

**FROM THE DESK OF PRESIDENT...**

**DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE SALES TAX BAR ASSOCIATION,**

**NAMASKAR!**

I would like to reproduce the quote of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Jee "*Jaan bhi Jahan Bhi*". Time has come to restart our economic and social activities with utmost care of our health. We are waiting for the official green signal by the government to reopen the BAR and do hope to meet very shortly in our Temple i.e. Bar Premises/Association.

With these words, I am pleased to share with you the outcome of efforts by entire executive committee during this lockdown period of May, 2020.

BAR submitted many representations through Email and conducted meeting personally in the chamber of the Commissioner DGST and T&T. All issues like new registrations, cancellations, reviews, objections, and refunds were discussed in detail. The office of the Commissioner issued a detailed circular extending all limitations up to 30/06/2020 in line with Hon'ble Supreme Court order and provided temporary arrangements for urgent issues by appointing nodal officers for each zone. The worthy commissioner appraised that most of the staff was on Covid-19 duty and now started resuming office. He further assured the proper functioning of the Department very shortly.

During this month, STBA organized three study circles meeting through webinars. The first was on the Topic "Penalty u/s. 271 AAD on case study basis & recent Hon'ble Apex Court judicial pronouncements with the scope of Section 143(1) under the Income Tax Act" by Advocate Sh. Kapil Goel. The Second meeting was conducted on the Topic of "Place of Supply and linkage with Input Tax Credit under GST" by Advocate Sh. Puneet Aggarwal and the third study circle meeting on the Topic of "Extensive Analysis of ITC availed in GST Law" Speaker was learned Advocate Sh. P.K. Mittal Jee.

Our BAR also organized a Special lecture on the topic of "Mindset beyond Corona - How to Emerge Stronger Post Lockdown" by Speaker: Varchshree Dinesh Kumar (Researcher & Spiritual Teacher of Ancient Indian Manisha).

All these study circle meetings were attended by large numbers of BAR Members.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji has been leading the campaign of Digital India and has emphasized that "*We must ensure that technology is accessible, affordable and adds value*". Thus, keeping with the above I am delighted to share that Team STBA launched the Official YouTube Channel of Sales Tax Bar Association on dated 05/05/2020. It is the brainchild of the Secretary of our BAR Ms. Nitika Khanna. I personally congratulate her for taking this initiative.

We do hope that it will be a milestone in the history of the Sales Tax Bar Association to keep all our members as well as other professionals to appraise the new developments in law and will help to upgrade knowledge and skills during the extended lockdown period, as also thereafter. Now members can view all our past webinars & attend upcoming Study Circle Meetings/seminars/webinars on our official YouTube Channel. Members are requested to subscribe to the Official YouTube Channel of Sales Tax Bar Association in large numbers.

During this lockdown period, the K&D section of STBA released two parts of DSTC Volume 58 edition in E-Book format. This has certainly opened a new window to disseminate knowledge and will be very beneficial for professionals. These volumes consist of various landmark articles, judgments, Notification, clarification, and circulars.

I extend my sincere thanks to DSTC Editor-In-Chief Sh. Raj K. Batra Jee, Joint Chief Editor, Editors and all members of the Editorial Board. I appreciate the technology used in accessing a particular article directly from the Index page number. Editor in Chief Sh. Raj K. Batra Jee invited suggestions/comments as publishing E-part is a new initiative, I request all members to provide your valuable suggestions and inputs it will help us in improving this concept.

Sales Tax Bar Association has a long tradition of coming forward and rendering social service in times of national calamities and distress. Keeping up this tradition, we are happy to inform you that our BAR has made a contribution of Rs.15,02,000/- to CM Relief Fund & PM Cares Fund in equal proportion i.e. 1/2 each and further distributed high-quality DRDO approved 300 PPE Kits (150 each to Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital & Lady Harding Hospital); 5000 pair gloves, 5000 masks to Delhi Police Personnel on duty on roads, 6000 masks and 6000 pair gloves to MCD (2000 each to North, South and East MCD) and 1000 pcs of hand sanitizers for distribution to Safai Karamcharis.

Besides, we are committed and have helped our members in distress (we have decided not to disclose their names) by way of financial assistance and also to other persons who are not on our rolls but are associated with the Bar.

Team STBA expresses its gratitude to all those contributors whose valuable contribution has helped our organization to work for the benefit of humanity at large, during this period of national necessity. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the members of the sub-committee named "Helping Hands" headed by Sh. H.C. Bhatia Jee who gave valuable suggestions in regular meetings and worked hard for its implementation at field level.

With these words, I express my sincere thanks to office bearers and all the members of the executive committee for their kind support and participation at all times.

With warm regards  
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