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- RBI issued a press release: Review of Guidelines on Concentration Risk Management - Rural Cooperative Banks
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- IFSCA issued the consultation paper on the financial soundness criteria for existing Payment System Operators (PSOs) and applicants desirous of operating payment systems in IFSC
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- MIB Advisory on Accessibility Information for Online Movie Ticket Booking Platforms
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- MoC National Lignite Index and Representative Prices for June 2026
- PFRDA Extension of Cut off Time for Same-Day Investment of NPS Contributions
- NCDEX issued an addendum on the Imposition of Additional Margin on Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM)
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- TRAI Consultation Paper on Draft Amendments to Quality of Service Regulations, 2024
- CKYC issued REs onboarding and performing Mock Run before final Go-live of CKYCRR 2.0
- Draft amendment to CAR Section 2, Series X, Part VIII, "Requirements for Issue of Aircraft Taxi Authorisation"
- Draft Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations, 2026
- AERB issued the Guidelines for Supply and Use of Handheld Medical Diagnostic X-Ray Equipment
- Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026
- IFSCA updated the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022
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- Ministry of Education mandates TET Qualification for Teachers – Supreme Court Rulings
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- Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
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- CEA issued the advisory on safe and judicious use of electricity in view of El Niño conditions or otherwise
- CEA Invitation of Stakeholder Comments on Safety Audit Framework for Battery Energy Storage System Plants
- MeitY issued advisory on Establishing internal systems, procedures, checks and safeguards to prohibit offering, aiding of Online Money Games and prohibit advertisement and financial enablement with respect to Online Money Games
- NABH issued a Public Notice for Comments on Draft 2nd Edition Digital Health Certification Standards for HIS/EMR Systems
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- MoHUA notified the effective date of the amended provisions of the Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1956, issued under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026
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- Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Manner and Procedure for Imposing penalties) Regulations, 2026
- Government Clarifies Pricing Compliance for Domestic Pharmaceutical Manufacturers
- IRDAI (Third Party Administrators - Health Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Merchant Shipping (Port State Control and Flag State Implementation) Rules, 2026
- Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- MeitY issued a notification regarding Semiconductor Talent Development under Semicon 2.0
- Ministry of Ayush notified regarding the Implementation of AYUSH Quality Mark
- MoLJ introduced various reforms through Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) (Amendment) Act & Rules, 2023
- IRDAI issued a general response of IRDAI to the feedback received on the Draft IRDAI (Third Party Administrators – Health Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- MoCF issued availability and pricing of Essential Medicines
- NPCI issued addendum to OC NPCIUPIOC-1156/2024-25 on the Numeric UPI ID
- Offshore Areas Mineral Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026
- NPPA Fixes Retail Prices of Six Scheduled Drug Formulations
- NSE IX notified regarding the re-scheduling of the Contingency Drill/Mock
- Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Act, 2026
- RBI Strengthens Measures for Detection and Reporting of Fake Indian Currency Notes
- Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions - Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026
- Post Office (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Offshore Areas Operating Right (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026
- SEBI issued extension of timelines with respect to compliance of Digital Accessibility Circulars
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026

Commercial

- DGFT notified regarding the Automated Issuance of Free Sale and Commerce Certificates (FSC)
- Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026
- MoCAFPD Initiates Targeted Release of Onion Buffer Stocks to Moderate Seasonal Price Pressures
- BIS issued a notification regarding the fixation of the Date of Establishment and the Date till which the standard without the amendment as mentioned in column 3 shall remain in force, such as Static Direct Connected Watthour Smart Meter
- DGFT notified regarding the Enhancements in the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA)/Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) process
- Sugar (Stockholding Limit of Bulk Consumers) Order, 2026
- DGFT notified regarding the Streamlining of Halal Certification Process for Meat & Meat Products
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Installations) Amendment Regulations, 2026
- Tea Board issued circular on Submission of Undertaking regarding sourcing of green leaf within Darjeeling GI
- DGFT issued the amendment in the Export Policy of Wheat Flour and related products
- DGFT issued a notification regarding an amendment to the Export Policy of Wheat

- DGFT notified regarding the introduction of Automated Facility for Grant of Export Obligation Extension through PRC/EPCG Committee - Ease of Doing Business
- DGFT issued a notification regarding an amendment in Para 1.25 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
- DGFT issued a notification regarding an amendment in the Import Policy and Policy Condition of Clear Float Glass (4 mm to 12 mm), falling under ITC (HS) Codes 70051090 and 70052990, covered under Chapter 70 of Schedule – I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022
- Competition Commission of India (Commitment) Amendment Regulations, 2026
- BIS issued a corrigendum regarding the extension of BIS Validity Periods
- BIS issued a notification regarding the date of establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to p-Toluidine
- IPI notified regarding the extension of the time for Completion of Mandatory e-KYC up to August 31, 2026
- DGFT invited comments on the Draft SOP for reporting Inward Remittance Messages (IRMs) relating to NBFC Factors
- BIS Amendments to Three Indian Standards Notified for Plywood for Concrete Shuttering Works
- BIS issued a notification regarding the fixation of the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for the Indian Standards such as Metallic Materials — Tensile Testing
- IP India issued Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Patent Examination Procedures
- Maharashtra Amends Industrial Development Act to Increase Borrowing Limit of MIDC
- DGFT issued an advisory against 2 Bhutanese firms as per para 8.07 (d) of the Foreign Trade Policy- 2023
- DGFT issued a notification regarding review and re-allocation of allocated Export Quota of Wheat under HS codes 10011900 and 10019910
- Central Motor Vehicles (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- DGFT extends the Deadline for Submission of TRQ Applications under India–UK CETA for CY 2026
- DGFT issued a notification regarding the introduction of the Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Export Framework under FTP
- Draft Notification on CAFE 2027 Energy Consumption Standards for M1 Category Motor Vehicles
- DGFT notified regarding the Fixation of seven new Standard Input Output Norms (SIONs) at SION No. No. A-3708, A-3709, A-3710, A-3711, ■-3712, A-3713 & A-3714 under "Chemical and Allied Product"
- BIS Notification on Establishment of New and Revised Indian Standards for commercial electric cooking ranges
- BIS amends notification Timelines under Consumer Affairs Ministry Gazette

Secretarial

- MCXCCL issued a circular regarding Due Date Rate for MCXBULLDEX Futures Contract Expiring on August 28, 2026
- MCA Extension of Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026
- NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding the launch of Futures & Options Contracts in September 2026 and Premium / Discount for grade/delivery location difference
- NCDEX notified regarding the 2.5% Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric
- NCDEX re-triggering of EventBased Additional Surveillance Margin
- NSE issued a circular regarding a reminder on Market Data - Discontinuation of Existing Broadcast Parameters in Futures & Options Segment

- NSE issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates (DDR) - Monthly Electricity Futures in Commodity Derivatives Segment
- NSE Update to Final Settlement Procedure for Monthly Electricity Futures
- IIDI Change in Pay-in & Pay-out Time for NSE IFSC Settlement
- NSE Update on Market Timings for SLBS
- BSE notified regarding Increase in Number of Partitions from 12 to 14 in Equity Derivatives Segment
- NCCL notified regarding the Settlement Calendar and timelines for submission of delivery intentions for all the futures contracts expiring in September 2026
- MCX issued a circular regarding an amendment to existing “Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims against the Defaulter/ Expelled Member”
- MCX notified regarding the acceptance of MCX-approved Indian Refined Lead Brand at MCXCCL-accredited Warehouses
- NCCL issued a circular regarding the Settlement Price of Options on Futures contracts expiring on Aug 28, 2026
- SEBI issued the Bulletin for August 2026
- BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment
- BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Currency Derivatives segment
- BSECL issued intimation of Change of Name - BSE Clearing Limited (Formerly Indian Clearing Corporation Limited)
- BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Equity segment
- NCDEX notified on Re-triggering of Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (EASM) on Turmeric
- MCX issued Modification of Contract Specifications for Lead and Zinc Futures
- MCX issued a circular regarding MCX Mock Trading Session – August 30, 2026
- NSE notified regarding the Mock trading session on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in the Commodity Derivatives segment
- NSE notified regarding the Mock trading session on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in the Currency Derivatives Segment
- CDSL issued a notification regarding Early Redemption of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) – October 2026 to March 2027
- MCX issued a circular regarding MCX Mock Trading Session – August 29, 2026
- SEBI issued a Consultation Paper – Exemption from Merchant Banker Appointment for Small-Value Debt
- MCX Acceptance of Registered Indian Refined Lead Brand
- CDSL issued a notification regarding the creation of a new security type in the CDSL System
- MoCA issued a notification regarding Frequently Asked Questions on registration of Foreign Companies / Subsidiary of Foreign Body Corporate
- NCCL issued a circular regarding revisions in timelines and booking charges of the Warehouse Space Reservation system
- MCXCCL issued a circular regarding the Due Date Rate for the MCXMETLDEX Futures Contract
- NSE Discontinuation of Existing F&O Market Data Broadcast Parameters
- MCX issued circular on Action taken report for observations reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons
- MCX issued circular on Procedure for deposit & storage of Cardamom at MCXCCL Accredited Warehouses

- NSE Streamlining EOD Information Dissemination Related to Bhavcopy Update
- NSE issued circular on Bulk & Block Reporting update
- MCX issued UNSC Press-Release and Sanction List
- MCX notified regarding the modification in Contract Launch Calendar for Aluminium, Copper and Zinc Futures Contracts
- NCCL notified regarding the Final Settlement Price of Futures contracts expired on August 20, 2026
- SEBI notified regarding the sharing of information by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs) with entities regulated by International Financial Services Centres Authority
- SEBI issued the Consultation paper on revision of Advertisement Code for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs)
- NSE notified regarding the Action taken report for observations reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons
- BSE issued a notification regarding Action Taken Report for Observations Reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons
- BSECL notified regarding the mock session for members of BSECL
- BSE Revised Go-Live Date for Market Data API in Equity Derivatives
- MCXCCL Delivery & Invoices Settlement Schedule for September 2026 Expiry Contracts
- NCDEX issued Commercial Availability of STWT Solution from Synapsewave Innovations Private Limited
- BSE issued a notification regarding Business Continuity for Clearing Corporations through Software as a Service (SaaS) Mode – mock session for members of BSECL
- BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment
- BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for Equity segment
- NSE issued a circular regarding a mock session on the eOFS platform from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site for the capital market segment
- NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading from the BCP/DR site on Saturday, August 22, 2026, in the Capital Market Segment
- NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026
- NSE issued a circular regarding a mock bidding session for eIPO from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site in the Primary Market Segment
- NCCL issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026
- NSE issued a circular regarding a mock trading session from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site for the Debt Segment
- NSE Mock Trading Session for Currency Derivatives Segment
- NSE Mock Trading Session for Commodity Derivatives Segment
- NSE Mock Trading Session for Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) Segment
- MCX issued a circular regarding the Mock Trading Session on August 22, 2026
- NSE Mock Trading Session for Securities Lending and Borrowing Market
- BSE issued the Clarification for order settlement of August 26, 2026 (Id-E-Milad) on BSE StAR MF Platform
- NCCL notified regarding the Migration of File Upload Facility of Reporting of client collateral segregation data by clearing members from Member Extranet to Web NCFE
- NSDL issued a circular regarding enhancements in the NSDL Depository System w.e.f. August 28, 2026
- SEBI issued a notification regarding Digital Power of Attorney for FPI Onboarding

- IIBX issued circular on Go-Live of New Bullion Spot Trading and Clearing Platform
- NSE issued circular on Designating a Bank Account for collection of Exchange dues
- CERSAI issued notification on Facility for Generation and Delivery of Security Interest related MIS Reports
- CERSAI Website Maintenance – Temporary Unavailability
- INDIA INX notified regarding the revision of expiry dates of certain Futures and Options contracts
- NCDEX issued settlement Holiday on August 26, 2026
- SEBI notified regarding the revision of Application Form for Mutual Fund Registration
- SEBI issued the study on Exit Behaviour of Anchor Investors in Mainboard IPO
- SEBI issued an addendum to the NSEL Settlement Scheme 2025
- SHCIL e-Stamping Services Scheduled Maintenance
- NeSL notified regarding the SHCIL e-Stamping Service Temporarily Unavailable on from August 17, 2026 to August 18, 2026, due to Maintenance
- BSE notified regarding the Intimation of Change of Name - BSE Clearing Limited (Formerly Indian Clearing Corporation Limited)
- MCX announces partition shift of OFCOPPER Product Effective August 17, 2026
- CERSAI issued CKYCRR 2.0 Training Programme for Reporting Entities
- NCDEX EASM of 2.5% Re-triggered on Turmeric Contracts
- NSE Volatility Scan Range for Commodity Derivatives Option Contracts
- SEBI issued the Consultation Paper on review of Accredited Investor framework
- SEBI issued the Consultation Paper on Review of SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018
- SEBI issued a circular regarding modifications in the regulatory framework for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs), including measures for promoting ease of doing business
- CERSAI issued a notification regarding the facility for Generation and Delivery of Security Interest-related MIS Reports
- IBBI issued a Discussion Paper - Guidance to Insolvency Professionals for Due Diligence to Identify Fraudulent or Malicious Initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process, and Recourse under Sections 60(5) and 65 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016
- NSE issued a circular regarding the introduction of Shorter Tenure in the SLB Scheme - “R3” Series
- BSE “@valid” UPI IDs Mandatory for Investment Advisers
- BSE “@valid” UPI IDs Mandatory for Research Analysts
- MCX issued a circular regarding guidelines in pursuance of the amendment to the SEBI KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency (KRA) Regulations, 2011
- IIBX issued a circular regarding a request for Creation of Dealer and Client Trading Terminal Login – iMINT Prime Trading Application
- NCDEX issued circular on KYC Validation Status of Clients – Trading Restrictions w.e.f. August 31, 2026 & Guidelines for Reporting Demise of Investors through KRAs
- NCCL revises the Volatility Scan Range for Guar Gum Refined Splits Options from September 1, 2026
- NCCL issued Settlement holidays for the Calendar year 2026 for “NCDEX Nidhi”
- NCDEX HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF NFO Available on NCDEX Nidhi Platform
- SEBI notified regarding the Framework for Calculation of Net Distributable Cash Flows for InvITs
- NSE issued a circular regarding discontinuation of the Separate Window for Open Market Buybacks
- NSE issued circular on Discontinuation of the Separate Window for Open Market Buybacks
- Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2026

- CDSL issued the clarification regarding the implementation of "@valid" UPI Ids for all investor-facing collection bank accounts
- MCX notified regarding the Acceptance of MCX Registered Indian Refined Lead Brands under the Lead and Lead Mini futures contracts
- BSE notified regarding the online submission of Preferred GST Registration Certificate through IEFS
- NCCL notified regarding the Migration of File Upload Facility (Collateral Allocation, Non-Cash Limit and Margin Adjustment Files) from Member Extranet to Web NCFE
- NCDEX Re-triggers 2.5% Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric Contracts till September 2, 2026
- SEBI issued the Amendment to SEBI (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) Regulations, 2015
- BSE issued a notification regarding a revision in Transaction Charges in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) Segment
- BSE Mandatory “@valid” UPI IDs for Investor-Facing Bank Accounts
- IIBX issued a circular regarding API Document for New Trading & Clearing Platform
- MCX issued Implementation of "@valid" UPI IDs for Investor-Facing Bank Accounts by SEBI Registered Intermediaries
- NCDEX issued Re-trigger of Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric Contracts
- MCXCCL issued a circular regarding the review of Margin Periods of Risk (MPOR)
- SEBI issued Consultation Paper on FPI Participation in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs)
- NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding clarification on the implementation of "@valid" UPI ID
- NSE issued circular on Liquidity Enhancement Scheme (LES) on Silver Options on Goods
- MCXCCL issued a circular regarding revision in Threshold Limit for Concentration Margin
- NSE Proposes Revised Regulatory Framework for Authorised Persons
- NeSL issued circular regarding SHCIL e-Stamping Systems Downtime
- BSE notified regarding the Financial Disincentive (Charges) for not uploading the TWS/ETI/BOLTPLUS Location information for July 2026
- BSE Penalty Report for Client Code Modification of Non-Institutional Trades for July 2026 Available for Download
- SEBI issued the consultation paper on Review of provisions related to ISIN for Debt Securities
- NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding updates for the implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967
- NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding re-triggering of E-ASM on Turmeric
- MCX Modification in Contract Specifications of MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index Options Contracts
- BSE Suggested Best Practices for Structured Digital Database under PIT Regulations
- NCDEX Re triggering of E-ASM for Turmeric Contracts
- NSE Mock Testing for SaaS-Based Two-Way Portability Across Clearing Corporations
- MCX issued a circular regarding modifications in the contract specification of the MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index (MCX BULLDEX®) Futures Contract
- BSE notified regarding the mock trading session for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment on August 08, 2026
- BSE notified regarding the mock trading session for the Commodity Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026
- BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026, for the Equity Derivatives segment

- BSE notified regarding the mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026
- BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026, for the Equity segment
- BSE issued an Update to the Release of the new version of Market Data API in the Currency Derivatives segment
- MCX notified regarding the Revision in Cancellation Charges on Authorised Person (AP), Refund for AP re-activated in the FY 2026-27, and invoicing of AP Annual Subscription charges for Financial Year (FY) 2026-27
- MCX issued a circular regarding an amendment to the existing “Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims against the Defaulter/ Expelled Member”
- MCX notified regarding the New Interface - MCX UCC File Formats (Version 1.1) and UCC-API (Version 1.0)
- MoCA issued a notification regarding extension of Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS2026)
- MCXCCL issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates for expired Gold Contracts
- MCX notified regarding the mock trading session on Sunday, Aug 09, 2026
- NCDEX Re-triggers Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (EASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric Contracts till August 27, 2026
- NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026 – No new version release in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment
- NSE issued a circular regarding a mock session on Saturday, August 08, 2026 - No new version release in the Commodity Derivatives segment
- NCCL issued Mock Trading Session Scheduled for August 08, 2026
- NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026 – No new version release
- NSE issued a circular regarding the Member Interface Testing of Two-way portability across Clearing Corporations- Software as a Service (SaaS) Model
- NSE notified regarding the mock trading session in the Capital Market segment on Saturday, August 08, 2026
- NSE notified regarding the mock trading session in the Currency Derivatives Segment on August 08, 2026
- NSE notified regarding the mock trading session in the SLBM on August 08, 2026
- SEBI issued the Consultation Paper on Settlement and Risk Management
- SEBI issued a notification regarding inspection of market intermediaries
- SEBI Releases its Annual Report for FY 2025-26
- BSE issued a notification regarding the release of a new version of the Market Data API in the Equity Derivatives segment
- BSE issued a notification regarding the release of a new version of the Market Data API in the Commodity Derivatives segment
- INX issued a circular regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026
- BSE Defers Go-Live of New Market Data API Version for EGR Segment to October 12 2026
- NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock and Testing the Migration of File Upload Functionality from Web Extranet to NCFE on August 08, 2026
- MCXCCL issued a circular regarding Alternate Risk Management Framework Applicable in case of Near Zero and Negative Prices
- NCDEX issued circular on Re-triggering of E-ASM on Turmeric Contracts
- MCX issued Revision in Vault Storage Charges for Gold Contracts

- CDSL Non Charging of AMC for Certain Demat Accounts Holding Illiquid, Suspended or Delisted Securities
- NCCL notified regarding the Approved List of banks for Acceptance of Bank Guarantees and Fixed Deposits
- NSE Implementation of Modified Nomination Norms for Demat Accounts and Mutual Fund Folios
- NCDEX issued circular on Pre-Expiry and Delivery Margin – Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM)
- NSE notified regarding the mock trading from Primary and DR site on Saturday, August 08, 2026
- SEBI Consultation Paper on Issuance of Depository Receipts Against Units of REITs and Publicly Listed InvITs
- MCX notified regarding the De-accreditation of Brinks India Private Limited, Byculla, Mumbai Vault
- MCA Invitation of Stakeholder Suggestions on the Integrated Platform for Insolvency Ecosystem
- NCDEX Applicability of Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin Turmeric contracts
- CDSL issued the Comprehensive Surveillance Framework for Depository Participants (DPs)
- CDSL notified regarding the verification of Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL) published by TRAI
- BSE issued a notification regarding Operational Guidelines for Handling of Clients' Unpaid Securities by Trading Members
- CDSL Enhances Transmission Processing for Depository Participants
- MCX issued a circular regarding the Applicable Open Position Limits for Agricultural Commodities
- MCX Revises Position Limits for Agricultural Commodity Derivatives
- NCDEX issued circular on Futures & Options Contracts Launch in August 2026 and Premium / Discount for grade / delivery location difference
- NCDEX issued a circular regarding FATF Public statement on jurisdictions subject to a call for action and increased monitoring - June 2026 Plenary
- NCCL issued circular on Settlement Price of Options on Futures contract expired on July 31, 2026
- NSDL issued a circular regarding extension of timeline for implementation of Enhancements in NSDL Depository System- UDiFF catalogue
- NSE issued a circular regarding Colocation Update - Bulk upload facility for IP Message Rate Change requests
- NSE Introduces Category ‘I’ Leased Line Connectivity for Commodity Derivatives
- NSE issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates - Monthly Electricity Futures in the Commodity Derivatives Segment
- NSE issued circular on Transaction charges for Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)
- NSE revises Quantity Freeze Limits for Index Derivatives
- NCCL Notifies Final Settlement Price for Crude Sunflower Oil Contract
- NSE notified regarding the Changes in Future Equivalent (FutEq)/(Delta) Intraday Position Limits Monitoring for Equity Index Derivatives and Order to Trade Ratio (OTR) on account of Closing Auction Session (CAS)

Labour

- PFRDA issued a circular regarding operationalising the framework for classification and presentation of Schemes under the NPS
- PFRDA notified regarding the charge structure applicable to PoPs for All Schemes under NPS and NPS Lite

- MoLE Bonus Calculation Limit under Code on Wages, 2019
- MoLE determines ■21,000 Wage Ceiling for Bonus Eligibility under Code on Wages, 2019
- MoLE urges Establishments to avail Employees' Enrolment Campaign 2026 for EPF Coverage
- MoLE amended an older notification related to the Exempted Employers to Pay Inspection Charges
- MoLE issued the corrigendum to the Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026
- PFRDA notified regarding the Extension of the Incentive Framework under the National Pension System (NPS) – "NPS e-shramik (Platform Service Partner) Model" for FY 2026-27
- PFRDA issued List of Holidays to be observed during the calendar year 2027
- MoLE clarifies the Scope of Compounding Powers under the Code on Wages, 2019
- MoSPI issued the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – July 2026
- MoCI issued the notification regarding the Provisional Estimates of WPI, OPPI, and TIPPI for The Month of July 2026, And Final Index for The Month of May 2026
- Draft Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB- G RAM G (Viksit Bharat – G Ram G) Audit of Schemes Rules, 2026
- MoWCD notified regarding the Anganwadi cum Creches under Palna for providing day care creche facilities in a safe and secure environment to children
- ESIC intimates monthly drug testing samples for July 2026
- ESIC notified regarding the Holidays to be observed in Central Government Offices during the year 2027
- BOPTER FAQs Issued on Annual Profile Update by Establishments in NATS 2.0 Portal
- BoPTER issued the Manual for Establishment Yearly Profile Update
- Andhra Pradesh Notifies Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026
- ESIC issued the List of Drugs Sent For Drug Testing For the Month of July 2026
- ESIC notified regarding the Completion of pending APARs for the Reporting Year 2024–25 through the SPARROW Portal
- ESIC Drug Samples Sent for Quality Analysis in June 2026
- ESIC notified regarding the Implementation of New Insured Person (IP) Registration functionality in ERP
- ESIC notified regarding the Submission of Indent for Underutilized Ortho Implants
- MoLE issued corrigendum in Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance Scheme, 2026
- PFRDA notified regarding the Permitting the Point of Presence (PoP) for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for distribution of Pension Schemes
- MoLE issued the Corrigendum to Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026
- ESIC issued Details of Willing Firms/Products for Extension of DG-ESIC Rate Contracts 154–158
- ESIC notified regarding the Three Feracrylum-Based Items from Central Rate Contracts due to Off-Patent Status
- EPFO Scheduled Downtime of e-Office Application for System Upgradation
- Draft Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 2026

Finance & Taxation

- CBIC Prescribes Modalities for Payment of IGST on Raw Sugar Imported under Advance Authorisation and Converted to TRQ Scheme
- CBIC issued an amendment to the older notification regarding Customs Tariff Values
- DGTR Corrigendum to Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation on Hot Rolled Flat Products

- IT Department notified regarding the Offline utility of ITR-6 for AY 2026-27
- MoF issued the amendment to the older notification regarding anti-dumping duty on imports of Natural Mica based Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding cosmetic grade originating in or exported from China PR for a period of five years
- MoF issued a notification regarding Duty-Free Import of 10 Lakh MT Raw Sugar under TRQ
- Draft Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2026
- Income Tax Department issued a notification regarding verification of suspicious foreign remittances
- IT Department notified regarding the Online filing of ITR-6 for AY 2026-27
- Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2026
- CBIC notified the amendment to notification regarding the rates of Road and Infrastructure Cess for petrol and diesel when cleared for exports
- Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers- Disclosure Scheme Rules, 2026
- MoF issued the revision on Central Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) amending its previous notification
- MoF issued amendment to notification regarding the Special Additional Excise Duty on export of petrol and diesel
- RBI FCNR(B) Swap Facility to Close for New Deposits from August 31, 2026
- IT Department notifies that the Offline utility of ITR-7 for AY 2026-27 is available for filing
- CBIC issued a notification regarding the revision of Tariff Values
- Ministry of Law and Justice issued the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026
- DPIIT issued a notification regarding the review of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on E-commerce Sector
- RBI SGB 2018-19 Series VI Premature Redemption Price Fixed
- Income Tax Department issued a notification regarding ITR-7 for AY 2026-27
- Draft Guidelines Issued on Minimum Training Requirement and Charter-in of Qualifying Inland Vessels under Tonnage Tax Scheme
- CBIC Customs Tariff Values Revised for Gold and Silver; Tariff Values of Other Specified Goods Retained
- RBI issued a notification regarding premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2019-20 Series IX and SGB 2020-21 Series V due on August 11, 2026
- MoF issued a notification regarding clarification on UPI Charges and Proposed MDR Framework
- RBI notified regarding the Formation of new districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh – Assignment of Lead Bank Responsibility
- CBIC issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for clearance of imported goods through Foreign Post Offices under the Postal Import Regulations, 2025
- CBIC issued Extension of Implementation Timeline for Compulsory Registration Order — Television Sets (IS 18112:2022)
- IFSCA notified regarding the Specification of Certification Course for KMPs and other employees of Capital Market Intermediaries under the IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025
- MoF Anti-Dumping Duty on Phthalic Anhydride Imports from China and South Korea Extended for Five Years
- ITR-5 filing Enabled for AY 2026–27
- IT Department issued FAQs on the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- IT Department has notified that the Excel Utility for ITR-6 for AY 2026-27 is available on the e-Filing Portal

- Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- RBI notified regarding the First-Time Registration and Filing of FLA Return 2025–26
- MoF revises Central Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) amending its previous notification
- MoF revises central excise Duty on Petrol and diesel, amending its previous notification
- Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026
- MoRTH notified regarding the Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communication Systems
- MoRTH notified regarding Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communication Systems
- CBIC notified regarding the Automation of Refund Application and Processing for Courier Imports through Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS)
- CBIC amended an older notification related to Tariff Values for Edible Oils, Precious Metals and Areca Nuts
- GSTN issued a notification regarding GST Portal Scheduled Maintenance
- MoF amended an older notification related to the extension of Anti-Dumping Duty on Specified Imports
- RBI issued notification on Consolidation of Supervisory Instructions – Repeal of Circulars
- RBI notified regarding the Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC's 1988 (2011) Taliban Sanctions List: Amendment of 05 Entries
- RBI releases Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy 2025-26
- Reserve Bank of India issued the Consolidated Supervisory Directions

STATES

Andhra Pradesh

- APERC issued the Fifth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees' duty for supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013
- Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement, Investment and Cost Control) Regulations, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Govt. amended an older notification related to the schedules for intra-state supply of goods
- APERC mandates No Dues Certificate for Open Access and Restricts Access for Defaulting Entities
- Govt of Andhra Pradesh issued amendments to the AP Building Rules, 2017

Assam

- Govt. of Assam notified regarding the Implementation of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 in the Sonitpur District

Bihar

- Govt of Bihar issued a notification regarding the conversion of Bihar B.Ed. Colleges into Multidisciplinary Degree Colleges
- Indian Stamp (Bihar Amendment) Act, 2026
- Bihar Gambling (Prohibition) Act, 2026
- Government of Bihar Single Licensing Officer Designated for Unified Licence under OSHWC Code
- Bihar Sugar Undertakings (Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Bihar Medical (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026

Chandigarh

- MoFAHD notified regarding stopping of illegal transportation and slaughtering of animals, and promotion of humane treatment of animals
- Chandigarh Mental Healthcare (Rights of Persons with Mental Illness) Rules, 2026

Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

- Draft Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Private Security Agencies (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Draft Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulation, 2026
- Draft Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Social Security Rules, 2026

Delhi

- Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Draft Delhi Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026
- Delhi Bed and Breakfast Establishments (Repeal) Bill, 2026
- Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- DERC Allows Higher Power Cost Surcharge for Delhi Discoms in June 2026
- Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) (Second Amendment) Guidelines, 2026
- MoH&UA issued a notification regarding the appointment of Adjudicating and Appellate Authorities under the Delhi Development Act
- Department of Metrology issued the Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026
- CAQM issued amendment to Direction No. 86 regarding noncompliance or contravention of any provisions of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021
- Govt. of Delhi notified regarding the Delhi Credit Guarantee Scheme (DCGS), 2026
- Delhi Development Authority (Manner of Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 2026
- Govt. of Delhi notified regarding the extension in the GSTR-3B Filing Due Date for March 2026

Goa

- Goa Dental Commission Rules, 2026
- Goa Land Development and Building Construction (Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Goa Government notified regarding the revised DPIIT Definition of “Startup” under Goa Startup Policy, 2025
- Goa Government declares Snake Bite Cases and Deaths as notifiable disease across the State
- Goa Govt. issued a Temporary Liquor Transport and Possession Restrictions in South Goa District from August 15-17
- Government of Goa Closure of Liquor Premises in Chinchinim Deussua During Bye-Election
- Goa Govt. issued holiday on August 16 in South Goa due to Bye-Election Polling
- Goa Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Goa Public Lighting Duty (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- GSPCB Public Notice on Compliance with Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026

Gujarat

- Govt. of Gujarat notified regarding the Ban on Gutka and Pan Masala Containing Tobacco/Nicotine
- Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Govt of Gujarat issued a notification regarding Mandatory Online Registration of Establishments under the OSH&WC Code, 2020
- Gujarat Government issued directions on procurement of medicines from PMBJK stores
- MoHA issued a notification regarding restrictions on Multiple Logins on the CCRS Portal
- Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gujarat issued Prohibition Order on Non-Standardized Dairy Analogue Products (Paneer, Cream, Butter Imitations) in Gujarat
- Gujarat Motor Vehicles (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2026

- GPCB notified regarding the procedure to be followed by Project Proponents (PPs) for obtaining comments from the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) during the processing of Environment Clearance (EC) proposals
- GPCB issued a circular regarding Fast-Track Disposal of Consent Applications for Compostable Plastic Manufacturing Units

Haryana

- Haryana Private Coaching Institutes (Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2026
- Government of Haryana Prohibition on Use of “Ghee” for Non-Conforming Products
- Department of Food and Drugs Administration, Government of Haryana, issued a notification regarding prohibition on the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of analogue/non-dairy paneer as “Paneer” in Haryana for one year under Section 30(2)(a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, along with compliance with prescribed food standards and labelling requirements
- Govt. of Haryana notified regarding the Diesel Generator Set Subsidy Scheme for MSMEs to Promote Cleaner Fuel and Emission Control
- Department of Industries & Commerce, Haryana, issued a Scheme for Assistance for Purchase and Conversion of Boilers to Cleaner Fuels
- Draft Haryana Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy, 2026
- Department of Transport, Haryana, amended an older notification related to Motor Vehicle Tax Rebate for Electric and CNG Vehicles

Himachal Pradesh

- Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026
- Himachal Pradesh Municipality, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2026
- Himachal Pradesh Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Draft Solid Waste Management (Collection, Transportation and Disposal) Byelaws, 2026 of Municipal Council Dehra for Municipal Solid Waste Management and Disposal
- Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Municipal Council Dehra proposed amendments to the Dehra Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-Laws, 2025
- Govt of Himachal Pradesh issued Draft amendments to the Municipal Council Dehra (Property Taxation) Bye-Laws of 2022
- Solid Waste Management (Collection, Transportation and Disposal) Byelaws, 2026 - Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat Rampur Bushahr
- Department of Industries, Govt of Himachal Pradesh issued a notification regarding extension of Himachal Pradesh Industrial Investment Policy, 2019
- Draft Himachal Pradesh Food Security (First Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Department of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh, issued a notification regarding Orphan and Widow Cess on Petrol and Diesel
- Draft Dalhousie Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

- Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Draft Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye-laws 2026 of Special Area Development Authority Manikaran
- DC Mandi, Himachal Pradesh Order Prohibiting Sale of Flavoured Smokeless Tobacco Products

Jammu Kashmir

- Draft Jammu Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026
- Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Multi-Year Tariff), Regulations, 2025

Jharkhand

- Govt. of Jharkhand issued an amendment to the older notification related to the GST rates for the intra-state supply of goods

Karnataka

- Govt. of Karnataka issued the Instruction regarding Coordination with State Mining Authorities for sharing information relating to illegal mining and transportation of minerals
- Karnataka Govt. notified regarding the formation of internal complaint committee formed in organizations with more than 10 employees to address sexual harassment of women at the workplace
- Transport Department, Government of Karnataka notified the Re-fixing the fees collected by Motor Vehicle Pollution Testing Centers when issuing Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUCC)
- Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Government of Karnataka RERA Four-Month Extension for Eligible Real Estate Projects
- Karnataka Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Bangalore Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Govt. of Karnataka issued a circular regarding a ban on Plaster of Paris (PoP) and chemically dyed Ganesha Idols
- Karnataka Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Draft Greater Bengaluru Area (Parking) Rules, 2026
- Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission Electricity Supply Regulations (ESR), 2026
- KRERA issued notification regarding procedure to be followed in case of recovery of monetary and non-monetary reliefs in terms of orders passed on complaints filed

Kerala

- Kerala Govt. issued the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial Workers for the Month of July 2026
- KSPCB issued the Revised List of Red Category Industries and Non-Industrial Operations
- KSPCB issued a circular regarding categorisation of Industrial Sectors by CPCB
- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) enacted the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026
- KSPCB issued circular on Consent management of Non-bedded Health Care Facilities (HCFs)

- KRERA issued a notification regarding extension of the date of completion and the date of Expiry of Registration of Real Estate Projects on account of Force Majeure under Section 6 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016
- K-RERA notified regarding the Temporary Suspension of Online Real Estate Agent Registration in Kerala
- KSPCB issued a circular regarding Site Suitability for stone crushers
- K-RERA introduced online e-filing of complaints through its web portal
- Kerala Municipality Building (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Kerala Panchayat Building (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Ladakh

- Excise Policy (Adaptation) Notification, 2026-27
- Code on Social Security (Ladakh) Rules, 2026
- Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh notified regarding the Appointment of Deputy Commissioners as Registrars of Societies in Union Territory of Ladakh
- Industrial Relations (Ladakh) Rules, 2026
- Code on Wages (Ladakh) Rules, 2026

Lakshadweep

- Lakshadweep Pollution Control Committee notified regarding the Onboarding of Unified Consent & Authorisation Monitoring System (UCAMS)
- Lakshadweep Tourist Trade Guidelines, 2026
- Lakshadweep Excise Regulation, 2026
- Administration of Lakshadweep Notifies “One Activity, One Licence” Framework for Rationalised Business Licensing
- MoLJ issued corrigendum in the Lakshadweep (Registration Amendment) Regulation, 2026
- Draft Lakshadweep Registration of Societies Rules, 2026

Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh Ease of Doing Business Act, 2026
- Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued a notification regarding the Operation of Awareness & Registration Camps for Unorganized Sector Workers
- Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Sanshodhan) Adhiniyam, 2026
- Draft Amendments to Madhya Pradesh Legal Metrology Rules, 2011
- Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of the consumers) (Revision-II) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021 [ARG-3 (II) (ii) of 2026]
- Madhya Pradesh VAT (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Madhya Pradesh Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026

Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Maharashtra Government Rules of Business (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Maharashtra Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Maharashtra Land Revenue Code Amendment Ordinance, 2026
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued the FDA Guidelines for Online Drug Sale Licence Applications
- Govt. of Maharashtra prohibits the manufacture and sale of analogue/non-dairy paneer and chhana for one year
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued the draft amendments to the Maharashtra Nursing Council Rules, 1971
- Maharashtra Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission to the Full Time Professional Undergraduate Medical and Dental Courses) Rules, 2026
- Maharashtra Fruit Nurseries and Sale of Fruit Plants (Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Maharashtra Government Rules of Business (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Maharashtra Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Maharashtra Amends Co-operative Societies Act to Expand Membership and Loan Eligibility
- Bombay Foreign Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Maharashtra Amends Village Panchayats and Zilla Parishads Laws on Validity Certificate Submission
- Maharashtra Amends Police Act and Obscene Dance Law to Recognise Live Music Performances
- Maharashtra Amends Stamp Act to Introduce Stamp Duty for Financial and Bank Guarantees
- Maharashtra Country Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Maharashtra Money-Lending (Regulation) (Amendment) Act 2026
- Govt of Maharashtra issued a notification regarding amendments in the Maharashtra Mathadi, Hamal and other Manual Workers (Regulation of Employment & Welfare) Act, 1969
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued a notification regarding Aadhaar Mandate for Government Welfare Schemes
- Maharashtra Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (First Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Maharashtra Minor Mineral Extraction (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- FDA Maharashtra issued Standing Order on Implementation of School Food Safety Regulations, 2026
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued the clarification regarding jurisdiction in cases involving migration/ transfer of taxable persons from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction
- Maharashtra Govt. issued the Guidelines for Capital Grant Scheme for Textile Projects in the State
- MPCB Adoption of Revised Industrial Categorisation for Consent Management
- Maharashtra Labour Commissioner Revised Minimum Wages July to December 2026
- Department of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal, Mira-Bhayander Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra, issued a notification regarding Water Conservation amid Drought Risks

Manipur

- Manipur Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026
- Manipur Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Draft Manipur Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026
- Draft Manipur Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Government of Manipur Amends Rules of Business, 2025

Meghalaya

- Government of Meghalaya notified the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi-Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026
- Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Amendment Guidelines, 2026
- Directions for Controlling Emissions from Diesel Generator (DG) Sets
- Govt of Meghalaya issued a notification regarding State-Wide Distribution Freeze and Prohibition on Sale, Stocking and Distribution of 'STING' Energy Drink
- Govt of Meghalaya issued a notification regarding restrictions on Parking of Heavy/Commercial Vehicles on National Highways
- Meghalaya Liquor Establishments in Ri Bhoi District Ordered Closed on Independence Day
- Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (State Grid Code) (6 of 2026) Regulations, 2026

Nagaland

- Government of Nagaland VB-G RAM G Scheme, 2026 Notified
- Govt of Nagaland issued a notification regarding a ban on Food Products Containing Tobacco and Nicotine
- Govt. of Nagaland issued an amendment to the older notification related to the GST rates for the intra-state supply of goods
- Nagaland Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Scheme, 2026

Odisha

- Odisha Tourism Amendment to Homestay Establishment Scheme, 2025
- OGST issued Comprehensive Guidelines regarding GST on Works Contract Services and TDS Provisions

Punjab

- PSERC Amendment to FPPAS Carry Forward Mechanism
- PPCB issued a notification regarding Harmonization of classification of left-out sectors under Red, Orange and Green categories
- Bathinda Municipal Corporation issued a public notice regarding the Verification and Correction of GIS Property Records
- Punjab Protection of Trees Bill, 2026
- Punjab Govt. issued Guidelines for Identification and Assessment of High Footfall Sites/Tourist-Centric Destinations and Pilgrim Centres etc for Sustainable Visible Cleanliness & Solid Waste Management Models
- Punjab Regulation of Fee of Un-aided Educational Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Draft Amritsar Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026
- Punjab Common Infrastructure (Regulation and Maintenance) Amendment Bill, 2026
- Draft Jalandhar Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026
- Government of Punjab SOP and Timelines Notified for Processing NOC Drainage Applications
- Draft Ferozepur Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026

- Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (9th Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Rajasthan

- Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Rajasthan Trees (Protection) Bill, 2026
- Govt. of Rajasthan notified regarding the Dry Day for Urban Local Body Elections, 2026
- Rajasthan Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rule, 2026
- Government of Rajasthan Declares Public Holidays on Municipal Election Polling Dates – September 9 & 11, 2026
- Govt. of Rajasthan issued an amendment to the Rajasthan VAT notification – Replacement of Certificate with Declaration Form
- Govt. of Rajasthan issued an amendment to the Rajasthan VAT notification – Inclusion of CNG
- Govt. of Rajasthan notified regarding the Revenue Management System under Rajasthan VAT Rules, 2026
- Rajasthan notified regarding the Tax Exemption to HRRL on Diesel, Petrol and ATF Sales to Oil Marketing Companies
- Rajasthan Govt. issued notification on amendment substituting "Form VAT-72" with "FORM VAT-EXM-01"
- Rajasthan Govt. notified Turnover Threshold for Tax Liability
- Rajasthan Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Code on Wages (Rajasthan) Rules, 2026
- Govt of Rajasthan amended an older notification related to VAT exemption/concession-related provisions/forms under the Rajasthan VAT framework
- Govt of Rajasthan amended an older notification related to conditions and the prescribed form for claiming the applicable exemption
- Government of Rajasthan VAT Notification on Rate of Interest
- Govt of Rajasthan issued a notification regarding the designated Portal for VAT
- Government of Rajasthan VAT Amendment to Schedule-II
- Government of Rajasthan VAT Substitution of VAT Form
- Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to Rajasthan VAT Act, 2025 regarding the Foreign Liquor, Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Beer when sold to the dealers having retail off licenses and when not
- Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to notification regarding the VAT rate of HSD reduction from 18% to 13% for JCTSL/ACTSL
- Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to notification regarding 1% rate of VAT on ATF for RCS Flights
- Government of Rajasthan VAT Substitution of Declaration Form
- Rajasthan Industrial Relation Rules, 2026
- Department of Consumer Affairs issued the Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Draft Udaipur Lakes (Boating, Jetty and Lake Resource Management) Regulations, 2026
- Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026
- Govt. of Rajasthan notified regarding the Real-time uploading of inspection reports under the State Business Reform Action Plan (SBRAP) and District Business Reform Action Plan (DBRAP)
- Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

- Rajasthan Govt. issued the date of the enforcement of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026

Sikkim

- Sikkim Government extends the odd-even vehicle restriction across the state with immediate effect

Tamil Nadu

- Government of Tamil Nadu Draft Amendments to Food Security Rules
- Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Govt of Tamil Nadu issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Change of Land Use (From Agriculture to Non-agriculture Purposes in Non-planning Areas) Rules, 2017
- Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the draft amendments to the Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011
- Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959
- Tamil Nadu Govt. issued fixation of Wholesale Issue Price to the PDS Retail Points/ Retailers and Revision of Retail
- Govt of Tamil Nadu issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Liquor Retail Vending (in Shops and Bars) Rules, 2003
- TASMA issued circular on ESI/EPF Administration in view of the coming in to force of Code on Wages 2019 and also Code on Social Security 2020
- Tamil Nadu Advance Medical Directive Guidelines, 2026

Tripura

- Tripura Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026
- Govt of Tripura issued a notification regarding Guidelines for Amateur Station Operator Certificate (ASOC)

Uttar Pradesh

- Draft Bareilly Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026
- Uttar Pradesh Krishi Utpadan Mandi (Thirty-First Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Fifth Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Draft Uttar Pradesh Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026
- Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Draft Uttar Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Govt. of Uttar Pradesh prohibits strikes in co-operative and warehousing services for six months
- Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Scheme, Uttar Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Fourth Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Draft Prayagraj Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026
- Draft Fatehgarh Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026
- Draft Ayodhya Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Uttarakhand

- Draft Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2026
- Draft Nainital Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

West Bengal

- West Bengal Govt. issued the Standard Operating Procedure for execution of project based proposals related to Farm Gate Pack house with Standalone Cold Storage, Integrated Pack house, Collection Aggregation Centre, Cold Rooms, Cold Storages and Ripening Chamber under Integrated Post Harvest Management components of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- Govt. of West Bengal issued a notification regarding extension of FAWLOI Scheme for Locked-Out Workers
- Govt. of West Bengal notified regarding the Strengthening of Quality Monitoring, Inspection and Quality Control Mechanism for PDS Foodgrains
- West Bengal Govt. issued Draft Amendment to West Bengal Professional Tax Schedule

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CAQM issued Actions/documents required for consideration of resumption of entities against which closure directions are issued by CAQM

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on August 28, 2026, has prescribed the documents and corrective actions required for consideration of resumption of operations by entities against which closure directions have been issued. For industrial units, an affidavit undertaking in Annexure-A is required confirming that corrective and preventive measures have been taken and that CAQM directions and applicable statutes will be complied with. Depending on the violation, entities must also submit supporting documents evidencing rectification, valid Consent to Establish (CTE)/Consent to Operate (CTO), and compliance relating to DG-set usage, pollution-control equipment and emission standards. For Construction & Demolition (C&D) projects, an affidavit undertaking in Annexure-B, along with supporting evidence of rectification, is required. Where DG-set violations are also involved, the undertaking and supporting documents must address both C&D and DG-set violations. For commercial units other than industries and C&D projects found using DG sets in violation of CAQM directions, an affidavit in Annexure-C and documents confirming corrective action are required for consideration of resumption.

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CAQM issued a notification regarding the use of Drones for Monitoring Stubble Burning Incidents

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The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on July 28, 2026, issued a notification regarding the use of Drones for Monitoring Stubble Burning Incidents. The following has been stated: - •The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) issued a directive to Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan to utilize drones for detecting and eliminating illegal crop stubble burning. •Drones equipped with high-resolution cameras, GPS tracking, and live-streaming capabilities will specifically target late-evening hours (3 PM to 9 PM) to catch farmers attempting to evade satellite detection. •All recorded monitoring data must be routed to CAQM's Integrated Command and Control Centre, with video records retained for three months in a centralized state database. •State governments are required to comply with Drone Rules, 2021. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F. No. A-110014/10/2020/ CAQM-SB-Vol. XIII/ 262]

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MoEFCC issued Extension of timeline for filing of Annual Returns under the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Second Amendment Rules, 2023 (EPR for Used Oil)

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on August 27, 2026, based on the request of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), has extended the deadline for filing annual returns by producers and recyclers under the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework for Used Oil for FY 2025-26. The extension was granted due to operational and technical difficulties faced in compiling and reconciling compliance data on the centralized EPR Portal. Accordingly, producers and recyclers may now file their Annual Return/Report for FY 2025-26 up to November 30, 2026, instead of the earlier deadline of June 30, 2026. The extension has been issued under Rule 30 (5) of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amendment Rules, 2024. [Notification No. 12/136/2021-HSM]

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MoEFCC issued Extension in timeline for filing of Annual Returns of PWPs and PIBOs

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on August 28, 2026, issued Extension in timeline for filing of Annual Returns of PWPs and PIBOs. MoEFCC with reference to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) letter dated August 10, 2026, has extended the deadline for filing annual returns for FY 2025-26 by registered Plastic Waste Processors (PWPs) and Producers, Importers and Brand Owners (PIBOs) under the Plastic Waste Management (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023. The revised deadlines are October 31, 2026 for PWPs and December 31, 2026 for PIBOs. The extension has been provided as a special case to facilitate filing and address difficulties while ensuring environmentally sound management of plastic packaging waste in accordance with the EPR Guidelines. CPCB has also been directed to resolve issues relating to the EPR Portal on priority during the extended period. [Notification No. 12/64/2023-HSM Part (1)]

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MoHFW issued the National Guidelines on Fire and Life Safety in Healthcare Facilities, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) on April 24, 2026, issued the National Guidelines on Fire and Life Safety in Healthcare Facilities, 2026. The following has been stated: • The guidelines recognise that hospitals are particularly vulnerable to fire incidents because of the presence of patients with limited mobility, medical oxygen and other gases, complex electrical systems and combustible materials; electrical faults, including short circuits and malfunctioning electrical/medical equipment, are identified as major causes of

hospital fires. The guidelines are intended for hospitals, nursing homes, maternity and childcare centres, sanatoria, rehabilitation centres, psychiatric hospitals and other healthcare occupancies where patients may be unable to protect themselves or evacuate independently. They cover the entire fire-safety continuum, including fire prevention, life safety and fire protection. They are to be adapted by States/UTs according to the size, occupancy, risk profile and applicable local laws. • The guidelines place overall responsibility on the hospital administration to ensure compliance with applicable fire-safety laws, the National Building Code (NBC) 2016, Fire Service Rules and State fire-safety legislation. Every healthcare facility should constitute a Fire Safety Committee comprising representatives from administration, engineering/maintenance, nursing, security, housekeeping, clinical and other relevant departments. The Committee is responsible for approving and reviewing the hospital's Fire Safety Plan, reviewing fire-risk assessments, recommending corrective measures, coordinating with fire services and disaster-management authorities, and reviewing mock-drill outcomes. A designated Fire Safety Officer (FSO) should also be appointed, preferably with technical and fire-safety training. For high-rise hospitals above 15 metres, the FSO should be a qualified professional with at least three years' fire-safety experience; such an officer is also recommended for facilities with 250 beds or more. The FSO is responsible for maintaining firefighting equipment, preparing fire orders and operational plans, organising staff training and evacuation drills, coordinating with the local fire brigade, inspecting fire-safety measures and ensuring implementation of the hospital fire-action and evacuation plans. • The guidelines require healthcare facilities to conduct fire-hazard assessments for all buildings and units at least quarterly and after any major structural or functional change. A Fire Hazard Register should be maintained, recording identified hazards, corrective actions and timelines. A full-scale fire-safety audit should be conducted at least once every year, or more frequently where required by State/UT norms, with involvement of relevant stakeholders, particularly local fire services. Independent third-party fire-safety audits are recommended, and electrical safety auditing shall form an integral part of the fire-safety audit. Healthcare facilities are also advised to classify different functional areas according to risk so that appropriate preventive and preparedness measures can be adopted. • Each healthcare facility should prepare and periodically review a Fire Safety Plan (FSP) as part of its broader Hospital Disaster Management Plan. The plan should integrate fire prevention, detection, alarm, firefighting, evacuation, emergency communication, staff responsibilities, patient movement, assembly points, training and post-incident procedures. The infrastructure requirements cover material and structural safety, medical-gas safety, electrical safety, building design, fire detection and alarm systems, sprinklers, hydrants and hose reels, portable fire extinguishers, smoke-exhaust systems and integration of HVAC systems with fire and smoke-control arrangements. The guidelines therefore require fire safety to be incorporated not only during emergencies but also into the design, construction, maintenance and day-to-day operation of healthcare facilities. • The guidelines further require healthcare facilities to establish training, compliance and awareness-building mechanisms. Fire-safety induction should be provided to staff, with specialised training for ICU, OT and security personnel dealing with patient evacuation. Facilities should conduct mock fire drills and use the results to identify weaknesses and implement corrective measures. Fire-safety audits and certificates should be maintained as required by applicable regulations. Fire-safety instructions should also be prominently displayed, and patients and visitors should be appropriately oriented regarding emergency procedures, evacuation routes and assembly points. The guidelines contain detailed annexures covering high-rise evacuation, NICU/PICU evacuation, operation-theatre fire prevention and evacuation, adult ICU evacuation and recommended fire-evacuation equipment.

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CPCB issued Mandatory Registration on Common EPR Portal for Entities under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016

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The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued Mandatory Registration on Common EPR Portal for Entities under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. CPCB has directed all entities covered under the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, including Producers (including Micro and Small Enterprises), Importers, Brand Owners, Manufacturers, Sellers and Plastic Waste Processors (PWPs), to obtain registration on the Common EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging (CEPR Portal). Entities required to register cannot carry out business without valid registration. CPCB has observed instances of entities remaining unregistered and transactions being conducted with unregistered entities. Accordingly, CPCB is strengthening the transaction-based reporting mechanism and will discontinue recording/declaration of purchase or sale transactions with unregistered entities on the portal, except for applicable transactions involving Micro & Small Brand Owners and PWPs. Compliance Impact: Covered entities must ensure immediate registration, conduct plastic packaging/plastic waste transactions only with registered entities, and report transactions, EPR compliance and annual returns through the CEPR Portal. Businesses should also ensure their unregistered suppliers and buyers obtain registration to avoid disruption in transaction reporting and regulatory action under the PWM Rules, 2016. [File No.20/15/2025-UPCII-H.O-CPCB Part (1)]

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CPCB issued the extension of Filing of annual returns for Battery Waste for FY 2025–26 to November 30, 2026

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The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued the extension of Filing of annual returns for Battery Waste for FY 2025–26 to November 30, 2026.

CPCB issued the extension of Filing of quarterly and annual E-Waste returns for FY 2025–26 to September 30, 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued the extension of Filing of quarterly and annual E-Waste returns for FY 2025–26 to September 30, 2026 The following has been stated namely: - • Deadline extended: Filing of quarterly and annual E-Waste returns for FY 2025–26 is extended from 30 April 2026 to 30 September 2026. • All entities registered under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 must file. • Returns can be submitted on the E-Waste EPR Portal by September 30, 2026, as per Rule 9A of the E-Waste (Management) Amendment Rules, 2024. [Notification No. CP/14/2024-WM-III-H■-■P■B-■■]

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CPCB issued the extension of Filing of annual returns for Waste Tyre for FY 2025–26 to September 30, 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued the extension of Filing of annual returns for FY 2025–26 to September 30, 2026 on the Waste Tyre EPR Portal The following has been stated namely: - • Annual Return filing for FY 2025–26 is extended to September 30, 2026 on the Waste Tyre EPR Portal. • Annual/Quarter Return should be submitted on or before the extended deadline. • Timely filing is advised to avoid Environmental Compensation (EC) as per the applicable guidelines.

CPCB notified regarding the EPR Certificate Generation and Transfer for FY 2025–26

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on August 27, 2026, issued an alert regarding the EPR Certificate Generation & Transfer – FY 2025–26. The following has been stated namely: - • Waste Tyre Recyclers can submit their FY 2025–26 sales data and generate corresponding denominated EPR certificates up to the date of filing the Annual Return or September 30, 2026, whichever is earlier. • The generated EPR certificates can be transferred to registered Producers for compliance purposes. • These EPR certificates will remain valid for two years, as per the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Amendment Rules, 2022.

CAQM notified regarding the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution from Stone Crushing Units in the National Capital Region

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) on August 19, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution from Stone Crushing Units in the National Capital Region. The Commission has issued Directions for prevention and control of air pollution from stone crushing units in the NCR. The Direction requires DPCC/SPCBs to incorporate the CPCB Environmental Guidelines for Stone Crushing Units, 2023 as conditions in the Consent to Operate (CTO) of all stone crushing units and modify existing CTOs wherever required. It further mandates continuous remote monitoring through registration on SPCB/DPCC web portals, video surveillance with remote connectivity, and installation of PM2.5 and PM10 sensors linked to a cloud-based live dashboard. Stone crushing units are also required to maintain adequate wheel-washing facilities for vehicles entering or leaving their premises. The Directions will come into force from November 1, 2026, with non-compliance attracting action under the CAQM Act, 2021. [Notification no. - A-11O18/01/2021-CAQM/2113/RPG]

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CAQM Directions for Cleaner Light Goods Vehicles in Delhi NCR

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), on August 19, 2026, issued Direction No. 102 under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021, proposing measures to mandate new registration of cleaner modes of Light Goods Vehicles (LGVs) in Delhi-NCR. The directions are aimed at protecting and improving air quality in the NCR by addressing vehicular emissions, particularly PM■.■ pollution. The Direction notes that PM■.■ remains the predominant pollutant determining the AQI in the region and relies on an assessment indicating that the vehicular sector contributes approximately 23% of the total PM■.■ load during winter months and 18% during summer months in Delhi-NCR. It further identifies Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonipat, Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar as contiguous NCR districts with high vehicle density and significant vehicular emissions. The measure has been issued in view of the need for coordinated regional interventions to reduce air pollution and promote cleaner transportation. The Commission has exercised its powers under Section 12(1) and Section 12(2)(xi) of the 2021 Act, under which directions issued by the Commission are binding on the concerned persons, officers and authorities. [Direction No. 102]

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PESO Stakeholder Consultation on Draft SOPs and TOR under SMPV(U) Rules, 2016

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) has invited objections and suggestions from pressure vessel fabricators, Third Party Inspection Agencies (TPIAs) recognised under the Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) Rules, 2016 [SMPV(U) Rules, 2016], and transporters of compressed gases on the draft Standard Operating Practices (SOPs) and Terms of Reference (TOR). Stakeholders are required to submit specific, clause-wise comments, objections or suggestions through the prescribed form by August 28, 2026. The draft SOP for pressure vessel fabricators requires fabrication to be carried out only at Chief Controller of Explosives-approved premises. Fabricators are required to maintain documentary records relating to material procurement, heat numbers, material specifications, vessel tare weight, test certificates and inspection details, and upload material-balancing records on the PESO portal. The relevant details are also required to be incorporated in the Certificate of Control issued by the Inspector/TPIA under Rule 13(2) and in the fabrication certificate. The draft further proposes stage-wise videography of inspections, periodic declaration of manufacturing capacity every six months, reporting of changes in infrastructure/manpower, and maintenance of duly signed records covering procurement, material specifications, fabrication, radiography, quality-control checks, stress relieving, hydro-testing and installation of safety fittings. These records are to be countersigned by the Inspector/TPIA during stage-wise inspection.

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CAQM notified regarding the Extension of relaxation in the Standard List of Approved Fuels

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region (CAQM) on August 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Extension of relaxation in the Standard List of Approved Fuels. The following has been stated namely: - • Industries, hotels, restaurants and other enterprises in NCR were allowed to use alternate fuels instead of natural gas due to global energy-supply disruptions. • High-Speed Diesel (HSD),

biomass and RDF pellets were allowed. Where these were unavailable, coal/kerosene could also be used temporarily. • The relaxation, initially granted in March 2026, was extended up to August 13, 2026. • The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas informed the Commission on August 13, 2026 that disruptions in natural-gas supplies, caused by geopolitical developments in the Middle East, are still continuing. • The Commission has now extended the relaxation up to September 13, 2026, or until normal gas supply is restored/further orders are issued, whichever is earlier. [Notification No. A-110013/09/2020/CAQM-IP 2033-2107]

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CPCB issued advisory on grant of consent to new mercury-based manufacturing units

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on July 27, 2026, issued advisory on grant of consent to new mercury-based manufacturing units. This communication follows the second meeting of the National Project Steering Committee (NPSC) held on April 06, 2026 under the GEF-funded project "Phasing out Mercury Measuring Devices in Healthcare," co-chaired by Joint Secretaries from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW). The meeting discussed the need to strengthen mercury management across the country, with the minutes of the meeting enclosed for reference. One key action point from the meeting was to issue advisories to State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) on mercury management practices, including collection and interim storage of mercury waste. Accordingly, this advisory directs SPCBs/PCCs to ensure implementation of the CPCB's existing "Guidelines for Environmentally Sound Management of Mercury Waste Generated from Health Care Facilities" (available on the CPCB website). Additionally, SPCBs/PCCs are being advised not to grant consent to any new mercury-based manufacturing units, effectively discouraging the setup of new industries that use mercury, as part of the broader effort to phase out mercury use and improve its safe handling and disposal in the healthcare sector. [Notification No. CP-27/13/2021-WM-I-HO-CPCB-HO-Part(1)-9488/4822]

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MoFAHD issued the Draft Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Rules, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) on August 11, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Draft Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Rules, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The procedure to report of animals infective of scheduled disease has been stated in the Draft. • The procedure to report of administration of vaccination and vaccinated animals has been stated in the Draft. • The Disposal of carcass of animal infected with scheduled disease has been stated in the Draft. Objections and suggestions to these draft rules may be sent to the Additional Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying or on email jslh-dadf@nic.in within thirty days. [Notification No. G.S.R. 723(E)]

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CAQM issued amendment to Direction No. 98 regarding Stipulation for Particulate Matter Emissions from industries across Delhi-NCR

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The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on July 30, 2026, issued amendment to Direction No. 98 regarding Stipulation for Particulate Matter Emissions from industries across Delhi-NCR. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) identified industrial stack emissions as a major contributor to particulate matter (PM) pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR), adversely impacting air quality and public health. To address this, it had earlier introduced stricter emission norms through Direction No. 98 (dated 20.02.2026), setting a uniform PM emission limit of 50 mg/Nm³ for 17 categories of highly polluting industries, including red-category, food processing, textile, and metal industries. This standard was deemed both technically achievable and environmentally necessary based on expert studies and recommendations. Initially, the revised standards were to be implemented in phases—by 1 August 2026 for large and medium industries and 1 October 2026 for remaining industries. Regulatory bodies such as the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), along with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), undertook efforts to ensure compliance, including monitoring installation of Air Pollution Control Devices (APCDs) and creating a dedicated tracking portal. However, multiple industry associations raised concerns regarding difficulties in meeting the deadlines. Key challenges included high financial costs, long lead times for procuring APCDs, limited availability of technical assessment agencies, and constraints in accredited laboratories. These issues were further exacerbated by prevailing geopolitical and supply chain disruptions. Consequently, stakeholders requested an extension ranging from a few months to one season. After reviewing these representations and recommendations from CPCB, the Commission concluded that while the emission standard must remain unchanged, a limited extension would facilitate better compliance. Accordingly, the timeline has been revised, and the 50 mg/Nm³ PM emission standard will now be applicable to all covered industries uniformly from 1 October 2026. All other provisions of the original direction remain unchanged, ensuring that environmental objectives are maintained while allowing industries additional time for compliance. https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2292690&reg=48&lang=1 [Notification No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM/2037-2056]

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IFSCA Comments on Proposed Electronic Trading Platforms Regulations, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on the comments received on the proposed IFSCA (Electronic Trading Platforms) Regulations, 2026, considered stakeholder suggestions concerning the requirement for ETP Operators to maintain electronic systems physically within the IFSC. Stakeholders requested a more principles-based approach focused on data accessibility, auditability, regulatory oversight and operational resilience, considering the significant costs of relocating centralised, cross-jurisdictional trading infrastructure. Stakeholders also suggested prescribing minimum baseline membership eligibility requirements, defining and regulating algorithmic trading and market abuse, and replacing “recognition” with “authorisation” for consistency. Clarifications were sought regarding the scope of Eligible Instruments, particularly whether exchange-traded derivatives, spot transactions and INR/INR-linked products settled in foreign currency would be covered. Suggestions were also made regarding the definition of Eligible Jurisdictions and application of the principle of reciprocity. Further comments proposed simplifying the definition of an Electronic Trading Platform (ETP) by removing references to clearing and settlement, since such arrangements could be addressed separately under the regulations. Stakeholders also sought clarification of “Key Managerial Personnel”, “material change in operating rules” and the terminology of “Trading Member”, with a suggestion to use the broader term “Participant” to provide flexibility in determining participation structures.

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DST issued notification on Cyber-Physical Systems

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) on August 31, 2026, issued notification on Cyber-Physical Systems. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is implementing the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) to strengthen India’s capabilities in Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS), which integrate computation, communication and physical processes through sensors, software and communication networks. The Union Cabinet approved the mission in 2018 with an outlay of ■3,660 crore for nine years to promote CPS research, innovation, product development and start-up incubation across priority sectors. Under NM-ICPS, 25 Technology Innovation Hubs (TIHs) have been established as Section 8 companies at premier academic institutions. These hubs focus on technology development, skill development, innovation and entrepreneurship, and international collaboration, while supporting the translation of research into practical solutions and commercial products. To accelerate technology deployment and commercialisation, four high-performing TIHs were selected in 2025 as Technology Translation Research Parks (TTRPs) at IIT Kanpur, IISc Bengaluru, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and IIT Indore. Their focus areas are Cybersecurity; Robotics and AI Systems; Mining Technologies; and Digital Healthcare, respectively. The initiative aims to build indigenous CPS capabilities and strengthen India’s technology ecosystem through collaboration among academia, industry and Government. [Release ID: 2304858]

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BSE SEBI Turnover Fees and Applicable GST

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 31, 2026, informed Trading Members that SEBI turnover fees applicable across Cash, Derivatives, Currency Derivatives, Commodity Derivatives, Interest Rate Derivatives, New Debt, Repo and EGR segments will attract GST at 18%, applicable from July 18, 2022. The turnover fee along with applicable GST for August 2026 will be debited from the respective settlement/Exchange dues account on September 3, 2026. The turnover across segments and the corresponding turnover fee including 18% GST will be made available on EXTRANET by September 2, 2026. Members will also be provided invoices on EXTRANET by the same date. GST at 18% will be payable on the amount specified in Column 26 of the TF2A file, with separate debit entries and appropriate narration. Members are required to ensure that sufficient funds are maintained in their settlement (valan)/Exchange dues accounts to facilitate the debit of SEBI turnover fees and GST. The relevant files include TF2A through TF2J, with the applicable month and year represented by “mmyy”. [Notice No. 20260831-1]

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INC issued a notification regarding furnishing of Information to the Registration Officer by Nursing Institutions Admitting Foreign Nationals under "Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025" - Submission of Form II and Form III

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The Indian Nursing Council (INC) on August 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding furnishing of Information to the Registration Officer by Nursing Institutions Admitting Foreign Nationals under "Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025" - Submission of Form II and Form III. The following has been stated: - •All Nursing Institutions admitting foreign nationals, including OCI Cardholders, for academic programmes, clinical training, internships, research, exchange programmes or temporary registration must electronically furnish complete and accurate information in prescribed Form II through the Indian Visa SuSwagatam app/FRRO portal within the prescribed time. •Institutions providing hostel/accommodation facilities must also submit Form II (earlier Form A) and Form III (earlier Form C). •The Head of the Institution/Principal shall be personally responsible for timely submission, accuracy and continuous compliance. •Any non-compliance may attract action under the Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025, the rules framed thereunder and other applicable laws. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: File No. 22-10/Min/2025-INC (635334)]

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MNRE Advisory on Extension of Timelines for Renewable Energy Projects Due to Force Majeure

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), through its advisory dated August 21, 2026, has advised Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies (REIAs) and State/UT Governments regarding the extension of timelines for renewable energy projects affected by disruptions arising from the West Asia situation. The following has been stated: The ongoing West Asia situation may be treated as “war” for the purpose of invoking Force Majeure. Where the disruptions have directly or consequentially affected renewable energy projects, the concerned authorities may consider granting extensions to the Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD) or Scheduled Commercial Operation Date (SCOD). Such extensions may be considered for projects whose relevant completion dates fall on or after February 28, 2026, for a period of up to four months, in accordance with applicable Force Majeure provisions and contractual procedures. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [No.: 283/47/2026-GRID SOLAR]

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NABARD Operational Guidelines for Schematic Lending under Long-Term Refinance to State Cooperative Banks

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), on August 5, 2026, issued operational guidelines for Long-Term (LT) Refinance to State Cooperative Banks (StCBs). The refinance is intended to support capital formation in agriculture and allied sectors, thrust activities of the Government of India and NABARD, credit requirements of JLGs/SHGs, off-farm activities such as MSMEs and rural housing, climate adaptation/mitigation projects, and credit-linked capital subsidy schemes. Refinance is available through Pre-Sanction and Automatic Refinance Facility (ARF) windows, with ARF available without an upper ceiling for eligible Farm Sector and Off-Farm Sector projects. The guidelines provide revised eligibility and risk-assessment criteria for StCBs. The preliminary eligibility requirements relating to CRAR, Net NPA and Net Profit have been waived for StCBs falling within NABARD’s internal risk-rating categories NBD3 to NBD7, although StCBs with negative net worth are not eligible. StCBs/CCBs must have an ‘A’ or ‘B’ audit classification. The quantum of refinance varies according to the risk category, with NBD3-NBD4 eligible for unrestricted refinance subject to State/Bank allocation, while NBD5-NBD6 and NBD7 are subject to specified limits based on previous-year refinance drawn and ground-level credit. Higher refinance support of up to 95% of eligible bank loans is available for specified regions and thrust activities. The guidelines further prescribe provisions relating to interest rates, penal charges, pre-payment charges, repayment, security, government-guarantee waiver, audit, monitoring and supervision. Interest rates are determined by NABARD based on tenor, prevailing market rates and risk perception, with applicable risk premium; defaults attract penal charges of 2% p.a. plus applicable taxes, while pre-payment facilitation charges are 2.5% p.a. plus applicable taxes, subject to the prescribed conditions. Refinance applications are to be submitted to the concerned Regional Office of NABARD, and eligible loan pools are subject to due diligence, including KYC and verification of maturity and disbursement details. [Circular No. 187/DOR-51/2026]

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MoP&NG issued a notification regarding revised CBG pricing that supports producers without materially impacting consumers

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) on August 29, 2026, issued a notification regarding revised CBG pricing that supports producers without materially impacting consumers. The following has been stated: - •CBG procurement price has been fixed at ■2,110/MMBtu, with ■10/kg (≈■215/MMBtu) Government-funded affordability support, making the effective cost about ■1,895/MMBtu. •This represents an effective increase of around 28% over the earlier price of ■1,478/MMBtu, but the procurement price is not directly paid by CNG/PNG consumers. •CBG costs will be pooled with domestically produced natural gas and spread across a gas base 2.5–3 times larger than earlier. •Consequently, the revised framework is expected to have a negligible individual consumer price impact while ensuring sustainable returns for CBG producers. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Press Release No.: 2304467]

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NDC Compliance with Statutory Requirements for Dental Admissions

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Dental Commission (NDC) has reiterated that all dental institutions must comply with the National Dental Commission Act, 2023, and the rules, regulations and directions issued thereunder. Admissions to BDS/MDS courses in dental institutions governed by the Act must be made through NEET, and seats must be filled only through the prescribed common counselling process conducted by the designated authorities. Institutions are prohibited from making admissions independently or outside the authorised counselling process. Dental institutions are required to ensure that admissions are restricted to their sanctioned/approved intake capacity and that no student is admitted against seats or courses for which requisite statutory permission has not been granted. Institutions must also correctly verify and upload/report the particulars of every admitted student through the NDC admission portal within the stipulated timelines. Non-compliance may invite regulatory and penal action under the NDC Act, 2023, including warning, discharge of illegally admitted students, neutralisation of seats in the subsequent academic session, monetary penalty, reduction of intake, stoppage of admissions and recommendation for withdrawal of recognition. Principals/Deans/Heads of Dental Institutions have accordingly been directed to ensure admissions only against approved seats, through NEET-UG/NEET-MDS and the prescribed Common Counselling mechanism, and to ensure accuracy of information submitted to the NDC and other designated authorities. [Notification No. NDC/Genletter/2/2026/ DEB-359]

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NCCL Final Settlement Price of Contract Expired on August 28, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), through its circular dated August 29, 2026, has announced the Final Settlement Price for the contract that expired on August 28, 2026. The following has been stated: In terms of Bye Laws 8.12.1 and Regulations 7.6, the Final Settlement Price for the Weather Derivatives (Mumbai Rainfall) – RAINMUMBAI contract has been fixed at 2388.35 per MM. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Circular No.: NCCL/CLEARING-056/2026]

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NDC issued notice regarding Submission of Complaints to the Ethics and Dental Registration Board (EDRB)

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Dental Commission (NDC) on July 31, 2026, issued notice regarding Submission of Complaints to the Ethics and Dental Registration Board (EDRB). It is hereby notified for the information of the general public, patients, and stakeholders that the Ethics and Dental Registration Board (EDRB) under the National Dental Commission has laid down specific guidelines and a mandatory standard format for lodging complaints against dental practitioners or institutions. To ensure timely, transparent, and effective action, all complainants are requested to strictly adhere to the attached instructions and format while submitting complaints to the EDRB. [Notice No. 100/Comp-Gen/EDRB/NDC/2026/M-15/0]

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NPPA issued Retail Price Fixation of Two Drug Formulations

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 27, 2026, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, has fixed the retail prices, exclusive of GST, for two formulations: Donepezil Hydrochloride 5 mg + Memantine Hydrochloride 10 mg tablets manufactured by Cipla Limited at ■12.31 per tablet, and Rabeprazole Sodium 20 mg + Domperidone 30 mg capsules manufactured/marketed by Ved Lifesavers (P) Ltd./German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. at ■7.47 per capsule. The concerned manufacturers/marketers must not sell these formulations above the notified retail prices and may add GST only where legally applicable. They are required to issue the prescribed Form-V price list through IPDMS to NPPA and provide copies to the State Drug Controller and dealers. Retailers and dealers must prominently display the price list at their premises. Any overcharging will require recovery of the excess amount along with applicable interest under the DPCO, 2013 and Essential Commodities Act, 1955. [Notification No. S.O. 4775(E)]

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PFRDA issued a circular regarding a standardised framework for classification and presentation of Schemes under the NPS

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) on August 28, 2026, issued a circular regarding a standardised framework for classification and presentation of Schemes under the NPS. The following has been stated: - •The circular establishes a standardised framework for classification, naming, presentation and selection of NPS investment schemes. •NPS schemes are classified into Lifecycle-based, Active Choice, NPS Sanchay, MSF and 4A schemes, with MSF schemes categorised from A (80–100% equity) to E (0–10% equity). •Subscriber-facing platforms must display scheme details including historical returns, benchmark, charges, Risk-o-meter and AUM to facilitate comparison before selecting a Pension Fund. •Subscribers may hold multiple MSF schemes, but can hold only one Lifecycle-based or Active Choice

scheme at a time and are permitted up to two requests per Account per financial year for changing the Pension Fund/Scheme. •The framework aims to ensure uniformity, informed subscriber choice and comparability across Pension Funds, but does not apply to Government-sector tagged accounts. [Circular No.: PFRDA/2026/47/REG-PF/10]

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NPPA issued Revision of Retail Price of Paracetamol Combination Suspension

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 27, 2026, pursuant to the review order issued by the Department of Pharmaceuticals under paragraph 31 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, has revised/fixed the retail price of a combination suspension containing Paracetamol, Phenylephrine Hydrochloride, Chlorpheniramine Maleate, Ammonium Chloride, Sodium Citrate and Menthol. The notified retail price is ■0.70 per ml, exclusive of GST, for the formulation manufactured by M/s Windlas Biotech Limited and marketed by M/s Biological E. Limited. The manufacturer may add GST only where actually paid or payable and must calculate pack prices in accordance with the DPCO, 2013. A Form-V price list must be submitted to NPPA through IPDMS and copies provided to the State Drug Controller and dealers, while retailers/dealers must prominently display the price list. Non-compliance with the notified price will attract recovery of the overcharged amount with applicable interest. The earlier price order specified in the notification is superseded to the extent of this formulation. [Notification No. S.O. 4780(E)]

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Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Seventh Amendment) Order, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) on August 27, 2026, notified the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Seventh Amendment) Order, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Order amends Schedule VI to permit import of specified timber/wood from Bhutan, subject to phytosanitary safeguards. •New entries include Alnus nepalensis, Lagerstroemia parviflora, Acacia catechu (Khari), and Acrocarpus fraxinifolius as permitted plant material. •Imports must undergo methyl bromide fumigation (48 g/m³ for 24 hours at 21°C or above), or prescribed heat treatment/equivalent treatment approved by the Plant Protection Adviser. •The prescribed treatment must be endorsed on the Phytosanitary Certificate issued in the country of origin/re-export. It shall come into force on August 27, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 4770(E)]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding exemption to Povidone Iodine Throat Spray from DPCO, 2013

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding exemption to Povidone Iodine Throat Spray from DPCO, 2013. The following has been stated: - •The NPPA has exempted “Povidone Iodine Throat Spray 0.45% w/v” of M/s G.S. Pharmbutor Pvt. Ltd. from DPCO, 2013 under Para 32(iii). •The exemption is granted for five years from 17 December 2024, the date of its marketing approval by CDSCO. •The company must inform NPPA of the Price to Retailer (PTR) and Maximum Retail Price (MRP) through Form V. •It must also seek retail price approval, as applicable, three months before expiry of the exemption. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 4779(E)]

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NPPA issued an addendum regarding Ceiling Price of Ringer Lactate Formulation

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 27, 2026, issued an addendum regarding Ceiling Price of Ringer Lactate Formulation. The following has been stated: - •The NPPA has amended its earlier orders on ceiling price fixation for Ringer Lactate (non-glass with special features) by adding M/s Silica Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. to Table B. •The manufacturer’s products Euro Head/Euro Head Dual Port have been included at Sl. No. 32. •For Silica Healthcare, only the price of the formulation specified at Sl. No. 3 of Table A shall be applicable. •The addendum supplements NPPA Orders dated March 25, May 27 and July 08, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 4776(E)]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sterile Ceftriaxone Sodium IP eq. to Ceftriaxone anhydrous 500 mg + Sterile Tazobactam Sodium IP eq. to Tazobactam 62.5 mg for M/s Maya Biotech Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Vivaldis Health and Foods Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sterile Ceftriaxone Sodium IP eq. to Ceftriaxone anhydrous 500 mg + Sterile Tazobactam Sodium IP eq. to Tazobactam 62.5 mg for M/s Maya Biotech Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Vivaldis Health and Foods Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer) It states that the price for each vial containing Sterile Ceftriaxone Sodium IP eq. to Ceftriaxone anhydrous 500 mg + Sterile Tazobactam Sodium IP eq. to Tazobactam 62.5 mg has been fixed at Rs. 125.07/- excluding GST. [Notification No. - 19(5221)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on August 29, 2026 for Electronic Gold Receipts segment

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 28, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for Electronic Gold Receipts segment. The following has been stated namely: - • Mock trading for the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment is scheduled on August 29, 2026. • Members can test their trading applications, including ETI API/in-house systems and empaneled third-party platforms, for various functionalities and exceptional market conditions. • Two Sessions: o Session 1: 9:00 AM–12:10 PM (with log-in from 8:15 AM) o Session 2: 1:15 PM–2:25 PM (with log-in from 12:45 PM) • BOLT Pro TWS version 13.35 will be released, with details to be provided through a separate circular. • Mock trades are only for testing and will not involve margin, pay-in/pay-out obligations, or create any rights/liabilities. Members are encouraged to participate and submit feedback by 12:00 PM. [Notification No. 20260828-6]

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BSE Schedules Mock Trading Session for Equity Derivatives on August 29, 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 27, 2026, has scheduled mock trading sessions for the Equity Derivatives segment on August 29, 2026, to test the modifications to the Pre-open Call Auction Session and trading functionalities for live trading from August 31, 2026. The following has been stated: Two mock sessions will be conducted. Session 1 will test the modified Pre-open Call Auction Session from 09:00 am to 12:10 pm, while Session 2 will test regular trading functionalities from 01:00 pm to 02:10 pm. Stock futures price bands will also be updated during both sessions for alignment with the CAS in the Equity Segment. BOLT Pro TWS version 13.50 will be used for testing in Session 1, while version 13.35 will be used in Session 2 and is mandatory for live trading from August 31, 2026. The new NFCAST market data format and MDI/EMDI API version 1.4.5 will also be tested as specified. Trades during the mock sessions will be for testing purposes only and will not attract margin, pay-in or pay-out obligations or create any rights or liabilities. Members are requested to participate actively and provide feedback by 12:00 pm. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Circular No.: 20260827-23]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading on August 29, 2026 – No new version release for Securities Lending and Borrowing Market

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 28, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026 – No new version release for Securities Lending and Borrowing Market. The following has been stated namely: - • NSE will conduct SLBM mock trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, with no new software version release. • Normal market session is 1:15 PM to 3:45 PM. Live re-login window is 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. • NEAT version 1.3.3 will be used. All outstanding orders will be purged before each session; NNF users must clear orders manually. • Members should test all trading software and connectivity and re-login to the live environment to ensure readiness for Monday, August 31. Mock trades have no financial obligation. • Ensure Telnet connectivity, Box ID/IP mapping, valid UCC/PAN, appropriate branch/user limits, and NNF user configuration. Corporate Manager password/reset/unlock or other special requests should be raised with NSE in advance [Notification No. NSE/SLBS/76032]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading on August 29, 2026 – No new version release for Electronic Gold Receipts

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 28, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026 – No new version release for Electronic Gold Receipts. The following has been stated namely: - • Mock is to be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment. • Pre-open starts at 12:45 PM, normal market opens at 1:00 PM, and normal market closes at 3:45 PM. • Block Deal Window is 2:05–2:20 PM, and Auction Market is 2:30–3:15 PM. • Trade modification ends at 3:55 PM. Live re-login will be available from 6:30–7:00 PM. • Members must use NEATPlus EG Version 1.0.0. Download path: /egftp/egcommon/NEATPlus100. Members should also review Annexures 1–4 for login, market data, and installation instructions. [Notification No. NSE/EGR/76031]

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NSE Conducts Mock Trading Session for Capital Market Segment on August 29, 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on August 27, 2026, has scheduled a mock trading session in the Capital Market Segment on August 29, 2026, to test modifications to the pre-open call auction framework and changes relating to Base Price, Price Bands, Call Auction, and Close-out procedures for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). The following has been stated: Three trading sessions will be conducted. Session 1, from the DR Site, will test the modified pre-open call auction framework using NEATPlus version 7.9.0. After Session 1, members must reinstall and use NEATPlus version 7.8.8 or 7.8.9 for Sessions 2 and 3, which will follow the existing trading modalities. The mock will include pre-open, special pre-open, normal market, T+0, auction, block deal, Call Auction and Closing Session timings across the three sessions. Members are requested to actively participate in all sessions. Trades from Session 1 will not be available in Sessions 2 and 3, whereas trades from Session 2 will be available in Session 3. Members must also use the specified master files and NEATPlus versions applicable to each session. NEATPlus 7.8.8 will be discontinued after the mock on September 5, 2026, while version 7.9.0 will be applicable to Session 1. Detailed guidelines and prerequisites for participation, including instructions for switchover to the Disaster Recovery Site, are provided in the annexures. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Circular No.: 119/2026]

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NSE Conducts Mock Trading Session for Futures & Options on August 29, 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on August 27, 2026, has scheduled a mock trading session in the Futures & Options segment on August 29, 2026, to test the modified pre-open call auction

framework. The following has been stated: Three trading sessions will be conducted. Session 1 from the DR Site will test the modified pre-open call auction framework using NEATPlus version 7.9.0. Members must thereafter reinstall and use NEATPlus version 7.8.8 or 7.8.9 for Sessions 2 and 3, which will follow the existing trading modalities. Session 1 will run from 09:00 am to 11:00 am, Session 2 from 01:00 pm to 03:55 pm, and Session 3 from 04:30 pm to 05:30 pm, with stock futures price-band updates for alignment with the CAS in the Equity Cash Market during Sessions 1 and 3. Live re-login will be available from 06:30 pm to 07:00 pm. New broadcast parameters will be available in all three sessions, while the existing broadcast parameters will be discontinued from September 5, 2026. Members using direct NNF connectivity are advised to migrate to the new market data broadcast parameters on priority. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Circular No.: 120/2026]

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IFSCA Mandates Website/ Webpage for Fund Management Entities to Enhance Transparency and Investor Access

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 26, 2026, issued a Circular requiring every Fund Management Entity (FME) registered under the IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025, to maintain a website or webpage for transparency, information dissemination, and investor access. The Circular will come into force from December 01, 2026. The following has been stated: Authorised FMEs and Registered FMEs (Non-Retail) may maintain either an independent website or a dedicated webpage on their parent/group entity's website. Registered FMEs (Retail) must maintain an independent official website dedicated to their IFSC fund management activities. The website/webpage must be publicly accessible without registration or login and clearly identify the FME, its IFSCA registration number and IFSC activities. FMEs must disclose key information including their profile, registered office and contact details, schemes/funds managed, service providers, investor grievance mechanism, key managerial personnel, regulatory disclosures and material regulatory/enforcement actions. Retail FMEs must additionally disclose scheme documents, portfolio and performance information, NAV, expense ratios, valuation policy, unclaimed amounts, Investor Charter and investor education material. Disclosures must be in English, specify the relevant currency, date and time zone, show the last updated date, and where feasible be available in downloadable/machine-readable formats. Information must remain accessible for at least three years, including after winding-up of the scheme. Existing FMEs must intimate their website/webpage URL to IFSCA by December 01, 2026 and report subsequent changes through quarterly filings. FMEs registered on or after the Circular's effective date must comply before commencing fund management activities and provide the URL within 30 days of registration. [File. No. IFSCA-SOF/2/2026-Capital Markets]

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Draft Banning of Carbosulfan Order, 2026

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW), on August 21, 2026, issued a draft Banning of Carbosulfan Order, 2026 under Section 27(2) read with Section 28 of the Insecticides Act, 1968, proposing a complete prohibition on the import, manufacture, sale, transport, distribution and use of Carbosulfan in India.

The proposal follows an Expert Committee report dated June 12, 2026 and subsequent recommendations of the Registration Committee, which identified Carbosulfan as a highly hazardous carbamate insecticide and highlighted risks to human health, animals, birds, pollinators, aquatic organisms and other non-target species. Under the draft Order, the Registration Committee would call back all certificates of registration granted for Carbosulfan, with such registrations deemed cancelled from the date of the final Order. Registration certificate holders would be required to return the certificates within three months, failing which action may be taken under the Insecticides Act, 1968. The draft Order is presently not a final ban. It will be considered after 30 days from the date the Gazette copies are made available to the public, during which objections and suggestions may be submitted to the Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. If finalised, the Order would come into force on the date of its final publication in the Official Gazette, with State Governments required to take necessary steps for its implementation. [Notification No. S.O. 4649(E), dated August 21, 2026]

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NCDEX Re-Triggers 2.5% Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin on Turmeric Contracts

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The NCDEX Limited, on August 26, 2026, has notified the re-triggering of Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric based on the prescribed High-Low price variation. The measure is intended to address increased price movement and will remain applicable until September 17, 2026. The following has been stated: Based on the High-Low variation [(High-Low)/Low × 100], an E-ASM of 2.5% has been re-triggered on Turmeric with effect from August 26, 2026. The E-ASM will apply to all running contracts and yet-to-be-launched contracts in Turmeric until September 17, 2026. No E-ASM has been triggered for Barley, Castor Seed, Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed and Jeera (including Jeera Mini). All other applicable margins will continue to be levied as per the existing requirements. [Circular No.: NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-078/2026]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026, reducing the validity period of the temporary relaxation relating to interest rates on certain FCNR(B) and NRE deposits. The temporary withdrawal of the interest rate ceiling on fresh FCNR(B) deposits of 3–5 year tenors and the specified relaxation concerning NRE deposits of 3 years and above, including deposits renewed upon maturity, was originally applicable from June 17, 2026 until September 30, 2026. The RBI has now shortened this period to August 31, 2026. The amendment is effective immediately and modifies paragraphs 27(4)(1) and 32(7)(2) of the Commercial Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits Directions, 2025, replacing the reference to September 30, 2026 with August 31, 2026. [RBI/2026-27/243; DOR.SOG(SPE).REC.211/13.03.00/2026-27]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Sodium Alginate IP 250 mg + Sodium Bicarbonate IP 133.5 mg + Calcium Carbonate IP 80mg for M/s ESPI Industries & Chemicals Pvt Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer)

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

NPPA issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Sodium Alginate IP 250 mg + Sodium Bicarbonate IP 133.5 mg + Calcium Carbonate IP 80mg for M/s ESPI Industries & Chemicals Pvt Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer) The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Sodium Alginate IP 250 mg + Sodium Bicarbonate IP 133.5 mg + Calcium Carbonate IP 80mg for M/s ESPI Industries & Chemicals Pvt Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: - •The retail price of each 5 ml containing Sodium Alginate IP 250 mg + Sodium Bicarbonate IP 133.5 mg + Calcium Carbonate IP 80mg for M/s ESPI Industries & Chemicals Pvt Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer) is 0.97(Rs).

