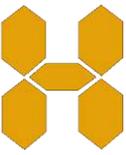


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Spike in phishing attacks~Is India prepared to cope with



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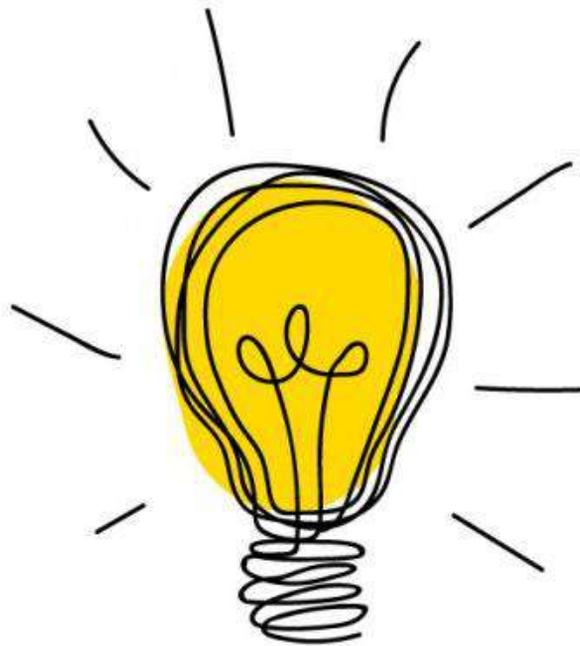
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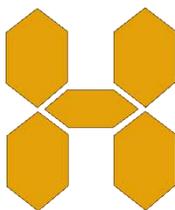
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# CYBER-WAR

The tensions between India and China are escalating by the day over the border dispute between the two nations in the Ladakh region. However, a series of no-arms combat peace treaties signed in 1993, 1996 and 2005 for maintaining peace across the region seems to prohibit the two from entering the stage of armed combat. But this does not mean it is the only attack surface where the two can lock horns.

According to a top police official of the cyber cell, China has reportedly exploited the cyberspace to wage cyber warfare against India. Their state-backed threat actors have attempted over 40,300 cyberattacks on India's Information Technology infrastructure and banking sector in the last five days. Though the hacking attempts have been unsuccessful so far in doing any concrete damage, their activities are unprecedented.

Cyber threat intelligence firm, Cyfirma has noted that, the escalation in tensions at the India-China border, cyberattacks have increased by 200% in June, compared to May.

While conventional weapons are only allowed to be deployed by a country's military, in the realm of cyberwarfare, governments may deny their association with hacker outfits.

With very little hope of immediate de-escalation of the tension across the border, it is suggested that the Indian internet users need to pay attention to such threats and attacks, and create robust firewalls, along with regular cybersecurity audits at set intervals.



## **Ban on China App's**

The government has increased a nationwide alert and stepped up monitoring as intelligence agencies prepare for intensified cybersecurity attacks from China.

On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Indian government banned 59 Chinese apps, including the popular TikTok, citing threats to national security. Prior to that, it had warned of increased cyber security threats. The government also cited complaints about data on Indian users being transferred abroad without authorisation.

Cybersecurity experts said India's ban on 59 Chinese apps was only the start and there will be greater scrutiny of companies, device makers and apps with exposure to China, which can trigger retaliatory attacks. Amongst all the sectors, power, telecom and financial services are being monitored even more closely, given their exposure to Chinese infrastructure.

Cybersecurity experts said the government will expand monitoring and focus on companies that are funded by Chinese investors, although the degree of surveillance may vary.

The statement from the Ministry of Electronics and IT MeitY said it had received complaints from various sources, including several reports about the misuse of some mobile apps for stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data in an unauthorised manner to servers outside India.



Banned App's	Alternate App's
TikTok, Helo, Big Libe, Vigo Video, Vmate, U Video and Kwai	Mitron, Bolo Indya, Roposo, Dubsmash
Baidu Translate	Google Translate, *Hi Translate
We Meet, We Chat	Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram
Hago Play	Houseparty
Shareit, Xender, ES File Explorer	Files Go, Send Anywhere, Google Drive, Dropbox
Share It	Share All, Jio Switch, Smart share
UC Browser, DC Browser, CM Browser, APUS Browser	Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Opera, Jio Browser
Mobile Legends	Fortnite Battle Royale, Legends of Legends, PUBG
Baidu map	Google Maps, Apple Maps
Shein, Club Factory, ROMW	Myntra, Flipkart, Amazon, LimeRoad
Camscanner	Adobe Scan, Microsoft Office Lens, Photo Scan, TapScanner
YouCam makeup, SelfieCity, Meitu	B612 Beauty, Filter Camera
DU battery saver	Battery Saver, Charge Optimizer
Clean Master, Cheetah Mobile, Virus Cleaner	No Apps You don't require an alternative app for cleaning "virus" from your mobile phone. Uninstall all such apps if you have on your smartphone right away.
Newsdog, UC News, QQ Newsfeed	Google News, Apple News, Inshorts



## What?

Section 80C of the Income Tax Act of India is a clause that points to various expenditures and investments that are exempted from Income Tax. It allows for a maximum deduction of up to Rs.1.5 lakh every year from an investor's total taxable income.

