



Indian Pavilion at DUBAI EXPO 2020 records one million visitors from all over the world

The Indian Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai is one of the biggest platforms that offers a golden opportunity to showcase India to the world and project the country as the next hub for growth and innovation. The facade of the India Pavilion, one of the largest pavilions at the Expo 2020 Dubai, is symbolizing that 'India on the move'.

India Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai has surpassed 1 million visits since opening on October 1, 2021. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal had inaugurated the pavilion on October 1, last year. The number of visitors to the Pavilion stood at 10,07,514 as on February 13, it said in a statement.

Presently, the India Pavilion is hosting 'Andhra Pradesh Week'. The India Pavilion has also hosted many states like Kerala, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, who have successfully showcased their lucrative business attractiveness along with rich

cultural heritage and have garnered investment opportunities from leading global investors during their participation. In the coming weeks, the India Pavilion will witness participation from states such as Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.

With participation from central ministries, state governments, corporates, cultural organisations, and startups, Expo is helping the nation explore new areas of collaboration for Indian entities and position itself as a global economic hub. So far, India Pavilion has witnessed over 800 B2B, G2B and G2G meetings with investors and various international collaborators.

Key sectors such as health and wellness, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), new and renewable energy, space, urban and rural development, oil and gas, textile, knowledge and learning, and tourism have held respective weeks to highlight the growth and investment opportunities in these areas.



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Business Sessions, High-Level Visits

India Innovation Hub and Elevate pitching sessions for startups at the India Pavilion are also helping in building on India's strength as the third-largest incubator of unicorns and has displayed innovations of over 300 Indian startups so far. The platform has captured the attention of Indian as well as global investors assisting the startup ecosystem bloom. Since its inauguration, the Pavilion has welcomed high-profile visitors such as union ministers, state ministers and chief ministers, scientists, renowned Bollywood celebrities and others.

Cultural Diversity

Additionally, the Pavilion has showcased the cultural diversity of the various participating states by displaying their products and cultural performances. Key Indian festivals such as Navratri, Dusshera, Diwali, Christmas, Republic Day and Basant Panchami were celebrated with great fervor by both Indian and global visitors.

World leaders, celebrities from various fields and corporate leaders are enhancing the India Pavilion with their presence. India's participation at Expo 2020 Dubai is strengthening the existing bilateral trade relations with the UAE and is bound to unlock new economic opportunities across various sectors for the businesses of the two nations.

A Message from the President



Sunil More
President, IESA

Dear Friends,

It is very heartening to note that the most metro city administrations have now permitted organising of B2B Trade Fairs and Exhibitions and many cities like Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai etc. are geared up for organising of events which were either postponed or canceled due to CoVid pandemic. Mumbai, unfortunately is still waiting for release of the large venues held as a precautionary measure by the state Government. Major exhibitions therefore are on hold in Mumbai as of now.

We are covering Dubai Expo 2022 in this Edition and a report on the 10th edition of IEIA Open Seminar held in December 2021 in BIEC, Bengaluru as well as important changes on GST proposed in the Union Budget 2021.

Expo 2020 Dubai is a World Expo currently hosted by the United Arab Emirates in Dubai for six months from 1st October 2021. The Expo is an event filled with surprises, innovations, technology, cultural programs, and awe-inspiring sights. Over 200 countries are participating in the Expo not only for business networking but also for exploring latest advanced technologies. The Indian Pavilion at the Expo has received overwhelming response and has already attracted a whopping 1 million visitors so far.

Since, now B2B exhibitions are happening again, IESA is considering organising its 4th edition of India Expo Shop 2022 and soon relevant information will be shared by the IESA Secretariat.

We experienced great difficulties during the past 2 years. However, industry stalwarts are now saying that there are signs of recovery and it is expected that the things will get better in the coming months.

With this optimistic viewpoint, we are expecting business to get better in the coming months.

Best wishes to all for the growth of trade and business.



