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**Vikrant Chowdhary is HCLSoftware's new SVP**



**Bengaluru:** HCLSoftware, the enterprise software products unit of HCLTech, has appointed Vikrant Chowdhary as Senior Vice-President and Country Head for India. He will lead its Enterprise, BFSI, government segments and play a key role in its Make in India commitment to being the largest India-based global enterprise software products company. **OUR BUREAU**

**Buy Decathlon products on Myntra platform**

**New Delhi:** Decathlon has inked a strategic partnership with Myntra in a bid to make its sports and athleisure products accessible to customers nationwide. This association will enable the company's premium range of sportswear, footwear, accessories and more to be available on Myntra with accessibility in Tier 1, 2 & 3 cities. **OUR BUREAU**

# Rejig of I-T norms needs to ring in big-bang changes, say experts

**WELCOME MOVE.** Without sweeping changes, outcome may be sub-optimal, they feel

**Ashtar Coutinho**  
Mumbai

The revamp of income tax rules that is currently in the works should meet broader objectives and result in extensive changes, according to experts.

"The scope of the committee seems restricted," said Ketan Dalal, Managing Partner, Katalyst Advisors. "If a new legislation is put in place without considering the broader aspects, there will be a reluctance to address important issues in the next 2-3 years, which would be a very sub-optimal outcome."

The government recently formed 22 sub-committees to review various aspects of the I-T Act, with an aim to simplify language, reduce litigation and weed out obsolete provisions.

While the intent is laudable, the law should be amended to meet some of the other objectives like manufacture in India and dovetail with the changes made in SEBI regulations, etc, according to Dinesh



**TAX RETURN TIME.** Law should meet broader objectives and mesh with SEBI regulations, say experts GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

Kanabar, CEO, Dhruva Advisors. "Sweeping changes are best carried out in one stroke," he said.

**M&As**

"Provisions related to mergers and acquisitions (M&As) and internal restructuring need to be aligned with on-ground reality. Certain definitions like "demerger" need to be rationalised to facilitate restructuring," said Dalal.

In the last Budget, the government rationalised the capital gains structure in terms of holding period of assets and tax rates. Some other aspects, if addressed,

will make the rationalisation of capital gains complete, said Ganesh Raj, National Policy Leader, EY India. For computation of capital gains arising on slump sale u/s 50B, the holding period for business undertaking should be reduced from 36 months to 24 months, he added.

Gains on transfer of unlisted debentures held for more than 24 months are still treated as short term capital gains. Investments made by sovereign wealth funds and pension funds into India in the form of debt or share capital or unit should be exempt from this provision, noted Raj.

**PERSONAL TAX**

The additional surcharge, which was introduced as a one-time measure, should go so that the maximum marginal rate of tax is capped at 35 per cent, said Kanabar.

Dalal feels that the standard deduction needs to be aligned with the level of salary and ESOP taxation at the stage of exercise needs to be shifted to the point of sale.

Binding statutory timelines for disposing appeals at CIT (Appeals) and the ITAT level should be introduced, said Gaurav Mehndiratta, Partner and National Head, Corporate and International Tax, KPMG in India.

The eligibility criteria for emoluments limit in section 80JAA needs updation, he said. The tax regime may be simplified for non-residents who are earning royalty or technical service fee from India, with or without a permanent establishment. The government can introduce filing of tax returns at a consolidated level for the group in sectors like infra and real estate, he said.

# Govt revises norms for dividend, share buyback, stock split for CPSEs

**Shishir Kumar Sinha**  
New Delhi

The Finance Ministry has come out with revised guidelines regarding capital restructuring of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). These "include norms related to dividend payout, split of shares, buyback, and issuance or bonus of shares, besides others.

It has been said that every CPSE would pay minimum annual dividend of 30 per cent of PAT or 4% of the net-worth, whichever is higher subject to the limit, if any, under any extant legal provision.

Financial sector CPSEs, like NBFCS may pay minimum annual dividend of 30 per cent of PAT, subject to the limit, if any, under any extant legal provisions.

"The minimum dividend as indicated above is only a minimum benchmark.

CPSEs are advised to strive paying higher dividend taking into account relevant factors such as profitability, capex requirements with due leveraging, cash reserves and net worth," guidelines said.

**BUYBACK**

GPSE, whose market price of the share has been consistently less than the book value for the last six months, and with net-worth of at least ₹3,000 crore and cash and bank balance of over ₹1,500 crore can opt to buyback their shares. It is clarified that cash and bank balances of some CPSEs may be high due to receipt of advance and milestone payments.