Section 80C is applicable only for individual taxpayers and Hindu

Undivided Families. Corporate bodies, partnership firms, and other businesses are not qualified to avail tax exemptions under Section 80C.



## Investments eligible for deduction under Section 80C

Type	Particulars
Life insurance premiums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Available for policies held by self, spouse, dependent children, etc. HUF members can also benefit from the same exemptions.</li> <li>o Currently, an annual premium of up to 10% (of the insurance policy's total sum assured) is tax exempted under this scheme.</li> </ul>
PPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Any voluntary contribution made by the employee towards the Public provided fund is also eligible for tax deduction under Section 80C of the Income Tax.</li> </ul>
NABARD Rural Bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Rural Bonds offered by NABARD are eligible for tax exemption under the Income Tax Act of India.</li> </ul>
ULIP's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Unit Linked Insurance Plans offer more returns in the long term when compared to conventional insurance policies. They have become especially popular in recent years thanks to the tax benefits offered under Section 80C.</li> </ul>
National Savings Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o NSC or National Savings Certificate is one of the most popular tax-saving instruments for risk-averse individuals. Interest earned on NSC is compounded semi-annually, and the maximum maturity period ranges from 5 to 10 years.</li> <li>o Investors do not have to follow any limitation on the total sum invested towards NSC in a financial year; however, only a maximum of Rs.1.5 lakh will be subject to exemption every financial year under Section 80C.</li> </ul>
Tax Saving FD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Tax Saving FDs are fixed deposit schemes offered by both banks and post offices that allow tax deduction under Section 80C. These FDs have a lock-in period of 5 years and offer a maximum of Rs.1.5 lakh tax exemption on the principal amount). However, the returns of such instruments are liable for taxation.</li> </ul>



Type	Particulars
EPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The return earned from Employee Provident Fund (EPF), including the interest, is eligible for tax exemption under Section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961.</li><li>○ The amount of Employees' monthly contribution to the Provident Fund is eligible for deduction. If the employee draws such investments within a period of 5 years of his service, then the withdrawn amount shall be taxable.</li></ul>
Infrastructure Bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Section 80C of the Income Tax Act allows tax exemptions on infrastructure bonds, provided the investment is equal to or higher than Rs.20,000. The limit of Rs.1.5 lakh stays applicable for these long-term secured bonds as well.</li></ul>
ELSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Equity Linked Saving Schemes, or ELSS, falls under Section 80C's exemption category for up to its maximum limit Rs.1.5 lakh. These investment schemes come with a mandatory 3-year lock-in period.</li></ul>
Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Any investments made towards Senior Citizens Saving Scheme, is eligible for tax exemption up to the maximum allocated 80C limit, i.e. Rs. 1.5 lakh.</li><li>○ Individuals above the age of 60 (people opting for voluntary retirement scheme is eligible to participate in SCSS after the age of 55 years) are eligible to get benefit, which has minimum lock-in tenure of 5 years.</li></ul>
Principal repayment made towards home loan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Only the repayments made towards the principal component of home loan EMIs are eligible for deduction under Section 80C. However, the borrower must fulfil certain clauses to avail of this benefit; these are -<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exemptions to be claimed if construction is completed.</li><li>• Transference of the property within 5 years of possession will exclude it from the tax exemptions provided under Section 80C.</li><li>• Any amount claimed as a tax deduction should be taxable in the transfer year if a handover is made after 5 years of the property's possession.</li></ul></li></ul>
Stamp duty and registration charges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Stamp duty and registration charges can be considered as the two largest expenses made towards taking ownership of a property. The GOI allows a deduction of tax liability till the 80C limit on the stamp duty and registration charges paid towards house procurement.</li><li>○ However, exemptions can only be claimed in the year that these duties are paid; otherwise it will not be eligible for consideration under Section 80C.</li></ul>
Sukanya Samridhi Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Sukanya Samridhi Yojana is a saving scheme specially designed to meet the financial requirements for a girl's education and marriage. Parents or legal guardians of a girl child (not older than 10 years of age) can open this account and parents of 2 or more (only in case of twins) girls can also invest in this plan. The interest earned from this investment scheme is eligible for tax exemption under Section 80C.</li></ul>