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The 10th edition of IEIA Open Seminar successfully happened in December 2021 at BIEC, Bengaluru

IEIA (Indian Exhibition Industry Association) organized its 10th Open Seminar from 19th December to 21st December 2021 at BIEC, Bengaluru, India. There were around 200 participants from all over India.

The Open Seminar was unveiled by lighting up of Holy Lamps by Ms. Sonia Prashar, President of IEIA; Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Past President, IEIA; Sudeep Sarcar, VP-IEIA; V. Anbu, Past President, UFI; Gaurav Juneja, Hon Treasurer, IEIA; Yogesh Mudras, Dharampal Singh Malhotra; Ravinder Sethi, International Ambassador, IEIA; Ubaid Ahmad, and Sooraj Dhawan.

In the welcome address of Sonia Prashar, she sought the cooperation and support of

the IEIA members for the success of the Indian exhibition Industry and making India 'the destination' of exhibitions as there are already very good international venues in the country. After that White paper on the Indian Exhibition Industry was released.

On the occasion of the IEIA Open Seminar, a 'White Paper on the Indian Exhibition Industry and the Impact on the Indian Economy (E&Y)' was virtually released. A 'Coffee Table Book,' covering 'Indian Exhibitions Industry - Legacy and Landscape', was virtually released by ITPO officials. Finally, the 'Who's Who Directory 2022-23' of the Indian Exhibition Industry was also released.

There were panel discussions on day 1 of the IEIA open seminar which were addressed by leaders from the industry on the subject Exhibitions-Building Global Business platforms. On Day 2 of the Open Seminar began with an early morning 'Friendly Football Match' in memory of late Shri Balasubramanian, President of IEIA. Also, the plenary session was discussed on Skilling and Upskilling on the demands of the industry and building an integrated Indian Exhibition ecosystem. Some interesting motivational sessions were also organized to freshen up the participants. For a glimpse of Open Seminar, visit— <https://ieia.in/ieiaos2021/index.php>.



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Union Budget 2022 – GST Provisions

Important Changes proposed in Union Budget 2021 in GST

1. Input Tax Credit - Amendment in Section 16 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to insert a new condition for availing input tax credit. Section 16(2)(ba) is proposed to be inserted in the section which prescribes that -

“The details of input tax credit in respect of the said supply communicated to such registered person under section 38 has not been restricted”.

Current law- No such condition exists in the section at present.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to align Section 16 with the proposed amendment in Section 38. The impact of the amendment is that the government may prescribe restrictions on availing input tax credit on certain inward supplies and such restrictions will be communicated to the business enterprise in the auto-generated form.

2. Input Tax Credit- Amendment in Section 16 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe a new time limit for availing of the input tax credit. Section 16(4) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that -

“A registered person shall not be entitled to take input tax credit in respect of any invoice or debit note for supply of goods or services or both after thirtieth day of November following the end of financial year to which such invoice or debit note pertains or

furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier”.

Current law- Under the current law, a business enterprise is allowed to take input tax credit upto the due date of filing of GSTR -3B for September after the end of the financial year to which such invoice or debit note pertains.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to prescribe a new time limit. The impact of the amendment is that the business enterprise will be able to avail input tax credit of the previous year till 30th November in the following year.

3. Cancellation of GST Registration- Amendment in Section 29 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe a new time limit for filing the return under GST, failing which the GST officer can cancel the GST registration of the business enterprise. Section 29(2)(b) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that -

“(b) a person paying tax under section 10 has not furnished the return for a financial year beyond three months from the due date of furnishing the said return; or

(c) any registered person, other than a person specified in clause (b), has not furnished returns for such continuous tax period as may be prescribed”

Current law- Under the current law, GST registration of a business enterprise that has opted for a composition scheme under Section 10 can be canceled if such a business enterprise doesn't file three consecutive GST returns.

