 27.11 per cent over non-petroleum and non-gems & jewellery exports of USD157.09 Billion in April-November 2019.

Non-petroleum, non-gems & jewellery (gold, silver & precious metals) imports were USD 227.96 Billion in April-November 2021, recording a positive growth of 48.89 per cent, as compared to Non-petroleum, non-gems & jewellery imports of USD 153.11 Billion in April-November 2020 and a positive growth of 13.48 per cent over USD 200.89 Billion in April-November 2019.

Table 4: Trade excluding Petroleum and Gems & Jewellery during April-November 2021						
	April - November 2021 (USD Billion)	April - November 2020 (USD Billion)	April - November 2019 (USD Billion)	Growth vis-à-vis April - November 2020 (%)	Growth vis-à-vis April - November 2019 (%)	
Non-petroleum exports	225.59	158.91	182.66	41.96	23.50	
Non-petroleum imports	282.25	175.50	238.60	60.83	18.29	
Non-petroleum & Non Gems & Jewellery exports	199.67	144.60	157.09	38.08	27.11	
Non-petroleum & Non Gems & Jewellery imports*	227.96	153.11	200.89	48.89	13.48	

Note: Gems & Jewellery Imports include Gold, Silver & Pearls, precious & Semi-precious stones



Fig 6: Trade excluding Petroleum and Gems & Jewellery during April-November 2021 SERVICES TRADE

The estimated value of services export for November 2021* is USD 20.33 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of16.88 per cent vis-a-vis November 2020 (USD 17.39 Billion) and a positive growth of 14.06 per cent vis-à-vis November 2019 (USD 17.82 Billion).

The estimated value of services import for November 2021* is USD 11.81 Billion exhibiting a positive growth of 20.71 per cent vis-à-vis November 2020 (USD 9.78 Billion) and a positive growth of 7.90 per cent vis-à-vis November 2019 (USD 10.94 Billion).

The services trade balance in November 2021* is estimated at USD 8.52 Billion, which is an increase of 11.95 percent over November 2020 (USD 7.61 Billion) and an increase of 23.84 per cent over November 2019 (USD 6.88Billion).

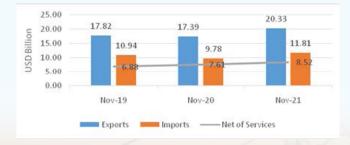


Fig 7: Services Trade during November 2021*

The estimated value of services export for April-November 2021* is USD 155.17 Billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 18.43 per cent vis-a-vis April-November 2020 (USD 131.02 Billion) and a positive growth of 10.58 per cent vis-à-vis April-November 2019 (USD 140.32 Billion).

The estimated value of services imports for April-November 2021* is USD 88.61 Billion exhibiting a positive growth of 19.92 per cent vis-à-vis April-November 2020 (USD 73.89 Billion) and a positive growth of 3.92 per cent vis-à-vis April-November 2019 (USD 85.26 Billion).

The services trade balance for April-November 2021 was estimated at USD 66.56 Billion as against USD 57.13 Billion in April-November 2020, which is an increase of 16.50 per cent. As compared to April-November 2019 (USD 55.06 Billion), net of services in April-November 2021 exhibited a positive growth of 20.88 per cent.