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NPPA issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Rosuvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Rosuvastatin 20 mg (as film-coated tablet) +Aspirin IP 75 mg (as gastro-resistant tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg (as film-coated tablet) for M/s Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Marketer)

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Rosuvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Rosuvastatin 20 mg (As film coated tablet) +Aspirin IP 75 mg (As Gastro - resistant Tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg (as film coated tablet) for M/s Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: - •The retail price of each Hard Gelatin Capsule Contains: Rosuvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Rosuvastatin 20 mg (As film coated tablet) +Aspirin IP 75 mg (As Gastro - resistant Tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg (as film coated tablet) for M/s Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Marketer) is 25.21(Rs). [Notification No.: 19(5303)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.III/15041/2026]

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NCDEX issued timelines for Disciplinary Action and Action Taken Report (ATR) for AP Inspection Observations

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 25, 2026, has advised Trading Members to take necessary disciplinary action against Authorised Persons (APs) for non-compliances identified during AP inspections, in accordance with the guidelines prescribed in its earlier circular dated October 20, 2025. The following has been stated: Members must take disciplinary action within 2 months from the end of the relevant quarter and submit the Action Taken Report (ATR), along with the status of closure of observations, within 3 months from the end of the quarter. For example, for the April–June quarter, disciplinary action is to be completed by August 31 and ATR submitted by September 30. However, where termination is prescribed for a particular non-compliance, action must be taken within 7 days from receipt of the AP inspection report or identification of the non-compliance. The revised timelines will apply to AP inspection reports for the July–September 2026 quarter onwards, with operational guidelines for ATR submission to be communicated separately. [Circular No.: NCDEX/MEMBER INSPECTION- 024/2026]

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IFSCA issued Extension of timeline for obtaining International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs) from a recognised depository in IFSC

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 25, 2026, issued Extension of timeline for obtaining International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs) from a recognised depository in IFSC. The ISIN Circular, inter-alia, directs the units in IFSC which have already obtained ISINs from the domestic depositories in India for the securities or other permitted financial products, to obtain new ISINs from a depository recognised by the IFSCA, by August 31, 2026. Based on the representations received from the stakeholders, it has been decided to extend the above-mentioned timeline to December 31, 2026. Consequently, the timeline for the recognised depository in the IFSC to submit a compliance report to IFSCA confirming completion of the transition process, stands extended to January 31, 2027. [Circular No. IFSCA-PLNP/85/2025-Capital Markets]

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NCCL Revises Approved Government Securities, Treasury Bills & Sovereign Gold Bonds for Collateral

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The NCCL on August 25, 2026, has revised the list of approved Government Securities, Treasury Bills and Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) that may be accepted as collateral towards Additional Base Capital (ABC), along with the applicable haircuts. The following has been stated: Members may deposit approved securities from the list issued by NSE, with the Clearing Corporation retaining the right to revise the approved list and haircut requirements from time to time. Securities issued by RBI during a month will be accepted from their date of listing on NSE, while the collateral benefit will be withdrawn two days prior to maturity, including the maturity date. The securities will be valued daily—Government Securities and Treasury Bills based on CCIL prices and SGBs based on NSE prices—and the applicable haircut will be deducted to determine the collateral value. Bank members must ensure that Government Securities and Treasury Bills provided as collateral are not reckoned for SLR purposes or used for trading. The revised list and haircut details in

Annexure 1 will be applicable from the beginning of the trading day on September 1, 2026. [Circular No.: NCCL/RISK-047/2026]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026, to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Directions, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026 revise the exemption period from CRR and SLR maintenance for specified fresh FCNR(B) and NRE term deposits. •The exemption period is reduced from September 30, 2026 to August 31, 2026. •Accordingly, eligible FCNR(B) deposits mobilised between June 08 and August 31, 2026 and NRE term deposits mobilised between June 19 and August 31, 2026 will qualify for the exemption. •The Directions are issued under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and RBI Act, 1934 and take immediate effect. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/2026-27/238 DOR.RET.REC.205/12.01.001/2026-27]

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NCCL Revises Eligible Mutual Fund Units & Haircuts for Collateral

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 25, 2026, has revised the list of eligible Mutual Fund Units that may be accepted as collateral towards Additional Base Capital (ABC), along with the applicable haircuts. The following has been stated: The revised list of eligible Mutual Fund Units, along with the applicable haircut details, has been provided in Annexure 1. The revised list and haircuts will be applicable from the beginning of the trading day on September 1, 2026. The revision has been made with reference to the applicable SEBI Master Circular and NCCL's earlier circulars on Risk Management and acceptance of Mutual Fund Units as collateral. Members and participants have been advised to take note of the revised requirements. [Circular No.: NCCL/RISK-046/2026]

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NSE Waives Transaction Charges on Nifty India FPI 150 Index Futures & Options

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 25, 2026, has announced that no transaction charges will be levied on trades in Futures and Options contracts on the Nifty India FPI 150 Index (NIFTYFPI) in the Futures & Options segment. The waiver will be effective from the product launch date, August 12, 2026, until

February 28, 2027, with the objective of encouraging active participation in these newly introduced contracts. [Circular Ref No.: 022026]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026, further to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Directions, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026 amend the exemption period for CRR and SLR maintenance on specified fresh FCNR(B) and NRE term deposits. •The exemption period is shortened from September 30, 2026 to August 31, 2026. •The amendment applies to eligible FCNR(B) deposits mobilised between June 08 and August 31, 2026 and NRE term deposits mobilised between June 19 and August 31, 2026. •The Directions are issued under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and RBI Act, 1934 and take immediate effect. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/2026-27/239 DOR.RET.REC.206/12.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026, further to amend the Reserve Bank of India Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Directions, 2025. The amendment aims to shorten the period of exemption from CRR and SLR maintenance available on specified fresh FCNR(B) and NRE term deposits. Accordingly, the eligibility period for fresh FCNR(B) deposits of 3–5 years' tenor has been revised from June 8, 2026–September 30, 2026 to June 8, 2026–August 31, 2026, while the period for fresh NRE term deposits of 3 years or more has been revised from June 19, 2026–September 30, 2026 to June 19, 2026–August 31, 2026. The Fourth Amendment comes into force with immediate effect. [Notification no. - RBI/2026-27/241 DOR.RET.REC.208/12.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026, further to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Directions, 2025. The amendment aims to shorten the period for which exemption from CRR and SLR maintenance is available on specified fresh FCNR(B) and NRE term deposits. Accordingly, the eligible period for fresh FCNR(B) deposits with a tenor of 3 to 5 years has been revised from June 8, 2026–September 30, 2026 to June 8, 2026–August 31, 2026, while the period for fresh NRE term deposits of 3 years or more has been revised from June 19, 2026–September 30, 2026 to June 19, 2026–August 31, 2026. The Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026 come into force with immediate effect. [Notification no. - RBI/2026-27/242 DOR.RET.REC.209/12.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026, further to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio) Directions, 2025. The amendment aims to shorten the period of exemption from CRR and SLR maintenance for specified fresh deposits. The exemption for fresh FCNR(B) deposits of 3–5 years' tenor mobilised between June 8, 2026 and September 30, 2026, and for fresh NRE term deposits of 3 years or more mobilised between June 19, 2026 and September 30, 2026, has been revised by replacing the end date September 30, 2026 with August 31, 2026. Accordingly, Paragraphs 20(5) and 20(6) of the Directions have been amended. The Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026 come into force with immediate effect. [Notification no. - RBI/2026-27/240 DOR.RET.REC.207/12.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Concentration Risk Management) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Concentration Risk Management) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026, to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Concentration Risk Management) Directions, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Concentration Risk Management) Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026 revise the large exposure framework for IDF-NBFCs in the Upper Layer. •The large exposure limits applicable to NBFC-IFCs will also apply to such IDF-NBFCs subject to Upper Layer regulations. •The amendment is issued under the RBI Act, 1934 and comes into force with immediate effect. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/2026-27/237 DOR.CRE.REC.210/07-03-008/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Second Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Second Amendment Directions, 2026 to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2025. The following amendments have been stated: These Amendment Directions shall modify the Directions, as under: • In paragraph 24(4) subscript (1), the phrase “with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until September 30, 2026” shall be substituted with “with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until August 31, 2026”. • In paragraph 29(7) subscript (2), the phrase “with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until September 30, 2026” shall be substituted with “with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until August 31, 2026”. [Notification No. RBI/2026-27/248 DOR.SOG(SPE).REC.214/13.03.00/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026, reducing the validity period of the temporary relaxation relating to interest rates on certain FCNR(B) and NRE deposits. The temporary withdrawal of the interest rate ceiling on fresh FCNR(B) deposits of 3–5 year tenors and the specified relaxation concerning NRE deposits of 3 years and above, including deposits renewed upon maturity, was originally applicable from June 17, 2026 until September 30, 2026. The RBI has now shortened this period to August 31, 2026. The amendment is effective immediately and modifies paragraphs 26(4)(1) and 31(7)(2) of the Small Finance Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits Directions, 2025, replacing the reference to September 30, 2026 with August 31, 2026. [RBI/2026-27/244; DOR.SOG(SPE).REC.212/13.03.00/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026, reducing the validity period of the temporary relaxation relating to interest rates on certain FCNR(B) and NRE deposits. The temporary withdrawal of the interest rate ceiling on fresh FCNR(B) deposits of 3–5 year tenors and the specified relaxation concerning NRE deposits of 3 years and above, including deposits renewed upon maturity, was originally applicable from June 17, 2026 until September 30, 2026. The RBI has now shortened this period to August 31, 2026. The

amendment is effective immediately and modifies paragraphs 26(4)(1) and 31(7)(2) of the RBI's Local Area Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits Directions, 2025, replacing the reference to September 30, 2026 with August 31, 2026. [RBI/2026-27/245; DOR.SOG(SPE).REC.215/13.03.00/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2025. The following amendments have been stated: • In paragraph 26(4) subscript (1), the phrase "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until September 30, 2026" shall be substituted with "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until August 31, 2026". • In paragraph 31(7) subscript (2), the phrase "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until September 30, 2026" shall be substituted with "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until August 31, 2026". [Notification No. RBI/2026-27/246 DOR.SOG(SPE).REC.213/13.03.00/2026-27]

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CDSL notified regarding the Ease of Doing Investments - Modified Norms for Nomination in Demat Accounts

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on August 24, 2026, notified regarding the Ease of Doing Investments - Modified Norms for Nomination in Demat Accounts. CDSL has clarified that, where the nominee in a demat account is a minor, the nominee's Date of Birth and Minor Flag/Nominee Minor Indicator will be mandatory fields. While guardian details remain optional as per the SEBI Circular dated May 29, 2026, if the guardian's First Name and Last Name are provided, the relationship of the guardian with the nominee will become mandatory in the CDSL system. The functionality is scheduled to go live on August 28, 2026. [Notification no. - CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/579]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 25, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2025. The following amendments have been stated: • In paragraph 24(4) subscript (1), the phrase "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the

period until September 30, 2026" shall be substituted with "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until August 31, 2026". • In paragraph 29(7) subscript (2), the phrase "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until September 30, 2026" shall be substituted with "with effect from June 17, 2026, for the period until August 31, 2026". [Notification No. RBI/2026-27/247 DOR.SOG(SPE).REC.216/13.03.00/2026-27]

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Tea Board notified regarding the Discontinuation of the COO Facility without Sourcing Data for Darjeeling Tea

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Tea Board, India on August 24, 2026, notified regarding the Discontinuation of the COO Facility without Sourcing Data for Darjeeling Tea. The online issuance of Certificates of Origin (COOs) for export of Darjeeling tea through the designated portal has been operational since April 3, 2023. The portal enables producers to generate MIS reports relating to green leaf plucked, garden invoices, tea manufactured, country of export, and quantity exported. Initially, COOs could be generated against factory invoices without providing sourcing data. As the portal is now fully operational and stable, it has been decided that, with effect from September 17, 2026, the facility to generate COOs with factory invoices without sourcing data will be discontinued. Accordingly, all future COOs shall contain the requisite sourcing data. [Notification no. -LEGAL-MISC0COMM/14/2026-Legal Cell]

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DGFT issued corrigendum to Public Notice No. 27/2026-2027 regarding Modalities for Application and Distribution of TRQ for Import of 10 Lakh MT of Raw Sugar and one-time conversion from Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme to Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 24, 2026, issued corrigendum to Public Notice No. 27/2026-2027 regarding Modalities for Application and Distribution of TRQ for Import of 10 Lakh MT of Raw Sugar and one-time conversion from Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme to Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme. The following amendments have been stated: In Paragraph 7(c) of the said Public Notice, for the existing entry, the following shall be substituted, namely: Existing: "c. The Raw Sugar imported under the TRQ shall be processed into White/Refined Sugar within a reasonable period after import and, in any event, sufficiently in advance to enable its sale in the domestic market by 31 October 2026." Substituted by: "c. The Raw Sugar imported under the TRQ shall be processed into White/Refined Sugar within a reasonable period after import, provided that the importer shall convert the raw sugar into white/refined sugar and sell the same in the domestic market within a period, not exceeding two months, from the date of filing of bill of entry." [Corrigendum to Public Notice No. 27/2026-2027]

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Draft Clement Town Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on August 6, 2026, published the draft Clement Town Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, proposing to supersede the notification dated April 7, 1945. The draft has been issued for public consultation, with objections and suggestions invited within 30 days from the date the relevant Gazette copies are made available to the public. The proposed Bye-Laws will apply within the limits of Clement Town Cantonment and will come into force on the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette by the Central Government. They prescribe definitions and regulatory concepts relating to building development, including access, accessory buildings, building envelope, building height, built-up area, commercial buildings, amenity space, competent authority, covered area and architectural projections. The draft also provides the regulatory framework for building planning and construction within the cantonment, including requirements and terminology concerning building height, setbacks, building lines, FSI, civil areas and the authority competent to sanction building plans. Stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions to the Cantonment Board, Clement Town or at ceoclem-stats@nic.in within the prescribed consultation period. [S.R.O. 43(E)]

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Government of Tamil Nadu One-Time Relaxation for FL3/FL3AA Licence Renewal

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of Tamil Nadu, on July 16, 2026, issued a notification providing a one-time exemption from Rule 21 of the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1981 for FL3/FL3AA licence holders who failed to remit the renewal fee for 2026–2027 by the prescribed deadline of March 31, 2026. The exemption permits eligible licence holders who are willing to pay the renewal fee to renew their licences for 2026–2027, subject to payment of an additional fee equivalent to 50% of the prescribed licence fee. The notification is issued under Section 54 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 read with Rule 54 of the Tamil Nadu Liquor (Licence and Permit) Rules, 1981. The additional fee was required to be paid on or before July 31, 2026, as specified in the notification. This is a one-time measure specifically applicable to FL3/FL3AA licence holders who had not paid the renewal fee within the original timeline. [G.O. (D). No.151]

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SEBI issued circular on Alignment of SEBI's Cyber Incident Reporting Portal with FIRE format

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 24, 2026, issued circular on Alignment of SEBI's Cyber Incident Reporting Portal with FIRE format. SEBI has streamlined the reporting of cybersecurity incidents by aligning its Cyber Incident Reporting Portal with the Financial Stability Board's (FSB) Format for Incident Reporting Exchange (FIRE) Framework. The framework provides common information fields, standardised definitions and consistent classification of cyber incidents, enabling harmonised reporting across sectors and jurisdictions. Under the existing CSCRF requirements, all Regulated Entities (REs) must

report cyber incidents to SEBI within 6 hours through email at mkt_incidents@sebi.gov.in and within 24 hours through the SEBI Incident Reporting Portal. The updated portal will support stage-wise reporting covering initial notification, interim updates and final closure, recognising that complete information may not be available at the time of initial reporting. Compliance Impact: REs must ensure systems and processes are in place for timely cyber-incident reporting through the SEBI Cyber Incident Reporting Portal, including necessary amendments to applicable bye-laws, rules and regulations. [Notification No. HO/(449)2026-ITD-5_DIV1/I/19448/2026]

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SEBI Launches Cyber Suraksha Portal for Centralized Cybersecurity Information

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched the Cyber Suraksha Portal as part of its Cyber Security Initiative to provide a centralized platform for the securities market to access and share important cybersecurity information. The portal enables market participants to directly access the latest cybersecurity circulars, vulnerability warnings, and incident insights, thereby facilitating timely dissemination of cybersecurity-related information across the securities market. The portal was launched by SEBI on August 24, 2026. The portal can be accessed here.

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NSE Revises NACH Mandate Format on NSE MF Invest Platform

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 24, 2026, has informed members that NPCI has revised the NACH Mandate Form, pursuant to which the revised mandate format will be applicable on the NSE MF Invest Platform from August 31, 2026. The following has been stated: Members are required to make the necessary changes to their systems and processes to implement the revised requirements. The existing NACH mandate formats will remain valid until September 30, 2026, and NACH Members should not reject mandates in the previous format during this transition period. From October 1, 2026, destination banks may accept or reject mandates in the previous format solely on the ground that they do not conform to the revised standard. Members have been advised to ensure timely implementation and inform all concerned teams. [Circular Ref. No: 1596/2026]

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CERSAI notified regarding the New Registrations of Reporting Entities (REs) in CKYCRR 1.0 and claiming TDS on hold and Incentive by existing REs in CKYCRR 1.0

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) on August 18, 2026, notified regarding the New Registrations of Reporting Entities (REs) in CKYCRR 1.0 and

claiming TDS on hold and Incentive by existing REs in CKYCRR 1.0. CERSAI has issued timelines for CKYCRR 1.0 registrations and pending activities ahead of the launch of CKYCRR 2.0. REs whose documents were verified but testbed activity is pending must complete the testbed by August 24, 2026, failing which their applications will be rejected and they will need to register afresh under CKYCRR 2.0. Applications/documents received by CERSAI up to August 20, 2026, including applications previously kept on hold, will be processed, with the testbed to be completed by August 27, 2026. CERSAI will not accept new registration requests from August 20, 2026 under CKYCRR 1.0. Fresh registrations will be accepted only after CKYCRR 2.0 goes live, following the prescribed onboarding manual. Existing REs must also complete their pending financial claims: incentive claims up to June 30, 2026 and TDS claims on hold up to March 31, 2026 must be submitted to CERSAI for processing by August 25, 2026. [Notification No. CERSAI/CKYCRR 2.0/26-27/553]

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CDSCO Action Against Unapproved Enclomiphene-Containing Drug Products

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), on August 10, 2026, directed all State/UT Drugs Controllers to take action against the manufacture and marketing of unapproved drug products containing Enclomiphene and its combinations. CDSCO stated that such products fall within the definition of a “New Drug” under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, and that Enclomiphene and its combinations have not been approved by the Central Licensing Authority for manufacture and marketing in India. Under Rule 19 read with Rule 2(1)(w) and Rule 80 of the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, manufacture of a new drug for sale or distribution requires prior permission from the Central Licensing Authority, with an application in Form CT-21 and the prescribed fee under the Sixth Schedule. Accordingly, manufacture, sale, distribution or marketing of Enclomiphene-containing products without such approval would constitute non-compliance with the Rules and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. State/UT Drugs Controllers have been directed to identify manufacturers, marketers, distributors and retailers dealing with such products, initiate appropriate regulatory action, including suspension or cancellation of manufacturing permissions wherever applicable, and ensure that the unapproved products are not manufactured, sold, distributed or marketed. They have also been requested to submit an Action Taken Report detailing manufacturers identified, regulatory action initiated and compliance status. [File No. ENFORC-12016(11)/2/2026-eoffice-34479]

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Draft of the Jutogh Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on July 30, 2026, issued the Draft of the Jutogh Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026. The following has been stated: - •Chapter 1 provides standard regulatory definitions for structural and urban planning terms, including access, accessory buildings, alterations, apartments, ceiling height, basements, and barrier-free access for persons with disabilities. •The draft Jutogh Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 lays down rules for construction, alteration, repair and development of buildings within Jutogh Cantonment. •It prescribes requirements relating to building plans, permissions, setbacks,

height, coverage, floor area and structural safety. •The Bye-Laws aim to regulate land use and ensure planned and orderly development within the Cantonment area. •They also specify standards for sanitation, ventilation, parking, fire safety and other essential building services. •The framework seeks to ensure safe, sustainable and compliant construction while protecting the planned character of the Cantonment. The draft invites public objections or suggestions, which can be submitted in writing or via email to the Cantonment Board, Jutogh, within 30 days from August 22, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.R.O. 27(E)]

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DGFT issued amendment to Para 4.63 of FTP-2023

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 21, 2026, issued amendment to Para 4.63 of FTP-2023. The following revised have been stated: Imports under Diamond Authorisation are exempted from payment of Basic Customs Duty, Additional Customs Duty, Education Cess, Anti- dumping Duty, Countervailing Duty, Safeguard Duty, Transition Product Specific Safeguard Duty, wherever applicable. Such, imports are also exempted from whole of the Integrated Tax leviable under sub-section (7), of section 3 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (51 of 1975). [Notification No. 32/2026-27]

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NMC issued a notification regarding NMC Directions on Compliance with Supreme Court Order Regarding Student Suicides and Institutional Vacancies

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on August 23, 2026, issued a notification regarding NMC Directions on Compliance with Supreme Court Order Regarding Student Suicides and Institutional Vacancies. The following has been stated: - •The National Medical Commission (NMC) has directed all medical colleges and institutions to comply with the Supreme Court's directions in Amit Kumar & Others v. Union of India & Others regarding reporting of student suicides/unnatural deaths, maintenance of institutional records, and filling of faculty and administrative vacancies. •Institutions must maintain updated records of student deaths, sanctioned and filled posts, vacancies, recruitment status, reasons for non-filling and timelines for filling vacant positions. •They are required to submit a duly certified Action Taken Report (ATR) to NMC by the end of every month. •NMC will consolidate the information for monitoring compliance and submission to the Ministry of Education, and the matter is to be treated as MOST URGENT. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Z/1/2024-PGMEB-NMC-Part(7)]

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MCX issued timelines for Disciplinary Action and Action Taken Report (ATR) for AP Inspection Observations

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) on August 21, 2026, has prescribed timelines for Trading Members to take disciplinary action against Authorised Persons (APs) for non-compliances identified during AP inspections. The following has been stated: • Trading Members must take disciplinary action as per the guidelines prescribed in MCX Circular No. MCX/INSP/577/2025 dated November 6, 2025: Within 2 months from the end of the relevant quarter for general non-compliances. Within 7 days where the prescribed disciplinary action is termination of the AP. • An Action Taken Report (ATR), along with the status of closure of observations, must be submitted to MCX within 3 months from the end of the quarter. Example – April–June quarter: AP Inspection Reports: By July 31, Disciplinary action: By August 31, ATR submission: By September 30 • The detailed operational guidelines for submission of ATR will be communicated separately. The revised timelines are applicable to AP inspection reports from July–September 2026 onwards. Trading Members must ensure prompt closure of AP inspection observations, with termination-related cases requiring action within 7 days, while the ATR for other observations must be submitted to MCX within 3 months from the quarter-end. [Circular No.: MCX/COMP/480/2026]

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MoHFW issued Restriction on Manufacture, Sale and Distribution of FDCs Containing Chlorpheniramine Maleate and Phenylephrine Hydrochloride

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on August 19, 2026, issued Restriction on Manufacture, Sale and Distribution of FDCs Containing Chlorpheniramine Maleate and Phenylephrine Hydrochloride. The Central Government has, under Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, restricted the manufacture, sale and distribution of all formulations of fixed-dose combinations (FDCs) containing Chlorpheniramine Maleate and Phenylephrine Hydrochloride for human use in India. The restriction follows recommendations of the Expert Committee and the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, which identified a potential risk to children below four years of age and noted the availability of safer alternatives. Manufacturers of such FDCs must prominently carry the warning “fixed dose combination shall not be used in children below four years of age” on the drug label, package insert and promotional literature. The notification is effective from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. S.O. 4595(E)]

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NABARD issued the Guidelines for Concessional Refinance Scheme for Food Processing Units

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on April 21, 2026, issued the Guidelines for Concessional Refinance Scheme for Food Processing Units. The following has been stated namely: - • NABARD is utilizing a remaining corpus of ■983.02 crore approved by the RBI under the Food Processing Fund to provide concessional refinance to financial institutions supporting food processing units. • State Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), and Scheduled Commercial Banks that have achieved their Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets for FY 2024–25 are eligible. • Refinance applies to standard asset term loans given to units funded/granted by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

(MoFPI), with a minimum remaining maturity of 18 months, an upper limit of ■100 crore per borrower, and a maximum interest rate of 10% p.a. charged to the end borrower. • NABARD will refinance banks at an interest rate of 4.25% p.a. (quarterly rests). The refinance quantum is 100% for North-Eastern, Hilly, Eastern regions, A&N, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, and all FPO/FPC loans, while other regions receive up to 85%. • The refinance is repayable within a maximum of 7 years (minimum duration of 18 months), with quarterly interest payments and a 2.50% p.a. prepayment charge requiring a minimum 3-day notice [Notification No. NB.DOR/7535-7569/ PSS-9/2025-26]

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MoH&FW issued a notification regarding restrictions on FDCs for Children below 4 Years

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on August 22, 2026, issued a notification regarding restrictions on FDCs for Children below 4 Years. The following has been stated: - •The Government has restricted the manufacture, sale and distribution of all FDCs containing Chlorpheniramine Maleate and Phenylephrine Hydrochloride for children below four years. •Manufacturers must prominently display the warning: “Fixed Dose Combination shall not be used in children below four years of age.” •The requirement applies to labels, package inserts and promotional literature of such formulations. •The restriction follows recommendations of the Expert Committee and DTAB, considering potential risks and availability of safer alternatives. •The notification is issued under Section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and is effective from August 22, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.:2302237]

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MoC notified regarding the Mandatory Biometric Identification for Telecom Services

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications (MoC) on August 21, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mandatory Biometric Identification for Telecom Services The following has been stated namely: - • Wireless access services and internet telephony services through mobile user terminals is covered. • Providers must ensure verifiable biometric-based identification of users receiving these services. • The requirement is notified under Section 3(7) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, and must comply with the Telecommunications (User Identification) Rules, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 4623(E)]

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SEBI IT Resilience Index for Market Infrastructure Institutions

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on August 24, 2026, introduced a system-driven IT Resilience Index (ITRI) framework for Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), including stock exchanges,

clearing corporations and depositories. The ITRI will assess the robustness and resilience of critical IT systems and related systems across nine parameters: Availability (20%), Security (20%), Integrity (10%), Governance (10%), Reliability and Monitoring (10%), Business Continuity (10%), Modularity and Flexibility (10%), Scalability (5%), and Others such as incident handling (5%). The Industry Standards Forum (ISF) of MIIs is required to finalise the sub-parameters, measurement criteria, baseline parameters, threshold scores and SOP for calculating ITRI by November 30, 2026. MIIs shall compute the ITRI half-yearly within 60 days from the end of each half-year, undertake rolling comparative analysis of two consecutive half-years and report corrective actions to their Standing Committee on Technology and Governing Board. MIIs must also establish an Early Warning System and systems providing continuous visibility of service delivery through consolidated dashboards. The ITRI framework, including the Early Warning System and real-time monitoring of service delivery, is to be operationalised by February 28, 2027. The detailed SOPs are to be submitted to SEBI by January 31, 2027, after review by the SCOT, and the first ITRI computation will cover the half-year ending March 31, 2027. MIIs are also required to take necessary steps, including amendments to relevant bye-laws, rules and regulations, for implementation. [Circular No. HO/47/18/11(1)2026-MRD-TPD1/I/19509/2026]

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RBI Forex Inflows under Swap Facility Rise to USD 72.848 Billion

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 22, 2026, reported that forex inflows under its special USD-INR Forex Swap Facility covering FCNR(B) deposits, External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs) increased to USD 72.848 billion as reported by Authorised Dealer Banks up to August 21, 2026. The inflows comprised USD 65.397 billion through FCNR(B) deposits, USD 4.860 billion through OFCBs and USD 2.591 billion through ECBs. The facility was introduced on June 8, 2026. As previously announced, the FCNR(B) component remains open for deposits mobilised up to August 31, 2026, while swaps against such deposits may be availed with RBI up to September 11, 2026. The ECB and OFCB components will continue to remain open until December 31, 2026. The latest data indicates a significant increase in forex mobilisation compared with the position reported on August 13, 2026, particularly through FCNR(B) deposits. [Press Release: 2026-2027/948]

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MoM notified the enforcement of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines (MoM) on August 22, 2026, issued the notification regarding the enforcement of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026 shall come into force on August 22, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 4642(E]

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NABARD issued a circular on Short-Term Refinance to Small Finance Banks

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on July 20, 2026, issued a circular on Short-Term Refinance to Small Finance Banks. The following has been stated: • It has prescribed the General Terms and Conditions for Short-Term (ST) Refinance to Small Finance Banks (SFBs) under Sections 21(1) and 21(4) of the NABARD Act, 1981. The refinance facility is intended to supplement SFBs' resources for providing short-term credit for agriculture and allied activities, marketing of agricultural produce and inputs, rural development, artisans, handicrafts, village/cottage industries, bona fide trade and other eligible activities. To be eligible, an SFB shall maintain a minimum CRAR of 15%, net NPAs not exceeding 5% of loans and advances, and be in net profit. Eligibility is assessed on the basis of audited financial statements, with additional requirements for applications/drawals made after July 1. • The refinance is available against eligible short-term loans with a tenure not exceeding 12 months, which shall be outstanding, non-overdue and unencumbered at the time of application. NABARD may provide refinance of up to 80% of eligible short-term loans outstanding, subject to the prescribed conditions and risk rating. • The refinance may be provided at fixed or floating interest rates, with rates determined by NABARD from time to time. Floating-rate refinance is presently linked to the 3-month Treasury Bill rate plus applicable spread, with the rate reset on the 91st day of disbursement. SFBs defaulting on repayment of principal, interest or other dues become ineligible for further refinance until the default is cleared, and a 2% p.a. penal charge applies during the period of default. The refinance is generally repayable within 12 months. Prepayment is permitted after a 30-day lock-in for fixed-rate loans and a 90-day lock-in for floating-rate loans, subject to a minimum three-day notice. Interest is payable at quarterly rests. • SFBs are also required to maintain adequate Non-Overdue Cover (NODC) against the refinance. Monthly NODC statements, duly verified by a practising Chartered Accountant, shall be submitted to NABARD by the 20th of the succeeding month. Any NODC deficit shall be regularised within one month, failing which 1% p.a. penal charges are applicable on the deficit. Excess refinance arising from incorrect reporting may be recalled within three days along with penal charges. • NABARD retains the right to monitor compliance, inspect the books and records of SFBs and conduct special audits. The document also provides prescribed formats for the refinance application, Board resolution, Demand Promissory Note, NODC statement and loan prepayment application. [Notification no. -184/DOR-49/2026]

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Draft Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), on August 19, 2026, issued the draft Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2026 under Sections 12(1) and 33(1) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, after consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board. The draft proposes amendments to Schedule H1 of the Drugs Rules, 1945. The proposal seeks to insert four additional drugs under Schedule H1, namely Flupentixol, Zopiclone, Gabapentin and Carisoprodol, as serial numbers 53 to 56 respectively. The draft rules, once finally notified, would come into force 180 days after publication of the final rules in the Official Gazette. Objections and suggestions from affected persons are invited within 30 days from the date the Gazette containing the draft rules is made available to the public. Comments may be submitted to the Under

Secretary (Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, or through the specified email address. [G.S.R. 745(E)]

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DGFT issued notification on Modalities for Application and Distribution of TRQ for Import of 10 Lakh MT of Raw Sugar and one-time conversion from Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme to Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 20, 2026, issued notification on Modalities for Application and Distribution of TRQ for Import of 10 Lakh MT of Raw Sugar and one-time conversion from Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme to Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme. DGFT has prescribed the modalities for allocation of 10 lakh MT Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) for import of Raw Sugar. Applications are invited online from millers and refiners having their own functional refining capacity from August 21, 2026 to August 28, 2026 through the DGFT Import Management System – TRQ module. Applicants must submit a self-declaration of refining capacity along with supporting evidence, such as a Consent to Operate issued by the State Pollution Control Board. Misdeclaration may result in suspension of IEC and penal action under the FT(D&R) Act, 1992. Preference will be given to applicants undertaking to complete imports by October 15, 2026. The Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) will assess applications based on factors including refining capacity, quantity requested and past import history. After allocation, TRQ holders must submit details of the Letter(s) of Credit or confirmed contracts to DGFT within 15 days of obtaining the TRQ authorisation through an amendment application. [Notification No. 27/2026-2027]

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DGFT Amendment to Para 2.52 and 2.53 of FTP 2023

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Department of Commerce), on August 20, 2026, amended Paragraphs 2.52 and 2.53 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023, with immediate effect. The amendment revises the provisions relating to the denomination and realisation of export contracts and the eligibility for export benefits where export proceeds are realised in Indian Rupees. Under the revised Para 2.52, export contracts and invoices, except those involving Asian Clearing Union (ACU) member countries, may be denominated in foreign currency or Indian Rupees, with export proceeds permitted to be realised in either foreign currency or Indian Rupees. Contracts involving ACU members other than Nepal and Bhutan shall follow the currency determined by the ACU or RBI directions, while exports involving Nepal and Bhutan may be denominated and settled in Indian Rupees or as per RBI directions. The amendment also provides for INR settlement through specified Rupee accounts of persons resident outside India, subject to applicable FEMA requirements. Under revised Para 2.53, export proceeds realised in Indian Rupees through the permitted banking channels are made eligible for export benefits/incentives and fulfilment of Export Obligations under the FTP, at par with export proceeds realised in freely convertible currency, subject to the specified conditions. In the case of exports to Iran, the provisions remain subject to Para 2.19 of the FTP. [Notification No. 30/2026-27]

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Draft Mhow Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on July 31, 2026, published the draft Mhow Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, proposing to supersede the previous Central India Agency Notification. The draft bye-laws are intended to regulate building and development activities within the limits of Mhow Cantonment and will come into force upon final publication in the Official Gazette. The draft covers general provisions and definitions relating to building and development, including accessory buildings, access, additions and alterations to buildings, advertising signs, air-conditioning, amenity spaces and apartments. The definition of amenity space includes facilities such as open spaces, parks, recreational grounds, parking, schools, healthcare facilities, police stations, utilities, markets and other public conveniences. The draft has been published for public consultation, and objections or suggestions may be submitted to the Cantonment Board, Mhow within 30 days from the date the Gazette is made available to the public. The draft is also available at the Cantonment Board office and its website. [S.R.O. 30(E)]

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DGFT Duty-Free TRQ for Raw Sugar Imports

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Commerce), on August 20, 2026, amended the import policy for Raw Sugar under Exim Code 170114 of ITC (HS), 2022 – Schedule-I. The import policy remains “Free”, subject to a Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) of 10 lakh MT for duty-free imports up to October 31, 2026, subject to specified conditions. The notification also provides a one-time option for Advance Authorisations already issued under SION E-52 to convert to the TRQ Scheme for the quantity of Raw Sugar actually imported under such authorisations up to August 20, 2026. The conversion is subject to payment of the exempted GST availed at import and the condition that refined sugar manufactured from the imported Raw Sugar is sold in the domestic market by October 31, 2026, along with other prescribed conditions. The DGFT will prescribe the procedure for administration of the TRQ and the one-time conversion through a separate Public Notice. [Notification No. 31/2026-2027]

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Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB), on August 21, 2026, notified the Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994, under Sections 22(1) and 22(2) of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. The amendment specifically provides for the omission of sub-rule (11) of Rule 7 of the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994.

The amendment rules come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. Accordingly, stakeholders governed by the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 should update their compliance references and internal regulatory documentation to reflect the removal of Rule 7(11). [G.S.R. 751(E)]

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IFSCA notified regarding the Monitoring of transactions in accounts of Non-resident Indians (NRIs)

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 20, 2026, notified regarding the Monitoring of transactions in accounts of Non-resident Indians (NRIs). The following has been stated: • It has advised Heads/CEOs of IFSC Banking Units (IBUs) to remain vigilant against frauds involving NRI accounts, particularly those involving loans raised against customers' fixed deposits without their knowledge. As of June 30, 2026, 30,309 NRI bank accounts were maintained with IBUs, holding deposits of approximately USD 1.96 billion, with IBUs also providing loan accounts to facilitate placement of deposits under the FCNR(B) scheme. • The guidance highlights fraud incidents where insiders or contractual staff allegedly use forged documents to create loans against customers' fixed deposits and transfer the proceeds to other accounts, often with the involvement of other insiders. • Key vulnerabilities identified include breach of privileged access, shared passwords/credentials, inadequate monitoring of dormant accounts, weak supervision and audit processes, and insufficient transaction-level monitoring. IFSCA also emphasised the need to ensure that NRI customers receive real-time SMS/email alerts and independent confirmations whenever action is taken against their fixed deposits. • IBUs are reminded that existing internet-banking requirements already mandate SMS/email alerts for every transaction and dual-layer authentication through hardware tokens and/or OTPs for transactions initiated from IBU accounts. Heads/CEOs of IBUs have therefore been advised to strengthen vigilance and fraud-monitoring mechanisms and to share the guidance with the members of the Governing Body of the IBU. [Notification no. - IFSCA-FMPP0BR/17/2026-Banking]

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Draft of the Subathu Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on July 30, 2026, published the draft Subathu Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, proposing to supersede Notification No. 26050 dated October 16, 1933. The draft bye-laws are intended to regulate building activities throughout the Subathu Cantonment, except Government buildings situated within the Cantonment, and will come into force upon final publication in the Official Gazette. The draft sets out general provisions concerning building activities and includes definitions such as "Access", meaning a clear approach to a plot or building, "Act", referring to the Cantonments Act, 2006 as amended from time to time, and "Addition to a building". The detailed bye-laws are proposed to provide the regulatory framework applicable to construction and development within the Cantonment. The draft has been published for public consultation, and interested persons may submit their objections or suggestions within 30 days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing the draft are made available to the public. Comments may be submitted to the Cantonment Board, Subathu or through the specified email address. [S.R.O. 25(E)]

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MoHFW Anaemia Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Introduces 7×7×7 Framework

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), on August 11, 2026, highlighted the implementation of the Anemia Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Operational Guidelines, released during the 16th Central Council of Health and Family Welfare meeting on June 29, 2026. The revised programme adopts a 7×7×7 strategy, replacing the earlier 6×6×6 approach, with greater emphasis on testing, treatment, digital tracking, dietary diversification and addressing non-nutritional causes of anemia. The seven beneficiary groups comprise children aged 6–59 months, children aged 5–9 years, adolescents aged 10–19 years, pregnant women, lactating mothers, women of reproductive age (20–49 years), and 0–6 months low-birth-weight babies. The seven interventions include prophylactic IFA supplementation, anemia testing, therapeutic management, deworming and delayed cord clamping, Jan Bhagidari communication, addressing non-nutritional causes, and promotion of locally available iron-rich foods and dietary diversification. The framework also establishes seven institutional mechanisms, including intra-ministerial coordination, a National Centre of Excellence and Advanced Research on Anemia, a National AMB Abhiyaan Unit, strengthened supply chains, inter-ministerial convergence, the Anemia Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Portal and a digital monitoring framework. The existing T3 approach of Test, Treat and Talk is expanded to T4—Test, Treat, Talk and Track, enabling digital tracking of beneficiaries for treatment, referral and follow-up through platforms such as JANANI, RBSK and U-WIN. [Release ID: 2297512]

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Government of Maharashtra issued Extension for Submission of CM-SRIM Applications and Reimbursement for 2025-26

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of Maharashtra on August 12, 2026, issued Extension for Submission of CM-SRIM Applications and Reimbursement for 2025-26 The Government has provided a one-time extension under the CM-SRIM Scheme to benefit the maximum number of manufacturing MSMEs. Eligible MSMEs can submit applications for the 2025-26 claim period through the CM-SRIM portal up to October 31, 2026. The reimbursement process for eligible claims under the scheme is required to be completed by December 31, 2026. Manufacturing MSMEs that have not yet submitted their claims should utilise the extended application window. [Notification No. PT4-MSME-P&B-P&B-0017-2023/5691]

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Draft Roorkee Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on August 5, 2026, published the draft Roorkee Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, proposing to supersede U.P. Gazette

Notification No. 3455/IX-29C 1937 dated January 5, 1938. The draft bye-laws will apply within the limits of Roorkee Cantonment and will come into force upon their final publication in the Official Gazette. The draft provides general requirements and definitions governing construction and development activities, including Access, Accessory Building, Addition to a Building, Advertising Sign, Air-Conditioning, Alteration of a Building and Amenity Space. “Alteration of a building” includes subdivision of rooms, changes affecting the cubic content of rooms, and conversion of passages or spaces into rooms. Amenity space covers facilities such as open spaces, parks, recreational grounds, playgrounds, sports complexes, gardens and parking areas. The draft has been issued for public consultation, with interested persons invited to submit objections or suggestions within 30 days from the date the Gazette copies are made available to the public. Comments may be submitted to the Cantonment Board, Roorkee or through the specified email address. [S.R.O. 39(E)]

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Rubber Board Guidelines on Management Strategies for Natural Rubber Plantations under Anticipated El-Nino Conditions

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Rubber Board on August 21, 2026 issued guidelines recommending preventive and adaptive measures for natural rubber plantations in view of anticipated El-Nino conditions, which may result in delayed monsoon, below-normal rainfall, higher temperatures and prolonged dry spells. These conditions may cause soil moisture stress, increased pest and disease incidence, reduced latex yield and lower plantation productivity. The guidelines recommend drought-resilient agronomic practices, including the use of suitable drought-tolerant clones such as RRII 208, RRII 430 and RRII 417; timely planting; maintenance of cover crops; contour terraces and rainwater infiltration structures; mulching; artificial shading and life-saving irrigation; fire breaks; controlled weeding; suitable intercropping and low-frequency tapping. Growers are also advised to adopt soil and moisture conservation measures to reduce plant stress and mortality. For disease management, the guidelines prescribe preventive and remedial measures for Corynespora Leaf Fall, Powdery Mildew, Abnormal Leaf Fall, Colletotrichum Circular Leaf Disease and Brown Root Disease, including specified applications of Bavistin, sulphur, Copper oxychloride, Mancozeb and Tilt, as applicable. Timely implementation of these measures is intended to minimise the adverse impact of anticipated El-Nino conditions and sustain the productivity and resilience of natural rubber plantations.

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NABH issued the Draft NABH Digital Health Standards for RIS/PACS; public comments are invited

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on August 07, 2026, issued the Draft NABH Digital Health Standards for RIS/PACS Public Comments are invited. The following has been stated: - •NABH has invited public comments, suggestions, and feedback on the Draft 1st Edition NABH Digital Health Standards for Radiology Information Systems & Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (RIS/PACS). •Stakeholders including healthcare organizations, RIS/PACS providers, healthcare

professionals, industry associations, consumer groups and consultants may submit their inputs. •The draft standards have been placed in the public domain to obtain stakeholder feedback before finalization. •The comments received will be reviewed and considered by NABH during the finalization of the standards. The last date for the submission of comments is August 21, 2026. [Notification No.: NABH/Notification/2026/07744]

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SEBI issued Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: UNSC 1267 Sanctions List Amendments

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 20, 2026, issued Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: UNSC 1267 Sanctions List Amendments. The UNSC Committee established under Resolutions 1267, 1989 and 2253 has amended 21 entries in the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List through Note SC/16435 dated August 18, 2026. The amended entries relate to individuals/entities subject to sanctions such as asset freeze, travel ban and arms embargo. Under Section 51A of the UAPA, 1967 and SEBI's AML/CFT Master Circular dated June 06, 2024, Stock Exchanges, Depositories, KRAs and registered intermediaries must ensure that they do not maintain accounts or provide financial services to individuals/entities appearing on the UNSC sanctions lists. Regulated entities are required to take note of the updated list and ensure necessary screening and compliance. Any delisting request received by a regulated entity must be forwarded electronically to the Joint Secretary (CTCR), Ministry of Home Affairs, with a copy to the Joint Secretary (UNP), Ministry of External Affairs. The updated UNSC Consolidated List, including the ISIL (Da'esh)/Al-Qaida and Taliban lists, should be referred to for ongoing compliance. Compliance Impact: Stock Exchanges, Depositories, KRAs and registered intermediaries should update their sanctions-screening databases, conduct appropriate checks against the amended 21 entries, and ensure immediate freezing/reporting of assets or accounts wherever applicable in accordance with Section 51A of UAPA and the prescribed Government procedure.

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NABL issued the Application Form for Medical Testing Laboratories under arrangements as Operational & Supporting Entities

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) on August 10, 2026, issued the Application Form for Medical Testing Laboratories under arrangements as Operational & Supporting Entities. The following has been stated: • The application form is intended to facilitate laboratories in submitting the required information and documentation for assessment under the applicable NABL framework. It captures details relating to the medical testing laboratory, scope of testing, organisational and technical information, personnel, facilities, equipment, quality management systems and other relevant accreditation requirements. • Laboratories seeking to operate under the specified Operational & Supporting Entity arrangement are required to provide the prescribed particulars and supporting documents through the application process, enabling NABL to evaluate their conformity with the applicable requirements before

granting the relevant recognition/accreditation. • The issuance of the form therefore standardises the application process for medical testing laboratories and provides a structured mechanism for NABL to assess their technical competence, quality systems and operational capability under the applicable arrangement.

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DoT Enforcement of Section 3(7) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), on August 21, 2026, notified that sub-section (7) of Section 3 of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 shall come into force with effect from August 21, 2026. The notification has been issued under Section 1(3) of the Act. Accordingly, Section 3(7) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 is now operational from the notified date. The notification specifically brings the said statutory provision into force without making any other amendment to the Act. The provision shall therefore be applicable from August 21, 2026, and stakeholders covered by its scope are required to comply with the requirements of Section 3(7) from that date. [S.O. 4616(E)]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on August 22, 2026, for Currency Derivatives segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for Currency Derivatives segment. The following has been stated namely: - • There is a mock trading scheduled on Saturday, 22 August 2026, for the Currency Derivatives segment. • Members can log in from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM. • Continuous trading for Currency and Cross-Currency Derivatives will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Trade modification will be available at 12:10 PM. • Members can use the session to test their trading applications, including third-party platforms and in-house ETI/API systems, especially under exceptional market conditions. • Mock trades will not attract margin or pay-in/pay-out obligations and create no rights or liabilities. Members are requested to participate actively and submit feedback by 12:00 PM. [Notification No. 20260820-31]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on August 22, 2026, for Commodity Derivatives segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for Commodity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated namely: - • There is a mock trading scheduled on Saturday, 22 August 2026 – Commodity Derivatives segment. • Login: 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM. • Continuous trading from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by Trade Modification

from 12:00 PM to 12:10 PM. • Members can test third-party/in-house ETI API trading systems, including risk-reduction mode, trading halt, and other exceptional-market functionalities. No new BOLT TWS release will be issued. • Mock trades carry no margin or pay-in/pay-out obligations and create no rights or liabilities. Members should participate actively and submit feedback by 12:00 PM. [Notification No. 20260820-32]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on August 22, 2026, for Equity Derivatives segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for Equity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated namely: - • There is a mock trading scheduled on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for the Equity Derivatives segment. • Login 8:15–9:00 AM; Pre-open 9:00–10:00 AM; Continuous trading 10:00 AM–12:10 PM; Trade modification at 12:15 PM. • Members can test trading applications, including ETI/API and third-party platforms, for functionalities such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. • Mock trades are only for testing and will not create margin, pay-in/pay-out obligations, rights, or liabilities. • Members are requested to actively participate and submit feedback by 12:00 PM using the contact details provided by the exchange. [Notification No. 20260820-30]

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Medical Devices (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Department of Health and Family Welfare, on August 14, 2026, notified the Medical Devices (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 under Sections 12 and 33 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, further amending the Medical Devices Rules, 2017. The amendment follows consideration of objections and suggestions received on the draft rules published on April 10, 2026. [G.S.R. 743(E)] A new definition of “Certificate of Registration” has been introduced, covering registration certificates granted by the State or Central Licensing Authority in Forms MD-2, MD-40 and MD-42. Further, where a medical device manufacturer outsources sterilisation to another facility holding a valid sterilisation licence, the licence number of the sterilisation site must be mentioned on the device label, preceded by specified wording such as “Sterilization sites Manufacturing License Number”, “Ster. Mfg. Lic. No.” or “S.M.L.”. The amendment also inserts a Ninth Schedule prescribing fees for test or evaluation under Rules 19 and 69. The labelling requirement relating to the sterilisation-site licence number under clause (p) of Rule 44 will become mandatory after six months from the date of notification. The amended Rules otherwise come into force from the date of their final publication in the Official Gazette. [G.S.R. 743(E)]

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MeitY issued the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS)

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) on August 21, 2026, issued the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS). Security Measures and Incident Response. The following has been stated: - •The Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) has been launched to provide production-linked fiscal incentives for mobile phone manufacturing in India and support Indian mobile brands. •With a ■62,500 crore budget outlay, the scheme will operate for 5 years from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 and aims to enhance global competitiveness, domestic value addition, supply-chain capabilities and employment. •It has two target segments: TS1 – mobile phone manufacturing and TS2 – support for Indian mobile phone brands. •Under TS1, eligible manufacturers/EMS registered in India must have a minimum FY 2025-26 turnover of ■10,000 crore, with incentives based on eligible sales exceeding prescribed moving baseline and threshold sales requirements. [Notification No.: F. No. W/11/2026-IPHW]

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NCCL notified regarding the Corrigendum on the System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 21, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Corrigendum on the System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • NCCL will conduct a System Testing Mock on Saturday, August 22, 2026 for testing its applications. • Pre-open: Pre-open session will be from 11:45 AM to 12:00 PM. • All Commodities: Trading will be from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, with trade modification until 3:15 PM. • Mumbai Rainfall (RAINMUMBAI): Trading will be from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, with trade modification until 4:15 PM. • Re-login Session: A re-login session will be available from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. • The mock covers Web NCFE, Web Extranet, RMS, NCMS and NCSS. • Production Web NCFE and Web Extranet will be unavailable from 4:00 AM on Aug 22 to 12:00 AM on Aug 23. Test/mock portals will remain available. • Client allocation, client collateral segregation reporting and limit files will not be processed from 2:00 AM Aug 22 to 12:00 AM Aug 23. • Trades executed during the mock will not create any funds or commodities pay-in/pay-out obligations. • Members should test all trading software, restore systems to production mode after testing, and re-login to the live environment to verify connectivity and avoid login issues on Monday, August 24, 2026. [Notification No. NCCL/TECHNOLOGY-025/2026]

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NSE Mock Trading Session for Futures & Options Segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 21, 2026, informed all members that a mock trading session for the Futures & Options segment will be conducted from the Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recovery (BCP/DR) site on August 22, 2026. The mock session will be followed by a re-login session from the Primary site to avoid login-related issues on August 24, 2026. The mock session

will include a pre-open session from 9:00 AM to 9:08 AM, normal market trading from 9:15 AM to 3:40 PM, and trade modification until 4:15 PM. Stock futures price bands will be updated at 3:15 PM for alignment with the Equity Cash Market. The Primary site re-login session will be conducted from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. No changes are required in NEAT Adapter settings, and members should retain the settings applicable as of August 21, 2026. During the mock session, the Exchange will shift operations from the Primary site to the DR site through a non-graceful shutdown. Outstanding orders will be purged before trading begins from the BCP site, and NNF users must clear outstanding Session-1 orders. Multicast TBT sequence numbers will restart from '1', while Colo Participants may experience different latencies compared with a normal trading day. Detailed operational, participation and DR switchover instructions are provided in the three annexures. [Circular Ref. No. 117/2026]

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India INX notified regarding the Mock Trading on August 22, 2026

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The India INX on August 21, 2026, issued the notification regarding the PR Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • India INX will conduct a PR Mock Trading session on Saturday, 22 August 2026. • Trading members can access the INDIA INX mock environment through BoltPlus Web and in-house/vendor-developed software. • All user IDs approved for Algorithmic Trading must participate, regardless of whether the algorithm has been modified. • Trading Sessions: o 1st Session: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM o 2nd Session: 1:00:01 PM – 2:00 PM • Members can test trading applications, including exceptional market conditions. There is no change in the ETI API version. • Mock trades are only for testing/familiarization and will not attract margin, pay-in/pay-out obligations, or create rights/liabilities. • Members are requested to submit feedback to the Business Operations team by 2:15 PM. • Queries can be directed to the respective Relationship Manager, Business Operations, ETI Tech Support, or BOW Help Desk, depending on the issue. [Notification No. 20260821-1]

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Dot issued Direction to Block 37 Piracy Websites/Domains Pursuant to Delhi High Court Order in Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. vs. Bollyzone.tv & Ors

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on August 18, 2026, issued Direction to Block 37 Piracy Websites/Domains Pursuant to Delhi High Court Order in Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. vs. Bollyzone.tv & Ors. This is a directive stemming from the Delhi High Court's order dated October 24, 2024, in CS(COMM) 937 of 2024 (Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited vs. Bollyzone.tv & Ors.). The Court order, specifically at paragraphs 41(v), (vi), and (viii) along with additional lists 31 and 32, directs the blocking of 37 websites/domains identified as infringing on Zee Entertainment's content (likely involved in piracy of copyrighted material). Based on this court order, the notice instructs all Internet Service Licensees (ISPs) to immediately block access to the 37 listed websites/domains, in compliance with the Court's directions. This is a standard enforcement action where telecom/internet regulators (such as DoT) pass on judicial blocking orders to ISPs for execution against piracy websites. [File No.: 4-10/2025-DGT/4 (Part-VII)]

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DoT Blocking of Websites/Domains Pursuant to Delhi High Court Order

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), on August 18, 2026, directed all licensees holding Internet Service Authorisation to comply with the orders dated July 21, 2026 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CS(COMM) 678 of 2024 – Merryvale Limited v. John Doe & Ors. The direction relates to blocking access to 14 websites/domains identified in Annexure-B to the enclosed court order. The DoT has instructed all concerned Internet Service Authorisation holders to take immediate necessary action to block access to the specified websites/domains, strictly in accordance with the directions contained in the High Court's order. The instruction is issued for ensuring compliance with the judicial directions concerning the identified online domains. Accordingly, all affected licensees are required to implement the blocking measures without delay and ensure compliance with the Delhi High Court order. The enclosed list of 14 websites/domains in Annexure-B forms the basis for the required blocking action. [File No. 4-10/2025-DGT/4 (Part-II)]

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Citizenship (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 19, 2026, issued the Citizenship (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Citizenship Rules, 2009. The following has been stated: In Rule 14, in sub-rule (2C), after the words "Empowered Committee", the words "or the Collector, as the case may be" have been inserted. In Rule 15, in sub-rule (1C), after the words "Empowered Committee", the words "or the Collector, as the case may be" have been inserted. In rule 38, in sub-rule (3), after the words "Designated Officer", the words "or the Collector" have been inserted. In the said rules, in Schedule IC, in para (iiiA), after the words "Senior Superintendent of Post or Superintendent of Post", the words "or the Collector" have been inserted. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [G.S.R. 742(E).]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Doxylamine Succinate USP 20 mg+ Pyridoxine Hydrochloride IP 20 mg for M/s Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (Manufacturer) & M/s Mankind Pharma Ltd.(Marketer)

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 19, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Doxylamine Succinate USP 20 mg+ Pyridoxine Hydrochloride IP 20 mg for M/s Akums Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd (Manufacturer) & M/s Mankind Pharma Ltd.(Marketer). It states that the price for each film Coated Extended-Release Tablet contains: Doxylamine Succinate USP 20 mg+ Pyridoxine Hydrochloride IP 20 mg has been fixed at Rs. 13.14/- excluding GST. [Notification No. -19(5186)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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MHA issued amendment to Citizenship (Amendment) Act Implementation Order — Certain States/UTs Exempted

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 19, 2026, issued amendment to Citizenship (Amendment) Act Implementation Order — Certain States/UTs Exempted. This notification is issued by the Central Government under Section 6B(1) of the Citizenship Act, 1955, read with Rule 11A(1) and (3) of the Citizenship Rules, 2009 — provisions relating to the CAA-based citizenship application framework. It makes the earlier MHA order (S.O. 1231(E), dated March 11, 2024) inapplicable to Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, West Bengal, the non-tribal areas of Assam and Tripura, and the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The notification also rescinds two subsequent orders — S.O. 941(E) (dated February 20, 2026) and S.O. 1110(E) (dated March 2, 2026) — though any actions already taken under them before this rescission remain valid and unaffected. Additionally, all Section 6B applications currently pending before the Empowered Committees and District-level Committees in the above states/UTs are to be transferred to the concerned District Collector. In effect, this order withdraws the listed states/UTs from the earlier CAA implementation mechanism operating through Empowered/District Committees and shifts processing authority for pending citizenship applications directly to the District Collectors. The order comes into force immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. S.O. 4583(E)]

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MCX issued a notification regarding the Contingency Pool Facility for Trading Members

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The Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on August 19, 2026, has informed Trading Members about the Contingency Pool Facility, which enables members to trade from the Exchange premises or designated regional centres during emergencies such as technical failures, network disruptions or local power outages affecting their own connectivity. Members must submit a formal request on their letterhead to the Customer Service & Quality Department, following which access will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis and will be valid only for the specific trading day requested. The primary facility for Maharashtra is located at MCX Exchange Square, Chakala, Andheri (East), Mumbai. A maximum of two persons per member may access the facility at any time, subject to verification of original government-issued photo ID. Further, only the person to whom the relevant User ID is assigned may use the trading terminal; sharing or use of the User ID by any other person is strictly prohibited. [Circular No. MCX/TECH/473/2026]

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MoT Final Fixation of Maximum Ex-Factory Price for 580 gm Type-A & Type-B Jute Bags for 2020

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The Ministry of Textiles on August 13, 2026, has finally fixed the maximum ex-factory prices for 580 gm Type-A and Type-B B-Twill Sacking Jute Bags for each month from January to December 2020, under Clause 3(6) of the Jute and Jute Textiles Control Order, 2016. The prices have been prescribed both on a per MT and per 100 bags basis, with the applicable rates varying month-wise. The ex-factory price per 100 bags ranged from ■4,843.00 in January 2020 to ■5,614.46 in December 2020. For October 2020, separate rates have been specified for bags with 4% raw-jute linkage (■5,172.19 per 100 bags) and without linkage (■5,173.28 per 100 bags). The notification covers bags conforming to BIS Specification IS 16186:2014 (Amendment No. 1), with the prescribed size, mass and marking requirements, including BIS certification marking and the manufacturer's name. The prices fixed under the notification are exclusive of GST, which shall be payable additionally by the purchaser. The notification also requires the bags to comply with the applicable specifications and identification/marking requirements prescribed by the BIS and the Office of the Jute Commissioner, including the requisite emblem and minimum breaking strength. [Notification No. S.O.4544(E)]

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RBI Monetary Policy Committee Retains 5.25% Repo Rate

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The RBI published the minutes of the 62nd Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held from August 3 to 5, 2026, chaired by Governor Shri Sanjay Malhotra. After reviewing the evolving global and domestic economic conditions, macroeconomic projections, financial developments, and risks to the outlook, the MPC unanimously decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 5.25%. Consequently, the SDF rate remains at 5.00%, while the MSF rate and Bank Rate remain at 5.50%. The MPC also decided to continue with a neutral monetary policy stance, indicating that the RBI will maintain its existing policy settings while assessing developments in inflation, growth, and financial conditions. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Press Release: 2026-2027/925]

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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on August 17, 2026, issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Amendment Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Codes of Practices for Emergency Response and Disaster Management Plan (ERDMP)) Regulations, 2010. The following amendments have been stated: • In Regulation 6, in Sub-Regulation (a), in the words “Level 1” , the number “1” shall be replaced with “I”. • In Regulation 6, in Sub-Regulation (b), in the words “Level 2” , the number “2” shall be replaced with “II”. • In Regulation 6, in Sub-Regulation (c), in the words “Level 3” , the number “3” shall be replaced with “III”. • In Regulation 14.2.2 “Site Incident Controller (SIC)”, after the phrase beginning from “The Site Incident Controller shall be identified by the”, the word “Site” shall be replaced with the word “Chief” and in the sentence “Responsibilities of the Chief Incident Controller shall include but not limited to the following”, the word “Chief” shall be replaced with the word “Site”. • In Regulation 14.2.5.8

“Communications Services”, in Sub-Regulation (2) “Flow of Information”, in sub-clause (a), in phrase “Control Centre shall receive the information form”, the word “form” shall be replaced with the word “from”. • In Regulation 14.2.5.9 “Siren Codes”, following changes shall be made (i) In Sub-Regulation (2) (c), the words “(waiting siren 2min + gap 1min + siren 2min +gap 1min +waiting siren 2min)” shall be replaced with “(wailing siren of 2min + gap of 1min + wailing siren of 2min + gap of 1min +wailing siren of 2min)”. (ii) Sub-Regulation (c), (d) & (e) shall be renumbered as (d), (e) & (f). • In Regulation 19 “Medical Facilities”, after the words “Details of medical facilities” and before the words “to be provided in the ERDMP”, the words “(including details of Burn treatment wards with number of beds)” shall be inserted • In Regulation 24 “Action after reporting of incident by the entity”, in Sub-Regulation (5), after the words “the final report to the Board within 30 days of constitution”, the new Sub-Regulation numbered as (6) shall be inserted as mentioned below - “(6) Entity shall ensure the following in case of each Major incident: a. Submit explanation for lapses or violations that resulted into or caused the Major incident, within three months from submission of the Final Incident Investigation Report. b. Constitute an internal committee to fix responsibility for each major incident and accountability for lapses or violations, at appropriate levels including senior officials of entity etc., within one month from submission of the Final Incident Investigation Report. This internal committee should submit its report to concerned Director of entity, within five months from date of its constitution. c. Take appropriate disciplinary or administrative action against the personnel/contractor/agency found responsible within three months from submission of internal committee report as per clause (b) above. d. Disburse compensation in line with statutory norms and company's compensation policy in case of incidents involving any fatality or permanent disability. [Notification No. PNGRB/Tech/1-T4SCGD/(4)/2023]

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NSE IX to conduct mock trading session on Saturday, August 22, 2026

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE IX) on August 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding a mock trading (contingency) session on Saturday, August 22, 2026, to test its trading infrastructure, recovery and response mechanisms, and enable members to verify connectivity ahead of the next live trading day. The following has been stated: The mock trading session will cover Index Futures, Index and Single Stock Options/Futures, Currency Futures & Options, Depository Receipts, Bharat Bond Index, Equity and NSEIFSC Receipts, with specified trading schedules across Session 1 and Session 2. Members are required to actively participate in the mock trading session through all trading software and complete the live re-login process between 20:00 hrs. and 20:30 hrs. to verify connectivity and avoid login issues on August 24, 2026. Trades executed during the mock session will not attract any funds pay-in or pay-out obligations, and members have been advised not to transfer any data files for the session. Changes made on the Exchange CEL portal during the mock day will be carried forward to the live environment. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Circular Ref. No. 243/2026]

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RBI issued a notification regarding Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC’s 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Amendment of 21 Entries

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 19, 2026, issued a notification regarding Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC's 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Amendment of 21 Entries. The following has been stated: - •The RBI has informed regulated entities that the UNSC has amended 21 entries in the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List pursuant to resolutions 1267, 1989 and 2253. •Regulated entities must screen their accounts against the updated list and take appropriate action under Section 51A of the UAPA, 1967 and Chapter IX of the RBI KYC Directions, 2025. •They must strictly follow the UAPA Order dated February 02, 2021 (as amended in 2024), including freezing assets where applicable and ensuring no accounts are maintained for listed persons or entities. •Any delisting requests received by banks must be forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs, and regulated entities are required to ensure meticulous compliance with the updated UNSC sanctions. [Notification No.: RBI/2026-27/236 DOR.AML.REC.204/14.06.001/2026-27]

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SEBI notified regarding the Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967 — Updates to UNSC ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 19, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967 — Updates to UNSC ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. This SEBI circular directs stock exchanges, depositories, KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs), and registered intermediaries to comply with Section 51A of the UAPA, 1967, which requires them to ensure they do not maintain accounts for individuals or entities named in UN Security Council terrorist sanctions lists. It references Clause 54 of SEBI's AML/CFT Master Circular (June 6, 2024), which mandates this screening obligation for securities market intermediaries. The circular flags two recent UNSC notifications — SC/16432 (August 13, 2026) and SC/16433 (August 14, 2026) — each amending four entries in the 1267(1999) ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List, with links provided to the official UN notifications and the consolidated/updated sanctions lists. It also outlines the delisting procedure: requests from regulated entities go to the Joint Secretary (CTCR) at MHA (with a copy to MEA), while affected individuals/entities can apply directly to the UN's independent Ombudsperson for removal from the list. Finally, the circular instructs all covered market entities to take note of these UNSC updates alongside the Central Government's February 2021 Order on Section 51A implementation procedures, and ensure necessary compliance — i.e., screening their client/account databases against the revised sanctions list entries.

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UGC notified regarding the Strict Implementation of UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on July 27, 2026, notified regarding the Strict Implementation of UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions. It has directed all

Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to strictly comply with the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009, notified pursuant to the Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment dated May 8, 2009, in Civil Appeal No. 887/2009. Institutions shall constitute effective anti-ragging bodies, prominently display the 24×7 toll-free anti-ragging helpline 1800-180-5522, ensure submission of student and parent anti-ragging undertakings through the prescribed portal, and conduct awareness, counselling and sensitisation programmes. They are also required to maintain vigilance in hostels and other vulnerable areas, promptly address complaints, protect complainants and report cases promptly. Where a prima facie case of ragging is established, institutions shall ensure immediate FIR registration and disciplinary action. UGC has emphasised zero tolerance towards ragging and directed institutions to ensure compliance by affiliated colleges under their jurisdiction. [Notification no. - 1-15/2009(ARC)PT.III]

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RBI has notified amendments to four entries in the UNSC ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 18, 2026, has notified regulated entities of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) amendments to four entries in the 1267/1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List under Section 51A of the UAPA, 1967. The following has been stated: The amendments relate to three individuals and one entity included in the UNSC sanctions list, which are subject to measures including asset freeze, travel ban and arms embargo. Regulated entities are required to update their records and ensure compliance with the revised UNSC sanctions list in accordance with the RBI KYC Directions, 2025 and the UAPA Order dated February 2, 2021, as amended. Any request for de-listing received by a bank is required to be forwarded electronically to the Joint Secretary (CTCR), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), in accordance with the applicable instructions. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [RBI/2026-27/234]

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RBI has issued an update on UNSC Sanctions List under Section 51A of UAPA, 1967

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 18, 2026, has informed regulated entities about the amendments to four entries in the UNSC's 1267/1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List pursuant to Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA). The following has been stated: The UNSC has amended the details of three individuals and one entity on its ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List, which are subject to asset freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo measures. Regulated entities are required to ensure compliance with the updated sanctions list and follow the prescribed procedure under the UAPA Order dated February 2, 2021, as amended. Banks and other regulated entities are advised to ensure that they do not maintain accounts in the name of persons or entities appearing on the updated sanctions lists and to take appropriate action in accordance with the RBI's KYC Directions. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [RBI/2026-27/235]

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Draft Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Rules, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

India's Department of Atomic Energy on August 14, 2026, issued the Draft Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The draft rules propose to supersede the Atomic Energy (Working of Mines, Minerals and Handling of Prescribed Substance) Rules, 1984; Atomic Energy (Safe Disposal of Radioactive Wastes) Rules, 1987; Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules, 2004; Atomic Energy (Radiation Processing of Food and Allied Products) Rules, 2012; Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Rules, 2011; and Nuclear Liability Fund Rules, 2015. • The draft establishes a comprehensive licensing framework for nuclear facilities and activities, including nuclear power plants and reactors. A single composite licence may authorise an eligible person to build, own, operate and decommission a nuclear power plant or reactor for grid electricity, captive generation, process heat, hydrogen production, isotope production, research, training and other peaceful applications permitted by the Central Government. The framework also permits sourcing of indigenous or foreign reactor technology, subject to conditions relating to technology approval, national interest, public health and safety, and intellectual property rights. • For site approval, applicants shall demonstrate availability and appropriate use of land through the relevant government authorities, sufficient space for the plant, radioactive waste and spent-fuel storage, exclusion zones and security requirements. Site selection will also consider rejection criteria, water availability, power evacuation, connectivity, eco-sensitive areas and other statutory requirements. For design approval, foreign reactor designs shall have appropriate regulatory approval in the country of origin, while indigenous/new designs shall comply with the latest regulatory requirements; construction cannot commence without a valid design approval. • Applicants will also be required to demonstrate financial, managerial and technical capabilities. Financial assessment includes construction and operating cost estimates, fuel costs, environmental surveillance and safety-related expenditure, sources of funding, net worth, financial statements, solvency/banker certification and SEBI-registered credit ratings. Managerial capability covers lifecycle business plans, fuel and heavy-water arrangements, spent-fuel and radioactive-waste management, decommissioning plans, technology-provider arrangements and organisational systems for safety, security, safeguards and quality assurance. • Suggestions and feedback may be submitted by email to feedback.shanti@dae.gov.in, by September 04, 2026.

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Draft All India Tourist Vehicles (Permit) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on August 13, 2026, issued the Draft All India Tourist Vehicles (Permit) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the All India Tourist Vehicles (Permit), Rules, 2023. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has published draft rules to further amend the All India Tourist Vehicles (Permit) Rules, 2023, under powers conferred by Section 88(14) read with Section 88(9) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. As required under Section 212(1) of the Act, the draft is published for public information, with objections/suggestions within 30 days from the date the notification is made available in the Gazette of India. Comments may be sent to the Additional Secretary (MVL), MoRTH, Transport Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, or via email at comments-morth@gov.in. All objections/suggestions

received within the stipulated period will be considered before finalizing the rules. The following amendment have been stated: In the All India Tourist Vehicles (Permit) Rules, 2023, • in rule 3,— (i) in the table under sub-rule (3),— (a) in column (3) of serial number 1, for the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “20,000”, the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “15,000” shall be substituted; (b) in column (3) of serial number 2, for the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “30,000” the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “22,500” shall be substituted; (c) in column (3) of serial number 3, for the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “80,000”, the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “60,000” shall be substituted; (d) in column (3) of serial number 4, for the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “3,00,000”, the Arabic numerals and punctuation mark “2,25,000” shall be substituted; (ii) in sub-rule (4), for the words “driven on methanol or ethanol fuel”, the words “exclusively driven on hydrogen, methanol, ethanol fuel or any natural gas” shall be substituted. • In the said rules, in rule 4, for the proviso to sub-rule (5), the following provisos shall be substituted, namely,— “Provided that a battery operated tourist vehicle or a tourist vehicle exclusively driven on natural gas or hydrogen may be granted All India Tourist Permit after such vehicle has completed fifteen years, if such vehicle obtains a certificate of fitness from an automated testing station no later than fifteen days before seeking the All India Tourist Permit: Provided further that, in case of diesel vehicles registered in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, the All India Tourist Permit shall not be granted after the vehicle has completed ten years from the date of its first registration.” • In the said rules, in rule 6,— (i) for sub-rule (2), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely,— “(2) The All India Tourist Permit shall be used for a tourist vehicle used as a whole, for the transport of a tourist or, tourists in a group, along with their personal luggage.” (ii) in sub-rule (3),— (a) for the words “transport of tourists individually or in a group”, the words “transport of a tourist or tourists in a group” shall be substituted; (b) after the words “electronic form or in physical form”, the punctuation mark and words “, and such vehicle is used as a whole” shall be inserted. • In the said rules, in rule 10, for the words “the destination of each tourist and”, the words “the destination, of tourists, and” shall be substituted. [Notification No. G.S.R. 729(E)]

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Draft Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine (Amendment), Regulations 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on August 11, 2026, issued the Draft Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine Regulations, 2023. The following has been amended, namely: • The amendment introduces a centralised National Medical Register (NMR) and Unique Identification (UID) system for medical practitioners. It expands the definition of Foreign Medical Graduate (FMG) to include Indian citizens and OCIs, recognises FMGE (until NExT comes into force) for registration, and requires electronic synchronisation between the State Medical Register and NMR. • Registration and licence applications will be made through the EMRB/NMC Unified Registration Portal, and once a practitioner receives a UID through a State Medical Council, they can practise across India without obtaining fresh State registration/licence. The NMR will record registration, licence status and disciplinary actions, while EMRB/NMC will monitor State Medical Councils. The licence remains valid for 5 years, with inactive status after non-renewal within the prescribed period. • A new mechanism is introduced for handling professional misconduct/medical negligence based on the jurisdiction where the cause of action arises. Existing practitioners without an NMR UID shall obtain it as a one-time measure without fee. Appeals against rejection of registration/licence can be filed before EMRB within 30 days. For foreign nationals, a Good

Standing Certificate is required, and temporary registration for postgraduate/super-specialty courses is extended from 12 months to 24 months, followed by a one-year cooling-off period. • The Draft “Registration of Medical Practitioners and Licence to Practice Medicine (Amendment) Regulations 2026” pre-published in the Gazette of India vide notification no. 246, dated April 07, 2026 (R-11012/04/2025-Regn/NMC) stands withdrawn. • The last date to submit comments is September 10, 2026. [Notification no. R. 11061/05/2026-EMRB-Reg]

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Draft Central Motor Vehicles (.....Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (.....Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following has been stated: • In Rule 33, after the words “testing agency specified under rule 126”, the words “or automotive component manufacturer” have been inserted; • In the said rules, in rule 53B, for sub-rule (2) and the provisos thereof, the following sub-rule has been substituted, namely, — “(2) Any temporary registration granted under sub-rule (1), other than a temporary registration granted under proviso to section 43, shall be valid for a period of: a. six months from the date of its issue, in case of a chassis to which a body has not been attached: Provided that where the chassis is detained in a workshop beyond the said period of six months for being fitted with a body or due to any unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the owner, the registering authority may, on submission of application in Form 20B and payment of appropriate fee as specified in rule 81 by the owner, extend the initial period of validity one or more times by 30 days each, as the registering authority may deem fit; • In rule 88, in sub-rule (3), after the Explanation, the following sub-rule has been inserted, namely, — “(3A) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rules (1), (2), and (3), in the case of a battery operated vehicle, hydrogen fuel based vehicle or any natural gas driven vehicles, the age limits specified therein, as the case may be, shall stand extended by a period of five years. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ) on August 17, 2026, issued the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026, further to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. The following has been amended, namely: • A new definition of mineral bearing land is introduced as land containing mineral content meeting the prescribed parameters under Section 5(2)(a). • A new Section 9D provides that State Governments cannot impose any tax, cess or other levy on mineral rights or mineral bearing lands, whether based on mineral quantity, mineral value, royalty payable or otherwise, except subject to conditions or restrictions prescribed by the Central Government. Any such levy imposed by a State which had not been deposited or recovered before commencement of the 2026 Amendment Act shall be deemed invalid retrospectively, while amounts already deposited or recovered before commencement will not be refundable. • Further, Section 13 is amended to empower the Central Government to prescribe the conditions or restrictions governing State-level taxation/levies on mineral rights and mineral-bearing lands.

[Act No. 20 of 2026]

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BSE Clearing Introduces Shorter Tenure Contracts under Securities Lending & Borrowing (SLB) Scheme

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The BSE Clearing Limited has announced the introduction of shorter-tenure Securities Lending & Borrowing (SLB) contracts with effect from Transaction Day, August 17, 2026. The following has been stated: • Contracts will be introduced under the “D” series with the SBIN20AUG26D-MCF prefix and will be generated daily. • The first leg will be settled on T+1, while the corresponding reverse leg will be settled on T+3, excluding Settlement Holidays. • The contracts will be available only for stocks eligible for trading in the Equity Derivatives Segment. • Such contracts will not be foreclosed in the event of an AGM/EGM. • Repay, Recall and Rollover facilities will not be applicable to these contracts. • All other provisions relating to market timings, clearing and settlement, risk management, corporate actions and other applicable processes will continue to remain governed by the existing SLB provisions. • The EOD security file dated August 14, 2026 will include the “D” series-MCF prefix. Action: All Participants and Custodians are requested to take note of the above and make the necessary operational arrangements accordingly.

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CDSL notified regarding the Modification in DP97 Report

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) on August 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Modification in DP97 Report. The following has been stated namely: - • Securities issued by listed companies are initially credited under a temporary ISIN as per SEBI regulations. • Once trading approval is received from stock exchanges, securities are transferred from the temporary ISIN to the pre-existing ISIN through CA Type 61 – “Transfer on Listing.” • RTAs must enter the “Previous CA Type” when setting up the Transfer on Listing corporate action to identify the original corporate action under which securities were credited. • The Previous CA Type will be displayed in the BO transaction statement and DP97 report, enabling DPs to identify the original corporate action type. • DPs should take note and make necessary changes to their back-office systems, if required. The functionality is scheduled to go live on August 28, 2026 (EOD) [Notification No. CDSL/OPS/DP/CAIPO/2026/550]

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DoT Instructions for Reverification of Existing Mobile Connections

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), on 17, August 2026, has issued instructions for reverification of existing mobile connections identified by the DoT, Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) or Law Enforcement

Agencies. The existing limit continues to be 9 mobile connections per individual subscriber across all TSPs and Licensed Service Areas (LSAs), with the limit restricted to 6 connections in J&K, Assam and North-East LSAs. The DoT has directed that the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) will, based on subscriber data uploaded by TSPs, identify and group mobile connections held by an individual across TSPs and service areas. TSPs must take appropriate measures to bring subscribers who already exceed the prescribed limit within the permissible limit. Further, from 23 August 2026, representative subscriber photographs of individuals who have reached the prescribed limit will be made available on DIP, which TSPs must download daily to facilitate identification and prevent issuance of additional connections. From 24 August 2026, TSPs must implement technical and organisational measures to identify subscribers seeking additional connections using the representative photograph and prevent them from exceeding the prescribed limit. Initially, this may operate on a D+1 post-facto basis, but must be integrated into the real-time enrolment/activation process by 30 November 2026. Until such integration, any connection activated beyond the permissible limit on a particular day must be immediately suspended pending resolution. The respective LSAs will be the competent authorities for issues arising from the implementation of these instructions.