Similarly, GST registration of a business enterprise that has not opted for a composi-



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tion scheme under Section 10, i.e a normal business enterprise, can be canceled if such a business enterprise doesn't file GST returns for six consecutive months.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to prescribe a new time limit for the cancellation of registration. The impact of the amendment is that the registration of a business enterprise having opted for a composition scheme will be liable to be cancelled if it has not furnished the return for the financial year within three months from the due date of filing such return.

Similarly, a business enterprise that has not opted for a composition scheme, i.e a normal business enterprise, can be de-registered under GST if it doesn't file the GST returns for the period as may be prescribed by the government. The period of six months, as prescribed under the current law, has been deleted and the government has taken the power to prescribe it in the future.

4. Issue of credit note - Amendment in Section 34 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe a new



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time limit for issuance of credit note under GST. Section 34(2) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that -

“(b) Any registered person who issues a credit note in relation to a supply of goods or services or both shall declare the details of such credit note in the return for the month during which such credit note has been issued but not later than 30th November following the end of the financial year in which such supply was made, or the date of furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier.”

Current law- Under the current law, a business enterprise can issue credit note and declare such credit note in the return filed for the month of September after the end of the financial year in which the supply was made.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to prescribe a new time limit for reporting the credit note. The impact of the amendment is that the business enterprise will be able to report credit note of the previous year till 30th November in the following year.

5. Filing of GSTR -1 return - Amendment in Section 37 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe a new time limit for amendment in GSTR -1 filed earlier. Section 37(3) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that -

“Provided that no rectification of error or omission in respect of the details furnished under sub-section (1) shall be allowed after the thirtieth day of November following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain, or furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier”

Current law- Under the current law, a business enterprise can make corrections in details filed in earlier GSTR -1 returns till the return filed for the month of September after the end of the financial year to which such details pertain.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to prescribe a new time limit for making changes. The impact of the amendment is that the business enterprise will be able to make corrections of the previous year till 30th November in the following year.

6. Filing of GSTR -1 return - Amendment in Section 37 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe a new condition for filing of GSTR -1. Section 37(4) is proposed to be inserted which prescribes that-

“(4) A registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies under sub-section (1) for a tax period, if the details of outward supplies for any of the previous tax periods has not been furnished by him”

Current law- Under the current law, no such condition has been prescribed.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to prescribe a new condition for filing of GSTR -1 return. The impact of the amendment is that the business enterprise will not be able to file a GSTR-1 return of the current tax period if the GSTR -1 for any of the previous tax periods has not been filed.

7. Communication of details of inward supplies and input tax credit - Amendment in Section 38 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended. A new Section 38

is proposed to be inserted which prescribes that -

“38. (1) The details of outward supplies furnished by the registered persons under sub-section (1) of section 37 and of such other supplies as may be prescribed, and an autogenerated statement containing the details of the input tax credit shall be made available electronically to the recipients of such supplies in such form and manner, within such time, and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed.

(2) The auto-generated statement under sub-section (1) shall consist of-

(a) details of inward supplies in respect of which credit of input tax may be available to the recipient; and

(b) details of supplies in respect of which such credit cannot be availed, whether wholly or partly, by the recipient, on account of the details of the said supplies being furnished under sub-section (1) of section 37,—

(i) by any registered person within such period of taking registration as may be prescribed; or

(ii) by any registered person, who has defaulted in payment of tax and where such default has continued for such period as may be prescribed; or

(iii) by any registered person, the output tax payable by whom in accordance with the statement of outward supplies furnished by him under the said subsection during such period, as may be prescribed, exceeds the output tax paid by him during the said period by such limit as may be prescribed; or

(iv) by any registered person who, during such period as may be prescribed, has



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availed credit of input tax of an amount that exceeds the credit that can be availed by him in accordance with clause (a), by such limit as may be prescribed; or

(v) by any registered person, who has defaulted in discharging his tax liability in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (12) of section 49 subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed; or

(vi) by such other class of persons as may be prescribed.”