Fig 8: Services Trade during April-November 2021*

S1.		(Values in M	lillion USD)	% Change
No	Commodities	Nov'20	Nov'21	Nov'21
	Commodity groups exhibiting po	ositive growth		
1	Petroleum Products	1557.36	3959.13	154.22
2	Coffee	45.08	75.34	67.12
3	Plastic & Linoleum	507.25	724.39	42.81
4	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups, Handloom Products etc.	872.55	1227.83	40.72
5	Engineering Goods	5896.67	8077.46	36.98
6	Other cereals	63.21	85.42	35.14
7	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	1694.92	2246.50	32.54
8	Leather & leather products	273.30	356.56	30.47
9	Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering	32.76	42.63	30.11
10	Electronic Goods	1121.17	1455.58	29.83
11	Marine Products	586.64	754.00	28.53
12	Man-made Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc.	340.54	428.36	25.79
13	Mica, Coal & Other Ores, Minerals including processed minerals	326.82	394.49	20.71
14	Rice	563.72	658.90	16.89
15	Fruits & Vegetables	161.80	186.58	15.31
16	Cereal preparations & miscellaneous processed items	154.88	163.84	5.79
17	RMG of all Textiles	1043.75	1072.17	2.72
18	Spices	313.86	317.72	1.23
19	Carpet	146.95	148.63	1.15
20	Iron Ore	328.58	23.05	-92.98
21	Oil Meals	140.15	104.39	-25.51
22	Tobacco	76.69	62.72	-18.21
23	Tea	71.61	62.58	-12.62
24	Oil seeds	153.22	135.69	-11.44
25	Gems & Jewellery	2690.83	2392.20	-11.10
26	Handicrafts excl. hand made carpet	173.38	159.71	-7.89
27	Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	1963.40	1825.36	-7.03
28	Ceramic products & glassware	263.48	251.09	-4.70
29	Meat, dairy & poultry products	392.59	379.06	-3.45
30	Cashew	37.72	36.91	-2.15

Table 5: Export Growth in Commodity Groups in November 2021

(Values in Million USD) % Change **S1.** Commodities No Nov'20 Nov'21 Nov'21 Commodity groups exhibiting positive growth Silver 9.27 244.56 2538.19 1 2 9.32 47.87 413.63 Sulphur & Unroasted Iron Pyrts 3 Coal, Coke & Briquettes, etc. 1517.08 3577.42 135.81 4 Petroleum, Crude & products 6314.81 14677.80 132.43 5 Metaliferrous ores & other minerals 434.15 963.15 121.85 Pulp and Waste paper 67.22 148.30 120.62 6 7 Project goods 64.79 122.33 88.81 8 Vegetable Oil 981.38 1754.92 78.82 9 66.54 Organic & Inorganic Chemicals 1515.51 2523.91 10 Newsprint 14.84 24.70 66.44 Artificial resins, plastic materials, etc. 1156.63 1859.00 60.73 11 12 Fertilisers, Crude & manufactured 898.16 1442.40 60.59 359.98 53.94 13 Dyeing/tanning/colouring mtrls. 233.84 14 45.11 68.22 51.23 Leather & leather products 15 Iron & Steel 986.14 1485.81 50.67 Gold 3022.59 4221.66 39.67 16 17 26.17 38.17 Cotton Raw & Waste 18.94 534.89 37.54 18 Medcnl. & Pharmaceutical products 735.70 19 Wood & Wood products 361.92 487.63 34.73 20 Machine tools 248.17 333.30 34.30 21 Non-ferrous metals 1154.69 1521.16 31.74 139.91 181.84 29.97 22 Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles 23 Machinery, electrical & non-electrical 2568.89 27.46 3274.31 24 Pulses 223.42 275.99 23.53 25 Electronic goods 4695.06 5714.68 21.72 26 Chemical material & products 785.06 912.58 16.24 27 Professional instrument, Optical goods, etc. 374.05 413.43 10.53 28 Pearls, precious & Semi-preciousstones 1839.14 1978.67 7.59 29 1682.44 1357.83 -19.29 Transport equipment 30 258.56 -14.70 Fruits & vegetables 303.12

