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- The central bank recently stated that, with the aim to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of global trading community in Indian rupee, it has been decided to set up an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment and settlement of exports and imports in rupee.
- Prior to putting this mechanism at work, authorized dealer banks will require a prior approval from the Foreign Exchange Department of RBI.
- RBI further stated that, all exports and imports may be denominated and invoiced in rupee, exchange rate between the currencies of the

two trading partner countries may be market determined.

- The settlement of trade transactions shall take place in rupee in accordance with the laid down procedure.
- Indian importers undertaking imports through this mechanism shall make payment in rupee which will be credited into the special vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country, against the invoices for the supply of goods from the overseas seller /supplier.
- They may receive advance payment against exports from overseas importers in Indian rupees through the Rupee Payment Mechanism.

**Source:** [Link](#)

## MEDIA

### **Twitter sues Elon Musk to hold him to \$44 billion deal**

- Twitter has sued Elon Musk for violating his \$44 billion deal to buy the social media platform. It has asked a Delaware court to order Musk to complete the merger at the agreed \$54.20 per Twitter share.
- The complaint mentioned that Musk believes that he is free to change his mind, trash the company, disrupt its operations, destroy stockholder value and walk away.
- The lawsuit accused Musk of “a long list of violations of the merger agreement that have cast a pall over Twitter and its business.”
- Musk said that the reason behind the termination was the lack of information about spam accounts and inaccurate representations that according to him amounted to material adverse event.
- The lawsuit sets in motion what promises to be one of the biggest legal showdowns in Wall Street history.
- Further Musk was also accused of “secretly accumulating shares in the company between January and March without properly disclosing his substantial purchases to regulators”.
- It was said that he “instead kept amassing Twitter stock with the market none the wiser.”

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## MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

### **Infosys to acquire BASE life Science for \$111 million**

- Infosys Ltd. Has recently signed a definitive agreement to acquire Denmark-based BASE life science which is a leading technology and consulting firm in the life sciences industry.
- This acquisition is expected to close during the second quarter of FY23.
- President of Infosys mentioned that- “this acquisition augments Infosys’ deep life sciences expertise and expands our footprint further in the Nordics region and across Europe and scales our digital transformation capabilities with cloud-based industry solutions”.
- Together with Infosys, BASE is expected to further expand its expertise into MedTech, Consumer and Animal Health and Genomics segments.

**Source:** [Link](#)

## AVIATION

### **OMCs reduces AVF prices**

- Jet fuel prices on were reduced by 2.2% by the oil marketing companies (OMCs), which has come as a great relief for airlines.
- The price of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) which is the fuel that helps aeroplanes fly, were cut by INR 3,084.94 per kilolitre, or 2.2%, to INR 138,147.93 per kilolitre.

- This revised price is for local airlines. The prices differ from state to state, depending on the incidence of local taxation.

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## TAXATION

### **Key GST changes this week**

- Products such as labelled food and services such as non-intensive care hospital stay will attract GST starting this week while the tax outgo on medical supplies and transport services will be coming down as a series of decisions by the GST Council takes effect.
- A 5% GST will apply on labelled items like rice, flour, meat and curd with aim to curb alleged tax evasion by businesses using labels without trademarks.
- These rate changes are part of the GST Council's decision to correct

the tax anomalies and expand the tax base while giving relief to some sectors.

- Transport of goods and passengers by ropeways will come down from 18% to 5%, while renting of trucks and goods carriage vehicles where cost of fuel is included, will come down from 18% to 12%.
- Certain farm and dairy equipment which till now attracted 5% or 12% GST will now attract 18%.
- The rate changes are expected help boost revenue collections and reduce litigation by preventing certain refund claims.

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