Current law- Under the current law, no such provision is there.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to communicate the details of inward supplies and input tax credit. The impact of the amendment will be very significant, which are summarised as-

a. Business enterprise shall be provided with an autogenerated statement containing the details of the input tax credit electronically for such supplies whose details have been filed by the supplier in its GSTSTR -1/ IFF return.

b. The auto-generated statement shall contain -

- details of inward supplies in respect of which credit of input tax may be available to the business enterprise
- details of supplies in respect of which such credit cannot be availed, whether wholly or partly, by the business enterprise, where the-

1. The supplier has taken a new registration and input tax credit cannot be availed for a period as may be prescribed.

2. The supplier has defaulted in payment of tax and where such default has continued for such period as may be prescribed.

3. The tax paid by the supplier in GSTR 3b is less than the tax payable by the supplier as per its GSTR -1 return.

4. The supplier has availed input tax credit in excess of the amount communicated to it.

5. The supplier has not paid the tax in accordance with the law.

8. Filing of GSTR -3b return - Amendment in Section 39 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe a new time limit for amendment in GSTR -3b filed earlier. Section 39(9) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that -

“Provided that no such rectification of any omission or incorrect particulars shall be allowed after the thirtieth day of November following the end of the financial year to which such details pertain, or the actual date of furnishing of the relevant annual return, whichever is earlier”

Current law- Under the current law, a business enterprise can make corrections in details filed in earlier GSTR -3b returns till the return filed for the month of September after the end of the financial year to which such details pertain.

Impact / Our view- The amendment is proposed to prescribe a new time limit for making changes. The impact of the amendment is that the business enterprise will be able to make corrections of the previous year till 30th November in the following year.

9. Availment of input tax credit - Amendment in Section 41 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended. A new Section 41 is proposed to be inserted which prescribes that-

“41. (1) Every registered person shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed, be entitled to avail the credit of eligible input tax, as self-assessed, in his return and such amount shall be credited to his electronic credit ledger.

(2) The credit of input tax availed by a registered person under sub-section (1) in respect of such supplies of goods or services or both, the tax payable whereon has not been paid by the supplier, shall be reversed along with applicable interest, by the said person in such manner as may be prescribed:

Provided that where the said supplier makes payment of the tax payable in respect of the aforesaid supplies, the said registered person may re-avail the amount of credit reversed by him in such manner as may be prescribed”

Current law- Under the current law, no such provision is there.

Impact / Our view- The proposed amendment is a step towards self-assessment of the input tax credit. The impact of the amendment will be very significant. If the business enterprise has availed input tax credit but the supplier has not paid the tax for such supplies, then the business enterprise will be required to reverse the input tax credit along with interest.

Once the supplier deposit the tax, the business enterprise will be eligible to

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reclaim the input tax credit. However, the interest paid by the business enterprise will be a loss to it.

10. Payment of tax - Amendment in Section 49 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe a mechanism for utilization of the amount available in Electronic Cash Ledger. Section 49(10) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that -

“(10) A registered person may, on the common portal, transfer any amount of tax, interest, penalty, fee or any other amount available in the electronic cash ledger under this Act, to the electronic cash ledger for,—

(a) integrated tax, central tax, State tax, Union territory tax or cess; or

(b) integrated tax or central tax of a distinct person as specified in sub-section (4) or, as the case may be, subsection (5) of section 25, in such form and manner and subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed and such transfer shall be deemed to be a refund from the electronic cash ledger under this Act:

Provided that no such transfer under clause (b) shall be allowed if the said registered person has any unpaid liability in his electronic liability register.”

Current law- Under the current law, a business enterprise can transfer the balance of the electronic cash ledger of CGST to IGST/SGST.

Impact / Our view- The amendment proposed shall also allow the business enterprise to transfer the balance of the electronic cash ledger from one of its GST registration to another GST registration whether in the same state or in another state. This is a very welcome step by the government.

11. Payment of tax - Amendment in Section 49 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe the

maximum amount of tax liability that can be discharged against input tax credit. Section 49(12) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that -

“(12) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Government may, on the recommendations of the Council, subject to such conditions and restrictions, specify such maximum proportion of output tax liability under this Act or under the Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 which may be discharged through the electronic credit ledger by a registered person or a class of registered persons, as may be prescribed”

Current law- Under the current law, no such condition is there.

