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The Reserve Bank of India will shortly start monitoring banks on issues relating to customer rights in five broad areas.

The areas on which the regulator will be conducting surveys and supervision at various banks are - right to privacy, right to fair treatment & transparency, fair and honest dealing, right to suitability and right to grievance redress & compensation.

"RBI had asked the banks to have their board-approved plans in place by June 30. Now we at RBI will start monitoring and supervising the banks on issues relating to customer rights," RBI Executive Director U S Paliwal said in Mumbai.

"We have our own mechanism to see how banks are doing on the five fronts relating to customer rights and the monitoring will be done on those fronts," he added.

RBI had put out a charter of customer rights in public domain sometime back, asking banks to implement it after their board's approval.

Economics Times 21st July, 2016

"There is a growing need for vocational and skill training.

Dignity of labour can open up more job opportunities for the youth.

Skills should not be akin to stature in the societal mind set"

*- Shri Rajeev Pratap Rudy
Hon. Minister of State Skill Development &
Entrepreneurship and Parliamentary Affairs.*



Indian Banking Sector - A Current Scenario, Expert Comments by Arundhati Bhattacharya



India's banking sector currently faces some stress mainly due to "stalling" of projects between 2011-2013 and efforts are being made to ensure the "de-bottlenecking" of these projects says SBI Chairman Arundhati Bhattacharya. "Currently we are trying our level best to ensure the de-bottlenecking of all of these projects that got stalled. Some amount of that has been done and a lot still needs to be done,"

There is "obviously" an issue in respect of more and more capital requirement for the banking sector itself and "we are working on various means of ensuring that the banking sector itself is strengthened," she said at a conversation organised by the Consulate General of India in association with State Bank of India BSE 2.86 % and the Indus Entrepreneurs on India-Changing Economic Landscape- Opportunities and Challenges'.

Bhattacharya, who had met investors and rating agencies during her visit to the city, said the macro-economic parameters in the country are "very good", saying the fiscal deficit is well contained.

She pointed out that inflation is "quite well-contained" and India should be well within the "glide path" set by the Reserve Bank of India for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation to be five per cent or less by January 2017.

"We think we will get there," Bhattacharya said, adding that there had been a recent uptick in CPI but that was mainly on account of vegetable and pulses and the core CPI is actually showing a constant downtrend. She further says the interest rates are also coming off from their historical highs and "currently they are quite low but may be not low enough to really kick start a lot of investments".

Bhattacharya said the per capita consumption by Indians of

both steel and power is one of the lowest in the world and there is a huge consumption gap already existing in India and as demand comes back in, it is expected that consumption gap will drive productivity and we would see many of these assets coming back on stream.

She concludes "We are very close or at the inflection point where the economy is concerned. The government has been very wise in bringing about the right kind of changes," she said, adding that the government has given the right kind of impetus with its various flagship programmes like 'Start-up India' and 'Digital India'.

Editors Column

Dear Readers, Hope you enjoyed reading the first edition of FinSkill Bytes and are looking forward for the up coming editions. While we introduce the August edition, we promise to live to our goal of providing our readers with a concise yet comprehensive picture of all news related to skill development in the domain.

In this edition we discuss that the Reserve bank of India initiates monitoring of commercial banks on issues relating to consumer rights, a step in the right direction in line with the consumers right to privacy, fair treatment, transparency and fair and honest dealing.

The edition also features Verbatim views of Arundhati Bhattacharya, SBI Chairman on the current scenario of the Indian banking sector where she rightly points out that there is a huge consumption gap already existing in India.

The Andra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation is inviting Applications for providing training to those seeking employment and IT and banking sector. A great opportunity for our readers to explore.

Rs 1600 crore has been approved under the skill development activities in J&K, a great initiative for generation of employment and skilled professional in the state.

This issue also throws light on the impact of GST on the Financial Services sector, a sector which is highly regulated and substantially exploited.

Awaiting views and suggestions of the August edition from our readers.

