

GST Council Meeting Highlights: 5% GST levied on food delivery apps; not the right time to include petrol, diesel, says FM



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GST Council meeting highlights: The all-powerful GST Council on Friday decided to charge food delivery platforms such as Swiggy and Zomato a tax even as it extended concessional tax rates on certain COVID-19 drugs by three months till December 31. The Council, which comprises the Union finance minister and her state counterparts, decided to continue keeping petrol and diesel out of the GST purview as subsuming the current excise duty and VAT into one national rate would impact revenues. Here are the latest updates from the GST Council meeting today:



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Food aggregator apps like Zomato, Swiggy to pay GST on restaurant services: FM Nirmala Sitharaman

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has decided that food aggregator apps, which will be collecting the tax at the final point of delivery, will pay the GST on restaurant services, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced on Friday. [Read here](#)



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Saket Patawari, Executive Director-Indirect Tax, Nexdigm on non-inclusion of petrol, diesel

It also does not come out as a surprise that the States have unanimously voted to keep petroleum products outside the scope of GST considering the huge implications it could have on states' revenue. However, it would have been worthwhile if the Council members had at least agreed to the constitution of the Panel to lay a roadmap for ultimately including these products under GST.