Table 6: Import Growth in Commodity Groups in November 2021

MERCHANDISE TRADE

EXPORTS & IMPORTS : (US \$ Billion)				
(PROVISIONAL)				
NOVEMBER APRIL NOVEM				
EXPORTS (including re-exports)				
2019-20	1,84,142.27	14,84,386.50		
2020-21	1,75,306.78	12,99,725.47		
2021-22	2,23,755.78	19,53,860.28		
%Growth 2021-22/ 2020-21	27.64	50.33		
%Growth 2021-22/ 2019-20	21.51	31.63		
IMPORTS				
2019-20	2,75,255.20	22,80,659.04		
2020-21	2,50,954.16	16,40,286.15		
2021-22	3,94,419.58	28,50,142.12		
%Growth 2021-22/ 2020-21	57.17	73.76		
%Growth 2021-22/ 2019-20	43.29	24.97		
TRADE BALANCE				
2019-20	-91,112.93	-7,96,272.55		
2020-21	-75,647.38	-3,40,560.67		
2021-22	-1,70,663.80	-8,96,281.84		

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SERVICES TRADE

EXPORTS & IMPORTS (SERVICES) : (US \$ Billion)				
(PROVISIONAL)	October 2021	April- October 2021		
EXPORTS (Receipts)	19.85	134.84		
IMPORTS (Payments)	11.61	76.80		
TRADE BALANCE	8.24	58.04		

EXPORTS & IMPORTS (SERVICES): (Rs. Crore)				
(PROVISIONAL)	October 2021	April- October 2021		
EXPORTS (Receipts)	1,48,669.41	9,98,707.75		
IMPORTS (Payments)	86,939.21	5,68,891.46		
TRADE BALANCE 61,730.21 4,29,816.29				
Source: RBI Press Release dated 1st December 2021				

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RECENT JUDGEMENTS IN VAT CST GST

Shri V.V. Sampathkumar Chairman, Indirect Taxes Sub-Committee, ACC

NATURAL JUSTICE: Reply to the notice dated 21.05.19 was filed on 28.06.2019. The respondent has passed the impugned order dated 23.02.2021 by stating that notices dated 12.06.2019 and 01.07.2019 have not been replied to. Both these notices have not been served and the impugned order has been passed in gross violation of the principles of natural justice. Though the petitioner has an alternative remedy, the fact of the matter is that the impugned order has been passed without following the principles of natural justice or serving notices dated 12.06.2019 and 01.06.2019. Stating so, the impugned order is set aside and the case is remitted back to pass fresh orders. Tvl. DPM Sri Murugan & Co., Dharapuram 638 656. Vs STO, TNVAT, CTO, Dharapuram Assessment Circle, W.P. No. 20116 of 2021 DATED: 15.11.2021

UNBLOCK THE ELECTRONIC CREDIT LEDGER: Writ Petition is disposed without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case by directing the respondents to pass appropriate orders on the petition/representation dated 03.08.2021 requesting the respondents to unblock the Electronic Credit Ledger which stood blocked. **A.Alphonse Arul Vs Principal Commissioner of CGST & CE, HQ(Preventive Dept), Chennai South Commissionerate, Valasaravakkam**

Division, Chennai–35 W.P.No.19403 of 2021 DATED : 15.11.2021

NATURAL JUSTICE: Principles of Natural Justice and right to be heard are inalienable rights of an assessee which can never be trampled upon or emasculated. M/s.Essa Fabs Vs AC (ST) (FAC), North 1 Circle, Tiruppur. W.P.No.24137 of 2021 DATED : 16.11.2021

JURISDICTION: To revise the assessment, it is jurisdictional Assessing Officer who is competent and not the Respondent (the Commercial Tax Officer, Enforcement and Intelligence Wing). M/s. Seenu Paper Mart Vs CTO, Enforcement and Intelligence Wing, W.P.No.10998 of 2019 DATED : 25.11.2021

TURNOVER: Rule 7 of the TNVAT Act, 2006 stated that "a registered dealer specified in clause (a) or (b), whose taxable turnover in the preceding year is Rs.200 above, shall file the above returns on or before 12th (14th for electronic payment) of the succeeding month. "The turnover under the CST Act cannot be clubbed in the returns filed u/s 21 of the TNVAT Act, 2006 read with Rule 7 of the TNVAT Rules, 2007 Schneider Electric India Pvt. Ltd vs The AC (ST), Ambattur Assessment Circle, W.P.No.26347 of 2019 DATED : 29.11.2021

