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## Tax Trends

Top Tax News This Week

## TDS certificate issuance deadline extended by Income Tax department due to technical glitches

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has acknowledged the issues and technical glitches on the e-filing income tax portal and has extended the TDS certificate issuance timeline for Q3 (quarter ending December 2025) to March 31, 2026. In a circular (Circular No.2/2026) dated March 26, 2026, CBDT said “Representations have been received by the Central Board of Direct Taxes regarding delay in issuance of TDS certificates for the quarter ending 31st December 2025, due to technical glitches on the e-filing portal. On account of such glitches, deductors have faced difficulties in generating and issuing the certificates within the prescribed time.





## CIC seeks transparency in GST

**processes**  
The Central Information Commission (CIC) has advised the GST Policy Wing of the Central Board of Excise and Customs to “examine the feasibility of developing appropriate mechanisms, guidelines or public advisories” to enhance transparency and public awareness in GST compliance and remittance. Issuing the advisory under Section 25(5) of the RTI Act, the commission said such steps may include “transparency tools or awareness measures regarding GST compliance and remittance” in the larger public interest, adding that the move is in line with the spirit of the RTI Act to promote transparency and informed citizen participation.

## Changes with the new Income Tax rules

With the new Income-tax Act, 2025 set to be enforced from April 1, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has come out with a new set of rules, Income-tax Rules, 2026, to align with it. A series of changes have been introduced in the forms, disclosures, and deductions for salaried employees, with some experts pointing out that the old tax regime could carry more incentives for middle-income salary earners vis-?-vis the new regime under Section 202 under I-T Act, 2025 (Section 115BAC under I-T Act, 1961).





## CBIC enables UPI, Debit And Credit Card payments for Customs Duty on ICEGATE

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has said that businesses can now use UPI, debit or credit cards for paying Customs duty on the ICEGATE portal. The CBIC in a circular said ICEGATE e-Payment platform has enabled 'Payment Aggregator' as an authorised mode to facilitate customs duty payment. ICEGATE essentially functions as the digital backbone of Indian customs and acts as an interface through which importers and exporters file documents, track clearances, and discharge duty payments. While the system has evolved significantly over the time, the payment mechanism remained largely anchored to a limited set of authorised banks and conventional channels such as net banking and NEFT/RTGS.

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