
BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS

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DECEMBER GST REVENUE COLLECTION

- A total of **81.21lakh** GSTR 3B Returns have been filed for the month of November up to 31st December, 2019.
- The impressive **growth of 16% is observed in the GST revenues** during the month of December, 2019 from domestic transactions, as compared to the Dec 18 collection.
- The government has settled **Rs 21,814crore to CGST and Rs 15,366crore to SGST** from IGST as regular settlement.

RBI HAS LAUNCHED A MOBILE APP, MANI

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a mobile app named **Mobile Aided Note Identifier (MANI)** to **help visually challenged people** to identify denomination of currency notes.
- The RBI launched the mobile app considering the reports of problems faced by visually-challenged people in identifying these **new currency notes due to the significant changes in the sizes and designs after the demonetization in November 2016.**

SBI AND NPCI RECOMMENDATIONS ON RUPAY CARD

- The worry of SBI and other state-run banks who are the main issuers of the RuPay card is that the government decision to scrap the processing charge on transactions with the card **would cause them a revenue loss.**
- NPCI is concerned that the **action would disincentivise banks to issue RuPay cards** and they would instead **prefer international rivals of the home-grown payment gateway.**
- Zero MDR would disincentivise banks to issue RuPay cards and they would instead prefer **Visa and Mastercard.**

UCO BANK DEBT RESOLUTION UNDER NCLT

- State owned United Commercial (UCO) Bank has recovered **Rs 800-900 crore in the 3rd quarter (ending December) by corporate debt resolution** of four accounts under the bankruptcy law.
- The recovery would help the bank to reduce its net losses as the bank had reported net losses for the **last 16 quarters.**
- Due to **high bad loan ratios and negative return on assets**, the UCO bank is still being under Reserve Bank of India's **prompt corrective action.**

GOVT INFUSED RS 4,360 CRORE TO IOB

- The bank has received the amount as **contribution of the government in preferential allotment of equity shares during the financial year 2019-20** as government's investment.
- The Finance Ministry had announced capital infusion of Rs 3,800 crore on August 2019, which was later increased by **Rs 5600 crore**.
- A net loss of **Rs 2,253.64 crore of the bank** was reported for the quarter ending 30th September 2019.

RBI NEW NORMS FOR UCBS

- The RBI will continue to **monitor asset quality, profitability and capital/net worth of UCBS under the revised SAF**.
- Depending upon the stress severity, the RBI may ask them to **curtail their lending powers, among other safeguards**.
- In case the normal functioning of the UCB no longer considered to be in the **interest of its depositors/public**, RBI can consider the issue of show cause notice for **cancellation of a banking license**.