PERSONAL HEARING: The impugned order does not mention anything about personal hearing. There is no difficulty in accepting the submission of learned Revenue counsel that it is not statutorily imperative to grant personal hearing with regard to refund applications under Section 18 (3) read with Rule 11 (2) of TNVAT Act under TNVAT Rules respectively. Therefore, this Court was of the view, in this matter, that it is only appropriate that the writ petitioner is granted the opportunity of personal hearing. CRI Pumps Pvt. Ltd., Vs. AC (ST)(FAC), Annur Circler, Coimbatore. W.P.No.23507 of 2021 DATED : 01.11.2021

TURNOVER REPORTED TWICE: VAT turn over declared in the TNVAT returns is reflected as the turnover in the CST returns also. Since the petitioner has also filed an application u/s Section 84 of the TNVAT Act, nothing precluded the Officer from exercising the jurisdiction u/s 22(6a) of the TNVAT Act, 2006 to see whether any tax remained unpaid. Stating so, the impugned Assessment Order is quashed and the case is remitted back to pass appropriate orders. **Tvl. R. Mahimaidoss Vs STO, Tondiarpet Assessment Circle W.P.No.24372 of 2021 DATED :** 17.11.2021

SPEAKING ORDER: Impugned order merely states that the objection of the petitioner was received in respect of the notice issued to the petitioner without any findings to such reply. Considering the same, these orders are set aside and this WPs are disposed by directing the respondents to pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law. Milennium Steel India P Ltd, Vs AC (ST) F AC, Kilpauk Assessment Circle W.P.Nos.2270, 2275, 2278 and 2282 of 2019 DATED : 17.11.2021

RECTIFICATION: The respondent has proceeded to pass the impugned rectification order on 12.10.2021 without calling upon the petitioner to furnish the documents even after no personal hearing was granted by the respondent. Considering the

same, this Writ Petition is allowed by the Court. M/s.Phoenix Medical Systems P Ltd Vs AC (ST) (FAC), K.K.Nagar Assessment Circle, W.P.No.24749 of 2021 DATED : 19.11.2021

ALTERNATIVE REMEDY: There are several disputed questions of fact arising out of the alleged mismatch which cannot be decided under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. This Court also cannot be relegated to function as an Appellate Commissioner before whom the petitioner has an alternative and effective remedy. M/s.KAG India P Ltd, Vs AC (ST), Tambaram Assessment Circle, W.P.Nos.25123, 25124 & 25127 of 2021 DATED : 25.11.2021

REVISION: For a revision legal drill under Section 27 of TNVAT Act, it is statutorily imperative to give a reasonable opportunity to the dealer to show cause. This is ingrained in the common proviso to Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 27 of TNVAT Act. M/s. Jeyakrishna Flour Mills (P) Ltd., Vs. AC (CT), Thirupparankundram Assessment Circle, Madurai. W.P(MD).Nos.8112 of 2017 DATED: 24.11.2021

SEIZURE: The respondent has seized the vehicle as the E-way bill which accompanied the goods had expired before the goods could be delivered and meanwhile the vehicle developed some technical snag. Considering the facts, the Court ordered that the respondent is directed to release the vehicle subject to payment of the applicable SGST and CGST by the petitioner to be treated as deposit. The respondent shall issue appropriate notice later and adjudicate. Tvl.PANINDIA Tubes P Ltd Vs Deputy STO, Intelligence-II, Greams Road, Chennai – 6. W.P.No.25441 of 2021 DATED : 30.11.2021



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Article by Mr. S. Prakash

Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020







Article by Mr. A A Srinivasan

ccupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020(OSHWC) was introduced in Lok Sabha by Minister of State for Labour and Employment. It was re-introduced with new changes leading to withdrawal of Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2019.