Impact / Our view- The amendment proposed shall restrict the business enterprise to utilize the input tax credit.

12. Payment of tax - Amendment in Section 50 of CGST Act 2017

(w.e.f. 1st July 2017)

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe the rate of interest for wrong availment and utilization of input tax credit. Section 50(3) is proposed to be amended which prescribes that-

“(3) Where the input tax credit has been wrongly availed and utilized, the registered person shall pay interest on such input tax credit wrongly availed and utilized, at such rate not exceeding twenty-four percent. as may be notified by the Government, on the recommendations of the Council, and the interest shall be calculated, in such manner as may be prescribed.”

Current law- Under the current law, no such rate of interest has been prescribed.

Impact / Our view- The amendment proposed shall make the business enterprise liable to pay interest on wrongful availment and utilization of input tax credit. Though the section has provided for a

maximum interest rate of 24%, the proposed interest rate shall be 18% p.a.

It may be noted that the proposed amendment is w.e.f. 1st July 2017.

It may further be noted that the interest liability will arise only when the business enterprise has wrongly availed and utilized the input tax credit. If it has only wrongly availed but has not utilized the input tax credit, then we are of the opinion that interest liability will not be there.

13. Time period for filing of an application for refund - Amendment in Section 54 of CGST Act 2017

Proposed amendment- The section is proposed to be amended to prescribe the maximum time limit for filing of refund application under Section 54 of CGST Act 2017. Explanation to Section 54 is proposed to be amended which prescribes that—

“(ba) in case of zero-rated supply of goods or services or both to a Special Economic Zone developer or a Special Economic Zone unit where a refund of tax paid is available in respect of such supplies themselves, or as the case may be, the inputs or input services used in such supplies, the due date for furnishing of return under section 39 in respect of such supplies”

Current law- Under the current law, no such time limit has been prescribed.

Impact / Our view- The amendment proposed prescribes that the business enterprise making the supply to SEZ units or SEZ developer shall apply for a refund of tax within two years of the due date of filing of GSTR 3b in respect of such supplies.

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15 - 16 April, 2022	IIFJAS 2022	Pragati Maidan, Delhi
20 - 23 April, 2022	Plastasia 2022	Pragati Maidan, Delhi
26 - 30 April, 2022	36 th Edition of AAHAR 2022	Pragati Maidan, Delhi
10 -13 May, 2022	PapereX 2022	India Expo Mart, Greater Noida
12 - 14 May, 2022	Paperworld India 2022	JIO World Convention Centre
18 - 20 May, 2022	Cable and Wire Fair 2022	Pragati Maidan, Delhi
26 - 30 May 2022	15 th Printpack India	India Expo Mart, Greater Noida
02 - 06 June, 2022	Indiawood 2022	BIEC, Bangalore
16 - 21 June, 2022	IMTEX Forming 2022	BIEC, Bangalore

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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

I'd like to share a quote on moving forward and hope this quote will be as helpful for you as they have been for me. "Don't dwell on what went wrong. Instead, focus on what to do next. Spend your energy moving forward together towards an answer."

In the current scenario, it is so realistic to the exhibition industry because the last two years were extremely challenging for the exhibitions industry worldwide and faced many ups and downs but now it is the time to move forward positively. It is great news for the exhibitions/events community to do trade once again with an overwhelming comeback and supportive mindset.

In December 2021, the 10th Edition of IEIA's Open Seminar was held in BIEC, Bangalore. and where 200 participants were invited to attend the event. It was successfully gathered 200 professional industry stalwarts from different verticals of the industry which included organizers, venue owners, service providers, technology experts, logistic companies, and media also from all over India.

India Union Budget 2022 was presented in February 2022, a summary of the budget on Taxation & GST is covered in this edition with the intention of sharing facts.

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