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Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Vessels' Ballast Water and Sediments) Rules, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W) on August 07, 2026, issued the Merchant Shipping (Control and Management of Vessels' Ballast Water and Sediments) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • They shall come into force on the date of accession of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, by India. • The Rules establish a comprehensive framework for controlling and managing ballast water and sediments carried by ships to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens into marine ecosystems. • The Rules apply to specified vessels carrying ballast water and are intended to give effect to India's obligations under the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004. • They require vessels to manage ballast water before discharge, maintain an approved Ballast Water Management Plan, keep a Ballast Water Record Book, and comply with prescribed standards for ballast-water exchange and treatment. Indian vessels of 400 GT and above are subject to prescribed surveys, including initial, renewal, intermediate, annual and additional surveys, and eligible vessels shall obtain the appropriate International or Indian Ballast Water Management Certificate. • The Rules prescribe the D-1 standard, requiring at least 95% volumetric exchange of ballast water, generally at least 200 nautical miles from the nearest land and in water at least 200 metres deep, with limited alternatives where this is not practicable. They also prescribe the stricter D-2 performance standard, under which discharged ballast water shall contain less than 10 viable organisms per cubic metre for organisms of 50 micrometres or larger and less than 10 viable organisms per millilitre for organisms between 10 and 50 micrometres, along with specified limits for Vibrio cholerae, E. coli and intestinal enterococci. • The Rules further require vessels and ports to ensure proper sediment collection, reception and environmentally safe disposal, while allowing the Director-General to impose additional requirements or issue warnings in areas affected by harmful aquatic organisms, toxic algal blooms, sewage outfalls or other environmental risks. Vessels may be inspected by port authorities, and discharge may be restricted where certificates, records, equipment or procedures are deficient. • Non-compliance attracts penalties under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025; where no specific penalty is prescribed, a violation may attract a penalty of up to ■50,000 and an additional ■5,000 per day for

continuing violations, without relieving the vessel from the obligation to rectify the non-compliance. Overall, the Rules introduce a certificate-, survey-, monitoring- and record-based compliance regime aimed at ensuring that ballast water and sediments discharged by vessels do not adversely affect India's marine environment or introduce invasive aquatic species. [Notification no. - G.S.R.714(E)]

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MCX notified regarding the Tender/Pre–Expiry Margin Schedule for the Month of September 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on August 17, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Tender / Pre–Expiry Margin Schedule for the Month of September 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • MCX Clearing Corporation (MCXCCL) has notified the schedule for Tender/Pre-Expiry Margin for contracts expiring in September 2026. • For GOLDM, SILVER and NICKEL contracts, the margin increases over the final 3 days to 8.34%, 16.68% and 25%. • For CRUDEOIL/CRUDEOILM and NATURALGAS/NATGASMINI, the margin rises in stages from 5% to 25% over the final 5 applicable days. • GOLDGUINEA, GOLDPETAL, GOLDTEN, SILVER100 and base-metal contracts have margins of 8.34%, 16.68% and 25% over the final 3 days. CARDAMOM carries higher margins of 11.68%, 23.36% and 35%, while MENTHAOIL is 5%, 10% and 15%. • Members and their clients/constituents should take note of the schedule and ensure appropriate margin arrangements for the September 2026 expiry contracts. [Notification No. MCX/MCXCCL/467/2026]

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MNRE invites comments on the Draft Specification of Solar Pump Controllers

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The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on August 12, 2026, invites comments on the Draft Specification of Solar Pump Controllers. The following has been stated: • The Draft proposes detailed technical, safety, performance and monitoring requirements for solar pump controllers used in agricultural applications. The draft requires controllers to be capable of continuously delivering their declared rated power/current for at least 2 hours without tripping or overheating, and the controller rating shall be equal to or greater than the peak power of the connected PV array. Controllers shall incorporate Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) to optimise power extraction despite changes in solar irradiance, temperature and module conditions. The proposed efficiency requirements are stringent, with static MPPT efficiency of at least 98%, dynamic MPPT efficiency of at least 97%, and minimum overall system efficiency of 90.2% for controllers below 5 HP and 91.2% for controllers of 5 HP and above at the specified operating conditions. • The draft also prescribes motor-control and power-quality requirements. Controllers shall support suitable control techniques such as V/f or flux control and provide stable operation from zero to rated speed. A Universal Solar Pump Controller capable of operating agricultural equipment other than pumps shall withstand 150% torque overload for 30 seconds and shall provide selectable load outputs with proper electrical interlocking. For sinusoidal output, voltage THD shall not exceed 10%, with no individual harmonic exceeding 6% of the fundamental; for intentionally non-sinusoidal outputs, THD shall not exceed 40%, while voltage transition slopes and peak voltage are also controlled. For 415 V systems, motor-terminal voltage spikes after cables

exceeding 60 metres shall not exceed 620 V and shall have a duration below 1 microsecond. • For electrical and environmental safety, the proposed specification requires adequate protection against electric shock, insulation withstand and insulation resistance testing in accordance with IS 16221 (Part 1):2016. Following humidity preconditioning, leakage current shall not exceed 5 mA, insulation resistance shall exceed 100 MΩ at 500 V DC, and touch-current limits are prescribed. Stored electrical energy shall also discharge to below 60 V within 10 seconds after PV disconnection. The draft further introduces mandatory marking, display and remote-monitoring requirements. Controllers shall carry permanent, weatherproof rating plates containing manufacturer details, model and serial number, manufacturing date, PV voltage/current and power ratings, MPPT range, motor ratings, supported motor types, IP rating, pollution degree and overvoltage category. Mandatory safety warnings include instructions to disconnect PV supply before servicing, protective-earth identification, hot-surface warnings and hazardous DC-voltage warnings where applicable. • The last date to submit comments is August 28, 2026. [Notification no. - 313-12/2/2026 -S&QC]

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NMC issued a notification regarding the National Pledge against Drug Abuse

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on August 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding the National Pledge against Drug Abuse. The following has been stated: - •The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment is organising a “National Pledge Against Drug Abuse” on August 18, 2026 under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA). •The NMBA, launched on August 15, 2020, is now implemented across all districts with a focus on youth, women and educational institutions. •Medical Colleges/Institutions under the NMC are directed to participate in the pledge and undertake necessary action as per the prescribed instructions. •The campaign has reached over 29 crore people, including 11 crore youth and 7 crore women, through more than 9.22 lakh awareness activities. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CDN-20011/322/2026-Coordination-NMC]

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Post Office (Seventh Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications (MoC) on August 14, 2026, issued the Post Office (Seventh Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to further amend the Post Office Act, 2023. The following has been stated namely: - • Regulation 51 which states “Items addressed to deceased persons” has been substituted namely: - “Item addressed to a deceased person shall be returned to the sender, where the particulars of the sender are available on item, or where such particulars are not available, the item shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation (3) of regulation 65” This shall come into force on August 17, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 4537(E)]

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Tea Board India issued a circular regarding updating user profiles in the online portal

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Tea Board India on August 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding updating user profiles in the online portal. The following has been stated: - •The Tea Board has enabled users to update their contact details through the 'My Profile' section of its online portal. •Users are advised to verify and update their mobile number and email ID wherever necessary to ensure accurate communication. •All concerned are requested to keep their profiles updated and circulate these instructions to the relevant users. [Circular No.: Ref. No.: IT-POLY/1/2026-IT Cell]

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NDC seeks details of stipend paid to BDS Interns and MDS Students by Dental Colleges

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Dental Commission (NDC) on August 06, 2026, seeks details of the stipend paid to BDS Interns and MDS Students by Dental Colleges. It has requested all Dental Colleges/Institutions to furnish details of the stipend being paid to BDS Interns and MDS students, in continuation of its earlier circular dated June 18, 2026, regarding payment of stipend. The required information is to be submitted through the QR code provided in the circular or the prescribed Google Form. [Notification no. - NDC/Genletter/2026/ DEB-281]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Voglibose IP 0.3 mg+ Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500 mg (as sustained release) for M/s Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Ltd. (Marketer)

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 11, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Voglibose IP 0.3 mg+ Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500 mg (as sustained release) for M/s Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Ltd. (Marketer). It states that the price for each uncoated bilayered tablet containing Voglibose IP 0.3 mg+ Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500 mg has been fixed at Rs. 13.55/- excluding GST. [Notification No. - 19(5278)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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Petroleum Products (Maintenance of Production, Storage and Supply) Amendment Order, 2026

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on August 13, 2026, issued the Petroleum Products (Maintenance of Production, Storage and Supply) Amendment Order, 2026, to further amend the Petroleum

Products (Maintenance of Production, Storage and Supply) Order, 1999. The following has been stated namely: - • Clause 2 which states “definitions” the following has been inserted namely: - “‘(j) “Schedule” means a Schedule appended to this Order” o Clause 3A which states “Operational directions for Liquified Petroleum Gas production and supply” has been inserted namely: - “(1) It is hereby ordered that all public sector, joint venture and private sector oil refining companies, and upstream oil companies shall, – (i) Develop augment and at all times maintain adequate infrastructure for storage, evacuation and transport of Liquified Petroleum Gas either by itself or through other entities viz railways or road tankers adequate for the quantities specified in the Schedule; (ii) Implement all technically and economically feasible measures and technologies such as naphtha-toliquified petroleum gas conversion, gasoline-based fluid catalytic cracking unit to petro-fluid catalytic cracking unit, or other upgrades, to maximise Liquified Petroleum Gas production beyond current minimum producible quantities as specified in the Schedule, with intimation to Centre for High Technology or any other authorised agency, whenever such an upgrade is undertaken. Explanation. – For the purposes of this rule “upstream oil company”, means any person, firm, company or other legal entity engaged in or undertaking the exploration, appraisal, development and production of mineral oils.” This shall come into force on August 13, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 730(E)]

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NSE notified regarding the Implementation of 1600 series number by Investor Services Centre for outbound calls to Investors

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 14, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Implementation of 1600 series number by Investor Services Centre for outbound calls to Investors. The following has been stated namely: - • From August 15, 2026, NSE Investor Service Centres and the Defaulter Department will make outbound calls only from 1600322410. • The number 1600322410 is outbound-only. Participants cannot call or send messages to it. • Continue using the NSE toll-free number 1800 266 0050 for contacting Exchange departments. • Do not disclose PAN, Aadhaar, bank/card details, login credentials, or OTPs during calls. • The dedicated number is intended to help investors identify genuine NSE calls and avoid impersonation/fraud, promoting safer investor communication. [Notification No. NSE/ISC/ 75749]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Empagliflozin 25 mg + Linagliptin 5 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 1000 mg (as Extended Release) for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer)

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 11, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Empagliflozin 25 mg + Linagliptin 5 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 1000 mg (as Extended Release)' for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from December 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Empagliflozin 25 mg + Linagliptin 5 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 1000 mg (as Extended Release)' for M/s Exemed

Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer). • The Total MAT is 5,21,60,164 [Notification No. 19(5275)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

NPPA Retail Price Fixed for Multivitamin and Mineral Oral Drops

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), on August 13, 2026, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013), has computed the retail price for the formulation containing Cholecalciferol, Pyridoxine HCl, Niacinamide, Cyanocobalamin, Selenium, Zinc, Manganese, Molybdenum, L-Lysine, Iodine, Biotin, Chromium, Myo-inositol and Beta Carotene, manufactured by M/s Ordain Healthcare Global Pvt. Ltd. and marketed by M/s Mapra Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. Based on December 2025 market data under Para 5 of the DPCO, 2013, the worked-out and proposed retail price is ■3.20 per ml, excluding GST. The price calculation considers the market data of companies having a market share of 1% and above and includes the prescribed 16% retailer margin. The formulation is available in the market through products including TIS Healthcare Ltd., AxBex Ozone Pharmaceuticals and Bevon (Zuventus Healthcare Ltd.). The proposed retail price of ■3.20 per ml is therefore determined based on the applicable market-based pricing methodology under DPCO, 2013. [File No. 19(5276)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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UGC notified regarding the Implementation of Joint Action Plan for TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan in Higher Education Institutions

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on August 10, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of Joint Action Plan for TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan in Higher Education Institutions. The following has been stated: • The UGC has requested all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to actively implement the Joint Action Plan under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan through a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach. HEIs are encouraged to enrol as Ni-kshay Mitras and motivate faculty, students, alumni and other stakeholders to support persons affected by tuberculosis. Institutions should integrate TB awareness into student engagement and community outreach programmes, including awareness camps, household sensitization and adoption of nearby villages or urban slums for TB campaigns. • HEIs are also advised to disseminate TB prevention and awareness messages through their websites, digital platforms and social media, and encourage students and staff to participate in rallies, Nukkad Nataks, poster/wall-writing campaigns and verified social media campaigns to address TB-related myths, misinformation and stigma. They should organize lectures, seminars and awareness programmes, facilitate student registration as Ni-kshay Mitras, promote the TB Mukt Bharat App and Khushi Chatbot, and reinforce healthy lifestyle messages relating to Swachhata and Nasha Mukti, including avoidance of alcohol, smoking and tobacco, to contribute towards the goal of a TB Mukt Bharat. [Notification no. - 1-1/2026(■BMuktBharatAbhiyaan)]

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RBI Premature Redemption Price of SGB 2021-22 Series V

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 14, 2026, announced the premature redemption price for Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2021-22 Series V, issued on August 17, 2021. As the bonds have completed five years from the date of issue, premature redemption is permitted on the interest payment date, with the next redemption date falling on August 17, 2026. The premature redemption price has been fixed at ■15,295 per unit of SGB. The price is based on the simple average of the closing price of 999-purity gold for the three preceding business days, i.e. August 12, 13 and 14, 2026, as published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd. (IBJA). Accordingly, eligible holders of SGB 2021-22 Series V opting for premature redemption on August 17, 2026 will receive ■15,295 per SGB unit, subject to the applicable redemption process. [Press Release: 2026-2027/903]

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MeitY issued a notification regarding Cyber Security Measures and Incident Response

Aug 15, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) on August 14, 2026, issued a notification regarding Cyber Security Measures and Incident Response. The following has been stated: - •The Government has strengthened national cyber security through CERT-In, designated under Section 70B of the IT Act, 2000, which recorded 15.92 lakh, 20.41 lakh and 29.44 lakh incidents in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. •A coordinated framework involving NCSC, NCCC, NCIIPC and sectoral CSIRTs supports threat detection, intelligence sharing and incident response across critical sectors. •CERT-In conducts cyber drills, security audits, vulnerability assessments, threat advisories and operates platforms such as Cyber Swachhta Kendra for malware detection and removal. •Government websites and applications undergo regular cyber security audits, while the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 provides a statutory framework for secure and accountable processing of digital personal data. •The Government also promotes cyber awareness and capacity building through ISEA workshops, national awareness campaigns and CERT-In training programmes for citizens, officials and cyber security professionals. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2299339]

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CCIL notified the Process and Operational Modalities for Portfolio Transfer in FX Options Segment

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) on August 13, 2026, notified the process and operational modalities for Portfolio Transfer in the FX Options Segment. The following has been stated: The notification follows amendments to CCIL's Bye-Laws and Regulations enabling the transfer of proprietary trades, positions and/or margins from one Member (Transferor) to another Member (Transferee). The Portfolio Transfer framework became effective from July 25, 2026. The prescribed process and operational modalities for such Portfolio Transfers have been notified under Bye-Law 10 (Transfer of Trades) and Regulation H

(Transfer of Trades) of the FX Options Segment Regulations. The notification is effective from August 13, 2026. [Notification No. RMD/DRV/26/30]

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Indian Railways (permission for operators to move container trains on Indian Railways) Amendment Rules, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry Of Railways on August 12, 2026, issued the Indian Railways (permission for operators to move container trains on Indian Railways) Amendment Rules, 2026 to further amend the Indian Railways (permission for operators to move container trains on Indian Railways) Rules, 2006. The following amendments have been stated: • In the said rules, for rule 7,the following rule shall be substituted, namely: – "7. Regulation of Rail Container Operations. –The Container Train Operator shall be granted a single unified all India Container Train Operator (CTO) license to run container trains on all routes of Indian Railways network.". • In the said rules, in rule 8, for sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely: – "(3) Any company which has been declared insolvent or bankrupt, as the case may be, under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 (31 of 2016) shall not be eligible to apply to operate container trains either individually or in association with other companies.". • In the said rules, in rule 10, for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely: – "(1) At the time of submission of application to operate container train every applicant shall be required to deposit a non-refundable registration fee of rupees twenty-five crores for all routes on the Indian Railways network.". In the said rules, for rule 11 the following rule shall be substituted, namely: – "11. Modalities of granting permission.– (1) The operator(s) registered under Category - I, shall continue to operate in the same category till completion of the concession period: Provided that they shall not be charged any extension or renewal fee for renewal of their concession period in the new single unified all India Container Train Operator (CTO) license for all routes of Indian Railways network. (2) The operator(s) registered in Category-II, III and IV, shall continue to operate in the same category till the completion of their concession period. (3) For the renewal or extension of concession period in the new single unified all India Container Train Operator (CTO) license for all routes of Indian Railways network, the operator(s) registered under Category-II, III and IV shall be required to deposit an amount of rupees fifteen crores which shall be non-refundable (4) The operatorsunder Category-II, III and IV may migrate to the new single unified all India Container Train Operator (CTO) license for all routes of Indian Railways network before completion of twenty years concession period, by depositing rupees fifteen crores which shall be non-refundable.". 7. In the said rules, in rule 13, for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely: – "(1) The validity of permission shall be for a period of twenty years from the commercial operation date of container trains by the operator and the permission can be extended by twenty years after expiry of the validity of the permission, by the Competent Authority to the same party or operator, as the case may be, on his application, subject to satisfactory performance without any extension fee to be charged: Provided that subsequent extensions to the same operator shall be without any extension or renewal fee.". They shall come into force on August 12, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 727(E)]

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Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Law and Justice, on August 13, 2026, notified the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Act, 2026, further amending the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006. The following has been stated: The amendments introduce changes relating to MSME classification, registration, receivables settlement, dispute resolution, and penalties. The Central Government may classify enterprises as micro, small or medium enterprises based on investment in plant and machinery/equipment and turnover. A national digital platform will also be notified for free and voluntary filing of MSME registration memorandums, while State Governments may establish similar platforms for accessing State-level benefits. A key change is the introduction of mandatory settlement of MSME receivables through the Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS). Central Public Sector Enterprises will be required to route settlement of invoices for goods or services procured from MSMEs through RBI-authorised TReDS platforms. Similar requirements may be extended to other Central/State authorities and entities through notification. The Act also strengthens the MSME dispute resolution mechanism by prescribing a 90-day period for mediation and a further 90-day period for making an arbitral award after completion of pleadings. Online mediation and arbitration through electronic means may also be established. Mediated settlements and arbitral awards may be recovered as arrears of land revenue and will constitute legally enforceable debt under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. A person challenging an award or mediated settlement will generally be required to deposit 75% of the awarded amount, with provisions for payment of a portion of the deposit to the supplier during the proceedings. The Act also provides for additional Facilitation Councils, specifies their composition, and requires certain public sector entities to disclose details of MSME invoices routed and settled through TReDS. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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MoF notified regarding the Mechanism for Timely Redressal of Insurance Policyholders' Grievances

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 14, 2026, notified regarding the Mechanism for Timely Redressal of Insurance Policyholders' Grievances. The following has been stated: • IRDAI has reiterated the grievance redressal mechanism for policyholders, requiring insurance-related complaints such as claim rejection, delays, mis-selling and service deficiencies to first be raised with the concerned insurer. At the insurer level, the Grievance Redressal Officer (GRO) is responsible for handling complaints, while the Policyholder Protection, Grievance Redressal and Claims Monitoring Committee (PPGR & CM Committee) oversees grievance redressal at the Board level. All complaints received through digital platforms, correspondence or call centres are required to be recorded in the insurer's Complaints Management System (CMS), which is integrated with the Bima Bharosa Portal, with the insurer required to acknowledge the complaint immediately and resolve it within 14 days. • If the policyholder does not receive a satisfactory response or the complaint remains unresolved, the matter may be escalated to IRDAI through the Bima Bharosa Portal, which serves as the integrated grievance-monitoring platform for the insurance sector. Complaints can also be lodged through IRDAI's designated helpline numbers 155255 / 1800-4254-732 or through email at complaints@irdai.gov.in. Physical and email complaints are also registered on Bima Bharosa, and the IRDAI call centre provides multilingual support in 12 languages [Press release id – 2299382]

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IFSCA Consultation Paper on Draft Framework for Leasing Activity in IFSC

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on August 13, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper on the Draft Circular titled “Framework for Leasing Activity in the International Financial Services Centre” to seek public and stakeholder comments. The proposed framework aims to consolidate the existing regulatory frameworks for aircraft leasing and ship leasing into a single framework and improve ease of doing business for leasing entities in IFSCs. The proposed framework additionally seeks to enable oilfield equipment leasing and introduce an SPV structure for creating leasing structures in IFSCs to hold specific assets. It also proposes a common framework for permissible activities of lessors, asset-specific compliance requirements, a separate Fit and Proper framework, governance and compliance requirements for SPVs, and a consolidated list of eligible products/equipment that can be expanded in future. The framework also proposes to supersede the existing subsidiary instructions listed in its Annexure-I. The consultation is primarily based on the IFSCA (Finance Company) Regulations, 2021, under which Finance Companies/Finance Units may undertake financial or operating leases of aircraft, ships, aviation training simulation devices, oilfield equipment and other equipment specified by IFSCA. Stakeholders have been invited to submit comments/suggestions in the prescribed format by September 2, 2026, through email to the designated IFSCA officials. [Notification No. IFSCA-FCROFCR/11/2026-Banking]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Empagliflozin 25 mg + Linagliptin 5 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 1000 mg (as Extended Release)' for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer)

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 11, 2026, issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Empagliflozin 25 mg + Linagliptin 5 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 1000 mg (as Extended Release)' for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: - •For each film coated bilayer tablet contains: Empagliflozin 25 mg + Linagliptin 5 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 1000 mg (as Extended Release)' for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Macleods Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer) the retail price is 12.27(Rs). [Notification No.: 19(5274)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.III/14939/2026]

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NDC issued circular on Designation of Dedicated Email ID for Submission of Requests and Queries Related to Biometric Data and Faculty Management Portal

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Dental Commission (NDC) on August 06, 2026, has designated a dedicated email ID — it.helpdesk.ndc@gmail.com — for streamlined processing of all Biometric Attendance System and Faculty Management Portal related requests, to be used exclusively by all Dental Colleges/Institutions. This email ID is to be used only for: (1) transfer of Faculty/PG Student biometric data between institutions, (2) deletion of Faculty/PG Student biometric data, (3) complaints/issues related to biometric attendance machines and data synchronization, and (4) addition, deletion, or correction of Dental Faculty data in the Faculty Management Module on the NDC website. Principals/Deans of Dental Colleges are advised to submit such requests only through this dedicated email ID, along with all requisite supporting documents, to ensure timely examination and disposal. Communications on these matters sent to any other NDC email address may not be entertained or processed. [File No. NDC/IT/2026/M-1605]

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NDC issued a notification regarding furnishing the complete details of Dental Mechanics (DM), Dental Hygienists (DH) & Diploma in Dental Operating Room Assistant (DORA) Courses

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Dental Commission (NDC) on August 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding furnishing the complete details of Dental Mechanics (DM), Dental Hygienists (DH) & Diploma in Dental Operating Room Assistant (DORA) Courses. The following has been stated: - •All concerned Dental Colleges/Institutions are directed to submit complete details of Dental Mechanics (DM), Dental Hygienists (DH), and Diploma in Dental Operating Room Assistant (DORA) courses conducted by them. The required information must be furnished through the provided link or QR code. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No. F.No.NDC/UGPG-DEB/18/20/DEB-276]

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MoT notified regarding the fixation of the Maximum Ex-Factory Prices for 580-gm Type-A & Type-B B-Twill Jute Bags for 2019

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textile (MoT) on August 13, 2026, notified regarding the fixation of the Maximum Ex-Factory Prices for 580-gm Type-A & Type-B B-Twill Jute Bags for 2019. It has fixed the maximum ex-factory prices for 580-gm Type-A and Type-B B-Twill jute bags for each month from January to December 2019. The prices vary according to the applicable raw-jute linkage, with no linkage from January to August, 5% linkage in September, 10% in November, and 8% in December. Type-A and Type-B bags carry identical prices, ranging from ■78,411/MT in January to ■82,562/MT with linkage in December. The bags shall conform to BIS Specification IS 16186:2014 (Amendment No. 1), carry prescribed identification, BIS certification and minimum breaking-strength requirements, and comply with the applicable PCSO conditions. The notified prices are exclusive of GST, which shall be paid additionally by the purchaser. [Notification No. - S.O. 4503(E)]

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SEBI issued a consultation paper proposing the mandatory introduction of a 'Credit Risk-o-Meter'

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 13, 2026, issued a consultation paper proposing the mandatory introduction of a 'Credit Risk-o-Meter' as an additional disclosure mechanism for debt securities. The Credit Risk-o-Meter will provide a colour-coded visual representation of the credit risk associated with debt securities, based on their existing credit ratings ranging from AAA to D. The proposed framework will apply to Non-Convertible Securities (NCS), Commercial Papers (CPs), Securitised Debt Instruments (SDIs), Security Receipts (SRs), and Structured Debt/Market Linked Debentures (MLDs) issued through public issue or private placement, and will cover all categories of issuers and Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs). The Credit Risk-o-Meter will be required in offer documents, abridged prospectuses, private placement memorandums, advertisements, and OBPP web and mobile platforms. The risk levels will be mapped as follows: AAA – Lowest Credit Risk; AA – Very Low Credit Risk; A – Low Credit Risk; BBB – Moderate Credit Risk; BB – Moderate Risk of Default; and B/C/D – High to Very High Risk of Default. Where multiple credit ratings are available, the meter will be based on the lowest rating, while all ratings must be disclosed. For unsecured instruments, the word "unsecured" must be displayed in bold red text. Issuers/OBPPs will also be required to disclose the name of the Credit Rating Agency, the actual credit rating and prescribed disclaimers alongside the Credit Risk-o-Meter. Any change in the Credit Risk-o-Meter must be immediately communicated on the OBPP platform. The proposed circular is intended to become applicable 30 days after its issuance. Public comments on the consultation paper may be submitted to SEBI by September 03, 2026. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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SEBI issued Consultation Paper on Review of Know Your Client process for individual Persons Resident outside India

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 14, 2026, issued Consultation Paper on Review of Know Your Client process for individual Persons Resident outside India. SEBI has issued a consultation paper reviewing the KYC on-boarding process for individual Persons Resident Outside India (PROI) — comprising NRIs, OCIs, and foreign nationals — with the objective of enabling seamless digital on-boarding in the securities market. Currently, non-resident clients are required to be physically present in India at the time of digital on-boarding, a requirement SEBI has been receiving multiple stakeholder representations to relax, especially given recent regulatory changes such as the Union Budget FY2026-27 announcement permitting individual PROI investment in listed Indian equities and the Ministry of Finance's June 12, 2026 amendment allowing Foreign Nationals to invest without the FPI route. The core public comment sought is whether SEBI should allow intermediaries to digitally on-board individual PROI clients without requiring physical presence in India, provided the client is located in a FATF-compliant country. Related sub-proposals include: accepting KYC forms/OVDs digitally under electronic signature; collecting cropped specimen signature images with wet-signature verification during VIPV; relaxing mobile number verification requirements; mandating email ID collection; expanding the list of officials authorized to certify OVDs to include overseas bank branch officials with Indian bank relationships; permitting self-declared

current address where OVD is source-verifiable; additional safeguards for VIPV given the relaxed physical-presence requirement; and whether KRAs may share unvalidated/non-source-verified KYC records with intermediaries. A draft circular titled "Review of KYC process for individual Persons Resident Outside India" is enclosed as Annex-A. Comments/suggestions must be submitted latest by September 04, 2026 via the SEBI public comments portal (link provided), and any technical issues in submission may be reported to consultationMIRSD@sebi.gov.in, divyah@sebi.gov.in, and shabeehp@sebi.gov.in with the subject line "Public comments on Review of KYC process for Persons Resident Outside India."

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Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 2026

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The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W) on August 07, 2026, notified the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 2026, in supersession of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Rules, 1997. The following has been stated: - •The Rules prescribe safety standards for navigation and operation of Indian ships and vessels. •They establish requirements for navigational equipment, aids, charts and safety-related systems. •Ship owners and operators are required to ensure proper maintenance, inspection and functioning of prescribed equipment. •The Rules provide requirements relating to safe navigation, voyage planning, communication and emergency preparedness. •They aim to strengthen maritime safety, prevent accidents and ensure compliance with applicable international safety standards. •They shall come into force on August 13, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 715 (E)]

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UGC invite Comments/Suggestions from stakeholders on the Draft Guidelines and Curriculum Framework on Mission LiFE at the Undergraduate level

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on August 10, 2026, invite Comments/Suggestions from stakeholders on the Draft Guidelines and Curriculum Framework on Mission LiFE at the Undergraduate level. Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), initiated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to promote sustainable and mindful lifestyles, was launched by the Prime Minister on October 20, 2022. MoEFCC has requested the Ministry of Education to institutionalise Mission LiFE in higher education through a credit-based undergraduate course, pursuant to which UGC constituted an Expert Committee to prepare Guidelines/Curriculum Framework and develop a SWAYAM MOOC on the subject. A 2-Credit, 10-week MOOC on Mission LiFE, developed by the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, has now been launched on the SWAYAM platform and is open for learner registration. The course runs from 21 August 2026 to 30 October 2026, with registration closing on 31 August 2026. Students/learners can register at: https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/elearning/preview/ugc26_ge19 Separately, based on the UGC Expert Committee's recommendations, the Draft Guidelines and Curriculum Framework on Mission LiFE at the Undergraduate Level has been prepared and uploaded on the UGC website (Annexure-I) for stakeholder feedback — including from HEIs, faculty, subject experts, students, industry representatives, and regulatory bodies. Comments/suggestions must be submitted within two weeks of the Public Notice via the

online Google Form: https://forms.gle/yKRyVCPcirvTZXQr8 All feedback received within the stipulated period will be examined by the UGC Expert Committee before finalizing the Guidelines and Curriculum Framework on Mission LiFE at the undergraduate level. Draft Link - https://www.ugc.gov.in/pdfnews/2798171_Annexure-I-Draft-Guidelines-and-Curriculum-Framework.pdf [File .No.1-1/2015(Mission LiFE)]

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CDSCO issued the clarification on the submission of applications for grant of Permission to Import and Market New Drugs not approved anywhere in the world, wherein phase III Global Clinical Trials (GCT) are ongoing or completed with participation of Indian

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The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) on August 10, 2026, issued a clarification on the submission of applications for the grant of Permission to import and Market New Drugs not approved anywhere in the world, wherein Phase III Global Clinical Trials (GCT) are ongoing or completed with participation of Indian. The following has been stated: • It has clarified the regulatory procedure for applications seeking permission to import and market new drugs that are not approved anywhere in the world, where Phase III Global Clinical Trials (GCTs) are either ongoing or have been completed with participation of Indian subjects. The matter was examined by CDSCO's internal technical committee, which recommended that such applications require comprehensive assessment of both non-clinical and clinical data. • Accordingly, all such Investigational New Drug (IND) applications, including those under review by foreign regulatory authorities, will be examined and processed by the IND Division, CDSCO (HQ), New Delhi. The applications will be evaluated in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 (NDCT Rules, 2019). Applicants are therefore required to submit such applications directly to the IND Division, CDSCO (Headquarters), New Delhi for further regulatory examination and processing. [Notification No. - ND-11011(13)/2/2026-eoffice]

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Airports Authority of India (Leave) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) on August 12, 2026, issued the Airports Authority of India (Leave) Amendment Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Airports Authority of India (Leave) Regulations, 2003. The following amendments have been stated: • In the Airports Authority of India (Leave) Regulations, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as the said Regulations), in regulation 11, in sub-regulation (6), for clauses (a) and (b), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:– "(a). For Pregnancy:– A female employee (including a probationer) with less than two surviving children may be granted maternity leave for a period of 180 (one hundred and eighty) days from the date of its commencement. The leave will be granted on submission or production of medical certificate issued by the authorised medical officer or hospital or nursing home. (b). For Miscarriage or Medical Termination of Pregnancy:– Maternity leave not exceeding 45 days may also be granted to a female employee (irrespective of the number of surviving children) during the entire service of

that female employee in case of miscarriage including abortion on production of medical certificate. Provided that abortion does not include threatened abortion and maternity leave cannot be granted in case of threatened abortion." • In the said Regulations, regulation 16 shall be omitted. They shall come into force from August 12, 2026. [Notification No. A.60011/06/2018/HRPC/Pt.2]

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BSE Introduces Optional Facility to Monitor Intraday Uncrystallised MTM Losses in Futures Contracts

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The BSE Clearing Limited (BSECL) on August 12, 2026, informed Clearing Members that an optional facility has been introduced in the Real Time Risk Management System (RTRMS) to monitor intraday uncrystallised Mark-to-Market (MTM) losses arising from open futures positions at the Clearing Member level. Clearing Members may request activation of the facility by emailing the Risk Department of BSECL. The facility provides real-time monitoring of MTM losses across client and proprietary positions, with only net losses aggregated at the Clearing Member level. The facility is voluntary and does not alter the existing risk management or margin monitoring processes. [Notice No. 20260812-45]

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IFSCA issued a consultation paper proposing amendments to the IFSCA Banking Handbook – General Directions

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 12, 2026, issued a consultation paper proposing amendments to the IFSCA Banking Handbook – General Directions concerning Governing Body meetings and staffing requirements of IFSC Banking Units (IBUs). Stakeholders and the public have been invited to submit comments and suggestions by September 1, 2026. The following has been stated: Governing Body meetings: IBUs must ensure that at least two quarterly meetings of the Governing Body are held physically in the IFSC. Members located outside India may participate through video conferencing. Key appointments: IBUs must ensure that the positions of CEO/Head – IBU, Compliance Officer and Risk Officer are held by an Approved Individual at all times. Risk Officer: The Risk Officer will report administratively to the Head of the IBU and functionally to the Governing Body and will oversee the IBU's risk management function, including identification, assessment and management of risks. Threshold-based Risk Officer requirement: Appointment of a Risk Officer will be mandatory where: outstanding advances exceed USD 2.5 billion as at March 31 of the previous financial year; or total investments exceed USD 2.5 billion as at March 31 of the previous financial year; or the derivatives portfolio has a notional turnover exceeding USD 5 billion during the previous financial year. The Authority may also require IBUs to appoint individuals for such other roles or functions as it may direct from time to time. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [No. IFSCA-FMPP0BR/1/2024-Banking/2026-27/01]

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IFSCA issued the Public Comments on the draft IFSCA (Prohibition of Market Abuse in Securities Markets) Regulations, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 11, 2026, issued the Public Comments on the draft IFSCA (Prohibition of Market Abuse in Securities Markets) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: • The comments broadly support the proposed framework but seek greater clarity, proportionality and alignment with established international and SEBI frameworks, particularly because IFSC entities operate in a cross-border environment. Stakeholders have requested a separate applicability clause clearly specifying the entities, products and securities covered, and clarifying the treatment of Global Access Providers (GAPs) dealing in foreign exchanges. • Stakeholders have proposed stronger disclosure and monitoring requirements, including disclosure of securities holdings by KMPs, directors, promoters and promoter-group members within seven days of appointment/change, followed by periodic disclosures. They have also suggested allowing listed entities to require disclosures from other connected persons and clarifying that GAP-related obligations should be limited to securities/products within IFSCA jurisdiction. • Regarding market manipulation and fraudulent practices, comments seek clarification that terms such as “aid”, “assist” and “participate” should involve active involvement or knowledge and should not unintentionally impose liability on execution-only intermediaries. • For compliance and surveillance, suggestions include prescribing minimum standards for Chinese walls, internal controls and codes of conduct, adopting a proportionate compliance framework based on the size and nature of the intermediary, and establishing an IFSC-wide Market Abuse Surveillance Repository (MASR) for sharing anonymised suspicious-pattern information and detecting coordinated manipulation across entities. • Finally, comments suggest extending the framework to clearly address primary-market transactions such as IPOs, private placements and structured issuances, creating an Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF) in GIFT City, and introducing a whistleblower/informant mechanism with confidentiality, protection against retaliation and possible monetary incentives, similar to the SEBI framework.

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MCX issued a notification regarding a mock trading session to be conducted on August 16, 2026, to test trading systems and connectivity

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on August 12, 2026, has notified members that a mock trading session will be conducted on Sunday, August 16, 2026, to test trading systems and connectivity. The following has been stated: Special Session: 08:55 AM – 08:59 AM Mock Trading: 09:00 AM – 11:00 AM Members using CTCL facilities are requested to participate using the MCX Enhanced Trading Interface (ETI) API Version 1.4.2. Members are encouraged to use the session to test their trading applications from their Disaster Recovery (DR) site. Members connecting through the internet may participate using their existing SSL VPN IDs through the MCX SSL VPN link. Members must ensure that their trading systems are restored to production state after the mock session. Trades executed during the mock session will not create any pay-in or pay-out obligations. Connectivity and default password details are provided in the respective annexures. For assistance, members may contact the MCX Customer Service Team at 022-6649 4040 or customersupport@mcxindia.com. [Circular No: MCX/TECH/462/2026]

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SEBI issued circular on Review of Inclusion of Historical Scenarios in Stress Testing for Commodity Derivatives Segment

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 12, 2026, issued circular on Review of Inclusion of Historical Scenarios in Stress Testing for Commodity Derivatives Segment. This SEBI circular amends the stress testing methodology used for the Core Settlement Guarantee Fund (Core SGF) in the commodity derivatives segment, specifically revising the Z-score threshold applied under the "Peak Historical Return" scenario in the standardized stress testing framework. Under the earlier provision (paragraph 22, Annexure O of the August 4, 2023 Master Circular), extreme price movements — measured over the Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) across a 15-year historical window — that exceeded a Z-score of 10 were capped and replaced by the price movement corresponding to that Z-score of 10, for both the maximum rise (Scenario 1A) and maximum fall (Scenario 1B) scenarios. Following stakeholder representations, a recommendation from the Risk Management Review Committee (RMRC), and public comments, SEBI has now lowered this threshold from a Z-score of 10 to a Z-score of 5. This means extreme historical price movements beyond the Z-score of 5 threshold will now be capped/replaced at that lower level, effectively making the stress testing more conservative by capping outlier price movements sooner. The method for calculating the Z-score itself remains unchanged — using the mean and standard deviation (sigma) of returns over the applicable MPOR period across the 15-year history. The change is explicitly framed as an "Ease of Doing Business" measure and takes effect immediately, issued under SEBI's statutory powers under Section 11(1) of the SEBI Act, 1992, and Regulation 51 of the SECC Regulations, 2018, to protect investor interests and regulate securities markets. [Circular No. HO/47/16/14(1)2026-MRD-POD1/I/18580/2026]

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NPCI advised Operating Units to generate Transaction Reference IDs for all BBPS bill payment transactions

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL) on July 16, 2026, advised all Operating Units (OUs) under the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to ensure compliance with the requirement of generating a Transaction Reference ID at the payment initiation stage for all applicable bill payment transactions. The Transaction Reference ID must be generated at the payment initiation stage and transmitted to NBBL in accordance with the RBI Master Direction – Bharat Bill Payment System Directions, 2024. All OUs are required to implement and ensure compliance by September 15, 2026. Any deviation will be treated as regulatory non-compliance and may attract appropriate action. [NPCI/2026-27/BBPS/008]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Rabeprazole Sodium IP 20 mg (As Enteric Coated Pellets) + Domperidone IP 30mg (As Sustained Release Pellets)' manufactured by M/s. Ved Lifesavers (P) Ltd. and marketed by M/s

German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Private Limited

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Rabeprazole Sodium IP 20 mg (As Enteric Coated Pellets) + Domperidone IP 30mg (As Sustained Release Pellets) manufactured by M/s. Ved Lifesavers (P) Ltd. and marketed by M/s German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Private Limited. It states that the price for Zyrab DSR Capsules, each hard gelatin capsule contains: Rabeprazole Sodium IP 20 mg (As Enteric Coated Pellets) + Domperidone IP 30mg (As Sustained Release Pellets) has been fixed at Rs. 7.47/- excluding GST. [Notification No. - 12(83)/2022/DP/NPPA/Div.II-Part(1)]

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IFSCA issued a notification inviting Public Comments on the Consultation Paper on Amendments to IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 12, 2026, issued a notification inviting Public Comments on the Consultation Paper on Amendments to IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The document contains public comments and suggestions on the proposed amendments to the IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025, aimed at improving ease of doing business and regulatory flexibility in GIFT IFSC. •Key suggestions include removing or relaxing the proposed 25% ceiling on associate investments and introducing flexibility for feeder funds. •Stakeholders also proposed allowing regulated Payment Service Providers, greater flexibility in fund structures, and open-ended Category II AIFs. •Further proposals seek to ease third-party fund management by relaxing Principal Officer requirements and increasing the corpus limit from USD 50 million to USD 100 million. •Overall, the suggestions seek to reduce compliance burdens, enhance operational flexibility and strengthen GIFT IFSC's competitiveness as an international fund-management jurisdiction. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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IFSCA issued a notification regarding the consultation paper on proposed amendments to the IFSCA Banking Handbook on General Directions

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 12, 2026, issued a notification regarding a consultation paper on proposed amendments to the IFSCA Banking Handbook on General Directions. The following has been stated: - •IFSCA has invited public and stakeholder comments on proposed amendments to the IFSCA Banking Handbook – General Directions, particularly regarding Governing Body meetings and Approved Individual requirements for International Banking Units (IBUs). •The amendments aim to provide detailed specifications for compliance based on supervisory assessments. •Stakeholders may submit comments/suggestions in the prescribed format by September 01, 2026, through email to the designated IFSCA officials. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification

No.: e-file No. IFSCA-FMPP0BR/1/2024-Banking/2026-27/01]

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Draft Meerut Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on July 28, 2026, published the draft Meerut Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006. The draft proposes to supersede the earlier Government notifications relating to Meerut Cantonment building bye-laws, subject to the usual saving of actions already taken. The proposed bye-laws will apply within the limits of Meerut Cantonment and will come into force upon final publication in the Official Gazette. The draft provides a comprehensive framework for construction and development within the Cantonment, including provisions relating to access, accessory buildings, additions and alterations, advertising signs, air-conditioning, amenity spaces, apartments, applicants and applications. It also defines the roles and requirements relating to competent authorities and registered architects, and lays down the regulatory framework for erection, re-erection and alteration of buildings. The notification is presently at the draft/consultation stage. Objections and suggestions may be submitted to the Cantonment Board, Meerut within 30 days from the date on which the Gazette is made available to the public. The draft is also available at the office of the Cantonment Board and on its website. The bye-laws will become effective only upon their final publication in the Official Gazette. [S.R.O. 22(E)]

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Ministry of Steel issued a notification regarding an amendment to Appendix-A of DMI&SP Policy, 2025

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Steel on August 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment to Appendix-A of the DMI&SP Policy, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Government has amended Appendix-A of the Domestically Manufactured Iron & Steel Products (DMI&SP) Policy, 2025, notified vide G.S.R. 904(E) dated December 17, 2025. •For specified iron and steel products under HS Codes 7301, 7302, 7303 and 7308 to 7326, the existing requirement of “50% Domestic Value Addition” has been replaced with “Melt & Pour”. •The revised condition requires the steel used to comply with the definition of “Melt & Pour” and the product to be entirely made within India. •The requirements for HS Codes 7304–7307 and 8605–8607 remain at 50% Domestic Value Addition. •All other provisions of the DMI&SP Policy, 2025, remain unchanged. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 720(E)]

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Draft Food Safety and Standards (Safe Food and Balanced Diets for Children in School) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on August 07, 2026, issued the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Safe Food and Balanced Diets for Children in School) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further amending the 2020 Regulations. The following has been stated: The draft seeks to prescribe specific thresholds for food products considered “high in added fat or added sugar or sodium”, based on the Dietary Guidelines for Indians, 2024, issued by ICMR. Under the proposed amendment, food would be classified as high in added fat where it contains more than 4.2 g/100 g in solid form or 1.5 g/100 ml in liquid form. Food would be considered high in added sugar where it contains more than 3 g/100 g in solid form or 2 g/100 ml in liquid form. For salt, food would be considered high where it contains more than 0.625 g/100 g in solid form or 0.175 g/100 ml in liquid form. The draft regulations will be considered after 60 days from the date the Gazette is made available to the public. Objections and suggestions may be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, FSSAI, within the specified period. [F. No. SS-T0SP08(NOTI)/1/2026-Standard-FSSAI.]

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CBSE Post-Result Facilities Announced for Class X Main and Second Board Examinations, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), on August 5, 2026, issued the schedule and guidelines for post-result facilities for students of the Class X Main and Second Board Examinations, 2026. Eligible candidates can apply online for scanned copies of evaluated answer books, verification of marks, and re-evaluation of answers. Students must first obtain the scanned copy of the evaluated answer book before becoming eligible to seek verification of marks and/or re-evaluation. The notice prescribes separate procedures for students who appeared only in the Main Board Examination and those who appeared in both the Main and Second Board Examinations. For subjects attempted in both examinations, students may obtain scanned copies of both answer books; however, they may request verification and/or re-evaluation for only one answer book (either Main or Second Board) for each subject, and this choice cannot be changed subsequently. All requests and fee payments must be made online within the prescribed schedule using digital payment modes. CBSE has clarified that marks may increase or decrease following verification or re-evaluation, and revised mark statements will be issued wherever marks change. The fee will be refunded if marks increase after verification and/or re-evaluation. [Notice No. CBSE/Coord/Verification/Class-X/2026-27]

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Govt of Maharashtra issued a notification regarding Aadhaar Authentication for Construction Workers Welfare Board Services

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of Maharashtra on July 22, 2026, issued a notification regarding Aadhaar Authentication for Construction Workers Welfare Board Services. The following has been stated: - •The Labour Department of Maharashtra enabled voluntary Aadhaar authentication to establish identity for construction workers during registration, renewal, and smart ID issuance, as well as for their family members to prevent duplicate entries and departmental staff for creating a centralized beneficiary database. •Under the Aadhaar (Targeted

Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, and Good Governance Rules, 2020, explicit consent must be obtained from individuals prior to authentication. •The notification guarantees that Aadhaar verification remains strictly voluntary, ensuring no beneficiary is denied services for opting out. •For individuals who choose not to undergo online Aadhaar authentication, alternative viable identification methods are permitted, including offline XML/QR codes, government-issued photo ID documents (such as Voter ID, PAN, Passport, or Driving License), demographic verification, and other approved identification modes. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: EBAKA-0922/CR-166/Lab-7]

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IFSCA Directs Regulated Entities to Maintain Valid Letter of Approval and Regulatory Instruments

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on August 10, 2026, issued directions requiring all regulated entities operating in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) to maintain a valid and subsisting Letter of Approval (LoA) issued under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, along with all applicable regulatory instruments such as registrations, licences, recognitions, authorisations, permissions or approvals. The Authority noted that a valid LoA is a prerequisite for obtaining regulatory approval and carrying on permissible activities in the IFSC. IFSCA highlighted that an LoA remains valid for one year where business has not commenced and five years where business has commenced, with renewal applications required to be filed at least two months before expiry. The Authority observed that certain regulated entities have continued business operations without holding a valid LoA and/or applicable regulatory instruments, and has directed all entities to ensure that both remain valid at all times and that no business activity is undertaken without them. The Circular further advises regulated entities to ensure strict compliance, warning that any breach may constitute a violation of the IFSCA Act, 2019, the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, and the rules or regulations made thereunder, making entities liable to enforcement action, including financial penalties, suspension or cancellation of regulatory instruments. The Circular supersedes the earlier Direction for all Regulated Entities dated April 3, 2025, and takes

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FSSAI Advises Use of 'NFG' Qualifier in Bills of Entry for Non-Food Grade Imports

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), on August 2026, issued a public notice advising importers and customs brokers to declare the qualifier "NFG" (Non-Food Grade) in Bills of Entry filed through ICEGATE for non-food grade items. The measure aims to ensure appropriate routing of import consignments under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017. FSSAI observed that a large number of Bills of Entry for non-food grade items, particularly products having dual food/non-food use under the same HSN code, were being unnecessarily routed to FSSAI for clearance. To address this issue, importers and customs brokers have been advised to use the "NFG" qualifier in the Single Window (SWIFT) system to indicate the non-food end use, enabling correct Partner Government Agency (PGA) routing and preventing non-applicable consignments from being referred to

FSSAI. The public notice aligns with the CBIC Customs Circular dated April 22, 2026, regarding the declaration of non-food grade items in Bills of Entry, and seeks to facilitate faster customs clearance by ensuring accurate electronic routing of import declarations. [File No. TIC-B02/1/2026-IMPORTS-FSSAI]

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IFSCA issued a caution to the public regarding Digital Scams and Misuse of the IFSCA Logo

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 11, 2026, issued a caution to the public regarding Digital Scams and Misuse of the IFSCA Logo. The following has been stated: - •IFSCA has warned the public about unauthorised use of its logo by entities that may falsely imply regulatory approval or association with the Authority. •Entities must not use the IFSCA logo or claim to be authorised, registered, approved or regulated by IFSCA without valid permission. •The public should verify an entity's regulatory status through the official IFSCA Directory before entering into any transaction. •Stakeholders should authenticate communications claiming to be from IFSCA. •IFSCA has also urged caution against digital frauds such as impersonation, deepfakes, and other scams, and asked suspicious activities to be reported to it. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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ICMR invited comments on standard IVD evaluation protocols drafted by ICMR and CDSCO

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Indian Council of Medical Research and Central Drugs Standard Control Organization on July 16, 2026, invited comments on standard IVD evaluation protocols drafted by ICMR and CDSCO. ICMR and CDSCO have jointly developed standard performance evaluation protocols for licensing In-Vitro Diagnostics (IVDs) under the Medical Devices Rules 2017, aimed at helping manufacturers and testing labs assess IVD quality and performance. Two draft protocols have been finalized so far: one for Scrub Typhus IgM ELISA and one for Scrub Typhus IgM RDT. These drafts are now open for public comment, with stakeholders asked to submit feedback in the prescribed format to ivdevaluation@gmail.com by August 25, 2026. After this deadline, the protocols will have minimal scope for further changes, as comments will be reviewed and incorporated before ICMR and CDSCO grant final clearance. [Notification No. ICMR-CDSCO/IVD/GD/PROTOCOLS/17/2026]

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IFSCA Clarifies Non-Applicability of Implementation Services Circular to Fund Management Entities

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on August 10, 2026, issued a clarification regarding its earlier Circular dated May 12, 2026 on “Implementation Services by Investment Advisers in the IFSC.” The clarification refers to Regulation 80 of the IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025, which permits Fund Management Entities (FMEs) providing Portfolio Management Services to also offer advisory services in compliance with the IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025. IFSCA has clarified that the Implementation Services Circular dated May 12, 2026, which prescribes the manner in which registered Investment Advisers may provide implementation services under the Capital Market Intermediaries Regulations, does not apply to Fund Management Entities providing advisory services under the Fund Management Regulations. The clarification has been issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 12 and 13 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019, read with Regulation 146 of the IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025, thereby providing regulatory certainty on the applicability of implementation service requirements to FMEs. [Circular No. IFSCA-PLNP/94/2025-Capital Markets/10082026]

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Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on August 07, 2026, notified the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further amending the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018, after considering objections and suggestions received on the draft regulations. The amendment inserts Pan Masala into Schedule IV containing the list of suggestive packaging materials. For pan masala, packaging may consist of paper, paper board, cellulose or other naturally derived materials, provided such materials are free from plastic, synthetic polymers, copolymers, laminates, aluminium foil and metallised layers. The amendment also permits tin or glass containers for packaging pan masala. Further, the specified provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 relating to plastic packaging shall also apply to such packaging. The regulations come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. [F. No. RCD-09002/1/2026-Regulatory- FSSAI.]

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MHI issued notification on PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) on August 10, 2026, issued notification on PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme. This is a fresh amendment (on top of two earlier ones — dated 7 Aug 2025 and 27 Mar 2026) to the original scheme notified on 29 Sept 2024, effective from the date it's published in the Gazette. Key changes: 1. Scheme outlay and duration reaffirmed — ■11,900 crore total, running 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2028. EMPS-2024 (the earlier two-wheeler scheme that ran April–Sept 2024) remains subsumed into PM E-DRIVE. 2. e-2W (electric two-wheeler) incentive structure updated (Annexure-4, Sl. No. 1): o Max vehicles supported: 45,79,120 o Incentive: ■5,000/kWh (capped ■10,000/vehicle) for FY 2024-25; reduced to ■2,500/kWh (capped ■5,000/vehicle) for the period 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2028 o Max ex-factory price to qualify: ■1.5 lakh o Total fund support: ■2,767 crore o

Incentive is capped at the lower of the stated amount or 15% of ex-factory price 3. Outlay allocation confirmed — ■2,767 crore for e-2Ws, ■55 crore for admin expenses (with flexibility to move money between admin sub-heads). 4. Fund-limited nature reiterated (Para 46): o If money runs out before 31 March 2028, that segment/sub-component closes early — no more claims accepted o e-3W (L5) segment already closed on 26 December 2025, since its sales target was met (this was previously communicated via an Office Memorandum dated 23 Dec 2025) o No payments after 31 March 2028 (hard terminal date) o Claim submission deadline: 31 December 2027 — this is the real practical cutoff, giving roughly 3 months' buffer before the scheme's terminal date for processing The e-2W incentive rate has been halved from FY 2025-26 onward compared to FY 2024-25, the total fund envelope and vehicle cap for e-2Ws are now fixed, and manufacturers/dealers have a firm claim-filing deadline of December 31, 2027. [Notification No. S.O. 4424(E)]

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MoP issued press release on Discoms Digitalisation

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power (MoP) on August 10, 2026, stated that electricity distribution, including DISCOM operations and their digitalisation, falls under the jurisdiction of State Governments, State Electricity Regulatory Commissions and respective distribution utilities. The Government of India has supported States through IPDS, NSGM and the ongoing Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) to improve power supply quality, operational efficiency and financial sustainability. Under IPDS, ■58,686 crore of works were executed, supporting ERP, SCADA/DMS, RT-DAS and installation of 6.54 lakh smart meters before the scheme closed in March 2022. NSGM, which closed in March 2024, facilitated smart-grid development, including installation of 1,45,343 smart meters in Rajasthan and 24,214 in Chandigarh, with ■72.27 crore released under the Mission. Under RDSS, projects worth ■1.53 lakh crore for loss-reduction infrastructure and ■1.31 lakh crore for smart metering have been sanctioned across 28 States and 45 distribution utilities. These include smart meters for 19.79 crore consumers, 2.05 lakh feeders and 52.53 lakh distribution transformers; SCADA/DMS projects for 394 towns; IT/OT systems such as ERP, GIS, unified billing and RT-DAS; and smart distribution projects worth ■8,608 crore. ■47,124 crore has been released under RDSS since FY2023, including ■2,733 crore for smart metering. The Government has also initiated the India Energy Stack (IES) for digital data exchange across the power sector and allocated ■100.9 crore under RDSS for training DISCOM personnel, with 14,853 personnel trained up to July 2026. [Release ID: 2297225]

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NPPA issued the retail price of the Thiocolchicoside IP 4 mg+ Aceclofenac IP 100 mg+Paracetamol IP 325 mg for M/s Ravenbhel Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Seagull Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd (Marketer)

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The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 11, 2026, issued the retail price of the Thiocolchicoside IP 4 mg+ Aceclofenac IP 100 mg+Paracetamol IP 325 mg for M/s Ravenbhel Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Seagull Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd (Marketer). The following have been stated:

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NPPA issued a notification regarding fixation of the retail price of Donecept M Forte 10/5mg tablet, Memantine 10mg + Donepezil 5 mg, manufactured & marketed by M/s Cipla Limited

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The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on August 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding fixation of retail price of Donecept M Forte 10/5mg tablet, Memantine 10mg + Donepezil 5mg, manufactured & marketed by M/s Cipla Limited. The following has been stated: - •The retail price of Donecept M Forte 10/5mg tablet, Memantine 10mg + Donepezil 5mg' manufactured & marketed by M/s Cipla Limited is 12.31(Rs). The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 12(83)/2022/DP/NPPA/Div.II-Part(1)]

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NABH issued the Draft NABH Digital Health Standards for Digital Quality Management Systems (DQMS)

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on August 07, 2026, issued the Draft NABH Digital Health Standards for Digital Quality Management Systems (DQMS). The following has been stated: - •NABH has invited comments, suggestions, and feedback on the Draft 1st Edition Digital Health Standards for Digital Quality Management Systems (DQMS) from healthcare organizations, solution providers, professionals, industry bodies, and other stakeholders. •The draft standards have been placed in the public domain for stakeholder review and inputs before finalization. •Stakeholders may submit their feedback through the prescribed feedback form. •The last date for the submission of comments is August 21, 2026. [Notification No.: NABH/Notification/2026/07743]

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MoPSW Central Government Specifies E-mail as Electronic Mode for Service of Documents under Coastal Shipping Act, 2025

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), on August 7, 2026, notified that e-mail shall be the prescribed electronic means for the service of any document to a person under clause (a) of section 33 of the

Coastal Shipping Act, 2025. The notification has been issued in exercise of the powers conferred by the said provision. The notification clarifies that wherever the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 permits service of documents through electronic means, such service shall be effected by e-mail, thereby providing a uniform and recognised mode of electronic communication. This measure is intended to facilitate efficient and legally recognised electronic service of notices and other documents under the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, supporting faster communication and administrative processes. [S.O. 4407(E)]

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Overseas Mineral Exploration Promotion Guidelines, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines (MoM), on July 16, 2026, issued the Overseas Mineral Exploration Promotion Guidelines (OMEPG) to encourage Indian public and private sector entities to undertake mineral exploration in overseas jurisdictions. The initiative aims to secure long-term supplies of critical and strategic minerals, reduce import dependence, and ensure that minerals discovered through government-supported exploration are made available to meet India's domestic requirement. The Guidelines establish an institutional framework under which the National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT) will provide financial support through one or more Designated Agencies (DAs), which will leverage NMEDT seed capital to raise additional debt and equity from global capital markets. They prescribe eligibility criteria for Designated Agencies and Exploration Agencies, define the scope of critical minerals covered, and require beneficiary agencies to comply with a binding "bring-back obligation" to ensure the availability of discovered mineral resources for India. The Guidelines also provide for the creation of an Overseas Mineral Exploration Fund (OMEF), with financial assistance to eligible exploration projects disbursed in milestone-based tranches after technical evaluation by reputed independent international mining consultants. The quantum of support will be determined on a case-by-case basis, subject to fund availability and project viability, with the objective of strengthening India's long-term critical mineral security through a sustainable and leveraged financing mechanism. [F. No. 143/1/2026-NMEDT/407]

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NPPA Fixes Retail Price of Telmisartan 40 mg + Amlodipine 5 mg Tablets

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), on August 2026, fixed the retail price of Telmisartan IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP equivalent to Amlodipine 5 mg uncoated bilayered tablets manufactured by Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. and marketed by Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. under Paragraph 5 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 2013, based on December 2025 market data. The Authority has determined the retail price at ■13.08 per tablet (excluding GST), which is the same as the proposed retail price. The price has been computed in accordance with the pricing methodology prescribed under the DPCO, 2013. Manufacturers and marketers are required to comply with the notified retail price while marketing the formulation, with GST applicable only where actually payable in accordance with the provisions of the DPCO, 2013. [Notification No. 19(5219)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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Drugs (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on August 06, 2026, issued the Drugs (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945. The following has been stated: In rule 89, for the words and figures “Form 25 or Form 28” the words, figures and letters “Form 25 or Form 25A or Form 25F or Form 28 or Form 28A or Form 28B or Form 28D or Form 28DA or 28E or Form 28F” have been substituted. [G.S.R. 713(E)]

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TRAI notified regarding the 1601-series numbers for service and transactional calls by Non- BFSI Entities

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on August 10, 2026, notified regarding the 1601-series numbers for service and transactional calls by Non- BFSI Entities. The following has been stated: • It has issued a Direction for the use of 1601-series numbers for transactional and service-related voice calls by eligible entities in sectors other than Banking, Financial Services & Insurance (BFSI) and Government, which already use the 1600-series. Under Phase-I, the 1601-series will be allocated to eligible entities in the Utilities sector, including electricity distribution companies, water utilities, city gas distribution companies and LPG distributors, and the Courier and Logistics sector, including courier, express logistics, parcel delivery, freight and logistics service providers. The numbers will be allotted directly to eligible entities, not intermediaries or aggregators, after verification by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). • TSPs have been directed to complete the onboarding and migration of eligible Phase-I entities within 90 days from the date of issuance of the Direction. TSPs shall verify the eligibility of entities before allotting 1601-series numbers and obtain an undertaking that the numbers will be used exclusively for service and transactional voice calls and not for promotional calls. The distinct numbering series is intended to help consumers identify legitimate calls more easily and reduce impersonation and fraud using ordinary 10-digit numbers. [Press Release No. 113/2026]

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INC issued a notification regarding the Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 Campaign

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Indian Nursing Council (INC) on August 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 Campaign. The following has been stated: - •The Government of India will celebrate the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign nationwide from August 09 to 17, 2026, combining Tiranga hoisting/display with singing of the National Song “Vande Mataram.” •Nursing institutions are advised to organize flag-hoisting ceremonies and collective singing during the campaign. •Nursing faculty and students should actively participate and conduct awareness activities to promote the campaign. •Nursing personnel and students are also encouraged to upload selfies with the Tiranga on the Har Ghar Tiranga portal, with “Vande Mataram” lyrics appearing automatically on the uploaded image. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

[Notification No.: F. No 22-10/WEB/2026-INC]

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IWAI notified regarding the Migration of its Official Website

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on August 10, 2026, notified regarding the Migration of its Official Website. It has launched its revamped official website at https://iwai.gov.in. The earlier website, https://iwai.nic.in, will be discontinued and disabled with effect from August 15, 2026. All Head Office, Regional Offices, Sub-Offices and Liaison Offices are directed to replace the old website address with the new iwai.gov.in domain in official correspondence, letterheads, notices, publications, signboards, social media, media releases and other official materials. They are also required to update their records and widely circulate the Public Notice among stakeholders to ensure awareness and compliance. [Notification No. - IWAI/EDP/WEBSITEUPDATION/2020]

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CEA issued an advisory encouraging the adoption of improved tower configurations and advanced conductor technologies for the installation of transmission lines in forest areas, thereby reducing the requirement for forest areas as RoW

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on July 30, 2026, issued an advisory for encouraging the adoption of improved tower configurations and advanced conductor technologies for installation of transmission lines in forest areas, thereby reducing the requirement of forest areas as RoW. The following has been stated: - •CEA has advised stakeholders to adopt revised Right of Way (RoW) requirements notified under the CEA (Technical Standards for Construction of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines) Amendment Regulations, 2025. •The revised norms promote technologies such as HTLS conductors and monopole towers to reduce RoW requirements for transmission lines. •MoEFCC, through its guidelines dated July 03, 2026, has also encouraged adoption of these configurations to minimise the use of forest land. •All stakeholders are directed to comply with the revised RoW requirements while planning and executing applicable transmission line projects in forest areas. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CEA-PS-14-77/3/2018-PSETD Division I/67994/2026]

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MoP issued Framework for Balancing Electricity Financial Sustainability and Affordability

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power (MoP) on August 10, 2026, issued Framework for Balancing Electricity Financial Sustainability and Affordability. The Government of India has built a comprehensive regulatory framework

under the Electricity Act, 2003, comprising the National Electricity Policy, Tariff Policy, and regulations from the Central Electricity Authority and Electricity Regulatory Commissions. Tariffs are determined by State Electricity Regulatory Commissions based on power procurement, transmission, and supply costs, with states empowered to subsidize consumers. The Draft National Electricity Policy, 2026 introduces key reforms including mandatory Resource Adequacy Plans for distribution licensees, progressive recovery of fixed costs through demand charges, automatic monthly Fuel and Power Purchase Cost Adjustment (FPPCA) mechanisms, a stabilization fund to cushion cost fluctuations, and measures to prevent regulatory assets while ensuring timely annual tariff revisions. Consumer protection is reinforced through the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and proposed strengthening of grievance redressal via online tracking and virtual hearings. To reduce electricity costs and support distribution licensees, the government has enabled competitive power procurement, allowed cheaper domestic coal usage, and launched the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) (■3,03,758 crore outlay) for loss-reduction infrastructure and smart metering—building on earlier schemes like DDUGJY, IPDS, and SAUBHAGYA. Additional support includes extra borrowing consent (0.5% of GSDP) tied to power sector reforms, prudential lending norms, and FPPCA/subsidy accounting rules. As a result, average supply hours have risen significantly (rural: 12.5 to 22.6 hours; urban: 22.1 to 23.4 hours, FY14–FY26). On the generation and grid front, India's installed capacity is projected to reach 874 GW by 2031-32, guided by state-level Resource Adequacy Plans. Substantial capacity additions are underway across thermal (~47,545 MW under construction), hydro (~12,973 MW under construction), nuclear (8,000 MW under construction), and renewables (1,47,720 MW under construction, primarily solar and wind). Energy storage is being scaled up aggressively through Pumped Storage Projects and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), supported by PLI schemes, Viability Gap Funding, ISTS charge waivers, and revised guidelines allowing consumer-owned storage systems. Finally, renewable energy integration is being strengthened through RE Zones, Regional Energy Management Centers, the Green Energy Corridor scheme, GNA Regulations amendments for solar/non-solar connectivity, and grid-stabilization technologies (STATCOMs, SVCs). Transmission modernization—via FACTS, Dynamic Line Rating, and underground cabling—along with revised Right of Way compensation guidelines (linked to market rates) aims to address transmission challenges and support a resilient, storage-integrated grid for higher renewable penetration. [Release ID: 2297228]

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Ministry of Education notified on Implementation of National Education Policy in HEIs

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Education on August 10, 2026, notified on Implementation of National Education Policy in HEIs. Since the announcement of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, extensive reforms have been undertaken across school and higher education, involving collaboration between the Central Government, State Governments, and regulatory bodies (UGC, AICTE, NCTE, NCERT, CBSE), given education's status as a concurrent subject. School Education Initiatives: Key programs include PM SHRI (school upgradation), Samagra Shiksha (inclusive quality education), NIPUN Bharat (foundational literacy/numeracy by Grade 3), Vidya-Pravesh (play-based school preparation), PM e-VIDYA (unified digital education access), NCF for Foundational Stage with Jadui Pitara learning materials, NISHTHA (teacher training), Vidya Samiksha Kendra, NDEAR (digital infrastructure), and ULLAS/New India Literacy Programme for non-literates aged 15+. Higher Education Initiatives: Major reforms include the National Credit Framework (NCrF) and NHEQF, Multiple Entry/Exit provisions, multidisciplinary HEI transformation, APAAR ID (lifelong academic identity), PM-Vidyalaxmi (collateral-free education loans), revised ODL/online education norms, Malaviya Mission

(teacher training), up to 40% credits via SWAYAM, the new SWAYAM Plus portal, SAMARTH (end-to-end digital administration), Professor of Practice guidelines, supernumerary seats for foreign students, and provisions for foreign HEIs to establish Indian campuses and twinning/dual-degree collaborations. Digital Education Push: DIKSHA provides a "One Nation, One Digital" e-content platform with QR-coded Energised Textbooks (offline-accessible); BharatNet (Budget 2025) will extend broadband to rural government secondary schools; higher education benefits from SWAYAM, SWAYAM Prabha, e-PG Pathshala, and the UGC e-resource portal (integrated with Digital Seva Portal for rural/regional-language access). Currently, 126 HEIs offer ~802 online programmes and 121 HEIs offer ~1,699 ODL programmes. Skill Integration: NEP 2020 emphasizes merging skill/vocational education with mainstream academics. Schools offer NSQF-aligned skill courses (Classes IX-XII) and pre-vocational exposure via Bagless Days (Classes VI-VIII). Higher education features the NHEQF-NCrF alignment, Academic Bank of Credits (ABC), and AEDP (Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes). AICTE embeds skills through industry MoUs and Industry 4.0 exposure. SWAYAM Plus has 500+ courses from 89 industry partners with 6+ lakh registrations. NATS and MSDE schemes (PMKVY, JSS, NAPS) and DGT's CTS/CITS (via 13,856+ ITIs) further strengthen the skilling ecosystem. Infrastructure & Access Schemes: Samagra Shiksha supports school infrastructure (classrooms, labs, ICT, sanitation); PM-USHA (■12,926.10 crore, launched June 2023 as RUSA's third phase) strengthens higher education infrastructure in underserved areas; BBPS (Budget 2025-26) will provide digital educational content in 22 Indian languages; and Budget 2026-27 announced a girls' hostel in every district to boost STEM enrolment among girls. [Release ID: 2297131]

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NABH issued Public Notice for Comments on Draft 1st Edition NABH Digital Health Standards for Radiology Information Systems & Picture Archiving Communication Systems (RIS/PACS)

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on August 07, 2026, issued Public Notice for Comments on Draft 1st Edition NABH Digital Health Standards for Radiology Information Systems & Picture Archiving Communication Systems (RIS/PACS). NABH has released draft Digital Health Standards for Radiology Information Systems & Picture Archiving Communication Systems (RIS/PACS) for public consultation and is inviting comments, suggestions, and feedback from stakeholders including: • Healthcare organizations • RIS/PACS providers • Healthcare professionals • Industry associations • Consumer groups • Consultants and other interested parties How to submit feedback: • Via the Google Form: https://forms.gle/VrWvm1o5A9kip16u9 • Or by scanning the provided QR code Deadline: All comments must be submitted by August 21, 2026 All feedback received will be reviewed and considered before the standards are finalized. The initiative aims to strengthen the Digital Quality Management ecosystem in healthcare through stakeholder participation. [Notification No. NABH/Notification/2026/07744]

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Ministry of Education notified on Implementation and Impact of the National Credit Framework (NCrF)

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Education on August 10, 2026, notified on Implementation and Impact of the National Credit Framework (NCrF). The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 aims to provide holistic, multidisciplinary, flexible, and student-centric education, with a strong emphasis on integrating skill education through a National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) that serves as the basis for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). National Credit Framework (NCrF): Approved in alignment with NEP 2020, the NCrF is a comprehensive framework spanning elementary, school, higher, and skill education. It enables creditisation of all learning, along with accumulation, storage, transfer, and redemption of credits (subject to assessment), while establishing academic equivalence and mobility between skill, general, and experiential education. As per AISHE 2023-24 data, 700+ Universities and 7,500+ affiliated colleges have adopted the NCrF. Implementation Mechanisms: UGC's SOP for NCrF operationalisation permits up to 50% of total program credits to be earned through skill-based courses AICTE's Approval Process Handbook (2023-27) allows students with 10th + 2-year ITI qualifications to enter the Second Year of Engineering Diploma programs, with lateral entry to Third Year available for those holding a 2-year UG Diploma in Engineering (NCrF Level 5.0) NCVET's RPL Guidelines provide a roadmap for recognizing prior learning, empowering industrial bodies to conduct RPL assessments aligned with industry needs, with credits awarded based on assessed learning outcomes Outcomes: These reforms have contributed to rising higher education access: India's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) increased from 23.7% (2014-15) to 30% (2023-24), with female GER rising from 22.9% to 31.2% over the same period. Total higher education enrolment grew from 3.42 crore to 4.50 crore students, adding over 1.08 crore new students. Vision: NEP 2020 and NCrF together aim to build an equitable, India-rooted knowledge society by enabling lifelong learning, prior learning recognition, multiple entry/exit points, and seamless mobility between skill and general education pathways. [Release ID: 2297090]

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MoCF issued statement on Fixation and Regulation of Prices of Drugs

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (MoCF) on August 07, 2026, issued statement on Fixation and Regulation of Prices of Drugs. Drug prices in India are regulated under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order 2013 (DPCO), which stems from the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy, 2012. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) sets ceiling prices for scheduled formulations based on market data, while non-scheduled drug manufacturers cannot raise MRP by more than 10% annually. NPPA maintains transparency by publishing draft price calculations for 10 days of public comment before finalizing prices, and monitors compliance through state-level units, market samples, and complaint channels. Manufacturers must print MRP on packaging, and no one can sell above the listed/printed price. Marketing Practices Regulation The Uniform Code of Pharmaceuticals Marketing Practices 2024 (effective March 12, 2024) governs interactions between pharma companies and doctors, banning gifts and monetary benefits, requiring self-declarations and expenditure disclosures, and allowing audits. It establishes a two-tier complaint process and penalties ranging from reprimands to legal action. Promotional expenses are only tax-deductible if compliant with this code and related medical ethics regulations. Affordability Initiatives Several government schemes improve medicine access: Janaushadhi Pariyojana: 20,000+ stores selling generics 50-80% cheaper AB-PMJAY: ■5 lakh/family/year health insurance covering hospitalization and medicines Free Drugs Service Initiative: Free essential medicines at public health facilities AMRIT initiative: ~50% discounts on medicines/implants for cancer, cardiac, and other conditions Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi: Financial aid for BPL patients with life-threatening diseases. [Release ID: 2295930]

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NBBL notified regarding the Generation of 'Transaction Reference Id' for all bill payment transactions

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) on July 16, 2026, notified regarding the Generation of 'Transaction Reference Id' for all bill payment transactions. Under the RBI's Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) Master Directions 2024, all bill payment transactions are required to be assigned a BBPS Reference Number right from the payment initiation stage. However, it has come to notice that some transactions are not currently complying with this requirement—specifically, not generating a Transaction Reference ID at initiation and transmitting it to NBBL (NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd.). Key directive: All Operating Units (OUs) must strictly comply with the prescribed process of generating the Transaction Reference ID at payment initiation and sending it to NBBL for all applicable transactions. Deadline: Compliance must be fully implemented by 15th September 2026. Consequence of non-compliance: Any failure to meet this requirement will be treated as regulatory non-compliance and may result in appropriate action against the concerned entity. [Notification No. NPCI/2026-27/BBPS/008]

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NMC issued the Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for Admission to the MBBS Course, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on July 27, 2026, issued the Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for Admission to the MBBS Course, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Guidelines balance the rights of PwBD candidates to equality, non-discrimination and reasonable accommodation under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 with the need to maintain academic standards, essential medical competencies and patient safety. Importantly, disability by itself cannot be a ground for exclusion; eligibility shall be determined based on the candidate's functional ability to acquire the essential competencies under the CBME curriculum, considering reasonable accommodation, assistive technology and accessible infrastructure. • A candidate seeking admission under the PwBD category shall have at least 40% benchmark disability and possess a valid Permanent UDID Card. The Medical Assessment Board shall conduct an individualised and objective functional assessment and cannot determine eligibility solely based on the disability category or percentage recorded in the UDID Card. Before declaring a candidate ineligible, the Board shall consider reasonable accommodation, assistive devices, adaptive technology and other support measures. • The Board may classify a candidate as Eligible, Eligible with Reasonable Accommodation, or Ineligible. Ineligibility can be declared only through a reasoned and speaking order, where the candidate cannot acquire the essential competencies or presents an objectively demonstrable and unacceptable patient-safety risk that cannot be mitigated through reasonable accommodation. • The Guidelines also provide an appellate mechanism before an Appellate Authority constituted by DGHS, along with grievance redressal mechanisms. Medical colleges and counselling authorities shall ensure barrier-free access, reasonable accommodation, accessible learning environments and non-discrimination, and each medical college is required to designate a Nodal Officer/enabling

mechanism to address PwBD-related issues. • The Guidelines further require every assessment and recommendation of the Medical Assessment Board to be supported by objective findings, scientific evidence and recorded reasons, and they supersede earlier NMC/MCI guidelines to the extent of inconsistency. [Notification no. - U-11021/24204/PwBD/2026/UGMEB]

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NMC issued an Addendum to the "Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for Admission to the MBBS Course, 2026"

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on August 05, 2026, issued an Addendum to the "Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for Admission to the MBBS Course, 2026". The following has been stated: • The addendum to the Guidelines clarifies the requirement under Clause 9.2 regarding possession of a Permanent UDID Card. The addendum provides that a candidate shall not be denied consideration solely because the UDID Card or Disability Certificate is temporary, where the disability is categorised as “progressive, non-progressive or not likely to improve”, subject to verification by the Medical Assessment Board. For candidates holding a Temporary UDID Card with a disability categorised as “likely to improve”, the Medical Assessment Board shall re-assess the benchmark disability in accordance with the assessment methodology prescribed by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, in addition to assessing the candidate's functional competency under the NMC Guidelines. • In all cases, the Medical Assessment Board will independently assess functional competency before issuing the Eligibility Certificate. The clarification is intended to ensure that Clause 9.2 is implemented consistently with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2024 and the DoEPwD Office Memorandum dated 17 December 2025, and forms an integral part of the 2026 Guidelines. [Notification no. - U-11021/24204/PwBD/2026/UGM■■]

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RBI invites public comments on the draft Directions on Credit Valuation Adjustment (CVA) Framework

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 07, 2026, invites public comments on the draft Directions on Credit Valuation Adjustment (CVA) Framework. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued draft directions revising the Credit Valuation Adjustment (CVA) framework for commercial banks, aligning it with the updated Basel III standards. CVA captures the risk of potential losses arising from deterioration in counterparty credit quality in derivative transactions. The revised framework replaces the earlier 2011 guidelines and aims to ensure that banks maintain adequate capital to cover CVA risks. Under the revised framework, banks are permitted to adopt the Basic Approach for CVA (BA-CVA), with flexibility to choose between full or reduced versions. Additionally, banks with minimal exposure to non-centrally cleared derivatives may compute their CVA capital charge as 100% of their Counterparty Credit Risk (CCR) capital charge. The framework also introduces key improvements, including clearer eligibility for CVA hedges, enhanced risk sensitivity through differentiated supervisory risk weights, and separation of systematic and idiosyncratic risk components.

These changes are intended to improve risk measurement accuracy and consistency in capital requirements. RBI has invited comments from stakeholders on the draft directions until August 28, 2026, which can be submitted via the 'Connect 2 Regulate' section on its website or directly to the Department of Regulation. Draft Link - Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Credit Valuation Adjustment Framework) Directions, 2026. [Press Release: 2026-2027/836]

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NMC issued a notification regarding the constitution of Enabling Units for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on July 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding the constitution of Enabling Units for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD). The following has been stated: - •The National Medical Commission has directed all medical colleges/institutions to constitute an Enabling Unit for students with benchmark disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016. •The Unit will serve as a single point of contact for reasonable accommodation, academic/clinical support, and barrier-free access. •It will address accommodation requests, disseminate information, and coordinate with disability assessment boards, faculty, and hospital authorities. •Institutions must ensure the Unit is functional, accessible, publicized, and maintains confidential records to promote an inclusive, non-discriminatory learning environment. [Circular No.: NMC/U-11021/24204/PwBD/2026]

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NDC issued Submission Cases of Contact Details of Nodal Officer and Assistant Nodal Officer for Anti-Ragging

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Dental Commission (NDC) on August 07, 2026, issued Submission Cases of Contact Details of Nodal Officer and Assistant Nodal Officer for Anti-Ragging. The Ethics and Dental Registration Board (EDRB) has directed all Dental Colleges to submit updated contact information for key Anti-Ragging personnel—the Principal, Nodal Officer, and Assistant Nodal Officer—to strengthen communication and oversight on Anti-Ragging measures. Key requirements: Submit details via the provided Google Form (link or QR code) within 15 days of the letter's issuance Ensure all email IDs and phone numbers submitted are accurate and currently active These designated officials may be contacted directly by EDRB at any time for Anti-Ragging compliance, grievance redressal, or urgent matters The purpose is to ensure EDRB has a reliable, up-to-date channel to reach responsible personnel at each institution for anti-ragging related issues. [File No. NDC/EDRB/ARC/2026-271M-1609]

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DoP Highlights Framework for Drug Price Regulation and Affordable Access to Medicines

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), on August 7, 2026, outlined the Government's framework for the fixation and regulation of drug prices under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013). The Department stated that the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) fixes ceiling prices of scheduled formulations and retail prices of new drugs, while manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are not permitted to increase the maximum retail price (MRP) by more than 10% during the preceding 12 months. Draft price calculation sheets are published for stakeholder comments before finalisation to ensure transparency in the price fixation process. The Department further highlighted that NPPA monitors compliance with DPCO, 2013 and takes action against overcharging and other violations based on reports from State authorities, market monitoring, inspections and public complaints. It also reiterated that manufacturers are required to print the MRP on drug labels and no formulation may be sold above the notified or printed price. The Department also emphasized the implementation of the Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP), 2024, which prohibits gifts and monetary benefits to doctors, mandates disclosure and self-declaration by pharmaceutical companies, and provides for audits and penalties in cases of non-compliance. The Government also reiterated various initiatives to improve access to affordable medicines, including the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, Ayushman Bharat–PMJAY, the Free Drugs Service Initiative under the National Health Mission, AMRIT Pharmacies, and financial assistance under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi and the Health Minister's Discretionary Grant for patients suffering from life-threatening diseases. [PIB Release ID: 2295930]

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Colliery Control (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Coal (MoC), on August 6, 2026, notified the Colliery Control (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Colliery Control Rules, 2004. The amendment revises the procedure for obtaining approval before opening a coal mine, seam, or section of a seam by substituting Rule 9. Under the amended framework, companies registered under the Companies Act, 2013 and statutory corporations are no longer required to obtain prior approval from the Coal Controller Organisation. Instead, they must obtain prior approval from their Board of Directors or the Governing Authority, which must ensure that all statutory permissions and regulatory compliances have been secured before granting approval. They must also intimate the Coal Controller Organisation within 15 days of opening the mine, seam, or section, in the prescribed form. For owners who are not companies or statutory corporations, prior approval from the Coal Controller Organisation remains mandatory. The revised provisions also apply where mining operations resume after being discontinued for 180 days or more. Additionally, the Coal Controller Organisation will maintain an indicative list of permissions required from Central and State Governments and other statutory authorities for compliance. [Notification No. G.S.R. 710(E)]

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Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act 2026

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J), on August 6, 2026, notified the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2026, amending the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969. The amendment revises the procedure for registration of births and deaths reported after the prescribed timelines and will come into force on a date to be notified by the Central Government. Under the amendment, delayed registration of a birth or death after one year but within two years of its occurrence will require an order of the District Magistrate, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, or an Executive Magistrate authorised by the District Magistrate, after verification of the facts and payment of the prescribed fee. The amendment also clarifies that "Executive Magistrate" refers to an Executive Magistrate appointed under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. Further, where the delayed information is furnished after two years from the occurrence of the birth or death, registration will be permitted only on an order of the Judicial Magistrate of the First Class having jurisdiction over the area where the event occurred, following verification and payment of the prescribed fee. [Act No. 12 of 2026]

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MSME issued a notification regarding amendments to the MSMED Act, 2006 to strengthen the MSME Framework

Aug 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) on August 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding amendments to the MSMED Act, 2006 to strengthen the MSME Framework. The following has been stated: - •The MSMED Amendment Bill, 2026 strengthens the MSME framework by making Udyam Registration a permanent digital platform and incorporating investment and turnover-based classification in the Act. •It introduces Online Dispute Resolution and strict timelines for mediation, arbitration and delayed-payment disputes, along with stronger enforcement and recovery mechanisms. •All CPSEs will be required to route MSME invoice settlements through TReDS, while States may establish multiple MSEFCs for faster dispute resolution. •The amendments also decriminalise certain offences and introduce graded civil penalties, promoting ease of doing business and a trust-based MSME regulatory environment. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2296358]

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DGFT notified regarding the Inclusion of eligible DPIIT-Recognized Start-ups under "Source from India" on the Trade Connect ePlatform

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 06, 2026, notified regarding the Inclusion of eligible DPIIT-Recognized Start-ups under "Source from India" on the Trade Connect ePlatform. The Trade Connect ePlatform is a Government of India digital initiative supporting Indian exporters, with "Source from India" as its flagship feature — a buyer-discovery microsite facility allowing international buyers to find Indian exporters and enabling exporters to showcase their products and credentials. As of 1st November 2025 (per Trade Notice 15/2025-26), eligibility for creating a "Source from India" microsite extended to all valid IEC holders (not on the DEL) with a minimum export realisation of USD 100,000 in any of the preceding three financial years, in addition to Status Holders, with DGFT's eBRC database serving as the sole source for

verifying realisation data. This Trade Notice now amends the eligibility criteria to specifically facilitate start-up exporters. DPIIT-recognized Start-ups meeting the existing eligibility criteria are encouraged to register and will receive a unique start-up badge on their profiles, with onboarding subject to verification of export activity through the DGFT IEC database. Notably, a special exception has been carved out: DPIIT-recognized Start-ups that do not meet the standard eligibility criteria may still register, provided they hold an active IEC and are not on the DEL list — recognizing their growing contribution of innovative products and services to India's export basket. Eligible Start-up users (including those under the special exception) will automatically see the "Source from India" microsite creation option on their Trade Connect dashboard, with a detailed step-by-step guide annexed to the notice. Indian Missions Abroad have been sensitized to use this platform when assisting foreign buyers seeking Indian suppliers. Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards, and Industry Associations are requested to widely publicize this notice and encourage participation among eligible members. [Trade Notice No. 16/2026-27]

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DGFT issued Institutional Transition of Implementing Agency from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) for the Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – Niryat Prothsahan

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 07, 2026, issued Institutional Transition of Implementing Agency from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) for the Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – Niryat Prothsahan. This Trade Notice refers to a series of earlier notices governing the Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM). It formalizes the institutional transition of the scheme's Implementing Agency from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) — which had operationalized it on a pilot basis — to the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank), with effect from 1st April 2026, pursuant to a decision taken at the 4th Steering Committee meeting on the Interest Subvention Scheme. Under the transition arrangement, EXIM Bank will handle all operationalization, portal management, verification, and claim settlement from 1st April 2026 onwards. However, as a transitional exception, any supplementary or additional claims from lending banks relating to the January–March 2026 quarter will continue to be processed by RBI. The notice details corresponding amendments to the Handbook of Procedures (HBP Chapter X, Para X.2(a)) and Appendix-A (Paras 2(e), (f), (h) and 3(d)), replacing references to RBI with EXIM Bank across provisions covering claim submission, monthly reimbursement to banks, IEC-specific claim verification against prescribed ceilings, and submission of consolidated claims to DGFT. All other operational provisions under the original Trade Notice No. 20/2025-26 and subsequent notices remain unchanged, with this notice solely effecting the change of implementing institution and consequential procedural updates. [Trade Notice No. 17/2026-27]

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Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Third Amendment) Order, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAFPD) on August 06, 2026, issued the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Third Amendment) Order, 2026 further to amend the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order 2020. The following amendments have been stated: In the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020, for the ANNEXURE, the following ANNEXURE has been substituted. Kindly find the Annexure attached to the document below. It shall come into force on August 06, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 4345(E)]

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IRDAI issued circular on Submission of information by insurers on monthly basis for the purpose of Index of Service Production

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on August 07, 2026, issued circular on Submission of information by insurers on monthly basis for the purpose of Index of Service Production. This IRDAI circular directs insurers to submit specific financial data to support the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) in preparing the Index of Service Production (ISP). Starting July 2026, General and Health Insurers (excluding Reinsurers) must report Gross Direct Premium, Claims Paid (Direct), and Investment Income — covering both Policyholders and Shareholders. Life Insurers must report Gross Premium, Gross Benefits Paid, and Investment Income, similarly split between Policyholders and Shareholders. Submissions are to be made through NIC (National Informatics Centre) online data templates, with formats specified in two annexures — Annexure A for Life Insurers and Annexure B for General and Health Insurers. The link to these online templates will be shared separately. Insurers must submit the required data by the 15th of the month following the reporting month, and are responsible for ensuring the information is complete and accurate at the time of submission. The circular is issued under Section 14(2)(h) of the IRDA Act, 1999, strictly for enabling insurers to meet MOSPI's ISP data requirements. It explicitly clarifies that this new reporting obligation does not alter or override existing disclosure requirements or financial statement preparation norms under the Insurance Act, 1938, the IRDA Act, 1999, or regulations framed thereunder — making it an additional, narrowly-scoped requirement rather than a replacement for existing regulatory reporting. [Circular No. IRDAI/F&I/CIR/MISC/102/8/2026]

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Ministry of Mines invites Applications for Engagement as Designated Agency under Overseas Mineral Exploration Promotion Guidelines (OMEPG)

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust (NMEDT), under the Ministry of Mines on August 03, 2026, is inviting applications from eligible entities to be appointed as a Designated Agency (DA) under its Overseas Mineral Exploration Promotion Guidelines (OMEPG). Background: OMEPG was created to encourage Indian companies to explore for minerals in foreign countries, aiming to strengthen India's mineral supply chains and cut reliance on imports. Role of the Designated Agency (DA): Manage the Overseas Mineral Exploration Fund (OMEF) Raise additional funding from international capital markets Provide financial support to Exploration Agencies (EAs) carrying out the actual exploration work Ensure compliance

with "bring-back" obligations (i.e., ensuring minerals/benefits explored overseas are eventually brought back to benefit India) How to apply: Send application (as per Annexure-I) via email to nmet-mines@gov.in Subject line must read: "Application for Engagement as Designated Agency under OMEPG" Review the full OMEPG guidelines on www.nmet.gov.in before applying Deadline: September 4, 2026, by 5:30 PM [File No. 143/1/2026-NMEDT/407]

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MoC notifies Revised Standard TEC 67010:2026 for VRLA Batteries under Telecommunications Act, 2023

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communication (MoC) on August 06, 2026, has notified a revised technical standard for telecommunication equipment, exercising powers under Section 19 of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, read with Rule 5 of the Telecommunications (Framework to Notify Standards, Conformity Assessment and Certification) Rules, 2025. The standard notified is TEC 67010:2026, covering "Generic Requirements for Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) Batteries" — commonly used as backup power in telecom infrastructure like towers and exchanges. It takes effect from the date of publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification S.O. 4361(E)]]

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MoF notified regarding the exemption from Applicability of Section 15(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 – Treatment of Unamortized EIR Expenditure

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 06, 2026, notified regarding the exemption from the applicability of Section 15(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 – Treatment of Unamortized EIR Expenditure. The Government has exempted banking companies from the applicability of Section 15(1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, specifically in relation to the treatment of unamortized expenditure arising from recognition of income under the “Effective Interest Rate (EIR)” method. This treatment is in accordance with the RBI (Commercial Banks – Asset Classification, Provisioning and Income Recognition) Directions, 2026, issued vide Circular dated April 27, 2026. [Notification No. - S.O. 4343(E)]

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NABH issued the Draft Standards for NABH International Patient Care Standards- 1st Edition

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on August 05, 2026, issued the Draft Standards for NABH International Patient Care Standards - 1st Edition. The following has been stated: • The draft standards establish a quality and governance framework for Healthcare Organisations

(HCOs) providing services to international patients/Medical Value Travel (MVT), with emphasis on safe, ethical, transparent and coordinated care. They cover 14 standards across 6 chapters with 41 objective elements: Access & Care, Patient Rights/Experience & Communication, Patient Safety/Quality & Infection Prevention & Control, Responsibility of Management, Human Resource Management, and Information Management System. • The standards require HCOs to provide structured registration, preferential access, clinical protocols and post-treatment coordination; protect patient rights and provide grievance and feedback mechanisms; ensure culturally and linguistically sensitive communication and transparent pricing; maintain patient-safety, quality and infection-control programmes; comply with applicable regulatory/statutory requirements and maintain ethical MVT partnerships; deploy adequately trained and competent staff; and maintain secure, technology-enabled systems for patient information and records, including compliance with the DPDP Act wherever applicable. • The last date for receiving comments is August 24, 2026 Click here to view the Detailed Draft Standards. [Notification No. - NABH/Notification/2026/07449]

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MOHFW notified Stricter Drugs Rules to Debar Applicants Submitting Fake or Fabricated Data

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on August 06, 2026, notified Stricter Drugs Rules to Debar Applicants Submitting Fake or Fabricated Data. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has amended the Drugs Rules, 1945 (via G.S.R. 756(E), dated October 16, 2025) to strengthen transparency and integrity in India's drug regulatory system. The amendment empowers licensing authorities to debar applicants who submit fake or fabricated data from filing future applications for a specified period, in addition to existing actions like rejection or cancellation of licenses. A due process mechanism, including show-cause notice and appeal provisions, has been established before imposing such penalties. This move aims to ensure that drug approvals are based on reliable scientific evidence, thereby safeguarding drug quality, safety, and public health. It also aligns with global regulatory standards and promotes ethical practices in the pharmaceutical sector by discouraging malpractice and holding non-compliant entities accountable.
https://egazette.gov.in/WriteReadData/2026/275233.pdf [Release ID: 2295399]

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NABH issued a notification inviting comments on Draft MVT Accommodation Provider Standards

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on August 05, 2026, issued a notification inviting comments on Draft MVT Accommodation Provider Standards. The following has been stated: - •NABH has released the Draft Standards for the Medical Value Travel (MVT) Ready Accommodation Provider Empanelment Checklist (1st Edition) for public consultation. •Stakeholders are invited to submit their comments, suggestions, and objections on the draft standards through the designated link provided in the notice. •The last date for receiving comments is August 24, 2026. •The draft standards are available for review via the link mentioned in the document. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

[Notification No.: NABH/Notification/2026/07448]

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RBI invites comments on the draft "Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Eleventh Amendment Directions, 2026"

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 07, 2026, invites comments on the draft "Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Eleventh Amendment Directions, 2026". It has released the draft Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Eleventh Amendment Directions, 2026 to amend Chapter VII: Leverage Ratio Framework of the RBI (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Directions, 2025. The proposed amendments aim to implement the latest Leverage Ratio Framework (Leverage Ratio 2017 Standard) issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. RBI has invited comments and feedback on the draft Amendment Directions from stakeholders up to August 28, 2026. Comments may be submitted through the 'Connect 2 Regulate' section on RBI's website or forwarded to the Chief General Manager, Balance Sheet Group, Department of Regulation, RBI Central Office, Mumbai, through physical submission or email. [Press Release: 2026-2027/835]

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RBI invites comments on the draft Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Credit Facilities) Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 06, 2026, invites comments on the draft Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Credit Facilities) Amendment Directions, 2026. The Reserve Bank of India today released the draft "Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Credit Facilities) Amendment Directions, 2026". Comments/feedback on the draft Amendment Directions are invited from regulated entities and other interested stakeholders by August 28, 2026. Feedback on the draft Amendment Directions may be submitted through 'Connect 2 Regulate' or by email with subject line "Feedback on draft Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Credit Facilities) Amendment Directions, 2026". [Press Release: 2026-2027/825]

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Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoL&J) on August 06, 2026, notified the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act, 2026, further to amend the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. The following has been stated: - •For section 3, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

Preventing or disturbing singing of National Anthem or National Song. 3. Whoever, intentionally— (a) prevents the singing of the National Anthem or the National Song; or (b) causes disturbance to any assembly engaged in such singing, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 11 of 2026]

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Reserve Bank of India (Priority Sector Lending – Targets and Classification) Second Amendment Directions, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 07, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Priority Sector Lending – Targets and Classification) Second Amendment Directions, 2026, aligning PSL norms with recent liquidity measures introduced for FCNR(B) and NRE deposits. This follows earlier announcements regarding the US Dollar–Rupee swap facility for FCNR(B) deposits and exemptions from CRR and SLR for specified non-resident deposits mobilised during defined timelines. The amendment provides that advances extended in India against fresh FCNR(B) deposits (with tenure of 3–5 years) mobilised between June 08, 2026 and September 30, 2026, and advances against NRE term deposits (3 years or more) mobilised between June 19, 2026 and September 30, 2026, shall be excluded from the calculation of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC). This exclusion is subject to the condition that such deposits qualify for CRR and SLR exemptions as per earlier RBI directions. Further, the Directions modify Paragraph 6.1 of the PSL Master Directions by updating Item VI to incorporate these exclusions, while also capping the exclusion amount to the level of eligible FCNR(B)/NRE deposits. Additionally, the earlier methodology related to incremental advances (Footnote 3) has been removed to simplify computation. These amendments are effective immediately and are expected to incentivise banks to mobilise foreign currency and NRE deposits by providing regulatory relief, while ensuring that PSL targets are computed on a more accurate credit base. [Notification No. RBI/2026-27/232 FIDD.CO.PSD.BC.No.08/04.09.001/2026-27]

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SEBI issued Consultation Paper on Measures towards Ease of Doing Business for REIT and InvITs

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 06, 2026, issued Consultation Paper on Measures towards Ease of Doing Business for REIT and InvITs. The proposals are based on recommendations from industry bodies such as the Indian REITs Association (IRA), Bharat InvITs Association (BIA), and the Hybrid Securities Advisory Committee (HYSAC), with the objective of improving operational flexibility and market efficiency. One of the key proposals includes allowing REITs and InvITs to invest in third-party projects without requiring a controlling interest, thereby increasing investment opportunities and diversification. The paper also suggests revising the method for calculating unitholder approval thresholds, aiming to simplify decision-making processes and reduce procedural complexities in key matters. Further, SEBI has proposed a review of the exit offer framework in case of change in sponsor,

ensuring better protection and clarity for investors. Another notable proposal is the recognition of remote common infrastructure as real estate for REITs, which would broaden the scope of eligible assets and improve asset utilization within the REIT structure. Additionally, the paper recommends reducing the cooling-off period for offer for sale (OFS) in privately listed InvITs, thereby improving liquidity and flexibility for stakeholders. Overall, these measures are intended to streamline regulatory requirements, enhance investor confidence, and support the growth and attractiveness of REITs and InvITs in India's capital markets.

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RBI issued a press release: Review of Guidelines on Concentration Risk Management - Rural Cooperative Banks

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 06, 2026, issued a press release: Review of Guidelines on Concentration Risk Management - Rural Cooperative Banks. The following has been stated: • The RBI has issued two draft Directions proposing changes to the regulatory framework for Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs). The first draft proposes the RBI (Rural Co-operative Banks – Concentration Risk Management) Directions, 2026, while the second proposes amendments to the RBI (Rural Co-operative Banks – Credit Facilities) Directions, 2025. • The proposed changes include prudential exposure limits for single and group counterparties, enhanced limits for housing loans, and prudential exposure limits for unsecured advances. Larger RCBs having deposits above ■1,000 crore would be given greater flexibility to determine the tenor and moratorium period for housing loans, while the corresponding ceilings for other RCBs would also be increased. • Further, RBI proposes to withdraw the prescribed sectoral exposure limits for most sectors, with the real estate sector being the exception. The proposals are intended to provide greater operational flexibility to RCBs while maintaining appropriate prudential safeguards against concentration and credit risks. • Comments/feedback can be submitted by regulated entities, stakeholders and members of the public up to August 28, 2026. [Press Release: 2026-2027/828]

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RBI issued a notification regarding an amendment to Directions on 'Conduct of Regulated Entities in Recovery of Loans and Engagement of Recovery Agents'

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the amendment to Directions on 'Conduct of Regulated Entities in Recovery of Loans and Engagement of Recovery Agents'. The following has been stated: - •RBI has issued final Amendment Directions on conduct of regulated entities (REs) in loan recovery and engagement of recovery agents, incorporating stakeholder feedback. •The Directions will apply from January 01, 2027 across banks, co-operative banks, financial institutions, NBFCs and housing finance companies. •They prescribe requirements for fair treatment of borrowers, employee/recovery-agent conduct, due diligence, training and codes of conduct. •They also regulate RE conduct when using technology-based mechanisms to recover loan dues through financed mobile devices. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2026-2027/827]

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DGFT notified regarding the Operationalisation of the Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework under the Handbook of Procedures, 2023

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 05, 2026, notified regarding the Operationalisation of the Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework under the Handbook of Procedures, 2023. The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has introduced detailed procedures to operationalise the Inventory-Based Cross-Border E-Commerce Facilitation Framework under the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023. A new Aayaat Niryaat Form (ANF-9A) has been notified for registration of Exporters-on-Record (EOR), effective immediately. The framework lays down comprehensive rules for registration, inventory management, compliance, and operational responsibilities of EORs, including maintaining digital records, ensuring product compliance with destination country regulations, and timely disbursal of export benefits to sellers. The framework also strengthens transparency and accountability by mandating seller visibility, digital tracking of exports, and clear disclosure of product origin. It provides structured guidelines for reverse logistics, handling of returns, and dispute resolution through DGFT authorities. Additionally, EORs must obtain annual compliance certification and maintain records for five years. Overall, the initiative aims to streamline e-commerce exports, enhance regulatory oversight, and facilitate ease of doing business in cross-border trade. [Public Notice No. 25/2026-27]

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DGFT Integrates ICEGATE Voluntary Duty Payment Data for Paperless Processing of EODC Applications

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on August 05, 2026, has introduced an online integration of license-wise voluntary duty payment data received from Customs/ICEGATE with the DGFT portal. The initiative aims to facilitate a seamless, transparent and paperless process for issuing Export Obligation Discharge Certificates (EODCs) under the Advance Authorisation (AA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Schemes by making authenticated duty payment information electronically available for both exporters and Regional Authorities. Under the new system, voluntary duty payments made on or after 1 August 2026 will be displayed on the DGFT Customer Portal and Back Office Portal and will serve as the official record for processing EODC applications. Authorisation holders must ensure correct entry of licence number and IEC while making payments through ICEGATE and verify the payment details on the DGFT portal before submitting EODC applications. In case of any discrepancy or missing payment record, exporters may raise a helpdesk ticket, upload supporting proof of payment, or seek assistance through the DGFT helpline or email support. The initiative is expected to reduce manual documentation, improve data accuracy, and enhance the efficiency and transparency of EODC processing. [Trade Notice No. 15/2026-27]

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RBI Monetary Policy Statement MPC Keeps Policy Repo Rate Unchanged at 5.25%

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 5, 2026, announced the outcome of the 62nd meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) held during August 3–5, 2026. The MPC unanimously decided to keep the policy repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) unchanged at 5.25% and retained the neutral monetary policy stance. Consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate remains at 5.00%, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate remain at 5.50%. The MPC observed that the Indian economy continues to demonstrate resilience despite global uncertainties, with real GDP growth for 2026-27 projected at 6.7%. However, it noted that risks persist from El Niño-related weather conditions, geopolitical tensions, volatile energy prices, and global trade uncertainties. On inflation, the MPC projected Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation at 5.0% for 2026-27, expecting inflation to rise in the near term due to food and fuel price pressures before moderating later in the financial year. The Committee highlighted that core inflation remains moderate, indicating that underlying demand-driven inflationary pressures continue to be contained. The MPC concluded that, although headline inflation is expected to increase, the current inflationary pressures are largely supply-side in nature and have not become broad-based. Considering the evolving growth-inflation dynamics and prevailing uncertainties, the Committee decided to maintain the policy rate and neutral stance, while reaffirming its commitment to keeping inflation aligned with the target. The minutes of the MPC meeting will be published on August 19, 2026, and the next MPC meeting is scheduled for October 5–7, 2026. [Press Release No. 2026-2027/809]

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RBI issued press release on Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 05, 2026, issued press release on Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies. The statement outlines important regulatory initiatives aimed at strengthening and modernising India's banking and co-operative sector. First, the licensing of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) is set to resume after nearly two decades, with a shift to an "on-tap" licensing framework, allowing applications throughout the year instead of fixed windows. Draft guidelines will soon be released for stakeholder consultation, marking a significant step toward expanding the co-operative banking network. Second, the concentration risk management guidelines for Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs) are being reviewed. The existing norms, based on 2008 Credit Monitoring Arrangement (CMA) instructions, are considered outdated given the sector's growth. The proposed revisions aim to balance sector development with prudent risk control, especially in managing risks arising from excessive exposure to specific borrowers or sectors. Third, the interest rate framework on advances is set for rationalisation across all regulated entities. The objective is to create a more transparent, consistent, and principle-based system by harmonising lending rate guidelines, addressing issues in current benchmarks like MCLR and EBLR, and standardising practices such as day count conventions and reset dates. These reforms are expected to improve loan pricing transparency, consumer protection, and monetary policy transmission, with draft directions to be released for public feedback soon. [Press Release: 2026-2027/811]

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NDC Standardized Procedure for Submission of Complaints to the Ethics and Dental Registration Board

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Dental Commission (NDC), through the Ethics and Dental Registration Board (EDRB), on July 31, 2026, issued a Public Notice informing the general public, patients, and stakeholders about the prescribed procedure for submitting complaints against dental practitioners or institutions. The notice introduces specific guidelines and a mandatory standard complaint format to streamline the complaint-handling process. The Public Notice states that all complaints submitted to the Ethics and Dental Registration Board (EDRB) must strictly comply with the prescribed instructions and be filed using the notified standard format. The standardized mechanism is intended to facilitate the proper examination and processing of complaints relating to professional conduct and ethical issues involving dental practitioners and institutions. The NDC has advised all complainants to adhere to the notified guidelines and complaint format to enable the EDRB to take timely, transparent, and effective action on complaints. The initiative aims to promote uniformity in complaint submissions and improve the efficiency of grievance redressal under the National Dental Commission framework. [Public Notice No. 100/Comp-Gen/EDRB/NDC/2026/M-15/0]

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SEBI notified the Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967 regarding UNSC 1988 Sanctions List Update

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 05, 2026, in line with Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), has reiterated that stock exchanges and registered intermediaries must ensure that no accounts are held in the names of individuals or entities appearing in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) sanctions lists related to terrorism. These lists are periodically updated and must be strictly complied with under Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) obligations. In this regard, the UNSC Committee established under Resolution 1988 (2011) has issued a notification dated July 30, 2026 (SC/16425), amending five entries in the Taliban Sanctions List. These individuals are subject to sanctions such as asset freezing, travel bans, and arms embargo, and the updated list is available on the official UNSC website. Further, as per directions from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), any request for de-listing received by banks, stock exchanges, intermediaries, or insurance companies must be forwarded to the Joint Secretary (CTCR), MHA. Affected individuals or entities may also apply for removal from the list through the UN's prescribed delisting mechanism. All stock exchanges, depositories, KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs), and SEBI-registered intermediaries are advised to take note of these updates and ensure strict compliance with the revised sanctions list to prevent dealing with designated individuals/entities involved in terrorism-related activities.