SCOPE OF ACT

- The Code applies on factories having 20 or more workers and manufacturing process is being carried on with the aid of power or 40 or more workers where manufacturing process is being carried on without the aid of power.
- Emphasizes on health, safety and welfare of the workers employed in various sectors like industry, trade, business, manufacturing, factory, motor transport undertaking, building and other construction work, newspaper establishments, audio-video production, plantation, mine & dock-work and service sectors.
- The Code sets up occupational safety boards at the national and state level to advise the central and state governments on the standards, rules, and regulations to be framed under the Code.

• The Code creates special provisions for certain classes of establishments such as factories, mines, dock workers, and constructions workers. These include separate provisions on licenses, safety regulations, and duties of employers.

EXCLUSION

• The Code **doesn't apply** to offices of Central Government, State Government and any ship of war or any nationality but at the same time it applies to contract labour employed through contractor in the offices where Central Government or State Government are principal employer.

LICENSE AND REGISTRATION

Establishments covered by the Code are required to register within 60 days (of the commencement of the Code) electronically to the registering officers, appointed by the Central or State government. Further, some establishments such as factories and mines, and those hiring workers such as Beedi and Cigar workers, may be required to obtain additional licenses to operate.

SALIENT FEATURES

• No employee shall be employed unless he has been issued a letter of appointment.

- Raising spread over time for a worker to 12 hours a day from the current limit of 10.5 hours. Weekly working hours capped at 48 hours.
- Spread over time refers to working hours plus time for lunch and other breaks.
- Journey allowance once in a year for to and fro journey for interstate migrant worker.
- Single electronic registration, license and annual integrated return for an establishment.
- Mandatory Safety committees for every establishment employing 500 or more workers.
- Rules relating to safety of women employment in all establishments for all types of work before 6 a.m. and beyond 7 p.m. with their consent.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- The Code aims at lessening the burden of the employers as it would replace multiple registrations under various enactments to one common registration, one licence and one return which will ultimately create a consolidated database centrally and will be helpful under ease of doing business.
- The workplace should be kept free from hazards that cause or likely to cause injury or occupational disease to the employees.
- Employers are required to conduct free annual health check-up for their employees.
- Employers are required to ensure the disposal of hazardous and toxic waste including e-waste.
- Workers / Employees are entitled to receive overtime amount at the rate of twice the wage.
- Employers or Contractors are responsible to provide welfare facilities to inter-state migrant workers.
- Employers are required to provide facilities such as ventilation, humidification, potable drinking water, adequate lighting, creche, washing facilities, bathing places, locker rooms etc.

- The Code makes mandatory provisions for the employers to provide a safe working environment and trying to cover the risk of unfortunate incidents arising in the course of employment.
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- The Code bars civil courts from hearing matters under the Code. The only judicial recourse for a person aggrieved is to file a writ petition before the relevant High Court.
- Central Government shall constitute a National Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board to discharge the functions conferred on it by or under this Code and to advise the Central Government on the matters relating to standards, rules and regulation to be framed under this Code.
- The State Government shall constitute a Board to be called the State Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board to advise the State Government on such matters arising out of the administration of this Code as may be referred to it by the State Government.
- The appropriate government may require constitution of safety committees in certain establishments, and for a certain class of workers. The committees will comprise of representatives of the employer and the workers. However, the number of employer representatives cannot exceed the employee representatives. These committees will function as a liaison between employers and employees
- The licence issued by the appropriate authority for inter-state migrant workers shall be made electronically containing all the particulars like the number of contract labour, nature of work for which contract labour is to be employed,

responsibilities of contractor and such other particulars including the information relating to the employment of inter-State migrant workers.

- The contractor shall apply for amendment of licence along with security deposit in case if there is increase in number of the contract labour.
- Inter-state migrant work shall be provided with the facilities which are available to worker of that establishment including benefits under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 or the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 or any other law for the time being in force and the facility of medical check-up as available to a worker.
- It shall be the complete responsibility of the employer to pay yearly journey allowances to every inter-state migrant worker a lump-sum amount of fare for to and fro journey to his native place from the place of his employment, in the manner taking into account the

minimum service for entitlement, periodicity and class of travel.

