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Updates on Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code

<u>Chances of finding a white- knight for failing firms remote, surge in IBC</u> <u>cases unlikely, says IBBI Chief</u>

Even as a debate rages on the desirability of the suspension of insolvency proceedings for Covid-related default for up to a year, MS Sahoo, the chief of the insolvency regulator IBBI, defends the move, saying the likelihood of finding a "white knight" to rescue failing firms is remote at this time, when every company and every industry is under stress.

Source: Financial Express Please find the full news at:

https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/surge-in-ibc-cases-unlikely-once-covidsubsides/2070033/

Single-member bench cannot hear insolvency plea, rules NCLAT

A single-member bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) can't hear and decide on a company when the law requires a division bench, including both judicial and technical members, to constitute the adjudicating authority. Indore-based Indison Agro Foods Ltd, which is facing insolvency resolution by Allahabad Bank in the Ahmedabad NCLT, had approached the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), seeking appellate tribunal's intervention for referring the matter to a division bench.

Source: Economic Times Please find the full news at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/single-member-bench-cannot-hearinsolvency-plea-rules-nclat/articleshow/77845760.cms

RBI may propose tweaks to Sarfaesi Act to bridge regulation gap with IBCs for ARCs

The Reserve Bank of India may propose amendments to the Sarfaesi Act to allow asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to bid for bankrupt companies and infuse equity in them at the resolution stage. The central bank has asked its legal teams to draw up an amendment plan so that ARCs do not back out from buying bankrupt firms and halt the resolution process across sectors, people familiar with the matter said.

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https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/stocks/news/rbi-may-propose-tweaks-to-sarfaesiact-to-bridge-regulation-gap-with-ibcs-for-arcs/articleshow/77858087.cms

Supreme Court set to pronounce AGR verdict today, Vodafone-Idea's fate hangs by a thread

The Supreme Court is expected to pronounce a crucial verdict today (Tuesday) on the payment timelines of the adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues of over Rs 1.6 lakh crore, a ruling which could decide the fate of Vodafone Idea. The government has sought a 20-year time frame for telcos to pay back their balance AGR dues, while the two most affected telcos- Vodafone Idea (over Rs 50,400 crore balance dues) and Bharti Airtel (nearly Rs 26,000 crore balance) have sought 15 years.

Source: Economic Times Please find the full news at:

https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/telecom/telecom-news/supreme-courts-agr-rulingon-tuesday-focus-on-fate-of-vodafone-idea/articleshow/77857017.cms



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