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NEWSLETTER

President: Sanjay Chhajer, Secretary: Anup Agarwal

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J.K.Bothra: IT veteran shares his diverse experiences

Engaged in IT industry for long 33 years, J.K.Bothra is one of the most veteran professionals. With all his experience and expertise, he has established Planet Computer in 2002 performing every responsibilities of the organisation.

Planet Computer deals with a range of products like HP commercial printer, Cisco, TPlink, ycom firebold, Orico ETC and many among others. The organisation acts as a distributor, wholesaler and retailer of IT hardware & software, office automation, printers, projectors and accessories.

Coming out of his professional schedule, he loves music and to travel extensively to explore the unexplored destinations. Being an ardent traveller, he has covered almost the entire world, with special fondness on various landscape splendour, culture and heritage-rich destinations, discovering their special and unique story behind.

Originally from the state of Rajasthan, quite obviously, Bothra loves his state's special food and North Indian vegetarian dishes as well.

"Cricket is my favourite pastime. Since inception till date, I actively participate in all the tournaments that Compass organises," mentions J.K.Bothra.

While discussing on the studies that reveal, those who play competitive sports usually do very well in corporate environments, he asserts, "With my practical experiences, I have seen and believe that sportsmen always are successful and popular in corporate environs with their hard working and committed attitude."

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COVER STORY

Colour of 'Parallel Imports' Grey or White

Parallel imports are the products which are imported from a different market, mostly from other countries or may be from different regions from within the country.



Lilesh Khakhra
Vice-President, COMPASS, Partner, Crown Trading Co.

"Once an Intellectual Property Right Owner disposes his products for consideration, he ceases his rights over the products manufactured by him. Hence there is nothing illegal in dealing with parallel import products," mentions **Lilesh Khakhra, Vice-President, COMPASS, Partner, Crown Trading Co.**

In the importing country/region, such products may create disturbance in the price structure suggested by the OEMs or OEM authorised national/regional distributors. However as per Khakhra, parallel import keeps a check on monopolistic or artificial inflation of the rates.



Vikash Agarwal
Director, Sunstar Computers.

Since Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification has been introduced from 2017-18, parallel imports have not been easy, specially when the OEMs get the certification in the part numbers specially being marketed only in India.

"The price difference between the rates in the region and outside, sometimes gets bigger and creates an opportunity for parallel import. The OEMs or Distributors do try to discourage it by blocking their warranty or support" expressed **Vikash Agarwal, Director, Sunstar Computers.**

"Mistakenly, interstate purchases are considered as parallel imports by the OEMs or Distributors. Vikash advocates for strong unity amongst the dealers so that such imports are not discouraged in the era of common GST and 'one country - one region' concept being promoted by the Government. He also suggests transparency from the OEMs in sharing the rates across the country between the channel partners.

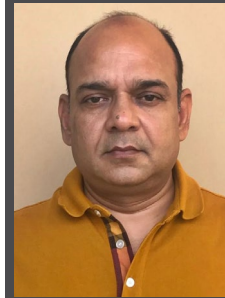


Umang Lalani,
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Umang Lalani of Lalani Infotech Limited emphasises on the importance of dealing in products from OEM or their authorised Distributors. They promote the brand, launch the product, make an effort to create the demand depending upon the character of each region with a dedicated and full-time team. The service centres are geared up as per the volume and SKUs being officially marketed. Parallel imports do disturb the entire supply chain system and demand supply balance of established brands and should be discouraged.

Sanjay Chhajer of Advance Management Systems Limited and President of COMPASS recommends a prudent balance of pricing and availability within the region, country and even outside.

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GLOBAL NEWS

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PC market in US exceeds 34 million units, grew 73% in Q1 2021

The total shipments of desktops, notebooks, tablets and workstations has exceeded to 34 million units and the PC market in the United States depicted a growth of 73 per cent year on year in Q1 2021, according to a Canalysis Report. [Read More](#)

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A configuration error in the systems of a content delivery provider knocked out numerous websites and apps around the globe. [Read More](#)

Software Business Driving US Jobs, GDP Growth

The software industry fuelled jobs and GDP growth in the United States in 2020, according to a report released Tuesday by an international software research organization. [Read More](#)

Logitech launches AI-based whiteboard camera

AT this point in time, hybrid work and learning is more pervasive than ever. The Covid-19 pandemic has necessitated a change in how we approach work and learning, which entails new solutions. [Read More](#)

LOCAL NEWS

Honeywell launches verified technology, help stop fake Pharmaceutical Products

To fight increasing counterfeit crime in India, Honeywell announced digital verification technology for pharmaceutical products. Recently an dire shortage of drugs to treat COVID-19 symptoms has led to increased circulation of counterfeit medicines. [Read More](#)