Therefore, cash and bank balances for the purpose of buyback, shall mean own cash, that is, cash holdings minus the advances received from clients for project work. For assessing the net worth of a CPSE, general re-

shares and surplus plus paid-up share capital of the CPSE are required to be used.

**BONUS SHARE**

Every CPSE may consider the issue of bonus shares when their defined reserves and surplus are equal to or more than 20 times its paid up capital.

**STOCK SPLIT**

The board of the CPSEs needs to discuss and decide on the desirability of splitting the share. In supersession of all guidelines issued earlier, splitting of shares will be considered on case-to-case basis.

However, a listed CPSE whose market price exceeds 150 times its face value consistently for the last six months may consider split-off its shares. Further, there should be a cooling off period of at least three years between two successive share split.

# Aliaxis grew by double-digits led by residential, agri segments

**bl.interview**

**Aishwarya Kumar**  
Bengaluru

Aliaxis, a company based in Belgium that acquired Ashirvad Pipes in 2016, identifies India as a rapidly growing market with consistent double-digit growth. With a 2023 topline of nearly €4 billion, the company's growth in India is fuelled primarily by the agriculture and residential sectors.

The Indian arm currently contributes around €700 million to its global revenue, a figure projected to exceed €1 billion in the near future.

Thierry Vanlancker, Executive Chairman and Managing Director of Aliaxis, speaks with **businessline** on the company's journey in India, its expansion plans, and outlook for the market.

**Excerpts:**

**What is the contribution of the**

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**THIERRY VANLANCKER**  
Executive Chairman and MD of Aliaxis

**Indian market to your overall revenue?**  
India has been a positive outlier for Aliaxis in terms of growth compared to the rest of the globe.

During Covid-19, while many construction-related companies benefited from lower raw material costs and increased outdoor activity, the global market began to plateau in 2021-2022 and has since experienced declines in regions like China and Europe, with the US remaining mostly flat.

However, India has consistently bucked this trend, to maintain double-digit growth across



building and construction segments.

**What are the key performing segments in India, and which one contributes the most to your business?**  
In India, Ashirvad Pipes operates across multiple segments.

The largest, contributing about 50-60 per cent of the business, is the building plumbing segment. This has been a stronghold for the company, especially in the retail space.

The other significant segments include infrastructure and industrial

applications, as well as agriculture.

Interestingly, Ashirvad's presence in Bengaluru was driven by its focus on the agricultural market, particularly for products such as column pipes for accessing deep water sources in agricultural regions.

**How many manufacturing plants do you have in India? Any expansion plans for that?**

Currently, we operate seven plants located across Bengaluru, Rajasthan, Odisha, and West Bengal. These along with subcon facilities contribute to a combined capacity of 300,000 t/annum.

While Ashirvad's stronghold has traditionally been in the south, holding a significant market share, we are actively working on geographic expansion into eastern and other parts of India. We have three plants coming up in Hyderabad, Chennai, and Central India, with a combined capacity of

100,000 t/annum.

Two are expected to be operational by late 2025 or early 2026.

**What is your outlook for the Indian market over the next five years?**

Over the next five years, we expect our business to exceed €1 billion in revenue, with ambitions to possibly double its size. Our focus is to achieve it in a sustainable and well-structured manner by prioritising long-term success rather than pursuing short-term gains.

# India to link more ports with Vladivostok-Chennai route

**Abhishek Law**  
New Delhi

After the Vladivostok-Chennai shipping route and also plans to connect at least two other east coast ports — Paradip and Vizag — with this maritime corridor, said Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Petroleum and LNG are the two key products that are currently coming in from Russia, while Indian exports include textiles, engineering goods and machine parts.

"We had started the Vladivostok-Chennai route sometime back. And it is picking up among exporters. The plan going forward is to connect other eastern ports like Paradip and Vizag as part of this corridor, thereby making it more viable for exporters," the Minister said on the sidelines of Sagarmathan—a maritime conference organised by the Ministry and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF).

India is also exploring the possibility of using this route for shipping coking coal from both Mongolia and Russia.

The Chennai-Vladivostok maritime corridor primarily connects India's southeastern coast to Russia's far East. Although considered as a costly route, the 5,600 nautical miles (10,300 km) route is expected to reduce travel time by 50 per cent.

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