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In today's fast changing world, everything has become so competitive that sometimes even better is not enough, it requires only the best. Be it life or be it examination, it is imperative to have the best of the preparations and hence Timely and Timeless preparation is an essence of the success in the competitive examinations. Competitive examinations are sometimes less about strength or intelligence and more about understanding the examination requirements and incessant effort to unlock our potential for accomplishing the goal.

It gives me an immense pleasure and satisfaction in introducing the current issue of "Current Affairs Made Easy". The very basic purpose of launching this Magazine is to be able to fulfill the requirement of civil services examination in an efficient and effective way and helping the aspirants achieving the desired success in it. We have tried to provide ingenious, resourceful, authentic and relevant information in the most lucid, comprehensible, communicative and self-explanatory manner. With the comprehensive yet precise coverage, this issue of the Current Affairs Made Easy will be also accomplishing the requirements of the various other Competitive Examinations like Indian Engineering Services Examination, Indian Forest Services Examination, and the various Public Sector undertakings Examination. Despite Competitive examinations being the main focus, the Magazine will generate awareness about the Nation and the World among the General Readers too.

In this issue of the Magazine we have covered the wide ranging issues of National and International importance that occurred in the last three months or so with additional inputs in order to provide the basic understanding of the key issues. Background material has been covered for such issues which require greater attention keeping examination requirement in mind. All important Awards and Honours, Books and Authors, Persons in News, Meeting and Summits, Institutions and Organisations have been covered in such a manner so that examination requirement is successfully met. Current issues related to Defence, Science and technology, Environment and wildlife, Economy and Sports have also been covered extensively. Issues of greater importance and some other topics have been given both the objective and the Analytical coverage.

I sincerely hope that this Magazine will help you access the hidden treasure trove of success and will act a pathfinder through the journey towards your dream.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

Goods and Services Tax (GST) was introduced in India on 1st July 2017. To commemorate this historic occasion, a function was held in the Parliament on the mid-night of 30th June - 1st July, 2017.

What is GST?

- It is an indirect tax system that subsumes various central and state indirect taxes.
- It would apply on the supply of all goods and services except on exempted goods and services, goods which are outside the purview of GST and the transactions which are below the prescribed threshold limits.

Value addition tax:

- GST is a single tax on the supply of goods and services, right from the manufacturer to the consumer.
- Credit of input tax paid at each stage will be available in the subsequent stage of value addition, this makes GST essentially a tax only on value addition at each stage.

Components of GST:

- Keeping in mind the federal structure of India, there will be two components of GST – Central GST (CGST) and State GST (SGST). Both Centre and States will simultaneously levy GST across the value chain.
- In case of inter-State transactions, the Centre would levy & collect the Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) under Article 269A (1) of the Constitution to ensure seamless flow of input tax credit from one State to another. The IGST would roughly be equal to CGST plus SGST.

Structure of GST:

The GST Council has decided the final structure of GST as follows:

- A four slab tax rate structure of **5%, 12%, 18% and 28%** has been adopted for GST.
- A cess would be levied on certain goods such as luxury cars, aerated drinks, pan masala and tobacco products, over and above the GST rate of **28%** for payment of compensation to the states.
- The threshold limit for exemption from levy of GST is **Rs. 20 lakh** for the States except for the Special Category, where it is **Rs 10 Lakh**.
- The threshold for availing the Composition scheme is **Rs. 75 lakh** except for special category States where it is **Rs. 50 lakh**.

Taxes subsumed under it:

At the Central level	At the State level
<p>The following taxes are being subsumed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Central Excise Duty, Additional Excise Duty, Service Tax, Additional Customs Duty commonly known as Countervailing Duty, and Special Additional Duty of Customs. 	<p>The following taxes are being subsumed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Subsuming of State Value Added Tax/Sales Tax, Entertainment Tax (other than the tax levied by the local bodies), Central Sales Tax (levied by the Centre and collected by the States) Octroi and Entry tax, Purchase Tax, Luxury tax, and Taxes on lottery, betting and gambling.



Implementation mechanism:

GST Network (GSTN)	GST COUNCIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSTN has been jointly registered by the Central and State Governments as a not-for-profit, non-Government Company. • It's objective is to provide shared IT infrastructure and services to Central and State Governments, tax payers and other stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was constituted in September 2016 to examine issues relating to GST and make recommendations to the Union and the States on parameters like rates, taxes, cesses and surcharges to be subsumed, exemption list and threshold limits, Model GST laws, etc. • It's chairman will be Union Finance Minister and will have all the State Governments as Members.

E-Waybills:

- E-way bill is an electronic way bill for movement of goods which can be generated on the GSTN (common portal). A 'movement' of goods of value more than Rs 50,000 in value cannot be made by a registered person without an E-Way bill.
- It is based on the **Radio frequency identification (RFID) technology**.

“ **RFID is a generic term for technologies that use radio waves to automatically identify people or objects.** ”

Anti-Profiteering Rules:

- **What is it?** These rules prevent entities from making excessive profits due to the GST.
- **Need of these rules:**
 - ♦ GST, along with the input tax credit, is expected to bring down prices.
 - ♦ However, many countries (such as Singapore and Australia) that adopted GST witnessed a spurt in inflation after implementation. Malaysia was able to avoid a similar situation by effectively implementing anti-profiteering rules.
 - ♦ Bottom-line is Profit is fine, profiteering is not. I.E. Don't let someone profiteer at your expense.
- **Role of National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA):** Thus NAA is to be setup to ensure that:
 - ♦ The benefits that accrue to entities due to reduction in costs is passed on to the consumers.
 - ♦ Entities that hike rates inordinately, citing GST as the reason, are kept in check.

TIMELINE

It was first discussed in 2003 in the report of the Kelkar Task Force on indirect taxes.

Budget Speech of 2006-07 first mooted the idea of introducing a National level GST by April 1, 2010.

In order to amend the Constitution to enable introduction of GST, the Constitution (115th Amendment) Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha in 2011, but it lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha.

It was again attempted with the introduction of Constitution (122nd Amendment) Bill in 2014, which was passed by both the house of parliament in 2015.

The GST Constitutional (122nd Amendment) Bill 2014 became the GST Constitutional (101st Amendment) Act 2016 when the president assented the provisions of bill in September 2016.

In the period of march-April 2017, four bills were passed namely **The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Bill, 2017, The Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) Bill, 2017, The Union Territories Goods and Services Tax (UTGST) Bill, 2017 and the GST (Compensation to States) Bill, 2017.**

- **The Anti-Profiteering Rules, 2017:** These will lay down details about the
 - ♦ Selection of the members of the NAA and the other committees that will assist the NAA in investigating the complaints
 - ♦ Procedure to be followed in investigations and
 - ♦ Powers given to the authority.

Benefits of GST:

“ **Just as Sardar Patel had ensured political integration of the country, GST would ensure economic integration** ” — **PM Modi** ”

In the words of PM Modi, it is a **GOOD AND SIMPLE TAX**. GST, regarded as the biggest tax reform since independence, will pave the way for realization of the goal of One Nation - One Tax - One Market. It will benefit all the stakeholders namely industry, government and consumer.

1. For Central and State Governments:

- **It is Simple and easy to administer** because multiple indirect taxes are being replaced by a single tax and it is backed with a robust end-to-end IT system.