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Central Electricity Authority (Cyber Security in Power Sector) Regulations, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on July 31, 2026, issued the Central Electricity Authority (Cyber Security in Power Sector) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Regulations establish a comprehensive framework to strengthen cybersecurity, cyber resilience, and protection of critical information

infrastructure across the power sector. The Regulations apply to Responsible Entities, including generating companies, transmission licensees, distribution licensees, load despatch centres, power exchanges, renewable energy operators, and other notified entities. They require the implementation of a cybersecurity governance framework, appointment of designated cybersecurity personnel, identification and protection of critical systems, adoption of secure network architecture, access controls, asset management, encryption, vulnerability management, and supply chain security measures. • The Regulations also provide for cybersecurity audits, continuous monitoring, incident reporting, security testing, business continuity and disaster recovery planning, employee awareness and training, maintenance of logs and records, and coordination with sectoral agencies such as CSIRT-Power. • They further prescribe periodic compliance reviews, timely reporting of cyber incidents, and continuous improvement of cybersecurity practices to ensure the secure, reliable, and resilient operation of India's power sector. • These regulations shall come into force with effect from April 01, 2027, except regulations 5(9), 5(24), 5(33), 5(39), 6(2) and 6(7). [Notification No. - CEA-HY-91-19/8/2024-Cyber Security Division]

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Draft Guidelines for ‘On Tap’ Licensing of Urban Co-operative Banks

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 05, 2026, invited public comments on the Draft Guidelines for ‘On Tap’ Licensing of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs). The draft framework proposes a continuous ("on tap") licensing mechanism for Urban Co-operative Banks, enabling eligible applicants to seek a banking licence throughout the year instead of during specified application windows. The RBI has sought feedback from stakeholders on the proposed licensing framework as part of its consultative approach to strengthening the regulatory regime for the urban co-operative banking sector. Comments and suggestions may be submitted through the "Connect 2 Regulate" section available on the RBI website or by email with the subject line "Feedback on Draft Guidelines for ‘On Tap’ Licensing of Urban Co-operative Banks". Stakeholders may submit their comments up to September 5, 2026. Feedback may also be sent by post to the Chief General Manager, Department of Regulation, Registration and Licensing Section (Co-operative Banks), Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Mumbai. The consultation aims to obtain stakeholder inputs before finalising the guidelines. [Press Release: 2026-2027/816]

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IFSCA issued the consultation paper on the financial soundness criteria for existing Payment System Operators (PSOs) and applicants desirous of operating payment systems in IFSC

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 04, 2026, issued the consultation paper on the financial soundness criteria for existing Payment System Operators (PSOs) and applicants desirous of operating payment systems in IFSC. The following has been stated: • The draft proposes minimum financial requirements based on the type of payment system, including sound financial status for Large Value Payment Systems (LVPS) and Card Payment Networks, minimum net worth of USD 0.2 million

for Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) issuers, USD 1 million for Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platforms, and net worth equivalent to at least one year's operating costs for Trade Repositories. • Existing authorised PSOs will be required to comply with the proposed criteria within six months of the circular's issuance, while new applicants shall satisfy the requirements before obtaining authorisation. • It has invited public comments on the draft circular by August 28, 2026.

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IFSCA Modifications to the AML, CTF and KYC Guidelines, 2022

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on August 3, 2026, issued a circular modifying the IFSCA (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022, in exercise of the powers conferred under the IFSCA Act, 2019 and the Prevention of Money-Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005. The amendments update reporting obligations, FIU-IND reporting procedures, and customer onboarding requirements for regulated entities operating in International Financial Services Centres. The circular expands the reporting framework by incorporating Rule 8 of the Prevention of Money-Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005 into Clause 10.3 of the Guidelines and revises the guidance on filing reports through the FIU-IND FINgate 2.0 portal. It also introduces references to Cross Border Wire Transfer Reports (CBWTRs) alongside existing reporting requirements such as Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) and Non-Profit Organization Transaction Reports (NTRs), thereby strengthening AML/CFT reporting obligations for regulated entities. Further, the Authority has revised the conditions for Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP) and onboarding of Non-Resident Indian (NRI) customers by updating the list of eligible jurisdictions from which IP addresses may originate. The revised list includes the United States, Japan, South Korea, United Kingdom (excluding British Overseas Territories), Canada, UAE, Singapore, Australia, and the European Union, subject to such jurisdictions not being identified by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) or the Central Government as high-risk jurisdictions for money laundering, terrorist financing, or proliferation financing. [Circular No. F. No. IFSCA-DAC/7/2024-AMLCFT]

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MIB notified regarding the Legal Framework to Combat Online Film Piracy

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB) on August 05, 2026, notified the Legal Framework to Combat Online Film Piracy. The following has been stated: • The Government has strengthened the legal framework to combat online piracy of cinematograph films through the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 2023, which introduced provisions prohibiting unauthorized recording and exhibition of films. The amendment empowers the Government to take action against intermediaries hosting pirated content under the Information Technology Act, 2000. The Information Technology Rules, 2021 require intermediaries to remove or disable access to unlawful content upon receiving a court order or a notice from the appropriate Government. • Accordingly, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has authorised the Joint Secretary (Films) to issue content takedown notices and has established a mechanism to receive complaints from copyright holders and direct intermediaries to disable access to pirated content. As part of these anti-piracy

measures, intermediaries have been directed to disable 7,393 URLs, including 1,263 websites and 4,996 Telegram channels involved in film piracy. [Press Release ID: 2294899]

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MIB Advisory on Accessibility Information for Online Movie Ticket Booking Platforms

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), on July 9, 2026, issued an advisory directing online movie ticketing platforms and ticket aggregators to implement a mechanism that enables persons with disabilities to ascertain, before booking tickets, whether a particular film is available with accessibility features. The advisory has been issued in view of the directions of the Delhi High Court in W.P.(C) No. 16833/2024 concerning accessibility of cinema exhibition for persons with disabilities. The advisory recommends that booking platforms prominently display information regarding the availability of accessibility features such as Audio Description (AD), Closed Captions (CC)/Same Language Captioning (SLC), Indian Sign Language (ISL), and other accessibility features. Where such features are available through an external application or platform, the name of the relevant application or platform should also be clearly displayed to help users make informed booking decisions. The Ministry has advised online ticketing platforms and ticket aggregators to implement the proposed mechanism within seven days of the advisory to enhance accessibility and ease of access for persons with disabilities. The advisory has been issued with the approval of the Competent Authority and has also been forwarded to the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) for necessary action. [Advisory No. M-11012/1/2023-DO(FC)-Part (4)]

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Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Rules, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), on July 30, 2026, notified the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Rules, 2026, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, superseding the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Rules, 2016. The Rules implement the standards of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) and prescribe a comprehensive framework governing the employment, welfare, working conditions, and social protection of seafarers serving on Indian-registered ships. The Rules apply to all seafarers and ships registered under the Act, subject to specified exclusions, and prescribe minimum standards relating to minimum age, medical fitness, training, recruitment and placement, seafarers' employment agreements, wages, hours of work and rest, financial security, occupational safety, and protection against violence and harassment. They require ship owners to maintain insurance or equivalent financial protection for contractual claims, execute written employment agreements with prescribed terms, submit such agreements electronically, and ensure their continued validity in cases involving piracy, armed robbery, or detention of the ship. The Rules also prohibit employment of persons below 16 years, restrict night and hazardous work for persons below 18 years, and require wages to be paid at least monthly, with 6% simple interest payable for delayed wage payments. The Rules further strengthen seafarers' rights by mandating access to collective bargaining agreements, monthly wage statements, mechanisms for remittance of earnings to families, and safeguards relating to compensation, working conditions, and onboard welfare. By aligning India's maritime labour framework with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, the Rules

seek to enhance protection of seafarers, improve employment standards, and ensure compliance with internationally accepted maritime labour obligations. [Notification No. G.S.R. 695(E)]

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MoC National Lignite Index and Representative Prices for June 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Coal (MoC), through the Office of the Nominated Authority, on August 3, 2026, issued an Office Memorandum releasing the National Lignite Index (NLI) with Base Year 2021-22 and the corresponding Representative Prices (Rs./tonne) for the month of June 2026. The Index has been compiled in accordance with the approved methodology using certified data received from eight lignite sector companies. [Office Memorandum No. NA/7/2023-NA] The Office Memorandum states that the National Lignite Index and Representative Prices for June 2026 have been finalized based on the approved computation methodology. The detailed NLI values and representative prices for the relevant period have been provided in the annexure attached to the Office Memorandum. The publication of the National Lignite Index provides a standardized benchmark for lignite prices based on industry data and supports transparency in the coal and lignite sector. The notified NLI and Representative Prices may be used by stakeholders for commercial, contractual, and policy-related purposes wherever the National Lignite Index is prescribed or referenced. [Office Memorandum No. NA/7/2023-NA]

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PFRDA Extension of Cut off Time for Same-Day Investment of NPS Contributions

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), on August 4, 2026, issued a circular extending the cut-off time for same-day investment of National Pension System (NPS) contributions received by the Trustee Bank. The cut-off has been revised from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM on a Business Settlement Day, enabling eligible contributions received within the extended timeline to be considered for investment on the same day. Under the revised framework, NPS contributions received by the Trustee Bank up to 1:30 PM and successfully matched and booked will be allotted units based on the closing Net Asset Value (NAV) of the same day, in accordance with the existing regulatory framework. The revised timeline applies to all contribution channels, including Government Nodal Offices, Points of Presence (PoPs), eNPS, D-Remit, BBPS, UPI, STAR NPS, Tatkal NPS, and other operational channels. PFRDA has advised NPS subscribers and intermediaries, including PoPs, Corporates, Government Nodal Offices, and Payment Gateway Service Providers (PGSPs), to initiate fund transfers well in advance to ensure receipt of contributions by the Trustee Bank before the revised cut-off time. All intermediaries have also been directed to align their operational and technology systems with the revised timeline to facilitate seamless implementation of the enhanced same-day investment framework. [Circular No. PFRDA/2026/42/REG-PF/08]

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NCDEX issued an addendum on the Imposition of Additional Margin on Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM)

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 04, 2026, has issued an addendum regarding the imposition of additional margin on Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM) futures and options contracts, effective from the beginning of trading on August 6 2026. The following has been stated: • An additional margin of 2.50% shall be imposed on both the long and short positions in all Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM) futures and options contracts expiring in August 2026, October 2026, and December 2026. • This additional margin is over and above the existing 5% additional margin on both sides and other applicable margins, including E-ASM. • Trading and Clearing Members and their respective clients have been advised to take note of the revised margin requirements. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-070/2026]

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PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Education (MoE), on July 29, 2026, highlighted the Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi (PM Vidyalaxmi) Scheme, a flagship initiative aimed at improving access to higher education by providing collateral-free and guarantor-free education loans to meritorious students admitted to designated Quality Higher Educational Institutions (QHEIs). The scheme also provides 3% interest subvention during the moratorium period for eligible students with an annual family income of up to ■8 lakh, complementing the existing PM-USP Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS). The scheme currently covers 1,425 QHEIs across India and offers education loans for all degree and diploma programmes without any upper limit on the loan amount, subject to course and related expenses. Loans up to ■7.5 lakh are backed by a 75% Government credit guarantee, while interest rates are capped at the lending bank's Externally Benchmarked Lending Rate (EBLR) plus 0.5%. The entire application, loan tracking, interest subvention, and grievance redressal process is conducted through a unified digital portal, with subsidies credited through the PM Vidyalaxmi Digital Rupee (CBDC) Wallet. The Ministry stated that the scheme is aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, aiming to remove financial barriers to quality higher education. During FY 2025-26, the portal received 645,514 education loan applications, including 110,667 applications under PM Vidyalaxmi, of which 70,852 loans were sanctioned and 67,728 disbursed. The initiative is intended to promote educational inclusion, gender equity, and equitable access to higher education for students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. [PIB Release ID: 2290972]

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TRAI Consultation Paper on Draft Amendments to Quality of Service Regulations, 2024

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), on August 5, 2026, released a Consultation Paper proposing amendments to the Standards of Quality of Service of Access (Wireline and Wireless) and Broadband (Wireline and Wireless) Service Regulations, 2024. The draft First Amendment Regulations, 2026 have been issued to seek comments and counter-comments from stakeholders with the objective of further strengthening the Quality of Service (QoS) framework for access and broadband services. TRAI noted that the existing QoS Regulations, notified on August 2, 2024 and effective from October 1, 2024, introduced a technology-agnostic framework with enhanced performance standards, reporting mechanisms, and consumer transparency measures. Based on implementation experience, stakeholder feedback, technological advancements, and rising consumer expectations for reliable digital connectivity, the Authority has identified the need to amend certain provisions of the Regulations to improve their effectiveness. Stakeholders have been invited to submit written comments by August 26, 2026, and counter-comments by September 7, 2026, preferably through email. The consultation paper, along with the draft Standards of Quality of Service of Access (Wireline and Wireless) and Broadband (Wireline and Wireless) Service (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026, has been placed on the TRAI website for public consultation. [Press Release No. 112/2026]

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CKYC issued REs onboarding and performing Mock Run before final Go-live of CKYCRR 2.0

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) on August 4, 2026, has notified that onboarding of Reporting Entities (REs) to CKYCRR 2.0 will commence from August 10, 2026, along with a mandatory mock run scheduled from August 10 to August 14, 2026, prior to final go-live. REs transitioning from CKYCRR 1.0 are required to complete onboarding using the prescribed user manual, wherein existing data will be auto-populated and only newly introduced fields must be updated and submitted. During the mock run period, REs are required to perform end-to-end KYC transactions such as search, create, download, and update through multiple channels including web application, API integration, bulk upload, and SFTP. Additionally, REs may test billing management functions (fund addition, refunds, GSTIN updates, etc.) and KYC lifecycle operations such as activation, suspension, and reactivation of records. All mock run data will be treated as test data and will be purged before actual go-live. CERSAI has also scheduled virtual training sessions on August 7, 2026, covering onboarding, KYC transaction processes, system functionalities, and query resolution. Further, updated user manuals, API documents, SOPs, and supporting materials will be made available on the CKYC website to assist REs in preparation and integration. All REs are advised to complete onboarding and mock run activities within the stipulated timeline and regularly monitor communications and updates on the CKYC portal to ensure seamless migration from CKYCRR 1.0 to CKYCRR 2.0. [Notification No. CERSAI/CKYCRR 2.0/26-27/10959]

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Draft amendment to CAR Section 2, Series X, Part VIII, "Requirements for Issue of Aircraft Taxi Authorisation"

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on August 03, 2026, issued the draft amendment to CAR Section 2, Series X, Part VIII, "Requirements for Issue of Aircraft Taxi Authorisation". The following has been stated: • The draft applies to all aircraft operators intending to authorise engineering personnel to taxi aircraft and aims to ensure that only qualified and competent individuals perform taxiing operations, thereby enhancing aircraft safety and preventing damage during ground movements. • It provides that authorisation may be granted to engineering personnel holding a valid CAR-66 AME licence, who have undergone prescribed taxiing training, completed competency assessment by a qualified Training Captain/Instructor, possess or are accompanied by a person with the required radiotelephone (RT) qualification, and are familiar with aerodrome layout, markings, ATC procedures, and operational requirements. • The authorisation remains valid for one year, is restricted to the specified airport, and may be renewed subject to prescribed licence validity, operational experience, refresher training, and reassessment requirements. • The draft also requires prompt reporting of any aircraft or aerodrome damage occurring during taxiing operations and maintenance of records relating to licences, training, assessments, and issued authorisations by the operator. • Comments/suggestions on the proposed amendment may be sent by September 03, 2026. [Notification No. - DGCA-25012(07)/27/2025-AW]

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Draft Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations, 2026

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on January 01, 2026, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 177 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has issued draft Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations, 2026 for public consultation. These draft regulations aim to prescribe updated technical standards governing connectivity to the power grid. The draft regulations have been made available on the official website of the CEA to ensure transparency and wider stakeholder participation. The objective is to strengthen grid reliability, standardize connectivity requirements, and align with evolving power system needs, including integration of renewable energy and modern grid technologies. Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to submit their comments and suggestions via email to the designated officials of the Grid Management Division and Regulatory Affairs Division. The last date for submission of feedback is August 17, 2026. [Notification No. 12/X/STD(CONN)/GM/CEA]

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AERB issued the Guidelines for Supply and Use of Handheld Medical Diagnostic X-Ray Equipment

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) on July 06, 2026, has issued guidance regarding the increasing use of Handheld Diagnostic X-ray Equipment (HDXE) in medical imaging. It has been observed that due to ease of operation, such devices are being widely used; however, they pose challenges to key radiation safety principles such as maintaining adequate distance and shielding, potentially increasing radiation exposure to operators. The authority has clarified that HDXE should not replace fixed or mobile

X-ray units for general diagnostic purposes. Its use should be restricted to situations where conventional equipment is impractical, such as in remote areas, emergency cases, or for patient screening campaigns. In such screening applications, advanced AI-based detectors help reduce radiation exposure, and the use of TLD badges is not mandatory due to lower dose levels. Detailed guidance has been issued for licensees and operators, including mandatory licensing, use of protective lead aprons, ensuring trained personnel, and use of immobilization stands during exposure. Additionally, HDXE should only be used as supplementary equipment, with periodic quality assurance tests required to ensure safety and compliance.

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Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Coal on August 03, 2026, issued the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026. They shall come into force on August 03, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules empower the Adjudication Authority to initiate inquiries suo motu or based on complaints or reports, appoint an Inquiry Officer, issue show-cause notices, collect evidence, conduct hearings (physically or electronically), and pass reasoned orders after providing a reasonable opportunity of being heard. • The Rules prescribe the procedure for service of notices, filing of replies, appearance through authorised representatives, ex parte proceedings, and determination of penalties based on factors such as the nature and gravity of the contravention, repetition of default, unfair gains, public interest, wilful misconduct, cooperation during inquiry, and corrective measures taken. • They also provide timelines for payment and recovery of penalties, authorize electronic communication, and include Form-I for issuance of notice for adjudication of penalties, ensuring a transparent and principles-based adjudication framework. [Notification No. - G.S.R. 699(E)]

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IFSCA updated the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 04, 2026, updated the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022. The most recent amendment to these Guidelines was made via a Circular dated August 03, 2026, which introduced several changes to reporting and jurisdictional requirements. Most notably, it inserted Cross Border Wire Transfer Reports (CBWTRs) as a new mandatory reporting category alongside existing Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) and Non-Profit Organisation Transaction Reports (NTRs) — Regulated Entities must now submit CBWTRs to FIU-IND by the 15th of the succeeding month, with the Principal Officer responsible for their timely and confidential submission. The circular also updated the reference for furnishing information to FIU-IND to include "rule 7 and rule 8" of the Prevention of Money Laundering Rules, refreshed guidance on FIU-India's reporting portals (directing entities to "FINnet 2.0 resources" and the "FINgate 2.0" portal), and removed the European Union from the list of approved jurisdictions used for V-CIP (Video-based Customer Identification Process) IP address verification and for classifying low-risk NRI customers eligible for V-CIP onboarding. A significant tranche of updates came via a

Circular dated January 02, 2026, which touched multiple chapters. Key changes include: (i) a revised applicability clause clarifying that the Guidelines apply to all entities licensed, registered, or authorized by IFSCA; (ii) a new confidentiality requirement that a customer's risk categorization must not be revealed to them (to avoid "tipping off"); (iii) provisions ensuring KYC applications from Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) cannot be rejected without due application of mind, with reasons recorded; (iv) a new differentiated periodic KYC updation schedule for resident Indian customers with existing Financial Group relationships (2/8/10 years for high/medium/low risk, versus the standard 1/3/5 years); (v) a requirement to ascertain source of funds and apply enhanced due diligence where the beneficial owner of a non-resident customer entity is an Indian national, to curb round-tripping; (vi) formal definition of "KYC Registration Agency (KRA)"; and (vii) expansion of the V-CIP jurisdiction list (adding UAE, Singapore, Australia, and — at the time — the EU, since removed in August 2026). Other targeted updates in the past year include a Circular dated June 19, 2026, which tightened wire transfer fund-flow rules by requiring all Financial Institutions (including otherwise exempted ones) to transact and receive monetary consideration only through a Banking Unit account or SNRR account (previously framed as "or"). A Circular dated February 26, 2026 added OTP-based Aadhaar e-KYC authentication as a permissible identification method under the V-CIP process. Additionally, a Circular dated October 31, 2025 substantially overhauled Part A of Annexure-II (the V-CIP process for onboarding Indian nationals), refining infrastructure, procedural, and record-keeping standards, and introducing specific conditions for onboarding low-risk NRI customers via V-CIP, including debit-freeze/inactive account safeguards pending address verification. Collectively, these updates reflect IFSCA's ongoing efforts to tighten cross-border transaction transparency (via CBWTR reporting), strengthen beneficial ownership scrutiny for round-tripping risks, modernize digital KYC/V-CIP authentication options, and periodically recalibrate the list of jurisdictions eligible for simplified remote onboarding.

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IFSCA issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 03, 2026, issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025. The IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025 establish a framework for Fund Management Entities (FMEs) operating in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs), categorizing them into three tiers based on scope of activity: Authorised FME (limited to Venture Capital Schemes and Family Investment Funds), Registered FME (Non-Retail) (which can additionally set up Restricted Schemes and offer Portfolio Management Services), and Registered FME (Retail) (which can further launch Retail Schemes and Exchange Traded Funds). Each category carries distinct net worth requirements (ranging from USD 75,000 for Authorised FMEs to USD 1-2 million for Retail FMEs), staffing obligations (Principal Officer, Compliance Officer, and fund management KMPs), and eligibility criteria tied to track record, professional qualifications, and infrastructure standards. The regulations detail four principal scheme types available to investors. Venture Capital Schemes and Restricted Schemes (covering Category I, II, and III Alternative Investment Funds) cater to accredited or high-net-worth investors through private placement with a "Green Channel" filing process, while Retail Schemes and ETFs are open to the general public with stricter investor-protection safeguards, such as diversification limits and mandatory listing for ETFs. Each scheme type has specific rules on minimum corpus (typically USD 1-3 million), investor caps, tenure, leverage, NAV computation frequency, and mandatory "skin-in-the-game" contributions by the FME itself. Special variants like Angel

Funds, Special Situation Funds, and Family Investment Funds address niche use cases such as early-stage startup investing, insolvency resolution, and single-family wealth management. Beyond scheme creation, FMEs may offer Portfolio Management Services, act as investment managers for Investment Trusts (REITs/InvITs), and provide Third-Party Fund Management Services on behalf of overseas fund managers, each carrying its own governance, disclosure, and net-worth add-ons. The regulations also build in accommodations for specific investor classes: Sovereign Wealth Funds receive relaxed contribution and custodian requirements, the Indian diaspora (NRIs/OCIs) benefit from a streamlined route to invest up to 100% of an IFSC fund's corpus into Indian securities, and Accredited Investors are exempted from standard minimum investment thresholds across scheme types, subject to defined income, net-worth, or institutional eligibility criteria. Finally, the framework imposes robust governance and compliance obligations — including recordkeeping (up to eight years), custodian appointments, cyber-resilience standards, business continuity planning, and a prescribed Code of Conduct — enforced through Authority-led inspections. A detailed fee schedule (updated via a March 2026 circular) governs application, registration, and recurring charges for FMEs and each scheme type, with penalty interest for late payment. Regulation 145 also carves out an innovation sandbox allowing exemptions from standard provisions for testing new products or strategies, capped at 18 months and barred from soliciting public money during the trial period. The FAQs reflect regulatory positions current as of June 30, 2026.

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IFSCA FAQs on Anti Money Laundering (AML), Counter-Terrorist Financing (CTF) and Know Your Customer (KYC) Guidelines, 2022

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the IFSCA (Anti Money Laundering, Counter Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022 to provide clarity on the implementation of the Guidelines. The FAQs clarify that they are intended solely for guidance and do not constitute legal advice. In the event of any inconsistency, the provisions of the applicable Acts, Rules, Regulations, and the Guidelines will prevail. The FAQs explain the applicability of the Guidelines to all Regulated Entities (REs) licensed, recognized, registered, or authorized by IFSCA, and clarify governance and compliance requirements relating to the appointment of Designated Directors and Principal Officers, formulation and approval of AML/CFT/KYC policies, and responsibilities of governing bodies. They also provide guidance on situations involving Fund Management Entities (FMEs), Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), and branches of regulated entities operating in the IFSC. Further, the FAQs outline the obligations of regulated entities regarding registration on the FIU-IND FINGate 2.0 portal, including the registration process, reporting requirements under the Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005, and specific instructions for IFSC entities. The document aims to promote uniform interpretation and effective implementation of the AML/CFT/KYC framework across regulated entities operating in the International Financial Services Centre.

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IFSCA issued the updated International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti-Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer)

Guidelines, 2022

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The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 04, 2026, issued the updated International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti-Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022. The following has been updated: • The updated guidelines include revisions relating to capital relief for factoring transactions, credit rating agencies, internet banking services of International Banking Units (IBUs), Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Counter-Terrorist Financing (CFT) and Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements, Special Non-Resident Rupee (SNRR) account operations, and fund management entities, including governance, fiduciary responsibilities, certification requirements, key managerial personnel and outsourcing arrangements. • The updated Master Guidelines also incorporate recent cybersecurity advisories and other operational instructions, providing regulated entities with a single, comprehensive reference document reflecting all regulatory changes. The detailed updated guidelines are attached below.

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IFSCA issued the FAQs on AML, CFT and KYC Guidelines, 2022

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The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to provide clarity on the implementation of the IFSCA (Anti Money Laundering, Counter Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022. The FAQs clarify various compliance requirements applicable to regulated entities in IFSCs and are intended to aid interpretation of the Guidelines. They do not constitute legal advice, and in case of any inconsistency, the provisions of the applicable Acts, Rules, Regulations and the Guidelines shall prevail. The FAQs, inter alia, clarify the following, such as: • Applicability of the AML/CFT/KYC Guidelines to regulated entities and financial groups. • Appointment and roles of the Designated Director and Principal Officer. • Formulation and approval of AML/CFT/KYC policies. • FIU-IND FINGate 2.0 registration requirements and reporting obligations. • Customer Due Diligence (CDD) and acceptable verification methods. • Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP), including onboarding of NRIs. • AML/CFT obligations for Fund Management Entities (FMEs) and Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs). • Reporting of Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) to FIU-IND. • Procedures relating to countering terrorist financing, sanctions screening, freezing and unfreezing of assets. • Beneficial Ownership (BO) thresholds and control tests. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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IRDAI advised Insurance Companies to settle Insurance claims relating to natural disaster affecting four districts of Assam, viz. Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat and Golaghat on Fast Track

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The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on August 04, 2026, advised Insurance Companies to settle Insurance claims relating to natural disaster affecting four districts of Assam,

viz. Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat and Golaghat on Fast Track. The natural disaster affecting four districts of Assam — Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat, and Golaghat — has resulted in widespread loss of lives, property (homes and businesses), and infrastructure. In response, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has issued instructions to all insurers, including Life and Standalone Health Insurance Companies, directing them to mobilize all available resources to ensure an immediate service response, including engaging Surveyors, Loss Adjustors, and Investigators for the quick settlement of claims arising from the disaster and the subsequent flooding caused by heavy rains. Insurers have been advised to promptly nominate a Senior Executive and communicate this appointment to the Chief Secretary. For districts reporting a large volume of claims, a designated District Claims Service Head must be assigned to oversee the claims process. Insurers are further required to give wide publicity to the contact details of these designated officers through their websites and media channels, ensuring affected policyholders can easily reach out for assistance. To streamline claims handling, insurers have been instructed to operate 24x7 helplines and set up special claims desks at the district level, staffed with officers holding delegated Claims Settlement Authority, to enable speedy processing and settlement. Additionally, insurers have been advised to settle claim payments or on-account payments at the earliest opportunity and to encourage policyholders to use electronic communication for correspondence wherever possible, facilitating faster and more efficient claims resolution during this crisis.

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NMC notified regarding the modified Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for Admission to the MBBS Course, 2026

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The National Medical Commission (NMC) on July 31, 2026, issued the Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) for Admission to the MBBS Course, 2026. The NMC has partially modified its Guidelines on Assessment of Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) issued on July 27, 2026, by revising Appendix-D (Locomotor Disability Affidavit) through a corrigendum dated July 31, 2026. The revised affidavit format applies to candidates with lower extremity locomotor disabilities and requires them to declare their disability details, use of assistive devices, and functional abilities, including weight-bearing, standing, walking, sitting, and turning. Candidates must also affirm that they possess the essential competencies required to pursue the MBBS course and acknowledge that any false declaration may lead to cancellation of admission. All other provisions of the original PwBD assessment guidelines remain unchanged. [Notification No. - U-11021/24204/PwBD/2026/UGMEB]

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Ministry of Education mandates TET Qualification for Teachers – Supreme Court Rulings

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The Ministry of Education on August 03, 2026, mandates TET Qualification for Teachers – Supreme Court Rulings. Education falls under the Concurrent List of the Constitution, which means the recruitment, service conditions, and deployment of teachers, are administered by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Consequently, data on teachers appointed before 2013 who may be affected by the mandatory Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) requirement is maintained at the state/UT level rather than centrally.

The Supreme Court of India, in its judgment dated September 1, 2025, held that the TET constitutes one of the minimum qualifications prescribed under Section 23 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, making it mandatory for appointment as a teacher in schools covered under the Act. Subsequently, while disposing of review petitions in the matter, the Court in its judgment dated May 29, 2026 extended the deadline for teachers to acquire the TET qualification from August 31, 2027 to August 31, 2028, giving affected teachers additional time to comply. In the same May 2026 judgment, the Court also directed the appropriate Governments/authorities to conduct the TET periodically — preferably twice a year at intervals of approximately six months — to ensure eligible teachers have a reasonable opportunity to meet this qualification requirement. [Release ID: 2293990]

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IRDAI issued a circular on natural disaster affecting four districts of Assam

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on August 04, 2026, issued a circular on a natural disaster affecting four districts of Assam. The following has been stated: • It has advised all life, general and health insurers to take immediate measures to expedite insurance claim settlements for policyholders affected by the floods that commenced on July 19, 2026, in the Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat and Golaghat districts of Assam, which have been declared natural disaster areas. Insurers have been directed to appoint senior nodal officers, deploy surveyors and investigators, establish 24x7 helplines, set up dedicated district claims desks, and ensure prompt surveys, interim (on-account) payments, and speedy claim settlements. • They have also been instructed to promote digital claim submission, simplify documentation requirements, consider life insurance claims without insisting on death certificates where official government records confirm the death, and submit weekly claims reports to IRDAI in the prescribed format to facilitate continuous monitoring of relief measures. [Notification No. - IRDAI/NL/GDL/98(01)/07/2026]

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Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

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The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on July 31, 2026, issued the Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020. The following has been amended, namely: • The draft proposes to align deviation charges for future wind and solar projects with those applicable to conventional generators, while continuing the existing framework for current projects during a transition period. • It also introduces specific provisions for Energy Storage Systems (ESS) and Pumped Storage Projects, including compensation for infirm power injected during testing, subject to prescribed limits. • Further, the draft proposes to replace the existing fixed 10-day timeline for payment of deviation charges with timelines specified in the detailed procedures issued by the National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC), thereby ensuring consistency with operational procedures. • Overall, the amendments aim to improve forecasting and scheduling discipline, market efficiency, settlement flexibility, and grid security while supporting the increasing

integration of renewable energy and storage technologies into the power system. • The comments/ suggestions/ objections may be sent by August 31, 2026. • Click here for the detailed draft regulations. [Notification no. - L-1/250/2019/CERC]

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DGFT invited TRQ Applications under India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) for Financial Year (FY) 2026-27

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 03, 2026, in exercise of powers conferred under paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023, and in continuation of Public Notice No. 20/2026-27 dated July 13, 2026, has invited applications for Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) allocation under the India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) for FY 2026-27. Applications are to be submitted during the window from August 4, 2026 to August 19, 2026. The TRQ allocation covers a specified list of products with prescribed quantity ceilings for the year. These include Dates (Fresh and Other, HS Codes 8041010/8041090) with a combined TRQ quantity of 2,000 MT; Marble and Travertine Blocks (HS Code 25151210) capped at 1,00,000 MT; and Marble and Travertine Slabs (HS Code 25151220) capped at 15,00,000 Sq. Mtr. Also covered is Ethylene Glycol (Ethanediol, HS Code 29053100) with a quota of 1,50,000 MT, and Linear Alkylbenzenes (HS Code 38170011) with a quota of 1,049 MT. Further items include polyethylene-related products under HS Code 3901, comprising LLDPE (where ethylene monomer contributes 95% or more by weight of total polymer content), Low Density Polyethylene (LDPE), "Other" polyethylene (HS Code 39011090), and Polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more (HS Code 39012000), collectively allocated a TRQ quantity of 75,000 MT. Interested exporters/importers are required to apply within the stipulated window for allocation under the India-Oman CEPA TRQ mechanism for FY 2026-27. [Public Notice No. 24/2026-27]

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CEA issued the advisory on safe and judicious use of electricity in view of El Niño conditions or otherwise

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on July 08, 2026, issued the advisory on safe and judicious use of electricity in view of El Niño conditions or otherwise. The following has been stated: • In view of the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) forecast of above-normal temperatures due to El Niño conditions, the CEA has issued an advisory urging consumers and Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) to adopt preventive electrical safety measures to reduce the risk of overheating, electrical faults and fire incidents caused by increased use of air conditioners and other cooling appliances. • Consumers are advised to keep their connected load within the sanctioned limit, ensure adequately rated internal wiring, avoid overloading sockets, maintain air conditioners and electrical appliances regularly, install properly rated Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs) and Residual Current Devices (RCDs), ensure proper earthing, and immediately address warning signs such as sparking, overheating, burning smell or frequent tripping. • DISCOMs have been advised to closely monitor the loading of transformers, cables and other electrical infrastructure and

undertake timely replacement before equipment reaches its threshold capacity. • The advisory also recommends maintaining AC temperature at 24°C, switching off appliances when not in use, and promoting optimal electricity usage to enhance consumer safety and prevent electrical accidents during periods of extreme heat.

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CEA Invitation of Stakeholder Comments on Safety Audit Framework for Battery Energy Storage System Plants

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA), on July 2026, issued a communication inviting stakeholder comments on the proposed Safety Audit framework for Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Plants under the Central Electricity Authority (Safety Requirements for Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Electrical Plants and Electrical Lines) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022. Stakeholders have been requested to submit comments on the draft documents via email by July 28, 2026. The initiative has been issued pursuant to Regulation 12 of the 2022 Amendment Regulations, which mandates that all generating stations undergo an external safety audit every two years by an accredited third party, with the audit report to be submitted to the CEA. The Authority may also verify such reports through physical site inspections, and the audits are required to include the minimum safety checks prescribed under Schedule IV of the Regulations. To facilitate uniform implementation of safety audits for BESS plants, the CEA has prepared three draft documents comprising a sample BESS Safety Audit Report format (Annex-1), a BESS-specific technical audit checklist (Annex-2), and the minimum audit procedure (Annex-3). The Authority has invited comments from industry stakeholders to refine these documents before finalization, with the objective of strengthening the safety and operational reliability of Battery Energy Storage System installations.

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MeitY issued advisory on Establishing internal systems, procedures, checks and safeguards to prohibit offering, aiding of Online Money Games and prohibit advertisement and financial enablement with respect to Online Money Games

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on July 29, 2026, issued advisory on Establishing internal systems, procedures, checks and safeguards to prohibit offering, aiding of Online Money Games and prohibit advertisement and financial enablement with respect to Online Money Games. The Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025 ("PROG Act"), which came into force on May 1, 2026, prohibits the offering, operation, facilitation, advertisement, and promotion of online money games, with the stated aim of protecting individuals — particularly youth and vulnerable populations — from adverse social, economic, psychological, and privacy-related harms, while also safeguarding public order, public health, the integrity of the financial system, and the security and sovereignty of the State. Under Sections 8(1) and 8(2) of the Act, the Central Government has constituted an Authority empowered to determine whether a given online game qualifies as an online money game, and to recognize, register, and categorize online games. The Act imposes three core prohibitions: Section 5 bars any person from offering, aiding, abetting, inducing,

or otherwise engaging in the offering of an online money game or online money gaming service; Section 6 bars any advertisement that directly or indirectly promotes or induces participation in an online money game; and Section 7 bars banks, financial institutions, or any other person from facilitating financial transactions or fund authorizations for payment toward any online money game. These prohibitions are clarified to extend beyond primary operators to any person — anywhere in the supporting ecosystem — who aids, abets, induces, promotes, or facilitates such services, making the entire chain of enablement liable under the Act. The Authority has noted that diverse categories of entities are potentially involved in violations of Sections 5, 6, and 7, including application stores, cloud service providers, telecom and internet service providers, banks and financial institutions (and any person facilitating fund transactions), social media intermediaries, OTT platforms, and advertising agencies. All such persons are directed to immediately review their internal policies to suspend non-compliant activities — including disabling or refusing to host online money gaming applications, blocking transactions or fund authorizations for such services, and ceasing any advertisement promoting online money games — and to build appropriate automated or manual internal compliance systems, procedures, checks, and safeguards suited to their business. Non-compliance is stated to be viewed seriously and may result in blocking of information relating to online money gaming services under Section 14 of the Act. Section 9 prescribes penalties: violation of Section 5 attracts up to 3 years' imprisonment and/or a fine up to ■1 crore (3–5 years and ■1–2 crore for repeat offences); violation of Section 6 attracts up to 2 years' imprisonment and/or a fine up to ■50 lakh (2–3 years and ■50 lakh–■1 crore for repeat offences); and violation of Section 7 attracts up to 3 years' imprisonment and/or a fine up to ■1 crore (3–5 years and ■1–2 crore for repeat offences). The advisory is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority in the Ministry, without prejudice to any other action the Government or law enforcement agencies may take under any other applicable law.

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NABH issued a Public Notice for Comments on Draft 2nd Edition Digital Health Certification Standards for HIS/EMR Systems

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on July 22, 2026, issued a Public Notice for Comments on Draft 2nd Edition Digital Health Certification Standards for HIS/EMR Systems. The following has been stated: • The draft proposes an updated certification framework for evaluating HIS/EMR software used by healthcare providers, with emphasis on patient safety, clinical quality, interoperability, data privacy, cybersecurity, governance, audit trails, clinical documentation, decision support, medication safety, consent management and compliance with national digital health initiatives such as the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). • The standards aim to ensure that digital health systems support secure, accurate and efficient healthcare delivery while strengthening interoperability, data exchange and regulatory compliance. • The certification programme applies to HIS/EMR solution providers, with products required to demonstrate operational deployment in hospitals and compliance with prescribed digital health requirements before certification. • Click here for the detailed draft. The last date for the submission of comments is August 10, 2026. [Notification no. – NABH/Notification/2026/07216]

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Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Insurance Intermediaries) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on July 30, 2026, issued the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Insurance Intermediaries) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the IRDAI (Registration of Corporate Agents) Regulations, 2015, IRDAI (Insurance Brokers) Regulations, 2018, IRDAI (Registration of Insurance Marketing Firm) Regulations, 2015, IRDAI (Insurance Web Aggregators) Regulations, 2017, and IRDAI (Insurance Services by Common Public Service Centers) Regulations, 2019. The following have been amended, namely: • The amendments replace the earlier system of periodic renewal of registration with a system of continuous registration, subject to payment of an annual fee and continued compliance with IRDAI regulations. Existing Corporate Agents and Insurance Brokers holding three-year registration certificates are required to obtain new registration certificates by January 31, 2027, with a grace period until March 31, 2027, on payment of an additional fee. • The regulations also strengthen governance by introducing mandatory annual fee payments, stricter record-keeping and policy solicitation tagging requirements, enhanced training obligations for Principal Officers and Designated Persons, compulsory enrolment letters for designated sales personnel, and an NOC mechanism for transfer of designated persons between intermediaries. • Further, they require greater disclosures from certain intermediaries, mandate professional indemnity insurance for eligible Corporate Agents, revise the fee structure, and empower IRDAI with stronger supervisory and enforcement powers to improve transparency, accountability, and protection of policyholders' interests. [Notification no. – IRDAI/Reg/8/222/2026]

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MoFPI notified regarding the compulsory Registration of Cold Storage facilities created under the Cold Chain scheme with the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA)

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) on July 13, 2026, notified regarding the compulsory Registration of Cold Storage facilities created under the Cold Chain scheme with the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA). The Ministry has directed that all cold storage facilities established under the Integrated Cold Chain & Value Addition Infrastructure (Cold Chain) Scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) shall be compulsorily registered with the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA). Project proponents are required to obtain WDRA registration for their cold storage facilities and submit a copy of the WDRA Registration Certificate to the Ministry via email after registration to ensure compliance with this requirement. [Notification no. – C-13016/8/2026- COLD CHAIN[E-333632]]

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MoHUA notified the effective date of the amended provisions of the Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1956, issued under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of

Provisions) Act, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on August 01, 2026, notified the effective date of the amended provisions of the Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1956, issued under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026. The Government has notified August 01, 2026, as the commencement date for the provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026, relating to Serial No. 22 of the Schedule, which amends the Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Act, 1956. [Notification no. - S.O. 4300(E)]

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IFSCA issued FAQs on the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 03, 2026, issued FAQs on the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025. The following has been stated: • The FAQs explain the registration framework for Authorised FMEs, Registered FMEs (Non-Retail) and Registered FMEs (Retail), their eligibility criteria, net worth requirements, governance, staffing, infrastructure and permitted fund management activities. They also provide operational guidance on the establishment and management of Venture Capital Schemes, Angel Funds, Restricted Schemes, Retail Schemes, Special Situation Funds, Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), ESG Schemes, Portfolio Management Services, Investment Trusts, Family Investment Funds and Third-Party Fund Management Services, including investment limits, corpus requirements, leverage, valuation, NAV computation, investor eligibility, filing procedures and disclosure requirements. • The FAQs further clarify provisions relating to listing, sovereign wealth funds, Indian diaspora investments, accredited investors, fees, compliance obligations and governance, while reiterating that the FAQs are intended only to provide guidance and that the IFSCA (Fund Management) Regulations, 2025, related Acts, Rules, Regulations and Circulars will prevail in case of any inconsistency.

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026, effective immediately. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework for strengthening cybersecurity, technology risk management, cyber resilience, and information systems governance in commercial banks by prescribing Board-level oversight, IT governance structures, information security policies, cybersecurity policies, and clearly defined roles and responsibilities for senior management, the Head of IT Function, and the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). • Banks are required to implement

robust IT and information security risk management frameworks, maintain secure IT architecture and infrastructure, protect information assets through baseline cybersecurity controls, strengthen customer authentication, access management, application security, vulnerability management, business continuity, disaster recovery, cyber incident response, continuous surveillance, and establish Cyber Security Operations Centres (CSOCs) to enhance cyber resilience. • The Directions also prescribe comprehensive requirements relating to third-party technology arrangements, audit logging, vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, red teaming, employee awareness, customer education, information systems audit, and governance mechanisms to ensure secure, resilient, and technology-driven banking operations. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [RBI/DoS/2026-27/410]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026, effective immediately. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework for strengthening the security of digital payment products and services offered by commercial banks through Board-approved policies, robust governance, risk management, secure application development, authentication mechanisms, fraud risk management, reconciliation processes, and customer protection measures. • Banks are required to implement secure-by-design digital payment applications, strong encryption, multi-factor authentication, vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, fraud monitoring, secure customer authentication, resilient payment infrastructure, and robust controls for internet banking, mobile banking, and digital payment channels to safeguard customer data and payment transactions. • The Directions also prescribe detailed security controls for internet banking, mobile payment applications, and card payment systems, including compliance with international payment security standards, enhanced ATM and card security, customer awareness initiatives, grievance redressal mechanisms, and continuous monitoring to strengthen the overall resilience and security of India's digital payment ecosystem. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [RBI/DoS/2026-27/411]

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NPPA issued the retail price of the Glimepiride IP 3 mg for M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer &Marketer)

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on July 30, 2026, issued the retail price of the Glimepiride IP 3 mg for M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer &Marketer). The following amendments have been stated: • The retail price of the Each uncoated tablet contains: Glimepiride IPn3 mg for M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer &Marketer) will be Rs. 12.48/-. • Sum of MAT value considered for price calculation (in Lakhs) -4,770.95 • Sum of PTR per unit considered for price calculation - 96.88 [Notification No. 19(5263)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026, effective immediately. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework for concurrent audit in commercial banks to strengthen internal controls, ensure timely detection of errors, irregularities, and fraudulent transactions, and enhance overall governance and risk management. • Banks are required to determine the scope of concurrent audit based on their risk profile, with mandatory coverage of key areas such as cash transactions, loans and advances, KYC/AML compliance, remittances, treasury operations, foreign exchange, clearing operations, card business, employee conduct, mis-selling of products, and compliance with RBI directions and internal policies. • The Directions prescribe governance standards relating to the appointment, tenure, remuneration, accountability, and reporting of concurrent auditors, while requiring Board-approved policies, annual performance reviews, structured reporting systems, prompt rectification of deficiencies, and timely reporting of frauds to the appropriate authorities. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [RBI/DoS/2026-27/409]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Compliance Function) Directions, 2026, effective immediately. The following has been stated: The Directions establish a comprehensive framework for strengthening compliance governance in commercial banks by defining the roles and responsibilities of the Board, senior management, and the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), while ensuring the independence of the Compliance function. The framework requires banks to adopt a Board-approved Compliance Policy, implement risk-based compliance programmes, establish an independent Compliance Department, conduct periodic compliance risk assessments, strengthen compliance culture through training and accountability, leverage technology for compliance monitoring, and maintain effective reporting and oversight mechanisms. The Directions also prescribe standards relating to staffing, group-wide compliance, quality assurance, internal audit, and disclosure of compliance failures to promote sound corporate governance and regulatory compliance across commercial banks. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [RBI/DoS/2026-27/408]

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Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Sixth Amendment) Order, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) on July 30, 2026, issued the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Sixth Amendment) Order, 2026 to further amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003. The following amendments have been stated: • Amendment of Schedule VI.- Against S.No. 83, relating to Citrus spp. (Lemon, lime, orange, grapefruit, mandarins, etc. and other Rutaceous) in column (2) against the entry (i) Fresh fruits for consumption in column (3), relating to entries South Africa in column (4), the existing entries in column (6) shall be substituted with the enteries. It shall come into force on July 30, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 4232(E)]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026, in exercise of powers under Sections 21 and 35-A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Applicable to all Local Area Banks (LABs) and effective immediately, the Directions establish a framework for prevention, early detection, investigation, and timely reporting of frauds to Law Enforcement Agencies and RBI. Key definitions include the Central Fraud Registry (CFR), CRILC, "Red Flagged Account," and the distinct dates of classification, detection, and occurrence used for Fraud Monitoring Return (FMR) reporting. Chapter II requires each LAB to adopt a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management Policy covering prevention, investigation, staff accountability, recovery, and reporting, alongside an Early Warning Signal (EWS) and Red Flagging of Accounts (RFA) framework, reviewed at least once every three years. The Policy must embed principles of natural justice, including a detailed Show Cause Notice with at least 21 days for response before any person or entity is classified as fraudulent, and a reasoned order communicating the final decision, in line with Supreme Court jurisprudence in State Bank of India & Ors Vs. Rajesh Agarwal & Ors. Banks must constitute a Special Committee of the Board for Monitoring and Follow-up of Frauds (SCBMF), comprising at least three Board members including a Whole Time Director and two independent/non-executive directors, headed by an independent director, to oversee fraud trends, root cause analysis, and control improvements; a senior official of at least General Manager rank must be designated for fraud monitoring and reporting. Chapter III mandates that the Risk Management Committee of the Board (RMCB) oversee the EWS/RFA framework, approve EWS indicators, and prescribe a turnaround time (preferably within 30 days) for examining alerts, with the system integrated into Core Banking Solutions and supported by a dedicated Data Analytics and Market Intelligence Unit. Accounts with aggregate exposure of ■3 crore or above, once red-flagged, must be reported on RBI's CRILC platform within seven days. Subsequent chapters (not excerpted in full) address general instructions on red-flagged accounts, third-party confirmations, staff accountability and penal measures, reporting frauds to law enforcement and RBI (including the Central Fraud Registry), cheque-related fraud reporting, legal audits of title documents, treatment of fraud accounts sold to other lenders, auditor roles, reporting of theft/burglary/dacoity/robbery, and repeal of prior applicable instructions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/446, DoS.CO.FMG.40/23.04.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026, in exercise of powers under Section 35-A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Applicable to all Local Area Banks and effective immediately, the Directions mandate adoption of Risk-Based Internal Audit (RBIA), moving beyond a purely transaction-centric approach to emphasise assessment of risk management systems and internal controls, in line with evolving governance standards. Undefined terms take their meaning from the RBI Act, 1934, the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Companies Act, 2013, or RBI's Glossary of Terms. Chapter II assigns the Board responsibility for approving the RBIA policy, the risk assessment methodology, the Annual Audit Plan (AAP), and a policy for engaging retired personnel (capped at three years) in areas lacking expertise, while also periodically assessing RBIA's reliability and objectivity, and prescribing minimum tenure for internal audit staff. Senior Management must ensure the importance of RBIA is understood bank-wide and that audit staff act with objectivity. Chapter III establishes the core RBIA framework: the Internal Audit Department (IAD) must remain functionally independent from internal control processes and distinct from the Risk Management Department, with remuneration delinked from the performance of business lines audited, and adequately skilled, trained staff covering banking operations, IT, data analytics, and forensic investigation. The risk assessment methodology must combine inherent business risk and control risk into a risk matrix (ranging from Low Risk to Extremely High Risk), with extent of transaction testing—including potential 100% testing for extremely high or increasing very-high-risk areas—determined accordingly; assessments must be updated at least annually considering factors like prior audit findings, business changes, management turnover, and regulatory examination results. The Board-approved AAP must prioritise audit frequency and resource allocation using this risk assessment, illustratively via a Risk Audit Matrix weighing magnitude and frequency of risk. Subsequent chapters (not excerpted in full) address audit scope, communication, performance evaluation, outsourcing, the Head of Internal Audit's authority, tenure, and reporting line, and repeal of prior applicable instructions with standard interpretive provisions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/447, DoS.CO.PPG.41/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026, in exercise of powers under Section 35-A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The Directions apply to all Primary Co-operative Banks (UCBs) as defined under Section 5(ccv) of the Act and take effect immediately. They consolidate provisions covering Core Banking Solution (CBS) implementation, a Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework, the Fair Practices Code on interest charging, nomination facilities, fraud prevention measures, vigilance requirements, and repeal of prior circulars on these subjects. The PCA Framework, detailed in Chapter III, applies to Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 UCBs (excluding those under All Inclusive Directions), while Tier 1 UCBs remain under enhanced monitoring outside this framework. It tracks three parameters — Capital (CRAR), Asset Quality (Net NPA ratio), and Profitability (net profit) — across three escalating risk thresholds, triggering mandatory actions such as capital-raising requirements, dividend restrictions, and curbs on branch or deposit expansion, along with discretionary actions spanning governance, strategy, credit risk, and capital measures. A UCB may exit PCA only after four consecutive quarters (including one audited annual statement) showing no threshold breaches, subject to RBI's supervisory comfort regarding sustainable

financial improvement. Beyond the PCA Framework, the Directions mandate full CBS rollout across UCB branches with technical guidance from IDRBT, prescribe fraud prevention safeguards covering cash handling, negotiable instruments, computerised branches, and insurance, and set out vigilance obligations. The notification also addresses repeal and savings provisions, clarifying that other applicable laws remain unaffected and providing interpretive guidance for terms not otherwise defined, which default to meanings under the RBI Act, 1934, the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Companies Act, 2013, or RBI's published Glossary of Terms. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/443, DoS.CO.PPG.37/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026, in exercise of powers under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. Applicable to all Local Area Banks and effective immediately, the Directions position concurrent audit as an early warning mechanism that shortens the gap between a transaction and its independent examination, forming a core part of internal control and fraud prevention. The Directions define "Audit Firm" to include proprietorship firms, partnership firms, or LLPs, while other undefined terms draw meaning from the RBI Act, 1934, the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Companies Act, 2013, and RBI's Glossary of Terms. Under Chapter II, the Audit Committee of the Board (ACB) is vested with approving the scope of concurrent audit, deciding the tenure and remuneration of external auditors, and annually reviewing the audit system's effectiveness. Chapter III mandates that the Head of Internal Audit (HIA), with ACB approval, determine coverage of business activities and branches based on risk, mandatorily including cash transactions, loans and advances, KYC/AML compliance, remittances, treasury operations, forex transactions, card business, and employee conduct, among others, with all Centralized Processing Centres also brought under audit. Appointment rules require a Board-approved policy on in-house versus external auditors, bar conflicted Chartered Accountant partners from appointment, and cap external auditor tenure at five years overall and three years per branch, with a 70-year age limit for retired staff auditors. The Directions further prescribe accountability measures, including a hearing opportunity before adverse action against audit firms and mandatory reporting of serious lapses to the ACB, RBI, and ICAI, alongside a structured reporting system requiring quarterly ACB reviews and immediate escalation of fraud to the Internal Audit Department and Chief Vigilance Officer. Chapter IV repeals all prior Concurrent Audit instructions applicable to Local Area Banks (as listed in circular DoS.CO.PPG.66/11.01.005/2026-27 dated July 31, 2026), while preserving actions, rights, and liabilities accrued under the repealed framework, and clarifies that RBI's interpretation of any provision shall be final and binding. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/445, DoS.CO.ARG.39/08.91.021/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Compliance Function) Directions, 2026, in exercise of powers under Section 35-A of the Banking Regulation

Act, 1949. Applicable to all Local Area Banks and effective immediately, the Directions establish minimum standards for the compliance function as a core element of corporate governance, aligned with the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision framework and adapted to the Indian context, while allowing banks to organise the function according to their size, complexity, and risk profile. The Directions define "Compliance Risk" and mandate that banks maintain a Board-approved Compliance Policy, reviewed at least annually. Chapter II places overall responsibility for compliance oversight on the Board, which must ensure timely resolution of compliance issues, keep the Compliance function separate from Internal Audit, and review compliance performance quarterly through the Board or Audit Committee. Senior management, led by the MD & CEO, must maintain an independent Compliance function, identify and assess compliance risks annually, and promptly report material compliance failures to the Board. Chapter III requires banks to set up a Head Office Compliance Department headed by the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), extend compliance units to controlling offices and branches, ensure adequate independent staffing without conflicting audit duties, and decouple compliance staff remuneration from the business lines they monitor, while also implementing group-wide compliance programmes across subsidiaries. The Directions further detail the Compliance Department's operational responsibilities, including vetting internal circulars for regulatory compliance, serving as a reference point for staff queries, proactively assessing risks in new products with intensive monitoring for the first six months, and maintaining function-wise compliance manuals. Subsequent chapters (not excerpted in full) address the CCO's appointment, authority, independence and reporting lines, the use of technology for compliance monitoring, and repeal of earlier applicable circulars alongside standard interpretive provisions tying undefined terms to the RBI Act, 1934, the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the Companies Act, 2013, and RBI's Glossary of Terms. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/444, DoS.CO.PPG.38/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026 issued the Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026, establishing a comprehensive framework for submission of supervisory returns by Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs). These Directions, effective immediately, apply to all UCBs and mandate submission of periodic and ad-hoc data through RBI's Centralised Information Management System (CIMS). The Directions aim to standardize reporting practices, enhance data quality, and ensure timely and accurate regulatory reporting. The Directions place significant responsibility on the Board and senior management of UCBs to ensure robust governance, data integrity, and risk management in reporting. UCBs are required to maintain strong data architecture and IT infrastructure capable of supporting accurate, consistent, and timely data aggregation even during stress situations. Emphasis has been laid on automation, reconciliation with internal records, and maintaining audit trails to ensure reliability and transparency of supervisory data. Further, the Directions prescribe a detailed list of supervisory returns (such as Form B, CRR/SLR returns, asset quality, fraud monitoring, ALM returns, etc.) along with their periodicity and strict timelines (ranging from 5 to 30 days depending on return type). Returns must be submitted through online portals, with penalties applicable for delays or incorrect reporting. The Directions also repeal earlier guidelines on supervisory returns while safeguarding past actions, and clarify that RBI's interpretation shall be final in case of any ambiguity. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/442 DoS.CO.DSG.36/33.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework to strengthen the compliance function and corporate governance in Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs). The Directions apply to all UCBs, with enhanced compliance requirements for Tier 3 and Tier 4 UCBs, and provide a six-month transition period for eligible banks coming out of All Inclusive Directions. • They require every UCB to adopt a Board-approved Compliance Policy, with oversight by the Board/Audit Committee and senior management, covering compliance culture, risk assessment, monitoring, reporting, and approval of new products. • The Directions also provide for an independent Compliance Department headed by a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), prescribe the eligibility, appointment, tenure, independence, reporting structure, and responsibilities of the CCO, and require periodic compliance risk assessments, monitoring of regulatory compliance, staff accountability for compliance failures, internal audit of the compliance function, and the use of technology-based compliance monitoring systems. • They further prescribe the role of Compliance Officers for specified UCBs, repeal the earlier compliance framework, and preserve actions taken under the previous directions. [Notification No. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/435 DoS.CO.PPG.29/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The directions consolidate various supervisory requirements applicable to Payments Banks into a single regulatory framework to strengthen governance, regulatory compliance, and supervisory oversight. • The Directions prescribe procedures for obtaining RBI approval for specified corporate actions, organisational changes, and other matters requiring prior regulatory approval. They also provide for effective governance, maintenance of records and documents, facilitation of RBI inspections and supervisory reviews, timely furnishing of information and regulatory returns, and compliance with directions issued by the RBI from time to time. • Further, the Directions empower the RBI to seek additional information, issue clarifications or exemptions where necessary, repeal the earlier miscellaneous supervisory instructions applicable to Payments Banks, and preserve actions taken under the previous regulatory framework. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/434 DoS.CO.PPG.28/11.01.005/2026-27]

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SEBI notified regarding the extension of the timeline for enrolment with PaRRVA

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 03, 2026, notified regarding the extension of the timeline for enrolment with PaRRVA. SEBI has extended the deadline for enrolment with the Past Risk and Return Verification Agency (PaRRVA) from August 3, 2026 to September 3, 2026 for Investment Advisers (IAs) and Research Analysts (RAs) who wish to communicate certified past performance data to existing or prospective clients. The extension has been granted following representations from industry participants and PaRRVA to facilitate a smooth implementation of the framework. IAs and RAs who intend to communicate certified past performance data shall complete enrolment with PaRRVA by the revised deadline; failing to do so, they will not be permitted to communicate such certified performance data. [Notification No. - HO/38/14/(11)2026-MIRSD-POD1/ I/18038/2026]

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TRAI revamps 'TRAI MyCall' mobile application to assess voice call quality through consumer feedback

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on August 03, 2026, revamps the 'TRAI MyCall' mobile application to assess voice call quality through consumer feedback. The following has been stated: • TRAI has launched a revamped version of the TRAI MyCall mobile application to enable telecom consumers to rate and report their voice-calling experience in real time. The app allows users to provide 1–5 star ratings, report issues such as call drops, echo, audio delay, voice breaking, cross-connections, delayed call setup and one-way audio, and automatically prompts users for feedback after calls. • It also includes features such as feedback history on an interactive map and a Coverage Test to assess signal strength. Consumer feedback is shared with Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) and TRAI in an anonymised form, helping TSPs identify network deficiencies and take corrective measures while enabling TRAI to strengthen Quality of Experience (QoE) assessment alongside traditional Quality of Service (QoS) monitoring. [Press release No. 107/2026]

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NHB Revision of Prime Lending Rate for August

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Housing Bank (NHB), on August 1, 2026, announced that its Prime Lending Rate (PLR) has been revised to 7.65%, effective August 1, 2026. The revised PLR will serve as the benchmark lending rate for applicable NHB lending operations. The revised PLR replaces the previous benchmark rate and will apply from the effective date to loans, advances, and other financial products linked to the NHB's Prime Lending Rate, in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions. Financial institutions and stakeholders may use the revised PLR for determining interest rates wherever the NHB PLR serves as the reference benchmark. The revision reflects NHB's periodic review of its benchmark lending rate and is intended to ensure that its lending framework remains aligned with prevailing market and monetary conditions. The

updated PLR is effective immediately from August 1, 2026.

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Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements) Rules, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on July 27, 2026, issued the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements) Rules, 2026. Application. — (1) Unless otherwise expressly provided, these rules shall apply to— (a) all ships registered in India under the Act, engaged on any voyage; and (b) all ships other than Indian ships while in coastal waters, the keels of which are laid, or which are at a similar stage of construction, on or after the 1st day of July, 1998. The rules provide flexibility to the Administration by allowing equivalents and exemptions where alternative fittings or arrangements offer at least the same level of safety. Exemptions may also be granted for ships operating within 20 nautical miles from land, special trade passenger ships (like pilgrim ships) complying with international agreements, or ships undertaking a one-time international voyage under exceptional circumstances. Ships are classified into various categories based on their type and nature of voyages, including passenger ships (Classes I–VII) and cargo ships (Classes VIII–XII). These classifications distinguish between international, coastal, and fair-weather voyages, and also include special categories like tugs and barges. Existing ships under earlier classifications may continue temporarily, but certain classes are discontinued going forward. The rules emphasize strict approval, testing, and compliance of life-saving appliances. All such equipment must be approved by the nautical adviser or recognized bodies, comply with the LSA Code, and undergo testing and production checks. Even novel or alternative designs are permitted if they meet equivalent safety standards through proper evaluation and engineering analysis. Further, the rules mandate operational preparedness and safety procedures on board ships, including training manuals, maintenance instructions, muster lists, and emergency protocols. Crew members must be trained in the use of life-saving equipment, passenger handling during emergencies, and survival techniques. Provision is also made for alternative designs, subject to risk assessment and approval, ensuring innovation without compromising safety standards. They shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. [Notification No. G.S.R. 671(E)]

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Draft Indian Insurance Companies (Inquiry, Adjudication and Appeal) Rules, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on July 30, 2026, issued the Draft Indian Insurance Companies (Inquiry, Adjudication and Appeal) Rules, 2026. The rules lay down a structured framework for handling contraventions by individuals in relation to Indian Insurance Companies. A complaint can be filed by an insurer in Form I either electronically or physically. Upon receipt, the adjudicating officer initiates an inquiry by issuing a show-cause notice (minimum 14 days) specifying the nature of the contravention. If the response is unsatisfactory, a hearing is scheduled where the person can appear personally or through an authorized representative and present evidence. The adjudicating officer has powers similar to a civil court, including summoning individuals, examining evidence, and calling for documents. The inquiry process is flexible and not bound by strict rules of evidence. If the person fails to appear, the officer may proceed ex-parte. After

evaluating evidence, the officer may impose penalties under the Act, providing written reasons, and must complete proceedings within six months. While determining penalties, factors such as unfair gain, loss caused to the insurer, repetitive nature, and severity of the contravention are considered. The final order is communicated to both the concerned person and the insurer. Notices and orders can be served through multiple modes, including electronic means, post, or physical delivery. An aggrieved party may file an appeal before the appellate authority within 30 days (extendable with valid reason). The appeal process includes submission of relevant documents, scrutiny, opportunity of hearing, and disposal within 60 days. The adjudicating officer or appellate authority may extend timelines for valid reasons, and all penalties collected are credited to the Consolidated Fund of India. Objections or suggestions, if any, from persons likely to be affected may be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services, Jeevan Deep Building, 3rd floor, Sansad Marg, New Delhi 110001. Objections or suggestions that may be received from persons likely to be affected with respect to the draft rules within the aforesaid period shall be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R. 679(E)]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework to strengthen cybersecurity, technology risk management, operational resilience, and IT governance in Payments Banks. • The Directions require banks to implement a Board-approved cybersecurity and technology risk management policy, establish effective governance and oversight mechanisms, conduct periodic cyber risk assessments, maintain secure IT infrastructure and data protection measures, and adopt controls for identity and access management, network security, application security, third-party and cloud risk management, and incident response. • They also provide for business continuity and disaster recovery planning, cyber resilience testing, security monitoring, vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, independent audits, employee awareness programmes, and timely reporting of cyber incidents to the RBI. • The Directions further encourage continuous monitoring and improvement of cybersecurity practices to safeguard critical banking systems, customer data, and digital payment services while enhancing the overall resilience of Payments Banks against evolving cyber threats. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/428 DoS.CO.CSITEG.22/31.01.015/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework for the prevention, early detection, investigation, reporting, and monitoring of frauds in Payments Banks. The Directions require every

bank to adopt a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management Policy covering fraud prevention, investigation, recovery, staff accountability, reporting, and an Early Warning Signals (EWS) and Red Flagged Accounts (RFA) framework. • They also provide for a Special Committee of the Board for Monitoring and Follow-up of Cases of Frauds (SCBMF), periodic review of fraud trends, whistle-blower mechanisms, and a dedicated fraud risk management structure headed by a senior official. • The Directions further prescribe a framework for identifying suspicious transactions through EWS, monitoring digital banking transactions, strengthening data analytics, and taking timely remedial action to prevent fraud. They lay down procedures for reporting frauds to Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and the Reserve Bank of India through the Fraud Monitoring Return (FMR), maintaining and using the Central Fraud Registry (CFR), examining staff accountability, imposing regulatory restrictions on persons and entities classified as fraud, reporting cheque-related frauds, and maintaining records for fraud closure. • The Directions also define the role of auditors, prescribe reporting requirements for cases of theft, burglary, dacoity, and robbery, repeal the earlier fraud risk management framework applicable to Payments Banks, and preserve actions taken under the previous directions. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/430 DoS.CO.FMG.24/23.04.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions provide a comprehensive framework for strengthening cybersecurity, technology governance, operational resilience, and IT risk management in Payments Banks. • The Directions require banks to establish a Board-approved cybersecurity and technology risk management framework, implement robust governance and internal controls, identify and manage technology and cyber risks, and secure critical information systems and customer data. • They also prescribe measures relating to identity and access management, network and application security, data protection, third-party and cloud service risk management, business continuity and disaster recovery planning, cyber incident response, vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, security audits, and continuous monitoring of IT systems. • In addition, the Directions provide for periodic cyber resilience testing, employee awareness and training programmes, timely reporting of cyber incidents to the RBI, and regular review of the cybersecurity framework to address emerging threats and ensure the resilience and reliability of digital payment services. [Notification No. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/429 DoS.CO.CSITEG.23/31.01.015/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework for strengthening the Internal Audit Function in Payments Banks through a Risk-Based Internal Audit (RBIA) approach. The

Directions provide for Board oversight over the internal audit framework, approval of a risk assessment methodology and annual audit plan, and periodic evaluation of the effectiveness of the audit function. • They require the Internal Audit Department to function independently from business operations, adopt a risk-based approach for identifying and prioritising audit areas, and assess the adequacy of risk management systems, internal controls, regulatory compliance, fraud-prone areas, data integrity, and information systems. • The framework also covers periodic risk assessments, communication of significant audit findings, performance evaluation of the audit function, and engagement of external experts where specialised expertise is required, while retaining overall responsibility with the bank. • Additionally, the Directions prescribe the authority, independence, tenure, and reporting structure of the Head of Internal Audit, who reports directly to the Audit Committee of the Board or senior management, and repeal the earlier internal audit framework while preserving actions taken under the previous directions. [Notification No. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/431 DoS.CO.PPG.25/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework for the submission of supervisory returns by Payments Banks to enable effective regulatory supervision by the RBI. The Directions apply to all Payments Banks and prescribe governance standards for data quality, risk data aggregation, reporting accuracy, and IT infrastructure, with overall oversight by the Board of Directors and Senior Management. They require banks to maintain robust data architecture, ensure complete and accurate reporting, automate reporting processes, and preserve proper records and audit trails. • The Directions also provide for the electronic submission of supervisory returns through RBI's designated online portals, prescribe 16 supervisory returns covering areas such as assets and liabilities, operating results, liquidity, capital adequacy, interest rate sensitivity, ownership, investment portfolio, customer complaints, financial soundness, and fraud monitoring, and specify timelines for monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, yearly, and event-based reporting. • They further empower the RBI to introduce additional returns, prescribe penalties for delayed or incorrect submissions, and repeal the earlier supervisory return framework while preserving actions taken under the previous directions. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/433 DoS.CO.DSG.27/33.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions provide a comprehensive framework for the conduct of statutory audits in Payments Banks to strengthen financial reporting, governance, and regulatory compliance. The Directions prescribe the eligibility, appointment, tenure, rotation, independence, and responsibilities of Statutory Central

Auditors (SCAs) and Statutory Auditors (SAs), as well as the roles of the Board and the Audit Committee in overseeing the audit process. • They require auditors to evaluate the accuracy of financial statements, adequacy of internal controls, compliance with RBI regulations, asset quality, provisioning, fraud reporting, and the effectiveness of risk management systems. • The Directions also provide for coordination between statutory and internal auditors, timely submission of audit reports and regulatory certificates, reporting of material irregularities and frauds to the RBI, maintenance of auditor independence and confidentiality, and compliance with applicable auditing standards. • Further, the Directions consolidate the statutory audit framework for Payments Banks while preserving actions taken under the earlier regulatory regime. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/432 DoS.CO.ARG.26/08.91.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive framework to strengthen the compliance function and corporate governance in Payments Banks. The Directions require every Payments Bank to have an independent Compliance Department headed by a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), with overall oversight by the Board of Directors. They provide for a Board-approved compliance policy covering compliance culture, risk management, reporting mechanisms, monitoring processes, regulatory compliance, and approval of new products. • The Directions also prescribe the eligibility, appointment, tenure, independence, reporting structure, and responsibilities of the CCO, including compliance risk assessment, regulatory reporting, monitoring compliance with RBI directions, and advising senior management on regulatory matters. • Further, they encourage the use of technology-based compliance monitoring systems, periodic internal audits and quality assurance reviews, and repeal the earlier compliance framework while preserving actions taken under the previous directions. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/427 DoS.CO.ARG.21/08.91.021/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, exercising powers under Section 27 and Section 35-A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, issued the "Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026" with immediate effect. These Directions apply to all Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) and replace the existing cybersecurity framework circular. UCBs are categorised into four levels (Level I to Level IV) based on their digital depth and interconnectedness with payment systems—ranging from basic UCBs (Level I) to those with direct CPS membership, own ATM Switch, or SWIFT interface (Level IV)—with graded compliance obligations applicable to each level. The framework mandates Board-approved cybersecurity and IT policies, formation of governance structures such as the IT Strategy Committee, IT Steering Committee, Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), and Information Security Committee (for higher-level UCBs), along

with baseline controls covering IT architecture, cyber crisis management, asset inventory, data protection, cryptographic controls, network security, patch management, user access control, secure mail systems, removable media handling, staff/customer awareness, backup and restoration, and vendor/outsourcing risk management. Higher-level UCBs face additional requirements including application security lifecycle controls, periodic VA/PT, centralised IAM systems, Security Operations Centres (CSOC), advanced threat defence, forensics readiness, and risk-based transaction monitoring. UCBs must report cyber incidents within six hours via the DAKSH platform and may notify CERT-In and share threat intelligence with IB-CART. The Directions repeal all prior cybersecurity guidelines for UCBs (communicated via circular dated July 31, 2026) while preserving rights, liabilities, and proceedings arising under the repealed framework, and operate in addition to other applicable laws. RBI retains final authority to interpret and clarify any provision of these Directions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/437, DoS.CO.CSITEG.31/31.01.015/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions require banks to establish robust governance mechanisms, with the Board of Directors and Senior Management being responsible for identifying and managing data quality risks, ensuring strong risk data aggregation, maintaining data confidentiality and integrity, allocating adequate IT and human resources, and integrating reporting capabilities into all major business and technology initiatives. Banks shall maintain reliable data architecture and IT infrastructure capable of producing accurate, complete, timely, and stress-tested supervisory data, while ensuring proper reconciliation with accounting records, maintaining audit trails, documenting data sources, and increasing automation in reporting processes. • The Directions mandate that all supervisory returns be submitted electronically through RBI's designated online reporting portals, including the Centralised Information Management System (CIMS), and clarify that returns submitted through physical copies or email will generally not be accepted except in contingency situations. • The Directions consolidate 33 supervisory returns covering areas such as asset-liability management, asset quality, operating results, liquidity, capital adequacy, interest rate sensitivity, large exposures, CRILC reporting, defaulted borrowers, ownership and governance, subsidiaries, consolidated prudential information, profitability, connected lending, Basel liquidity standards, leverage ratio, financial inclusion, customer complaints, stressed MSME loans, Digital Banking Units, financial conglomerates, investment portfolios, financial soundness indicators, gold metal loans, and fraud monitoring, with specified reporting frequencies ranging from weekly to annual or event-based reporting. • The Directions also prescribe uniform timelines for filing supervisory returns. Weekly returns shall be submitted by the following Wednesday, monthly returns within 15 days, and quarterly, half-yearly, and yearly returns within 21 days from the reference date, unless specific exceptions apply. Special timelines have been prescribed for certain returns, such as Consolidated Prudential Returns (CPR), Financial Conglomerate Reports, Red Flagged Account Returns, Gold Metal Loan Returns, and Fraud Monitoring Returns, which shall be filed within prescribed periods ranging from immediate reporting to 45 days, depending on the nature of the return. • Further, the Directions repeal all earlier instructions relating to supervisory returns applicable to Small Finance Banks while preserving actions, approvals, investigations, liabilities, and proceedings initiated under the repealed framework. [Notification No. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/424 DoS.CO.DSG.18/33.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, exercising powers under Section 35-A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, issued the "Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026" with immediate effect. These Directions apply to all Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs) in respect of digital payment products and services offered to customers, whether directly or through RBI-authorised Payment System Operators (PSOs), covering both financial and non-financial transactions such as balance enquiry, PIN management, and mobile banking registration. The framework mandates Board-approved policies covering Functionality, Security and Performance (FSP) aspects of digital payment products, governance and risk management including Risk and Control Self-Assessment (RCSA), and generic security controls such as encryption, Web Application Firewalls, and DDoS mitigation. It prescribes a secure-by-design application security lifecycle with mandatory VA/PT (half-yearly and annual respectively), robust multi-factor authentication frameworks, fraud risk management with transaction monitoring parameters, real-time reconciliation mechanisms, and customer protection, awareness, and grievance redressal requirements including Online Dispute Resolution. Additional channel-specific controls are prescribed for internet banking (adaptive authentication, session timeouts), mobile payment applications (device binding, app security, anti-malware), and card payments for Level III/IV UCBs (PCI-PIN, PCI-PTS, PCI-HSM, PCI-P2PE standards, HSM controls, and ATM/card transaction security). The Directions repeal all prior guidelines on Digital Payment Security Controls for UCBs (communicated via circular dated July 31, 2026) while preserving rights, liabilities, and proceedings arising under the repealed framework, and operate in addition to other applicable laws. RBI retains final authority to interpret and clarify any provision of these Directions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/438, DoS.CO.CSITEG.32/31.01.015/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, exercising powers under Section 21 and Section 35-A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, issued the "Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026" with immediate effect, applicable to all Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs). The Directions establish a framework for prevention, early detection, investigation, and timely reporting of frauds, requiring a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management policy that incorporates principles of natural justice—including issuance of Show Cause Notices with a minimum 21-day response period and reasoned orders—before classifying any person or entity as fraudulent, drawing on the Supreme Court's Rajesh Agarwal judgment. UCBs must constitute a Special Committee of the Board for Monitoring and Follow-up of Frauds (SCBMF), or a Committee of Executives for Tier 1 & 2 UCBs. Tier 3 & 4 UCBs must establish an Early Warning Signal (EWS) framework, overseen by a

Board-level committee, integrated with Core Banking Solutions to monitor credit and non-credit transactions for potential fraud indicators. The Directions cover staff accountability examination in a time-bound manner, penal measures debarring fraudulent persons/entities from raising funds or credit for five years from regulated entities, and treatment of accounts under IBC or RBI resolution frameworks. They also prescribe fraud reporting to Law Enforcement Agencies and to RBI via Fraud Monitoring Returns (FMR) within 14 days of classification, cheque-related fraud reporting protocols, legal audits of title documents for loans of ■1 crore and above, auditor responsibilities, and reporting of theft, burglary, dacoity, and robbery within seven days via the RBR return. The Directions repeal all prior guidelines on Fraud Risk Management for UCBs (communicated via circular dated July 31, 2026) while preserving rights, liabilities, and proceedings arising under the repealed framework, and operate in addition to other applicable laws. RBI retains final authority to interpret and clarify any provision of these Directions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/439, DoS.CO.FMG.33/23.04.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions consolidate various supervisory instructions applicable to Small Finance Banks (SFBs) into a single regulatory framework to strengthen governance, regulatory oversight, and compliance. The Directions apply to all SFBs and prescribe requirements relating to regulatory approvals, governance, reporting, and supervisory interactions with the Reserve Bank of India. • The Directions provide a framework for obtaining RBI approval for specified corporate actions and organisational changes, including amendments to constitutional documents, changes in management or shareholding where applicable, opening or closing offices in accordance with regulatory requirements, and other matters requiring prior regulatory approval. They also prescribe the manner in which banks are to communicate significant developments and furnish information sought by the RBI. • The Directions lay down governance-related provisions requiring SFBs to maintain sound internal control systems, effective risk management practices, and proper oversight by the Board of Directors and senior management. They also provide guidance on maintaining records, preserving documents, and facilitating supervisory inspections, audits, and examinations conducted by the RBI. • Further, the Directions prescribe procedures for furnishing information, responding to supervisory observations, maintaining regulatory records, and ensuring compliance with instructions issued by the RBI from time to time. They also clarify that the RBI may issue additional directions, seek further information, or grant exemptions wherever considered appropriate in the interest of effective banking supervision. • The Directions repeal the earlier miscellaneous supervisory instructions applicable to Small Finance Banks while preserving actions, approvals, proceedings, and liabilities arising under the previous framework. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/425 DoS.CO.PPG.19/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, exercising powers under Section 35-A read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, issued the "Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026" with immediate effect, applicable to all Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs). Chapters II, III, and IV apply to UCBs with asset size of ■500 crore and above (excluding Salary Earners UCBs, Unit UCBs, and UCBs under All Inclusive Directions), while Chapter V applies to UCBs below this threshold and the excluded categories. The Directions institute a Risk-Based Internal Audit (RBIA) framework as the "third line of defence," requiring Board/Audit Committee oversight, a Board-approved Internal Audit policy, functional independence, and adequate skilled resources. For applicable UCBs, the framework mandates independent risk assessment covering inherent business risks and control risks across activities and locations, a risk-based Audit Plan prioritising high-magnitude/high-frequency areas, and monitoring of compliance with audit observations reported to the Board/ACB. The Internal Audit function cannot be outsourced, though experts may be hired on a contractual basis. A Head of Internal Audit (HIA) must be a senior executive with a minimum three-year tenure, reporting directly to the Board/ACB/MD & CEO/WTD, with no reporting relationship to business verticals or business targets. Smaller UCBs and excluded categories must maintain an Inspection and Internal Audit system covering all branches at least once every 12 months, supplemented by surprise inspections, revenue audits, and special scrutiny of high-value accounts and transferred officials. The Directions repeal all prior guidelines on Internal Audit function for UCBs (communicated via circular dated July 31, 2026) while preserving rights, liabilities, and proceedings arising under the repealed framework, and operate in addition to other applicable laws. RBI retains final authority to interpret and clarify any provision of these Directions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/440, DoS.CO.PPG.34/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, exercising powers under Section 30(1A) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, issued the "Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026" with immediate effect, applicable to Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) for appointment/reappointment of their Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs)/Statutory Auditors (SAs). UCBs with asset size of ■15,000 crore and above must conduct joint audits by a minimum of two audit firms without common partners, while others appoint at least one firm, with the number of auditors capped based on asset-size slabs and auditors required to cover at least the top 20 branches or 15% of gross advances. The Directions prescribe detailed eligibility criteria for audit firms based on UCB asset size, covering minimum full-time partners, Fellow Chartered Accountant partners, CISA/ISA-qualified staff, years of audit experience, and professional staff strength, along with additional conditions such as no debarment by regulators and no conflict of interest arising from directorships. Independence safeguards prohibit concurrent auditors from being appointed SCAs/SAs, require a one-year gap between non-audit assignments and statutory audit engagements, and mandate a continuous three-year tenure with a six-year cooling-off period before reappointment; audit firms face concurrency limits across banks, NBFCs, and cooperative banks. The appointment procedure requires UCBs to obtain RBI's prior approval annually before July 31, shortlist at least

two firms per vacancy, and submit eligibility certificates (Form B) and compliance certificates (Form C) as prescribed in the Annexes. The Directions repeal all prior guidelines on Statutory Audit for UCBs (communicated via circular dated July 31, 2026) while preserving rights, liabilities, and proceedings arising under the repealed framework, and operate in addition to other applicable laws. RBI retains final authority to interpret and clarify any provision of these Directions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/441, DoS.CO.ARG.35/08.91.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, has issued the Urban Co-operative Banks – Concurrent Audit Directions, 2026, mandating a robust concurrent audit framework as an early warning system to detect irregularities and prevent frauds. Applicable to all Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), the Directions require immediate implementation and place responsibility on the Board and Audit Committee to annually review the effectiveness of the audit system and ensure timely corrective actions. The Directions define concurrent audit as a near real-time examination of transactions, focusing on key risk areas rather than sample checks. UCBs must determine the scope, coverage, and reporting structure, ensuring audit coverage of high-risk areas such as treasury operations, large branches, and poorly performing units. Detailed guidance is provided on audit coverage, including cash, investments, deposits, advances, foreign exchange transactions, and housekeeping functions, with emphasis on compliance with RBI guidelines, proper documentation, and detection of irregularities. Further, the framework outlines norms for appointment and rotation of auditors, reporting mechanisms, and follow-up actions. Concurrent auditors must promptly report serious irregularities to Head Office and RBI, and certify investment holdings periodically. The Directions also stress integration of concurrent audit with other internal audit systems, independence of auditors, and prohibition on concurrent auditors undertaking statutory audits simultaneously. Overall, the Directions aim to enhance governance, strengthen internal controls, and improve risk management in UCBs. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/436 DoS.CO.ARG.30/08.91.021/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall come into effect on July 31, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions establish a comprehensive compliance framework for Payments Banks to strengthen regulatory compliance and corporate governance. The Directions require every Payments Bank to have an independent Compliance Department headed by a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), with oversight by the Board of Directors and senior management. They provide for a Board-approved compliance policy, periodic compliance risk assessment, monitoring of regulatory compliance, review of new products and processes, staff training, compliance reporting, and coordination with other control functions. • The Directions also prescribe the eligibility, appointment, independence, reporting structure, and responsibilities of the CCO, promote the use of technology-based compliance monitoring systems, and

require periodic quality assurance and internal audit of the compliance function. • They further repeal the earlier compliance framework while preserving actions taken under the previous directions. [Notification no. – RBI/DoS/2026-27/426 DoS.CO.PPG.20/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on July 30, 2026, issued the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers) Regulations, 2024. The following amendments have been stated: • In Chapter III of principal Regulations: • For Regulation 7, the following Regulation shall be substituted, namely: 7. Power to issue circulars, guidelines and directions The Competent Authority may issue from time to time circulars, guidelines and directions relating to these regulations, including but not limited to, 'with profits committee', applicable norms in respect of appointment of Actuary(ies), Foreign Reinsurer's Branches, detailed information to be obtained in relation to the statements appended to the Actuary Report, submission of any other additional forms or statements with respect to Life insurance, General insurance, Health insurance and Reinsurance business as applicable. • Throughout the principal Regulations, for the words "Actuarial Report and Abstract", the words "Actuary Report" shall be substituted. • In clause 1 of Part I of the Schedule - I of principal Regulations, after sub-clause 1(3), the following sub-clauses shall be inserted, namely: (4) "Appointed Actuary" means an Actuary appointed by the insurer other than Foreign Reinsurer's Branch under section 12A of the Act as per the criteria specified under these Regulations; (5) "Certifying Actuary" means an Actuary appointed by the Foreign Reinsurer's Branch under section 12A of the Act as per the criteria specified under these Regulations; (6) "Actuary for Specific Purposes" means an Actuary other than the Appointed Actuary and the Certifying Actuary, appointed by the insurer under section 12A of the Act for the purposes of sections 3B or 22 or 64K of the Act, as per the criteria specified under these Regulations. These Regulations shall come into force on July 30, 2026. [Notification No. IRDAI/Reg/ 6/220/2026]

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Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Manner and Procedure for Imposing penalties) Regulations, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on July 30, 2026, issued the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Manner and Procedure for Imposing penalties) Regulations, 2026. It shall come into force from July 30, 2026. The following has been stated: • The regulations specify the process for initiating proceedings based on inspections, investigations, audits, regulatory oversight, complaints, or recommendations of the adjudicating officer, while ensuring that officials involved in inspections or investigations are not part of the penalty proceedings. They also prescribe detailed

procedures for issuing show cause notices, submission of replies, grant of personal hearings, service of notices, and ex-parte proceedings where necessary. • The regulations further provide that IRDAI shall pass reasoned penalty orders after considering the nature, gravity, duration, repetition, policyholder impact, gains from the violation, and corrective actions taken by the noticee. In addition to monetary penalties, the Authority may issue advisories, cautions, directions, or warnings. • Penalties shall be paid within 45 days, with the proceeds credited to the Policyholders' Education and Protection Fund. • The regulations also provide for publication of penalty orders on the IRDAI website, an appeal mechanism before the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) within 45 days, rectification of clerical errors, delegation of powers by IRDAI, and periodic review of the regulations every three years. [Notification no. – IRDAI/Reg/11/225/2026]