## Investments and associated risks

Investment Options	Interest	Min Lock-in Period	Associated Return	Associated Risk
ELSS	12% to 15% <i>depending on market fluctuation</i>	3 years	No	High
NPS	8% to 10%	Till the investor reaches 60 years	No	High
SCSS	8.60%	5 years	Yes	Low
PPF	7.90%	15 years	Yes	Low
NSC	7.9%	5 years	Yes	Low
ULIP	8% to 10% <i>depending on market fluctuation</i>	5 years	No	Moderate
Fixed deposit	Up to 8.40%	5 years	Yes	Low
Sukanya Samridhi Yojana	8.50%	8 years	Yes	Low

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Are taxpayers allowed to claim 80C deductions while filing Income Tax return?**  
Claim for 80C deduction is allowed while filing income return before the end of that Assessment Year.
- Which year will the investments reflect in the Income Tax return?**  
Assume a taxpayer made investments in accordance with Section 80C guidelines on 30th April 2019. Then, he or she will be able to claim tax exemption on such investments in the F.Y.2019-20.
- Can someone claim an 80C deduction on the life insurance premium paid to private insurance aggregator?**  
Yes, deduction under Section 80C is available for life insurance premiums paid to any insurance aggregator recognised by IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India). It is applicable for both public and private sector companies.
- Are donations eligible for tax exemptions under Section 80C?**  
Donations are not covered under 80C, they are governed under Section 80G..
- Can taxpayers invest in more than one investment policy and claim Rs.1.5 lakh exemption for each investment?**  
No, taxpayers are allowed a maximum tax exemption of up to Rs.1,50,000 considering all investments made towards tax-saving instruments under Section 80C.

**SECTION 80C FEATURES MULTIPLE INSTRUMENTS, A COMPREHENSIVE IDEA OF WHICH SHOULD BE PRESENT WITH EVERY INVESTOR. THE BENEFITS OFFERED BY THIS ACT CAN HELP SAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT FROM ONE'S TAX LIABILITY.**



Mohammadaniif Sultanali Pradhan lv. DCIT [Ahem Trib]

Where assessee claimed exemption under section 54F by making investment of long-term capital gain in two bungalows located adjacent to each other and used as one residential unit, assessee could not have been denied exemption on reasoning that there were two different registries of buildings/ properties as both properties purchased by assessee were a single property located in same geographical area.

PCIT v. Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. [SC]

SLP dismissed as withdrawn due to low tax effect against High Court ruling that tax is not to be deducted under section 194H on reimbursement of commission expenses, which was paid by another company on behalf of assessee

Peerless Hospitex Hospital & Research Centre Ltd. v. DCIT [Kol Trib]

Where assessee-company, a hospital, paid referral fee to doctors for referring their patients to assessee's hospital, since Regulations of Indian Medical Council was not applicable to pharmaceutical company or allied health sector industries as that of assessee, assessee would be entitled to deduction under section 37(1)

New Kalpana Ent Udyog v. ITO [Agra Trib]

ITAT held that the coal agents deliver the coal at night because of heavy vehicles cannot ply during the daytime. The assessee was obliged to do the cash payments as per the business practice in that area. The payments were made after the banking hours and that too at a village where there were no banking facilities. Thus, the additions made under section 40A(2) in respect of the payment made to coal agents were not justified.

PCIT v. Reliance Ports and Terminals Ltd. [Bom HC]

Disallowance under section 14A cannot be made more than exempt income itself

Md. Hussain Habib Pathan v. ACIT [Mum Trib]

Receipt of rent from children won't change let-out property to self-occupied for Sec. 24(b) deduction

Fiitjee Ltd. lv. PCIT [Del HC]

Depreciation on software was disallowed where assessee could not prove purchase of software as genuine transaction





Peerless Hospitex Hospital & Research Centre Ltd. v. DCIT [Kol Trib]

Restriction contained in section 72 on carrying forward of unabsorbed business losses for more than 8 years does not apply while computing adjusted book profits under section 115JB

CIT v. Chola Spinning Mills P.)Ltd. [Mad HC]

As per CBDT Circular No. 1/ 2016, dated 15-2-2016, term 'initial assessment year' in section 80-IA(5) would mean first year opted by assessee for claiming deduction under section 80-IA out of applicable slab and not first year of commencement/ operation of eligible business

Tata Communications Ltd. v. DCIT [Bom HC]

AO isn't authorised to issue scrutiny notice without processing return so as to withhold Income-tax refund

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## Updates

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### ❖ Notification No. 35/2020, dated 24-06-2020

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the various due dates, which were previously extended, to June 30, 2020 by the Taxation and Other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provisions) Ordinance, 2020.

