

FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT...

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SALES TAX BAR ASSOCIATION,

NAMASKAR!

I extend warm greetings on behalf of executive committee and myself and wish you and your family a very happy Holi.

It is my inclination to share with you the activities of our BAR during the month of February'2020.

We organised our third Study circle meeting on dated 02/02/2020, on the Topic of "**A talk on Union Budget 2020**" The speaker was FCA Dr. Girish Ahuja Jee, who is a firebrand Speaker and Guru of all Gurus in the Direct Tax Profession. This talk was organised on Sunday at 1PM and inspite of being a holiday the premises of Sales Tax Bar Association was house full. FCA Dr. Girish Ahuja Jee elaborated the Union budget 2020 comprehensively. We are thankful to Mr. Sanjay Sharma for arranging this Talk of Dr. Girish Ahuja Jee every year in the BAR premises on the very next day of Union Budget. The host of this special session of Study circle meeting was Sh. H.C. Bhatia who arranged a delicious lunch for all the members present.

The BAR filed an application before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi for extension of date of filing annual Return and reconciliation Form GSTR-9, GSTR-9A and GSTR-9C. This application was listed on 20th February 2020 with writ petition filed for technical glitches in system. On dated 20/02/2020 the Delhi High Court Bar Association called upon to abstain from work as a token of protest and to express anguish at the transfer of HMJ S. Murlidhar. The Court assembled and in compliance of the directions of the Hon'ble Court in previous date of hearing, Mr. Venkat Narayan S., Vice-President, Infosys Ltd. In person, Mr. Deepak

Grover, Mr. Kumar Abhishek Sinha and Mr. Shrish Mishra, Representatives of Tech Mahindra, in person were present.

The Hon'ble court intimated them the various issues being faced by the tax payers and therefore a writ has been filed. Various technicalities and restrictions of the portal which are not even prescribed by GST law, have been hampering the filing the returns, refund etc. The sole purpose of GSTN is to ease the process however it has complicated instead. Therefore the purpose is not being served. The court in the order directed the Tech Mahindra and Infosys to collect all the record of the case from the registry and file the status report within 4 weeks to the grievances raised in the case. The court also wrote in the order that "We have interacted with the respective officers, who are present, and tried to sensitise them of the grievances raised by the Petitioner." The matter is now listed for 31st March 2020. I personally appeal to all the members of the BAR to attend the court proceedings in large number.

It is matter of immense pleasure that our own member Sh. S.K. Bagga Advocate elected member of Legislative Assembly of Delhi consequently for second time. Our BAR organized a felicitation program in BAR premises on dated 13/02/2020. Members of BAR attended this function in large number. Felicitation function was sponsored by Sh. H.C. Bhatia and as such funds of the bar were not burdened.

On dated 19th February 2020 we organize a blood donation for the noble cause of humanity. It was a successful camp and members of the BAR and officers and other staff of Department voluntarily came forward to donate the blood. We express our heartfelt thanks to all.

The Goods & Services Tax law having come into force w.e.f.01/07/2017. We wrote a letter to Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Sh. Manish Sisodiya jee to bring an effective " Kar Samdhan Scheme" to clear the backlog of assessment, objections and all other disputes pending in any court of Law which are related to all erstwhile relevant Acts. It will definitely be a welcome step to afford a chance to assesses to clear the arrears of tax, interest and penalty. I am happily share that Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister will notify the scheme very shortly.

The BAR organized a very successful tour to Vrindavaan Dham on dated 28-29/02/2020. It was a one night stay program and most the

members joined us with spouse and family members. It brings us a chance for better fellowship.

The office bearer and member of executive committee regularly conducting meeting the Commissioner DGST and Commissioner CGST for removal of difficulties faced by the members of our BAR.

We are regularly attending meetings with Bar Council of Delhi Chairman Sh. K.C. Mittal ji and other office bearers to implement Welfare scheme for Lawyer for which an amount of Rs. 50.00 cr has already been allocated in this year budget by the Delhi Government. Our BAR passed a resolution to authorize Bar Council of Delhi to take up the issue with the Delhi Government for its immediate implementation.

At this juncture I on behalf of executive committee extend our thanks to our respected member Sh. Sushil Verma ji who came forward voluntarily to install 2 number of Soap Dispensers and a hand dryer in Toilet adjoining BAR premises. The toilet is now more hygienic. Specific instructions were given to caretaking staff to clean the toilet three times a Day.

I call upon all the members of our BAR to come forward with your valuable suggestion for the betterment of our members and BAR. Our executive will definitely consider the suggestion positively and assure all of you for implantation of fruitful suggestions at its earliest.

I express my sincere thanks to office bearers and all the members of executive committee for their kind support and their active participation.

With warm regards

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