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Government Clarifies Pricing Compliance for Domestic Pharmaceutical Manufacturers

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Department of Pharmaceuticals, has clarified that under the Drugs (Prices Control) Amendment Order, 2026, any existing manufacturer launching the same new drug formulation whose retail price has been notified by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) within the preceding 12 months must adopt the same notified retail price and submit Form-1A to NPPA within one month of the product launch. The Ministry further clarified that Form-1A does not require domestic pharmaceutical manufacturers to register their production lines or batches. The Ministry stated that NPPA is responsible for implementing the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) and monitors the prices of both scheduled and non-scheduled medicines. Overcharging cases are identified through inputs received from Price Monitoring and Resource Units (PMRUs), State Drugs Controllers, market sample purchases, market database reports, and public complaints. Where a prima facie case of overcharging is established, NPPA initiates action under the provisions of the DPCO, 2013. [Release ID: 2292477]

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IRDAI (Third Party Administrators - Health Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on July 30, 2026, issued the IRDAI (Third Party Administrators - Health Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the IRDAI (Third Party Administrators - Health Services) Regulations, 2016. It shall come into force from July 30, 2026. The following has been stated: • The amendments replace references to the Medical Council of India with the National Medical Commission, revise the definition of the Insurance Advisory Committee, and mandate that TPAs with majority foreign shareholding must have either the Chairperson, CEO, Principal Officer, or Managing Director as a resident Indian citizen. • The amended regulations also introduce a new registration renewal framework for existing TPAs, provide for continuous validity of registration subject to payment of an annual fee of ■50,000 plus applicable taxes, prescribe timelines and late fees for renewal and annual fee payments, and allow suspension or cancellation of registration for non-compliance. • Further, TPAs are required to disclose related-party transactions, submit quarterly reports and audited financial statements to IRDAI, and publish such disclosures on their websites. The amendments also update provisions relating to taxes, introduce additional grounds for regulatory action, omit obsolete provisions and forms, and include

transitional arrangements for certificates issued or renewed under the amended Insurance Laws. [Notification no. – IRDAI/Reg/12/226/2026]

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Merchant Shipping (Port State Control and Flag State Implementation) Rules, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPS&W) on July 27, 2026, issued the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control and Flag State Implementation) Rules, 2026. They shall come into force on July 30, 2026. The following has been stated: • The rules establish a comprehensive framework for Port State Control (PSC) inspections of foreign ships visiting Indian ports and Flag State Implementation (FSI) inspections of Indian-flagged vessels. The rules aim to ensure compliance with international maritime conventions relating to ship safety, maritime security, environmental protection, and crew welfare, while implementing India's obligations under the International Maritime Organization (IMO) instruments. • The rules define the roles and responsibilities of the National Authority, Regional Authorities, Port State Control Officers, and Flag State Inspectors. They prescribe qualification requirements, inspection procedures, reporting mechanisms through a Centralised Electronic Database and Information Management System, and empower authorities to inspect, detain, or take corrective action against substandard or unsafe vessels. The National Authority is responsible for uniform implementation, approval of inspection reports, maintenance of authorised inspectors, and oversight of enforcement across India. • For Indian-flagged vessels, the rules prescribe a risk-based flag state inspection regime, including periodic and surprise inspections, inspections following foreign port detentions, verification of exemptions and equivalent arrangements, operational drills, reporting, re-inspections after rectification of deficiencies, and detention where vessels pose risks to life, property, or the marine environment. The framework also provides for monitoring, appeals, corrective actions, and compliance with IMO standards to strengthen India's maritime safety and regulatory oversight. [Notification no. – G.S.R. 672(E)]

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Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines on July 30, 2026, notified the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016. The following has been stated: - •The Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 have been amended by omitting Rule 34 and Schedule XII. •Rule 54 has been substituted to provide that any contravention of the rules shall attract penalties in accordance with Sections 25A and 25B of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act and the Mines and Minerals Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026. •The amendment aligns the penalty framework with the newly notified adjudication mechanism for mineral concession violations. These rules shall come into force on August 01, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 684(E)]

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MeitY issued a notification regarding Semiconductor Talent Development under Semicon 2.0

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) on July 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding Semiconductor Talent Development under Semicon 2.0. The following has been stated: - •The Government has adopted a comprehensive roadmap under the Semicon India Programme and Semicon 2.0 to build a skilled semiconductor workforce across chip design, fabrication, and advanced packaging. •Key initiatives include the Chips to Startup (C2S) programme, SMART Labs, AICTE curriculum reforms, and specialised training centres, resulting in over 1 lakh engineers trained, 68,000 professionals skilled in chip design, and 175 chip designs taped out. •The Government has also partnered with industry leaders and international universities to enhance research, certification, internships, and workforce development. •Additionally, Semicon 2.0, with an outlay of ■1.275 lakh crore, includes dedicated support for semiconductor research, innovation, and talent development. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2291667]

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Ministry of Ayush notified regarding the Implementation of AYUSH Quality Mark

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ayush on July 31, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of AYUSH Quality Mark. The following has been stated: • The Ministry highlighted that the AYUSH Drug Quality and Production Promotion Scheme (AOGUSY), with a budget of ■122 crore, is supporting the upgradation of drug testing laboratories, promotion of WHO-GMP and NABL standards, and strengthening regulatory infrastructure. During FY 2025–26, financial assistance was provided to three State Drug Testing Laboratories. The Ministry also noted that the WHO Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product (COPP) has been extended to Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani (ASU) medicines to facilitate exports. • The Ministry further informed that the AYURGYAAN Scheme, through its Ayurveda Biology Integrated Health Research (ABIHR) component, has approved 11 collaborative research projects to scientifically validate Ayurvedic medicines and formulations. It also emphasized ongoing regulatory measures under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, including mandatory compliance with pharmacopoeial standards, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), regular quality testing by drug inspectors, strengthening of 34 State/UT Drug Testing Laboratories, approval of 118 private AYUSH drug testing laboratories, and promotion of international quality standards through initiatives such as the AYUSH Standard Mark, AYUSH Premium Mark, and ISO standardization for Ayurveda and Yoga. • The Ministry clarified that no proposals have been received from Odisha, including Kandhamal, for establishing specialized AYUSH research units. [Press Release ID: 2292622]

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MoLJ introduced various reforms through Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) (Amendment) Act & Rules, 2023

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ) on July 31, 2026, introduced various reforms through Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) (Amendment) Act & Rules, 2023. Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) registered under the MSCS Act, 2002 operate as autonomous bodies accountable to their members. The Act provides a comprehensive legal framework covering inquiry, inspection, winding up, appointment of liquidators, and provisions for offences and penalties. In cases involving cognizable offences such as fraud, cheating, or criminal breach of trust, matters are referred to appropriate investigating agencies like State Police, Economic Offences Wing (EOW), or Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for further action. Recovery of assets and settlement of dues of societies under liquidation are handled by the appointed Liquidator as per the Act and applicable rules, while criminal investigations and prosecutions are undertaken by competent authorities and courts. The Office of the Central Registrar supports these processes by providing necessary documents and records to investigating agencies and judicial bodies. To enhance depositor and member protection, the MSCS (Amendment) Act and Rules, 2023 introduced several reforms. These include the appointment of a Co-operative Ombudsman for grievance redressal and Information Officers to ensure transparency. The audit framework has been strengthened through concurrent audits, uniform standards, and parliamentary oversight of apex societies' audit reports. Governance improvements include stricter disclosure norms, enhanced director accountability, and conflict-of-interest restrictions. Additionally, prudential norms for societies engaged in thrift and credit activities have been defined to ensure financial stability and safer investments. Regulatory powers of the Central Registrar have been expanded to address fraudulent practices, and provisions have been introduced for winding up societies obtained through misrepresentation. Measures such as increasing the expulsion period of members from one to three years further aim to protect the collective interests and integrity of cooperative societies. [Release ID: 2292281]

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IRDAI issued a general response of IRDAI to the feedback received on the Draft IRDAI (Third Party Administrators – Health Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on July 31, 2026, issued a general response of IRDAI to the feedback received on the Draft IRDAI (Third Party Administrators – Health Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: - •IRDAI has issued its response to stakeholder comments on the draft IRDAI (Third Party Administrators – Health Services) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, accepting several suggestions to improve regulatory clarity. •Key changes include expanding the legal basis of the regulations, introducing an objectives clause, retaining the term "Authority", and clarifying the renewal process for Certificates of Registration (CoR). •The Authority retained provisions relating to CoR validity and the annual fee structure, stating that the amendments do not increase the overall fee burden and existing legal provisions are adequate. •Additionally, the proposed framework for listing TPAs has been deferred for a comprehensive review covering all insurance intermediaries, while the cancellation provisions have been aligned with the Insurance Act, 1938. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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MoCF issued availability and pricing of Essential Medicines

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (MoCF) on July 31, 2026, issued availability and pricing of Essential Medicines. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) plays a key role in monitoring the availability of medicines, including generic drugs, across India. It identifies shortages through various sources such as State Price Monitoring and Resource Units and coordinates with State Governments and pharmaceutical companies to address supply gaps. In the past year, NPPA permitted a one-time 50% increase in ceiling prices of four critical medicines—Carboplatin Injection, Cisplatin Injection, and Anti-Tetanus Immunoglobulin (250 IU and 500 IU)—to tackle severe shortages and ensure continued availability. NPPA also enforces compliance with the Drugs (Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 2013, taking action against overcharging by pharmaceutical companies. As of March 31, 2026, action has been initiated in 2,737 overcharging cases, with demand notices issued accordingly. However, NPPA does not maintain state-wise data on such violations. These efforts aim to ensure price regulation and protect consumers from excessive pricing. To improve access to affordable medicines, the government continues to expand the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), under which over 20,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras (JAKs) provide quality generic medicines at 50–80% lower prices than branded alternatives. Measures such as incentivising the stocking of 200 essential medicines, implementing a robust IT-enabled supply chain with warehouses and distributors, and continuous monitoring of 400 fast-moving products help ensure steady availability of medicines across the country. In addition, several government initiatives enhance affordability and accessibility of healthcare. These include Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, offering ■5 lakh health insurance coverage per family; the Free Drugs Service Initiative under the National Health Mission, providing free essential medicines at public health facilities; the AMRIT scheme, supplying discounted medicines and medical consumables; and financial assistance under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi for economically weaker patients. Collectively, these measures aim to strengthen the availability, affordability, and accessibility of essential medicines nationwide. [Release ID: 2292338]

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NPCI issued addendum to OC NPCIUPIOC-1156/2024-25 on the Numeric UPI ID

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on July 30, 2026, issued addendum to OC NPCIUPIOC-1156/2024-25 on the Numeric UPI ID. The clarification issued in continuation of the earlier NPCI circular provides additional guidelines on the handling and resolution of numeric UPI IDs. It emphasizes the importance of maintaining accurate and updated mappings between mobile numbers and UPI IDs to ensure secure and reliable transactions. Under the UPI ID Mapper update requirements, banks, Payment Service Providers (PSPs), and UPI applications are required to regularly update their databases using the Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL) available through the Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP). PSPs and UPI apps are responsible for correctly creating user profiles and issuing UPI IDs. Any failure, delay, or dispute (including chargebacks) arising from proper updates to the numeric UPI ID mapper will be the liability of the respective PSP and UPI application. Regarding UPI Mapper usage, all mobile number-based transactions must be routed through the centralized Numeric UPI ID Mapper. Local resolution of such transactions is permitted only if the mapper's response time exceeds one second. However, in such cases, any disputes or liabilities arising from local resolution will rest entirely with the payer PSP and the UPI application. Overall, the guidelines aim to strengthen accountability, improve data accuracy, and ensure consistent and secure

processing of mobile number-based UPI transactions across the ecosystem. [Notification No. NPCI/UPI/OC-115F/2026-27]

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Offshore Areas Mineral Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026

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The Ministry of Mines on July 30, 2026, notified the Offshore Areas Mineral Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Offshore Areas Mineral Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026 establish the procedure for adjudication of penalties under the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002, including filing of complaints, conduct of inquiries, and imposition of civil penalties for contraventions. •The rules prescribe timelines, notice procedures, evidence requirements, and factors such as the nature, duration, frequency, and impact of violations to determine the quantum of penalty. •They also provide a summary disposal mechanism, allowing offenders to rectify specified contraventions and pay the minimum prescribed penalty to avoid or close proceedings, subject to certain conditions. •The rules enable transfer of complaints to the competent adjudicating authority where required and lay down a structured appellate process, including appeal timelines, pre-deposit requirements, hearing procedures, and disposal of appeals. •Overall, the rules aim to ensure a transparent, time-bound, and efficient framework for enforcement and adjudication of offshore mineral regulatory violations. These rules shall come into force on August 01, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 686(E)]

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NPPA Fixes Retail Prices of Six Scheduled Drug Formulations

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The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has fixed the retail prices of six scheduled drug formulations under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. The notified prices, exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST), have been fixed under the powers conferred by paragraphs 5, 11, and 15 of the DPCO, 2013, and are applicable to the specified formulations, strengths, manufacturers, and marketing companies. The order covers Atorvastatin + Clopidogrel + Aspirin Capsules (10 mg/75 mg/75 mg and 20 mg/75 mg/75 mg), Clonazepam + Paroxetine Controlled Release Tablets (0.5 mg/12.5 mg and 0.5 mg/25 mg), and Desvenlafaxine Extended Release + Clonazepam Tablets (50 mg/0.5 mg and 100 mg/0.5 mg). The retail prices fixed by NPPA range from ■6.37 to ■20.06 per unit, depending on the formulation and strength. Manufacturers and marketing companies are required to comply with the notified retail prices while marketing these formulations. The prices are exclusive of GST, which may be added only where applicable. [Notification No. S.O. 4264(E)]

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NSE IX notified regarding the re-scheduling of the Contingency Drill/Mock

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The NSE IFSC Ltd. (NSE IX) on July 31, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Contingency Drill/Mock Trading schedule for Month of August 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The mock trading session originally scheduled for August 01, 2026, has been rescheduled. • The revised mock trading date for August 2026 will be communicated through a separate circular [Notification No. NSEIFSC/TRADE/2706]

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Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Act, 2026

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The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ) on July 31, 2026, issued the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Act, 2026 to further amend the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024. The following amendments have been stated: • In section 12 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2),— (a) after the words “Central Investigating Agency”, the words “or a Special Task Force, as that Government may, by notification, constitute in this behalf” shall be inserted; (b) the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— “Provided that where the Central Government constitutes a Special Task Force under this sub-section, such investigation shall be done only by the Special Task Force so constituted.”. 5. After section 12 of the principal Act, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:— “12A. (1) The investigation of an offence under this Act, shall be completed— (a) by an officer empowered to investigate under sub-section (1) of section 12, within a period of two months from the date on which the information was recorded by the officer in-charge of the police station; or (b) by a Central Investigating Agency, within a period of two months from the date of a reference made to it by the Central Government under sub-section (2) of the said section; or (c) by a Special Task Force, within a period of two months from the date of issuance of notification in this behalf by the Central Government under sub-section (2) of the said section. (2) For the purposes of providing a speedy trial on day-to-day basis, every State Government and Union territory Administration shall, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court, by notification, designate a Court of Session, to be a Special Fast Track Court to try offences under this Act. (3) A Special Fast Track Court designated under sub-section (2) shall, while trying offences under this Act, also try other offences connected thereto with which the accused may be charged under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 or any other law for the time being in force, at the same trial. (4) In every trial of an offence under this Act, the proceedings shall be continued on day-to-day basis, until all the witnesses in attendance have been examined, unless the Special Fast Track Court, for reasons to be recorded in writing, finds that adjournment of the same beyond the following day is necessary: Provided that such trial shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of filing of the chargesheet. (5) The cases or trials pertaining to offences under this Act or any other law for the time being in force as specified in sub-section (3), which are pending on the date of commencement of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Act, 2026, shall stand transferred to the Special Fast Track Court designated under sub-section (2). (6) The trial of cases transferred under sub-section (5) shall be conducted by the Special Fast Track Court designated under sub-section (2) from the stage it is received upon such transfer and shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of such receipt. (7) Every State Government and Union territory Administration shall, by notification, appoint one or more Special Public Prosecutors for every Special Fast Track Court in accordance with sub-section (8) of section 18 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for conduct of cases under this Act. (8) Every person appointed as a Special Public Prosecutor under this section, shall be deemed to be a Public Prosecutor within the meaning of clause (v) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the provisions of that Sanhita shall apply accordingly. 12B. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bharatiya Nagarik

Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, an appeal shall lie from any judgment, sentence or order, not being an interlocutory order, of a Special Fast Track Court to the High Court. (2) Every appeal under sub-section (1) shall be heard by a bench of two Judges of the High Court and shall, as far as possible, be disposed of within a period of three months from the date of admission of the appeal. (3) Except as aforesaid, no appeal or revision shall lie to any Court from any judgment, sentence or order including an interlocutory order of a Special Fast Track Court. (4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (3) of section 419 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, an appeal shall lie to the High Court against an order of the Special Fast Track Court granting or refusing bail. (5) Every appeal under this section shall be preferred within a period of thirty days from the date of the judgment, sentence or order appealed from: Provided that the High Court may entertain an appeal after the expiry of the said period of thirty days if it is satisfied that the appellant had sufficient cause for not preferring the appeal within the period of thirty days: Provided further that no appeal shall be entertained after the expiry of the period of ninety days.".

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RBI Strengthens Measures for Detection and Reporting of Fake Indian Currency Notes

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed all banks to strengthen their systems for the detection, impounding, reporting, and monitoring of Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICNs) after identifying gaps in compliance with the Master Direction on Counterfeit Notes – Detection, Reporting and Monitoring dated April 1, 2026. Banks have been reminded that all banknotes received must be authenticated using machines, counterfeit notes must be impounded and never returned or destroyed, and all detected FICNs must be reported in accordance with prescribed guidelines. To strengthen detection capabilities, banks have been instructed to conduct mandatory training and refresher programmes for all cash-handling staff on identifying genuine banknotes and counterfeit notes by October 31, 2026, with branches located in international border districts required to complete training by September 15, 2026. Action Taken Reports (ATRs) must be submitted to the respective RBI Issue Offices by September 22, 2026 (for border branches) and November 7, 2026 (for all branches). Additionally, banks must ensure that branches in border districts are equipped with Note Authentication/Sorting Machines, while their Forged Note Vigilance Cells (FNV Cells) should analyse counterfeit note data to identify hotspots and strengthen awareness initiatives. Further, RBI has directed banks to establish an effective monitoring mechanism to ensure compliance with all provisions of the Master Direction. Banks are required to submit their action plan and progress report on compliance to the Department of Currency Management by September 15, 2026. Failure to comply with the prescribed guidelines may attract regulatory penalties, particularly in cases involving counterfeit notes detected in currency remittances, currency chests, ATMs, over-the-counter payments, or failure to impound counterfeit notes. [RBI/2026-27/220]

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Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of India on July 30, 2026, issued the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 seeks to expand the scope of

Section 3 of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 by extending the same legal protection currently given to the National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana) to the National Song (Vande Mataram). Under the amendment, it becomes an offence to intentionally prevent the singing of the National Song or to disturb any assembly engaged in its singing, just as is already applicable to the National Anthem. The amendment was proposed to address a legal gap identified in the existing law. While the 1971 Act protected the National Anthem, it did not provide similar statutory protection to Vande Mataram, despite its historic importance. The Statement of Objects and Reasons refers to the Constituent Assembly proceedings of January 24, 1950, where Dr. Rajendra Prasad emphasized that Vande Mataram should be honoured equally with the National Anthem due to its significant role in India's freedom struggle. Key provisions of the Bill include the substitution of Section 3 to cover both the National Anthem and the National Song. It penalises acts such as intentionally preventing their singing or causing disturbances during such events. The punishment remains unchanged—imprisonment up to three years, or fine, or both. Additionally, the enhanced penalty under Section 3A (introduced in 2003) continues to apply, meaning repeat offenders will face a mandatory minimum imprisonment of one year. Overall, the amendment aligns the legal status of Vande Mataram with Jana Gana Mana, reinforcing its symbolic and historical significance while ensuring equal protection under the law. [Release ID: 2291781]

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Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions - Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026, applicable to All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), namely EXIM Bank, NABARD, SIDBI, NHB, and NaBFID. The Directions, which came into effect immediately, consolidate supervisory requirements relating to statutory audit certifications, compliance monitoring, vigilance reporting, and forensic scrutiny. The Directions require AIFIs to obtain certificates from their Statutory Central Auditors covering treasury operations, investment reconciliation, compliance in investment portfolio management, income recognition, asset classification and provisioning, and authentication of Capital to Risk-weighted Asset Ratio (CRAR) and Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR). Copies of these certificates are required to be submitted to the Senior Supervisory Manager, Department of Supervision, RBI, upon finalisation of the balance sheet. The Directions also mandate implementation of enterprise-wide, technology-driven compliance monitoring systems with workflow-based processes, issue escalation mechanisms, approval tracking for compliance deviations, and unified compliance dashboards for senior management. Additionally, the Directions require AIFIs to submit quarterly Vigilance Monitoring Return-I (VMR-I) through the RBI portal, outlining anti-corruption action plans and vigilance statistics. They also direct AIFIs to establish a trained pool of officers with expertise in investigation, data analytics, and forensic analysis for deployment in fraud investigations through dedicated Fraud Investigation Units/Outfits, thereby strengthening supervisory oversight and fraud risk management. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/459]

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Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026, prescribing a comprehensive framework for the governance, management, and submission of supervisory returns by All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), namely EXIM Bank, NABARD, SIDBI, NHB, and NaBFID. The Directions came into force with immediate effect and apply to all periodic and ad hoc supervisory returns submitted to RBI, including those filed through the Centralised Information Management System (CIMS). The Directions require the Board and Senior Management of AIFIs to establish robust governance mechanisms for data quality, risk management, and reporting, including oversight of data aggregation capabilities, validation of reporting practices, and integration of reporting requirements into acquisitions, new products, and IT initiatives. AIFIs are also required to maintain comprehensive data architecture and IT infrastructure to ensure accurate, complete, and timely reporting under normal as well as stress conditions, supported by clearly defined roles and responsibilities for business and IT teams. Further, the Directions prescribe operational guidelines, timelines, applicable supervisory returns, exception handling procedures, and penalties for non-compliance with reporting requirements. The framework aims to strengthen the quality, integrity, and consistency of supervisory reporting submitted by AIFIs to the Reserve Bank. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/458]

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Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026, prescribing a comprehensive framework for the prevention, early detection, investigation, reporting, and monitoring of frauds by All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), namely EXIM Bank, NABARD, NHB, SIDBI, and NaBFID. The Directions came into force with immediate effect and establish uniform requirements for fraud risk governance, reporting to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), and dissemination of fraud-related information. The Directions require AIFIs to adopt a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management Policy covering fraud prevention, early detection, investigation, staff accountability, recovery, reporting, and frameworks for Early Warning Signals (EWS) and Red Flagged Accounts (RFA). They also prescribe governance standards for fraud risk management, independent confirmation from third-party service providers, legal audits of title documents for large-value loan accounts, treatment of fraud accounts under resolution, and compliance with principles of natural justice before classifying and reporting frauds. Further, the Directions prescribe detailed procedures for reporting frauds to RBI through Fraud Monitoring Returns (FMRs) and the Central Fraud Registry (CFR), reporting frauds to Law Enforcement Agencies, monitoring fraud cases until closure, and reporting incidents of theft, burglary, dacoity, and robbery. The framework aims to strengthen fraud prevention, timely detection, investigation, regulatory reporting, and overall fraud risk management across AIFIs. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/457]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued the "Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026" on July 31, 2026, setting updated regulatory standards for supervisory filings. •Applicable to all commercial banks in India, these directions mandate the submission of essential periodic and ad-hoc returns strictly through RBI's designated online platforms like the Centralised Information Management System (CIMS). •The document outlines the critical responsibilities of bank Boards and Senior Management in establishing robust governance frameworks to manage data quality risks and ensure reporting accuracy. •It details a comprehensive list of required returns covering capital adequacy, asset quality, liquidity, and large exposures, along with their respective submission periodicities and reference dates. •Additionally, the guidelines outline operational protocols, exception handling, and penalties for non-compliance to maintain complete transparency and financial integrity across the banking sector. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/415 DoS.CO.DSG.9/33.01.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Fraud Risk Management Directions, 2026 establish a comprehensive framework for commercial banks to ensure early detection, governance, and timely reporting of fraudulent activities. •It directs banks to institute a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management Policy alongside dedicated committees to oversee risk controls and monitor incidents. •A core requirement is the implementation of Early Warning Signals (EWS) integrated with core banking systems to identify and red-flag suspicious accounts promptly. •To uphold fairness, banks must strictly adhere to principles of natural justice by issuing show-cause notices and reasoned orders before declaring any account or individual as fraudulent. •Entities and individuals classified as frauds face strict penal measures, including a mandatory five-year debarment from accessing funds or credit facilities across regulated financial institutions. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/412 DoS.CO.FMG.6/23.04.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026 mandate commercial banks to adopt a Risk-Based Internal Audit (RBIA) framework. •Bank Boards and Senior Management are required to establish strict governance oversight, approve risk policies, and maintain the functional independence of the Internal Audit Department. •The framework requires independent risk assessments across all operational areas using a structured matrix that evaluates both inherent business risks and control risks. •Audit scope, resource allocation, and transaction testing intensity are aligned with identified risk levels, while complete outsourcing of the internal audit function is prohibited. •Finally, the directions specify key parameters for the Head of Internal Audit, including minimum tenure guidelines and direct reporting lines to ensure objectivity and avoid conflicts of interest. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/413 DoS.CO.PPG.7/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the Commercial Banks - Miscellaneous Supervisory Directions, 2026, to establish comprehensive regulatory guidelines across key operational areas. •Applicable to commercial banks, the directions mandate providing high-level 'read-only' IT access to RBI officers and enforce strict monitoring of fund utilization to prevent diversion. •It details a Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework based on capital, asset quality, and leverage metrics, while prohibiting unfair interest-charging practices. •Additionally, the document outlines requirements for managing inoperative accounts, expanding nomination facilities, and implementing robust fraud prevention and vigilance measures. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/416 DoS.CO.PPG.10/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026, establishing updated governance and operational guidelines for appointing Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs) and Statutory Auditors (SAs). •Applicable to commercial banks, these directions mandate the appointment of joint audit firms for institutions with assets of ■15,000 crore or more. •They outline strict eligibility criteria, independence requirements, and mandatory non-audit service cooling-off periods to maintain professional standards. •Auditors are appointed for a continuous three-year term, subject to annual eligibility reviews and approval processes by the bank's Board or Audit Committee. •Additionally, the framework defines explicit limits on

branch coverage and the maximum number of concurrent bank audits a firm can undertake to ensure timely and effective audit execution. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/414 DoS.CO.ARG.8/08.91.001/2026-27]

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Post Office (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications on July 31, 2026, notified the Post Office (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Post Office Regulations, 2024. The following has been stated: - •The Post Office Regulations, 2024 have been amended to introduce the India Post Parcel Last Mile service for bulk and corporate customers, enabling local parcel delivery through designated delivery offices, parcel hubs, or parcel processing centres under an agreement with the Department of Posts. •The service includes proof of delivery, insurance, cash on delivery, and other value-added facilities on payment of applicable fees, with postage based on the higher of volumetric or gross weight and a maximum parcel weight of 5 kg. •The amendment also revises the tariff structures for India Post Parcel (Retail and Contractual) and Speed Post Parcel (Retail and Contractual) services, while introducing a new tariff table specifically for the Last Mile service. •GST will continue to be levied as applicable, and compensation provisions applicable to India Post Parcel will also extend to the Last Mile service. They shall come into force on August 01, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 4241(E)]

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Offshore Areas Operating Right (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines on July 30, 2026, notified the Offshore Areas Operating Right (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to amend the Offshore Areas Operating Right Rules, 2024. The following has been stated: - •For rule 32, the following rule shall be substituted, namely: — “32. Penalty. – Whoever contravenes the provisions of these rules shall be liable to penalty in accordance with the provisions of section 28 and the rules made thereunder (i.e., the Offshore Areas Mineral Adjudication of Penalties Rules, 2026).” These rules shall come into force on August 01, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 688(E).]

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Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions – Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026, establishing a comprehensive cybersecurity and technology governance framework for All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs), namely EXIM Bank, NABARD, SIDBI, NHB, and NaBFID. The Directions came into force with immediate effect and prescribe minimum standards for cyber resilience, information security, technology governance, and assurance. The Directions require AIFIs to strengthen Board oversight, IT governance, cybersecurity policies, risk management frameworks, and information security controls. They also mandate implementation of robust safeguards covering data leak prevention, application and network security, vulnerability and patch management, user access controls, business continuity and disaster recovery, cyber incident response, security awareness, third-party risk management, cyber security operations centres (SOC), and information systems audits to enhance operational resilience. Further, the framework introduces comprehensive requirements for continuous monitoring, real-time threat defence, forensic readiness, risk-based transaction monitoring, Red Teaming exercises, customer awareness, and governance of cybersecurity operations. The Directions aim to strengthen the cyber resilience, technology risk management, and operational security posture of AIFIs against evolving cyber threats. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/456]

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Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026, prescribing a comprehensive framework for the prevention, early detection, investigation, and reporting of frauds by Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). The Directions came into force with immediate effect and establish uniform requirements for fraud risk governance, reporting to Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), and strengthening fraud risk management across RRBs. The Directions require RRBs to adopt a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management Policy covering fraud prevention, early detection, investigation, staff accountability, recovery, reporting, and frameworks for Early Warning Signals (EWS) and Red Flagged Accounts (RFA). They also mandate adherence to the principles of natural justice, including issuance of a detailed Show Cause Notice (SCN), providing a minimum of 21 days for response, examining representations, and issuing a reasoned order before classifying a person or entity as fraudulent. The Board is required to review the policy at least once every three years. Further, the Directions prescribe procedures for reporting frauds to Law Enforcement Agencies and NABARD, reporting cheque-related frauds, maintaining staff accountability, conducting legal audits of title documents for large-value loan accounts, handling fraud accounts under resolution or transferred to other lenders/Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs), defining the role of auditors, and reporting incidents of theft, burglary, dacoity, and robbery. The framework aims to strengthen fraud prevention, governance, regulatory reporting, and accountability in Regional Rural Banks. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/454]

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Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026, prescribing supervisory requirements for Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs), comprising State Co-operative Banks (StCBs) and Central Co-operative Banks (CCBs). The Directions came into force with immediate effect and consolidate provisions relating to fair lending practices and charging of interest, while repealing the earlier directions, instructions, and guidelines covering these areas. The Directions require Rural Co-operative Banks to review and rectify unfair practices in charging interest, including charging interest from the date of actual loan disbursement instead of the sanction or agreement date, levying EMIs only on the actual disbursed amount, communicating any changes in the amortisation schedule arising from part disbursements through the Key Facts Statement (KFS), charging interest only for the period the loan remains outstanding, and avoiding collection of advance instalments while charging interest on the full loan amount. Banks have also been encouraged to use online account transfers instead of cheques for loan disbursement to enhance transparency and customer fairness. Further, the Directions repeal the existing supervisory instructions relating to the covered areas while preserving actions taken under the earlier framework and clarify that the provisions are in addition to other applicable laws and regulations. The Reserve Bank has also retained the authority to issue clarifications for effective implementation and interpretation of the Directions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/453]

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Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026, with immediate effect, establishing a comprehensive framework for the prevention, early detection, investigation, reporting, monitoring, and recovery of frauds in Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs). The Directions apply to State Co-operative Banks (StCBs) and Central Co-operative Banks (CCBs) and prescribe governance measures for fraud risk management and reporting to Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) and NABARD. The Directions require every RCB to adopt a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management Policy defining the roles and responsibilities of the Board and senior management. The policy must include measures for fraud prevention, investigation, staff accountability, recovery, and reporting, while ensuring compliance with the principles of natural justice, including issuance of detailed show cause notices, providing a minimum 21-day response period, examination of representations, and passing reasoned orders before classifying persons or entities as fraudulent. The Board must review the policy at least once every three years. Additionally, the Directions mandate the constitution of a Special Committee of the Board for Monitoring and Follow-up of Cases of Frauds (SCBMF) or, for smaller RCBs, a Committee of Executives (CoE) to oversee fraud monitoring and follow-up. They also provide a framework for early warning signals, fraud reporting, cheque-related frauds, legal audit of large-value loan accounts, and the role of auditors, thereby strengthening the overall fraud risk management framework for Rural Co-operative Banks. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/451]

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Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026, prescribing supervisory requirements for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). The Directions came into force with immediate effect and consolidate provisions relating to fair lending practices, charging of interest, and frauds in loans and advances, while repealing the earlier directions and guidelines on these subjects. The Directions require RRBs to review and rectify unfair practices in charging interest, including charging interest from the date of actual loan disbursement instead of the sanction date, levying EMIs only on the actual disbursed amount, communicating changes in the amortisation schedule arising from part disbursements, charging interest only for the period the loan remains outstanding, and avoiding collection of advance instalments while charging interest on the full loan amount. RRBs have also been encouraged to use online account transfers instead of cheques for loan disbursements to enhance transparency and customer fairness. Further, the Directions provide that where a prima facie case of fraud is established against loan-dealing officials, the concerned RRB shall initiate appropriate action for their inclusion in the list of officers with doubtful integrity, in consultation with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and in accordance with Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) guidelines. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/455]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Miscellaneous) Supervisory Directions, 2026, with immediate effect under Section 35-A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The Directions apply to all Local Area Banks (LABs) and consolidate the regulatory framework relating to fair lending practices, inoperative accounts, fraud prevention, vigilance, protected disclosures, network management, and cyber security controls. They also prescribe governance requirements for third-party ATM switch service providers. The Directions require LABs to adopt fair practices in charging interest, strengthen controls over inoperative accounts and unclaimed deposits, implement comprehensive fraud prevention measures, and establish procedures for protected disclosures (whistleblower mechanism) and vigilance administration. They also mandate preventive vigilance measures, staff rotation, complaint handling, and coordination with investigative agencies to strengthen governance and operational integrity. Further, the Directions introduce a detailed framework for network management and cyber security controls applicable to third-party ATM switch application service providers. They define key cybersecurity concepts, prescribe measures for enhancing cyber resilience, and aim to strengthen the security of banking technology infrastructure while repealing earlier instructions on matters covered under these Directions. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/452]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026, with immediate effect under Section 30(1A) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The Directions apply to all Local Area Banks (LABs) in respect of the appointment, reappointment, independence, tenure, rotation, and oversight of Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs) / Statutory Auditors (SAs). They also prescribe the framework for Long Form Audit Reports (LFARs) and strengthen governance over statutory audits. The Directions require every LAB to adopt a Board-approved policy for determining the number of SCAs/SAs based on factors such as the size and complexity of operations, risk profile, level of computerisation, and audit coverage. The Audit Committee of the Board (ACB) is responsible for monitoring auditor independence, assessing conflicts of interest, reviewing audit performance, and reporting significant concerns to the Board of Directors and the Senior Supervisory Manager (Department of Supervision), RBI. The framework also prescribes detailed norms relating to auditor eligibility, independence, professional standards, tenure and rotation, audit fees, appointment procedures, and branch audit coverage. Further, the Directions introduce detailed requirements for Long Form Audit Reports (LFARs) by Statutory Central Auditors and Statutory Branch Auditors, including the scope, objectives, timelines, and indicative areas of audit, with the objective of enhancing the quality of statutory audits, strengthening financial reporting, and improving regulatory oversight of Local Area Banks. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/448]

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Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026, with immediate effect, prescribing a comprehensive framework for the appointment, re-appointment, removal, independence, tenure, rotation, performance review, and eligibility of Statutory Auditors (SAs) for Rural Co-operative Banks (RCBs), comprising State Co-operative Banks (StCBs) and Central Co-operative Banks (CCBs). The Directions have been issued under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and are applicable to all Rural Co-operative Banks in respect of statutory auditor appointments. The Directions require banks to adopt a Board-approved policy governing the appointment and oversight of Statutory Auditors, ensure auditor independence, monitor conflicts of interest, conduct annual performance reviews, and report any serious lapses or negligence by auditors to NABARD. They also prescribe detailed norms for auditor appointment, including eligibility criteria, tenure and rotation, audit fees, appointment procedures, and branch selection, with audit coverage of at least 70% of total advances and mandatory inclusion of the largest branches based on outstanding advances. The Directions further consolidate the statutory audit framework for Rural Co-operative Banks by laying down governance standards and detailed procedures for selecting and supervising Statutory Auditors, thereby strengthening audit quality, transparency, and regulatory oversight. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/452]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Cybersecurity, Technology: Risk, Resilience and Assurance Framework) Directions, 2026 under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, taking immediate effect for all Small Finance Banks. •The guidelines establish a comprehensive governance framework requiring Board-approved policies and a dedicated Board-level IT Strategy Committee to oversee technological risks, resource allocations, and business continuity. •To ensure robust risk management, banks are mandated to set up an IT Steering Committee, an Information Security Committee, and appoint a qualified Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) who operates independently of the IT Head. •Additionally, the directions mandate baseline cybersecurity controls including asset management, continuous surveillance, data protection, and incident response mechanisms to maintain operational resilience. •Finally, the framework requires regular Information Systems (IS) audits overseen by the Audit Committee of the Board to ensure strict regulatory compliance and safeguard banking operations. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/419 DoS.CO.CSITEG.13/31.01.015/2026-27]

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SEBI issued extension of timelines with respect to compliance of Digital Accessibility Circulars

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on July 31, 2026, issued extension of timelines with respect to compliance of Digital Accessibility Circulars. SEBI has issued a circular regarding compliance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 by all Regulated Entities (REs), particularly in relation to accessibility requirements for digital platforms. The circular follows representations received from REs seeking additional time to comply with earlier directives. After reviewing the requests and the current status of compliance, SEBI has granted an extension of timeline until October 31, 2026 for conducting accessibility audits of digital platforms and implementing necessary remediation based on audit findings. This extension is intended to facilitate proper adherence to accessibility standards. All other provisions of the earlier SEBI circulars remain unchanged and must continue to be complied with by REs. The circular has been issued under Section 11(1) of the SEBI Act, 1992, with the objective of protecting investor interests and ensuring inclusive and accessible participation in the securities market. [Notification No. HO/(411)2026-ITD-5_DIV2/1/17922/2026]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Digital Payment Security Controls) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued these directions to establish robust security controls, data protection protocols, and operational resilience standards across digital payment channels offered by Small Finance Banks. •Under these guidelines, bank Boards are required to approve and annually review policies for digital payment products to effectively identify, assess, and manage cyber and fraud risks. •The document mandates strict governance and application security controls, including a "secure by design" development approach, regular vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, and secure source code reviews. •To protect financial transactions, banks must implement multi-factor authentication with dynamic, non-replicable mechanisms across digital channels, mobile banking, and ATM systems. •Furthermore, the directions outline requirements for fraud risk management, transaction logging, continuous network monitoring, secure encryption standards, and efficient customer grievance redressal mechanisms. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/420 DoS.CO.CSITEG.14/31.01.015/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Fraud Risk Management) Directions, 2026 provide a comprehensive framework for Small Finance Banks (SFBs) to prevent, detect, and report fraud incidents. •It mandates that SFBs establish a Board-approved Fraud Risk Management Policy, incorporate a dedicated Early Warning Signal (EWS) system, and strictly follow the principles of natural justice by issuing show-cause notices before declaring an account as fraud. •Additionally, the directions require SFBs to set up a "Special Committee of the Board for Monitoring and Follow-up of cases of Frauds" (SCBMF) and establish a Data Analytics and Market Intelligence Unit to track potential irregularities. •Accounts identified with suspicious activity must be red-flagged and reported to RBI platforms within seven days, with the full investigation completed within 180 days. •Finally, entities classified as fraudulent face a five-year ban from raising funds or obtaining new credit facilities, while mandatory reporting guidelines are laid out for Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) based on the fraud amount. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/421 DoS.CO.FMG.15/23.04.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •This RBI notification sets out the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Internal Audit Function) Directions, 2026, which took effect on July 31, 2026, to establish a robust Risk-Based Internal Audit (RBIA) framework across all Small Finance

Banks. •Under these directions, bank Boards and Audit Committees must approve well-defined RBIA policies, risk assessment methodologies, and annual audit plans to ensure strong risk management and control oversight. •The framework mandates functional independence for the Internal Audit Department, prohibiting performance-linked remuneration tied to business lines and forbidding the complete outsourcing of internal audit functions. •It introduces a standardized risk matrix to evaluate inherent business and control risks, dictating audit frequency and requiring 100% transaction testing for areas categorized under high or extremely high risk. •Additionally, the rules dictate that the Head of Internal Audit must be a senior executive appointed for a minimum three-year tenure, reporting directly to the Board or Audit Committee to ensure objective, uncompromised reporting. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/422 DoS.CO.PPG.16/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Statutory Audit) Directions, 2026 to establish regulatory guidelines for the appointment and reappointment of Statutory Central Auditors (SCAs) and Statutory Auditors (SAs) in Small Finance Banks. •Effective immediately, the policy mandates that banks with an asset size of ■15,000 crore and above conduct joint audits using a minimum of two audit firms, while smaller banks require at least one firm. •The Directions outline minimum eligibility criteria based on asset size, including the required number of full-time partners, Fellow Chartered Accountants, CISA/ISA qualified staff, and prior audit experience. •To protect independence, auditors are appointed for a continuous three-year term, subject to annual eligibility, followed by a mandatory six-year cooling-off period before reappointment in the same bank. •Additionally, the Board and Audit Committee of the Board (ACB) are entrusted with governance oversight, requiring them to monitor auditor independence, evaluate annual performance, and ensure transparency through a publicly hosted board-approved policy. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/423 DoS.CO.ARG.17/08.91.001/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Concurrent Audit) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •Reserve Bank of India under Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, issued these Directions to establish a standardized framework for concurrent audits across all Small Finance Banks. •The primary objective of the framework is to strengthen internal accounting, enhance preventive vigilance, and enable early detection of operational irregularities and fraudulent transactions. •Under the rules, the Audit Committee of the Board retains ultimate oversight, approving the audit scope, remuneration, and performance reviews. •Banks may utilize internal staff, eligible

retired employees under 70 years old, or external CA firms subject to a maximum continuous tenure of five years overall and three years per branch. •Mandatory audit coverage encompasses key risk areas such as cash, loans, KYC/AML compliance, treasury operations, and centralized processing centers, with findings submitted quarterly to the audit committee. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/418 DoS.CO.ARG.12/08.91.021/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Compliance Function) Directions, 2026, to establish a robust governance framework and manage compliance risks across Small Finance Banks. •These directions require banks to maintain an independent Compliance Department headed by a Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) with clear separation from internal audit functions. •The Board of Directors and senior management bear overall responsibility for overseeing compliance policies, conducting quarterly and annual reviews, and ensuring prompt reporting of material breaches. •Compliance teams are mandated to pre-assess new products and processes, continuously monitor regulatory updates, and ensure alignment across all business units. •Additionally, the directions emphasize fostering a strong compliance culture through mandatory employee training, performance-linked compliance accountability, and proactive technology-based monitoring. These Directions shall come into effect immediately upon issuance. The detailed directions are given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DoS/2026-27/417 DoS.CO.PPG.11/11.01.005/2026-27]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Supervisory Returns) Directions, 2026, with immediate effect under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The Directions apply to all Local Area Banks (LABs) and establish a comprehensive framework for the governance, preparation, submission, and monitoring of supervisory returns to the RBI. The Directions require the Board and Senior Management to establish a robust governance framework for supervisory reporting by ensuring effective data quality management, risk data aggregation, IT infrastructure, and reporting integrity. Banks are required to maintain accurate and complete data architecture, document reporting practices, validate data through appropriate IT and reporting expertise, strengthen automation in return generation, and ensure reporting systems remain functional even during periods of stress or crisis. Further, the Directions prescribe detailed operational guidelines for filing supervisory returns, mandating submission through RBI's online reporting portals, while specifying the list of applicable returns, reporting timelines, exceptions, penalties for non-compliance, and other reporting requirements. The Directions also repeal the earlier instructions relating to supervisory returns while preserving actions taken under the previous framework, thereby standardising supervisory reporting requirements for Local Area Banks.

[Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/449]

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DGFT notified regarding the Automated Issuance of Free Sale and Commerce Certificates (FSC)

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 31, 2026, notified regarding the Automated Issuance of Free Sale and Commerce Certificates (FSC). It has introduced automated issuance of Free Sale and Commerce (FSC) Certificates on its portal under Paragraph 2.34 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP). Eligible applications will now be processed automatically through a rule-based, system-driven and risk-based workflow, replacing the existing manual verification process by Regional Authorities (RAs). Applications requiring verification or not satisfying the prescribed parameters will continue to be referred to the concerned RA for manual processing, while certain auto-approved applications may subsequently be flagged for review under the risk-management system. [Notification No. - Trade Notice No. 24/2026-2027]

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Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, through its notification dated August 27, 2026, has notified the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026, establishing a framework for the uniform adoption, synchronisation, and use of Indian Standard Time (IST) across India. The following has been stated: The Rules shall come into force after 180 days from their publication in the Official Gazette. IST shall be the standard time reference for legal, administrative, commercial, transport, financial, and other official purposes across India. Government offices, public institutions, and critical sectors shall synchronise their time systems with authorised and traceable timing sources. The Rules also prescribe cybersecurity, redundancy, and contingency requirements for time-synchronisation systems, with periodic audits and penalties applicable for non-compliance. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Circular No.: G.S.R. 761(E)]

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MoCAFPD Initiates Targeted Release of Onion Buffer Stocks to Moderate Seasonal Price Pressures

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution on 26 August 2026, stated that onion availability remains comfortable and the Government has started releasing buffer stocks in a calibrated manner to control seasonal price pressures. The following has been stated: • Onion production for 2025-26 is estimated at 307.37 LMT, broadly similar to 307.67 LMT last year. • For 2026-27, the Government targeted procurement of 2.00 LMT of Rabi onions; around 1.21 LMT has already been procured. • Buffer onions will be transported through a hybrid rail-and-road model to major consumption centres. • Kanda Express has commenced onion movement from Nashik to New Delhi, with road supplies also being sent to other major cities. • Onions will be sold at ■35/kg through NCCF, NAFED, Kendriya Bhandar, Safal and mobile vans. • Onion exports during April-June 2026 were around 3.82 LMT, mainly to Malaysia, Sri Lanka, UAE and Nepal. • Onion prices are being monitored daily across 579 centres. The All-India average retail price on 26 August 2026 was ■37.87/kg. • The Government will continue to monitor prices, arrivals and availability and adjust buffer releases as required to prevent unwarranted price increases while supporting farmers. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Release ID: 2303587]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the fixation of the Date of Establishment and the Date till which the standard without the amendment as mentioned in column 3 shall remain in force, such as Static Direct Connected Watthour Smart Meter

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the Date of Establishment and the Date till which the standard without the amendment as mentioned in column 3 shall remain in force, such as Static Direct Connected Watthour Smart Meter. The following has been stated: - •IS 16444 (Part 1): 2015 a.c. Static Direct Connected Watthour Smart Meter Class 1 and 2 — Specification The Date of Establishment is August 17, 2026, and the Date till which the standard without the amendment as mentioned in column 3 shall remain in force is February 16, 2027. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1588)]

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DGFT notified regarding the Enhancements in the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA)/Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) process

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 25, 2026, notified regarding the Enhancements in the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA)/Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) process. It has introduced further changes in the Pre-Shipment Inspection Agency (PSIA)/Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) module on the DGFT portal to strengthen compliance, reduce manual intervention and enhance transparency. The changes standardise the inspection date format, require PSICs to be generated and issued only on the actual date of inspection, and enable authorised PSIA users to upload inspectors' signatures and official stamps, which will be automatically embedded in the PSIC. The system will also

auto-populate inspector details and registered instrument details based on the selected country of inspection. Further, the permissible inspection photographs have been increased from 5 to 10, with a maximum size of 5 MB each, while the mandatory inspection video size limit has been increased from 10 MB to 50 MB. [Trade Notice No. 22/2026-27]

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Sugar (Stockholding Limit of Bulk Consumers) Order, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) on August 19, 2026, issued the Sugar (Stockholding Limit of Bulk Consumers) Order, 2026. The Order will come into force from September 01, 2026, and will remain effective up to November 30, 2026. The Order provides that any bulk consumer consuming or using more than 10 metric tonnes of sugar per month as a raw material for production, consumption or use shall not hold sugar in stock for a period exceeding 15 days of its consumption or use. The restriction does not apply to institutions belonging to the Central Government, State Government, Union Territory Administration or local bodies. For this purpose, a bulk consumer includes a confectioner, soft drink manufacturer, food-processing industry, sweetmeat seller or any other institutional buyer whose average monthly sugar consumption during the preceding one year, excluding the current month, is not less than 10 metric tonnes. The monthly quantity of sugar sold by each sugar mill to such bulk consumers, whether directly or through dealers, will be verified, and the consumer's sugar consumption will be determined with reference to the GST returns filed by the sellers and/or buyers using the applicable HSN code for sugar. Refer to the DFPD's order on Imposition of Stock Holding Limit on Bulk Consumers of Sugar w.e.f. September 01, 2026. [Notification no. - S.O. 4587(E)]

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DGFT notified regarding the Streamlining of Halal Certification Process for Meat & Meat Products

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 05, 2026, notified regarding the Streamlining of Halal Certification Process for Meat and Meat Products. The Government has amended Notification No. 59/2025-26 dated February 9, 2026, extending the transition period for mandatory implementation of the India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS)-Halal for specified meat and meat products exported to Egypt. The transition period has been extended from six months to nine months from the date of the original notification, providing an additional three months for system readiness and completion of the onboarding and accreditation of Egyptian Halal certification bodies under i-CAS-Halal. All other provisions of the original notification remain unchanged. [Notification no. - 28/2026-27]

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Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Installations) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) on August 19, 2026, issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Installations) Amendment Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Installations) Regulations, 2020. The following amendments have been stated: In the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Installations) Regulations, 2020, - (a) In Regulation 6, in serial no. (a)after the words "…. Part - I" and before the words "which covers….", the word "and Part - L" shall be inserted. (b) In Schedule-1, after PART-K (Lube manufacturing and filling plants), the Part – L (Fire & Emergency Response Augmentation -FERA) has been inserted. [Notification No. PNGRB/Tech/7-T4SPI/(2)/2023 (E-4292)]

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Tea Board issued circular on Submission of Undertaking regarding sourcing of green leaf within Darjeeling GI

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Tea Board on August 24, 2026, has directed all Darjeeling tea manufacturers to strictly comply with existing requirements for sourcing green leaf within the area demarcated under the Darjeeling Geographical Indication (GI). Manufacturers are prohibited from purchasing green leaf from outside the Darjeeling GI area, including sourcing from temporarily closed units without proper documentation. Manufacturers sourcing green leaf from within the GI area must upload sourcing details on the Darjeeling tea traceability portal and submit an undertaking on ■10 non-judicial stamp paper to the IPR Cell of the Tea Board, Kolkata by August 31, 2026. Compliance Impact: Manufacturers must maintain proper records and ensure that all green leaf procurement is traceable and sourced exclusively from the notified Darjeeling GI area. Non-compliance may result in disruption of issuance of the Certificate of Origin by the Tea Board. [Notification No. LEGAL-MISCOCOMM/14/2026-LegalCell]

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DGFT issued the amendment in the Export Policy of Wheat Flour and related products

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 24, 2026, issued the amendment in the Export Policy of Wheat Flour and related products. The Government has amended the Export Policy for Wheat Flour and related products under Schedule 2 of the ITC (HS) Export Policy. The export policy for Wheat or Meslin Flour (Atta), Maida, Semolina (Rava/Sirgi), Wholemeal Atta and Resultant Atta, classified under HS Code 11010000, has been revised from "Prohibited" to "Free" with immediate effect. Accordingly, exporters can now freely export these wheat flour products without the earlier prohibition, subject to other applicable requirements under the Foreign Trade Policy and relevant laws. [Notification no. - 34/2026-27]

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DGFT issued a notification regarding an amendment to the Export Policy of Wheat

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 24, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment to the Export Policy of Wheat. The following has been stated: - •The export policy of Wheat under the above-mentioned HS Codes is revised from 'Prohibited' to 'Free' with immediate effect. [Notification No.: 35/2026-27]

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DGFT notified regarding the introduction of Automated Facility for Grant of Export Obligation Extension through PRC/EPCG Committee - Ease of Doing Business

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 21, 2026, notified regarding the introduction of an Automated Facility for Grant of Export Obligation Extension through PRC/EPCG Committee - Ease of Doing Business. DGFT has introduced an automated facility for granting Export Obligation (EO) extensions in cases of Advance Authorisation (AA) and EPCG Authorisation considered by the PRC/EPCG Committee, as part of its digitalisation and Ease of Doing Business initiatives. Under the revised process, where an exporter applies for EO extension before the PRC/EPCG Committee and the Committee approves the extension, the approved extension will be processed automatically through the DGFT system, eliminating the need for a separate EO extension application before the concerned Regional Authority. The exporter will receive a fee payment request, pay the prescribed fee through the DGFT portal and submit the response, following which the EO extension file will be automatically created and approved, and the EO Extension Letter will be generated. The revised EO expiry date will also be updated in the authorisation records and transmitted to ICEGATE. [Trade Notice No. 21/2026-27]

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DGFT issued a notification regarding an amendment in Para 1.25 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment in Para 1.25 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023. The following has been stated: - • Para 1.25(d) of the FTP, 2023 is amended to allow granting of One Star Export House status to applicants (other than for the Gems & Jewelry Sector) who possess export performance in any two out of the three preceding financial years, subject to other provisions of Para 1.25 of FTP, 2023. [Notification No.: 33/2026-27]

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DGFT issued a notification regarding an amendment in the Import Policy and Policy Condition of Clear Float Glass (4 mm to 12 mm), falling under ITC (HS) Codes 70051090 and 70052990, covered under Chapter 70 of Schedule – I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment in the Import Policy and Policy Condition of Clear Float Glass (4 mm12 mm), falling under ITC (HS) Codes 70051090 and 70052990, covered under Chapter 70 of Schedule – I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022. The following has been stated: - •The Import Policy and Policy Condition of Clear Float Glass (4 mm-12 mm), falling under ITC (HS) Codes 70051090 and 70052990, is revised from "Free" to "Restricted". However, import shall be "Free" if CIF value is ■34,000 and above per MT. •The above restriction is not applicable for imports by Advance Authorisation holders, Export Oriented Units (EOUs) and units in the SEZ subject to the condition that the imported inputs under the above ITC (HS) Codes are not sold into the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA). •The Minimum Import Price (MIP) condition shall remain applicable for a period of one year from the date of publication of this Notification. [Notification No.: 29/2026-27]

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Competition Commission of India (Commitment) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on August 18, 2026, issued the Competition Commission of India (Commitment) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Competition Commission of India (Commitment) Regulations, 2024. The following has been amended, namely: • The amendments primarily extend timelines and streamline the commitment application process. The time limit under Regulation 3(3) is increased from 45 days to 60 days. Where a commitment application contains defects or deficiencies, the application will be returned to the applicant, who must rectify the defects and refile it within 10 working days; the fee paid for the original application will be adjusted against the fee payable on refiling, failing which the application will be treated as invalid. • Under Regulation 4, the relevant period is extended from 7 days to 15 days, while the overall period for concluding commitment proceedings is increased from 130 days to 180 days. Time taken or extensions availed by the applicant or any other party for furnishing information, clarification or response will be excluded from these 180 days; if proceedings are not concluded within the stipulated period after such exclusion, the Section 26 inquiry will resume. • The amendments also make minor terminology changes in Regulation 5 relating to concerned parties/persons. Further, references throughout Regulations 9, 11, 13, and 14 are updated from the CCI (General) Regulations, 2009, to the CCI (General) Regulations, 2024, including corresponding regulation-number changes from 35 to 36, 37 to 38, and 50 to 51. [Notification no. - CCI/Reg-C.R. (Amdt.)/2026]

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BIS issued a corrigendum regarding the extension of BIS Validity Periods

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 18, 2026, issued a corrigendum regarding the extension of BIS Validity Periods. The following has been stated: - •The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) amended the validity dates specified in two earlier notifications. •For Notification dated March 20, 2025, the date at Sl. No. 08 is extended from September 18, 2025 to September 18, 2026. •For Notification dated February 03, 2026, the date at Sl. No. 01 is extended from August 02, 2026 to February 02, 2027. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: HQ-PUB-BIS (1586)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to p-Toluidine

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 12, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to p-Toluidine. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the dates of Establishment shall be August 03, 2026 - • IS 5647 : 2026 p-Toluidine — Specification (Second Revision). • IS 5649 : 2026 o-Toluidine — Specification (Third Revision). • IS 6156 : 2026 Chlorosulphonic Acid — Code of Safety (First Revision). • IS 10870 : 2026 Hexane — Code of Safety (First Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be February 07, 2027: - • IS 5647 : 2003 p-Toluidine — Specification (First Revision). • IS 5649 : 2003 o-Toluidine — Specification (Second Revision). • IS 6156 – 1971 Code of Safety for Chlorosulphonic Acid. • IS 10870 – 1984 Code of Safety for Hexane. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1583)]

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IPI notified regarding the extension of the time for Completion of Mandatory e-KYC up to August 31, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Intellectual Property India (IPI) on August 07, 2026, notified the extension of the time for Completion of Mandatory e-KYC until August 31, 2026. The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) has extended the deadline for completion of mandatory e-KYC from August 9, 2026 to August 31, 2026, following stakeholder representations, queries and feedback received during the Open House Session held on August 4, 2026. All stakeholders who have not yet completed e-KYC are advised to do so by August 31, 2026, to avoid inconvenience or disruption to access to Intellectual Property Office services. For technical issues or queries, stakeholders may seek assistance through the designated email channels. A separate Open House Session to address technical difficulties in completing e-KYC will also be announced shortly. [Notification no. - CG/F/CGPDTM/DL-08/4322]

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DGFT invited comments on the Draft SOP for reporting Inward Remittance Messages (IRMs) relating to NBFC Factors

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 12, 2026, invited comments on the Draft SOP for reporting Inward Remittance Messages (IRMs) relating to NBFC Factors. The following has been stated: • The proposed SOP aims to streamline reconciliation of export remittances and facilitate self-generation of Electronic Bank Realisation Certificates (eBRCs) through the DGFT portal. Under the proposed process, NBFC Factors remitting factoring proceeds in foreign currency to AD-I Banks will use the specified SWIFT message “AD-AD(P0092) EXP FACTORING PROCEED”, so that AD-I Banks do not create duplicate IRMs. Where export bills are discounted, and proceeds are released in INR, exporters should approach the NBFC Factor for creation of the relevant IRM. • The enhanced DGFT system will allow exporters to view IRMs relating to NBFC Factors and self-certify eBRCs by matching remittance details with the relevant invoice or Shipping Bill. The SOP also requires AD-III factoring entities to identify factoring-related transactions correctly. The Trade Notice further refers to the Foreign Exchange Management (Authorised Persons) Regulations, 2026, under which AD Category-II entities may undertake foreign trade transactions up to ■25 lakh per transaction. Stakeholders shall submit comments through ebrc-dgft@gov.in, with the prescribed subject line by September 11, 2026. [Trade Notice No. 20/2026-27]

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BIS Amendments to Three Indian Standards Notified for Plywood for Concrete Shuttering Works

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on August 5, 2026, notified amendments to certain Indian Standards under Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The notified amendments cover standards relating to plywood for concrete shuttering works, hearing protectors, and stainless steel sinks for domestic purposes. The amendments notified are Amendment No. 1 to IS 4990:2024 – Plywood for Concrete Shuttering Works — Specification (Fourth Revision), Amendment No. 1 to IS 9167:2025 – Hearing Protectors — Specification (First Revision), and Amendment No. 4 to IS 13983:1994 – Stainless Steel Sinks for Domestic Purposes — Specification. All three amendments were established in August 2026, with the notification specifying August 3, 2026 as the date of establishment. The standards without the respective amendments will remain in force until February 2, 2027, as specified in the Schedule. Accordingly, the notified amendments provide a transition period during which the existing versions of the standards continue to remain applicable. [Ref: HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1585)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the fixation of the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for the Indian Standards such as Metallic Materials — Tensile Testing

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on August 12, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for the Indian Standards such as Metallic Materials — Tensile Testing. The following has been stated: - •IS 1608 (Part 5): 2026 ISO/TS 6892-5: 2025 Metallic Materials —

Tensile Testing Part 5 Specification for Testing Miniaturised Test Pieces •IS 3256: 2026 Textiles — Inland Packaging of Ropes and Cordages — Code of Practice (Second Revision) •IS 5175: 2026 Fibre Ropes — Polypropylene Split Film, Monofilament and Multifilament — 3-, 4-, 8- and 12- Strand Ropes (Fifth Revision) The Date of Establishment is August 04, 2026, and the Date of Withdrawal is February 04, 2027. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1582)]

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IP India issued Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Patent Examination Procedures

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Intellectual Property India on August 07, 2026, issued Guidelines for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Patent Examination Procedures. These Guidelines regulates the use of Artificial Intelligence in patent examination, aimed at supporting efficiency and quality while preserving confidentiality, accountability, consistency, and the Examiner/Controller's independent judgment. The Guidelines apply to AI use across tasks like screening, classification, search, translation support, drafting support, technical comparison, and knowledge retrieval, and they define key terms including AI, Generative AI, AI prompts, public vs. private AI tools, AI-assisted output, and prompt engineering. Public AI tools are described as widely accessible but trained on broad, generic datasets (limiting depth in specialized domains), while private AI tools operate in closed, proprietary environments with tighter access control, making them more suitable for sensitive data. A substantial portion of the document catalogs limitations and risks of using AI in patent examination, stressing that these require thorough human oversight. Key risks include: profile sensitivity (AI outputs shaped by prior user interactions, affecting neutrality and predictability); the need for prompt discipline (well-structured prompts yield better results than vague ones); hallucination/fabrication (AI confidently producing non-existent prior art, fabricated judgments, or misrepresented citations, requiring independent verification against authoritative sources); omission of critical claim details; false pattern matching (surface-level keyword similarity mistaken for legal/technical relevance); loss of technical context during summarization or translation; classification and search drift; over- or under-inclusive interpretations; "black-box" opacity in reasoning; confidentiality risks from sharing unpublished material with external tools; subtle misguidance despite fluent-sounding output; incomplete or outdated training data (lacking real-time database access and recent prior art); bias in training data affecting jurisdictional/technological/linguistic representation; and difficulty handling complex patent language, drawings, and nuanced legal concepts like claim construction or inventive step. Given these risks, the Guidelines emphasize that AI is meant to assist, not replace, the Examiner or Controller, who retains full responsibility for every official act involving AI use — this responsibility cannot be diluted or transferred. Any AI-assisted output influencing search or examination must undergo manual review and be adopted only after the officer is personally satisfied of its correctness, relevance, and appropriateness. The document also notes that the Patent Office's subscribed search databases already include built-in private AI tools optimized for patent search, offering better data security and contextual understanding than generic public tools. The final section (Section 4, referencing Annexures I and II) is set to elaborate on specific use cases, associated risks, and safeguards, along with a compliance checklist and declaration, though this content is not fully included in the excerpt.

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Maharashtra Amends Industrial Development Act to Increase Borrowing Limit of MIDC

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Government of Maharashtra, on July 22, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Industrial Development (Amendment) Act, 2026, amending the Maharashtra Industrial Development Act, 1961. The Act is deemed to have come into force from June 16, 2026, replacing the earlier Amendment Ordinance promulgated on the same date. The amendment revises Section 22(2) of the principal Act by increasing the borrowing limit of the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) from ■75 crore to ■6,000 crore. This substantial enhancement is intended to strengthen MIDC's financial capacity to raise funds for industrial infrastructure and development projects across the State. The Act also repeals the Maharashtra Industrial Development (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, while providing a saving clause to ensure that all actions, notifications and orders issued under the Ordinance are deemed to have been validly made under the amended Act. [ACT N. XLV OF 2026]

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DGFT issued an advisory against 2 Bhutanese firms as per para 8.07 (d) of the Foreign Trade Policy- 2023

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 11, 2026, issued an advisory against 2 Bhutanese firms as per para 8.07 (d) of the Foreign Trade Policy- 2023. The following has been stated: - •DGFT has advised heightened vigilance while dealing with M/s Legoy Powersports and M/s Druk A-Z Store, Thimphu, following unresolved complaints and lack of cooperation. •Stakeholders are directed to undertake enhanced due diligence and assess transaction risks before entering into commercial arrangements with these entities. •EPCs, RAs, ECGC, banks and other stakeholders should appropriately caution exporters/trade participants and consider the risk while processing trade, financial or certification-related matters. •Any adverse experiences, payment issues or contractual disputes involving these firms should be promptly reported to DGFT; the advisory is precautionary in nature. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 19/2026-27]

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DGFT issued a notification regarding review and re-allocation of allocated Export Quota of Wheat under HS codes 10011900 and 10019910

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding review and re-allocation of allocated Export Quota of Wheat under HS codes 10011900 and 10019910. The following has been stated: - •DGFT will review utilization of allocated Wheat export quotas under HS Codes 10011900 and 10019910 and assess additional requirements. •Exporters must submit CA-certified utilization details, Shipping Bill details, and requests for additional/surrendered quantities with supporting contracts/orders by August 31, 2026. •Authorizations with over 50% utilization may be considered for further allocation, while unutilized quantities below 50% may be moved to the common pool. •Non-submission may

lead to reallocation of quota and debarment from future restricted export authorizations. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 18/2026-27]

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Central Motor Vehicles (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on August 07, 2026, notified the Central Motor Vehicles (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following has been stated: - •CMVR, 1989 has been amended to exclude load-body covering systems fitted on tippers and dumpers from overall vehicle height measurement. •From April 01, 2027, all tippers and dumpers must have an operated load-body covering system to fully enclose the load while on roads. •The covering system may use suitable material and must be equipped with an audio-visual alert in the driver's cabin for an open or unsecured cover during movement. They shall come into force on August 10, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R.712(E)]

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DGFT extends the Deadline for Submission of TRQ Applications under India–UK CETA for CY 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 05, 2026, extends the Deadline for Submission of TRQ Applications under India–UK CETA for CY 2026. It has extended the last date for submission of online applications for allocation of Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) under the India–United Kingdom Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) for Calendar Year (CY) 2026. Based on representations from trade and industry, the application deadline has been extended to August 09, 2026. [Public Notice No. - 26/2026-27]

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DGFT issued a notification regarding the introduction of the Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Export Framework under FTP

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding the introduction of the Inventory-based Cross-border E-Commerce Export Framework under FTP. The following has been stated: - •This Notification introduces an Inventory-based Cross-border E-commerce Facilitation Framework enabling export-only inventory operations through registered Exporters-on-Record in accordance with the Consolidated FDI Policy. •The Framework prescribes the eligibility conditions, operational obligations, inventory management requirements, and other operational requirements. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 27/2026-27]

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Draft Notification on CAFE 2027 Energy Consumption Standards for M1 Category Motor Vehicles

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Power (MoP), on July 16, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing the Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFE) 2027 energy consumption standards for M1 category motor vehicles under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001. The proposed standards are scheduled to come into effect from April 1, 2027, and stakeholders have been invited to submit objections or suggestions within 21 days from the date of publication of the draft on the websites of the Ministry of Power and the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE). The draft introduces a comprehensive regulatory framework covering applicability, definitions, compliance methodology, reporting requirements, and credit-debit mechanisms for manufacturers and importers of M1 category vehicles. It proposes annual average fuel consumption standards based on the Modified Indian Driving Cycle (MIDC), with progressively stringent targets from FY 2027-28 to FY 2031-32. The framework also provides for concepts such as compliance passbooks, credit pooling among manufacturers, and separate definitions for flex-fuel vehicles, strong hybrid electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and small-volume manufacturers. The notification further prescribes the methodology for calculating manufacturer-specific fuel consumption standards based on the weighted average unladen mass of vehicles and outlines the performance assessment mechanism to evaluate compliance. The proposed CAFE 2027 framework is intended to enhance vehicle fuel efficiency, reduce carbon emissions, and support India's energy conservation and climate objectives by establishing a transparent, technology-neutral compliance regime for passenger vehicle manufacturers. [Notification No. S.O. XXXX(E)]

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DGFT notified regarding the Fixation of seven new Standard Input Output Norms (SIONs) at SION No. No. A-3708, A-3709, A-3710, A-3711, ■-3712, A-3713 & A-3714 under "Chemical and Allied Product"

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on August 03, 2026, notified regarding the Fixation of seven new Standard Input Output Norms (SIONs) at SION No. No. A-3708, A-3709, A-3710, A-3711, ■-3712, A-3713 & A-3714 under "Chemical and Allied Product". It has notified seven new Standard Input Output Norms (SIONs) under Product Group 'A' (Chemical and Allied Products) by inserting SION Nos. A-3708 to A-3714 under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023. The newly notified norms specify the permissible import inputs and quantities for the manufacture and export of products including Theophylline (Anhydrous), Liraglutide Injection (6 mg/ml), Lumefantrine, Meropenem Injection (500 mg, 1000 mg and 2000 mg) and Ophthalmic Solution (Eye & Ear Drops). The notification enables Regional Authorities to grant Advance Authorisations directly in eligible cases without referring individual applications to the Norms Committee, thereby reducing processing time, ensuring uniformity in fixation of norms and facilitating ease of doing business for exporters. [Public Notice No. 23/2026-27]

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BIS Notification on Establishment of New and Revised Indian Standards for commercial electric cooking ranges

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on July 27, 2026, notified the establishment of several new and revised Indian Standards under Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The standards were established on July 24, 2026, and, where applicable, the corresponding earlier standards will remain in force concurrently until January 24, 2027, after which they will be withdrawn. The notification introduces standards covering household and similar electrical appliances, including food waste disposers, clocks, commercial electric cooking ranges, ovens, hobs, food warming appliances, and surface-cleaning appliances using liquids or steam. It also revises standards relating to port-based network access control (IS/ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-1X:2021), metadata registries (IS/ISO/IEC 11179-6:2023), and adopts the second revision of the C++ programming language standard (IS/ISO/IEC 14882:2024). The revised standards align Indian specifications with the latest IEC, ISO, and IEEE international standards to strengthen product safety, interoperability, and technological harmonization. Manufacturers, testing laboratories, certification bodies, and other stakeholders should adopt the newly established standards, while transitioning from the superseded versions before their withdrawal on January 24, 2027. [Notification Ref. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1579)]

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BIS amends notification Timelines under Consumer Affairs Ministry Gazette

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on July 29, 2026, issued an amendment to a notification of the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs), published in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India, in pursuance of sub-rule (1) of Rule 15 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The amendment revises two prior notifications by extending specified compliance dates listed in column (5) of their respective schedules. Under the first amendment, the notification bearing Reference HQ-PUB012/4/2020-PUB-BIS (510), dated February 1, 2023 (published February 9, 2023), has its Serial No. 01 entry revised to substitute "30 April 2027" in place of the earlier date of "31 January 2024." Under the second amendment, the notification bearing Reference HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1373), dated November 24, 2025 (published December 3, 2025), has its Serial No. 02 and 04 entries revised to substitute "20 May 2027" in place of the earlier date of "20 May 2026." [Notification No. HQ-PUB-BIS (1577)]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding Due Date Rate for MCXBULLDEX Futures Contract Expiring on August 28, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on August 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Due Date Rate for the MCXBULLDEX Futures Contract expiring on August 28, 2026. The following has been stated: - •MCXCCL fixed the Due Date Rate (DDR) for the MCXBULLDEX futures contract expiring on August 28, 2026, at 36,530.00 per Index Point. •Members and market participants are advised to take note of the notified DDR. [Circular No.: MCXCCL/DDR/187/2026]

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MCA Extension of Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), on August 31, 2026, issued a General Circular further extending the validity of the Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS-2026) up to September 15, 2026. The scheme was originally introduced to provide companies an opportunity to complete their pending statutory filings and was initially operational until July 15, 2026. The validity of CCFS-2026 had previously been extended up to August 31, 2026 through General Circular No. 03/2026 dated July 8, 2026. In view of representations received from stakeholders, MCA has now further extended the scheme until September 15, 2026. All other terms and conditions of CCFS-2026 remain unchanged. Accordingly, companies with pending statutory filings may avail the extended validity of the scheme, subject to the existing conditions applicable to CCFS-2026. The circular has been issued with the approval of the competent authority. [General Circular No. 04/2026]

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NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding the launch of Futures & Options Contracts in September 2026 and Premium / Discount for grade/delivery location difference

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NCDEX Limited (NCDEX) on August 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding the launch of Futures & Options Contracts in September 2026 and Premium / Discount for grade/delivery location difference. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange has announced the premium/discount applicable for grade and delivery-location differences for Futures contracts scheduled to be launched on September 01, 2026, in accordance with SEBI's Commodity Derivatives Master Circular. •The details are provided in Annexure I (Futures Contracts), Annexure II (Grade Difference Premium/Discount) and Annexure III (Delivery Location Difference Premium/Discount). •Premium/discount for quality variations within permissible limits will continue to be governed by the respective product notes/circulars. •Further, Options on Futures contracts scheduled for launch on September 02, 2026 are specified in Annexure IV. [Circular No.: NCDEX/TRADING-039/2026]

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NCDEX notified regarding the 2.5% Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 31, 2026, notified regarding the 2.5% Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric. It has re-triggered the Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric based on the prescribed High-Low price variation criteria. The E-ASM is applicable from 31 August 2026 on all running contracts and yet-to-be-launched contracts in Turmeric and will remain applicable until 22 September 2026. No E-ASM has been triggered for Barley, Castor Seed, Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, or Jeera (including Jeera Mini). All other applicable margins will continue to be levied as usual. [Notification No. - NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-081/2026]

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NCDEX re-triggering of EventBased Additional Surveillance Margin

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), on August 28, 2026, announced the re-triggering of an Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric based on the High-Low price variation methodology, i.e., [(High-Low)/Low × 100]. The E-ASM will apply to all running contracts and yet-to-be-launched contracts in Turmeric. The E-ASM was triggered on August 28, 2026 based on both the 5-day movement threshold of 10% and 10-day movement threshold of 15%. The additional surveillance margin will remain applicable until September 21, 2026. No E-ASM trigger has been recorded for Barley, Castor Seed, Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, or Jeera (including Jeera Mini). All other applicable margins will continue to be levied as per the existing requirements. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-080/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding a reminder on Market Data - Discontinuation of Existing Broadcast Parameters in Futures & Options Segment

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on August 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding a reminder on Market Data - Discontinuation of Existing Broadcast Parameters in Futures & Options Segment. The following has been stated: - •NSE has reminded NNF users to migrate to the new F&O market data broadcast parameters, introduced to support the change in token-level cumulative volume data type from 4-byte “Unsigned Integer” to 8-byte “LONG”. •The existing and new parameters were available during a coexistence period to facilitate migration. •The existing broadcast parameters for NNF users (5-depth, 1-second refresh) will be discontinued from September 05, 2026 (mock) onwards. •Members must complete or be ready with the required migration changes before the deadline to ensure uninterrupted F&O market data, while all other provisions of the earlier circulars remain unchanged. [Circular No.: 60/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates (DDR) - Monthly Electricity Futures in Commodity Derivatives Segment

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on August 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates (DDR) - Monthly Electricity Futures in the Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated: - •The Due Date Rate (DDR) for the ELECMBL Monthly Electricity Futures contract expiring on August 28, 2026, has been fixed at ■3,659.00 per MWh. •Members are requested to take note of the notified DDR. [Circular No.: 362/2026]

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NSE Update to Final Settlement Procedure for Monthly Electricity Futures

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NSE Clearing Limited (NCL), on August 28, 2026, issued an update to the Final Settlement (DDR) procedure for Monthly Electricity Futures, clarifying the applicability of the DDR computation methodology prescribed earlier for cases where the last calendar day of the expiry month falls on a Sunday. The methodology involves a Provisional Settlement based on the Provisional DDR, followed by a Final Settlement based on the Final DDR. NCL has clarified that this methodology will also apply where (i) the last calendar day of the month falls on a Sunday, (ii) the last calendar day falls on a Monday, or (iii) the second-last calendar day falls on a Trading Holiday. Members dealing in Monthly Electricity Futures should accordingly take note of the revised applicability of the provisional and final settlement mechanism. [Circular Ref. No. 311/2026]

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IIDI Change in Pay-in & Pay-out Time for NSE IFSC Settlement

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Depository IFSC Limited (IIDI), on August 31, 2026, informed all participants of revised Pay-in and Pay-out deadlines for securities relating to NSE IFSC settlements, pursuant to the settlement holiday scheduled for September 14, 2026 and the intimation received from NSE IFSC Clearing Corporation Limited (NICCL). For Normal Market Type, Settlement No. 2602174, pertaining to the Pay-in/Pay-out Day of September 16, 2026, the revised depository deadline is 5:50 PM, the NSE IFSC Pay-in time is 6:00 PM, and the NSE IFSC Pay-out time is 8:00 PM. These timings replace the earlier depository deadline of 2:50 PM and Pay-in time of 3:00 PM. All Depository Participants are advised to take note of the revised settlement timings and ensure necessary compliance. [Circular No.: IIDI IFSC/DP/2026-27/140]

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NSE Update on Market Timings for SLBS

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NSE Clearing Limited (NCL), on August 31, 2026, has revised the market timings under the Securities Lending and Borrowing Scheme (SLBS) by preponing the market opening time to 9:00 AM. Accordingly, the revised trading hours for the SLBS market will be 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The revised timings shall be effective from September 7, 2026, replacing the existing market opening time pursuant to the earlier circular dated August 24, 2018 concerning extension of SLBS market timings. All participants and custodians are advised to take note of the revised trading hours and ensure necessary compliance and operational readiness. [Circular Ref. No. 090/2026]

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BSE notified regarding Increase in Number of Partitions from 12 to 14 in Equity Derivatives Segment

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 28, 2026, notified regarding the Increase in Number of Partitions from 12 to 14 in Equity Derivatives Segment. BSE has informed Trading Members that the number of partitions in the Equity Derivatives segment will increase from 14 to 16, effective September 07, 2026. The additional partitions, 15 and 16, will be used for newly created products and for moving certain existing products. Updated partition assignments will be reflected in the EQD_CODDMMYY.csv master file. Compliance/Technical Impact: Members using ETI-based applications must update systems to query all 16 partitions for order/trade retransmission and related messages. The number of partitions is also communicated through the NoOfPartition (1770) field in the ETI Session Logon Response. Members must also update EOBI/EMDI applications, as product movements will affect partition-wise multicast market-data streams. Testing: Partitions 15 and 16 are available in the Simulation environment from August 2026, and a mock session is scheduled for September 05, 2026 to test the new partition configuration. [Notice No. 20260828-12]

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NCCL notified regarding the Settlement Calendar and timelines for submission of delivery intentions for all the futures contracts expiring in September 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 27, 2026, notified regarding the Settlement Calendar and timelines for submission of delivery intentions for all the futures contracts expiring in September 2026. The following has been stated: • It has issued the Settlement Calendar and delivery-intention timelines for Futures Contracts expiring in September 2026. The specified contracts—including Bajra, Barley, Castor, Cocudakl, Groundnut, Guar Gum, Guar Korma, Guar Seed, Isabgol, Jeera, Maize, Pepper, Steel and Yellow Peas—are subject to compulsory physical settlement with staggered delivery. Delivery intentions may be marked during the staggered delivery period, generally up to 6:30 PM, and delivery corresponding to the open position at expiry is mandatory. For contracts expiring on September 16, 17 and 18, 2026, physical delivery/funds settlement will take place on September 18, 21 and 22, 2026, respectively, with subsequent premium/discount, close-out and GST settlements as per the prescribed calendar. • Sellers shall provide delivery-location preferences through NCFE, and failure to meet delivery obligations attracts prescribed penalties, including an additional 3% penalty where a seller holding requisite warehouse stocks or having marked delivery intention defaults. Repeated delivery defaults (three or more within a rolling six-month period) attract a further 3% penalty for each instance. • Sellers shall also update invoices and related physical-delivery information within the prescribed timelines, while buyers are required to confirm the information within the specified period; late fees apply for non-compliance, and applicable GST on delivery-default penalties will be collected along with the penalty. [Notification no. - NCCL/CLEARING-054/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding an amendment to existing “Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims against the Defaulter/ Expelled Member”

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 28, 2026, issued a circular regarding an amendment in the existing “Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims against the Defaulter/ Expelled Member”. The following has been stated: - •MCX has amended its Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims to specify eligibility criteria for claims against defaulter members, including claims for unpaid margins, credit balances and commodity/funds due on settlement. •Claims must generally relate to Exchange-platform transactions and be filed by registered clients/investors, subject to verification and prescribed compensation limits. •Claims may be filed within three years after the specified claim period, where the delay was beyond the claimant’s control, and the defaulter’s funds are inadequate. •Claims arising from unregistered portfolio management services, speculative transactions, unauthorised schemes or assured returns have been expressly excluded. [Circular no.: MCX/ISD/492/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the acceptance of MCX-approved Indian Refined Lead Brand at MCXCCL-accredited Warehouses

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on August 27, 2026, notified regarding the acceptance of MCX-approved Indian Refined Lead Brand at MCXCCL-accredited Warehouses. It has approved “LEADING METALLOYS”, produced by Leading Metalloys LLP, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, as an additional deliverable brand of Refined Lead for settlement of Lead & Lead Mini futures contracts, applicable to contracts expiring from August 2026 onwards. MCXCCL-accredited warehouses may accept this brand, subject to compliance with the prescribed contract specifications, with effect from September 7, 2026. Members and their constituents are required to deliver only approved brands and should confirm warehouse space availability before initiating delivery procedures. [Notification no. - MCX/MCXCCL/487/2026]

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NCCL issued a circular regarding the Settlement Price of Options on Futures contracts expiring on Aug 28, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 28, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Settlement Price of Options on Futures contract expired on Aug 28, 2026. The following has been stated: - •NCCL has notified the Final Settlement Prices (FSP) for Options on Futures contracts that expired on August 28, 2026, based on the Daily Settlement Price (DSP) of the underlying futures. •The FSP for GUARSEED10 (underlying futures expiry: September 18, 2026) is ■6,536.00. •The FSP for GUARGUM5 (underlying futures expiry: September 18, 2026) is ■12,692.00. [Circular No.: NCCL/CLEARING-055/2026]

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SEBI issued the Bulletin for August 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 27, 2026, issued the Bulletin for August 2026. It provides an overview of developments in the Indian securities market, including regulatory and policy initiatives, market trends, investor-related developments and statistical data. The Bulletin covers recent measures aimed at improving ease of doing business, strengthening investor protection and regulatory efficiency, along with developments concerning market intermediaries, mutual funds, derivatives, FPIs, debt markets and other securities-market segments. It also provides statistical information on market activity and securities-market indicators through its annexure tables. Among the key developments during August, SEBI highlighted streamlining inspection of market intermediaries, acceptance of digitally signed Power of Attorney for FPIs, measures relating to Online Bond Platform Providers, review of the Accredited Investor framework, FPI participation in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives, and measures concerning REITs/InvITs and clearing corporations. SEBI also released studies on retail participation, trading behaviour and profitability of individual traders in equity derivatives, providing insights into investor activity in the derivatives market

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 28, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment. The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for the Commodity Derivatives segment on August 29, 2026, to enable trading members using third-party trading platforms or in-house systems through ETI APIs to test their applications and functionalities, including exceptional market conditions such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. The mock trading will be conducted in two sessions, with continuous trading followed by trade modification. A new BOLT Pro TWS Version 13.35 will also be released, with details to be issued separately. The mock trading is solely for testing and familiarisation, and trades executed during the sessions will not attract any margin, pay-in or pay-out obligations and will not create any rights or liabilities. Participants are encouraged to actively participate in the sessions. [Notification no. - 20260828-2]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Currency Derivatives segment

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 28, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Currency Derivatives segment. The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives segment on August 29, 2026, enabling trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems through ETI APIs to test trading applications and various functionalities, including exceptional market conditions. The mock trading will be conducted in two sessions, covering Currency Derivatives and Cross Currency Derivatives trading, followed by trade modification facilities. A new BOLT Pro TWS Version 13.35 will also be released, with further details to be provided separately. The mock trading is solely for testing and familiarisation, and trades executed during the sessions will not entail any margin, pay-in or pay-out obligations. They will not create any rights or liabilities. Participants are encouraged to participate in the sessions actively. [Notification no. - 20260828-3]

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BSECL issued intimation of Change of Name - BSE Clearing Limited (Formerly Indian Clearing Corporation Limited)

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange Clearing Limited (BSECL) on August 27, 2026, issued intimation of Change of Name - BSE Clearing Limited (Formerly Indian Clearing Corporation Limited). The entity has announced that its name has been changed from Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL) to BSE Clearing Limited. All

existing arrangements, services, and ongoing business activities will continue without interruption. Compliance Action: Stakeholders and investors are required to update their internal records, mandates, bank details, and related documents with the revised entity name. For investments, transactions, or mandates/instructions submitted through the Mutual Fund platform, the name “BSE Clearing Limited” should be used instead of “Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL)”, wherever applicable. [Notice No. 20260827-8]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Equity segment

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 29, 2026, for the Equity segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct two mock trading sessions on Saturday, August 29, 2026, to test modifications in the Pre-open Call Auction Session and regular trading functionalities. Session 1 will test the Pre-open changes, while Session 2 will test functionalities without these changes for live trading from August 31, 2026. •BOLT Pro TWS 13.50 will be used for Session 1, while BOLT Pro TWS 13.35 will be used for Session 2 and is mandatory for live trading from August 31, 2026. •Trades from Session 1 will be carried forward to Session 2, and CAS reference prices will be based on specified VWAP periods. •Trading members using third-party applications are advised to use the mock sessions to test their systems for the Pre-open Call Auction modifications. [Notification No.: 20260827-22]

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NCDEX notified on Re-triggering of Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (EASM) on Turmeric

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 27, 2026, notified on Re-triggering of Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (EASM) on Turmeric. NCDEX has re-triggered an Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (EASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric, based on the High-Low price variation formula [(High-Low)/Low × 100]. The EASM will apply to all running contracts and yet-to-be-launched contracts in Turmeric. The EASM was triggered on August 27, 2026, based on both the 5-day movement threshold of 10% and 10-day movement threshold of 15%, and will remain applicable until September 18, 2026. No EASM has been triggered for the other commodities listed in the circular. Compliance Impact: Members should ensure that the additional 2.5% EASM is appropriately factored into margin requirements for applicable Turmeric contracts. All other applicable margins will continue to be levied as prescribed. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-079/2026]

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MCX issued Modification of Contract Specifications for Lead and Zinc Futures

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 27, 2026, has revised the price quote, delivery centre and additional delivery centre(s) for Lead Mini and Zinc Mini Futures, and the additional delivery centres for Lead and Zinc Futures. The changes will be effective from September 07, 2026, for contracts expiring November 2026 onwards. For Lead Mini, the price quote and delivery centre will shift from Chennai, Tamil Nadu to Palwal, NCR, and the additional delivery centre in NCR will be removed. For Zinc Mini, the price quote and delivery centre will shift from Thane, Maharashtra to Kolkata, West Bengal, and the additional delivery centre at Kolkata will be removed. Similar removal of the additional delivery centre at NCR for Lead and Kolkata for Zinc will apply from November 2026 expiry onwards. Compliance Impact: Members must take note of the revised contract specifications, inform their clients/constituents, and ensure that fresh positions for November 2026 and later expiries are initiated only as per the revised specifications from September 07, 2026. Applicable margins and delivery/settlement requirements will continue to be governed by MCX Clearing Corporation circulars. [Circular No. MCX/TRD/490/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding MCX Mock Trading Session – August 30, 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 27, 2026, issued a circular regarding MCX Mock Trading Session – August 30, 2026. The following has been stated: - •MCX will conduct a mock trading session on Sunday, August 30, 2026, to test infrastructural enhancements at its Disaster Recovery Site. •The special session will run from 12:55 PM–12:59 PM, followed by mock trading from 1:00 PM–3:00 PM. •Members using the CTCL facility are advised to participate using the MCX Enhanced Trading Interface (ETI) API v1.4.2 and test their applications from the DR site. •Participation is available through existing leased-line connectivity or live SSL VPN IDs for internet users, with connectivity details provided in the annexures. •Members must restore systems to production state after the mock, and mock trades will not create any pay-in or pay-out obligations. [Circular no.: MCX/TECH/489/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading session on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in the Commodity Derivatives segment

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 28, 2026, notified regarding the Mock trading session on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in the Commodity Derivatives segment. It will conduct a mock trading session in the Currency Derivatives (CD) Segment on August 29, 2026, with Trading Session-1 at the Primary Site from 1:00 PM to 3:45 PM, followed by trade modification until 3:55 PM. Live re-login will be available from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM to enable members to verify connectivity before the live market on August 31, 2026. The mock session will use NEAT Version 3.5.4, and all outstanding orders will be purged before the session. Eligible members can participate using their existing live-market User IDs, IPs and Box ID mappings, while NNF

users shall have appropriate dealer-type IDs, NNF conversion and IP mapping. Members are required to ensure proper Telnet connectivity, Box ID setup, branch/user limits and necessary trading rights before participation. Trades executed during the mock session will have no fund pay-in or pay-out obligations. Valid and compliant UCC/PAN will be required, although UCC validation will be skipped during contingency time. Members are advised to test all trading software and re-log in to the live environment to ensure smooth connectivity, with NOTIS available during the mock session. [Notification no. - NSE/COM/76028]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading session on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in the Currency Derivatives Segment

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 28, 2026, notified regarding the Mock trading session on Saturday, August 29, 2026, in the Currency Derivatives Segment. It will conduct a mock trading session in the Currency Derivatives (CD) Segment on August 29, 2026, with Trading Session-1 at the Primary Site from 1:00 PM to 3:45 PM, followed by trade modification until 3:55 PM. Live re-login will be available from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM to enable members to verify connectivity before the live market on August 31, 2026. The mock session will use NEAT Version 3.5.4, and all outstanding orders will be purged before the session. Eligible members can participate using their existing live-market User IDs, IPs and Box ID mappings, while NNF users shall have appropriate dealer-type IDs, NNF conversion and IP mapping. Members are required to ensure proper Telnet connectivity, Box ID setup, branch/user limits and necessary trading rights before participation. Trades executed during the mock session will have no fund pay-in or pay-out obligations. Valid and compliant UCC/PAN will be required, although UCC validation will be skipped during contingency time. Members are advised to test all trading software and re-log in to the live environment to ensure smooth connectivity, with NOTIS available during the mock session. [Notification no. - NSE/CD/76027]

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CDSL issued a notification regarding Early Redemption of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) – October 2026 to March 2027

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on August 26, 2026, issued a notification regarding Early Redemption of Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs) – October 2026 to March 2027. The following has been stated: - •CDSL has issued the schedule for investors seeking premature redemption of eligible SGBs after completion of five years from the date of issue, on the applicable interest payment date. •Investors must submit the Repurchase/Redemption Request Form (RRF) to their Depository Participant (DP), which will process the request electronically through CDAS. •DPs must submit the prescribed redemption details to CDSL, ensure correct bank details, and comply with the mandatory Maker–Checker mechanism for online redemption/rematerialisation transactions. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CDSL/OPS/CA/GENRL/SGB/2026/588]

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MCX issued a circular regarding MCX Mock Trading Session – August 29, 2026

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 27, 2026, issued a circular regarding MCX Mock Trading Session – August 29, 2026. The following has been stated: - •MCX will conduct a mock trading session on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, preceded by a special session from 2:55 PM to 2:59 PM. •Separate Product IDs and Product Names for Call and Put Options will be available for testing. •Members using CTCL/ETI API 1.4.2 are advised to participate and test their trading applications, including from their Disaster Recovery site. •Mock trades will not attract any pay-in or pay-out obligations, and members must restore their systems to production state after the session. [Circular no. MCX/TECH/488/2026]

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SEBI issued a Consultation Paper – Exemption from Merchant Banker Appointment for Small-Value Debt

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 27, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper – Exemption from Merchant Banker Appointment for Small-Value Debt. The following has been stated: - •SEBI proposes exempting eligible listed issuers from mandatory merchant banker appointment for ■10,000 face-value debt securities/NCRPS issued through private placement. •The exemption would apply to issuers regulated by SEBI, RBI, IRDAI or PFRDA, listed for at least one year, with no pending SEBI/Stock Exchange penalties. •Issuers must have no specified defaults during the last three financial years and the current financial year, supported by an auditor's certificate; securities must be senior, secured and rated AA- or above. •Public comments are invited until September 17, 2026; the draft circular proposes immediate applicability upon issuance.