• Employer in plantation to make provisions for necessary housing accommodation including drinking water, kitchen and toilet, health and recreational facilities, to every worker employed in the plantation (including his family), crèches facilities for plantations having more than 50 workers (including workers employed by any contractor), educational facilities for children of workers between 6 to 12 years age

OSH Code received the assent of the President on September 28, 2020. The OSH Code will subsume several acts formulated to focus on Health, Safety and working conditions of the persons employed in an establishment. The Labour Ministry had earlier envisaged implementation of the four Labour Codes from April 1 2021 . While the Code on Wages was approved by Parliament in 2019 and rules too were finalized but the Ministry held back its implementation because it wanted to enforce all the four codes in one go.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Article by Mr. CS.U.Siddharth

nnual General Meeting (AGM) is an important annual event where Shareholders get an opportunity to deliberate about the activities of the company. An AGM is the only meeting in which Shareholders can interact with the Management or Board of Directors of their Company. It provides members with an opportunity to collectively discuss the affairs of the company and to exercise their ultimate control over the management of the company. AGM is not only inevitable for Companies but also for Universities, Schools, Charities, Unions and other corporate and institutions owned and controlled by the stakeholders which are also required to hold an AGM to discuss the future prospects of the concerned organization.

Due Date of AGM

As per the provisions of Section 96 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act"), every Company other than One Person Company shall in each calendar year, hold a General Meeting as its Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). Every Company shall hold its first AGM within nine months from the date of closing of the first financial year of the Company and thereafter in each year within six months from the closure of the financial year, such that the time gap shall not be more than fifteen months between two successive AGMs. Section 96 requires that the subsequent AGM should be held on the earliest of the following dates:

- (a) fifteen months from the date of the last AGM; or
- (b) six months from the closure of the financial year.

The Due Date of AGM shall be within 15 months from the date of last AGM or 6 months from the closure of the financial year, whichever is earlier. The Registrar of Companies ("ROC") may extend the time for holding the AGM, other than the first AGM, "for any special reason" by a period not exceeding three months, if it cannot be held within the prescribed time limit. If a company holds its first AGM as aforesaid, it shall not be necessary for the company to hold any AGM in the year of its incorporation. Hence, for a company incorporated on 01.01.2015, the first financial year should be closed on 31.03.2016 as provided in clause (41) of section 2. The Annual General Meeting in such a case shall be required to be convened on or before 31.12.2016. The said meeting shall be treated as the Annual General Meeting for the years 2015 and 2016. However, for a company incorporated on 31.12.2014, the first financial year shall be closed on 31.03.2015 and Annual General Meeting shall be convened on or before 31.12.2015. Further, as per Regulation 44(5) of SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015, the top 100 listed entities by market capitalization, determined as on March 31st of every financial year, shall hold their AGM within a period of five months from the date of closing of the financial year. Therefore, in case of top 100 listed Companies, the Due Date of AGM shall be within 15 months from the date of last AGM or 5 months from the closure of the financial year, whichever is earlier.

Time and Place of AGM

Every AGM shall be called during business hours on any day that is not a National Holiday. The business hours are prescribed to mean the time period between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The venue of the meeting shall be either the registered office of the company or some other place within the city, town or village in which the registered office of the company is situated. It is to be noted that the meeting needs to be called during business hours. It may extend and conclude beyond business hours. "National Holiday" means Republic Day, i.e., 26th January, Independence Day, i.e., 15th August, Gandhi Jayanthi, i.e., 2nd October. According to a clarification issued by circular no. 1/1/80 CL -5 dated 16.02.1981 under the previous Act, the Ministry has clarified that postal or municipal limits, whichever is wider is permissible for the conduct of Annual general meeting. Ministry further clarified that postal limit may be construed to mean city postal delivery area officially accepted by the postal authority. This clarification though issued by ministry under the earlier Act, may be considered for this relevant provision also until a fresh clarification issued by the ministry under this Act.