A few silent features of the notification are as under:

- ❑ Due date for furnishing revised/ belated ITR for Assessment Year 2019-20 extended to July 31, 2020. Further, due date for furnishing ITR for Assessment Year 2020-21 has been extended to November 30, 2020 for all categories of assessee.
- ❑ Though the due date for filing of ITR for the Assessment Year 2020-21 has been extended to November 30, 2020 but there would be no relief in interest chargeable under section 234A if the tax liability exceeds Rs. 1 lakh.
- ❑ The date for making various investment/ payment for claiming deduction under Chapter-VIA-B which includes section 80C (LIC, PPF, NSC etc.), section 80D, section 80G, etc. has also been extended to July 31, 2020.
- ❑ The date for passing of order or issuance of notice by the authorities and various compliances under various Direct Taxes & Benami Law which are required to be passed/ issued/ made by 31-12-2020 has been extended to 31-03-2021.



## KEY TAKEAWAYS OF NOTIFICATIONS & CIRCULAR ISSUED ON JUNE 24, 2020

Central Government has issued few notifications and one circular under GST on June 24, 2020. Some notifications give effect to the decisions taken by GST Council in its 40th Meeting held on June 12, 2020 giving relief on levy of interest and late fee for small taxpayers. Following are the key takeaways of Notifications & Circular issued on June 24, 2020:

### Revised Due dates for filing GSTR-3B: Notification 51/2020 & 52/2020

Months	Turnover (preceding FY)		
	(1)		(2)
	<5 Crore #	<5 Crore ##	>5 Crore
Feb 20	30-Jun	30-Jun	24-Jun
Mar 20	3-Jul	5-Jul	24-Jun
Apr 20	6-Jul	9-Jul	24-Jun
May 20	12-Sep	15-Sep	27-Jun
Jun 20	23-Sep	25-Sep	20-Jul
Jul 20	27-Sep	29-Sep	20-Aug

(1) - Interest @ 9% to be levied if filed after above mentioned due date but before 30-9-2020 & thereafter 18%p.a.

### Revised Due dates for filing GSTR-3B: Notification 54/2020

Months	Turnover (preceding FY)	
	<5 Crore #	<5 Crore ##
Aug 20	01-Oct	03-Oct

# - Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana or Andhra Pradesh or Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep

## - Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Assam, West Bengal, Jharkhand or Odisha or the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Chandigarh and Delhi

### Relaxation for levy of late fee for GSTR-3B for period July, 2017 to January, 2020 Notification 52/2020

Failure Period	Actual Filing Date	Tax Liability	Late Fee
Jul'17 to Jan'20	01-07-2020 to 30-09-2020	Nil	Nil
		Other cases	Rs.250 in CGST & SGST

### Relaxation for levy of late fee for GSTR-1: Notification 53/2020

Month/Quarter	No Late Fee for GSTR-1 if filed on or before
Mar 20	10-Jul
Apr 20	24-Jul
May 20	28-Jul
Jun 20	5-Aug
Jan'20-Mar'20	17-Jul
Apr'20-Jun'20	3-Aug

### GST rate notified for service providers registered under Composition Scheme: Notification 50/2020

Composition Scheme at the rate of 6% of the turnover

## App of the Month -

### Consumer App



This app provides a platform for the Indian Consumers to give their suggestions and lodge their grievances, if any, to the Department of Consumer Affairs and seek remedial action.

It has features such as - Grievance Registration, Grievance Tracking, Upload Docs, Suggestion, Profile Updation, Knowledge base, Contact Details.

## Click of the Month

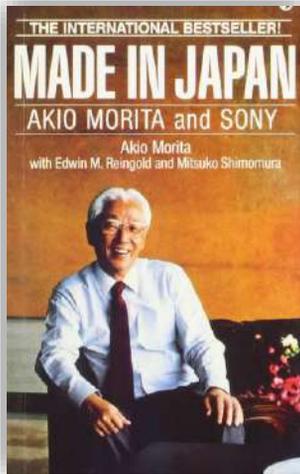


## Book of the Month -

### Made in Japan Akio Morita & Sony

Parenting is a lifetime assignment.

## Doctor's Diary Chia Seeds



- o 352 pages
- o Published in 1988
- o Penguin USA

The outspoken Chairman of the Sony Corporation candidly discusses the rise of Sony, his own extraordinary career as one of the most successful businessmen of our

time, and his views on the U.S., Japan, and the world economy.

Inspite being deeply insightful of management technique it is written in a very fluid and story like manner that makes it a joy to read. Also provides insight into the culture of the Japanese people and the impact it has had on the way in which they do business.

Curry leaves are rich in vitamin A,B,C and B2 , which can be used in weight loss.

These leaves are also good sources of calcium and iron, hence can be used in calcium deficiency conditions  
Intake of 8 to 10 Curry leaves in empty stomach is helpful in stomach upset, constipation.

## Trivia

The inhabitants of North-East, namely Ghasis, shows no disparity and men leave their homes after marriage and stays in Mother in Law's house.