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MCX Acceptance of Registered Indian Refined Lead Brand

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX), on August 26, 2026, notified the empanelment of Leading Metalloys LLP as a registered Indian Refined Lead brand for delivery settlement under the Lead and Lead Mini Futures Contracts, effective from September 7, 2026. The empanelled refinery is located at B-12, RIICO Industrial Area, Karoli, Bhiwadi, District Alwar, Rajasthan – 301707, with the registered brand name "LEADING METALLOYS." The empanelment is refinery-specific for the particular producer. MCX will notify the names of other refiners qualifying for empanelment in accordance with the Principal Document for MCX Registered Indian Refined Lead Brands eligible for delivery on the Exchange. Members have been advised to take note of the empanelment. [Circular No. MCX/PMT/483/2026]

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CDSL issued a notification regarding the creation of a new security type in the CDSL System

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on August 24, 2026, issued a notification regarding the creation of a new security type in the CDSL System. The following has been stated: - •CDSL has created a new security type 41 – Rights Entitlement Preference Shares (REPRF) in its system. •Depository Participants (DPs) are advised to take note and incorporate necessary changes in their back-office systems, if applicable. •Harmonized Value: REPRF. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CDSL/OPS/DP/CAIPO/2026/578]

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MoCA issued a notification regarding Frequently Asked Questions on registration of Foreign Companies / Subsidiary of Foreign Body Corporate

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MoCA) on August 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding Frequently Asked Questions on registration of Foreign Companies / Subsidiary of Foreign Body Corporate. The following has been stated: - •Form FC-1 must be filed with the ROC within 30 days of establishing a place of business in India; subsequent projects/changes are generally reported through FC-2. •Foreign companies are required to file FC-3 (Annual Accounts) and FC-4 (Annual Return), with CSR provisions applicable where Section 135 eligibility criteria are met. •Registration requires prescribed corporate, regulatory, identity and address documents, with notarisation/apostille/consularisation requirements depending on the jurisdiction. •RBI/sectoral approvals are required where applicable; foreign companies must also comply with FEMA/FDI requirements, while an Indian subsidiary remains an Indian company even if wholly foreign-owned.

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NCCL issued a circular regarding revisions in timelines and booking charges of the Warehouse Space Reservation system

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 25, 2026, issued a circular regarding revisions in timelines and booking charges of the Warehouse Space Reservation system. The following has been stated: - •NCCL has informed members that NeRL has revised the booking duration and charges for warehouse space reservation (WSR) bookings. •The revised booking duration and charges will apply to WSR bookings made on or after September 01, 2026. •The changes are pursuant to NeRL Circular No. NERL/OPERATIONS-002/2026/012 dated August 24, 2026. Members and participants are advised to take note of the revised requirements. [Circular No.: NCCL/LOGISTICS-003/2026]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding the Due Date Rate for the MCXMETLDEX Futures Contract

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on August 25, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Due Date Rate for the MCXMETLDEX Futures Contract. The following has been stated: - •MCXCCL has notified the Due Date Rate (DDR) for the future Index contract MCXMETLDEX, which expired on August 24, 2026. •The DDR has been fixed at 24,798.00, with a base quantity of 1 Index Point. •Members and market participants are advised to take note of the notified rate. [Circular No.: MCXCCL/DDR/183/2026]

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NSE Discontinuation of Existing F&O Market Data Broadcast Parameters

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 25, 2026, reminded members using NNF to migrate to the new market data broadcast parameters for the Futures & Options (F&O) segment, introduced to accommodate the change in token-level cumulative volume data type from “Unsigned Integer” (4 bytes) to “LONG” (8 bytes). Members are required to complete the migration, or ensure readiness of their migration plan, before discontinuation of the existing parameters. The existing 5-depth, 1-second refresh market data broadcast parameters for NNF users will be discontinued from September 5, 2026 (mock) onwards. Members have been advised to review their market data broadcast configurations and implement the necessary changes within the stipulated timeline to ensure uninterrupted receipt of F&O market data broadcasts. [Circular Ref. No. 58/2026]

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MCX issued circular on Action taken report for observations reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 21, 2026, issued circular on Action taken report for observations reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons. MCX has prescribed timelines for trading members to take disciplinary action against Authorised Persons (APs) for non-compliances identified during AP inspections, in accordance with the indicative disciplinary actions specified in its earlier Circular dated November 06, 2025. Members must take the prescribed disciplinary action within 2 months from the end of the relevant quarter and submit the Action Taken Report (ATR) along with closure status of observations within 3 months from the quarter-end. For example, for the April–June quarter, AP inspection reports are to be submitted by July 31, disciplinary action by August 31, and the ATR by September 30. However, where the prescribed action is termination of the AP, disciplinary action must be taken within 7 days from receipt of the inspection report or identification of the non-compliance, whichever is applicable. The revised timelines will apply to AP Inspection Reports for the July–September 2026 quarter onwards. Detailed

operational guidelines for submission of ATRs will be communicated separately. [Circular no. MCX/COMP/480/2026]

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MCX issued circular on Procedure for deposit & storage of Cardamom at MCXCCL Accredited Warehouses

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 21, 2026, issued circular on Procedure for deposit & storage of Cardamom at MCXCCL Accredited Warehouses. Members / Participants who desire to deposit Cardamom at the MCXCCL Accredited Warehouses (MAW) for delivery on Exchange platform are advised to adhere to this circular. This circular supersedes the circular number MCXCCL/WO/247/2025 dated November 04, 2025 and includes all additional points as issued by MCXCCL from time to time. Detailed procedure on the subject is given below in annexure 1. [Circular No. MCX/MCXCCL/478/2026]

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NSE Streamlining EOD Information Dissemination Related to Bhavcopy Update

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 24, 2026, informed members that it will additionally disseminate the Bhavcopy report in .DAT format on the Extranet with effect from October 12, 2026. This follows earlier circulars dated June 18, 2026 and July 2, 2026 concerning streamlining of end-of-day (EOD) information dissemination related to Bhavcopy. For the Capital Market (CM) segment, the Bhavcopy file FCM_INTRM_BCDDMMYYYY.DAT will be made available through the specified Extranet path, in addition to its existing dissemination on the NSE website. Members will therefore have an additional channel for accessing the Bhavcopy data in .DAT format. Members should take note of the revised dissemination arrangement and make the necessary changes to their systems/processes, wherever required, before the effective date of October 12, 2026. This applies to Capital Market (Equities) Trade; Emerge; Member Service Department. [Circular No. NSE/MSD/75910]

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NSE issued circular on Bulk & Block Reporting update

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 21, 2026, issued circular on Bulk & Block Reporting update. NSE has updated the Bulk & Block Deals Reporting facility under Chapter 4.1 of Consolidated Circular NSE/CMTR/73927 dated April 28, 2026. Indicative bulk/block records will be made available to trading members on ENIT → Member Portal → ENIT-NEW-TRADE → Trade → Bulk/Block Reporting, on a best-effort basis within three hours after market close. Members must verify every record and submit any required correction on the same trading day through ENIT. Where the Exchange data matches the member's

records, no further disclosure is required. In case of discrepancies, members must submit modification requests within the prescribed 60-minute verification window; otherwise, the Exchange will consider the records verified and free from mismatch. The existing criteria for identifying bulk and block deals remain unchanged. NSE will compile the verified information and disseminate it publicly on its website by 9:00 PM on the same trading day. Members can continue to use the ENIT bulk-upload facility and may update or delete submitted disclosures multiple times until the reporting window closes. [Circular No. 115/2026]

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MCX issued UNSC Press-Release and Sanction List

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 20, 2026, issued the UNSC Press Release and Sanction List. The following has been stated: • The circular informs MCX members about amendments to the UNSC 1267(1999) Sanctions List concerning individuals and entities associated with ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated groups. The updates include amendments to four entries notified on August 13, 2026, and a further amendment of 21 entries notified on August 20, 2026. These sanctioned persons/entities are subject to measures such as asset/account freezing, travel restrictions and denial of financial services. • In accordance with Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) and the Central Government Order dated February 2, 2021, MCX members are required to follow the prescribed procedure for implementation of the sanctions. They shall screen all existing and future accounts to ensure that no account is held by or linked to any individual or entity appearing on the applicable UNSC Sanctions Lists, in line with Clause 54 of SEBI's AML/CFT Guidelines dated June 6, 2024. • The circular further requires that any request for delisting received by a regulated entity shall be forwarded electronically to the Joint Secretary (CTCR), Ministry of Home Affairs, with a copy to the Joint Secretary (UNP), Ministry of External Affairs. Persons or entities seeking removal from the relevant UNSC list may also apply to the UN-appointed independent Ombudsperson under the applicable delisting mechanism. • The circular specifically advises stock exchanges, depositories, KRAs and registered intermediaries to take note of the updated UNSC communications and the February 2, 2021, Central Government Order and ensure necessary compliance. MCX members are also advised to regularly monitor the SEBI website for further updates to the UNSC Sanctions List. [Notification no. - MCX/COMP/476/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the modification in Contract Launch Calendar for Aluminium, Copper and Zinc Futures Contracts

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 21, 2026, notified regarding the modification in the Contract Launch Calendar for Aluminium, Copper and Zinc Futures Contracts. MCX has modified the contract launch calendar and specifications for Aluminium Mini, Aluminium, Copper, Zinc Mini and Zinc Futures Contracts, with effect from September 1, 2026. The revised calendar provides the applicable contract expiry and far-dated expiry months for contracts launched from September 2026 onwards, extending up to 2028. The circular also sets out the applicable contract specifications, including trading units, maximum order sizes, tick sizes, price limits, margins, open position limits and delivery

provisions. Members are required to take note of the revised contract launch calendar and notify their respective clients/constituents of the changes. The revised specifications and launch calendars are binding on all MCX members and their clients. [Notification no. - MCX/TRD/479/2026]

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NCCL notified regarding the Final Settlement Price of Futures contracts expired on August 20, 2026

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 20, 2026, notified the Final Settlement Price of Futures contracts that expired on August 20, 2026. The exchange has notified the Final Settlement Prices for futures contracts that expired on August 20, 2026. The notified contracts cover commodities including Bajra, Barley, Castor Seed, Refined Castor Oil, Cottonseed Oil Cake, Coriander, Groundnut, Guargum, Guar Seed, Isabgol, Jeera, Maize, Pepper, Sesame Seed, Steel, Turmeric and Yellow Peas, with the final settlement prices specified in the notification based on the respective units of measurement. [Notification no. - NCCL/CLEARING-053/2026]

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SEBI notified regarding the sharing of information by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs) with entities regulated by International Financial Services Centres Authority

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 20, 2026, notified regarding the sharing of information by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs) with entities regulated by the International Financial Services Centres Authority. It has specified the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) under Regulation 16A(1) of the SEBI KRA Regulations, 2011, enabling IFSCA-regulated entities to access the systems of SEBI-registered KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs) for undertaking KYC of their clients. Such entities will be required to comply with the SEBI KRA Regulations and the applicable SEBI Master Circular on KYC norms dated October 12, 2023, as amended from time to time. In case of FPI clients, they must also comply with the data security guidelines prescribed under SEBI's Master Circular dated May 30, 2024. The circular aims to facilitate interoperability and information sharing between SEBI-registered KRAs and IFSCA-regulated entities and is effective immediately. [Notification no. - HO/38/15/(7)2026-MIRSD-POD/I/19255/2026]

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SEBI issued the Consultation paper on revision of Advertisement Code for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs)

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 21, 2026, issued the Consultation paper on revision of the Advertisement Code for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs). The following has been stated: • The proposal seeks to replace the existing Advertisement Code prescribed under Annexure XXI-C of Chapter XXI of the NCS Master Circular with a revised code specifically tailored to advertisements relating to products and services offered through OBPPs. • The revised code is proposed to operate in addition to the Common Advertisement Code applicable to specified SEBI-regulated entities, thereby introducing additional requirements for OBPP advertisements. • The objective is to ensure that advertisements disseminated by OBPPs are appropriately regulated and provide investors with relevant, fair and transparent information regarding fixed-income products and services. • Comments on the Consultation paper may be sent by September 11, 2026.

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NSE notified regarding the Action taken report for observations reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 21, 2026, notified regarding the Action taken report for observations reported in the inspection of Authorised Persons. NSE has prescribed timelines for trading members to take disciplinary action against Authorised Persons (APs) for non-compliances identified during AP inspections, with reference to Exchange Circular No. NSE/INSP/70751 dated October 10, 2025. Trading members are required to take the prescribed disciplinary action within 2 months from the end of the relevant quarter and submit the Action Taken Report (ATR), along with the status of closure of observations, within 3 months from the end of the quarter. For example, for the April–June quarter, disciplinary action shall be completed by August 31 and the ATR submitted by September 30. However, where termination of an AP is prescribed, the disciplinary action shall be taken within 7 days from receipt of the AP inspection report or identification of the non-compliance. The requirements will apply to AP inspection reports for the July–September 2026 quarter onwards, while operational guidelines for ATR submission will be issued separately. [Notification no. - NSE/COMP/75878]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Action Taken Report for Observations Reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding Action Taken Report for Observations Reported in Inspection of Authorised Persons. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange has reiterated the disciplinary timelines prescribed under Notice No. 20251010-71 dated October 10, 2025, for non-compliances identified during AP inspections. •Trading Members (TMs) must take disciplinary action within 2 months from the end of the quarter and submit the ATR with closure status within 3 months. •However, where termination is prescribed, action must be taken within 7 days of receipt of the inspection report/identification of non-compliance. •The revised requirements will apply to AP inspection reports for July–September 2026 quarter onwards. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

[Notification No.: 20260821-26]

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BSECL notified regarding the mock session for members of BSECL

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The BSE Clearing Limited (BSECL) on August 21, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Business Continuity for Clearing Corporations through Software as a Service (SaaS) Mode – mock session for members of BSECL. The following has been stated namely: - • BSE Clearing will conduct a mock session for testing Two-way SaaS Portability on Saturday, 22 August 2026. • Testing will be conducted on the BSECL@NCL SaaS instance, which will be invoked at approximately 11:00 AM. • All BSECL Clearing Members are required to participate and test the Two-way SaaS Portability functionality. • Once BSECL@NCL is invoked, members will not be able to log in to RTRMS. • Members must log in through BSECL@NCL via N-MASS, CIM and NCMS.exe, using their existing login credentials. [Notification No. 20260821-7]

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BSE Revised Go-Live Date for Market Data API in Equity Derivatives

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 20, 2026, revised the go-live date for the new MDI/EMDI API Version 1.4.5 in the Equity Derivatives Segment from August 24, 2026 to August 31, 2026. The corresponding mock trading date has also been revised to August 29, 2026. There is no change in the go-live schedule for NFCAST API Version 6.2, which remains scheduled for September 7, 2026, with mock trading on Sqeptember 5, 2026. EOBI Version 1.4 remains unchanged. The revised market data API versions are intended to facilitate the rollout of pre-open session modifications and dissemination of the closing reference price for stock futures between 3:15 PM and 3:20 PM. Trading Members and front-end trading application vendors are advised to complete necessary testing in the test environment for a smooth implementation. [Notice No. 20260820-14]

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MCXCCL Delivery & Invoices Settlement Schedule for September 2026 Expiry Contracts

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL), on August 20, 2026, issued the Delivery & Invoices Settlement Schedule for contracts expiring in September 2026. The circular prescribes timelines for pay-in/pay-out of funds and commodities, the mode of delivery settlement, and invoice settlement timelines. For post-payout activities, the Buyer Member must submit invoice-related details in ComRIS on the Payout Day. The Seller Member must upload the soft copy of the invoice and related documents by 2:00 PM on Payout +1 day, and the Buyer must confirm the same in ComRIS by 6:00 PM on

Payout +1 day. Where additional documents are required, the timelines are extended by 3 working days. Members are required to adhere to the settlement schedule in Annexures 1 and 2 and ensure that tax invoices and supporting documents are made available to buyers within the prescribed timelines. Delivery and invoicing queries may be addressed to MCXCCL, preferably mentioning the settlement number and commodity in the email subject. [MCX Circular No. MCX/MCXCCL/475/2026]

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NCDEX issued Commercial Availability of STWT Solution from Synapsewave Innovations Private Limited

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 20, 2026, issued Commercial Availability of STWT Solution from Synapsewave Innovations Private Limited. M/s. Synapsewave Innovations Private Limited, an empaneled vendor for the Computer to Computer Link (CTCL) Solution, has completed development of its new STWT Solution, which is now commercially available for deployment. The trading software details are: Segment: Trading; Product: ODIN WAVE; Version: 1.0.3.0; Strategy Name: NA; Vendor Code: 001. Exchange members interested in using the STWT solution may directly approach the empaneled vendor and avail the solution at their own discretion and responsibility. Members should contact Synapsewave Innovations Private Limited directly for queries regarding the solution, pricing/costing and other related details. [Circular No. NCDEX/TRADING-037/2026]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Business Continuity for Clearing Corporations through Software as a Service (SaaS) Mode – mock session for members of BSECL

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding Business Continuity for Clearing Corporations through Software as a Service (SaaS) Mode – mock session for members of BSECL. The following has been stated: - •BSE Clearing Limited (BSECL) has issued a notice scheduling a mandatory mock session for all clearing members on August 22, 2026, to test Two-way SaaS Portability on the SaaS instance BSECL@NCL. •The test session is set to be invoked at approximately 11:00 AM, with detailed session timings available in BSE circulars dated August 20, 2026. •Once the instance is invoked, members will be unable to log in through the RTRMS system and must instead access the BSECL@NCL instance via N-MASS, CIM, and NCMS.exe using their existing credentials. •Dedicated web links have been provided for cash deposits on CIM and for position and collateral allocation on NMASS. •For any queries or technical assistance during the mock session, members can reach out to the provided BSECL operational support email addresses. [Notification No.: 20260821-7]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment on August 22, 2026, to enable members to test trading applications and functionalities, including risk-reduction mode and trading halt, through ETI APIs. •The session will include log-in from 8:15 AM, pre-open from 9:00 AM, continuous trading from 9:15 AM to 12:00 PM, and trade modification until 12:10 PM, with a Block Deal Window from 11:45 AM to 12:00 PM. •No new BOLT TWS release will be issued for the session. •Mock trades will not attract margin, pay-in or pay-out obligations and will not create any rights or liabilities. •Participants are advised to actively participate for testing and familiarisation. [Notification No.: 20260820-33]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for Equity segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 22, 2026, for the Equity segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session from the PR site on Saturday, August 22, 2026, to test the modifications in the Pre-open Call Auction Session, along with other trading functionalities. •The session will cover login, block deal, pre-open, continuous trading, Special Pre-open for IPO/re-listed scrips, Call Auction and Closing Auction sessions, with trade modification from 12:20 PM. •Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems through ETI APIs can test the revised functionalities, including exceptional market conditions such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. •There will be no new BOLT TWS release, and mock trades will not attract margin, pay-in or pay-out obligations or create any rights and liabilities. •Members are encouraged to actively participate and provide feedback by 12:00 PM. [Notification No.: 20260820-29]

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NSE issued a circular regarding a mock session on the eOFS platform from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site for the capital market segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on August 21, 2026, issued a circular regarding a mock session on the eOFS platform from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site for the capital market segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock bidding session on the eOFS platform from its Disaster Recovery (DR) site on August 22, 2026, to test connectivity. •Members are not required to make any changes at their end and may use the existing URL for login. •Members are advised to actively participate and check connectivity, while any revised announcements will be published on the NSE website.

•Bids placed during the mock session will not create any obligation relating to funds or securities. [Circular No: 114/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading from the BCP/DR site on Saturday, August 22, 2026, in the Capital Market Segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on August 21, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading from the BCP/DR site on Saturday, August 22, 2026, in the Capital Market Segment. The following has been stated: - •NSE will conduct a mock trading session from its BCP/DR site on Saturday, August 22, 2026, followed by a live re-login from the Primary site between 18:30–19:00 to prevent login issues on August 24. •No changes are required in NEAT Adapter settings; members should retain the live-session settings of August 21, 2026. •During the mock, operations will shift from the Primary to DR site, outstanding orders will be purged, and Multicast TBT sequence numbers will restart from 1. •Members should follow the prescribed BCP/DR switchover and operational guidelines, including clearing outstanding orders in NNF systems. [Circular No: 116/2026]

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NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NCDEX Limited (NCDEX) on August 20, 2026, issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026. The following has been stated: - •NCDEX will conduct a mock trading session on Saturday, August 22, 2026, to test its trading application and related systems, covering Trading, NEXTRA, Web NCFE, Web Extranet and NOSS. •Trading for all commodities, except Mumbai Rainfall (RAINMUMBAI), will be from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM, while Mumbai Rainfall will trade until 4:00 PM, followed by a re-login session from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. •Production Web NCFE, Web Extranet, and NOSS will remain unavailable from 4:00 AM on 22 August to 12:00 AM on August 23, 2026, with dedicated mock portals available. •Client allocation, collateral segregation reporting, and production limit files will not be processed during the specified period. •Members may use the mock session to test third-party/in-house trading systems and download mock BOD/EOD files from the designated NCDEX locations. [Circular No. : NCDEX/TECHNOLOGY- 031/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding a mock bidding session for eIPO from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site in the Primary Market Segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on August 21, 2026, issued a circular regarding a mock bidding session for eIPO from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site in the Primary Market Segment. The following

has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock bidding session for eIPO from its Disaster Recovery (DR) site on August 22, 2026. •Members are not required to make any changes at their end and can use the existing eIPO URL for login and connectivity testing. •Members are advised to actively participate, with any revised announcements to be published on the NSE website. •Bids placed during the mock session will not create any obligation relating to funds or securities. [Circular No: 05/2026]

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NCCL issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 20, 2026, issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock on August 22, 2026. The following has been stated: - •NCCL will conduct a mock trading session on Saturday, August 22, 2026, to test the NCCL application covering Web NCFE, Web Extranet, RMS and NCMS/NCSS. •Trading will be conducted from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for all commodities except Mumbai Rainfall, which will continue until 2:00 PM, followed by a re-login session from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM. •Production Web NCFE and Web Extranet will remain unavailable from 4:00 AM on August 22, to 12:00 AM on August 23, 2026, with mock portals available for testing. •Client allocation, collateral segregation reporting and production limit files will not be processed during the specified period, and mock trades will not create any funds or commodity pay-in/pay-out obligations. •Members are advised to participate using all trading software, restore systems to production mode after testing and re-login to the live environment to verify connectivity before Monday, August 24, 2026. [Circular No.: NCCL/TECHNOLOGY-024/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding a mock trading session from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site for the Debt Segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on August 21, 2026, issued a circular regarding a mock trading session from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site for the Debt Segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session from its Disaster Recovery (DR) site on August 22, 2026. •No changes are required at members' end to connect to the Primary/DR site for the Order Matching, Negotiated Trade Reporting, TriParty Repo Market, EBP, CBRICS and RFQ platforms. •Members may use the same URLs as currently used for these platforms to participate in the mock session and test connectivity. [Circular No: 06/2026]

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NSE Mock Trading Session for Currency Derivatives Segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 21, 2026, informed all members that a mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives segment will be conducted from the Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recovery (BCP/DR) site on August 22, 2026. The mock session will be followed by a re-login session from the Primary site to avoid login-related issues on August 24, 2026. The mock trading session will be conducted from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with trade modification permitted until 5:30 PM. The Primary site re-login session will be held from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. No changes are required in the NEAT Adapter settings, and members should retain the live-session settings as of August 21, 2026. During the mock session, operations will shift from the Primary site to the DR site through a non-graceful shutdown, requiring members to take appropriate action to bring their systems into a consistent state. All outstanding orders will be purged before trading begins from the BCP site, and members using NNF software must clear outstanding Session-1 orders before BCP trading. For Multicast TBT, the sequence number will restart from '1' upon commencement of trading from the BCP site. Members are also advised that latencies for Colo Participants may differ on the DR/BCP day compared with a normal trading day. Detailed operational, participation and DR switchover instructions are provided in the three annexures. [Circular Ref. No. 30/2026]

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NSE Mock Trading Session for Commodity Derivatives Segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 21, 2026, informed all members that a mock trading session for the Commodity Derivatives segment will be conducted from the Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recovery (BCP/DR) site on August 22, 2026. The mock session will be followed by a re-login session from the Primary site to avoid login-related issues on August 24, 2026. The mock trading session will operate from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with trade modification permitted until 5:15 PM. The Primary site re-login session will be conducted from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Members are not required to make changes to their NEAT Adapter settings and should retain the live-session settings as of August 21, 2026. During the mock session, operations will shift from the Primary site to the DR site through a non-graceful shutdown, requiring members to take appropriate system-level action. All outstanding orders will be purged before trading begins from the BCP site, and members using NNF software must clear outstanding Session-1 orders before commencing BCP trading. Members should also note that for Multicast TBT, the sequence number will restart from '1' when trading begins from the BCP site. Detailed operational, participation and DR switchover instructions are provided in the three annexures. [Circular Ref. No. 52/2026]

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NSE Mock Trading Session for Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) Segment

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 21, 2026, informed members that a mock trading session for the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment will be conducted from the Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery (BCP/DR) site on August 22, 2026. The mock session will be followed by a re-login session from the Primary site to facilitate seamless login and operations on August 24, 2026. The mock trading session will commence with the pre-open session at 8:45 AM, followed by normal market

operations from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, including block deal and auction sessions. Members must retain their existing NEAT Adapter settings, as no changes are required for connecting to the Primary/DR sites. During the mock, operations will shift from the Primary site to the DR site through a non-graceful shutdown, requiring members to take necessary system-level actions. Outstanding orders will also be purged before trading begins from the BCP site. The live re-login session from the Primary site will be conducted from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM on August 22, 2026. Members are required to ensure their systems are brought into a consistent state following the DR switchover and clear outstanding Session-1 orders if using NNF software. Detailed operational, login, market-data, NEATPlus EG installation and DR switchover instructions are provided through the five annexures to the circular. [Circular Ref. No. 25/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding the Mock Trading Session on August 22, 2026

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 20, 2026, issued a circular regarding a Mock Trading Session on August 22, 2026. The following has been stated: - •MCX will conduct a mock trading session on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, preceded by a special session from 1:55 PM to 1:59 PM. •Separate Product IDs and Product Names for Call and Put Options will be available for testing. •Members using CTCL/ETI API are advised to actively participate and may also test their applications from the Disaster Recovery site using existing connectivity or SSL VPN. •Mock trades will not create any pay-in or pay-out obligations, and members must restore their systems to production state after the session. [Circular no.: MCX/TECH/477/2026]

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NSE Mock Trading Session for Securities Lending and Borrowing Market

Aug 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 21, 2026, informed all members that a mock trading session for the Securities Lending and Borrowing Market (SLBS) will be conducted from the Business Continuity Planning/Disaster Recovery (BCP/DR) site on August 22, 2026. The session is intended to test DR operations and will be followed by a re-login session from the Primary site to avoid login issues on August 24, 2026. The mock trading session will be conducted from 9:15 AM to 5:00 PM, followed by a Primary site re-login session from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. No changes are required in the NEAT Adapter settings, and members should retain the live-session settings as of August 21, 2026. During the mock session, the Exchange will shift operations from the Primary site to the DR site through a non-graceful shutdown, requiring members to take necessary action to bring their systems into a consistent state. Members should also note that all outstanding orders will be purged before trading begins from the BCP site. Members using NNF software are required to clear outstanding Session-1 orders before trading from the BCP site. Further operational instructions, participation prerequisites and DR switchover guidelines are provided in the three annexures to the circular. [Circular Ref. No. 25/2026]

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BSE issued the Clarification for order settlement of August 26, 2026 (Id-E-Milad) on BSE StAR MF Platform

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 19, 2026, issued the Clarification for order settlement of August 26, 2026 (Id-E-Milad) on BSE StAR MF Platform. It has informed market participants that August 26, 2026, is tentatively considered a banking holiday on account of Id-E-Milad. Subscription orders in Liquid, Debt and Equity schemes will continue to be accepted on the BSE StAR MF platform on that date. Subscription orders for Liquid, Overnight and Debt schemes received on August 26 will be reported to the respective RTA/AMC on the next working day, i.e. August 27, 2026, subject to receipt and confirmation of funds within the applicable cut-off time, with the applicable NAV determined accordingly. Subscription orders for Equity schemes will be reported to the respective AMC/Registrar after successful receipt and matching of funds. Redemption and switch orders for Equity, Liquid, Overnight and Debt schemes received on August 26 will be reported to the respective RTA/AMC on the same day. Redemption unit pay-in and pay-out will be processed on August 26, however, no redemption fund payout will be made on that date. Settlement of redemption funds will be carried out in accordance with the applicable scheme-category payout guidelines. Participants are advised to verify the relevant scheme category in the Scheme Master for determining the applicable processing and NAV/payment arrangements. [Notification no. - 20260819-23]

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NCCL notified regarding the Migration of File Upload Facility of Reporting of client collateral segregation data by clearing members from Member Extranet to Web NCFE

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 19, 2026, notified of the Migration of the File Upload Facility for Reporting of client collateral segregation data by clearing members from Member Extranet to Web NCFE. NCCL has partially modified Circular No. NCCL/INSPECTION-005/2026 dated April 28, 2026 on “Master Circular – Inspection” and informed Clearing Members that the facility for uploading client collateral segregation data is being migrated from Member Extranet to Web NCFE. Effective August 25, 2026, the file-upload facility for client collateral segregation data will no longer be available on Member Extranet, and Clearing Members must upload the files exclusively through Web NCFE. Members are required to log in using their existing NCFE credentials and navigate through Compliance → NCCL Compliance Module → Member File Upload. Under the specified upload process, members must select the module “COLLATERALUPLOAD” and upload the file using the prescribed nomenclature “PANOFCM_DDMMYYYY_Batch No.zip” (e.g., XXXXX0000X_18082026_01.zip). After uploading, members must verify the upload status. Where records fail, the Error File is to be downloaded, and the existing correction/re-upload process followed, with the batch number changed. The detailed navigation steps and screenshots are provided in Annexure-1. [Notification no. - NCCL/INSPECTION-008/2026]

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NSDL issued a circular regarding enhancements in the NSDL Depository System w.e.f. August 28, 2026

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on August 19, 2026, issued a circular regarding enhancements in the NSDL Depository System w.e.f. August 28, 2026. The following has been stated: - •NSDL has introduced enhancements to strengthen regulatory compliance and standardize the capture of details relating to regulatory/statutory orders for Freeze/Unfreeze instructions initiated through the NSDL eDPM System. •Participants will be required to capture the Regulatory Authority Details, Order Type and Order Date while freezing demat accounts, wherever applicable. Regulatory Authority Details must include the issuing official's name, address, phone number and email, with "Not available" specified where details are absent. •The corresponding ISO tags have been introduced in the Transaction Upload and COD formats under UDiFF Version 3.0.1.2. •The enhancements will be deployed in the production environment from EOD August 28, 2026, and Participants must make necessary system and operational arrangements. [Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0117]

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SEBI issued a notification regarding Digital Power of Attorney for FPI Onboarding

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding Digital Power of Attorney for FPI Onboarding. The following has been stated: - •SEBI has permitted Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to execute Power of Attorney (PoA) through digital signatures in accordance with the Information Technology Act, 2000. •The measure eliminates the need for notarisation, apostillisation and consularisation of PoA, thereby reducing onboarding time and documentation. •It forms part of SEBI's broader efforts to promote a digital, seamless and investor-friendly FPI onboarding process. •The provisions of the circular are effective from August 20, 2026. URL: https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2026/acceptance-of-digitally-signed-power-of-attorney-from-fpis_103824.htm [Notification No.: PR No.49/2026]

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IIBX issued circular on Go-Live of New Bullion Spot Trading and Clearing Platform

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Limited (IIBX) on August 18, 2026, issued circular on Go-Live of New Bullion Spot Trading and Clearing Platform. IIBX will launch its new Bullion Spot Trading and Clearing Platform on August 27, 2026, as part of its ongoing technology transformation aimed at making trading, clearing, and settlement more efficient. This follows an earlier circular (IIBX-TECH-2026-067, dated August 5, 2026) that had already flagged this transition. A key change is the shortening of Client Codes (UCCs) from a 19-character format to a 9-character format, with the first three characters now identifying the client type for easier categorization. The Exchange has shared a mapping of old Member and Client Codes to their new equivalents, so members can update their records accordingly before go-live. Additionally, Member Codes

and Client Codes will now be uniform across both the Spot and Futures trading systems, eliminating the need to track separate codes per segment and simplifying operations for members participating in multiple trading segments. [Circular no. IIBX-TECH-2026-073]

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NSE issued circular on Designating a Bank Account for collection of Exchange dues

Aug 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 18, 2026, issued circular on Designating a Bank Account for collection of Exchange dues. Every Broker Dealer is required to designate at least one bank account for the collection and/or transfer of all dues payable to the Exchange. The Broker Dealer must submit the prescribed Annexure 1 authorisation, duly acknowledged by the designated bank, authorising the bank to act on the Exchange's instructions for debiting the account. This acknowledgement must be submitted to the Exchange as confirmation of the designated account. The Broker Dealer must maintain sufficient funds in the designated account on the due date to ensure timely payment of Exchange dues. Any delay or shortfall may attract interest at the applicable rate. The designated account can be changed by informing the Exchange and submitting a fresh authorisation, and the authorisation must remain valid and effective at all times. This supersedes Circular NSEIFSC/REG/2249 dated August 8, 2025. [Circular No: 043/2026]

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CERSAI issued notification on Facility for Generation and Delivery of Security Interest related MIS Reports

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) on August 14, 2026, issued notification on Facility for Generation and Delivery of Security Interest related MIS Reports. This CERSAI circular introduces a new email-based delivery facility for Security Interest related MIS Reports, aimed at addressing operational issues that arise when generating large volumes of data. Currently, registered Entities can generate MIS Reports on Security Interest Charge Registration/Satisfaction for a maximum of one month at a time, with no cap on how many reports they can download in a day. However, several Entities had requested that this period be extended to three months, six months, or longer. CERSAI examined this request but found that generating reports over longer periods, or even one-month reports with a high volume of records, leads to heavy processing loads and can cause system time-outs. To address this without extending the report period itself, CERSAI has introduced an Email PDF/Email XLS option within its system. Under this facility, an Entity can request an MIS Report for up to one month, and the system will generate and send the report to the email address registered with CERSAI for that Entity/user, typically within one hour of the request (subject to system processing). To prevent overload, each Entity is limited to a maximum of 12 email-based report requests per day. Importantly, the existing direct-download facility remains unchanged and still has no daily limit on the number of reports generated. So, Entities needing data for periods longer than one month are advised to download reports month-wise using the existing facility and consolidate them internally as needed. The email option is meant to be used particularly when a report is expected to contain a large volume of records, where direct generation or downloading might otherwise be slow or fail. In essence, CERSAI is not extending the one-month reporting window, but is offering an

alternative delivery method (email) to make it easier and more reliable for Entities to obtain reports, especially bulky ones, while asking them to plan around the 12-requests-per-day cap.

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CERSAI Website Maintenance – Temporary Unavailability

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) on August 13, 2026, notified regarding the website Maintenance – Temporary Unavailability. The CERSAI website will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance during the following time slots: 08:00 PM to 10:00 PM on August 21, 2026; 09:00 PM to 11:00 PM on August 22, 2026; and 08:00 PM to 10:00 PM on August 23, 2026. Users are advised to plan their CERSAI-related activities accordingly and avoid accessing the website during these maintenance windows.

INDIA INX notified regarding the revision of expiry dates of certain Futures and Options contracts

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Exchange (IFSC) Ltd. (INDIA INX) on August 17, 2026, notified regarding the revision of expiry dates of certain Futures and Options contracts. The expiry dates of certain Futures and Options contracts have been revised in accordance with the underlying market. The GOLD Options expiry has been advanced from November 25, 2026 to November 24, 2026, while the expiry of GOLD Futures, SILVER Futures and COPPER Futures has been advanced from November 26, 2026 to November 25, 2026. The revised expiry dates will be incorporated in the Contract Master files dated August 18, 2026. [Notification no. -20260817-1]

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NCDEX issued settlement Holiday on August 26, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 17, 2026, issued settlement Holiday on August 26, 2026. Members and Market Participants may kindly note that August 26, 2026 has been declared a partial settlement holiday on account of Id-E-Milad. Transactions across all available schemes will remain permissible. Accordingly, the fund settlement for all such transactions will continue to be processed by the Clearing Corporation on the aforesaid date. However, owing to settlement holiday, the applicable NAV shall be determined in accordance with the respective scheme's holiday calendar and the NAV applicability rules of the concerned AMC. [Circular No. NCDEX/MUTUAL FUND- 009/2026]

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SEBI notified regarding the revision of Application Form for Mutual Fund Registration

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 17, 2026, notified the revision of the Application Form for Mutual Fund Registration. The following has been stated: • SEBI has revised and consolidated the existing application forms for Mutual Fund registration into a single Form A, following the overhaul of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026 and SEBI (Intermediaries) Regulations. Earlier, the registration process involved Form A for in-principle approval and Forms C and D for final registration. The revised Form A now covers both Stage I – in-principle approval and Stage II – final registration of the AMC. • The revised application requires extensive information regarding the sponsor's constitution, shareholding and Ultimate Beneficial Owners (UBOs), capital structure, net worth, financial statements and eligibility route. Two eligibility routes are provided under Regulation 5(a), including requirements relating to financial-services experience, positive net worth, profitability and, under Route 2, an AMC net worth of at least ■150 crore, experienced management personnel and a five-year lock-in for the relevant initial shareholding. • The form also requires details of the sponsor's business activities, regulated entities, management, associates/group companies, regulatory history, fit-and-proper status, customer grievance mechanisms, compliance systems, conflict-of-interest policy and insider/employee trading policy. Additional requirements apply where the sponsor is a Pooled Investment Vehicle or Private Equity fund, including prescribed experience and investment-related information. • For final AMC registration, the revised Form A requires information on the AMC's capital structure, shareholding, net worth, board and KMPs, internal controls, business plan, infrastructure, investor services, IT and cybersecurity framework, Business Continuity Plan (BCP), Disaster Recovery (DR), compliance process, conflict-of-interest and insider-trading policies. [Notification no. - HO/24/11/36(24)2026-IMD-RAC4/I/18849/2026]

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SEBI issued the study on Exit Behaviour of Anchor Investors in Mainboard IPO

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 13, 2026, issued the study on Exit Behaviour of Anchor Investors in Mainboard IPO. SEBI's study examines the exit behaviour of anchor investors in 242 mainboard IPOs listed between April 2022 and October 2025. FPIs constituted the largest share of anchor allotments at 43.8%, followed by mutual funds at 38.5%. The study found that anchor investors generally exit gradually after the lock-in periods, with aggregate exit increasing from 3.2% after 30 days to 8% by 60 days and 17.3% by 90 days. Smaller IPOs witnessed significantly higher exits than larger IPOs. FPIs were more active sellers than mutual funds, with FPI exits reaching around 20% by 90 days, compared with 15% for MFs. Higher anchor selling, particularly above 10%, was also associated with negative price movement around the 30-day unlock period. The extended analysis of 167 IPOs showed that exit continued well beyond the mandatory lock-in period, reaching approximately 51% after 365 days. By one year, FPIs had exited around 60% of their anchor allotment, whereas MFs had exited around 38%, indicating that FPIs are the dominant source of anchor-related selling pressure.

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SEBI issued an addendum to the NSEL Settlement Scheme 2025

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 17, 2026, issued an addendum to the NSEL Settlement Scheme 2025. The following has been stated: - •SEBI has modified the NSEL Settlement Scheme following amendments to the fit and proper person criteria effective April 16, 2026. •If a broker who availed the Scheme is subsequently convicted for NSEL-related violations after the settlement order, the settlement shall be revoked. •The amended provision replaces Para 3 of the Public Notice dated July 09, 2025, which shall be read together with this addendum.

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SHCIL e-Stamping Services Scheduled Maintenance

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) has announced that its e-Stamping services will be temporarily unavailable due to scheduled maintenance. The service downtime is scheduled from 17 August 2026, 8:30 PM to 18 August 2026, 1:00 AM. Users requiring e-Stamping services should accordingly plan their transactions outside this maintenance window. Impact: e-Stamping transactions/services through SHCIL may not be accessible during the stated period.

NeSL notified regarding the SHCIL e-Stamping Service Temporarily Unavailable on from August 17, 2026 to August 18, 2026, due to Maintenance

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) on August 14, 2026, notified regarding the SHCIL e-Stamping Service Temporarily Unavailable on from August 17, 2026 to August 18, 2026, due to Maintenance. Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) has informed that its e-Stamping service will remain unavailable in SHCIL states from August 17, 2026, 8:30 PM to August 18, 2026, 1:00 AM due to scheduled maintenance. Users are advised to plan their DDE transactions accordingly. However, DDE services through GRAS will continue to remain available in Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana and West Bengal during the maintenance period. [Notification No. - NeSL/DT- DDE/2026/116]

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BSE notified regarding the Intimation of Change of Name - BSE Clearing Limited (Formerly Indian Clearing Corporation Limited)

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 14, 2026, notified regarding the Intimation of Change of Name - BSE Clearing Limited (Formerly Indian Clearing Corporation Limited). Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL), the clearing corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of BSE Limited, has changed its name and brand identity to BSE Clearing Limited (BSECL) with effect from June 18, 2026. The rebranding is

intended to strengthen alignment with the BSE ecosystem, while all existing arrangements, services, contracts, memberships, regulatory registrations and business activities will continue without interruption. BSECL will continue providing clearing, settlement and risk-management services across equity, equity derivatives, currency derivatives, debt, commodities, Mutual Funds, EGR and SLB segments. Investors making fund transfers through Cheque or RTGS/NEFT (Virtual Account Code) are required to mention “BSE Clearing Limited” instead of “Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL)” and stakeholders are requested to update their records accordingly. [Notification no. - 20260814-35]

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MCX announces partition shift of OFCOPPER Product Effective August 17, 2026

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 13, 2026, announces partition shift of OFCOPPER Product Effective August 17, 2026. MCX has informed members that, to optimize system performance and manage data streams, it will shift the product “OFCOPPER” from its existing system partition to another partition. Members are required to make the necessary changes at their end, and the updated product movement details will be reflected in the Product Master File (Mcxscrip.bcp). The change will be effective from August 17, 2026. The corresponding stream changes will be reflected in the Stream Master available on MCX’s SFTP under /Common/Contract Master. There will be no changes to the MDI and ETI APIs. [Notification no. - MCX/TECH/463/2026]

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CERSAI issued CKYCRR 2.0 Training Programme for Reporting Entities

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) has announced a structured training programme for Reporting Entities (REs) to facilitate their transition from CKYCRR 1.0 to CKYCRR 2.0. The programme is intended for Nodal Officers, Institutional Admin Users, IT/integration teams, and KYC/compliance teams and covers the onboarding journey from testbed access through production activation and go-live. Training sessions are scheduled from August 12 to August 14, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM each day. Key areas include testbed activities, entity profile updates, KYC and billing management, user/sub-user management, network and security prerequisites, DSC/FVU utilities, selection of KYC transaction mode (Web/API/SFTP), the 6-step RE registration process, production access, go-live readiness and helpdesk support. REs have been advised to download and review the relevant CKYCRR 2.0 User Manual, DSC/FVU/SFTP utilities, CKYCRR certificates, file-format specifications and API integration document before attending. The sessions will be conducted through video conference, with joining details shared with registered Nodal Officers and Institutional Admins.

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NCDEX EASM of 2.5% Re-triggered on Turmeric Contracts

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), on August 14, 2026, announced the re-triggering of an Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric contracts based on the High-Low price variation criteria. The E-ASM will apply to all running contracts and yet-to-be-launched contracts in Turmeric and will remain applicable up to September 4, 2026. The trigger was recorded on August 14, 2026 based on the 10-day movement threshold of 15%. No E-ASM was triggered for the other commodities listed in the circular. All other applicable margins will continue to be levied as usual. The measure is issued pursuant to NCDEX's existing framework for Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-077/2026]

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NSE Volatility Scan Range for Commodity Derivatives Option Contracts

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NSE Clearing Limited (NCL), on August 14, 2026, issued a review of the Volatility Scan Range (VSR) applicable to option contracts in the Commodity Derivatives Segment for September 2026, pursuant to SEBI's framework on review of VSR for commodity derivatives option contracts. For September 2026, the applicable VSR is 5% for Copper, 5% for Gold, 6% for Silver, 5% for Zinc, 30% for Crude Oil and 6% for Natural Gas, including their respective variants. Members are required to take note of these revised/applicable ranges for the relevant contracts. The VSR will apply for the month of September 2026 and is prescribed with reference to the applicable regulatory framework and NCL's earlier circular dated July 15, 2026. [Circular Ref. No. 0294/2026]

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SEBI issued the Consultation Paper on review of Accredited Investor framework

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 13, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on the review of the Accredited Investor framework. The following has been stated: • SEBI has issued a Consultation Paper on the review of the Accredited Investor (AI) framework, to make the accreditation process more efficient and facilitate greater participation of sophisticated investors in the securities market. The review builds upon SEBI's earlier measures to simplify accreditation and the recommendations of the Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee (AIPAC). • The proposals primarily seek to strengthen and streamline the accreditation mechanism, including greater use of the KYC Registration Agency (KRA) ecosystem as accreditation agencies and enabling faster onboarding of Accredited Investors through initial due diligence by AIF managers. The proposed framework is intended to increase the number of accreditation agencies, improve competition and operational efficiency, and reduce delays in onboarding investors, while retaining safeguards such as formal accreditation before investor funds are accepted. • The last date to submit comments is September 03, 2026. [Notification no. - S.O.41]

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SEBI issued the Consultation Paper on Review of SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 14, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on Review of SEBI (Settlement Proceedings) Regulations, 2018. The following has been stated namely: - • SEBI is proposing a new settlement framework through the draft SEBI (Settlement of Proceedings) Regulations, 2026, replacing the existing 2018 regulations. • The objective is to simplify the settlement mechanism, reduce litigation, provide an alternative to prolonged enforcement proceedings, and make the process more transparent and easier to understand. • In cases where settlement was rejected/withdrawn and penalties were subsequently imposed, the proposed settlement amount was, on average, about 8 times the final penalty. • SEBI aims to bring this ratio down to approximately 4 times the eventual penalty, making settlement more reasonable while retaining sufficient deterrence against violations and fraud. • SEBI has been urged to make settlement more attractive, including through special/one-time settlement schemes, to encourage entities to resolve cases and reduce the backlog of pending proceedings. • Stakeholders and the public can submit comments on the draft Settlement Regulations, 2026 by September 04, 2026. The proposals remain subject to modification after public feedback and SEBI's internal review.

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SEBI issued a circular regarding modifications in the regulatory framework for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs), including measures for promoting ease of doing business

Aug 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 14, 2026, issued a circular regarding modifications in the regulatory framework for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs), including measures for promoting ease of doing business. The following has been stated: - •SEBI has modified the regulatory framework for Online Bond Platform Providers (OBPPs) to promote ease of doing business and expand permissible offerings. •OBPPs may now offer products/services regulated by IFSCA and bonds issued under Section 54EC of the Income Tax Act, 1961 / Section 85 of the Income-tax Act, 2025, subject to applicable conditions. •IFSCA-regulated products must comply with FEMA requirements, be clearly labelled as international/overseas instruments, and follow specified grievance-redressal arrangements. •OBPPs offering 54EC bonds must provide prescribed disclosures regarding issuers, lock-in, investment limits, tax benefits and other features, along with a disclaimer on SEBI’s grievance jurisdiction. •The Compliance Officer requirement is revised to align with the SEBI (Stock Brokers) Regulations, 2026 and NISM-Series-III-A certification requirements; the changes take immediate effect. [Circular No.: HO/17/11/(2)2026-DDHS-POD1/I/18769/2026]

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CERSAI issued a notification regarding the facility for Generation and Delivery of Security Interest-related MIS Reports

Aug 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) on August 14, 2026, issued a notification regarding a facility for the generation and Delivery of Security Interest-related MIS Reports. The following has been stated: - •CERSAI has introduced an email-based facility for MIS Reports relating to Security Interest Charge Registration/Satisfaction to address processing delays and system time-outs. •Registered Entities can request reports for a maximum one-month period through the Email PDF/Email XLS option, with delivery to the registered email address generally within one hour. •A maximum of 12 email-based MIS Report requests per Entity per day is permitted. The existing download facility for one-month reports will continue without any daily limit. •For reports covering longer periods, Entities may download reports month-wise and consolidate them for internal requirements. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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IBBI issued a Discussion Paper - Guidance to Insolvency Professionals for Due Diligence to Identify Fraudulent or Malicious Initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process, and Recourse under Sections 60(5) and 65 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Aug 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on August 14, 2026, issued a Discussion Paper - Guidance to Insolvency Professionals for Due Diligence to Identify Fraudulent or Malicious Initiation of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process, and Recourse under Sections 60(5) and 65 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. The following has been stated: - •The IBBI proposes to strengthen the integrity of the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) by addressing its fraudulent or malicious initiation under Section 65 of the IBC. •Insolvency Professionals (IPs) have a non-delegable duty to identify and report indicators of such misuse, based on their statutory responsibilities and professional conduct requirements. •The Board has observed inconsistent examination and escalation of such cases, potentially delaying action under Section 65. •Accordingly, IBBI proposes a circular consolidating existing provisions and providing an illustrative list of indicators and available remedies under Sections 60(5) and 65. •Stakeholders are invited to submit comments on the draft circular electronically by August 24, 2026. The detailed circular is given in the document below.

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NSE issued a circular regarding the introduction of Shorter Tenure in the SLB Scheme - “R3” Series

Aug 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 14, 2026, issued a circular regarding the introduction of Shorter Tenure in the SLB Scheme - “R3” Series. The following has been stated: - •NSE Clearing Limited is

introducing shorter-tenure Securities Lending and Borrowing (SLB) contracts under the “R3” series, available daily. •Under R3 contracts, the first leg will settle on T+1, while the reverse leg will settle on T+3, excluding settlement holidays. •The contracts will be available only for stocks eligible for trading in the Equity Derivatives Segment and will not be foreclosed due to AGM/EGM. •Repay, Recall and Rollover facilities will not be applicable to these shorter-tenure contracts, while other SLB provisions will remain unchanged. •The R3 series will be available from Transaction Day, August 17, 2026, with the August 14 security file including the additional series. [Circular No: 084/2026]

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BSE “@valid” UPI IDs Mandatory for Investment Advisers

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 13, 2026, issued a clarification regarding implementation of “@valid” UPI IDs for investor-facing bank accounts maintained by Investment Advisers, pursuant to SEBI’s communication dated August 7, 2026. All Investment Advisers are required to link their investor-facing bank accounts through which investor funds are received with a “@valid” UPI ID, enabling verification of such accounts through SEBI Check. Investment Advisers are required to apply for the “@valid” UPI handle through the BSE portal and, after generation of the UTN, approach their respective banks to complete the necessary documentation/process. The requirement applies to all existing investor-facing bank accounts, while any new investor-facing bank account opened after the circular must also be mandatorily linked with a “@valid” UPI ID. The compliance deadline is October 6, 2026, being T+60 days from August 7, 2026. Investment Advisers are therefore required to complete the process within the prescribed timeline to ensure that their investor-facing accounts remain verifiable through SEBI Check. [Notice No. 20260813-2]

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BSE “@valid” UPI IDs Mandatory for Research Analysts

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 13, 2026, issued a clarification regarding the implementation of “@valid” UPI IDs for investor-facing bank accounts maintained by Research Analysts, pursuant to SEBI’s communication dated August 7, 2026. All Research Analysts are required to ensure that investor-facing bank accounts through which funds are received from individual/non-institutional investors are linked with a “@valid” UPI ID, enabling verification through SEBI Check. Research Analysts are required to apply for a “@valid” UPI handle through the BSE portal and, upon generation of the UTN, approach their respective banks to complete the required documentation/process. Any new investor-facing bank account opened after issuance of the notice must also be mandatorily linked with a “@valid” UPI ID. The prescribed compliance timeline is October 6, 2026, being T+60 days from August 7, 2026. Research Analysts should therefore complete the process within the stipulated period to ensure that their investor-facing accounts remain verifiable through SEBI Check. [Notice No. 20260813-3]

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MCX issued a circular regarding guidelines in pursuance of the amendment to the SEBI KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency (KRA) Regulations, 2011

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding guidelines in pursuance of the amendment to the SEBI KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency (KRA) Regulations, 2011. The following has been stated: - •MCX has directed Trading Members to ensure that clients' KYC details are uploaded with KRAs and only clients with "KYC Registered" or "KYC Validated" status are permitted to trade. •Clients whose KYC remains "On Hold" for details uploaded between July 1–31, 2026, will be barred from trading or squaring off open positions from August 31, 2026 until validation. •Subsequently validated PANs will be permitted to trade from T+1 after confirmation from the KRA. Members must also monitor open positions of non-validated clients and ensure compliance. [Circular no.: MCX/S&I/464/2026]

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IIBX issued a circular regarding a request for Creation of Dealer and Client Trading Terminal Login – iMINT Prime Trading Application

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Limited (IIBX) on August 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding a request for Creation of Dealer and Client Trading Terminal Login – iMINT Prime Trading Application. The following has been stated: - •IIBX will provide Members with Trading Terminals for Dealers and Clients under the new SPOT Trading Application; Dealer Terminals can serve multiple clients, while Client Terminals are mapped to a specific Client Code. •Members must submit requests for creation, modification or deactivation of terminals through the prescribed process and ensure that only authorised users access them. •Members are responsible for safeguarding credentials, promptly reporting changes or unauthorised access, and ensuring compliance with IIBX requirements; the process will take effect from the Go-Live of the new SPOT Trading Platform. [Circular No.:IIBX-TRD-2026-072]

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NCDEX issued circular on KYC Validation Status of Clients – Trading Restrictions w.e.f. August 31, 2026 & Guidelines for Reporting Demise of Investors through KRAs

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 13, 2026, issued circular on KYC Validation Status of Clients – Trading Restrictions w.e.f. August 31, 2026 & Guidelines for Reporting Demise of Investors through KRAs. This is with reference to SEBI circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/FATF/P/CIR/2023/0144 dated August 11, 2023, NCDEX circular NCDEX/COMPLIANCE-086/2023 dated August 14, 2023, and the latest monthly Exchange circular NCDEX/MEMBERSHIP-027/2026 dated July 14, 2026 on "Simplification of KYC process and rationalisation of Risk Management Framework at KRAs" and related SEBI KYC Registration Agency (KRA) Regulations, 2011 guidelines. Clients whose KYC remains "On Hold" and unvalidated by KRAs (whether AADHAAR or

Non-AADHAAR based OVD, uploaded between July 01, 2026 and July 31, 2026) will not be permitted to trade on the Exchange, nor will they be able to square off open positions, w.e.f. August 31, 2026, until the KYC requirement is complied with. Such open positions, if unresolved, will lapse naturally on the contract's expiry date. Once a PAN becomes KRA compliant, trading will be permitted on a T+1 basis, based on information received from the KRA on T day. The list of non-validated clients is available via WEB Extranet – Download Files – Reports – Dnld. Separately, as per SEBI circular SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/0000000163 dated October 03, 2023, on the centralized mechanism for reporting an investor's demise through KRAs, all SEBI-registered Regulated Entities are required to block debit transactions in such accounts, suspend all transactions in the trading account, and inactivate/close the UCC across all Stock Exchanges. [Circular No. NCDEX/MEMBERSHIP-033/2026]

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NCCL revises the Volatility Scan Range for Guar Gum Refined Splits Options from September 1, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 14, 2026, revises the Volatility Scan Range for Guar Gum Refined Splits Options from September 1, 2026. NCCL, with reference to the SEBI Master Circular for the Commodity Derivatives Segment and its earlier Risk Management and VSR-related circulars, has reviewed the Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for options contracts in the commodity derivatives segment for September 2026. The VSR for Guar Gum Refined Splits (GUARGUM5) has been revised to 8%, while there is no change for the other commodities. Accordingly, the VSR is 10% for Coriander (DHANIYA), 8% for Guar Gum Refined Splits (GUARGUM5), 7% for Guar Seed (GUARSEED10), 7% for Jeera (JEERAUNJHA), and 9% for Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM). The revised VSR will be effective from the beginning of the trading day on September 01, 2026. [Notification no. - NCCL/RISK-044/2026]

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NCCL issued Settlement holidays for the Calendar year 2026 for “NCDEX Nidhi”

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 14, 2026, issued Settlement holidays for the Calendar year 2026 for “NCDEX Nidhi”. NCCL has notified the settlement holidays for the "NCDEX Nidhi" Mutual Fund Transaction Platform for calendar year 2026. The following seven dates have been declared settlement holidays: Id-E-Milad (26-Aug-26, Wednesday), Ganesh Chaturthi (14-Sep-26, Monday), Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti (02-Oct-26, Friday), Dussera (20-Oct-26, Tuesday), Diwali/Bali Pratipada (10-Nov-26, Tuesday), Gurunanak Jayanti (24-Nov-26, Tuesday), and Christmas (25-Dec-26, Friday). Additionally, two holidays fall on weekends: Independence Day/Parsi New Year (15-Aug-26, Saturday) and Diwali/Laxmi Pujan (08-Nov-26, Sunday). It is specifically clarified that on account of the Id-E-Milad settlement holiday, fund settlement for all transactions will be carried out on 26th August 2026; however, the applicable NAV will be determined as per the respective scheme's holiday calendar and NAV applicability rules of the concerned AMC. [Circular No. NCCL/MUTUALFUND-002/2026]

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NCDEX HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF NFO Available on NCDEX Nidhi Platform

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), on August 12, 2026, informed trading and clearing members that the HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF New Fund Offer (NFO) of HDFC Mutual Fund will be available on the NCDEX Nidhi Platform with effect from August 13, 2026. The scheme will be available on the platform for subscriptions, redemptions, SIP, STP and SWP facilities. Two schemes have been listed: HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF – Regular Growth (ISIN: INF179KC1KR8) and HDFC Nifty Metal ETF FOF – Direct Growth (ISIN: INF179KC1KS6), both categorised as Equity. The circular is applicable to all trading and clearing members and market participants using the NCDEX Nidhi Platform. [Circular No. NCDEX/MUTUAL FUND-007/2026]

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SEBI notified regarding the Framework for Calculation of Net Distributable Cash Flows for InvITs

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 14, 2026, notified the Framework for Calculation of Net Distributable Cash Flows for InvITs. The following has been stated: • SEBI has amended Section F (Para 3.19) of Chapter 3 of the Master Circular for Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) dated July 11, 2025, based on industry representations, recommendations of the Hybrid Securities Advisory Committee (HySAC) and public consultation, to permit payments towards major maintenance expenses for road projects funded through external debt to be added back while computing Net Distributable Cash Flow (NDCF). The change applies both at the HoldCo/SPV level and Trust level. Such major maintenance expenditure shall relate to a road project under the “Roads and bridges” infrastructure sub-sector and shall be non-routine maintenance undertaken in accordance with the concession agreement. • The add-back is subject to strict conditions, including prior unitholder approval, with at least 60% of votes cast in favour, for each project for which borrowing is proposed. The explanatory statement to the unitholder meeting shall disclose the projects/SPVs/HoldCos involved, categories and estimates of major maintenance expenditure, impact on the InvIT's future growth and leverage capacity, present and future impact on distributions, and alternative funding sources if debt is unavailable. Approval may be obtained on a one-time basis for the project lifecycle or for specific maintenance expenditure, while any deviation requiring additional debt will require fresh approval. • Further, a statutory auditor's certificate is required to confirm that the expenditure qualifies as major maintenance under the concession agreement and that the payments were funded through external borrowings. The InvIT shall also disclose the borrowing undertaken for major maintenance separately in its Net Borrowing Ratio, financial results and periodic reports, along with project-wise/SPV-wise/HoldCo-wise outstanding debt for such expenditure. Debt maturity profiles shall also specifically identify borrowings raised for major maintenance. The amendment is effective immediately. [Notification No. - HO/17/11/17(5)2026-DDHS-POD2/I/18791/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding discontinuation of the Separate Window for Open Market Buybacks

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on August 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding discontinuation of the Separate Window for Open Market Buybacks. The following has been stated: - •NSE has discontinued the separate window for open market buybacks effective August 01, 2026, pursuant to the amended SEBI Buy-Back Regulations. •Members undertaking buybacks must use the normal Unique Client Code (UCC) for order entry. •UCCs beginning with “BUYBACK*” or “BUYBACK”** must not be used for buyback order entry. •The change follows SEBI’s amended Buy-Back of Securities Regulations, 2018, dated July 06, 2026. [Circular No: 112/2026]

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NSE issued circular on Discontinuation of the Separate Window for Open Market Buybacks

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 13, 2026, issued circular on Discontinuation of the Separate Window for Open Market Buybacks. This refers to Chapter 4.9 (Open Market Buy Back) under Exchange circular NSE/CMTR/73927 dated April 28, 2026, read with SEBI (Buy-Back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 (amended July 6, 2026), enclosed as Annexure. Pursuant to these SEBI Regulations, the separate open market buyback window will be discontinued with effect from August 01, 2026. Members undertaking buyback transactions must now use the normal Unique Client Code (UCC) for order entry. It is specifically advised that UCCs beginning with "BUYBACK***" or simply "BUYBACK" should not be used for buyback order entry going forward. [Circular No: 112/2026]

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Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on August 12, 2026, issued the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2026 to further amend the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015. The following amendments have been stated: In the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015, in the “Annexure”, under the heading “B. Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS)”, — (A) in “Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 101”; — (i) after paragraph 39AI, the following paragraphs shall be inserted, namely:— “39AJ [Refer Appendix 1] 39AK Annual Improvements to Ind AS (2024), amended paragraphs B5–B6. An entity shall apply those amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2026.” (ii) in Appendix B, for paragraphs B5 and B6, the following paragraphs shall be substituted, namely:— “B5 An entity shall not reflect in its opening Ind AS Balance Sheet a hedging relationship of a type that does not qualify for hedge accounting in accordance with Ind AS 109 (for example, many hedging relationships where the hedging instrument is a stand-alone written option or a net written option; or where the hedged item is a net position in a cash flow hedge for another risk than foreign currency risk) [see paragraph 6.4.1(a)

of Ind AS 109]. However, if an entity designated a net position as a hedged item in accordance with previous GAAP, it may designate as a hedged item in accordance with Ind ASs an individual item within that net position, or a net position if that meets the requirements in paragraph 6.6.1 of Ind AS 109, provided that it does so no later than the date of transition to Ind ASs. B6 If, before the date of transition to Ind ASs, an entity had designated a transaction as a hedge but the hedge does not meet the qualifying criteria for hedge accounting in paragraph 6.4.1(b)–(c) of Ind AS 109, the entity shall apply paragraphs 6.5.6 and 6.5.7 of Ind AS 109 to discontinue hedge accounting. Transactions entered into before the date of transition to Ind ASs shall not be retrospectively designated as hedges."; (iii) in Appendix 1, for paragraph 14, the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely:— "14. Paragraphs 34 to 39W, 39Y to 39AB and 39AD of IFRS 1 have not been included in Ind AS 101 as these paragraphs relate to effective date and are not relevant in Indian context. Paragraph 39AJ of IFRS 1 has not been included since it relates to amendments due to issuance of IFRS 18, Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements, for which corresponding Ind AS is under formulation. However, in order to maintain consistency with paragraph numbers of IFRS 1, these paragraph numbers have been retained in Ind AS 101.". (B) in "Indian Accounting Standard (Ind AS) 107"; — (i) after paragraph 5A, the following paragraphs shall be inserted, namely:— "5B Paragraph 30A applies only to contracts to buy nature-dependent electricity that satisfy the requirements in paragraph 2.3A of Ind AS 109 and are outside the scope of that Standard in accordance with paragraphs B2.7–B2.8 of Ind AS 109. 5C Paragraph 30B applies only to contracts that satisfy the requirements in paragraph 2.3A of Ind AS 109 and have been designated in a cash flow hedging relationship in accordance with paragraph 6.10.1 of Ind AS 109. 5D Paragraph 30C applies only to contracts that satisfy the requirements in paragraph 2.3A of Ind AS 109 and have been entered into with regards to an entity's electricity purchases. These contracts comprise those: (a) within the scope of Ind AS 109; and (b) outside the scope of Ind AS 109 in accordance with paragraph 2.4 of that Standard, including those excluded in accordance with paragraphs B2.7–B2.8 of that Standard."; (ii) in paragraph 11A ;— (a) for the words "it shall disclose", the words "it shall disclose, for each class of investment" shall be substituted; (b) for item 'c' and entries relating thereto, the following item and entries shall be substituted, namely ;— "(c) the fair value at the end of the reporting period." (c) after item (e) and entries relating thereto, the following item and entries shall be inserted, namely ;— "(f) the fair value gain or loss presented in other comprehensive income during the period, showing separately the fair value gain or loss related to investments derecognised during the reporting period and the fair value gain or loss related to investments held at the end of the reporting period."; They shall come into force on August 12, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 725(E)]

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CDSL issued the clarification regarding the implementation of "@valid" UPI Ids for all investor-facing collection bank accounts

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The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on August 10, 2026, issued the clarification regarding the implementation of "@valid" UPI IDs for all investor-facing collection bank accounts. SEBI has clarified the implementation of standardised and validated "@valid" UPI IDs mandated for SEBI-registered intermediaries to enable investors to verify payment credentials through the SEBI Check facility. All bank accounts through which intermediaries receive funds, fees or any other monies from individual/non-institutional investors, where such accounts are directly accessible to investors for making payments, are required to be linked with a "@valid" UPI ID and made verifiable through SEBI Check. Accordingly, all Depository Participants (DPs) are advised to take necessary steps to ensure compliance with

the prescribed requirements within the timelines specified by SEBI. [Notification No. - CDSL/ADM/DP/GENRL/2026/543]

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MCX notified regarding the Acceptance of MCX Registered Indian Refined Lead Brands under the Lead and Lead Mini futures contracts

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 11, 2026, notified regarding the Acceptance of MCX Registered Indian Refined Lead Brands under the Lead and Lead Mini futures contracts. It has empanelled Aadishakti Green Recycling Pvt. Ltd. as a registered producer of Refined Lead for delivery settlement of Lead and Lead Mini Futures Contracts, effective August 24, 2026. The empanelled brand is “AADISHAKTI”, manufactured at its plant located at Survey No. 225-226, Revenue Circle, Near Mokha Toll, Mundra, Kundrodi, Kachchh, Gujarat – 370410. MCX will notify the names of refiners that qualify for empanelment in accordance with the Principal Document for MCX Registered Indian Refined Lead Brands to be Delivered on the Exchange. The empanelment is refinery-specific for each empanelled producer, meaning the approval applies specifically to the registered refinery/plant of the producer. [Notification No. - MCX/PMT/460/2026]

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BSE notified regarding the online submission of Preferred GST Registration Certificate through IEFS

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 12, 2026, notified regarding the online submission of Preferred GST Registration Certificate through IEFS. It has informed members that the facility for online submission of the Preferred GST Registration Certificate is now available through its Electronic Filing System (IEFS). Members are advised to use the IEFS platform for submitting their Preferred GST Registration Certificate requests. Members should review the User Manual carefully before making the submission to understand the navigation and filing process on the IEFS platform. [Notification No. - 20260812-6]

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NCCL notified regarding the Migration of File Upload Facility (Collateral Allocation, Non-Cash Limit and Margin Adjustment Files) from Member Extranet to Web NCFE

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 11, 2026, notified of the Migration of the File Upload Facility (Collateral Allocation, Non-Cash Limit, and Margin Adjustment Files) from Member Extranet to Web NCFE. The following has been stated: • It has partially modified its Master Circulars on Collateral Formats and Clearing & Settlement dated April 13, 2026, and informed members that the facility for

uploading certain collateral and margin-related files is being migrated from Member Extranet to Web NCFE. • The following files will henceforth be uploaded through Web NCFE: Collateral Details for Allocation File (CMTMCLCollateral_Details), Non-Cash Limit Details File (CMTMCLNCASHLMT_Details), and Margin Adjustment File (MARGIN_ADJUSTMENT). To facilitate a smooth transition, a parallel run will be available from August 17, 2026 to August 28, 2026, during which members may upload files via either Web NCFE or the Member Extranet. The response/status file will be available on the same portal through which the file was uploaded. • With effect from August 31, 2026, the migration will be completed, and the upload facility on Member Extranet will be discontinued. Members will thereafter be required to upload these files exclusively through Web NCFE. The upload process involves navigating to Compliance → NCCL Compliance Module → Member File Upload, selecting the relevant module/file, uploading the file, and viewing the response status through the “Response file download” field. [Notification No. - NCCL/CLEARING-051/2026]

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NCDEX Re-triggers 2.5% Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric Contracts till September 2, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 12, 2026, Re-triggers 2.5% Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric Contracts till September 2, 2026. This NCDEX circular provides an update on Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM), a mechanism the exchange has been applying to select commodity contracts since 2019 under a series of surveillance-related circulars, to curb excessive price volatility. Under this framework, E-ASM is triggered when a commodity's price shows a High-Low variation — calculated as [(High-Low)/Low x 100] — exceeding specified thresholds over 5-day and 10-day windows (10% and 15% respectively, per the table). Once triggered, an additional margin is imposed on all running and upcoming contracts in that commodity to discourage speculative activity and contain volatility. As per this circular, Turmeric has re-triggered the E-ASM threshold, with both the 5-day (10%) and 10-day (15%) price movement triggers activating on August 12, 2026. Consequently, a 2.5% Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin will apply to all running and yet-to-be-launched Turmeric contracts until September 2, 2026. Among the other commodities tracked under this surveillance framework — Barley, Castor Seed, Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, and Jeera (including Jeera Mini) — none have triggered the E-ASM condition currently, as reflected by "NA" entries across their respective columns. Turmeric is thus the only commodity currently subject to this additional margin requirement under the circular. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-076/2026]

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SEBI issued the Amendment to SEBI (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) Regulations, 2015

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 11, 2026, issued the Amendment to SEBI (Issue and Listing of Municipal Debt Securities) Regulations, 2015. The following has been amended, namely: • The amendment provides operational changes for municipal debt securities. For privately placed

municipal debt securities, the face value of each security may be ■1 lakh or ■10,000, as deemed appropriate. Securities issued with a ■10,000 face value shall have a fixed maturity and no structured obligations, and the trading lot on the stock exchange shall always be equal to the face value. These face-value requirements apply only to private placements and not public issues. • For cases where the issuer is a pooled finance vehicle/SPV established under the Government of India's Pooled Finance Development Fund Scheme, a two-step escrow mechanism is prescribed. Constituent municipalities shall maintain the required accounts, while the SPV/pooled finance vehicle shall maintain separate Interest Payment Account and Sinking Fund Account, receiving funds from the corresponding municipal accounts. The SPV shall maintain an amount equivalent to one year's interest obligation in its Interest Payment Account throughout the tenure of the municipal debt securities. • SEBI has also relaxed the timelines for submission of financial results by listed municipalities to address practical difficulties in data collection and inter-departmental coordination. The deadline for submitting half-yearly unaudited financial results has been extended from 45 days to 60 days from the end of the first half-year, while annual audited financial results shall now be submitted within 90 days instead of 60 days from the end of the financial year, along with the audit report. [Notification No. - HO/17/11/24(1)2026-DDHS-POD1/I/18526/2026]

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BSE issued a notification regarding a revision in Transaction Charges in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) Segment

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 12, 2026, issued a notification regarding revision in Transaction Charges in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) Segment. The following has been stated: - •No transaction charges will be levied in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) Segment until further notice to encourage active participation. •The waiver is effective immediately. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 20260812-16]

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BSE Mandatory “@valid” UPI IDs for Investor-Facing Bank Accounts

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 11, 2026, issued a clarification regarding implementation of “@valid” UPI IDs for investor-facing bank accounts of Trading Members, pursuant to SEBI’s framework on Standardised, Validated and Exclusive UPI IDs for payment collection by SEBI-registered intermediaries. Trading Members must ensure that all investor-facing bank accounts (upstreaming accounts) through which funds are received from individual/non-institutional investors are linked with a “@valid” UPI ID and are verifiable through SEBI Check. Trading Members are required to apply for a “@valid” UPI handle through the BSE portal and thereafter approach their respective banks for completing the documentation/process for obtaining the handle. Members registered with multiple stock exchanges need to submit the request through only one Exchange. The requirement also applies to any new investor-facing bank account opened after issuance of the notice. Compliance with the requirement for existing investor-facing bank accounts must be completed within T+30 days, where T = August 7, 2026, making the compliance deadline September 6, 2026. [Notice No. 20260811-31]

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IIBX issued a circular regarding API Document for New Trading & Clearing Platform

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) on August 12, 2026, issued a circular regarding the API Document for the New Trading & Clearing Platform. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange is introducing a new Bullion SPOT Trading and Clearing Platform with revised APIs for CTCL/Algo software. •Members are required to upgrade and integrate their systems with the new APIs in coordination with their CTCL/ISV vendors and complete necessary testing. •API connectivity will be available exclusively through the Exchange-provided VPN, for which members must obtain the required credentials and connectivity details. •The APIs will apply upon the Go-Live of the new IIBX SPOT Trading and Clearing Platform, tentatively scheduled for August 27, 2026. •Members are advised to ensure system, network, and operational readiness for a smooth transition. [Circular No. IIBX-TECH-2026-070]

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MCX issued Implementation of "@valid" UPI IDs for Investor-Facing Bank Accounts by SEBI Registered Intermediaries

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 11, 2026, issued Implementation of "@valid" UPI IDs for Investor-Facing Bank Accounts by SEBI Registered Intermediaries. Following up on SEBI's June 11, 2025 circular on adopting Standardised, Validated and Exclusive UPI IDs for payment collection by registered intermediaries, SEBI issued a clarification on August 07, 2026 regarding implementation of "@valid" UPI IDs for investor-facing bank accounts maintained by Members (enclosed as Annexure-2, with FAQs as Annexure-3). All investor-facing/upstreaming bank accounts receiving funds from individual or non-institutional investors must now be linked to a "@valid" UPI ID, making them verifiable through SEBI Check. Members must apply for a "@valid" UPI handle via the MCX portal (Membership Tab → UPI ID Request handle → Request new UPI IDs → Add New UPI ID), and those registered with multiple exchanges should apply through only one exchange. After submitting the request, Members must separately complete documentation with their respective banks to finalize the UPI handle. Full compliance is required within T+30 days from August 07, 2026 — i.e., by September 06, 2026. [Circular No. MCX/MEM/461/2026]

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NCDEX issued Re-trigger of Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric Contracts

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 11, 2026, issued Re-trigger of Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric Contracts. Referring to its earlier circulars on Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) dated October 15, 2019, October 17, 2019,

September 18, 2020, and December 30, 2021, NCDEX has re-triggered E-ASM of 2.5% on Turmeric, based on price variation calculated as [(High-Low)/Low x 100]. This margin will apply to all running and yet-to-be-launched Turmeric contracts until 1st September 2026. The trigger was activated on August 11, 2026, based on both the 5-day price movement (10% threshold) and 10-day price movement (15% threshold) criteria. Among the other commodities tracked under this framework — Barley, Castor Seed, Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, and Jeera (including Jeera Mini) — none currently meet the trigger conditions, so E-ASM remains inapplicable to them at this time. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-075/2026]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding the review of Margin Periods of Risk (MPOR)

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on August 11, 2026, issued a circular regarding review of the Margin Period of Risk (MPOR). The following has been stated: - •MCX Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) has reviewed the liquidity of all commodities and their variants and determined the minimum Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) for September 2026. •Accordingly, for computation of Initial Margins, the Value at Risk (VaR) of all commodities shall be scaled up by their respective MPOR as specified in Annexure-1. •The revised MPOR is applicable in continuation of the Circular dated July 08, 2026, and members are required to take note of the same. [Circular No.: MCXCCL/RISK/174/2026]

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SEBI issued Consultation Paper on FPI Participation in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs)

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 11, 2026, issued Consultation Paper on FPI Participation in Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs). This consultation paper puts forward two proposals to widen the scope of Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) participation in India's Exchange Traded Commodity Derivatives (ETCDs) market. Currently, FPIs are only permitted to trade in cash-settled non-agricultural commodity derivative contracts where the underlying is also cash-settled — a framework in place since 2022. Given rising demand from exchanges and market participants, and the notable growth in FPI-driven liquidity in products like crude oil and natural gas options, SEBI is now considering whether to relax these restrictions further. The first proposal concerns index derivatives. Since index derivatives are inherently cash-settled regardless of whether their underlying commodities are cash- or physically-settled, SEBI's Commodity Derivatives Advisory Committee (CDAC) has recommended removing the current restriction tying index participation to the settlement type of the underlying. This would let FPIs trade non-agricultural index derivatives contracts irrespective of the underlying's settlement mechanism, since no actual delivery risk arises from index products. The second, more significant proposal would allow FPIs to participate in physically (non-cash) settled non-agricultural commodity derivatives — something not currently permitted, largely because FPIs lack a permanent establishment in India and face GST registration hurdles for taking/making delivery. To manage this delivery risk, SEBI proposes a two-tier safeguard: FPIs would be required to voluntarily square off or roll over open positions by three trading days before contract expiry (T-3);

if they fail to do so by T-1, positions would automatically transfer to a designated Trading Member (TM) or Trading-cum-Clearing Member (TCM) at the exchange's closing/settlement price, executed post-market via a tripartite or bipartite agreement. This mechanism is likened to the equity market's "post-close" trading window, ensuring the transfer price is objective rather than negotiated. The paper also details supporting mechanics for this safeguard: informing TMs in advance of pending transfers to arrange margin, granting TMs up to two days to unwind resulting proprietary positions if they breach position limits, barring clearing members from allowing FPIs to increase near-month positions on T-1, and permitting a pre-agreed "risk absorption charge" payable to the TM/TCM to discourage reliance on the backstop rather than voluntary exit. SEBI draws on international precedents — Japan's OSE/TOCOM, China's QFI framework, and risk-management practices at CME and ICE — to support the case that adequate safeguards can make physical-settlement participation viable, and it invites stakeholder feedback on both proposals.

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NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding clarification on the implementation of "@valid" UPI ID

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NCDEX Limited (NCDEX) on August 12, 2026, issued a circular regarding clarification regarding the implementation of "@valid" UPI ID. The following has been stated: - •SEBI has clarified the implementation of “@valid” UPI IDs for investor-facing/upstreaming bank accounts maintained by trading members. •All such accounts receiving funds from individual/non-institutional investors must be linked with a “@valid” UPI ID and be verifiable through SEBI Check. •Trading Members must apply for the UPI handle through the NCFE portal and complete the required process with their respective banks. •Members are required to ensure compliance within T+30 days from August 07, 2026, i.e., by September 06, 2026. [Circular No. : NCDEX/MEMBERSHIP - 32/2026]

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NSE issued circular on Liquidity Enhancement Scheme (LES) on Silver Options on Goods

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 11, 2026, issued circular on Liquidity Enhancement Scheme (LES) on Silver Options on Goods. Referring to its series of earlier circulars dating back to November 2023, NSE has extended the Liquidity Enhancement Scheme (LES) on Silver (30 kgs) Options on Goods Contract for a further 3 months, keeping it in effect until November 26, 2026. All terms and conditions specified in the previous circulars will continue to apply unchanged. The Exchange has reserved the right to amend or discontinue the scheme at any time, subject to 15 days' advance notice. Queries can be directed to NSE's Commodities team at nsecommodities@nse.co.in. [Circular No: 51/2026]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding revision in Threshold Limit for Concentration Margin

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on August 11, 2026, issued a circular regarding revision in Threshold Limits for Concentration Margin. The following has been stated: - •Concentration margins apply to Non-Agri commodities exceeding 5% of Exchange Open Interest (OI) value or Annexure-1 thresholds, and to Agri commodities exceeding Annexure-1 limits. •Tiered client-level concentration margins range from 1% up to 10% based on Client OI vs. Exchange OI, while Clearing Member margins scale up to 5%. •Client futures positions are netted across variants, whereas Clearing Member futures positions use the higher of long or short positions grossed up at the member level. •Approved hedge positions are excluded from concentration margin calculations, while index option margins apply strictly to client-level net short positions. [Circular No.: MCXCCL/RISK/173/2026]

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NSE Proposes Revised Regulatory Framework for Authorised Persons

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on August 6, 2026, issued a consultation paper proposing a revised regulatory framework for Authorised Persons (APs) in consultation with SEBI to strengthen oversight, enhance investor protection, and improve compliance. The proposals revise the existing 2009 framework by introducing stricter eligibility criteria, including minimum educational qualifications, work experience, mandatory NISM certifications, minimum net worth and security deposit requirements, along with enhanced fit and proper standards for individuals and non-individual APs. Public comments have been invited until August 27, 2026. The consultation paper prescribes comprehensive responsibilities for Authorised Persons, including restrictions on multiple registrations, mandatory compliance with PMLA guidelines, prohibition on handling client funds or securities, disclosure of bank, demat and social media details, maintenance of data security, and display of prescribed investor information at AP offices. For APs with trading terminals, additional safeguards such as geo-tagging, biometric or facial authentication, CCTV surveillance, maintenance of pre-order placement evidence and robust data protection measures have been proposed. The paper also places enhanced supervisory obligations on stock brokers, including periodic inspections, surprise audits, off-site surveillance, mandatory training programmes, monitoring of AP activities, implementation of technology-based controls, client awareness measures, social media oversight, continuity arrangements upon AP deregistration, and strengthened withdrawal provisions for non-compliant APs. Stakeholders may submit comments on the proposals through the NSE website by August 27, 2026.

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NeSL issued circular regarding SHCIL e-Stamping Systems Downtime

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) on August 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding SHCIL e-Stamping System Downtime. The following has been stated: - •SHCIL e-Stamping services will be

unavailable from August 10, 2026, 8:30 PM to August 11, 2026, 1:00 AM due to maintenance. •Users are advised to plan their DDE transactions accordingly. •DDE services for Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, and West Bengal will continue to remain available. [Circular No.: NeSL/DT-DDE/2026/115]

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BSE notified regarding the Financial Disincentive (Charges) for not uploading the TWS/ETI/BOLTPLUS Location information for July 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 10, 2026, notified regarding the Financial Disincentive (Charges) for not uploading the TWS/ETI/BOLTPLUS Location information for July 2026. The exchange has advised Trading Members to ensure that all TWS/ETI/BOLTPLUS terminals and their locations are correctly registered with the Exchange before placing orders. Orders punched from unregistered or incorrectly registered terminal locations attract a financial disincentive of ■1,000 per instance under Exchange Notice dated April 17, 2026. The Exchange has made available the July 2026 Financial Disincentive file (LCS0726.xxxx) in the Equity Transaction Folder on Extranet, containing details of such location mismatches. The indicated amount will be debited to the Member's General Charges Account after completion of 60 days from the date of the notice. Members seeking waiver or review of the financial disincentive shall follow the procedure specified in Exchange Notice dated October 08, 2025, including applicable processing requirements. Members seeking waiver/review shall email the Exchange at Waiver-Review@bseindia.com with the subject line "Waiver/review of Financial Disincentive___LOCATION MISMATCH-JULY-2026". Trading Members are advised to ensure strict compliance and upload the correct TWS/ETI/BOLTPLUS terminal-location details to the Exchange before punching orders from the concerned location. [Notification no. - 20260810-16]

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BSE Penalty Report for Client Code Modification of Non-Institutional Trades for July 2026 Available for Download

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 10, 2026, informed trading members that the penalty report for client code modifications of non-institutional trades carried out during July 2026 has been made available for download. The report has been issued in accordance with Exchange Notice Nos. 20110729-24 dated July 29, 2011 and 20110826-4 dated August 26, 2011. [Notice No. 20260810-5] The penalty report has been uploaded in the EQUITY TRANSACTION FOLDER on the Extranet with the file name PM0726.Clg no. Members are advised to download and retain the file for future reference. Trading members requiring any clarification regarding the penalty report may contact the Exchange through the designated support channels. [Notice No. 20260810-5]

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SEBI issued the consultation paper on Review of provisions related to ISIN for Debt Securities

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 10, 2026, issued the consultation paper on Review of provisions related to ISIN for Debt Securities. The following has been stated: • SEBI proposes to increase the maximum number of ISINs maturing in a financial year from 14 to 17. The limit for plain vanilla debt securities would increase from 9 to 12, while the limit of 5 ISINs would apply to structured debt securities, market-linked debt securities, Floating Rate Bonds (FRBs), Zero Coupon Bonds (ZCBs) and Tier II bonds. Where the amount of plain vanilla debt securities maturing reaches ■15,000 crore, one additional ISIN would be permitted for every additional ■3,000 crore. • Further, SEBI proposes to exclude Government of India-serviced/Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR) bonds and ESG debt securities while calculating the applicable ISIN limits. The rationale is to provide PSUs greater flexibility for their own funding requirements and encourage issuance of ESG debt securities. • The consultation paper also proposes to amend Regulation 62A of the SEBI LODR Regulations by removing the requirement for a new issuer to retrospectively list all its outstanding unlisted non-convertible debt securities issued on or after January 1, 2024. Such earlier issuances would effectively be grandfathered, while the requirement to list subsequent debt issuances after the issuer's first debt listing would continue. This is intended to reduce the cost and operational burden of retrospective listing and encourage more issuers to list their debt securities. The comments/suggestions should be submitted by August 31, 2026.