Note: "AGM of an unlisted company may be held at any place in India if consent is given in writing or by electronic mode by all the members in advance."

Exemption to One Person Company (OPC)

One Person Company (OPC) is a Company that has only one member. It is a type of Private Company but it has only one member. Since the OPC has only one member, it is not practical to hold any general meeting of members. As provided in sub-section (1) of section 96, one person company is not required to hold AGM. The manner of passing resolutions required to be passed is contained in section 122 of the Act. Any business which is required to be transacted at an AGM of a OPC through an ordinary or special resolution shall be sufficient if the resolution is communicated by the member to the Company and entered in the minutes-book required to be maintained under section 118 and signed and dated by the member and such date shall be deemed to be the date of the meeting for all the purposes under Companies Act. It means that it is sufficient for the OPC to enter in the minutesbook the decision of the member with sign and date by the member and such date shall be deemed to be the date of the meeting for all the purposes under the Companies Act.

Compliance of provisions of Secretarial Standard-2

With effect from 01.07.2015, Secretarial Standard – 2 issued by ICSI is applicable to all types of General Meetings of all companies except One Person Company (OPC) and class or classes of companies which are exempted by the Central Government through notification.

Consequences of holding AGM after due date

The Companies which are not holding their Annual General Meeting within stipulated period as laid down in the act are contravening the requirements of section 96 of the Act and liable to pay fine specified under section 99 of the Companies Act, 2013. The offence under this Section is a continuing offence till the compliance is made. It is well settled that the AGM must be called, whether or not the financial statements are ready for consideration at the meeting. The consequence of default in holding AGM, even where there is such a default is only liability for penalty and for payment of fine as prescribed by the statute and the further consequence is that the meeting, if held by the company beyond time, cannot be said to be void or illegal.

Extension of Time Limit for Conducting AGM through VC/OAVM

There are no provisions in the Companies Act, 2013 for conducting General Meeting through video conferencing/other audio visual means (VC/ OAVM). Due to COVID-19 pandemic, MCA vide its Circular dated 5th May, 2020 allowed the Companies to conduct their AGM through VC/OAVM till 31st December, 2020. Further, MCA vide its Circular dated 13th January, 2021 extended this date and allowed Companies to conduct their AGM till 31st December, 2021. This has to be noted that the extension has been granted to the Companies to conduct their AGM via VC/OAVM till December 31,2021 and this in return cannot be considered as the extended due date for convening of AGM. The Companies are still required to conduct their AGM according to the due dates as stipulated in the Companies Act, 2013. There is no mandatory requirement to convene AGM through VC/OAVM as per Companies Act, 2013. The Companies can convene their AGM through physical meetings also.

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3		Visakhapatnam	136.2	51		Solapur	127.7
4	ASM	Biswanath-Chariali	131.7	52		Thane	119.3
5		Doom-DoomaTinsukia	135.3	53	MEG	Shillong	136.2
6		Guwahati	139.7	54	ODI	Angul-Talchar	133.0
7		Labac-Silchar	121.4	55		Cuttack	132.0
8		Numaligarh-Golaghat	119.0	56		Keonjhar	133.0
9		Sibsagar	125.3	57	PUD	Puducherry	130.1
10	BIH	Munger-Jamalpur	122.9	58	PUN	Amritsar	125.5*
11		Patna	123.8	59		Jalandhar	125.4
12	CHD	Chandigarh	127.0	60		Ludhiana	126.0
13	CHS	Bhila	120.0	61		Sangrur	123.3
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20	-	Bhavnagar	122.1	68		Madurai	127.0
21		Rajkot	124.1	69		Salem	122.9
22		Surat	122.6	70		Tirunelveli	128.1
23		Vadodara	123.1	71		Virudhu Nagar	123.3
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25		Gurugram	126.6	73		Mancheriyal	133.6
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