Kodak Alaris achieves EPEAT Gold Standard

Kodak Alaris has added twelve document scanners to the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT), the definitive global registry for greener electronics. [Read More](#)

Aspire Systems Recognized for the 12th Consecutive Year

Aspire Systems, a global technology services firm, has been recognized as one of the 100 Best Places to Work for 2021 by the Great Place to Work Institute. [Read More](#)

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**Saikat Pal:
Passion became
profession with
time**

Interested in various electronic gadgets and hobby projects, since childhood, Saikat Pal, Proprietor, System Edge, later developed an inclination towards Information Technology after completing his college studies. Started career as a freelancer in 1995, he used to support the customers possessing x86 series and BBC-Micro

Computers. In 1997, he had launched his first retail Computer at his residence in Murshidabad, help become a professional from a freelancer. Besides professional, his personal preferences are also interesting. He likes swimming, playing cricket and badminton also love cooking on weekends, reading IT online magazines and listening to music. Being a non-vegetarian, he is fond of Indian and Continental dishes. "I am associated with Lions Club, Berhampur, hence engaged with various charitable and social development projects. Being a dog lover as well, I have reared up a street dog as our lovable pet with special attachment," mentioned Saikat Pal. Before pandemic, the aim of this ardent traveller was around four tours a year. Mostly Dooars like ambience and beauty attract him for a short break. "Understanding customers' needs and providing solutions to their typical IT problems in an innovative way is my passion and USP of my business," expressed Pal. "A business owner should look after their staff in every emergencies, help induce discipline and loyalty among them," he concluded.

STATUTORY NEWS

Ref. N.No. 08/2021-CT dated 01.05.2021. **COMPASS**
COMPUTER ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN INDIA

Reduction in rate of Interest

For tax payers having aggregate turnover greater than 5 crore R C I for the tax payable for months Mar21 and Apr 21 are:

For tax payers having aggregate turnover less than 5 crore R C I for the tax payable for months Mar21 and Apr 21 are:

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| For filing GSTR-3B monthly | For QMP tax payers |
| 0% for first 15 days | 0% for first 15 days |
| 9% for next 15 days | 9% for next 15 days |
| 18% thereafter | 18% thereafter |

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Ref. Circular No. 148/2021-GST dated 17.04.2021 **COMPASS**
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Applicability of GST on supply of food in Anganwadis and Schools.

Services provided to an educational institution by way of serving of food (including mid-day meals) is exempt from Levy of GST irrespective of its funding from govt, grants or corporate donations.

Educational institutions include anganwadis and thus serving of food in schools and anganwadis is exempt from levy of GST.

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Ref. N.No. 11/2021 - Central Tax dated 01.05.2021 **COMPASS**
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Due Date for ITC -4C extended.

The due date for furnishing the declaration in FORM ITC-4 (ITC-4) in respect of goods dispatched to a job worker or received from a job worker, during the period from 01.05.2021 to 31.03.2022 has been extended to 31.05.2021.

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Ref. Press Release of 4th GST Council Meeting dated 28.05.2021 **COMPASS**
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Key decisions made

- GST Exemption granted to items Covid-19 supplies till 31.08.2021.
- Particular medicines for black fungus also exempted.
- The GST Council is likely to announce an amnesty scheme on late fee for GST return filing for property dealer to small tax payers and allow them to furnish the GSTR-3B returns from June 11 to Aug 21 with reduced late fee. Reduced late fee will be applicable for GSTR-3B also received and furnished between 01.05.21 to 31.05.21.
- Reinstatement of Late Fees for Small Tax Payers to be made irrespective of compliance tax periods.
- Relaxation given under Section 165A of the CGST Act subject to certain restrictions.
- Annual Return form for FY 2020-21 to be simplified and the same, submitted to be covered for small tax payers. Reconciliation statement in GSTR-3C to be filed by Large Tax Payers only.

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Ref. N.No. 09/2021-CT dated 01.05.2021 **COMPASS**
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Late fee on delayed filing of GSTR 3B waived.

For tax payers having aggregate turnover greater than 5 crore the late fee is waived for 15 days from the original due date for 30 of Mar 21 and Apr 21.

For tax payers having aggregate turnover less than 5 crore:

| | |
|---|---|
| For GSTR-3B monthly | For QMP tax payers |
| Late fee waived for 30 days from original due date for 30 of Mar 21 and Apr 21. | Late fee waived for 30 days from original due date for 30 of Mar 21 and Apr 21. |

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Ref. Instruction No. 10/2021 - CUS TOWMS dated 13.05.2021 **COMPASS**
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Special Refund and Drawback Disposal Drive.

