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## NEWSLETTER

### **Government plans to amend norms pertaining to incorporation of companies**

The Corporate Affairs Ministry plans to amend the rules for incorporation of companies as part of efforts to provide more clarity on norms related to availability of names and for the purpose of the same has initially sought comments from the public on the proposed changes to the rules.

The purpose of the above amendment is to bring more clarity to the rules related to name availability by including illustrations and providing a clear test to determine as to whether the applied name resembles too nearly with the name of an existing company or not.

Also, the ministry is looking to bring more clarity in the rule related to "general names/ descriptive names and trademark applicability".

## **Ban on sale of medicines online by e-pharmacy companies**

India's nascent e-pharmacy industry was thrown into a state of confusion following the Madras High Court's judgment ordering a ban on online sale of medicines until the government notifies regulations for the industry. However, it has been clarified that the restraint order would apply only to firms that sell medicines without valid licenses.

Currently, 30-40 lakh patients are using these services and the online pharmacies industry as a whole rakes in revenues of around Rs 100-150 crore every month, with the industry seeing annual turnovers of Rs 1,500 - 1,800 crore. Therefore, the ban on online sale will affect industry as well as patients as they will not be able to use these services.

The current Drugs and Cosmetics Act does not include the digital or online medium in its current form as a mode of drug distribution or sales. However, the health ministry had introduced draft guidelines for online pharmacies and marketplaces which will be put in place soon.

**Government notifies rules for in-flight, maritime  
mobile phone services**

People will soon be able to make calls and access internet through their phones during air travel and ship voyage within the Indian Territory as the government has notified rules for providing such services.

Indian and foreign airlines and shipping companies operating in the country can provide in-flight and maritime voice and data services in partnership with a valid Indian telecom licence holder.

These rules may be called the Flight and Maritime Connectivity Rules, 2018. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

The in-flight and maritime connectivity (IFMC) can be provided using telecom networks on ground as well as using satellites.

The services can be provided by a valid telecom licence holder in India through domestic and foreign satellites having permission of the Department of Space.

In case of using satellite system for providing IFMC, the telegraph message shall be passed the satellite gateway earth station located within India and such satellite gateway earth stations shall be interconnected with the NLD (national long distance) or access service or ISP licensee's network for further delivery of service.

The IFMC services will be activated once the aircraft attains a minimum height of 3,000 metres in Indian airspace to avoid interference with terrestrial mobile networks. IFMC licences will be granted against annual fee for a period of 10 years and the permit holder will have to pay licence fees and spectrum charges based on revenue earned from providing services.

**E-Visa facility for conference and medical attendants**  
**for Chinese travelers**

India has further liberalized visa regime for Chinese nationals by extending e-visa facility for the conference and medical attendants as part of its efforts to attract more tourists from China.

The Indian Embassy in Beijing announced that the Government of India has extended the e-visa facility for conference and medical attendant also. Previously those attending conferences in India needed to get clearances from Delhi to get visas.

The Conference Visa will be issued for those who intend to travel to India to attend conference/seminar/workshop organized by Ministry or Department of Government of India, State Departments or Union Territories, Administration and their subordinate/attached organizations and PSUs.

The documents required included scanned bio-page of passport showing the photograph and details, invitation from organization and political clearance from the Ministry of External Affairs.

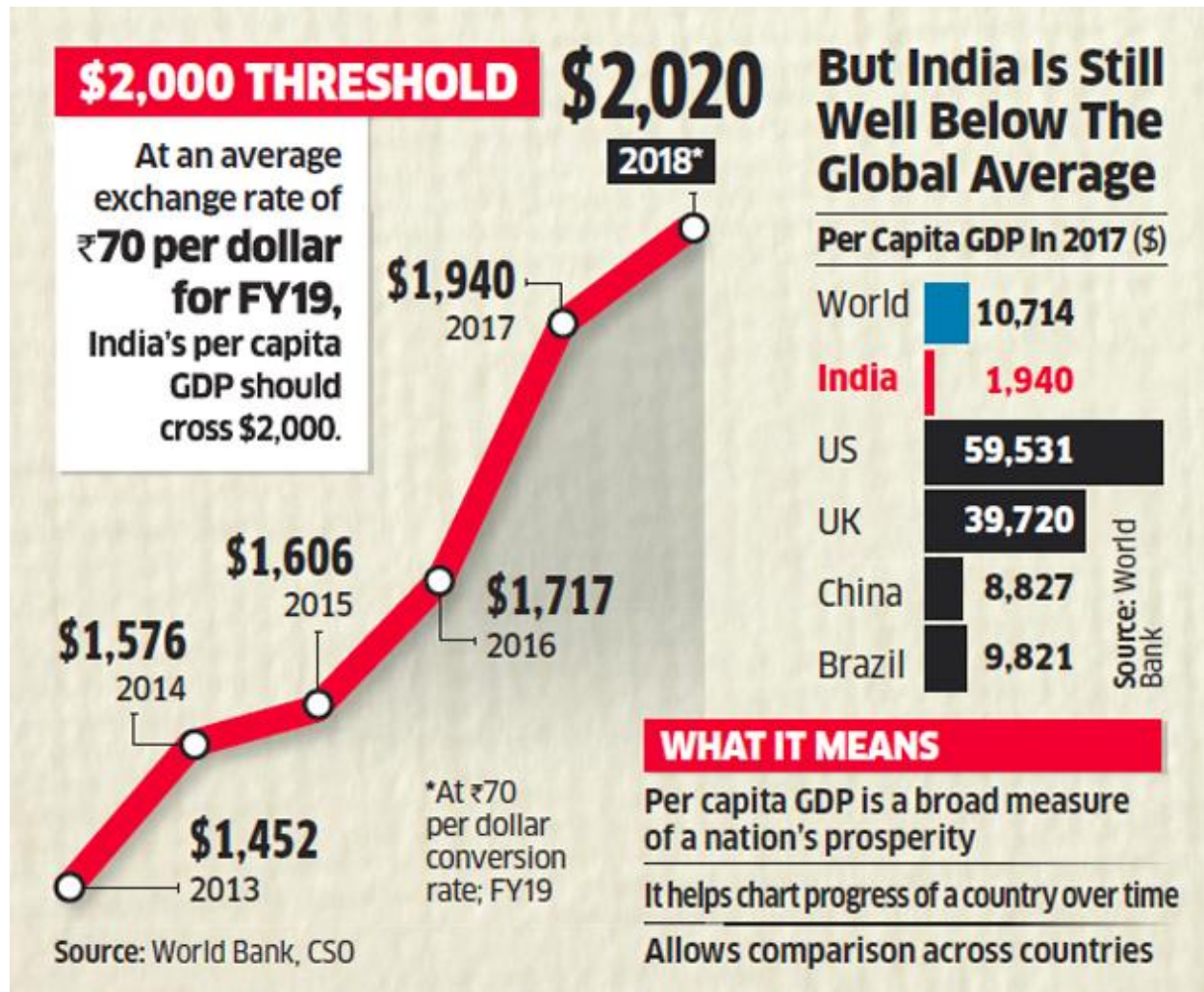
The e-Medical Attendant Visa will be issued for those who wish to travel as attendant to e-Medical visa holder.

The e-visa facility is now available for Tourist Visa, e-Business Visa, e-Medical Visa, e-Medical Attendant Visa and e-Conference Visa.

## India's GDP to cross important milestones

The Central Statistics Office has forecast [India's GDP](#) will rise to Rs 188.4 lakh crore and per capita GDP to Rs 1,41,447 in the current fiscal year.

India will cross two important statistical milestones if these numbers are achieved.



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