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Tax Trends

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Week

Lok Sabha passes Central Excise (Amendment) Bill ahead of GST cess phaseout on 'sin goods'

The Lok Sabha on 03.12.2025 passed the Central Excise (Amendment) Bill that looks to repurpose levies on 'sin goods' such as tobacco, pan masala and related products ahead of the scheduled phaseout of the GST compensation cess levied on them. The Bill seeks to levy excise duty on tobacco and related products, while 'The Health Security se National Security Cess Bill, 2025' would be applicable on manufacturing of pan masala and other goods that the government may notify. The Central Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Health Security se National Security Cess Bill, 2025 will ensure that the tax incidence on sin goods like tobacco and pan masala remains the same after discontinuation of the compensation cess.





Indians returning from US may face higher tax as treaty benefit wanes

Indians returning from the US may face higher taxes as the treaty benefit on their US-source income could disappear. The US has now clarified that individuals taxed only on limited Indian income i.e., those qualifying as 'resident but not ordinarily resident' (RNOR) in India may not be considered Indian residents for treaty purposes. This could end lower withholding tax rates on dividends, interest and royalties earned in the US. Dividends, interest and royalties from US sources may now face a flat 30% tax instead of the reduced treaty rates. Taxpayers returning from abroad may need to re-evaluate their investment structures and timing of return in light of this development.

Advance tax deadline: Who needs to pay advance tax and what is penalty for missing due date

The advance tax deadline is approaching and individuals with tax liability of over ₹10,000 after considering TDS must pay advance tax for the financial year. Advance tax applies to those earning income from sources other than salary such as interest, rent or capital gains. Resident senior citizens without business income are exempt. If advance tax is not paid on time or the amount is short, penal interest under Sections 234B and 234C will apply. Interest at 1% per month is levied for delays or shortfall in payment.





ITR filing FY 2024-25: Why are tax refunds delayed this year? AIS mismatches, verification checks & more explained

Income tax refunds for FY 2024-25 are seeing delays with personal income tax refunds dropping to ₹88,548 crore by early November compared to ₹1.42 lakh crore last year. Refund delays are being attributed to the late release of income tax return forms, mismatches in the Annual Information Statement (AIS) including duplicate property entries and more stringent verification checks even for salary-class taxpayers. Delays are also arising due to prolonged rectification processes and increased scrutiny of deduction claims. Taxpayers have been advised to review AIS entries carefully, ensure accurate return filing, correct bank details and respond promptly to notices.

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