Regards and Happy Reading

“APSSDC invites applications for training”

The Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation is inviting application for providing training to those seeking employment in information and technology and banking services. “We will send the next batch of students who completed graduation and post-graduation for the interviews to be conducted by the Axis bank and Amazon,” said APSSDC Co-ordinator Ajesh Chowdary. Interested candidates should register their names on the official website jobmela.apssdc.in

The Hindu August 2, 2016

Vellore to Have IT Education Program by Joint Collaboration of Aspire Systems and Universal Higher Education Trust

Aspire Systems, a technology services firm, announces the launch of Program 'SHINE', in collaboration with Universal Higher Education Trust, Vellore, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility Program.

With a focus on Information technology skill development and employability, the company is looking to enable students from lower economic backgrounds, from Vellore and its surrounding districts.

“Practical knowledge is as, if not more, important when compared to theoretical knowledge. It is therefore important to encourage students to be trained with skills that can empower them to think on their feet. We are looking to help these students with programming skills, in addition to soft skills, thereby raising their chances of employability in the IT sector”, Sathappan S, Head – Corporate Social Responsibility, Aspire Systems said.

The SHINE initiative is a year-long program consisting of two phases. The first phase is to be conducted at the Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) campus, and the second phase is to be held at the Aspire Systems' Siruseri campus. The core focus will be on imparting programming skills to these students in order to add value to their employability in the IT sector. Additionally, training in communication and soft skills will also be taught.

Commenting on the partnership, Gowri Shankar Subramanian, Co-founder and CEO, Aspire Systems said, “Imparting of employability skills are the need of the hour. While students do have access to the best of theoretical knowledge, it is the IT industry's responsibility to equip them with skills that help them go up the value chain. The aim of SHINE is to ensure that we imbibe these underprivileged students with employability skills and give them the opportunity to be capable professionals. We have always believed that it is vital to give back to the society and be socially responsible”.

PC Quest 3rd August, 2016

Rs 1600 cr approved under skill development activities in J&K

Srinagar, Aug 2 (UNI) An amount of Rs 1,600 crore has been approved under skill development activities in Jammu & Kashmir. An official spokesman said here that Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Law and Justice Abdul Haq Khan today stressed upon the officers to increase people to people contact to inform public about various flagship programmes for employment generation. The Minister asked the officers to make use of the flagship programs of Rural Development to generate employment and creation of durable assets in rural areas of the state.



“GST Impact on Financial Services Sector”

From the Indian Indirect Tax perspective, the most awaited year of the decade i.e. year 2017 is within a touching distance marking the implementation of a complete indirect tax revolution viz GST. After almost three decades from the time MODVAT was first introduced in India back in 1986 followed by gradual steps taken by government to facilitate seamless flow of CENVAT across excise and service tax that followed by the negative list regime under service tax, the need of the hour viz. GST looks on track for April 2017 implementation going by the strong intent of the present government. Though the industry preparedness for GST is far from being satisfactory, what needs to be seen is the impact (either positive or negative) that GST would bring in once implemented and how quickly the industry adapts to the changed scenario.

“GST looks on track for April 2017 implementation going by the strong intent of the present government”

Since the financial sector in our country is highly regulated, a company engaged in rendering financial service in India has to comply with several regulations under different laws apart from compliance under indirect tax laws. Tax base of the Indian Financial Service sector is already substantially exploited by the government. Such wide tax base brings along with it several complications with respect to coverage of subject transaction under the bracket of tax levy. In current scenario, service tax under financial sector is levied on all fee-based activities which include various types of charges such as transactions fees, processing fees, etc. However, income from fund based activities such as interest, investment and asset financing and propriety trading are largely outside the tax net. Thus, it would be important that a clear distinction be made between fee based and fund based activities and transactions pertaining to fund based activities are excluded from the levy of GST. If such demarcation is not made, revenue earned through instruments like CBLO might come under the bracket of GST, this time at a rate higher than the current one.

Thus, it is important to understand and evaluate the implications that a new legislation might have on the existing complications under the current regime. Accordingly, the new legislation in the form of GST should try and resolve the existing complications rather than increase the complexity further. Apart from a simplified tax administration and structure, it is important that government plays a pro-active role in framing GST legislation and addresses the concerns of the industry players in a way that this implementation of the biggest ever indirect tax reform in the country turns out to be a win-win situation for everyone.

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