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Lone Star Subsidiary moves NCLT against RattanIndia Finance

- LSF 10 Rose Investments (LSF 10) is a subsidiary of US based private equity firm Lone Star Funds' (LSF) and an investor in RattanIndia Finance (RF).
- LSF 10 has approached National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) alleging irregularities and mismanagement in RF.
- Rajiv Rattan being Chairman of RF, refutes the claims.
- LSF 10 has argued in their petition that RF have misutilized funds of Rs. 160 crore by creating unauthorized liens for benefit of third party. They contended that RF is entering into illegal transactions with related parties and hence siphoning off funds.
- LSF 10 has sought various relief from NCLT including restraining RF from further lending. It is also seeking forensic investigation and to direct RF to produce its financial accounts.

Companies may get time to deposit unspent Corporate Social Responsibility funds in Banks

- The due date for depositing unspent Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds was April 30 and many companies have missed it.
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has received representations for the same and they are yet to arrive at a decision.
- Considering the aforesaid, Government may defer the deadline for companies to deposit unspent CSR funds in separate bank accounts.
- Institute of Company Secretaries of India has also appealed MCA and sought extension until June 30.

New rules see more women directors on Board

- Regulations, making it mandatory to have women directors on board, have finally showed results.
- As per a study by Indian Investor Advisory Services (IIAS), the share of women directors in Nifty 500 companies, have increased three-fold from 6% in 2014 to 17% in 2020. However only 11% women have occupied executive positions.
- Around 27% companies have a representation of 20-29% women on their board. Out of all, only 5 companies have to the extent of 50% or more women on their board.
- To implement gender equality, company needs to have more women directors and support them.