In order to help the trade and industry and to resolve liquidity crunch problems in the Covid-19 times, CBIC has announced special refund and drawback disposal drive for SMEs in case of all claims pending as on 14.5.2021.

The duration of drive is from 15.5.21 to 31.5.2021.

It is high time for the MSMEs to make follow up of all pending refund/drawback claims and get the same settled or cleared by submission of pending documents or providing the required information.

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Ref. N.No. 16/2021 - Central Tax dated 18.05.2021 **COMPASS**
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Recent updates on Refunds under GST.

- The period from date of filing of refund claim in RFD 01 to the date of efficiency receipt in RFD 02 to be extended to 30 days from the date of filing of the refund claim.
- An action has been provided to withdraw the refund application and upon withdrawal the amount claimed as refund will be credited to the Electronic Credit Ledger.
- The requirement of issuing RFD 07 for complete adjustment of refund interest against any outstanding demand, RFD 07 now to be issued for unissued refund and subsequent interest of the unissued refund.

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Ref. N.No. 12/CT dated 01.05.2021 **COMPASS**
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Due date for Furnishing GSTR - 1 / IFF

| Date | For Period | Person |
|-------------|------------|-------------------|
| 26th May 21 | April 21 | Monthly Taxpayers |
| 28th May 21 | April 21 | QRMP Taxpayers* |

* For QRMP taxpayers who exercise the option of filing their IFF monthly.

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Ref. N.No. 07/2021 dated 27th April 2021. **COMPASS**
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Filing of GSTR-1 / IFF and GSTR-3B through EVC.

Companies can now file their GSTR-1 OR IFF (Invoice Furnishing Facility and GSTR-3B using EVC instead of DSC) during the period from 27.04.2021 to 31.05.2021.


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
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
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Dear Friends,

I am confident that worst of the pandemic is now behind us. Hopefully, all of us must have been vaccinated by now, at least the first dose along with our team members and respective families. We have gone through tough times and look forward to a safer world to live in. We all need to re-think and re-shape our tomorrow - How do we adapt and move on?

Internet and Smartphones had transformed human life across all segments and age groups over last two decades. But this time, change in human lifestyle is bringing a phenomenal shift in technological dynamics.

A new normal has emerged to the way we live and do work. It is probably the best time to re-think, re-visualize & re-build solutions for better adaptation of technology in the changed scenario. A blend of opportunities await all stake holders in the area of Information Technology.

Work from home is here to stay; home deliveries of essentials will continue; 'Home' is now the 'new School'; 'Web Streaming' has substituted multiplexes and D2H services, Conferences are now virtual, OPDs & Gyms have gone online; and it goes on. With increasing dependence on real time solutions, eSecurity is now of prime importance. Best time to 'think out of the box' and add value in the eco-system. Let us all together reinvent & innovate.

Continue to stay safe and always remain happy.

Sanjay Chhajer
President
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Welcome to COMPASS



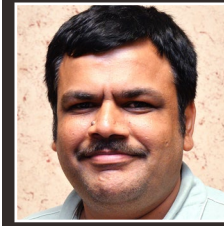
Computer Association of Eastern India (COMPASS) is an association comprising of 400+ entrepreneurs from the Information Technology (IT) sector. Headquartered in Kolkata, the association, since the last 25 years has been contributing relentlessly to the favourable growth of IT industry. It is a member of FAITA and CWBTA.

Being a facilitator and catalyst, COMPASS works closely with the government on policy issues, improving efficacy, keenness and expanding business opportunities through assorted services. The Grievance Cell is one of the unique services that actively helps members & others in eco-system to resolve both internal and external disputes. COMPASS regularly organizes trade shows, seminars, conferences, workshops for its members and industry stakeholders. Fellowship events such as Cricket Carnival, Family Picnic, Diwali Meet indeed goes a long way in bonding family and friends. Moreover, COMPASS has always been proactive in specific events of other associations.

Recent formation of the Legal Cell and GST Helpdesk would be highly beneficial to members. Introduction of this eNewsletter will surely keep members & all concerned better informed.

Ever since the breakout of COVID, the association and its members have been helping in multiple ways including distributing essentials to the under privileged through the local government administration.

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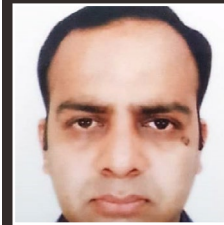
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INTERACTIVE SESSION ON FAQs IN GST WITH MR. GAGAN KEDIA

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22nd April 2021, from 7 PM to 8 PM

Mr. Shish Agrawal
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