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NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding updates for the implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX Limited) on August 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding updates for the implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967. The following has been stated: - •SEBI has shared the UNSC notification dated July 30, 2026, amending five entries in the UNSC 1988 (2011) Sanctions List. •Members and their constituents are advised to take note of the amendments and ensure compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. [Circular No.: NCDEX/COMPLIANCE-014/2026]

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NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding re-triggering of E-ASM on Turmeric

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX Limited) on August 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding re-triggering of E-ASM on Turmeric. The following has been stated: - •NCDEX has re-triggered Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric based on the prescribed High-Low price variation, applicable to all running and yet-to-be-launched contracts till August 31, 2026. •All other applicable margins will continue to be levied as usual. [Circular No.:

NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-074/2026]

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MCX Modification in Contract Specifications of MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index Options Contracts

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX), on August 7, 2026, issued a circular notifying modifications to the contract specifications of MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index (MCX BULLDEX®) Options Contracts. The revised specifications will apply to November 2026 and subsequent expiry contracts, with changes to the trading unit becoming effective from August 20, 2026. Under the revised contract specifications, the trading unit (1 lot) has been reduced from ■30 × MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index to ■15 × MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index. All other contract specifications and trading parameters, as detailed in the annexure to the circular, shall remain binding on members and their constituents. MCX has advised all members to take note of the revised specifications and communicate the changes to their respective clients and constituents to ensure readiness before implementation. [Circular No. MCX/TRD/457/2026]

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BSE Suggested Best Practices for Structured Digital Database under PIT Regulations

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The BSE Limited, on August 7, 2026, issued a circular advising all listed entities to adopt suggested best practices for maintaining a Structured Digital Database (SDD) under the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 (PIT Regulations). The guidance aims to strengthen compliance with the regulatory framework governing the handling of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) and reflects observations from recent cases. The circular emphasizes that listed companies should maintain a structured digital database capturing the nature of UPSI and details of all persons sharing or receiving such information, including individuals within intermediaries and fiduciaries handling the UPSI. It also recommends periodic review of internal policies to prevent leakage of UPSI, regular training and awareness programmes for employees and fiduciaries, and effective implementation of the company's Code of Conduct under the PIT Regulations. Listed entities are further advised to adopt any additional measures necessary to ensure robust handling of UPSI and achieve the objectives of the PIT Regulations through enhanced governance and compliance practices. [Notice No. 20260807-20]

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NCDEX Re triggering of E-ASM for Turmeric Contracts

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), on August 7, 2026, issued a circular announcing the re-triggering of the Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) for Turmeric

contracts. In accordance with the Exchange's surveillance framework, an additional margin of 2.5% has been imposed based on the prescribed high-low price variation thresholds. The E-ASM has been re-triggered due to the price movement recorded on August 7, 2026, and will apply to all running and yet-to-be-launched Turmeric contracts until August 28, 2026. No E-ASM has been triggered for other commodities covered under the surveillance framework. The Exchange has clarified that all other applicable margins will continue to be levied in addition to the Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin, and members are advised to take note of the revised margin requirements. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-073/2026]

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NSE Mock Testing for SaaS-Based Two-Way Portability Across Clearing Corporations

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NSE Clearing Limited (NCL), on August 7, 2026, issued a circular announcing a mock session on August 8, 2026 to test the Software as a Service (SaaS) framework for two-way portability across Clearing Corporations, in line with SEBI's Business Continuity requirements. The exercise aims to familiarize members with the SaaS setup, interfaces and associated functionalities to ensure operational readiness during contingency scenarios. As part of the mock session, NCL will invoke its SaaS setup between 1:45 PM and 2:15 PM and operate through the NCL@ICCL environment from 2:15 PM to 3:40 PM. Members are requested to actively participate in the exercise and test all relevant functionalities. Existing login credentials issued under earlier NCL circulars will remain valid, while members who have not obtained credentials are required to request them from NCL. The circular also refers members to the standard operating procedures issued through earlier NCL circulars and provides the relevant access links for RTRMS, Collateral Management and Extranet to facilitate participation in the mock session. [Circular Ref. No. 098/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding modifications in the contract specification of the MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index (MCX BULLDEX®) Futures Contract

Aug 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding modifications in the contract specification of the MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index (MCX BULLDEX®) Futures Contract. The following has been stated: - •MCX has modified the Trading Unit for the MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index (MCX BULLDEX®) Futures Contract. •The Trading Unit will be revised from Rs. 30 × MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index to Rs. 15 × MCX iCOMDEX Bullion Index. •The revised Trading Unit will be applicable from August 20, 2026, for contracts expiring in November 2026 and onwards. •Members are required to take note of the revised contract specifications and inform their respective clients and constituents. [Circular no.: MCX/TRD/456/2026]

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BSE notified regarding the mock trading session for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment on August 08, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 07, 2026, notified regarding the mock trading session for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment on August 08, 2026. The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment on August 08, 2026, to allow trading members using third-party trading platforms of empaneled vendors or in-house developed systems through ETI APIs to test their trading applications and various functionalities, including exceptional market conditions such as risk reduction mode and trading halt. No new BOLT TWS Release will be provided for the session. The mock trading session schedule is as follows: Log-in: 09:15 AM to 10:00 AM; Pre-Open Order Entry Period: 10:00 AM to 10:08 AM; Matching Period: 10:08 AM to 10:15 AM; Continuous Trading: 10:15 AM to 12:00 PM; Block Deal Window: 11:15 AM to 11:30 AM; Closing Session: 12:00 PM to 12:10 PM; and Post-Closing Session: 12:10 PM to 12:20 PM. Market participants are advised that the mock trading session is conducted only for testing and familiarization purposes. Trades executed during the session will not attract any margin obligations, pay-in or pay-out obligations, and will not create any rights or liabilities. Participants are encouraged to actively participate to validate their systems and operational preparedness. [Notification No. - 20260807-12]

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BSE notified regarding the mock trading session for the Commodity Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 07, 2026, notified regarding the mock trading session for the Commodity Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026. The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for the Commodity Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026 to enable trading members using third-party trading platforms of empaneled vendors or in-house developed systems through ETI APIs to test their trading applications for various functionalities, including exceptional market conditions such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. No new BOLT TWS Release will be provided for this mock trading session. The mock trading session timings are as follows: Log-in: 09:15 AM to 10:00 AM; Continuous Trading: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; and Trade Modification: 12:00 PM to 12:10 PM. Market participants are advised that the mock trading session is conducted only for testing and familiarization purposes. Trades executed during the session will not attract any margin obligations, pay-in or pay-out obligations, and will not create any rights or liabilities. Participants are encouraged to actively participate in the session to test their systems and ensure operational readiness. [Notification No. - 20260807-13]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026, for the Equity Derivatives segment

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026, for the Equity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session on August 08, 2026, enabling members using third-party platforms to test trading applications, including call auctions, risk-reduction mode, trading halt, and block deals. •No new BOLT TWS release will be introduced for the session. •The schedule includes log-in from 9:15–10:00 AM, order entry from 10:00–10:08 AM, order matching/buffer from 10:08–10:15 AM, and continuous trading from 10:15 AM–12:10 PM. •Stock futures price-band updates for alignment with the Equity Segment CAS will begin sequentially from 11:45 AM, with trade modification available until 12:30 PM. [Notification No.: 20260807-10]

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BSE notified regarding the mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 07, 2026, notified regarding the mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026. The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives segment on August 08, 2026, to enable trading members using third-party trading platforms of empaneled vendors or in-house developed systems through ETI APIs to test their trading applications, including functionalities under exceptional market conditions. No new BOLT TWS release will be provided for this mock trading session. The mock trading session timings are as follows: Log-in window: 09:15 AM to 10:00 AM; Continuous Trading for Currency Derivatives and Cross Currency Derivatives: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; Trade Modification for Currency and Cross Currency Derivatives: from 12:10 PM onwards. Market participants are advised that the session is conducted only for testing and familiarization purposes. Trades executed during the mock session will not result in any margin obligations, pay-in or pay-out obligations, and will not create any rights or liabilities. Participants are encouraged to actively participate in the session to validate their systems and operational readiness. [Notification No. - 20260807-11]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026, for the Equity segment

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026, for the Equity segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session on August 08, 2026, allowing ETI API users to test trading applications and functionalities such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. •No new BOLT TWS release will be introduced; members can test various trading sessions including Block Deal, Pre-Open, Continuous Trading, IPO/Re-listed scrips, Call Auction and Closing Auction. •The main trading activities will run from 9:15 AM to 12:30 PM, with trade modification timings extending to 12:45 PM for T+1 and 11:45 AM for T+0. •Members are requested to actively participate and submit their feedback by 2:00 PM on August 08, 2026, using the contact details provided by the Exchange. [Notification No.: 20260807-9]

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BSE issued an Update to the Release of the new version of Market Data API in the Currency Derivatives segment

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 06, 2026, issued an Update to the Release of the new version of Market Data API in the Currency Derivatives segment. BSE has revised the implementation schedule for the new Market Data APIs in the Currency Derivatives Segment, superseding the earlier timeline notified on June 25, 2026. The go-live date for NFCAST API Version 6.2 and MDI/EMDI API Version 1.4.5 has been postponed from September 7, 2026 to October 12, 2026, with a mock trading session on October 10, 2026. The updated APIs will be available in the test environment from September 10, 2026, while EOBI Version 1.4 remains unchanged. Trading members and front-end application vendors are advised to complete testing in the test environment to ensure a smooth rollout. [Notification No. - 20260806-4]

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MCX notified regarding the Revision in Cancellation Charges on Authorised Person (AP), Refund for AP re-activated in the FY 2026-27, and invoicing of AP Annual Subscription charges for Financial Year (FY) 2026-27

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 05, 2026, notified regarding the Revision in Cancellation Charges on Authorised Person (AP), Refund for AP re-activated in FY 2026-27, and invoicing of AP Annual Subscription charges for Financial Year (FY) 2026-27. MCX has revised the Authorised Person (AP) cancellation fee from ■2,000 to ■750 per AP (plus applicable taxes). The Exchange has also extended the cut-off date for determining FY 2026–27 AP Annual Subscription Charges from September 30, 2026 to March 31, 2027, with charges to be based on the number of registered APs as on the revised date. Additionally, as a one-time relief measure, members who re-register an AP under the same membership during FY 2026–27 after cancellation will be eligible for a refund of the AP cancellation charges, to be processed after the close of FY 2026–27. [Notification No. - MCX/MEM/450/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding an amendment to the existing “Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims against the Defaulter/ Expelled Member”

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding an amendment to the existing “Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims against the Defaulter/ Expelled Member”. The following has been stated: - •MCX has proposed amendments to the Policy on Evaluation of Client Claims against Defaulter/Expelled Members. •Eligible claims include those for non-receipt of margins, credit balances, commodities, or settlement funds, subject to verification and prescribed conditions. •Claims relating

to unregistered portfolio management/other services and speculative transactions or unauthorised return schemes will be excluded. •Members/constituents may submit comments on the proposed amendments by August 27, 2026. [Circular no. MCX/ISD/454/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the New Interface - MCX UCC File Formats (Version 1.1) and UCC-API (Version 1.0)

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 06, 2026, notified regarding the New Interface - MCX UCC File Formats (Version 1.1) and UCC-API (Version 1.0). The following has been stated: • The revised formats and API will be effective from September 07, 2026. The changes cover UCC creation/update files, response and error-code files, PAN verification, and files relating to mobile number, email ID, Aadhaar, income and net-worth details. • Under the new interface, UCC creation through the existing screen will be discontinued and will instead be available through file upload (SFTP/new UCC interface) and UCC-API, while UCC modification through the screen will continue through the new interface. Members can upload up to 50,000 records via file upload and 50 records via the UCC-API. A new client status “Closed” has also been introduced, which, once selected, cannot subsequently be changed to Active/Inactive. Further, a “Nomination” field has been added, and Contact Person 6 to Contact Person 20 fields have been removed. • The circular also specifies that certain existing Client Classification Upload/Response files and related error-code files remain unchanged from the earlier 2022 interface. The new UCC-API provides Token Generation, Add UCC, Update UCC, Search UCC, and Health Check APIs; API communication will use JSON, and the request body will be encrypted using AES-GCM 256-bit encryption. [Notification No. - MCX/S&I/453/2026]

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MoCA issued a notification regarding extension of Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS2026)

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MoCA) on July 08, 2026, issued a notification regarding the extension of the Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS2026). The following has been stated: - •The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has extended the Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS-2026) to provide companies additional time to complete pending statutory filings. •The Scheme, earlier valid up to July 15, 2026, has been extended due to data centre capacity enhancement/restoration activities following the June 05, 2026 fire incident. •The revised validity of CCFS-2026 is now up to August 31, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.NO. Policy-02/2/2020-CL-V-MCA]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates for expired Gold Contracts

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on August 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates for expired Gold Contracts. The following has been stated: - •DDR for Gold and GoldM futures contracts expiring on August 05, 2026 has been fixed at ■1,43,007 per 10 grams. •Members and market participants are advised to take note of the prescribed rates. [Circular No.: MCXCCL/DDR/172/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the mock trading session on Sunday, Aug 09, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on August 06, 2026, notified the mock trading session on Sunday, Aug 09, 2026. MCX has announced a mock trading session on August 09, 2026, to test trading systems and disaster recovery (DR) preparedness. The session will be conducted from the Primary Site (09:00 AM–11:00 AM), followed by an abrupt switchover to the DR Site, where trading will resume from 12:00 PM–02:00 PM. Members, including CTCL users, are advised to participate using the MCX ETI API Version 1.4.2, test their applications from their DR sites, restore systems to the production state after the mock, and note that mock trades will not result in any pay-in or pay-out obligations. [Notification No. - MCX/TECH/452/2026]

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NCDEX Re-triggers Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (EASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric Contracts till August 27, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

This National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) on August 06, 2026 issued circular about Event-Based Additional Surveillance Margin (EASM) — an extra margin requirement that kicks in automatically when a commodity's price shows unusually high volatility, to curb excessive speculation. This mechanism was originally introduced via earlier circulars (2019, 2020, 2021) and applies to select agricultural commodities. The trigger is based on price volatility: [(High–Low)/Low × 100], measured over 5-day and 10-day windows. For Turmeric, the 10-day price movement crossed the 15% threshold on August 6, 2026, which re-triggered the EASM. As a result, an additional margin of 2.5% will now apply to all existing and upcoming Turmeric contracts until August 27, 2026. Other commodities listed (Barley, Castor Seed, Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, Jeera) are currently not triggered ("NA") — meaning no additional margin applies to them right now. Turmeric futures on NCDEX have become volatile enough to trigger a temporary extra margin (2.5%) on all trades, effective until August 27, 2026, as a risk-control measure. No other commodity is currently affected. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-072/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026 – No new version release in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on August 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026 – No new version release in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment. The following has been stated: - •NSE will conduct a mock trading session in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment on Saturday, August 08, 2026, with sessions from the Primary Site and DR Site. •The Primary Site session will run from 10:45 AM to 1:30 PM, followed by the DR Site session from 2:15 PM to 3:30 PM, with trade modification until 3:40 PM. •Live re-login will be available from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM to test connectivity and system readiness. •No new version release is involved; members should use NEAT+ Version 1.0.0 and follow the annexures for login, market data, installation, and DR switchover guidelines. [Circular No: 23/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding a mock session on Saturday, August 08, 2026 - No new version release in the Commodity Derivatives segment

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on August 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding a mock session on Saturday, August 08, 2026 - No new version release in the Commodity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session on Saturday, August 08, 2026, in the Commodity Derivatives segment with trading from the Primary and DR Sites. •The Primary Site session will run from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, followed by the DR Site session from 2:15 PM to 3:30 PM. •Position Limit/Collateral Value setup and trade modification will close at 3:40 PM, with live re-login available from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. •No new version release is involved; members should follow the prescribed annexures for mock trading, participation prerequisites, and DR switchover guidelines. [Circular No: 50/2026]

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NCCL issued Mock Trading Session Scheduled for August 08, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 06, 2026, has announced that it will conduct a mock trading session on August 08, 2026 (Saturday) to test the NCCL application systems. The session will include a pre-open phase from 09:45 AM to 10:00 AM, followed by trading for all commodities (except Mumbai Rainfall contracts) from 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM, with trade modification allowed till 01:15 PM. For Mumbai Rainfall (RAINMUMBAI), trading will continue till 02:00 PM with modification permitted till 02:15 PM. A re-login session is also scheduled from 05:30 PM to 06:00 PM. The scope of the mock session will cover key systems including Web NCFE, Web Extranet, RMS, and NCMS/NCSS. Members should note that production Web NCFE and Web Extranet will remain unavailable from 04:00 AM on August 08, 2026 until 12:00 AM on August 09, 2026, and only test environments will be accessible for the mock exercise.

Additionally, important back-end processes such as client allocation, client collateral segregation reporting, and limit file processing will not be carried out in the production environment during this period (from 02:00 AM on August 08, 2026 to 12:00 AM on August 09, 2026). Members are advised to plan their operations accordingly. [Circular No. NCCL/TECHNOLOGY-023/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026 – No new version release

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on August 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026 – No new version release. The following has been stated: - •NSE will conduct a Futures & Options mock trading session from the Primary Site and DR Site on August 08, 2026; no new NEATPlus version will be released. •NEATPlus 7.8.8 will be discontinued after the September 05, 2026 mock, while version 7.8.9 will continue to be available. •For CAS price-band alignment, stock futures' reference price will be based on the VWAP of trades executed between 15:00–15:15 hours. •Members using NNF direct connections must migrate to the new market-data broadcast parameters before September 05, 2026. [Circular No: 113/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding the Member Interface Testing of Two-way portability across Clearing Corporations- Software as a Service (SaaS) Model

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on August 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding Member Interface Testing of Two-way portability across Clearing Corporations- Software as a Service (SaaS) Model. The following has been stated: - •NCL will conduct a mock session on August 08, 2026, to test two-way portability across Clearing Corporations under the SaaS model and familiarize members with related functionalities. •NCL will invoke its SaaS setup from 1:45 PM–2:15 PM and operate through NCL@ICCL from 2:15 PM–3:30 PM. •Members should actively participate and test all SaaS-related functionalities using existing login credentials; those without credentials should request them. •Members should follow NCL's earlier SOP circulars for member-interface access and use the prescribed RTRMS, Collateral and Extranet links for testing. [Circular No: 0290/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the mock trading session in the Capital Market segment on Saturday, August 08, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 07, 2026, notified regarding the mock trading session in the Capital Market segment on Saturday, August 08, 2026. The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Capital Market (CM) segment on Saturday, August 08, 2026, to enable members to test trading systems and operational readiness across the Primary Site and Disaster Recovery (DR) Site. The mock session will cover various market phases, including Block Deal Windows, Pre-Open Session, Special Pre-Open Session for IPO and relisted securities, Normal Market, T+0 Market, Call Auction, Auction Market, Closing Session, and Trade Modification. The Primary Site session will run from 10:45 AM to 01:30 PM, while the DR Site session will be conducted from 02:15 PM to 04:10 PM, followed by a live re-login window from 05:00 PM to 05:30 PM. Members are advised to use NEATPlus Version 7.8.8 or 7.8.9, with Version 7.8.8 available until the September 05, 2026 (mock) discontinuation date. Participants should also refer to the prescribed annexures for mock trading instructions, participation prerequisites, and Disaster Recovery (DR) site switchover guidelines. [Notification No. - NSE/CMTR/75646]

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NSE notified regarding the mock trading session in the Currency Derivatives Segment on August 08, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 07, 2026, notified regarding the mock trading session in the Currency Derivatives Segment on August 08, 2026. The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives Segment on August 08, 2026, to enable market participants to test their trading systems and operational readiness. The session will be conducted in two phases, including trading from the Primary Site and a switchover test from the Disaster Recovery (DR) Site. The schedule for the mock trading session is as follows: Trading Session-1 from Primary Site: Normal Market open time – 11:00 AM and close time – 01:30 PM; Trading Session-2 from DR Site: Normal Market open time – 02:15 PM and close time – 03:30 PM; Trade Modification end time – 03:40 PM. The live re-login window will be available from 04:30 PM to 05:00 PM. Participants are advised to refer to the prescribed annexures containing important instructions for the mock trading session, pre-requisites and general guidelines for participation in the mock environment, and guidelines for switchover of the trading system to the DR Site. [Notification No. - NSE/CD/75633]

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NSE notified regarding the mock trading session in the SLBM on August 08, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 07, 2026, notified regarding the mock trading session in the SLBM on August 08, 2026. The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Securities Lending and Borrowing Mechanism (SLBM) on Saturday, August 08, 2026, to allow market participants to test their systems and operational preparedness. The mock trading will be conducted in two sessions, including a session from the Primary Site and a session from the Disaster Recovery (DR) Site. The schedule for the mock trading session is as follows: Trading Session-1 from Primary Site: Normal Market open time – 11:15 AM and close time – 01:30 PM; Trading Session-2 from DR Site: Normal Market open time – 02:30 PM and close time – 03:30 PM. The live re-login window will be available from 04:30 PM to 05:00 PM. Participants are advised to refer to the prescribed annexures containing important instructions for mock trading,

pre-requisites and general guidelines for participating in the mock environment, and procedures for switchover of the trading system to the DR Site. [Notification No. - NSE/SLBS/75632]

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SEBI issued the Consultation Paper on Settlement and Risk Management

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 06, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on Settlement and Risk Management. The following has been stated: • The key proposals include discontinuing redundant reporting of margin short-collection/non-collection by Trading Members/Clearing Members, since CCs already receive daily client-wise collateral information; modifying margin verification so that Exchanges and CCs undertake verification for the entities falling within their respective responsibilities; and requiring CCs, in consultation with Exchanges, to formulate standard operating procedures (SOPs) for supervision of Clearing Members. This is intended to standardise supervision and avoid duplication. • SEBI also proposes changes to the T+1 settlement framework, including updating the existing provisions to reflect the current settlement mechanism. The paper further proposes removing the obsolete framework relating to the dedicated debt segment, as there are no trades in that segment and the related trading provisions have already been removed. Going forward, the debt-segment risk-management framework would be prepared by CCs in consultation with SEBI. • Another major focus is rationalisation of periodic filings and disclosures. For example, reporting of penalties relating to short/non-collection of margins is proposed to be streamlined, with Clearing Corporations disclosing aggregate, non-confidential information on their websites instead of maintaining duplicative reporting requirements. • The consultation paper also proposes to consolidate/incorporate regulatory circulars and communications issued after the cut-off dates of the existing Master Circulars, covering matters such as SFG coverage, warehouse inspections, calendar-spread margin benefits, governance of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), T+0 settlement, penalty waivers, internal audit, optional T+0 settlement and commodity-derivative provisions. • Stakeholders can provide comments on the proposals and draft circulars latest by August 27, 2026.

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SEBI issued a notification regarding inspection of market intermediaries

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding inspection of market intermediaries. The following has been stated: - •From FY 2026–27, SEBI has rationalised inspections of stock brokers, DPs, IAs and RAs to approximately one-third of the previous year's inspections. •Annual comprehensive inspections of compliant entities, particularly QSBs, will be discontinued, while high-risk entities, repeated parameter hits and exchange alerts will receive priority. •Entities holding multiple intermediary registrations may undergo joint inspections by SEBI departments to reduce the number of inspection visits. •Inspections will be shortlisted quarterly, with greater weightage to recent complaints, exchange alerts, social-media inputs and market intelligence, including cyber incidents, technical glitches and issues involving Authorised Persons. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: PR No.44/2026]

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SEBI Releases its Annual Report for FY 2025-26

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on August 06, 2026, has released its Annual Report for FY 2025-26 (April 2025–March 2026), as legally required under the SEBI Act, 1992. The report has been submitted to the Government and tabled in Parliament, following the format prescribed by the SEBI (Annual Report) Rules, 2021. Structure of the report: Chairman's Statement – SEBI's vision and priorities for the year ahead Chapter 1 – Market trends, policy moves, and outlook for FY 2026-27 Chapter 2 – Comparison of India's economy/investment climate with other countries Chapters 3–7 – Activity in specific market segments: primary markets, secondary markets, fund management, foreign portfolio investors, and credit rating agencies Chapters 8–9 – Investor awareness, investor protection policies, and tech initiatives Chapter 10 – Regulatory, supervisory, surveillance, and enforcement actions; new rules/amendments Chapters 11–13 – International engagements, NISM (National Institute of Securities Markets) activities, and SEBI's internal functioning The report also includes "Box Items" throughout — short highlight sections on ease-of-doing-business measures, market development, and investor protection efforts. [PR No. 43/2026]

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BSE issued a notification regarding the release of a new version of the Market Data API in the Equity Derivatives segment

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding the release of a new version of the Market Data API in the Equity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange has postponed the go-live date for the MDI/EMDI API Version 1.4.5 in the Equity Derivatives Segment from August 10, 2026 to August 24, 2026, with mock trading scheduled for August 22, 2026. •The NFCAST API Version 6.2 implementation remains unchanged and will go live on September 07, 2026, with mock trading on September 05, 2026. •The updated APIs support pre-open session modifications and dissemination of stock futures closing reference prices between 3:15 PM and 3:20 PM. •Trading members and application vendors are advised to complete testing in the simulation environment before rollout. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 20260805-32]

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BSE issued a notification regarding the release of a new version of the Market Data API in the Commodity Derivatives segment

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on August 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the release of the new version of the Market Data API in the Commodity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange has revised the go-live date for the NFCAST API Version 6.2 and MDI/EMDI API Version

1.4.5 in the Commodity Derivatives Segment from September 07, 2026 to October 12, 2026, with mock trading scheduled for October 10, 2026. •The EOBI Version 1.4 remains unchanged. The updated API versions will be available for testing in the Test Environment from September 10, 2026, and members are advised to complete necessary testing before implementation. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 20260806-5]

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INX issued a circular regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Exchange (INX) on August 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, August 08, 2026. The following has been stated: - •INDIA INX will conduct a mock trading session on Saturday, August 08, 2026, enabling Trading Members to test trading through BoltPlus on Web and in-house or vendor-developed software. •Members must ensure that all algorithmic trading user IDs participate in the session, while ETI API users can test various trading functionalities, including exceptional market conditions, with no change to the ETI API version. •The mock trading will be held in two sessions from 2:00 PM–3:00 PM and 3:00:01 PM–4:00 PM, and trades executed during the exercise will not create any financial or settlement obligations. •Members are encouraged to actively participate and submit feedback to the Business Operations team by 4:30 PM to help improve the trading system. [Circular No. 20260806-2]

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BSE Defers Go-Live of New Market Data API Version for EGR Segment to October 12 2026

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on August 06, 2026, has revised the implementation timeline for the new Market Data API versions in the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment. The go-live date for NFCAST API Version 6.2 and MDI/EMDI API Version 1.4.5 has been postponed from 7 September 2026 to 12 October 2026, with mock trading rescheduled from 5 September 2026 to 10 October 2026. There is no change to the EOBI Version 1.4. The updated API versions will be available in the test environment from 10 September 2026. Trading members and front-end trading application vendors are advised to complete the required testing in the test environment to ensure readiness for the revised rollout date. The new API specifications are available on the BSE website. [Notice No. 20260806-6]

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NCDEX Limited issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock and Testing the Migration of File Upload Functionality from Web Extranet to NCFE on August 08, 2026

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX Limited) on August 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding System Testing Mock and Testing the Migration of File Upload Functionality from Web Extranet to NCFE on August 08, 2026. The following has been stated: - •NCDEX will conduct a mock trading session on August 08, 2026, to test trading applications and the migration of the File Upload Functionality from Web Extranet to the NCFE platform before its production go-live. •The mock trading session will follow scheduled trading hours for all commodities, including a separate session for the Mumbai Rainfall contract and a re-login session. •The scope of testing includes Trading, NEXTRA, Web NCFE, Web Extranet, and NOSS, with members encouraged to test third-party CTCL and in-house trading applications. •Production Web NCFE, Web Extranet, and NOSS portals will remain unavailable from 04:00 AM on August 08 to 12:00 AM on August 09, 2026, while corresponding test portals will be accessible for the mock. •Additionally, production processing of client allocation, client collateral segregation reporting, and limit files will be suspended during the maintenance window. [Circular No. : NCDEX/TECHNOLOGY- 030/2026]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding Alternate Risk Management Framework Applicable in case of Near Zero and Negative Prices

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on August 05, 2026, issued a circular regarding Alternate Risk Management Framework Applicable in case of Near Zero and Negative Prices. The following has been stated: - •Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) issued Circular No. MCXCCL/RISK/169/2026 outlining the Alternate Risk Management Framework (ARMF) for near-zero and negative prices applicable during September 2026. •The ARMF framework specifically targets Crude Oil (including Mini) and Natural Gas (including Mini) contracts. •Specific threshold prices will trigger the framework (e.g., ■1,851.00 for Crude Oil and ■158.50 for Natural Gas), setting absolute floor values for minimum initial margins and Extreme Loss Margins (ELM). •When triggered, spread margin benefits are withdrawn, options are priced using the Bachelier Model, and additional margins up to 125% of MTM are levied depending on price drops beyond 50%. [Circular No. MCXCCL/RISK/169/2026]

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NCDEX issued circular on Re-triggering of E-ASM on Turmeric Contracts

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 06, 2026, issued circular on Re-triggering of E-ASM on Turmeric Contracts. NCDEX has re-triggered an Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) of 2.5% on Turmeric contracts due to significant price volatility based on high–low variation criteria. This margin will apply to all running and upcoming Turmeric contracts until August 26, 2026. The trigger was activated on August 5, 2026, while no such action has been taken for other commodities like barley, castor seed, coriander, guar, or jeera. All existing margins will continue as applicable alongside E-ASM. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-071/2026]

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MCX issued Revision in Vault Storage Charges for Gold Contracts

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

MCX Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on Augsut 05, 2026, has announced a revision in vault storage charges for Gold Petal, Gold Guinea, and Gold Ten. This circular partially supersedes the earlier circular dated April 15, 2026. The revised charges will be effective from September 1, 2026. The storage charges have been increased from ■0.12 to ■0.20 per bar per day for all three gold variants (1 gm, 8 gm, and 10 gm units). These charges are exclusive of applicable taxes and will be applied based on the actual number of days the commodities are stored in accredited vaults. There is no change in loading and unloading charges. [Circular No.: MCX/MCXCCL/448/2026]

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CDSL Non Charging of AMC for Certain Demat Accounts Holding Illiquid, Suspended or Delisted Securities

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), on August 4, 2026, issued a communiqué reiterating its earlier instructions regarding the non-charging of Annual Maintenance Charges (AMC) for eligible demat accounts containing only illiquid, suspended, or delisted securities. The communiqué refers to the earlier guidance issued on September 30, 2025, and provides Depository Participants (DPs) with an updated list of eligible Beneficial Owner (BO) accounts for compliance. CDSL has informed DPs that a DP-wise list of demat accounts in "To be Closed" status, holding only securities classified as illiquid, suspended for trading, or delisted, has been placed in the respective DP billing folders. The classification of such securities is based on information received from the relevant stock exchanges. Where no eligible BO accounts exist for a DP, no corresponding file will be made available for download. Depository Participants have been advised to review the shared list and ensure that AMC is not levied on the identified BO accounts, subject to the conditions specified in the earlier communiqué dated September 30, 2025. The communiqué reiterates the need for DPs to ensure full compliance with the prescribed instructions. [Communiqué No. CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/527]

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NCCL notified regarding the Approved List of banks for Acceptance of Bank Guarantees and Fixed Deposits

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NSE Clearing Limited (NCCL) on August 04, 2026, notified regarding the Approved List of banks for Acceptance of Bank Guarantees and Fixed Deposits. It has revised its list of approved banks for accepting Bank Guarantees (BGs) and Fixed Deposits (FDs) as collateral in accordance with the SEBI circular dated May 29, 2024, and the NCCL Master Circular on Risk Management. With effect from August 5, 2026, RBL Bank Ltd. has been added to the list of approved banks eligible for issuing BGs and FDs accepted as collateral by NCCL. The updated list now comprises 17 approved banks, and members are advised to refer

to the bank-wise available limits published under the Risk Management section on the NCCL website before submitting BGs, FDs or securities as collateral. [Notification No. - NCCL/RISK-042/2026]

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NSE Implementation of Modified Nomination Norms for Demat Accounts and Mutual Fund Folios

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE), on August 4, 2026, issued a circular informing members about the implementation of SEBI's modified norms for nomination in Demat Accounts and Mutual Fund Folios, pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE_IAD-3/P/CIR/2026/12676 dated May 29, 2026. The changes will be incorporated into the client registration process to facilitate ease of doing investments. The revised nomination requirements will be implemented across Manual Interface, Bulk Upload, and API modes of the client registration process. The updated functionality will be made available in the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) environment from August 17, 2026, with the target go-live date of September 1, 2026. NSE has advised members, including those using third-party vendor solutions or in-house developed trading applications, to initiate the necessary system developments to ensure compatibility with the revised requirements before the production rollout. The circular also provides Annexure A and Annexure B, detailing the revised UCC Registration Web File Structure and API File Structure, respectively. [Circular Ref. No. 1537/2026]

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NCDEX issued circular on Pre-Expiry and Delivery Margin – Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM)

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on August 05, 2026, issued circular on Pre-Expiry and Delivery Margin – Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM). The margin structure for the Turmeric (TMCFGRNZM) futures contract has been revised in line with SEBI and NCCL circulars. The pre-expiry margin, which was earlier levied at 2% per trading day during the last 5 trading days, has now been increased to 3% per trading day and extended to the last 10 trading days, including the expiry day of the contract. Additionally, the delivery margin has been modified and will now be the higher of 3% plus 5-day 99% Value at Risk (VaR) of spot price volatility or 40% on both long and short positions marked for delivery until pay-in is completed. These revised margin requirements will be applicable to the Turmeric contract expiring in August 2026. [Circular No. NCCL/RISK-043/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the mock trading from Primary and DR site on Saturday, August 08, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on August 05, 2026, notified of mock trading on the Primary and DR sites on Saturday, August 08, 2026. The following has been stated: • NSE IFSC has rescheduled its August 2026 monthly mock trading session from August 1, 2026 to August 8, 2026. In addition to the regular mock trading session at the Primary Site, the Exchange will conduct a separate mock trading session from the Disaster Recovery (DR) Site on the same day, followed by a live re-login session from the Primary Site to ensure seamless connectivity before live trading resumes on August 10, 2026. • The circular specifies detailed trading schedules for all market segments, including Equity, Index Futures and Options, Single Stock Futures and Options, Currency Derivatives, Depository Receipts, Bharat Bond Index, and Negotiated Large Trading (NLT). • Members, particularly those using approved algorithmic trading software, are required to participate in the mock sessions. At the same time, trades executed during the exercise will not result in any settlement obligations or fund pay-in/pay-out. [Notification No. - NSEIFSC/TRADE/2709]

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SEBI Consultation Paper on Issuance of Depository Receipts Against Units of REITs and Publicly Listed InvITs

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on August 4, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper seeking public comments on a proposed regulatory framework for the issuance of Depository Receipts (DRs) against units of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Publicly Listed Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs). Stakeholders have been invited to submit comments by August 25, 2026. The consultation paper notes that while the Depository Receipts Scheme, 2014 and the Foreign Exchange Management (Non-debt Instruments) Rules, 2019 already permit the issuance of DRs against eligible securities, including units of REITs and InvITs, the SEBI REIT Regulations and InvIT Regulations presently lack an enabling provision for such issuances. SEBI has therefore proposed amending these regulations to expressly permit the issuance of DRs for REITs and Publicly Listed InvITs, while excluding Privately Listed InvITs due to their investor eligibility and trading lot restrictions. The consultation paper further proposes inserting enabling provisions in the REIT and InvIT Regulations and introducing a detailed operational framework through a SEBI circular, largely based on the existing framework for equity depository receipts. The proposal aims to provide foreign investors with an additional investment avenue by enabling trading of REIT and InvIT-backed DRs in foreign currency on permitted international exchanges, thereby facilitating greater foreign capital participation in India's REIT and InvIT markets.

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MCX notified regarding the De-accreditation of Brinks India Private Limited, Byculla, Mumbai Vault

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on August 04, 2026, notified regarding the De-accreditation of Brink's India Private Limited, Byculla, Mumbai Vault. It has de-accredited the Brink's India Private Limited vault located at Byculla, Mumbai, with immediate effect under the provisions of its Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations. Consequently, no fresh deposits of Gold, Gold Mini, Gold Guinea, Gold

Petal, Gold Ten and Silver will be accepted at this vault for Exchange delivery. The de-accreditation applies only to the specified vault and impacts the acceptance of fresh deposits for commodities delivered through the Mumbai delivery centre. [Notification No. - MCX/MCXCCL/445/2026]

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MCA Invitation of Stakeholder Suggestions on the Integrated Platform for Insolvency Ecosystem

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on August 03, 2026, extended the deadline for submission of stakeholder suggestions on the proposed Integrated Platform for Insolvency Ecosystem (iPIE) by one week, from August 03, 2026 to August 10, 2026. The iPIE is envisioned as a unified digital platform that will integrate stakeholders, processes, and technology systems operating under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC) to provide a seamless, secure, and transparent digital insolvency ecosystem. The proposed platform will connect key stakeholders including NCLT, NCLAT, MCA, IBBI, NeSL, Insolvency Professionals (IPs), Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPAs), Registered Valuers (RVs), and Registered Valuer Organisations (RVOs). It aims to eliminate fragmented IT systems by enabling end-to-end digital workflows, API-based data exchange, standardized processes, secure document management, real-time monitoring, analytics, and enhanced transparency. The platform will also provide digital tools such as virtual data rooms, electronic voting, auction platforms, communication tools, and automated notifications to improve the efficiency of insolvency proceedings. The iPIE will comprise modules covering User Registration and Management, Process Commencement, Claims Management, Stakeholder Management, and Records Management. These modules will facilitate activities such as digital case initiation, public announcements, claim submission and verification, Committee of Creditors (CoC) constitution, stakeholder communication, meeting management, document repository, asset management, valuation reports, and integration with external systems like MCA and NeSL. MCA has invited suggestions from professionals, industry, institutions, and academia to help shape the design and functionality of the platform before its implementation.

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NCDEX Applicability of Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin Turmeric contracts

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The NCDEX on August 03, 2026, announced the re-triggering of the Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) for Turmeric contracts based on significant price volatility. In accordance with earlier surveillance framework circulars, the High-Low price variation exceeded the prescribed thresholds, resulting in the imposition of an additional margin of 2.5%. The 2.5% E-ASM will be applicable on all currently running and yet-to-be-launched Turmeric futures contracts from 3 August 2026 until 24 August 2026. The trigger was activated as both the 5-day (10%) and 10-day (15%) price movement thresholds were breached on 3 August 2026. No E-ASM has been triggered for other monitored commodities such as Barley, Castor Seed, Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, and Jeera (including Jeera Mini). The Exchange has clarified that all other applicable margins will continue to be levied in addition to the E-ASM. Trading and clearing members should therefore ensure compliance with the enhanced margin requirements for Turmeric contracts during the specified period. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-068/2026]

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CDSL issued the Comprehensive Surveillance Framework for Depository Participants (DPs)

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on July 31, 2026, issued the Comprehensive Surveillance Framework for Depository Participants (DPs). The following has been stated: • The framework requires DPs to establish and periodically review a comprehensive Surveillance Policy and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) covering alert generation, client due diligence, monitoring, reporting, record-keeping, and compliance with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). DPs shall generate and dispose of surveillance alerts within 45 days (extended to 60 days for specified half-yearly multiple-account alerts), report adverse observations to CDSL within 7 days, maintain robust KYC processes, implement maker-checker controls, ensure periodic staff training, and submit quarterly surveillance reports within 15 days of the end of each quarter, including NIL reports where applicable. • The framework also strengthens the responsibilities of Compliance Officers and Internal Auditors, requiring quarterly MIS reporting to the Board, periodic review of surveillance parameters, validation of SOP implementation, and assessment of alert quality. It prescribes a detailed penalty framework for delayed reporting and non-compliance, including monetary penalties for delayed submission of quarterly reports and surveillance alert responses, with repeated violations subject to referral to the Member Committee for disciplinary action. Additionally, DPs are required to report suspicious demat account activities through the CDAS Surveillance System after due diligence and ensure timely, accurate, and well-supported submissions. • The communiqué supersedes and consolidates all previous surveillance-related instructions, providing a single comprehensive reference for DP surveillance obligations. [Notification no. – CDSL/DP/SURV/2026/521]

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CDSL notified regarding the verification of Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL) published by TRAI

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on July 30, 2026, notified regarding the verification of the Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL) published by TRAI. The following has been stated: • CDSL has issued a communiqué directing Depository Participants (DPs) to implement the SEBI advisory on the verification of the Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL) published by TRAI/DoT to mitigate the misuse of disconnected mobile numbers in cyber frauds. DPs are required to create login credentials on the DoT Digital Intelligence Platform (DIP) and use the platform to access the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) and Mobile Number Revocation List (MNRL), carry out Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD) on affected accounts, update Action Taken Reports (ATRs), and monitor flagged mobile numbers regularly. • The guidance requires DPs to download and verify FRI and MNRL data daily, identify accounts linked to suspicious or disconnected mobile numbers, perform enhanced customer verification, monitor unusual transactions, and take appropriate risk-mitigation measures such as alerts, transaction restrictions, account freezes, debit restrictions, delinking of mobile numbers, or other actions based on internal risk assessments. • DPs shall also use the MNRL Reactivation List to remove reactivated numbers from further action, upload intelligence

on suspected fraudulent mobile numbers, maintain customer care information on the DIP portal, and follow the prescribed grievance-handling process. [Notification no. – CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/517]

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BSE issued a notification regarding Operational Guidelines for Handling of Clients' Unpaid Securities by Trading Members

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on July 31, 2026, issued a notification regarding Operational Guidelines for Handling of Clients' Unpaid Securities by Trading Members. The following has been stated:- •Pursuant to SEBI Circular dated July 03, 2026, the Exchange has issued operational guidelines for the implementation of provisions relating to the handling of clients' unpaid securities, in consultation with SEBI, Depositories and the Broker's Industry Standards Forum (ISF). •Members are advised to take note of the guidelines and ensure compliance. [Notification No.: 20260731-12]

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CDSL Enhances Transmission Processing for Depository Participants

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on July 31, 2026, has issued a communiqué enhancing the transmission processing framework for Depository Participants (DPs), in continuation of its earlier communiqué dated July 27, 2026, which introduced PAN validations for transmission requests. The revised measures are aimed at streamlining and standardising the transmission process. Under the revised process, DPs are required to ensure that both the Maker and Checker activities relating to transmission requests are completed on the same day to facilitate faster and more efficient processing. Additionally, CDSL has standardised the reason codes for both Inter-Depository and Intra-Depository transmission requests. The prescribed codes are TS for Transmission to Surviving Holder(s), TN for Transmission to Nominee(s), and TC for Transmission to Legal Heir(s). Depository Participants have been advised to take note of these enhancements and ensure compliance with the revised transmission processing requirements. [Communiqué No. CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/522]

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MCX issued a circular regarding the Applicable Open Position Limits for Agricultural Commodities

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on July 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding Applicable Open Position Limits for Agricultural Commodities. The following has been stated:- •MCX has notified the revised client-level, member-level, and exchange-wide open position limits for agricultural commodities including Cotton, Cotton Oil, Cardamom, Kapas, and Mentha Oil, in accordance with SEBI guidelines. •The

circular specifies separate overall and near-month numerical position limits for clients and members, with member limits linked to market-wide open interest where applicable. •It also prescribes exchange-wide position limits based on 50% of the deliverable supply for each commodity. •The revised limits will come into effect from September 01, 2026, and members and clients are required to ensure compliance. [Circular No: MCX/S&I/442/2026]

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MCX Revises Position Limits for Agricultural Commodity Derivatives

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) on July 31, 2026, has revised the open position limits for agricultural commodity derivatives in accordance with SEBI's position limit framework and the Exchange's Rules, Bye-laws and Business Rules. The revised limits cover client-level, member-level, and exchange-wide position limits for Cotton, Cotton Oil, Cardamom, Kapas, and Mentha Oil, and will come into effect from September 1, 2026. The circular prescribes numerical overall and near-month position limits for both clients and members. Overall member-level limits will be the prescribed numerical limit or 15% of the market-wide open position, whichever is higher, while near-month member limits will be one-fourth of the overall member-level limit. Similarly, the client near-month limit has been fixed at one-fourth of the client's overall position limit for the respective agricultural commodity. The Exchange has also notified the exchange-wide position limits, fixed at 50% of the deliverable supply for each agricultural commodity. Members and their clients have been advised to ensure compliance with the revised position limits from the effective date. [Circular No. MCX/S&I/442/2026]

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NCDEX issued circular on Futures & Options Contracts Launch in August 2026 and Premium / Discount for grade / delivery location difference

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on July 31, 2026, issued circular on Futures & Options Contracts Launch in August 2026 and Premium / Discount for grade / delivery location difference. The circular, issued with reference to the SEBI Master Circular dated August 03, 2026 on the Commodity Derivatives Segment, specifies the applicable premium and discount structure for futures contracts to be launched on August 03, 2026. These premiums/discounts relate to variations in commodity grades and differences in delivery locations, which will be considered for determining “good delivery” under the respective futures contracts. The Exchange has provided detailed annexures listing the futures contracts to be launched, along with the corresponding premium/discount applicable for grade differences and location-based cost variations. It is clarified that quality variations within permissible limits will continue to be governed by existing product notes and circulars. For any future contracts introduced later, the applicable premium/discount will be communicated prior to their launch. Additionally, the circular informs members about the introduction of options on futures contracts scheduled for launch on August 04, 2026, with details provided in a separate annexure. Overall, the circular ensures transparency and standardization in pricing adjustments for commodity derivatives contracts. [Circular No. NCDEX/TRADING- 035/2026]

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NCDEX issued a circular regarding FATF Public statement on jurisdictions subject to a call for action and increased monitoring - June 2026 Plenary

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on July 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding the FATF Public Statement on jurisdictions subject to a call for action and increased monitoring - June 2026 Plenary. The following has been stated: - •NCDEX has enabled an online facility on the WEB NCFE portal for members to submit details of actions taken in respect of jurisdictions identified by the FATF June 2026 Plenary. •Members are required to submit the prescribed information through the Compliance → FATF – June 2026 module by August 19, 2026. •Non-submission or delayed submission will attract disciplinary action in accordance with the Exchange's penalty framework. •Members are advised to ensure timely compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements. [Circular No.: NCDEX/MEMBERSHIP-031/2026]

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NCCL issued circular on Settlement Price of Options on Futures contract expired on July 31, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on July 31, 2026, issued circular on Settlement Price of Options on Futures contract expired on July 31, 2026. The circular informs Trading and Clearing Members about the Final Settlement Price (FSP) for Options on Futures contracts that expired on July 31, 2026, in accordance with earlier guidelines on clearing and settlement procedures. The FSP is based on the Due Settlement Price (DSP) of the underlying futures contracts. For the contracts specified, the settlement prices are as follows: • GUARSEED10 (Futures Expiry: August 20, 2026) – FSP: ■5,978.00 • GUARGUM5 (Futures Expiry: August 20, 2026) – FSP: ■11,548.00 These values will be used for final settlement of the respective Options on Futures contracts. The circular ensures clarity and transparency in the settlement process for market participants. [Circular No. NCCL/CLEARING-050/2026]

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NSDL issued a circular regarding extension of timeline for implementation of Enhancements in NSDL Depository System- UDiFF catalogue

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on July 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding extension of timeline for implementation of Enhancements in NSDL Depository System- UDiFF catalogue. The following has been stated: - •NSDL has extended the implementation timeline for the UDiFF Catalogue V3.0.1.2 enhancements in the Depository System until end of day (EOD) August 28, 2026. •Participants are advised to complete the necessary modifications in their back-office systems within the revised timeline. •The extension

applies to the changes communicated under Circular No. NSDL/POLICY/2026/0098 dated July 09, 2026. [Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0108]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Colocation Update - Bulk upload facility for IP Message Rate Change requests

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on July 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding Colocation Update - Bulk upload facility for IP Message Rate Change requests. The following has been stated:- •NSE has introduced a Bulk Upload Facility through the ENIT system, enabling members to submit message rate upgrade/downgrade requests for up to 100 Colocation IPs in a single file, alongside the existing individual request option. •The uploaded file must be complete, error-free, and comply with specified validation requirements, failing which the entire request will be rejected with an error report. •Requests submitted by 3:00 p.m. on a working day will be processed on a best-effort basis within T+5 working days, with the first request per IP each calendar month remaining free and subsequent requests attracting a ■2,000 processing fee plus applicable taxes. •The facility will be effective from August 03, 2026, while all other colocation terms and conditions remain unchanged. [Circular No: 54/2026]

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NSE Introduces Category ‘I’ Leased Line Connectivity for Commodity Derivatives

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on July 31, 2026, has introduced a new Category ‘I’ leased line connectivity with a larger pool of child IPs for members accessing only the Commodity Derivatives Segment through dedicated leased line connectivity. The facility, introduced following market participant feedback, will be available across all Points of Presence (POPs) in both Managed Service and Self-Service models. The new functionality will be available on the ENIT portal from August 3, 2026 (Beginning of Day). Under the new category, members will initially receive one parent IP and can subsequently obtain up to 119 additional child IPs without any additional cost. An annual recovery charge of ■2,000 plus applicable taxes will apply for each parent IP at the scenario level. Each subscribed IP will support 120 messages per second for the Commodity Derivatives Segment. Category ‘I’ connections will be exclusively for commodity derivatives and cannot be converted to or from any other connectivity category. The initiative aims to simplify network architecture, reduce last-mile and connectivity costs, and improve operational efficiency in managing connectivity. Members can submit applications for Category ‘I’ connectivity or additional child IPs through the existing ENIT workflow. All other provisions of the earlier circular dated April 29, 2026 remain unchanged. [Circular Ref. No. 55/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates - Monthly Electricity Futures in the Commodity Derivatives Segment

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on July 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates (DDR) - Monthly Electricity Futures in the Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated:- •The Due Date Rate (DDR) for the Monthly Electricity Futures (ELECMBL) contract that expired on July 30, 2026, has been fixed at 3814.00 per MWh. Members are advised to take note of the final settlement price for the expired futures contract. [Circular No: 282/2026]

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NSE issued circular on Transaction charges for Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on July 31, 2026, issued circular on Transaction charges for Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs). The Exchange has announced the launch of the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) segment, which will become operational from May 4, 2026. This segment enables trading in electronic gold receipts, providing investors with a regulated and efficient platform to deal in gold in a dematerialized form. To promote participation and build liquidity in this newly introduced segment, the Exchange has introduced an incentive for market participants. Specifically, it has decided to waive all transaction charges on trades executed in the EGR segment. This waiver will be applicable for a limited period, starting from the launch date and continuing until November 3, 2026. The move is aimed at encouraging early adoption, increasing trading activity, and familiarizing investors with the EGR framework. Overall, the initiative is expected to boost interest in electronic gold trading by reducing initial cost barriers and supporting the development of a robust market ecosystem for EGRs. [Circular No. 012026]

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NSE revises Quantity Freeze Limits for Index Derivatives

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on July 31, 2026, revises Quantity Freeze Limits for Index Derivatives. NSE in continuation of its F&O consolidated circular dated April 28, 2026, has announced updated quantity freeze limits for index derivatives contracts, effective August 3, 2026. These limits are based on the prescribed computation methodology and are aimed at strengthening risk management and market stability in the derivatives segment. As per the revised limits, the maximum order size (quantity freeze limit) for key index derivatives is set as follows: BANKNIFTY – 600, NIFTY – 1800, FINNIFTY – 1800, MIDCPNIFTY – 2800, and NIFTYNXT50 – 600. These thresholds define the maximum permissible quantity per order, beyond which orders may be rejected or require confirmation as per exchange norms. Members are advised to update their trading systems by downloading and loading the latest contract files (contract.gz and NSE_FO_contract_ddmmyyyy.csv.gz) before trading on the effective date. These files are available on the NSE Extranet as well as the official NSE website under derivatives reports. Additionally, detailed information regarding quantity freeze limits for each underlying is accessible on the NSE website. Members should

ensure compliance with these updates to avoid any disruption in trading activities. [Circular No: 110/2026]

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NCCL Notifies Final Settlement Price for Crude Sunflower Oil Contract

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on July 31, 2026, has notified the Final Settlement Price (FSP) for the Crude Sunflower Oil (SUNOIL) futures contract that expired on July 31, 2026, in accordance with Bye Law 8.12.1 and Regulation 7.6. The settlement price has been finalised for all clearing and settlement purposes. The Final Settlement Price for the Crude Sunflower Oil (SUNOIL) contract has been fixed at ■1,660.00 per 10 kg. This price will be used for the final settlement of all outstanding positions in the contract upon expiry. [Circular No. NCCL/CLEARING-049/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Changes in Future Equivalent (FutEq)/(Delta) Intraday Position Limits Monitoring for Equity Index Derivatives and Order to Trade Ratio (OTR) on account of Closing Auction Session (CAS)

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on July 31, 2026, notified regarding the Changes in Future Equivalent (FutEq)/(Delta) Intraday Position Limits Monitoring for Equity Index Derivatives and Order to Trade Ratio (OTR) on account of Closing Auction Session (CAS). The following has been stated: • NSE has revised the Intraday Position Limits (IPL) Monitoring Framework for Equity Index Derivatives and the Order to Trade Ratio (OTR) framework to align with the Closing Auction Session (CAS). Under the revised framework, no intraday position snapshot will be taken during the CAS until the equilibrium index price is determined, after which an additional fifth snapshot may be taken up to 3:40 PM. The 15-minute cure period will not apply to snapshots taken after 2:45 PM, and the closing price of the underlying index will be used for delta computation and position valuation. • Additionally, same-day expiring derivative contracts will be included in post-CAS snapshots, the time-to-expiry for Black-Scholes delta calculations will be based on the revised 3:40 PM market close, and orders placed during the Closing Auction Session for eligible cash market stocks will not be considered for Order to Trade Ratio (OTR) computation. Trading Members are advised to ensure compliance with these revised provisions. [Notification no. – NSE/SURV/75524]

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PFRDA issued a circular regarding operationalising the framework for classification and presentation of Schemes under the NPS

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) on August 28, 2026, issued a circular regarding operationalising the framework for classification and presentation of Schemes under the NPS. The following has been stated: - •PFRDA has operationalised the framework for classification and presentation of NPS schemes, requiring existing MSF schemes to be restructured/reclassified into a single category and renamed within 30 days. •Pension Funds may offer up to two schemes per category per Tier, with excess schemes to be merged/restructured within 45 days. •New MSF schemes require prior PFRDA approval and must comply with investment norms, Risk-o-meter, benchmarking and disclosure requirements. •Pension Funds must maintain an NPS Scheme Essentials Document and may offer optional value-added retirement services with appropriate disclosures. •The distinction between Common Schemes and MSF Schemes is discontinued, and all NPS schemes will henceforth follow the new classification framework. [Circular No.: PFRDA/2026/48/REG-PF/11]

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PFRDA notified regarding the charge structure applicable to PoPs for All Schemes under NPS and NPS Lite

Aug 31, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on August 28, 2026, notified regarding the charge structure applicable to PoPs for All Schemes under NPS and NPS Lite. The following has been stated: • It has revised the charge structure applicable to Points of Presence (PoPs) for all schemes under NPS and NPS Lite, effective October 1, 2026, under Regulation 16 of the PFRDA (Point of Presence) Regulations, 2018. PoPs may charge a one-time onboarding fee of ■200 per PRAN and an annual charge of 0.20% p.a. of AUM, adjusted through NAV and payable quarterly, except for dormant accounts. For fully digital, non-face-to-face onboarding, a reduced onboarding charge of ■100 may be applicable as determined by PFRDA. • The minimum contribution is fixed at ■250 at onboarding and ■10 for subsequent contributions. Subscribers onboarded through e-NPS and subsequently contributing through e-NPS or D-Remit will not pay PoP charges, whereas those onboarded through a PoP will remain liable for the prescribed charges even when subsequent contributions are made through e-NPS or D-Remit. PoPs must

prominently display the revised charges on their websites and during digital onboarding. • The revised structure supersedes the earlier March 10, 2026 circular and will be implemented by Central Recordkeeping Agencies from Q3 of FY 2026-27. [Notification No. - PFRDA/2026/46/REG-POP/08]

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MoLE Bonus Calculation Limit under Code on Wages, 2019

Aug 27, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), on August 25, 2026, determined the wage ceiling to be applied for calculating bonus under Section 26(1) and (3) of the Code on Wages, 2019. Where the wage of an employee eligible for bonus exceeds ■7,000 per month, the bonus shall be calculated as if the employee's wage were ■7,000 per month or the minimum wage fixed by the Central Government, whichever is higher. The notification provides that this determination applies for the purpose of calculation of bonus payable under Section 26 of the Code on Wages, 2019. Accordingly, the relevant calculation base is not necessarily capped at ■7,000; where the applicable Central Government minimum wage is higher than ■7,000, the higher minimum wage will be used. The notification has retrospective effect from November 21, 2025, meaning that it is deemed to have come into force from that date. [Notification No. S.O. 4710(E)]

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MoLE determines ■21,000 Wage Ceiling for Bonus Eligibility under Code on Wages, 2019

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 25, 2026, determines ■21,000 Wage Ceiling for Bonus Eligibility under the Code on Wages, 2019. The Government has determined that every employee drawing wages up to ■21,000 per month shall be eligible for payment of bonus as specified under Section 26(1) of the Code on Wages, 2019. The notification is deemed to have come into force from November 21, 2025. [Notification no. - S.O. 4711(E)]

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MoLE urges Establishments to avail Employees' Enrolment Campaign 2026 for EPF Coverage

Aug 25, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 22, 2026, urges Establishments to avail the Employees' Enrolment Campaign 2026 for EPF Coverage. The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has urged establishments to utilise the Employees' Enrolment Campaign, 2026 (EEC 2026), effective from June 29, 2026, to enrol eligible employees who remained outside EPF coverage during the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2026. The one-time campaign will remain open until October 31, 2026 and provides specified relaxations, including waiver of the employee's share where it was not deducted earlier, subject to applicable conditions. Employers are required to complete enrolment through the prescribed online process,

generate Face Authentication-based UANs through the UMANG App and remit contributions through the Electronic Challan-cum-Return (ECR). EPFO has advised employers to review their employment and wage records, identify eligible employees and complete their enrolment before the campaign deadline to extend provident fund, pension and insurance benefits to previously uncovered workers. [Press release id: 2302247]

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MoLE amended an older notification related to the Exempted Employers to Pay Inspection Charges

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 20, 2026, issued notification to amend notification no. S.O. 2701(E) dated May 29, 2026, related to the Exempted Employers to Pay Inspection Charges. In the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), in issue No. 2608, vide No. S.O. 2701(E) dated May 29, 2026, in page 2, in line 31, for “0.35” read “0.18”. [Notification No. S.O. 4602(E)]

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MoLE issued the corrigendum to the Employees’ Pension Scheme, 2026

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 20, 2026, issued the corrigendum to the Employees’ Pension Scheme, 2026. The Government has issued a corrigendum to the Employees’ Pension Scheme, 2026, originally notified vide G.S.R. 527(E) dated June 29, 2026. The corrigendum makes various typographical and textual corrections in the Scheme, including replacing “■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■” with “■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■ ■■■■■■■”, correcting wording relating to wages/remuneration, removing the phrase “as a penalty”, and revising certain references and calculations in the relevant paragraphs. It also corrects entries in Table 3, including “2,42I” to “2,421” and “1065b” to “10650”. [Notification no. - G.S.R. 748(E)]

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PFRDA notified regarding the Extension of the Incentive Framework under the National Pension System (NPS) – “NPS e-shramik (Platform Service Partner) Model” for FY 2026-27

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on August 18, 2026, notified regarding the Extension of the Incentive Framework under the National Pension System (NPS) – “NPS e-shramik (Platform Service Partner) Model” for FY 2026-27. It has extended the ■100 per new account onboarding incentive payable to Points of Presence (PoPs) under the NPS e-Shramik (Platform Service Partner) Model for FY 2026-27, with the benefit applicable to enrolments made up to March 31, 2027. The incentive was

originally introduced under PFRDA Circular No. PFRDA/2025/19/PDES/02, dated October 29, 2025, to encourage PoPs to develop systems, create awareness and educate Platform Service Partners regarding NPS, and was initially applicable to Platform Service Partners registered up to March 31, 2026. The extension is intended to further promote old-age income security and social security coverage for gig and platform economy workers through digital onboarding and ecosystem-based participation. All other terms, conditions and stipulations contained in the earlier circular will remain unchanged and continue to apply. [Notification no. - PFRDA/2026/43/P&DCORP/02]

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PFRDA issued List of Holidays to be observed during the calendar year 2027

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on August 13, 2026, issued List of Holidays to be observed during the calendar year 2027. It is stated that in addition to the specified compulsory holidays, it has been decided to allow each employee to avail any two holidays to be chosen by him/ her out of the list of Restricted Holidays specified. [Order No. PFRDA/3292/260/HR/172]

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MoLE clarifies the Scope of Compounding Powers under the Code on Wages, 2019

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 19, 2026, clarifies the Scope of Compounding Powers under the Code on Wages, 2019. The Ministry, through a corrigendum to S.O. 2455(E) dated 12 May 2026, has amended the wording relating to the authority of designated officers to compound offences under the Code on Wages, 2019. The earlier phrase “to compound the offences punishable with imprisonment only, or with imprisonment and also with fine” has been replaced with “to compound any offence under the Code on Wages, 2019, other than an offence punishable with imprisonment only or with imprisonment and also with fine.” Accordingly, the authorised officers are empowered to compound offences under the Code on Wages except offences punishable with imprisonment alone or with imprisonment along with fine, thereby clarifying and restricting the categories of offences that may be compounded under the notification. [Notification no. - S.O. 4573(E)]

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MoSPI issued the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – July 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on August 12, 2026, issued the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – July 2026. The following has been stated: • The All-India year-on-year CPI inflation for July 2026 stood at 4.45% (provisional), compared with 4.38% in June 2026. Rural inflation was 4.84%, while urban inflation stood at 3.96%. Food inflation, measured by the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI),

increased to 5.52%, with rural and urban food inflation at 5.79% and 5.05%, respectively. Housing inflation stood at 2.22%. • Among individual items, silver jewellery recorded the highest inflation at 109.84%, followed by ginger at 83.62%, garlic at 35.36%, gold/diamond/platinum jewellery at 32.98%, and onion at 22.54%. On the other hand, potato recorded -16.56% inflation, followed by motor cars and jeeps at -6.72%, lady's finger at -5.52%, peas at -5.27%, and tomato at -4.59%. • The CPI data were compiled from price information collected from 1,407 urban markets, including online markets, and 1,465 villages across States/UTs. The response rate during July 2026 was 100% for both rural and urban markets. The CPI for August 2026 is scheduled to be released on September 14, 2026, subject to the stated holiday contingency. [Press Release ID: 2298247]

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MoCI issued the notification regarding the Provisional Estimates of WPI, OPPI, and TIPPI for The Month of July 2026, And Final Index for The Month of May 2026

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on August 14, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Provisional Estimates of Wholesale Price Index, Output Producer Price Index, and Trial Input Producer Price Index for The Month of July 2026, And Final Index for The Month Of May 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • WPI inflation eased marginally to 9.78% in July 2026, from 9.87% in June, while the overall WPI index declined slightly from 110.2 to 110.0. • Fuel & Power inflation fell sharply to 20.05% from 27.41%, mainly reflecting lower mineral-oil and crude petroleum prices. • Primary Articles inflation increased to 8.52% from 7.0%, driven by higher prices of non-food articles, minerals and food articles. • Manufactured Products inflation rose to 8.29% from 7.48%, indicating continued price pressures in manufacturing. • The WPI Food Index rose to 6.65% in July from 6.14% in June. Its weight in WPI is 24.99%. • Key contributors to July inflation were mineral oils, food articles, basic metals, non-food articles, food products, and chemicals. • Within manufacturing, particularly high inflation was recorded in chemicals (13.12%), basic metals (12.56%), electrical equipment (12.34%), and textiles (12.80%). • FY 2026-27 cumulative WPI inflation (April–July) was 9.47%, compared with -0.20% during the corresponding period of FY 2025-26, showing a substantial broad-based price increase. • Output PPI remained unchanged at 109.9 in July. Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing increased to 115.6, while Mining and Quarrying fell to 119.4 and Manufacturing declined to 108.8. • Trial Input PPI for manufacturing fell to 105.9 in July from 107.1 in June, suggesting some easing in manufacturers' input-cost pressures; however, several sectors such as food products, tobacco, chemicals and electrical equipment continued to show elevated input-price indices. [Notification No. 2299305]

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Draft Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB- G RAM G (Viksit Bharat – G Ram G) Audit of Schemes Rules, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) on August 07, 2026, issued the Draft Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin): VB- G RAM G (Viksit Bharat – G Ram G) Audit of Schemes Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules provide a framework for audit of schemes, including

social audit, to ensure transparency, accountability and public participation in the implementation of schemes. The Rules provide for annual audit of scheme accounts and expenditure at the district level by the Director, Local Fund Audit/equivalent authority or Chartered Accountants, preferably CAG-empanelled, with the audit reports being submitted to the State Government and subsequently forwarded to the CAG and Central Government. In addition, an independent Social Audit Unit is to facilitate and oversee social audits. It will train social auditors, build the capacity of Gram Sabhas, verify records and worksites, facilitate Social Audit Gram Sabhas and publish social audit reports. Social audit teams are to include persons from outside the concerned Gram Panchayat, with at least 25% of village social auditors belonging to SC/ST households. The independence of the Social Audit Unit is specifically protected from implementing agencies. • The Rules also establish a system for identification, reporting and recovery of irregularities, including misappropriation, violations, non-compliance and deficiencies. Amounts identified as misappropriated through social audit are required to be recovered within five months from the Social Audit Gram Sabha, with responsible individuals or vendors liable for corrective and punitive action under applicable laws. Findings, Action Taken Reports (ATRs), recovery status, grievances and actions taken are required to be placed on a public-facing digital dashboard, while weekly public disclosure meetings and quarterly/annual social audit reports are also contemplated. The cost of social audit is to be borne by the Central Government, with expenditure on social audit activities capped at 1% of total expenditure, while overall administrative expenditure, including social audit expenditure, shall remain within the 9% ceiling. • The objections/suggestions may be submitted to the Ministry by September 06, 2026. [Notification No. - S.O. 4363(E)]

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MoWCD notified regarding the Anganwadi cum Creches under Palna for providing day care creche facilities in a safe and secure environment to children

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) on August 12, 2026, notified regarding the Anganwadi cum Creches under Palna for providing day care creche facilities in a safe and secure environment to children. The following has been stated: • The Ministry introduced Anganwadi-cum-Crèches (AWCCs) under the Palna Scheme with effect from April 01, 2022, to provide safe and secure day-care facilities for children aged 6 months to 6 years, irrespective of their mothers' employment status. The facilities also provide nutritional support, health and cognitive development services, growth monitoring, immunization and education. Palna is a component of the Samarthya vertical of Mission Shakti and is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme funded in a 60:40 ratio between Centre and States/UTs with legislature, 90:10 for North-Eastern and Special Category States, and 100% by the Centre for UTs without legislature. Funds are released through the Single Nodal Agency (SNA)/SNA-SPARSH mechanism under PFMS. Presently, 4,172 AWCCs are operational across the country. • The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, has been subsumed under the Code on Social Security, 2020, which came into effect on November 21, 2025. Section 67 of the Code provides for crèche facilities in establishments having 50 or more employees. Enforcement for establishments under the State Sphere is the responsibility of the respective State Governments, while the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) is the designated enforcement authority for maternity benefit provisions in establishments under the Central Sphere. [Press Release ID: 2298270]

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ESIC intimates monthly drug testing samples for July 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on August 08, 2026, intimates monthly drug testing samples for July 2026. The following has been stated: • It has intimated the sampling of various drugs for quality testing from ESIC Hospital, C.B. Ganj, Bareilly, with samples collected on August 07, 2026. The sampled medicines include Nitrofurantoin, Methotrexate, Tacrolimus, Silodosin, Linezolid, Remogliflozin, Drotaverine, Dydrogesterone, Etizolam, Alprazolam, Hydrochlorothiazide, Sulphasalazine, Tofacitinib, Moxifloxacin/Prednisolone eye drops, Clotrimazole/Lignocaine ear drops, Olopatadine eye drops, Dapagliflozin, Metoprolol Succinate and Apixaban, among others. • The samples were drawn from drugs supplied under RC (Rate Contract) arrangements and include products manufactured by companies such as Rivpra Formulation Pvt. Ltd., Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Mankind Pharma Ltd., Unicure India Ltd., Themis Medicare Ltd., Ipca Laboratories Ltd., MSN Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Primus Pharmaceuticals, Bajaj Healthcare Ltd. and Pulse Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. The samples have been forwarded to designated testing laboratories, including Satiate Lab and Shree Balaji, for quality analysis. • The communication indicates that the test reports are awaited for the sampled medicines. The testing exercise forms part of ESIC's regular drug quality-control and surveillance mechanism, intended to verify the quality and compliance of medicines supplied for use in ESIC medical institutions. The communication also records details such as drug name, batch number, manufacturer, manufacturing/expiry dates, rate-contract number, sampling date and testing laboratory for traceability and monitoring. [Notification No. - U-16/27/01/Drug Testing/Medical Store/ESICH-BLY/2024]

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ESIC notified regarding the Holidays to be observed in Central Government Offices during the year 2027

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on July 16, 2026, notified regarding the Holidays to be observed in Central Government Offices during the year 2027. The following has been stated: • It has notified the holiday arrangements for Central Government offices for 2027. Delhi/New Delhi offices will observe the holidays specified in Annexure-I, while each employee may avail two Restricted Holidays of their choice from Annexure-II. Offices outside Delhi/New Delhi will observe compulsory holidays including Republic Day, Independence Day, Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday, Dussehra, Diwali, Christmas, Good Friday, Guru Nanak's Birthday, Mahavir Jayanti, Buddha Purnima, Idu'l Fitr, Idu'l Zuha, Muharram and Id-e-Milad, along with three optional holidays selected from the prescribed list of local festivals. • The selected holidays will apply uniformly to Central Government offices within the concerned State, and no substitute holiday will be allowed if a festival falls on a weekly off/non-working day or coincides with another festival. Dates of Idu'l Fitr, Idu'l Zuha, Muharram and Id-e-Milad may be changed based on moon sighting. For 2027, Diwali falls on October 29, 2027, although offices may observe Naraka Chaturdasi instead where the concerned State Government follows that practice. Central Government industrial, commercial and trading establishments may observe up to 16 holidays, while UT Administrations, Indian Missions abroad and banks will follow their respective applicable holiday instructions. [Notification No. - 12/2/2023-JCA]

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BOPTER FAQs Issued on Annual Profile Update by Establishments in NATS 2.0 Portal

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BOPTER), on August 4, 2026, issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) clarifying the document requirements for the annual profile update by training establishments on the NATS 2.0 portal. The FAQs specify the supporting documents that establishments must upload while completing the yearly profile update. Training establishments may upload any one of the following documents as supporting evidence: (i) a self-attested EPFO return statement showing the employee/member count downloaded from the EPFO website; (ii) a salary bill or salary payment order issued to banks, duly certified by the bank and attested by the establishment's contact person; or (iii) for Central/State Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), a declaration on the organization's official letterhead indicating the revised employee count, signed by the Head of the Organization. The uploaded document must be submitted in the designated "Upload Supportive Documents" section of the NATS 2.0 portal, and where applicable, the document should be attested by the contact person whose details are registered in the establishment's NATS 2.0 profile.

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BoPTER issued the Manual for Establishment Yearly Profile Update

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BoPTER) on July 14, 2026, issued the Manual for Establishment Yearly Profile Update. The following has been stated: • It has issued the “Manual for Establishment Yearly Profile Update” for establishments using the NATS 2.0 Portal, providing instructions for updating establishment information, manpower, infrastructure, training requirements and contact details for the current financial year. Establishments are required to complete the yearly profile update during April of every financial year through Profile Management → Yearly Profile Update. • They can update the latest manpower details, add new locations and indicate their requirement for Government Stipendiary support. Under profile details, contact person information, training infrastructure, disbursing bank account details, location details, and requirement details can be edited, while uploaded documents cannot be updated. The training requirement must be between 2.5% and 15% of the establishment’s total updated manpower. After submission, the profile is forwarded to BOAT/BOPT for approval; until approval, the previous year's data and slots remain applicable. • The approval status can be checked through Profile Management → Yearly Profile Update Status, after which the approved changes are reflected in the establishment profile. Version 1.2 of the manual, dated July 13, 2026, also introduces restrictions on editing certain establishment-profile fields and provides for highlighting edited fields during approval.

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Andhra Pradesh Notifies Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026

Aug 09, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Government of Andhra Pradesh, on August 6, 2026, issued the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Andhra Pradesh) Rules, 2026 under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020. The final rules have been notified after considering objections and suggestions received on the draft rules published on April 6, 2026. The Rules consolidate the State's framework governing occupational safety, health and working conditions by replacing the corresponding rules framed under eight erstwhile labour laws, including the Factories Act, 1948, Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996, Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, 1979, Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961, Plantation Labour Act, 1951, Dock Workers Act, 1986, and Beedi and Cigar Workers Act, 1966. The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Andhra Pradesh) Rules, 2026 extend to the entire State of Andhra Pradesh and will come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. They provide the regulatory framework for implementing the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 within the State. [G.O.Rt. No. 146]

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ESIC issued the List of Drugs Sent For Drug Testing For the Month of July 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on August 05, 2026, issued the List of Drugs Sent For Drug Testing For the Month of July 2026. The list has been attached to document below.

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ESIC notified regarding the Completion of pending APARs for the Reporting Year 2024–25 through the SPARROW Portal

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on July 31, 2026, notified regarding the Submission of indents for Underutilized Ortho Implants. It has directed all ESIC hospitals and medical colleges to submit indents through the MM2 module for their requirement of underutilized orthopaedic implants available in the central medical store. The listed inventory includes various orthopaedic and spinal implants, such as locking plates, humeral and femoral nails, locking screws, pedicle screw rods, spinal cages, cervical plates, and related accessories. As these implants are autoclavable and do not have an expiry period, ESIC has advised institutions to assess their clinical requirements and submit indents at the earliest to ensure optimum utilization of the available stock and minimize inventory wastage. [Notification No. - U-16011/33/2026-MED STORE Comp No 1677902]

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ESIC Drug Samples Sent for Quality Analysis in June 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospital, Puducherry, in July 2026, through its communication dated July 14, 2026, informed the Headquarters Office that three drug samples were sent to the Controlling Authority, Department of Drug Control, Puducherry, for quality analysis/testing during June 2026. The drug samples submitted for testing include Injection Diclofenac Sodium IP 25 mg/ml, Pantoprazole IP 40 mg Tablets, and Metformin HCl IP 500 mg Tablets, manufactured by Karnataka Antibiotics & Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL) and Hindustan Antibiotics Limited (HAL). The communication specifies the respective batch numbers, manufacturing dates, and expiry dates of the samples. The intimation has been issued to the Deputy Medical Commissioner (Rate Contract), ESIC Headquarters, for information and further necessary action as part of ESIC's drug quality monitoring and procurement oversight process. [No. 551-U/16/27/DRUG TESTING/MS/ESICH/PDY]

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ESIC notified regarding the Implementation of New Insured Person (IP) Registration functionality in ERP

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on August 04, 2026 has rolled out a new Insured Person (IP) Registration module within its ERP system, aimed at streamlining the registration of employees under the ESI Scheme. The key highlights are as follows: New Functionality: The module enables employers to process and manage IP registrations directly through the ERP system, including capture of employee details and generation of the Insurance Number. Employee Self-Authentication: Employees can now complete the authentication step via the ESIC Health Connect App, making the process more accessible and user-friendly. User Manual Issued: ESIC has circulated a detailed User Manual covering the workflow, operating instructions, and screenshots for the new module, intended for training and implementation purposes. Directions to Regional/Sub-Regional Offices: ESIC offices have been directed to: Circulate the User Manual to relevant officers, Branch Offices, and stakeholders; Conduct training/orientation sessions for field staff; and Support employers and Insured Persons in adopting the new process. Action Point for Clients: Employers registered under the ESI Scheme should familiarize themselves with the new ERP-based IP Registration process and ensure that relevant HR/compliance personnel are equipped to use the module. Employers should also be prepared to guide employees on using the ESIC Health Connect App for the authentication step, where applicable. [File No. P-14011/2/2026-BFT-II]

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Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

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utilization of the available stock and minimize inventory wastage. [Notification No. - U-16011/33/2026-MED STORE Comp No 1677902]

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MoLE issued corrigendum in Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance Scheme, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 04, 2026, issued corrigendum in Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance Scheme, 2026. The following amendments have been stated: 1) In page 13, - (i) line 14, for "46" read "44"; (ii) line 21, for "Applications", read "Application"; (iii) line 25, for "Deposit Linked", read "Deposit-Linked". 2) In page 14, - (i) line 1, for "from the employer by way of penalty, damages at the rate and" read "from the employer, damages at the rate"; (ii) line 8, for "Duty of employer", read "Duties of employers"; (iii) line 27, for "Deposit Linked", read "Deposit-Linked". 3) In page 15, - (i) line 19, for "Deposit Linked" read "Deposit-Linked"; (ii) line 20, for "Deposit Linked" read "Deposit-Linked". 4) In page 16, - (i) line 20, for "Provident Fund during preceding twelve months" read "Provident Fund exempted under section 143 of the Code, as the case may be, during the preceding twelve months"; (ii) line 30, for "Provident Fund exempted together", read "Provident Fund exempted under section 143 of the Code, as the case may be, together"; (iii) line 36, for "Provident Fund during the preceding twelve months", read "Provident Fund exempted under section 143 of the Code, as the case may be, during the preceding twelve months". 5) In page 17, - (i) line 3, for "persons", read "person/(s)"; (ii) lines 20 and 21, for "average wage of the aggregate of all the wage", read "average wages of the aggregate of all the wages". 6) In page 18, lines 7 and 8, for "other eligible members of the family", read "other eligible members of the family or nominee, as the case may be,". 7) In page 19, - (i) line 7, for "Employees Deposit Linked ", read "Employees' Deposit-Linked "; (ii) line 13, for "Employees Deposit Linked ", read "Employees' Deposit-Linked "; (iii) line 18, for "Employees Deposit Linked ", read "Employees' Deposit-Linked ". 8) In page 20, - (i) line 2, for "the this", read "this"; (ii) line 11, for "condition for the grant for exemption continued", read "conditions for the grant of exemption continue"; (iii) line 15, for "and same", read "and the same"; 9) In page 22, - (i) line 6, for "(A+B-C)", read (1+2-3); (ii) line 23, for "GREIVANCES", read "GRIEVANCES". [Notification No. G.S.R. 705(E)]

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PFRDA notified regarding the Permitting the Point of Presence (PoP) for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for distribution of Pension Schemes

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on July 30, 2026, notified regarding the permitting of the Point of Presence (PoP) for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for distribution of Pension Schemes. PFRDA has expanded the categories of entities eligible to act as Pension Agents under the PFRDA (Point of Presence) Regulations, 2018. Point of Presence (PoP) entities are now permitted to engage Cluster-Based Business Organisations (CBBOs) associated with Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and registered Co-operative Societies/Unions/Federations as Pension Agents for distributing PFRDA-regulated pension schemes. Engagement of Co-operative entities is subject to enhanced due diligence, including assessment of their financial viability. All existing operational conditions under earlier Pension Agent circulars will continue to apply. [Notification No. - PFRDA/2026/41/REG-POP/07]

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MoLE issued the Corrigendum to Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on August 04, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to the Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Government has issued a corrigendum to the Employees' Pension Scheme, 2026, published on June 29, 2026, to rectify typographical, textual and reference errors in the Scheme. • The corrections include replacing "security agreement" with "social security agreement", "pay" with "wages", "wage ceiling" with "wage ceiling period", correcting references to paragraphs and sub-clauses, revising the expression relating to damages payable by employers, and correcting minor textual and numerical errors such as "Fund" to "Funds", "2,42I" to "2,421", and "1065b" to "10650". [Notification No. - G.S.R. 704(E)]

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ESIC issued Details of Willing Firms/Products for Extension of DG-ESIC Rate Contracts 154–158

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on August 03, 2026, has issued a communication providing information on firms and products that have expressed willingness to continue drug supply under the extended period of DG-ESIC Rate Contracts (RC) 154, 155, 156, 157, and 158. This communication references ESIC Headquarters web upload no. 25580/2029, dated June 4, 2026. The notice is issued in continuation of an earlier order — No. U-25/12/Exemption under Public Procurement (MII) Order/2022-Med.V (E-101005) — also dated June 4, 2026, which pertained to exemptions under the Public Procurement (Make in India) Order. The enclosed details list the specific firms and their corresponding products that have confirmed their willingness to supply drugs during the extension period of the referenced rate contracts. The communication is circulated for information and necessary action by the concerned recipients, with the detailed list of willing firms/products enclosed as an attachment to the original notice. [Notification No. U-25/12/Exemption under Public Procurement (MII) Order/2022-Med.V (E101005)/270]

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ESIC notified regarding the Three Feracrylum-Based Items from Central Rate Contracts due to Off-Patent Status

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on July 31, 2026, notified regarding the Three Feracrylum-Based Items from Central Rate Contracts due to Off-Patent Status. It has deleted three Feracrylum-based products from the approved item list under DG-ESIC Central Rate Contract (CRC) Nos. 158 and 163, with effect from July 26, 2026, due to their off-patent status, in accordance with the terms and conditions of e-Tender Enquiry Nos. 158 and 163. The deleted items include Feracrylum 3% Dressing (Item

No. 1787), Feracrylum Gel 1% (Item No. 1440), and Feracrylum with Centbucridine Hydrochloride Gel (Item No. 2103), all supplied by Themis Medicare Limited. The deletion removes these products from the approved procurement list under the respective Central Rate Contracts, and all concerned authorities have been advised to take necessary action accordingly [Notification No. - U-25/12/Misc-RC/2023-MedV/269]

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EPFO Scheduled Downtime of e-Office Application for System Upgradation

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), on August 3, 2026, issued a communication informing all zonal and regional offices about the scheduled downtime of the e-Office application for system upgradation. The maintenance activity has been planned based on communication received from the NIC e-Office Team, and the application will remain unavailable on August 5, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. The scheduled upgrade includes deployment of eFile Version 7.4.4-3, Portal Version 8.2.2, MIS Version 7.3.0, and MDM Version 7.3.1-1, replacing the existing deployment running on Portal Version 8.0.1 and eFile Version 7.4.3. The upgradation aims to enhance the functionality and performance of the EPFO e-Office platform. Accordingly, all EPFO offices have been advised that the e-Office application will not be accessible during the scheduled maintenance window, and users should plan their official work accordingly to avoid any disruption during the upgrade period.

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Draft Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on July 13, 2026, issued the draft Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 2026 under the Code on Social Security, 2020, proposing to replace the existing Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 1950. The draft regulations seek to align the ESI regulatory framework with the Code on Social Security, 2020, and the Social Security (Central) Rules, 2026. Stakeholders may submit objections and suggestions within 45 days from the date the Official Gazette is made available to the public. The draft regulations introduce updated definitions, governance provisions, contribution and benefit periods, procedures for exercising powers by the Corporation, and the constitution and functioning of committees and Regional Boards. They also provide a comprehensive framework for the administration of ESI benefits, registration, and governance under the new social security regime. The proposed regulations aim to modernise the administration of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme by streamlining operational procedures, strengthening governance mechanisms, and ensuring consistency with the provisions of the Code on Social Security, 2020. [No. X-11014/31/2026-P&D]

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CBIC Prescribes Modalities for Payment of IGST on Raw Sugar Imported under Advance Authorisation and Converted to TRQ Scheme

Aug 28, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on August 27, 2026, has prescribed the procedure for payment of IGST on Raw Sugar actually imported under the Advance Authorisation (AA) Scheme and subsequently converted into the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) Scheme. The following has been stated: For relevant imports where the AA holder is required to pay IGST, the importer may approach the concerned assessment group at the Port of Import (POI). The assessment group will cancel the Out of Charge (OOC), reassess the Bill of Entry to charge the tax, and the IGST must be paid through the electronic challan generated in the Customs EDI System. After payment, the POI will make a notional OOC to enable transmission of the IGST amount and payment date to GSTN. Any interest liability arising from the IGST payment will be waived, and this procedure may be applied only once for a Bill of Entry. Input Tax Credit (ITC) on the assessed Bill of Entry will be available subject to the eligibility and conditions under Sections 16, 17, and 18 of the CGST Act, 2017. IGST payment should not be made through the Voluntary Payment Challan module, as it does not adequately facilitate transfer of the required details between Customs and GSTN. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Circular No.: 37/2026-Cus]

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CBIC issued an amendment to the older notification regarding Customs Tariff Values

Aug 26, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 25, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification regarding Customs Tariff Values. It has amended Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.) dated August 3, 2001, by substituting Tables 1, 2 and 3 prescribing tariff values for specified imported goods. The tariff values for palm oils, palmolein, crude soybean oil and brass scrap in Table 1 remain unchanged. In Table 2, the tariff value for eligible gold is fixed at US$ 1,500 per 10 grams, while silver remains at US$ 2,097 per kg; the same values apply to the specified categories of gold and silver imports. Table 3 prescribes a tariff value of US$ 11,574 per metric tonne for areca nuts, also unchanged. The amended notification shall come into force from August 26, 2026. [Notification No.71/2026-CUSTOMS (N.T.)]

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DGTR Corrigendum to Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation on Hot Rolled Flat Products

Aug 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), on August 19, 2026, issued a corrigendum to the initiation notification dated June 25, 2026 concerning the anti-dumping investigation into imports of “Hot Rolled Flat Products of Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel” originating in or exported from China PR, Japan and Russia. The corrigendum modifies Paragraph 23 of the original initiation notification. The revised paragraph records that the applicants have furnished prima facie evidence of injury to the domestic industry, including an increase in subject imports in absolute terms and relative to demand in India, price undercutting, price suppression/depression, increased average inventory despite higher sales, and adverse effects on profitability parameters, including a decline in return on investment, allegedly due to dumped imports. The investigation continues under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment and Collection of Anti-Dumping Duty on Dumped Articles for Determination of Injury) Rules, 1995, as amended. The corrigendum specifically modifies the injury-related findings in Paragraph 23 of the initiation notification. [Notification No. 6/26/2026-DGTR]

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IT Department notified regarding the Offline utility of ITR-6 for AY 2026-27

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 20, 2026, notified that the Offline utility of ITR-6 for AY 2026-27 is available now. Click Here

MoF issued the amendment to the older notification regarding anti-dumping duty on imports of Natural Mica based Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding cosmetic grade originating in or exported from China PR for a period of five years

Aug 23, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 21, 2026, issued the amendment to the older notification no. 47/2021-Customs (ADD), dated August 26, 2021, regarding anti-dumping duty on imports of Natural Mica based Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding cosmetic grade originating in or exported from China PR for a period of five years. The amendment extends the validity period of the anti-dumping duty prescribed under the notification by replacing “25th November, 2026” with “25th February, 2027”. Accordingly, the applicable anti-dumping duty will continue to remain in force until February 25, 2027. [Notification no. -21/2026-Customs (ADD)]

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MoF issued a notification regarding Duty-Free Import of 10 Lakh MT Raw Sugar under TRQ

Aug 22, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding Duty-Free Import of 10 Lakh MT Raw Sugar under TRQ. The following has been stated: - •The Central Government has exempted 10 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of raw sugar from customs duty under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) scheme in

public interest. •The exemption applies to imports under tariff heading 1701 and is subject to DGFT-issued electronic TRQ authorisation. •Imports will be permitted only through electronic validation and debit in the Indian Customs EDI System (ICES). •The notification is effective immediately and remains valid until October 31, 2026. [Notification No.:30/2026-Customs]

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Draft Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2026

Aug 20, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 19, 2026, issued the Draft Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2026, seeking comments and suggestions on the regulations within 15 days. The following has been stated: It has introduced the Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2026, superseding the Public, Private and Special Warehouse Licensing Regulations, 2016. The regulations provide a unified framework for licensing of public, private and special warehouses, with applications to be submitted electronically through the ICEGATE portal. Applicants must satisfy prescribed eligibility, security, safety, digital inventory, and statutory compliance requirements, along with furnishing a recent solvency certificate and audited financial statements/business plan. The licensing authority may grant the licence within 30 days, with the overall disposal period capped at 45 days where clarifications are required. Licensees are required to maintain digital inventory records, conduct quarterly stock verification and obtain an annual CA audit of inventory and accounting records. The regulations also provide for co-storage of certain liquid bulk cargo, amendment and transfer of licences upon business reorganisation, voluntary surrender, and suspension/cancellation for specified non-compliances. Existing licences issued under the 2016 regulations will continue, subject to compliance with the new requirements within three months of commencement. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Income Tax Department issued a notification regarding verification of suspicious foreign remittances

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 18, 2026, launched a nationwide verification exercise to examine suspicious outward foreign remittances identified through ground intelligence and data analysis. The following has been stated: The exercise covers approximately 394 entities, including 117 entities located in land-border States, and 36 professionals who issued Form 15CB certificates. The verification focuses on shell entities, persons behind such entities and professionals issuing Form 15CB/Form 146 certificates, particularly where reported turnover was low or entities were non-filers despite making substantial foreign remittances. The Department has emphasised that Accountants issuing Form 15CB/Form 146 should exercise due care, diligence and professional judgment and properly examine the underlying transactions, books of account and relevant documents before certifying foreign remittances. Further investigations are currently underway. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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IT Department notified regarding the Online filing of ITR-6 for AY 2026-27

Aug 19, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 18, 2026, notified that the Online filing of ITR-6 for AY 2026-27, is available now.

Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Law and Justice, on August 17, 2026, issued the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2026 to further amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 and the Income-tax Act, 2025. The following has been stated: • Digital Payments: Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 is amended to allow the Central Government to specify, by notification, one or more electronic modes of payment. • Eligible Investment Funds: A new Schedule I prescribes conditions for eligible foreign investment funds to ensure their activities do not constitute a business connection in India. The Indian participation limit remains 5% of the fund corpus, with a ■25 crore manager-contribution exclusion during the first three years and a four-month period to rectify excess participation. • Fund Managers: Eligibility conditions have been prescribed, including registration under specified SEBI regulations and a restriction on the fund manager and connected persons being entitled to more than 20% of the fund's profits from transactions undertaken through the manager. • Compliance: Eligible investment funds must furnish prescribed information to the income-tax authority within 90 days from the end of the tax year. • Electronic Goods Manufacturing: Amendments to Schedule IV provide revised conditions for contract manufacturers producing specified electronic goods for foreign companies and extend the relevant exemption period from 2030-31 to 2040-41. • Government Securities: Tax exemptions are introduced for Foreign Institutional Investors and the Bank for International Settlements in respect of interest and capital gains arising from Government securities, subject to prescribed information requirements. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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CBIC notified the amendment to notification regarding the rates of Road and Infrastructure Cess for petrol and diesel when cleared for exports

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 14, 2026, issued a notification to amend the notification no. 11/2026-Central Excise, dated March 26, 2026 which states “rates of Road and Infrastructure Cess for petrol and diesel, when cleared for exports” The following has been stated namely: - • In the said notification, in the Table, against serial number 2, in column (4), for the entry, the entry “Nil” shall be substituted. The following shall come into force on August 15, 2026. [Notification No. 45/2026-Central Excise]

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Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers- Disclosure Scheme Rules, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 14, 2026, notified the Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers- Disclosure Scheme Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Central Government has notified the Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers- Disclosure Scheme Rules, 2026. •Under these rules, Chapter IV of the Finance Act, 2026 defines the " valuation date" as March 31, 2026, and sets the "last date" for compliance as December 31, 2026. •The income-tax authority designated to oversee the scheme includes the Principal Director General (Systems) or Director General (Systems). •The rules provide a comprehensive framework to determine the fair market value of foreign assets such as bullion, jewelry, artwork, shares, securities, immovable property, and bank accounts. •For foreign bank accounts, the asset value is computed as the sum of all deposits made from the account opening date (or from a prior declaration date under the Black Money Act, 2015) up to the valuation date, converted into Indian Rupees at the prevailing exchange rate on March 31, 2026. They shall come into force on August 16, 2026 The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 732(E)]

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MoF issued the revision on Central Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) amending its previous notification

Aug 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance, on August 14, 2026, has revised the central excise duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) by amending its previous Notification No. 08/2026-Central Excise dated March 26, 2026. The following has been stated: • Excise duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) has been revised to ■19.5 per litre. The revised rate came into effect on August 03, 2026, the date of publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. 44/2026-Central Excise]

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MoF issued amendment to notification regarding the Special Additional Excise Duty on export of petrol and diesel

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 14, 2026, issued the notification to amend the notification no. 06/2026-Central Excise, dated the March 26, 2026, which states “Special Additional Excise Duty on export of petrol and diesel” The following has been stated namely: - • In the said notification, in the Table, against serial number 1, in column (4), for the entry, the entry “Nil” shall be substituted. This shall come into force on August 15, 2026. [Notification No. 43/2026-Central Excise]

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RBI FCNR(B) Swap Facility to Close for New Deposits from August 31, 2026

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 14, 2026, announced that its special USD-INR Forex Swap Facility for FCNR(B) deposits, External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs) has received forex inflows of USD 56.846 billion as reported by Authorised Dealer Banks up to August 13, 2026. The inflows comprise USD 52.300 billion through FCNR(B) deposits, USD 2.805 billion through OFCBs and USD 1.741 billion through ECBs. In view of the encouraging response, the FCNR(B) deposit swap facility will be available only for deposits mobilised up to August 31, 2026. However, swaps against such FCNR(B) deposits may be availed from RBI up to September 11, 2026. This modifies the availability window for the FCNR(B) component of the facility. The ECB and OFCB swap schemes will continue to remain open until December 31, 2026, as hitherto. The facility was originally introduced by RBI on June 8, 2026, to facilitate forex inflows through these channels. [Press Release: 2026-2027/900]

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IT Department notifies that the Offline utility of ITR-7 for AY 2026-27 is available for filing

Aug 16, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 14, 2026, issued the notification to state that the Offline utility of ITR-7 for AY 2026-27 is available for filing.

CBIC issued a notification regarding the revision of Tariff Values

Aug 15, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 14, 2026, issued a notification regarding the revision of Tariff Values. The following has been stated: - •CBIC has amended Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.) under Section 14(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 by revising the tariff values for specified imported goods. •Revised values include crude/RBD palm oil, palmolein, crude soybean oil and brass scrap, with values specified in US dollars per metric tonne. •Tariff values for gold and silver have also been revised to US$ 1,407 per 10 grams for gold and US$ 2,097 per kg for silver. •The notification also specifies tariff treatment and values for different categories of gold bars, gold coins, silver articles and related forms. •The tariff value for areca nuts has been fixed at US$ 11,574 per metric tonne under Table 3. This notification shall come into force with effect from August 15, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 70/2026-CUSTOMS (N.T.)]

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Ministry of Law and Justice issued the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Law and Justice, on August 13, 2026, notified the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026, to replace the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891, and align the legal framework for evidentiary use of bankers'

books with contemporary digital banking practices. The Act recognises bankers' books maintained in physical, electronic, digital, virtual or cloud-based formats, including backup and disaster-recovery locations. The following has been stated: The Act provides that certified copies of entries in bankers' books may be admitted as prima facie evidence in legal proceedings. For electronic or digital records, specific conditions have been prescribed, including regular operation of the computer system, authorised data entry, adequate safeguards against unauthorised alteration, secure data transfer and storage, absence of tampering, and appropriate cybersecurity safeguards. Certificates accompanying copies of bankers' book records may be authenticated through manual, digital or electronic signatures by the branch head, office head or another duly authorised bank officer. The Central Government may also extend the Act to entities or classes of entities operating in the financial sector. The Act further provides safeguards regarding production of bankers' books in legal proceedings, permits courts to order inspection and production of certified copies, and allows specified police officers to exercise relevant powers during investigations. It also repeals the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891, while preserving specified rights, liabilities, proceedings and actions arising under the repealed law. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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DPIIT issued a notification regarding the review of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on E-commerce Sector

Aug 13, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on July 23, 2026, issued a notification regarding the review of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on the e-commerce sector. The following has been stated: - •The Government proposes to permit inventory-based e-commerce exclusively for exports of goods/products manufactured or produced in India. •The existing restrictions on B2C and inventory-based e-commerce will not apply to such exports, subject to the Foreign Trade Policy 2023, HBP and FEMA regulations. •The measure aims to facilitate greater exports by providing Indian sellers easier access to global markets through e-commerce platforms. •The proposed provision will be inserted as Para 5.2.15.2.5 under the FDI Policy. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 3 (2026 Series)]

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RBI SGB 2018-19 Series VI Premature Redemption Price Fixed

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on August 11, 2026, announced the premature redemption price for Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2018-19 Series VI, issued on February 12, 2019. Under the applicable SGB framework, premature redemption is permitted after completion of the fifth year from the date of issue, on an interest payment date. Accordingly, the next premature redemption date for this tranche is August 12, 2026. The redemption price is determined based on the simple average of the closing price of gold of 999 purity for the preceding three business days, as published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd. (IBJA). Based on the closing prices for August 7, August 10 and August 11, 2026, the redemption price has been fixed at ■15,102 per SGB unit. Eligible SGB holders of the 2018-19 Series VI tranche may therefore avail premature redemption on August 12, 2026 at ■15,102 per unit, in accordance with the applicable SGB

Scheme provisions. [Press Release No. 2026-2027/865]

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Income Tax Department issued a notification regarding ITR-7 for AY 2026-27

Aug 12, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 11, 2026, issued a notification regarding ITR-7 for AY 2026-27. The following has been stated: - •The online utility for filing ITR-7 for Assessment Year 2026-27 has been enabled on the Income Tax portal.

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Draft Guidelines Issued on Minimum Training Requirement and Charter-in of Qualifying Inland Vessels under Tonnage Tax Scheme

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), on August 4, 2026, issued the Draft Inland Vessel Tonnage Tax (Minimum Training Requirement and Charter-in) Guidelines, 2026 under sub-sections (12) and (13) of section 232 of the Income-tax Act, 2025, and invited comments from stakeholders. The draft Guidelines have been prepared to operationalise the provisions relating to Qualifying Inland Vessels under the Tonnage Tax Scheme. The draft Guidelines prescribe the minimum training requirements for tonnage tax companies operating qualifying inland vessels, the methodology for calculating Payment in Lieu of Training (PILOT), the framework governing charter-in and charter-out of qualifying inland vessels, prescribed Forms 1 to 13, and related administrative and compliance procedures. Stakeholders, including inland vessel owners, shipping companies, charterers, industry associations and classification societies, have been requested to examine the draft and submit clause-wise comments with supporting justification. Comments and suggestions may be submitted or by post to the Chief Engineer (Traffic and Logistics), IWAI, Noida, within 10 days of the notice, i.e., on or before August 14, 2026. In the absence of any response within the stipulated period, it will be presumed that the stakeholder has no comments, and the draft Guidelines will be processed for submission to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for notification. [File No. IWAI/Cargo/515/2024-25]

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CBIC Customs Tariff Values Revised for Gold and Silver; Tariff Values of Other Specified Goods Retained

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on August 10, 2026, amended Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.) to revise the tariff values for specified imported goods under section 14(2) of the Customs Act, 1962. The revised tariff values will come into effect from August 11, 2026. Under the amended tariff value tables, the tariff value for gold has been fixed at USD 1,395 per 10 grams and for silver at USD 2,076 per kilogram for the specified categories of imports. The notification also retains the existing tariff

values for crude palm oil, RBD palm oil, palmolein, crude soybean oil, brass scrap, and areca nuts, with no changes to their applicable tariff values. The notification substitutes Table-1, Table-2 and Table-3 of the principal notification to reflect the updated tariff values, which are used for customs valuation of the specified imported goods. [Notification No. 69/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

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RBI issued a notification regarding premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2019-20 Series IX and SGB 2020-21 Series V due on August 11, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2019-20 Series IX and SGB 2020-21 Series V due on August 11, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The premature redemption price for SGB 2019-20 Series IX and SGB 2020-21 Series V, due on August 11, 2026, is fixed at ■14,957 per unit. •The price is based on the simple average of IBJA's closing gold prices for August 06, 07 and 10, 2026. [Notification No.: 2026-2027/854]

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MoF issued a notification regarding clarification on UPI Charges and Proposed MDR Framework

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on August 08, 2026, issued a notification regarding clarification on UPI Charges and Proposed MDR Framework. The following has been stated: - •The Government clarified that UPI transactions will remain free for consumers, including all Person-to-Person (P2P) payments. •Any future Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) would apply only to limited merchant transactions above a threshold and at a nominal rate, while the vast majority of merchant transactions will remain free. •The proposed amendment to the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 is an enabling provision aimed at ensuring UPI's long-term sustainability, technological advancement, cybersecurity and resilience. •UPI processed 2,366 crore transactions worth ■29.9 lakh crore in July 2026 and is currently live in 11 foreign countries, reinforcing its position as the world's largest real-time payment system. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2296594]

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RBI notified regarding the Formation of new districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh – Assignment of Lead Bank Responsibility

Aug 10, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 10, 2026, notified regarding the Formation of new districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh – Assignment of Lead Bank Responsibility. The Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh has formed five new districts—Sham, Nubra, Changthang, Zanskar and Drass—vide Gazette Notification SG-LD-E-27042026-1712 dated April 27, 2026. Accordingly, State Bank of India (SBI) has been assigned Lead Bank responsibility for all five newly created districts, with the following District Working Codes: Sham – 02Z, Nubra – 03B, Changthang – 03A, Zanskar – 03C and Drass – 03D. The codes are specifically clarified to distinguish numerals from alphabets. There is no change in the Lead Banks of the other districts in the UT of Ladakh. [Notification no. - RBI/2026-27/233 FIDD.CO.LBS.BC.No.09/02.08.001/2026-27]

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CBIC issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for clearance of imported goods through Foreign Post Offices under the Postal Import Regulations, 2025

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on August 06, 2026, issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for clearance of imported goods through Foreign Post Offices under the Postal Import Regulations, 2025. The following has been stated: • CBIC has introduced the FPO Import Application to facilitate faster, uniform and risk-based Customs clearance of personal postal imports through Foreign Post Offices (FPOs), in line with the Postal Import Regulations, 2025, notified vide Notification No. 18/2025-Customs (N.T.) dated 28 March 2025. The application is integrated with the Risk Management System (RMS) and is operational at Bengaluru, Kochi, Mumbai FPO, APSO Mumbai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Chennai and Delhi FPOs. • Under the prescribed procedure, the Postal Authority shall electronically present details of arriving postal articles to Customs. Where Electronic Advance Data (EAD) is available, Customs may conduct assessment before arrival; otherwise, assessment is undertaken after presentation. RMS determines which articles require assessment/examination based on risk parameters. Physical examination is generally limited to RMS-selected articles or those identified through intelligence, regulatory requirements or discrepancies. For RMS-facilitated articles selected for examination, the specific reason shall be recorded in the FPO Import Application. • Where additional information/documents are required, Customs will issue an electronic Document Call Letter (D-Call Letter) through the FPO Import Application to the importer's registered email. Queries should be specific, relevant and preferably consolidated, avoiding repeated or piecemeal document requests. If the importer does not respond within 30 days, or the information provided is inadequate, the proper officer may assess the goods based on the available declaration and records. • After assessment and completion of Customs formalities, the proper officer will issue the clearance order through the FPO Import Application, which is communicated electronically to the Postal Authority. The Postal Authority shall not deliver the postal article unless Customs clearance has been granted and applicable Customs duty has been paid/realised. For non-EAD articles, manual clearance orders may be issued until electronic processing is enabled. [Notification No. - 35/2026-Customs]

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CBIC issued Extension of Implementation Timeline for Compulsory Registration Order — Television Sets (IS 18112:2022)

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on August 07, 2026, issued Extension of Implementation Timeline for Compulsory Registration Order — Television Sets (IS 18112:2022). This notification refers to MeitY's Notification S.O. 4182(E), which extends the implementation timeline for a specific product category under the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021. Specifically, for "Television Sets" (Sl. No. 64 of the Schedule), the compliance requirement with standard IS 18112:2022 — originally set to take effect from 26.07.2026 as per Notification S.O. 1929(E) dated 26.04.2023 — has now been extended to 26.01.2027. Accordingly, the implementation date for this Order stands revised to 26th January, 2027. Jurisdictional officers are requested to take necessary action to sensitize relevant officers under their jurisdiction about this extension. [Instruction No. 14/2026-Customs]

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IFSCA notified regarding the Specification of Certification Course for KMPs and other employees of Capital Market Intermediaries under the IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025

Aug 07, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on August 06, 2026, notified regarding the Specification of Certification Course for KMPs and other employees of Capital Market Intermediaries under the IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025. IFSCA has decided to add an alternative certification course for employees of Capital Market Intermediaries (CMIs) under Regulation 9(5) of the IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025. Earlier, IFSCA had specified the “Regulatory Framework for Capital Market Intermediaries in IFSC” certificate course offered by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). The new circular additionally recognises the “Regulatory Framework for Capital Markets Intermediaries and Listing Requirements of IFSCA” certificate course offered by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Accordingly, successful completion of either the ICSI course or the newly specified ICAI course will satisfy the certification requirement under Regulation 9(5). All other provisions of the earlier circular dated April 02, 2026 remain unchanged, and the circular is effective immediately. [Notification No. - IFSCA-PLNP/80/2024-Capital Markets]

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MoF Anti-Dumping Duty on Phthalic Anhydride Imports from China and South Korea Extended for Five Years

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF), on August 05, 2026, imposed an anti-dumping duty on imports of Phthalic Anhydride (Tariff Item 2917 35 00) originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea. The notification follows the recommendations of the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) in its final findings dated 7 May 2026, which concluded that dumping from these countries has continued and that discontinuation of the duty would likely result in the continuation or recurrence of

dumping and injury to the domestic industry. The notification supersedes Notification No. 43/2021-Customs (ADD) dated 9 August 2021 and prescribes country-specific anti-dumping duties, including USD 40.08 per metric tonne for imports from China and USD 140.17 per metric tonne for imports from South Korea subject to the conditions specified in the notification. The anti-dumping duty will remain in force for five years from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette, unless revoked, amended, or superseded earlier. It will be payable in Indian currency based on the exchange rate notified under Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962, applicable on the date of presentation of the bill of entry. [Notification No. 20/2026-Customs (ADD)]

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ITR-5 filing Enabled for AY 2026–27

Aug 06, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 05, 2026, has made the online utility for ITR-5 available on the e-filing portal for Assessment Year 2026–27, enabling eligible taxpayers to file their returns electronically.

IT Department issued FAQs on the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 04, 2026, issued the FAQs on the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026. The FAQs are as stated: Q.1 What are the present provisions of exemption in respect of income of foreign company arising on account of providing capital goods, equipment or tooling equipment to a contract manufacturer? Ans: In the IT Act, 2025, vide Finance Act, 2026, exemption was provided to the income of a foreign company arising on account of providing capital goods, equipment or tooling to a contract manufacturer being a company resident in India. Such exemption shall be available up to the tax year 2030-2031. There are certain other conditions to be satisfied for the said exemption. Some of these conditions are: — (a) Ownership of such capital goods, equipment or tooling remains with the foreign company; (b) such capital goods, equipment or tooling is under the control and direction of the contract manufacturer. (c) The contract manufacturer should be company resident in India and locatedinacustom bonded area; (d) the contract manufacturer produces electronic goods on behalf of the foreign company for a consideration Q2. Where are these provisions placed in the IT Act, 2025? Ans: These provisions are part of Serial No. 13A of the Table in Schedule IV to the IT Act, 2025. Q3. What amendment has been proposed in the IT Act, 2025 by the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 in respect of the aforesaid provision? Ans: The Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 proposes the following amendments in the said provision: — (a) The aforesaid exemption has been further extended for another period of 10 years, i.e. till tax year 2040-41; (b) Also, in order to provide more clarity and certainty, the definition of specified electronic goods has been provided. Q.4 What definition of specified electronic goods has been provided in the proposed amendment? Ans: In order to provide greater clarity and certainty, the expression “specified electronic goods” has been defined to mean, — (i) mobile phones; or (ii) laptops, all-in-one personal computers and tablets; or (iii) servers and ultra small form factor (USFF); or (iv) sub-assemblies to the finished goods mentioned in clauses (i) to(iii); Or (v) hearables and wearables and accessories related to the finishedgoodsmentioned in clauses (i) to (iii).

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IT Department has notified that the Excel Utility for ITR-6 for AY 2026-27 is available on the e-Filing Portal

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Income Tax Department on August 04, 2026, has made the Excel Utility for ITR-6 for Assessment Year (AY) 2026-27 available on the e-Filing portal.

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Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Lok Sabha on August 04, 2026, issued the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 and the Income-tax Act, 2025, and to amend the Finance Act, 2026. The following has been stated: In the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, in section 10A, for the words, figures and letters “the electronic modes of payment prescribed under section 269SU of the Income-tax Act, 1961”, the words “one or more electronic modes of payment as the Central Government may, by notification, specify” has been substituted with effect from the date of publication of this Act in the Official Gazette. In the Income-tax Act, 2025, Schedule I has been substituted. In the Income-tax Act, 2025, Schedule IV has been amended. In Schedule V to the Income-tax Act, 2025, in the Table, in serial number 5, in column D, clause (b) has been omitted. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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RBI notified regarding the First-Time Registration and Filing of FLA Return 2025–26

Aug 05, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified regarding the First-Time Registration and Filing of FLA Return 2025–26. It states that entities that are filing an FLA return for the first time/with a revised UIN (Unique Identification Number) are required to register themselves first to generate login credentials, and afterwards they can file the FLA return. However, entities that have already registered earlier may submit FLA-2025-26 using their earlier login credentials.

MoF revises Central Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) amending its previous notification

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance, on August 03, 2026, has revised the central excise duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) by amending its previous Notification No. 08/2026-Central Excise dated March 26, 2026. The following has been stated: • Excise duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) has been revised to ■22 per litre. The revised

rate came into effect on August 03, 2026, the date of publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. 41/2026-Central Excise]

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MoF revises central excise Duty on Petrol and diesel, amending its previous notification

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance, on August 03, 2026, has revised the central excise duty on Petrol and Diesel amending its previous Notification No. 06/2026-Central Excise dated March 26, 2026. The following has been stated: • Excise duty on Petrol has been revised to ■3.5 per litre. • Excise duty on Diesel has been revised to ■24 per litre. The revised rates came into effect on August 03, 2026, the date of publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. 40/2026-Central Excise]

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Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026

Aug 04, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Lok Sabha on August 03, 2026, issued the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Bill, 2026 seeks to replace the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891 to align the legal framework with the digital banking ecosystem. The Bill broadens the definition of bankers' books to include electronic records, digital databases, cloud-based systems, emails, and other electronically stored information maintained by banks. • It provides that certified copies or authenticated electronic records from bankers' books shall be admissible as evidence in legal proceedings without requiring production of original records, subject to prescribed safeguards. • The Bill also prescribes the manner of certification and authentication of electronic records, recognises the use of secure digital technologies for maintaining banking records, and aims to reduce the compliance burden on banks while ensuring the authenticity and integrity of evidence. • Overall, the legislation modernises evidentiary provisions for banking records, facilitates digital governance, and strengthens the legal framework for the use of electronic banking records in judicial and regulatory proceedings. [Bill No. 147 of 2026]

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MoRTH notified regarding the Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communication Systems

Aug 03, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on August 03, 2026, has issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, to enable phased implementation of Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communication systems in motor vehicles. The 5.875 GHz to 5.925 GHz frequency band has been earmarked for V2V and other Intelligent Transportation System applications, with the Department of Telecommunications, vide G.S.R. 466(E) dated June 10, 2026, exempting this band from licensing requirements. V2V communication allows nearby vehicles to exchange real-time data such as

speed, position, direction, and acceleration, enabling advance warnings in safety-critical scenarios like sudden braking, forward-collision risk, unsafe lane changes, and approaching emergency vehicles; unlike conventional sensor-dependent safety systems, it can provide information beyond direct line of sight, complementing Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) and supporting proactive accident prevention. Under the proposed timeline, vehicles of categories L, M, and N manufactured on or after October 1, 2027, that are fitted with V2V communication systems must comply with AIS-230, while vehicles of these categories manufactured on or after October 1, 2028, will be mandatorily required to be fitted with AIS-230-compliant V2V systems. This phased approach is intended to give manufacturers and stakeholders adequate lead time to prepare for the new requirements. AIS-230 lays down minimum technical, functional, performance, environmental, and security requirements for factory-installed On-Board Units using Cellular Vehicle-to-Everything (C-V2X) technology in the 5.875–5.925 GHz band. Its principal requirements span radio performance and frequency stability, receiver sensitivity, GNSS/positioning requirements, electrical and power-supply specifications, electromagnetic interference and compatibility, cybersecurity and communication-security provisions, and performance requirements for road-safety applications. The standard further provides for phased introduction of safety use cases including Emergency Brake Alert, Forward Collision Warning, Wrong-way Driving alerts, and Emergency Vehicle Alert. The framework builds on the recommendations of a Ministry-constituted Task Force on Intelligent Transportation Systems, which had recommended use of the 5.9 GHz ITS/V2X range for road safety, and was further considered by the Central Motor Vehicles Rules–Technical Standing Committee at its 56th meeting held on May 7, 2026. The proposed rules are expected to improve vehicle situational awareness, enable timely safety warnings, and strengthen the use of connected technologies to reduce road-accident risks in India. [Release ID: 2293692]

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CBIC notified regarding the Automation of Refund Application and Processing for Courier Imports through Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS)

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on July 30, 2026, notified regarding the Automation of Refund Application and Processing for Courier Imports through Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS). The following has been stated: • CBIC has introduced the Electronic Customs Clearance System (ECCS) Portal to enable the online filing and processing of Customs refund applications. Importers and exporters can submit refund applications electronically along with supporting documents, track the status using an Application Reference Number (ARN), and receive all communications, including deficiency memos, approvals, and rejection orders, through the portal. The proper officer is required to scrutinize applications within the prescribed timelines and process eligible refunds electronically. • The new mechanism replaces the earlier manual filing process, enhances transparency, reduces paperwork, and provides end-to-end digital processing of Customs refund claims. Consequent to the introduction of the ECCS Portal, CBIC has withdrawn the manual refund filing procedure prescribed under Circular No. 24/2007-Customs dated December 13, 2007, making the online portal the primary platform for Customs refund processing. [Notification No. – 34/2026-Customs]

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CBIC amended an older notification related to Tariff Values for Edible Oils, Precious Metals and Areca Nuts

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on July 31, 2026, amended an older notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated August 03, 2001, related to Tariff Values for Edible Oils, Precious Metals and Areca Nuts. The following has been stated:- •The Central Government has revised the tariff values for specified imported goods by substituting Tables 1, 2 and 3 under Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.). •The revised tariff values apply to crude and refined palm oil, palmolein, crude soybean oil, brass scrap, gold, silver, and areca nuts, while the tariff value for areca nuts remains unchanged. •The updated tariff values will be used for customs duty assessment and come into effect from August 01, 2026. [Notification No.: 68/2026-CUSTOMS (N.T.)]

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GSTN issued a notification regarding GST Portal Scheduled Maintenance

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) on July 31, 2026, issued a notification regarding GST Portal Scheduled Maintenance. The following has been stated: - •GST portal services will remain unavailable from 12:30 AM to 6:30 AM on August 01, 2026 due to scheduled system enhancement activities.

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MoF amended an older notification related to the extension of Anti-Dumping Duty on Specified Imports

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on July 31, 2026, amended an older notification No. 66/2021-Customs (ADD), dated November 11, 2021, related to extension of Anti-Dumping Duty on Specified Imports. The following has been stated: - •In the notification, after paragraph 2 and before the Explanation, the following paragraph shall be inserted, namely: - “3. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, the anti-dumping duty shall remain in force up to and inclusive of 10th February, 2027, unless revoked, superseded or amended earlier.”. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 19/2026-Customs (ADD)]

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RBI issued notification on Consolidation of Supervisory Instructions – Repeal of Circulars

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued notification on Consolidation of Supervisory Instructions – Repeal of Circulars. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a follow-up communication to its press release dated July 31, 2026 regarding the release of 64 Consolidated Directions under the Department of Supervision (DoS). These Directions compile all relevant supervisory instructions issued by the DoS as well as those from erstwhile departments whose functions have now been integrated into DoS. As part of this consolidation exercise, outdated and redundant instructions have been removed to streamline the regulatory framework. Consequently, 628 earlier circulars listed in the annex—either merged into the new Directions or deemed obsolete—have been repealed with immediate effect. However, the RBI has clarified that any actions already taken or initiated under the repealed circulars will remain valid and continue to be governed by the provisions of those earlier instructions. This ensures continuity and legal certainty while transitioning to the updated consolidated regulatory framework. [Notification No. RBI/DoS/2026-27/221 DoS.CO.PPG.66/11.01.005/2026-27]

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RBI notified regarding the Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC's 1988 (2011) Taliban Sanctions List: Amendment of 05 Entries

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC's 1988 (2011) Taliban Sanctions List: Amendment of 05 Entries. The following has been stated: • RBI has advised all regulated entities to implement the latest amendments to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Taliban Sanctions List, as notified by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) through the UNSC Press Release dated July 30, 2026. The amendments update the details of certain individuals associated with the Taliban under UNSC Resolution 1988 (2011). • Regulated entities shall ensure strict compliance with Chapter IX of the RBI Know Your Customer (KYC) Directions, 2025 and Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA) by verifying that no accounts are maintained in the names of listed individuals or entities and by taking the prescribed actions under the UAPA Order dated February 2, 2021 (as amended on April 22, 2024). • RBI has also instructed entities to use the updated UN sanctions lists for screening and to forward any delisting requests received to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in accordance with the prescribed procedure. [Notification no. – RBI/2026-27/222 DOR.AML.REC.192/14.06.001/2026-27]

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RBI releases Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy 2025-26

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, releases Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy 2025-26. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 28th edition of its annual publication, "Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy, 2025–26 (HBS)", which serves as a comprehensive source of time-series data on the Indian economy. The Handbook provides detailed statistical tables covering key macroeconomic and financial indicators such as national income, prices, money supply, banking, financial markets, public finances, foreign trade, balance of payments, and select socio-economic indicators. In this edition, along with the regular update of existing data series, four new statistical tables have been introduced to enhance the scope and depth of information. The publication aims to support research, policy analysis, and informed decision-making by offering reliable and structured economic data. The data from the Handbook, along with other RBI publications, is accessible through the Database on Indian Economy (DBIE) portal and the RBIDATA mobile application, ensuring wider and convenient access. The RBI has also invited feedback and suggestions from users, which can be submitted via post, email, or through the feedback mechanism available on the DBIE portal. [Press Release: 2026-2027/788]

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Reserve Bank of India issued the Consolidated Supervisory Directions

Aug 01, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on July 31, 2026, issued the Consolidated Supervisory Directions. The following has been stated: • RBI has issued 64 consolidated Master Directions administered by the

Department of Supervision, replacing and consolidating 628 existing circulars, Master Circulars, and Master Directions to simplify the regulatory framework and reduce compliance costs. The Master Directions are organised across up to nine functional areas and issued separately for 11 categories of regulated entities, including commercial banks, co-operative banks, NBFCs, payment banks, regional rural banks, asset reconstruction companies, and credit information companies. • The final Directions have been issued after considering stakeholder feedback received during the public consultation process and will serve as the single authoritative repository of supervisory instructions available under the Department of Supervision section on the RBI website. [Press Release: 2026-2027/787]

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Andhra Pradesh

APERC issued the Fifth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees' duty for supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on July 31, 2026, issued the Fifth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees' duty for supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013. The amendment aims to clarify provisions relating to existing electrified networks, group applications, apartments and additional/new electricity loads. The amendment prescribes criteria for determining existing networks based on load and distance, provides for aggregation of loads in multi-consumer premises, introduces provisions for dedicated Distribution Transformer (DTR) for certain loads, and specifies revised charges for additional/new loads, including cases involving DTR augmentation and HT consumers opting for LT billing. [Notification no. - APERC/Secy/F.No. S-19(Vol-IV)/D.No.676]

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Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement, Investment and Cost Control) Regulations, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on August 03, 2026, notified the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement, Investment and Cost Control) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement, Investment and Cost Control) Regulations, 2026 establish a uniform, state-wide regulatory framework to govern capital investments, material procurements, and cost controls across transmission and distribution licensees in Andhra Pradesh. •Published on August 3, 2026, the regulation applies to transmission schemes exceeding Rs. 20 Crores and distribution schemes exceeding Rs. 5 Crores. •It mandates transparent, competitive, and non-discriminatory e-procurement practices, standard technical specifications, and benchmark pricing to eliminate cartelisation, restrictive bidding, and artificial splitting of contracts. •Licensees are required to submit their procurement policies, manuals, and annual benchmark cost data to the Commission for approval while maintaining comprehensive, auditable records. •Ultimately, the Commission reserves the authority to inspect and disallow any imprudent or non-compliant expenditure, ensuring that only necessary and cost-effective investments are passed on to consumers through tariffs. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Lr. No. APERC/Secy/F.No. S-19(Vol-IV)/D.No.682]

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Andhra Pradesh Govt. amended an older notification related to the schedules for intra-state supply of goods

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on August 06, 2026, issued notification to amend notification no. G.O.Ms.No.345, Revenue(CT) Department, dated 20 September, 2025 related to the schedules for intra-state supply of goods. The following amendments have been stated: (a) In Schedule-1-2.5%, (1) Against 5 No 150, for the entry in column (7), the entry "2202 99 21, 2202 99 29" shall be substituted; (ii) Against S.No.151, for the entry in column (2), the entry "2202 99 31, 2202 99 39" shall be substituted; (b) In Schedule-III- 20%, (i) Against S.No.2, for the entry in column (2), the entry "2202 91 00, 2202 99 91, 2202 99 99" shall be substituted; (ii) Against S.No.3, for the entry in column (2), the entry "2202 99 91, 2202 99 99" shall be substituted. This notification shall come into force on May 01, 2026. [G.O.Ms.No.489, Revenue (Commercial Taxes)]

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APERC mandates No Dues Certificate for Open Access and Restricts Access for Defaulting Entities

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on June 08, 2026, issued directions based on concerns raised by APEPDCL regarding large unpaid dues (around ■850 crore) by certain consumers and generators seeking Open Access. The Commission examined the issue under the APERC Open Access Regulations, 2005 and the Green Energy Open Access Regulations, 2024, and emphasized that the dues status of applicants is a crucial factor in processing Open Access requests. The Commission observed that existing regulations already allow consultation with distribution licensees and permit seeking relevant information, including outstanding dues, disputed claims, and cases of unauthorized electricity use or theft. It also noted that under the 2024 regulations, entities with insolvency status, pending theft cases, or undisputed dues exceeding two months are not eligible for Open Access. Accordingly, APERC mandated that a No Dues Certificate from the concerned distribution licensee is compulsory for processing Short-Term Open Access applications by APSLDC, along with technical feasibility. If the licensee fails to provide the certificate within the prescribed timeline, it will be deemed that no dues exist. Further, applicants with significant undisputed dues, insolvency status, or pending electricity misuse/theft cases are ineligible for Open Access unless protected by a court or tribunal order. Overall, the order aims to safeguard the financial interests of distribution licensees and prevent undue burden on other consumers by ensuring that only financially compliant entities are granted access to the electricity transmission and distribution network. [Proceedings. No. 05/2026/ Consultant/Tariff]

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Govt of Andhra Pradesh issued amendments to the AP Building Rules, 2017

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on July 29, 2026, issued amendments to the AP Building Rules, 2017. The following has been stated: - •The Andhra Pradesh Government has amended the AP Building Rules, 2017 by revising the definition of high-rise buildings to include structures of 24 metres or more, and introducing definitions for creches and public worship buildings. •The amendments expand the

documentation requirements for building permissions, including mandatory NOCs, structural certifications, insurance, fire safety clearances, and compliance with in-building communication infrastructure. •Buildings used exclusively for public worship have been exempted from building permit fees and other applicable charges, subject to prescribed conditions and online application. •The amendments also permit payment of City Level Infrastructure Impact Fees in six instalments over three years and revise provisions relating to occupancy certification and residential buildings. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.:G.O.Ms.No.161]

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Assam

Govt. of Assam notified regarding the Implementation of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 in the Sonitpur District

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Assam

The District Commissioner, Sonitpur, Assam on August 05, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024 in the Sonitpur District. The following has been stated: • The administration has adopted and reiterated the Assam Government Notification dated June 15, 2026, concerning Right of Way (RoW) permissions for telecommunications infrastructure under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, and Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024. All RoW applications in Sonitpur shall be submitted, processed and disposed of exclusively through the Assam RoW Portal, with final permission to be issued by the District Commissioner. No administrative fee or RoW charge shall be levied for installation of mobile towers and related telecom infrastructure on private property, while charges for street furniture shall be limited to the rates prescribed under Rule 11(8) read with Part 3 of the Schedule to the RoW Rules, 2024. • Further, under Section 14(3) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, telecom networks installed on any property shall not be treated as part of that property for property transactions or for property tax, cess, fee or duty purposes. Under Section 14(4) read with G.S.R. 72(E) dated January 29, 2026, public entities are restricted from taking coercive action such as sealing or shutting down authorised telecom networks without the prescribed approval, except in cases of natural disasters or public emergencies. • All offices, local bodies and agencies in Sonitpur have been directed to ensure strict compliance and monitor the portal to avoid delays in telecom infrastructure deployment. The Notification is effective immediately. [Notification no. - EC No. 9335-2526]

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Bihar

Govt of Bihar issued a notification regarding the conversion of Bihar B.Ed. Colleges into Multidisciplinary Degree Colleges

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar on August 19, 2026, issued a notification regarding conversion of Bihar B.Ed. Colleges into Multidisciplinary Degree Colleges. The following has been stated: - •This Bihar Gazette resolution (August 19, 2026) outlines the transition of over 300 stand-alone B.Ed. teacher-education institutions across the state into multidisciplinary degree colleges, following the guidelines of NEP 2020 and NCTE. •The initiative aims to offer diverse undergraduate and vocational programs in arts, science, and commerce alongside teacher training, providing broader academic opportunities within a single campus. •Institutions possessing the required land, infrastructure, and human resources will be granted approval to run multidisciplinary courses following university and competent authority clearance. •Private colleges currently lacking the full minimum standards will be granted a conditional approval for up to two academic sessions upon submitting an affidavit, with the risk of losing permission for non-B.Ed. subjects if requirements are not met within this timeframe. •Approved by the Cabinet on August 12, 2026, this measure aims to improve regional access to quality higher education, minimize educational disparities, and boost the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER). The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 10/M 1-01/2026-02]

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Indian Stamp (Bihar Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar, on August 20, 2026, issued the Indian Stamp (Bihar Amendment) Act, 2026, to further amend the Indian Stamp Act, 1899. The following has been stated: • Substitution of Section 47A(1) of the said Act is substituted as follows:- "If, while registering a document relating to the transfer, conversion, exchange, gift, partition, lease, or settlement of a property, the registering officer appointed under the Registration Act, 1908, is of the opinion that the classification, location, and/or the dimensions of the building thereon and/or the type of structure has been incorrectly stated, or that the market value of the property has been declared at a rate lower than that specified in the Guidelines Register of the estimated minimum values prepared under the rules of this Act, then, before registering such a document, he shall refer the matter to the Collector/AIG to determine the correct market value of the property and the correct stamp duty payable thereon." • Amendment of Section 47A (3) - The words "2 years" used in Section 47A (3) of the Act are substituted with the words "4 years" and "Collector" is substituted with the words "Collector/AIG". Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Bihar Gambling (Prohibition) Act, 2026

Aug 15, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar on August 13, 2026, notified the Bihar Gambling (Prohibition) Act, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Bihar Gambling (Prohibition) Act, 2026 prohibits all forms of gambling and betting in Bihar, including online, electronic, digital and mobile app-based gambling. •It replaces the Public Gambling Act, 1867 and introduces stricter penalties for gambling, operating or financing gambling houses, and repeat offences. •The Act also prohibits advertising and publication/broadcast of gambling-related content. •Police officers of the rank of Sub-Inspector or above are empowered to search and arrest offenders without a warrant in specified circumstances, with powers to seize or freeze related funds and accounts. •Companies and persons responsible for their gambling-related operations can also be held liable, with penalties extending to imprisonment and substantial fines. It shall come into force on August 13, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Bihar Act 28, 2026]

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Government of Bihar Single Licensing Officer Designated for Unified Licence under OSHWC Code

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar, on August 11, 2026, issued S.O. 187 under Section 119 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, appointing all Inspectors of Factories as Single Licensing Officers within their prescribed jurisdiction. They are authorised to issue a single licence for establishments for which the State Government is the appropriate Government. Where an employer applies for a single licence covering a factory and a bidi establishment, contract labour, or any combination thereof, the Single Licensing Officer shall issue the licence after obtaining the consent of the concerned Labour Superintendent. The notification shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Bihar Gazette, thereby operationalising the single-licensing mechanism for covered establishments under the OSHWC Code in Bihar. [Notification No. S.O. 187]

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Bihar Sugar Undertakings (Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Bihar Legislature, on July 21, 2026, introduced the Bihar Sugar Undertakings (Acquisition) (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to amend the Bihar Sugar Undertakings (Acquisition) Act, 1985. The Bill seeks to enable the transfer of assets of closed sugar mills under the Bihar State Sugar Corporation Limited to the Corporation, State Government-owned institutions, cooperative societies, other Government departments, private sector companies, or other entities for establishing sugarcane-based industries in the interest of sugarcane farmers. The Bill proposes to substitute Section 3(2) of the principal Act to empower the State Government, where it is satisfied that an eligible entity is willing to comply with prescribed terms and conditions, to transfer the rights, title, and interest in the acquired sugar mill assets to such entity by written order instead of retaining them with the State Government. The amendment broadens the categories of eligible transferees to include Government-supported institutions, cooperative societies, other Government departments, private companies, and other organizations. The Statement of Objects and Reasons states that the amendment is intended to facilitate the establishment of sugarcane-based industries on the land of closed sugar mills, thereby promoting expansion of sugarcane cultivation, increasing farmers' income, generating employment,

and reducing migration from the State. The proposed amendment is aimed at ensuring productive utilization of the assets of closed sugar mills for the overall development of Bihar's sugar sector. [Bill No. 15 of 2026]

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Bihar Medical (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Bihar Legislature, on July 21, 2026, introduced the Bihar Medical (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to amend the Bihar and Orissa Medical Act, 1916. The Bill seeks to facilitate the practice of medicine in Bihar by allowing doctors whose names are validly registered in the National Medical Register (NMR) or the State Medical Register of any other State to practise in Bihar based on self-certification, without obtaining fresh State registration or a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their previous State Medical Council. The Bill proposes amendments to the definition of "Registered Medical Practitioner", introduces the concept of self-certification, and inserts a new Section 17A to establish a self-certification-based registration mechanism. Under the proposed provisions, the Bihar Medical Council will maintain a register of practitioners practising in the State through self-certification and will have the authority to suspend the right to practise in Bihar in cases of professional misconduct, while informing the concerned State Medical Council or the National Medical Commission (NMC). The Bill also empowers the State Government to prescribe the form, procedure, and administrative framework for self-certification by medical practitioners registered outside Bihar. The Statement of Objects and Reasons states that the amendments are intended to implement the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP), 2024 of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) by removing regulatory barriers for registered medical practitioners seeking to practise in Bihar. The Bill also repeals the Bihar Medical (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 (Ordinance No. 03 of 2026), while saving actions taken under the Ordinance. [Bill No. 25 of 2026]

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Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 04, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar has issued the Bihar Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026 to further amend the Bihar Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. The amendments introduce changes relating to post-supply discounts, issuance of credit notes, and refund provisions. The following has been stated: • Section 15 has been amended to provide that post-supply discounts shall be allowed where the supplier issues a credit note and the recipient reverses the corresponding input tax credit (ITC) in accordance with Section 34. • Section 34 has been amended to permit issuance of a credit note where a post-supply discount under Section 15(3)(b) is granted. • Section 54 has been amended to: o extend the provisional refund provisions to include unutilised ITC allowed under Section 54(3); and o exclude refund claims relating to exports made on payment of tax from the withholding provisions under Section 54(14). Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Chandigarh

MoFAHD notified regarding stopping of illegal transportation and slaughtering of animals, and promotion of humane treatment of animals

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Chandigarh

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAHD) on August 12, 2026, issued the notification regarding the request to stop illegal transportation and slaughtering of animals, and promotion of humane treatment of animals Published by Chandigarh Government. The following has been stated namely: - • Large numbers of animals are reportedly transported and slaughtered illegally, particularly during festivals, often without following prescribed animal-welfare requirements. • Non-compliance during transportation can cause severe cruelty, unnecessary pain, injuries and even death of animals. • Cruelty to animals is punishable under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and animal protection is also reflected in Articles 48, 48A and 51A(g) of the Constitution. • Authorities are requested to strictly implement animal-welfare laws, take stringent action against offenders, create public awareness through posters/social and electronic media, and submit quarterly enforcement-status reports for further action. [Notification No. AC■02003/2/2025■AWBI]

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Chandigarh Mental Healthcare (Rights of Persons with Mental Illness) Rules, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Chandigarh

The Chandigarh Administration on August 05, 2026, issued the Chandigarh Mental Healthcare (Rights of Persons with Mental Illness) Rules, 2026. The following chapters have been discussed: Chapter II (Rights of Persons with Mental Illness) requires the State Government to establish half-way homes, sheltered accommodations, supported accommodations, and hospital/community-based rehabilitation establishments in UT Chandigarh, with the number and location based on expected workload, existing establishments, the local population of persons with mental illness, and geographic/climatic conditions. All such facilities, regardless of whether run by government, local authorities, trusts, corporations, or other entities, must meet minimum standards set by the Authority. The chapter also covers reimbursement of treatment costs (via application to the Chief Medical Officer/Director Health Services, subject to Central Government rate limits) and the right of persons with mental illness to access their basic medical records — inpatient records must be provided within 15 days of a written request (Form-A), with disputes over disclosure referable to the Mental Health Review Board. Additionally, custodial institutions (prisons, police stations, beggars' homes, orphanages, women's protection homes, old age homes, etc.) must display trilingual (English, Hindi, Punjabi) signage informing residents with mental illness of their right to free legal services under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, along with relevant contact details. Chapter III (Forms for Admission, Discharge, and Leave of Absence) prescribes standardized forms for various procedural requests: Form-C for self-admission by a non-minor considering himself mentally ill; Form-D for a minor's admission by their nominated representative; Forms-E and F for admission and continued admission of persons with high support needs under Sections 89 and 90 of the Act; Forms-G and H for discharge of an independent patient/minor (including one who turned 18 during their stay) and discharge of a minor, respectively. Separately, Form-I covers a nominated representative's request for leave of absence, while Form-J covers a medical officer's request to police for taking a mentally ill prisoner into protective custody if found absent without leave. Chapter IV

(Prisoners with Mental Illness) addresses the transfer of prisoners with mental illness to a prison's psychiatric ward or to designated mental health establishments (within or outside the UT), to be carried out per Chandigarh Administration instructions. It also mandates that mental health establishments operating within prisons conform to minimum standards and procedures laid out in the Rules' Schedule. They shall come into force on August 05, 2026. [Notification No. 593146/610688/F-II(7)/2026/6728]

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Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

Draft Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Private Security Agencies (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

The U.T. Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu on August 11, 2026, issued the Draft Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Private Security Agencies (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to amend the Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Private Security Agencies Rules, 2021. The following has been stated: - •In sub-rule (11) of Rule 3, (i) the following shall be substituted, namely:- The Controlling Authority shall cause a physical copy of the licence to be delivered by post within fifteen days of issue to the principal office of the private security agency in the State concerned as mentioned in the application for grant of licence. Comments/Suggestions/Objections from all stakeholders can be given within 30 days. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 1/DC/Home/7/DNHDD/PSAR/Vol-I-2023/26-27/945]

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Draft Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulation, 2026

Aug 04, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

The UT Administration of Dadra Nagar Havel and Daman & Diu on July 15, 2026, issued the Draft Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulation, 2026. The Union Territory Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu has highlighted the region's growth as an industrial hub, supported by ongoing labour reforms and compliance simplification measures undertaken in line with Government of India guidelines. In light of the evolving industrial landscape, the Administration has identified the need to amend certain provisions of the Gujarat Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2019, as adapted to the Union Territory, to improve the implementation of labour reforms. To this end, a draft of the "Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulation, 2026" has been published for public consultation. Stakeholders are invited to submit their comments, views, or suggestions on the draft amendment to the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Labour) at the Secretariat, Vidyut Bhawan, Kachigam, Nani Daman, within 30 days from the date of issue of the notice. [Notification No. LE/LI/DMN/ReformsAct/427/2026/206]

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Draft Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Social Security Rules, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

The Department of Labour & Employment, UT Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu on July 20, 2026, issued the Draft Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Social Security Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules prescribe the constitution, composition, tenure, functioning, and administration of the Unorganised Workers Social Security Board and the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, including a three-year tenure for members, representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities, and Women, procedures for resignation, removal, filling of vacancies, payment of allowances, quarterly Board meetings, quorum requirements, and decision-making through majority vote. • They also empower the Welfare Board to formulate and implement social security schemes and welfare measures for eligible workers with prior Government approval. Further, the Rules lay down the procedure for filing appeals before the Employees' Insurance Court, including the prescribed forms, documentation requirements, a 90-day limitation period for appeals against Medical Appeal Tribunal orders (with provision for condonation of delay), and a three-year limitation period for filing claims arising under the Code. • The objections or suggestions have been invited from stakeholders by September 3, 2026. [Notification no. - LE/LI/DMN/SSR/210542/2026/221]

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Delhi

Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Home Department on August 28, 2026, issued the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Delhi Fire Service Rules, 2010. The following amendments have been stated: • In the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025, rule 2(viii) shall be omitted. • In the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025, “National Building Code of India” shall be omitted from rule 2(xiii). • In the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025, rule 2(ix) shall be renumbered as rule 2(viii) and rule2 (xiii) shall be renumbered as rule 2(xii). • In the Delhi Fire Service Rules, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Rules), rule 2(x) to rule 2(xii) shall be renumbered as rule 2(ix)to rule 2(xi) in sequence. • In the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025, “National Building Code of India” shall be substituted with “Building Bye – Laws” in rule 29. [Notification No. DFS/HQ/Misc./2026/01(E-331845)/501]

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Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Department of Law, Justice and Legislative Affairs on August 25, 2026, issued the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Act, 2026 to further amend the Delhi Fire Service Act, 2007. The following amendments have been stated: • In the Delhi Fire Service Act, 2007 (Delhi Act 2 of 2009), in section 2, in clause (i), for the words “building bye-laws/National Building Code of India”, the words “building bye-laws” shall be substituted”. It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. [Notification No. 14 (114)/LA-2026/ala1/65-75]

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Draft Delhi Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Department of Legal Metrology, Delhi, on August 24, 2026, issued the Draft Delhi Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026, providing a framework for approval and functioning of Government Approved Test Centres (GATCs) for verification of specified weights and measures. The following has been stated: Eligible entities, including NABL-accredited laboratories, Regional Reference Standard Laboratories, National Test House laboratories and government-approved laboratories, can apply to the Controller, Legal Metrology, with an approval fee of ■2.50 lakh per weight or measure per year. Initial approval will be valid for one calendar year, with renewal permitted for up to five years at a time subject to compliance. Centres must maintain prescribed testing infrastructure, qualified personnel with at least three years' legal metrology experience, verification records for five years, and submit quarterly and annual reports. The rules prescribe verification, stamping and certification requirements, including a GNCTD identification mark, and provide for inspection, suspension and revocation of approval, with penalties of up to ■1 lakh for

restoration following suspension. Low-risk commercial weights and measures may be covered through self-certification, while other risk categories require verification by an approved test centre or Department laboratory. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [F. No. 12(3)/W&M/Enforcement/2026/853]

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Delhi Bed and Breakfast Establishments (Repeal) Bill, 2026

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Delhi

The National Capital Territory of Delhi on August 07, 2026, issued the Delhi Bed and Breakfast Establishments (Repeal) Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The National Capital Territory of Delhi (Incredible India) Bed and Breakfast Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2007, along with its Amendment Acts of 2010 and 2021, is repealed. •Actions, registrations, certificates, approvals and proceedings under the repealed Acts will continue to be recognised, subject to consistency with the new Act. •Existing rights, liabilities, obligations, investigations and legal proceedings will remain unaffected, with Section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 applicable to the repeal. •The Government intends to replace the existing statutory framework with a more liberal executive policy, while fresh registrations and pending applications remain in abeyance during the transition. It shall come into force on such date as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F. No. 21/13/DB&BE(Repl.)/2026/LAS-VIII/Legn./5843]

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Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi, on August 11, 2026, issued the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Delhi Fire Service Act, 2007. The following has been stated: In the Delhi Fire Service Act, 2007 (Delhi Act 2 of 2009), in section 2, in clause (i), for the words “building bye-laws/National Building Code of India”, the words “building bye-laws” have been substituted. [F. No. 21/17/DFS(A)/2026/LAS-VIII/Legn./5996.]

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DERC Allows Higher Power Cost Surcharge for Delhi Discoms in June 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) on August 10, 2026, has allowed Delhi's three power distribution companies — BRPL, BYPL, and TPDDL — to recover more than the usual limit on the Fuel and Power Purchase Adjustment Surcharge (FPPAS), a charge passed on to consumers when actual power purchase costs exceed what was originally approved. Normally, this surcharge is capped at 10% per billing cycle, and discoms are barred from basing claims on the old FY 2021-22 tariff order. However, all three

companies approached the Commission in July 2026, saying their actual power costs for June 2026 had risen sharply above the base costs approved back in 2021, and asked for relief. After reviewing their claims, the Commission used its special power to relax the rules and permitted extra surcharge recovery on top of the 10% cap: an additional 7.94% for BRPL, 7.43% for BYPL, and 8.50% for TPDDL. This brings the total surcharge each company can recover for June 2026 to 17.94% (BRPL), 17.43% (BYPL), and 18.50% (TPDDL) — still well below what they had originally claimed (which ranged from about 24% to nearly 32%). This relaxation is a one-time measure limited to June 2026 billing and can only be recovered for one month from the date of the order. All other rules under the existing tariff regulations continue to apply as before. [Order No. F.3(758)/DERC/Tariff-Engg./DERC/2025-2026]

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Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) (Second Amendment) Guidelines, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) on July 16, 2026, notified the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) (Second Amendment) Guidelines, 2026, to amend the following Guidelines under the DERC (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2014. The following has been stated: - •The Guidelines replace the existing three-tier net-metering process with a two-stage online process covering technical feasibility and integrated document verification, inspection, testing, net-meter installation and connectivity. •Applications will be processed through the PM Surya Ghar National Portal for eligible domestic consumers and the designated portals for other consumers. •Technical feasibility must be completed within 15 days, while Stage II must be completed within 10 days, with deemed feasibility where the DISCOM fails to respond within the prescribed period. •Domestic consumers with rooftop solar systems up to 10 kW will be exempt from application and registration charges, irrespective of participation in PM Surya Ghar. •Connection Agreements will be executed digitally online, eliminating physical agreements, with minor non-safety-related deviations not being grounds for delaying connectivity. These guidelines shall come into effect from July 16, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.17(44)/Engg./DERC/2024-25/8208]

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MoH&UA issued a notification regarding the appointment of Adjudicating and Appellate Authorities under the Delhi Development Act

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoH&UA) on August 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding the appointment of Adjudicating and Appellate Authorities under the Delhi Development Act. The following has been stated: - •The Central Government appoints the Commissioner (Land Management), DDA as Adjudicating Officer and the Principal Commissioner (Land Management), DDA as Appellate Authority under the Delhi Development Act, 1957, as amended by the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F. No. K-11011/07/2026-DD-II]

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Department of Metrology issued the Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Department of Legal Metrology, Delhi, on August 05, 2026, issued the Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: Rule 11 in relation to Registration Certificate of manufacturer, repairer and dealer of weights and measures has been substituted. Rule 12, in relation to Suspension and Cancellation of Registration Certificate, has been substituted. In Rule 13, for the words “licensed under the Act and these rules”, the words “registered under the Act and these rules” have been substituted. Schedules. In the Schedule appended to the rules— (1) for Schedule II-A, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely:— “Schedule II-A (as appended to these rules)”; (2) Schedule II-B shall be omitted; (3) for Schedule III, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely: — “Schedule III (as appended to these rules)”; (4) for Schedule IV, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely: — “Schedule IV (as appended to these rules)”; (5) for Schedule V, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely:— “Schedule V (as appended to these rules)”; (6) for Schedule VI, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely: — “Schedule VI (as appended to these rules)”; (7) for Schedule VII, the following Schedule shall be substituted, namely:— “Schedule VII (as appended to these rules)”. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [F.No.12(2)/W&M/Enforcement/2026/953.]

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CAQM issued amendment to Direction No. 86 regarding noncompliance or contravention of any provisions of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021

Aug 04, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) on August 03, 2026, issued amendment to Direction No. 86 regarding noncompliance or contravention of any provisions of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021. The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM), acting under Section 12(1) of the CAQM Act, 2021, had earlier issued Statutory Direction No. 86 dated January 2, 2025 (amended June 24, 2025) to curb air pollution from dust generated by construction and demolition (C&D) activities. This original direction empowered officials of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the New Delhi Municipal Council, and urban local bodies in major NCR cities — Gurugram, Faridabad, Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, and Sonipat — to file complaints or initiate prosecution before jurisdictional magistrates against gross violators of dust and air pollution control norms, and to order site closures or impose environmental compensation charges, including for GRAP schedule violations related to C&D activities. Recognizing that a significant number of construction projects on plots smaller than 500 sqm are also underway in other municipal corporations, and bigger cities/towns across the NCR that similarly contribute to PM10 and PM2.5 pollution loads, the Commission determined that Direction No. 86 needed to be extended for more effective and widespread implementation beyond the originally covered cities. Consequently, on August 3, 2026, the Commission — exercising powers under Section 14(2) of the CAQM Act — amended Paragraph 18 of Direction No. 86 to expand the list of authorized enforcement officials. The revised direction now additionally empowers commissioners, chief executives, and deputy commissioners of

municipal corporations and development authorities in Manesar, Karnal, Panipat, Rohtak, Meerut, Alwar, Bharatpur, along with the Commissioner of Bhiwadi Municipal Council and the Executive Officer of Neemrana Municipal Board, to take the same enforcement actions — filing complaints/prosecutions, ordering site closures, and imposing environmental compensation charges — against gross violators of dust and air pollution control measures in their respective jurisdictions. The Commission has directed that these expanded provisions be implemented rigorously, with the status of complaints filed under this direction to be reported to the Commission on a monthly basis, alongside the existing monthly progress reports already being submitted. [File No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM 1631 DT]

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Govt. of Delhi notified regarding the Delhi Credit Guarantee Scheme (DCGS), 2026

Aug 04, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on July 31, 2026, notified the Delhi Credit Guarantee Scheme (DCGS), 2026. The following has been stated: • The Government has introduced the Delhi Credit Guarantee Scheme (DCGS)–2026 to facilitate easier access to institutional finance for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) by providing a government-backed credit guarantee to lending institutions. The scheme aims to encourage banks and financial institutions to extend collateral-free or reduced-collateral loans to eligible enterprises, thereby improving credit flow, supporting entrepreneurship, promoting industrial growth, and generating employment in Delhi. • Under the scheme, the Government provides a guarantee cover against a portion of the loan amount to reduce the lending risk for financial institutions, while eligible MSEs can avail financial assistance for setting up new enterprises, expansion, modernization, technology upgradation, and working capital requirements, subject to the prescribed eligibility criteria and operational guidelines. • The scheme is intended to strengthen Delhi's MSME ecosystem, enhance financial inclusion, and boost the growth and competitiveness of small businesses in the National Capital Territory.

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Delhi Development Authority (Manner of Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, on August 01, 2026, has issued the Delhi Development Authority (Manner of Holding Inquiry and Imposing Penalties) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules prescribe the procedure for filing complaints regarding contraventions under the Delhi Development Act, 1957, and lay down the manner in which adjudicating officers shall conduct inquiries, issue notices, provide an opportunity of hearing, consider evidence, and impose penalties for violations. • The Rules provide a structured appellate mechanism, allowing aggrieved persons to file appeals before the appellate authority within 30 days, prescribe the procedure for admission and disposal of appeals, and require the appellate authority to dispose of appeals within 60 days. • The Rules also provide timelines for completion of inquiries, methods for service of notices and orders, empower authorities to extend prescribed timelines for sufficient cause, mandate publication of orders through digital mode, require penalties to be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India, and provide for recovery of unpaid penalties as arrears of land revenue. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [G.S.R. 698(E)]

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Govt. of Delhi notified regarding the extension in the GSTR-3B Filing Due Date for March 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Department of Trade and Taxes, Govt. of Delhi on July 27, 2026, notified regarding the extension in the GSTR-3B Filing Due Date for March 2026. The Department has extended the due date for filing FORM GSTR-3B for the tax period of March 2026. Exercising powers under Section 39(6) of the Delhi Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, the Commissioner has extended the due date from April 20, 2026 to April 21, 2026 for registered persons required to file returns under Section 39(1) read with Rule 61(1)(i) of the Delhi GST Rules, 2017. The notification came into force on April 20, 2026. [Notification no. – 01/2026 – State Tax]

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Goa

Goa Dental Commission Rules, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on August 20, 2026, has notified the Goa Dental Commission Rules, 2026 under the National Dental Commission Act, 2023, superseding the Goa, Daman and Diu Dentist Rules, 1980. The Rules establish the framework for the Goa Dental Council, including its composition, appointment/election of members, disqualifications, tenure, vacancies and cessation of membership. The Goa Dental Council will regulate professional conduct and ethics, handle complaints and disciplinary proceedings, maintain dental registers, determine applicable fees, advise the Government on dental and oral healthcare, and promote professional development through Continuing Dental Education (CDE)/CPD programmes. It is also responsible for maintaining professional and ethical standards in dental education and practice. Compliance Impact: Dental professionals and dental institutions in Goa will be subject to the regulatory, ethical, registration and disciplinary framework of the Goa Dental Council. The Council is required to meet at least once every three months, with a quorum of one-third of its total members. They shall come into force on August 20, 2026. [Notification No. 5/6/2025-IV/PHD/2075]

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Goa Land Development and Building Construction (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on August 13, 2026, issued the Goa Land Development and Building Construction (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Goa Land Development and Building Construction Regulations, 2010. The following amendments have been stated; • For regulation 6A.2.1 of the Goa Land Development and Building Construction Regulations, 2010, the following regulation shall be substituted, namely:— “6A.2.1. Uses prohibited.— (a) Zones SPR, S1, S2, S3 & S4: I. Wholesale trade, warehousing, all kind of industries, gas works, fabrication and assembly workshops, scrap yards, transport agencies, go-downs, automobile workshops. II. Fabrication unit, glass cutting unit, cement godown, tyres vulcanization units, flour/masala mills, light engineering activities involving noise making machinery, offset printing press, only those chicken/mutton stalls which involves slaughtering, only those restaurants with bar which are conducting business beyond 11 p.m., carpentry workshop engaging heavy machinery and shops undertaking reconditioning of batteries. III. Retail trade, banks, post offices, administrative offices, tailoring shops, laundry, hair cutting saloons, beauty saloons, IT/ITES establishment, kinder garden/crèche, abutting on main street and professional offices including IT/ITES shall not be permitted as auxiliary to the main use, if the total covered area occupied for such uses exceed 50% of the proposed covered area and/or if the property derives access from a road having 8.00 mts. right of way or less. Note: If more than one building is proposed the commercial use as mentioned may be located either in one building or more than one building as desired by the owner. IV. In addition to III above, use of personal residence greater than 10% of the carpet area of residence to be used as professional office including IT/ITES on all plots/premises and fronting on roads having width less than 10 meters. V. Rice and flour mill in a building other than on a ground floor where such building consists of floor/storey above such ground floor. VI. Rice and flour mill on ground floor occupying an area in excess of 25 m² and employing more than 5 persons, is driven electrically and the motor capacity exceeding 15 H.P. VII. Bakeries on upper floor(s) and/or occupying an area in excess of 75 m² and

employing more than 9 persons, if the power requirement exceed 4 kW, where only electrical equipment is used and additional heating load exceeds 12 kW. VIII. Group housing with commercial use in one or more buildings on upper floors exceeding 50% of the proposed covered area which is not abutting the public road. IX. Nursing Homes/Hospitals or Doctor's Clinic with in patient wards, cultural, educational and religious institutions as main use and their administrative offices in the entire building having plot area less than 300 m². and/or having frontage less than 15 mts. and/or such plot is accessible by road having width less than 8.00 mts. and/or front setback is less than 5.00 mts. X. Bus terminals, parking yards, cinemas, burial grounds, helipads, hotel/boarding houses, hospitals, swimming pools, gymnasiums, sports complexes having plot area less than 500 m² and/or having frontage less than 20 mts. and/or such plot is accessible by road having width less than 8.00 mts. and/or front setback is less than 5.00 mts. (b) Zones SPC, C1 Special, C1, C2, C3 & C4: I. Extensive heavy and noxious industries and gas works. II. Nursing Homes/Hospitals or Doctor's Clinic with in patient wards, cultural, educational and religious institutions as main use and their administrative offices in the entire building having plot area less than 300 m² and/or having frontage less than 15 mts. and/or such plot is accessible by road having width less than 8.00 mts. and/or front setback is less than 5.00 mts. III. Bus terminals, parking yards, cinemas, burial grounds, helipads, hotel/boarding houses, hospitals, swimming pools, gymnasiums, sports complexes having plot area less than 500 m² and/or having frontage less than 20 mts. and/or such plot accessible by road having width less than 8.00 mts. and/or front setback is less than 5.00 mts. IV. Service workshops, service industries and light industries which are not auxiliary to main use. (c) Zones I-1, I-2 & I-3: (a) I-1: Extensive, heavy and noxious industries. (b) I-2: Noxious and hazardous industries. (c) I-3: All uses other than industries. Note: In (a), (b) and (c) above, the following activities shall be excluded, namely:— (i) The activities such as residences for staff, affordable housing for workers, administrative office, canteens, medical centers, banks, convenience shopping, only as auxiliary to the main use, upto the extent of 15% of the permissible floor area ratio (FAR). (ii) The retiring room/rest room/changing room for staff, administrative office, canteen, medical centers, only as auxiliary to the main use upto the extent of 15% of the built up area in case of industrial estates/industrial areas. Note: No permission shall be given for accommodation for staff, unless the area of the plot exceeds 5,000 m² and where maximum 7.5% of built up area is permissible. (d) Zone P: I. All kinds of industries, wholesale trade, warehousing, storage provided the land is not owned by the Government. II. Canteen, banks, convenience shopping and staff residences, not auxiliary to the main use, and/or exceeding 25% of permissible Floor Area Ratio (F.A.R.), where the land belongs to Government. (e) Zone T: I. Theatres, Auditorium, Cultural and religious institutions, heavy, noxious & hazardous industries, sports stadia, crematoria, cemeteries, burial grounds. II. Boarding houses, restaurants, professional offices, residences for watch and ward and utility services, retail trade, which are not auxiliary to the main use exceeding 25% of permissible Floor Area Ratio (FAR) except the uses such as Transport depot, Bus terminus, Railway station, Helipads, Airport, Harbour, bus/truck shelters, automobile workshop, car and other automobile parking including multilevel parking and incidental uses of storage/warehouses, public utility building like sewage pumping station, water works, fire stations, telephone exchanges, fuel filling stations and service stations, weigh bridge, driving training centre. (f) Zone R: I. All uses permitted under other zones. II. Restaurants, public utilities not incidental to main use, room for watch and ward, which are not auxiliary to the main use and/or exceeding 5% of the effective area of the plot and/or the structures are more than single storeyed. (g) Zone A1 & A2: I. All uses other than agriculture, horticulture, farming and allied operations. II. (i) Roads and sub-division of lands not for agricultural purposes and/or not subject to specific restrictions in regulations for sub-division of land. (ii) Uses not ancillary to agriculture other than irrigation, land reclamation, pump and other electrical installations, bio-gas plants, farm houses, poultry, dairy and processing units allied to agro products. (iii) Uses such as Agricultural Research Centre/Development Centre/ Agricultural Educational Institute/Educational Institute/Bio-Technology unit if the plot area is less than 2,00,000 m² and/or the maximum Coverage, FAR and height of building exceeds 5%, 5% and 7.60 mts. respectively. (iv) Yoga or meditation centre if the plot

area is less than 50,000 m² and/or the maximum Coverage, FAR and height of building exceeds 5%, 5% and 7.60 mts. respectively. (h) Zone F: All uses prohibited in the basic zone.". [Notification No. 21/1/TCP/GLDBCR-2010/TCP/2026/1603]

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Goa Government notified regarding the revised DPIIT Definition of "Startup" under Goa Startup Policy, 2025

Aug 23, 2026 | State | Goa

The Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications, Government of Goa on August 20, 2026, notified the revised DPIIT Definition of "Startup" under the Goa Startup Policy, 2025. The Government has partially modified the Goa Startup Policy, 2025, to adopt the revised definition of "Startup" notified by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India, vide Gazette Notification No. G.S.R. 108(E) dated February 4, 2026. The revised DPIIT definition will now apply for the implementation of the Goa Startup Policy, 2025. [Notification no. - 2(147)/DITEC/2026/Startup Scheme Matters/2972]

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Goa Government declares Snake Bite Cases and Deaths as notifiable disease across the State

Aug 23, 2026 | State | Goa

The Department of Public Health, Govt. of Goa on August 20, 2026, declares Snake Bite Cases and Deaths as a notifiable disease across the State. The Government of Goa, exercising powers under Section 57 of the Goa Public Health Act, 1985, has declared snake bite cases and deaths as a notifiable disease throughout the State of Goa. Accordingly, such cases and deaths are required to be notified in accordance with Part II of Chapter VII of the Act. [Notification no. - 38/3/2025-I/PHD/1200]

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Goa Govt. issued a Temporary Liquor Transport and Possession Restrictions in South Goa District from August 15-17

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Goa

The Department of Finance, Goa on August 12, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Temporary Liquor Transport and Possession Restrictions in Chinchinim Deussua, Taluka Salcete, South Goa District During Bye-Election on August 15–17, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The restriction applies to Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chinchinim Deussua, Salcete Taluka, South Goa. • Liquor cannot be transported from one place to another within the specified area during August 15, 16 and 17, 2026. • The restriction is in view of the polling day and counting of votes for the bye-election to the vacant ward of the Village Panchayat. • A person/family may possess up to 3 quart bottles of IMFL/foreign liquor + 6 × 650 ml

beer bottles, or 3 quart bottles of country liquor, without a permit. • The notification is effective only for August 15–17, 2026. [Notification No. 2/3/2024-Fin(R&C)(B)/32621]

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Government of Goa Closure of Liquor Premises in Chinchinim Deussua During Bye-Election

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa, Department of Finance (Revenue and Control Division) has directed the closure of all licensed premises for the sale of liquor in Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chinchinim Deussua, Salcete, South Goa, on August 15, 16 and 17, 2026, in view of the polling day and counting of votes for the bye-election to a vacant ward. Licensed Bar and Restaurant premises may keep the restaurant portion open for serving food; however, the bar counter must remain closed and no liquor may be served on the specified days. The owners are also required to prominently display a board stating that liquor will not be served and that only the restaurant is open for food service. The direction has been issued under sub-rule (4) of Rule 99 of the Goa Excise Duty Rules, 1964, in the public interest, and applies specifically to the area falling under the jurisdiction of the concerned ward. [Notification No. 2/3/2024-Fin(R&C)(A)/32620]

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Goa Govt. issued holiday on August 16 in South Goa due to Bye-Election Polling

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on August 11, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Holiday on August 16 due to Bye Election. The following has been stated namely: - • August 16, 2026 (Polling Day) is declared a paid holiday in Goa. • The holiday applies to workers of all commercial, industrial and other establishments, including daily-wage/casual workers. • The paid holiday applies to workers who are voters in the Bye Election for Ward No. I of Village Panchayat Chinchinim Deussua, taluka Salcete, South Goa District. [Notification No. DIP/NB/AXP/NP/SF/SN/2026/495]

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Goa Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | State | Goa

The Directorate of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation, Govt. of Goa on August 04, 2026, issued the Goa Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Goa Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, 1999. The amendment substitute Form No. 2 (Death Report). The revised Form 2 prescribes detailed requirements for recording the date of death, name, sex, age, address, place of death, residence and occupation of the deceased. It standardises date and name formats, requires sex to be recorded as Male, Female or Transgender Person, and provides age recording based on completed years, months, days or hours depending on the age of the deceased. It also requires details of the place of death

and usual residence of the deceased and specifies nine occupational categories, including cultivator, agricultural labourer, government employee, private employee, domestic helper and non-worker. [Notification No. - DPSE/RBD/167/2023-Amendment/2023/1445]

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Goa Public Lighting Duty (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | State | Goa

The Department of Power, Goa, on August 06, 2026, notified the Goa Public Lighting Duty (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Goa Public Lighting Duty Rules, 2021. The following has been stated: - •In Rule 4, sub-rule (1), after Clause (i), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:— “(ia) Proposals recommended by the Members of the Legislative Assembly for extension of Low Tension (LT) network for installation of streetlights within their respective constituencies may be submitted to the Executive Engineer or Assistant Engineer of the respective area. The Department may execute such works after sanctioning the estimate as per the delegation of Technical and Financial powers of Technical Officers of the Department as per the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) Manual in force.” •After rule 5, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:— 6. Source of Funding for Public Lighting Duty Fund (PLDF). They shall come into force on August 06, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 120/2/CEE/TECH/CSC]

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GSPCB Public Notice on Compliance with Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Goa

The Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB), on June 3, 2026, issued a public notice informing stakeholders that the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 (SWMR, 2026) notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) came into force on April 1, 2026. The notice highlights the applicability of the Rules to Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs), including specified institutional, commercial, and residential establishments. The notice outlines the key compliance obligations for BWGs, including mandatory registration on the central portal, filing of annual returns by June 30, segregation of waste into four streams (wet, dry, sanitary, and special care waste), decentralized processing of wet waste or procurement of Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility (EBWGR) certificates, and engagement only with authorised waste handlers. The GSPCB has also referred to the Supreme Court's order dated May 5, 2026 in Civil Appeal No. 6174/2023, directing District Collectors to constitute special cells for implementation of the SWMR, 2026 and to take enforcement action, including disconnection of water and electricity, against BWGs that fail to comply with the Rules. The Board has advised all concerned stakeholders to ensure timely compliance with the new regulatory requirements. [Public Notice No. 2027/GSPCB/Other/5207/Tech/5517]

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Gujarat

Govt. of Gujarat notified regarding the Ban on Gutka and Pan Masala Containing Tobacco/Nicotine

Aug 31, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Food & Drugs Control Administration, Govt. of Gujarat on August 24, 2026, notified regarding the Ban on Gutka and Pan Masala Containing Tobacco/Nicotine. The Government has prohibited the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of Gutka and Pan Masala, by whatever name known, containing tobacco or nicotine, including products marketed separately for consumption as Gutka or Pan Masala. The prohibition has been imposed throughout Gujarat for one year from September 13, 2026, citing the serious carcinogenic and co-carcinogenic health risks associated with consumption of such products and their contravention of Regulation 2.3.4 of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011. The prohibition does not apply to 100% export-oriented units (EOUs). [Notification No. - CFDC/02/2026/CIR/E-FILE/141/2024/1755/I-FOOD]

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Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) on August 19, 2026, issued the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, 2024. The following amendment has been stated: • Regulation 1(4) of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under: “1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement 4) The Banking Charge at a rate of Rs. 1.00 per unit shall be effective from 1st September 2026 up to 31st March 2027, and thereafter the Banking Charges for the period starting from 1st April 2027 onwards shall be determined as per the provisions of Regulation 17.6 of these Regulations, as amended from time to time. Provided that in case the Banking Charges are not determined in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 17.6 of these Regulations, the Commission may, through a separate order, decide to continue the existing Banking Charges till such period the Banking Charges are determined in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 17.6 of these Regulations.” • Regulation 17.6(viii) of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under: “17.6. Banking facility and Charges (viii) The banking charges as computed by the Commission based on the methodology/computation as provided in Annexure-I to these Regulations and data provided by the Distribution Licensees shall remain applicable till 31st March 2027. Thereafter, the banking charge for each financial year starting from 1st April 2027, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, based on the analysis of the data/information, for the immediately preceding calendar year or such period as may be specified by the Commission, to be provided by the Distribution Licensees in line with first proviso to this Regulation. Provided that all Distribution Licensees shall mandatorily maintain and provide through a duly sworn/affirmed affidavit, complete, accurate and sufficient data/information for computation of Banking Charges, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, in the manner, format and timelines, as may be specified by the Commission in this regard,

through issuance of separate guidelines/procedure to be adhered by the Distribution Licensee(s). The Commission may get such data/information provided by the Distribution Licensee(s) verified by SLDC or such other means as it may deem fit. Provided further that, the Commission may also consider determining a common banking charges applicable for all State Government owned Distribution Licensees (i.e. DGVCL, PGVCL, MGVCL and UGVCL) and/or small Distribution Licensees, who are procuring power solely from abovesaid State Government owned Distribution Licensee(s). Provided further that the Commission may also consider determining a common Banking Charge applicable to multiple private Licensees having common power procurement. Provided further that, in the case of existing Distribution Licensees supplying electricity in SEZs, SIRs, Ports and any new Distribution Licensees, the Commission may consider applying Banking Charges as applicable to the State Government owned Distribution Licensees, as mentioned in the earlier proviso. Provided further that, with a view to providing certainty to the Green Energy Open Access consumers and Distribution Licensees, the Commission may consider limiting the variation in Banking Charges computed as per above, within a floor rate of Rs. 0.50 per unit and ceiling rate of Rs. 1.50 per unit, subject to the condition that the Distribution Licensee has provided complete, accurate and sufficient data/information in the manner and timelines as specified by the Commission as per the first proviso above. In case a Distribution Licensee has not provided complete, accurate and sufficient data/information in the manner and timelines as specified by the Commission as per the first proviso above, the Banking Charges shall be considered as 'Nil' for such Distribution Licensee, till such data/information is provided, to the satisfaction of the Commission and the Commission shall determine the banking charges in accordance with these Regulations. The Banking Charges so determined by the Commission shall be applicable from the date of such determination or from such other date as may be specified by the Commission in its order. Provided further that, in case Banking Charges are considered as 'Nil' for any of the Distribution Licensee(s) as per the previous proviso, the deemed revenue is to be considered equivalent to 1 paisa per unit per annum of the total energy handled during the year, computed on a pro-rata basis for the number of days during which the Banking Charges remained 'Nil' for such Distribution Licensee, and adjusted while determining the Aggregate Revenue Requirement, which ensure that the consequence of noncompliance with data submission requirements is not passed on to Green Energy Open Access consumers or other consumers." These Regulations shall come into force from August 19, 2026. [Notification No. GERC/2026/07/Tariff/1668]

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Govt of Gujarat issued a notification regarding Mandatory Online Registration of Establishments under the OSH&WC Code, 2020

Aug 28, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Government of Gujarat on August 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding Mandatory Online Registration of Establishments under the OSH&WC Code, 2020. The following has been stated: - •All factories, construction sites, industrial, and commercial establishments employing 10 or more workers must mandatorily register online under Section 3 of the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020. •Registration is conducted through the official Shram Setu portal, which was made operational on August 25, 2026. •New establishments are required to apply in Form-1 within 60 days, while existing registered establishments must update their registration within 180 days. •The registration certificate must be prominently displayed at the main site of the establishment, either physically or digitally. •Failure to comply or providing false information will attract a monetary penalty ranging from ■2,00,000 to ■3,00,000 under Section 94 of the Code. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Nashra/Avi/Regi/OSH&WC/2026]

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Gujarat Government issued directions on procurement of medicines from PMBJK stores

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of Gujarat, on August 11, 2026, has issued directions regarding the procurement of medicines by the Government and GMERS medical colleges, hospitals, district and sub-district hospitals from Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) stores, superseding its earlier circular dated August 29, 2025. The following has been stated: Medicines may be procured from PMBJK stores only when GMSCL is unable to supply medicines due to absence of a Rate Contract or inability to supply despite an existing Rate Contract. Such procurement shall be limited to generic medicines included in GMSCL's Essential Drug List (EDL) and shall not include imported, branded or branded EDL medicines. Procurement of any single medicine from PMBJK stores shall not exceed 20% of its total annual requirement, with a maximum procurement of two months' requirement subject to the prescribed tender conditions. Details of such purchases shall be uploaded on GMSCL's E-Aushadhi portal at the time of accepting the supply. [Circular No. HFWD/MSM/e-file/7/2025/2635/GH]

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MoHA issued a notification regarding restrictions on Multiple Logins on the CCRS Portal

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) on June 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding restrictions on Multiple Logins on the CCRS Portal. The following has been stated: - •The Central CRS Portal has restricted simultaneous login using the same user credentials from multiple devices/browsers as a security measure to prevent unauthorised access and misuse. •Registrars can create additional authorised user accounts, including DEO accounts, to facilitate access by multiple users as per operational requirements. •The restriction on multiple logins will continue, and all States/UTs are advised to use the role-based user management facility and ensure that the instructions are communicated to all concerned registration functionaries for compliance. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F. No. 11/12/2021-VS(CRS)-Part(1)/2706]

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Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gujarat issued Prohibition Order on Non-Standardized Dairy Analogue Products (Paneer, Cream, Butter Imitations) in Gujarat

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gujarat on August 05, 2026, issued Prohibition Order on Non-Standardized Dairy Analogue Products (Paneer, Cream, Butter Imitations) in Gujarat. The order stems from findings by Gujarat's Food Safety Officers, who drew paneer samples from multiple districts under Section 47 of the FSS Act; laboratory testing revealed several samples were unsafe or sub-standard, containing vegetable/foreign fats, excess moisture, starch, and other unauthorized substances — in direct

violation of Regulation 2.1.16 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, which strictly defines paneer as a dairy-derived product and prohibits non-dairy or foreign fat content. Citing the statutory duty of Food Business Operators (FBOs) under Section 26 to ensure food safety at all stages of production and sale, along with the Commissioner's mandate under Section 18(1) to protect public health and prevent risks, the order prohibits — across the entire state of Gujarat — the manufacture, processing, packing, storage, transport, distribution, sale, or use in food service of non-standardized "dairy context Analogues." This specifically targets products imitating paneer, cream, butter, or other dairy items, or those creating a false impression of being genuine dairy products. The prohibition covers products that aren't genuine dairy items, that substitute vegetable fat/oil or other non-dairy ingredients for milk or milk solids, or that use misleading labelling, packaging, or advertising. Standardized products like Frozen Desserts, Processed Cheese, and Mixed Fat Spreads are explicitly excluded from this ban. All FBOs are required to immediately halt sales of such dairy analogues, maintain detailed procurement, manufacturing, and distribution records, and comply with both Regulation 2.1.16 and the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020. Hotels, restaurants, caterers, cloud kitchens, and other food service establishments must use only genuine, standardized dairy products and avoid misleading consumers. Non-compliance will attract penalties under Sections 50, 51, 52, 55, and 59 of the FSS Act, along with other applicable provisions depending on the severity of the violation. The order takes effect from its date of publication in the Official Gazette and will remain in force for one year, or until FSSAI notifies final regulatory standards for such products, or until the order is revoked, amended, or superseded by the Commissioner — whichever occurs first. Compliance is mandatory for all concerned authorities and FBOs operating within Gujarat. [Notification No. CFDC/01/2026/MIS/e-file/141/2025/3242/I-Food]

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Gujarat Motor Vehicles (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Ports and Transport Department, Govt. of Gujarat on August 05, 2026, issued the Gujarat Motor Vehicles (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Gujarat Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. They shall come into force on August 05, 2026. The amendment revises the designation of transport authorities in Rules 3, 24 and 40, replacing the words “Assistant Regional Transport Officer” with “Regional Transport Officer” for various specified offices. The change applies to Ahmedabad (East), Bardoli, Amreli, Bharuch, Gandhinagar, Surendranagar, Dahod, Navsari, Anand, Patan, Morbi, Bavala and Anjar. In the case of Anjar, the existing reference “Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Anjar (Kutch-East)” is specifically replaced with “Regional Transport Officer, Anjar.” [Notification No. - G/PT/2026/22/PTD/MVD/e-file/22/2025/1551/KH]

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GPCB notified regarding the procedure to be followed by Project Proponents (PPs) for obtaining comments from the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) during the processing of Environment Clearance (EC) proposals

Aug 07, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) on August 03, 2026, notified regarding the procedure to be followed by Project Proponents (PPs) for obtaining comments from the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) during the processing of Environment Clearance (EC) proposals. The Board in line with the MoEF&CC Office Memorandums dated January 14, 2025, October 8, 2025, and November 25, 2025, has notified a standardized procedure for processing Environment Clearance (EC) proposals through the PARIVESH 2.0 Portal. Under the revised framework, project proponents are exempt from obtaining Consent to Establish (CTE) before grant of EC, with applicable CTE conditions being incorporated into the EC itself. Project proponents shall submit an EC to CTE application through the GPCB XGN Portal, pay the prescribed processing fee online, upload the payment receipt on the PARIVESH Portal, after which GPCB will verify the payment and forward its comments to the concerned EAC/SEAC. The circular also prescribes the role of Regional Offices in furnishing environmental safeguards and comes into force with immediate effect. [Notification No. - GPCB/PUR/e-file/128/2026/0390/Legal/8/2026]

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GPCB issued a circular regarding Fast-Track Disposal of Consent Applications for Compostable Plastic Manufacturing Units

Aug 06, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) on July 30, 2026, issued a circular regarding Fast-Track Disposal of Consent Applications for Compostable Plastic Manufacturing Units. The following has been stated: - •Under the "Ease of Doing Business" initiative and to effectively implement the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, the Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) aims to encourage eco-friendly and alternative packaging materials. •To support compostable plastic manufacturing units, all consent applications, including Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CCA), will now be processed and disposed of within a maximum of 3 working days from receipt. •This decision comes into force immediately to boost the production of environment-friendly alternatives and streamline administrative approvals. [Circular No.: GPCB/0153/07/2026]

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Haryana

Haryana Private Coaching Institutes (Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on August 24, 2026, notified the Haryana Private Coaching Institutes (Registration and Regulation) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Haryana Private Coaching Institutes Rules, 2026 prescribe the procedure for registration, renewal and record maintenance of private coaching institutes under the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Private Coaching Institutes Act, 2024. •Institutes must apply online with a ■10,000 registration fee, while renewal requires a ■5,000 fee and must be sought one month before expiry. •The registration certificate is valid for 3 years, whereas the renewal certificate is valid for 1 year. •Registered institutes must maintain prescribed records, upload them on their official website and submit requisite information annually to the concerned District Authority. They shall come into force from August 24, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 44/H.A. 12/2024/S. 16/2026.]

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Government of Haryana Prohibition on Use of “Ghee” for Non-Conforming Products

Aug 27, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Haryana Government, Food and Drugs Administration Department, on August 17, 2026, issued an order prohibiting the manufacture, preparation, processing, packing, storage, distribution, sale, advertising or offering for sale of any product described or marketed as “Ghee”, including products using prefixes, suffixes or qualifying expressions such as “Ghee for Pooja”, “Ghee for Diya”, “Vanaspati Ghee”, “Cooking Ghee” and “Ghee for Havan”, unless the product fully conforms to the prescribed standard for Ghee under Regulation 2.1.8 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. The prohibition applies throughout Haryana for one year from publication in the Official Gazette. The Order also prohibits the sale or representation of margarine, plant-fat spreads, vegetable-oil-based spreads and other non-dairy fat products as “Butter” or “Makkhan”, whether packed or loose. Such products must be visibly and separately labelled as “Margarine” or “Vegetable Fat Spread — Not Butter/Not Makkhan”, as applicable. Additionally, FBOs selling pre-packaged sweets, including ladoo and Ghewar, must prominently declare the medium of preparation as “Prepared in Desi Ghee” or “Prepared in Vegetable Fat/Vegetable Oil”, as applicable, on at least two sides of the package, occupying at least 25% of the respective side. Products containing permitted artificial sweeteners must also carry the declaration “Made with Artificial Sweetener(s)” along with the names of the sweeteners used. Contraventions may attract penalties under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, including seizure and destruction of the offending articles. [Notification No. 3/14-3Food-II-2026/6027]

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Department of Food and Drugs Administration, Government of Haryana, issued a notification regarding prohibition on the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of

analogue/non-dairy paneer as “Paneer” in Haryana for one year under Section 30(2)(a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, along with compliance with prescribed food standards and labelling requirements

Aug 26, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Department of Food and Drugs Administration, Government of Haryana on August 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding prohibition on the manufacture, storage, distribution and sale of analogue/non-dairy paneer as “Paneer” in Haryana for one year under Section 30(2)(a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, along with compliance with prescribed food standards and labelling requirements. The following has been stated: - •The Food and Drugs Administration Department of Haryana issued an official notification on August 17, 2026, invoking Section 30(2)(a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, to address public health concerns surrounding dairy adulteration. •Under this notification, the government has imposed a state-wide, one-year ban on the manufacture, storage, distribution, and sale of analog or non-dairy paneer whenever it is represented, offered, or sold under the name "Paneer". •This regulatory action follows extensive testing conducted between April 2025 and March 2026, where roughly 70% of collected paneer and dairy analog samples failed compliance standards due to the illegal substitution of natural milk fat with non-dairy vegetable fats. •Furthermore, authorities noted widespread consumer deception by hotels, restaurants, and caterers who served non-dairy analog paneer in dishes without mandated disclosures on menus or display boards. •To protect consumer interests and ensure nutritional clarity, the order re-emphasizes that authentic paneer must contain genuine milk fat, whereas non-dairy alternatives are subject to strict Labeling mandates such as declaring "contains vegetable fat" and cannot be sold loose or passed off as standard paneer. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: . 3/14-3Food-II-2026/6026]

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Govt. of Haryana notified regarding the Diesel Generator Set Subsidy Scheme for MSMEs to Promote Cleaner Fuel and Emission Control

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Industries & Commerce Department, Govt. of Haryana on August 19, 2026, notified regarding the Diesel Generator Set Subsidy Scheme for MSMEs to Promote Cleaner Fuel and Emission Control. The following has been stated: • The Government has notified the “Diesel Generator Set Subsidy Scheme” under the Haryana Clean Air Project for Sustainable Development (HCAPSD 2025–2031) to help Micro and Small Enterprises transition from diesel-only generators to cleaner fuels, dual-fuel systems and Retrofit Emission Control Devices (RECDs) and comply with CPCB and CAQM emission standards. • The scheme will operate for six years in three phases—Phase I covering Faridabad, Gurugram, Sonipat and Jhajjar; Phase II covering all NCR districts of Haryana; and Phase III covering the entire State. Eligible MSMEs can receive 50% reimbursement, up to ■5 lakh, for RECD/dual-fuel conversion of existing DG sets, or 50% of the cost of a new CPCB-compliant DG set, up to ■20 lakh, subject to prescribed benchmark costs and conditions. • The scheme targets 1,000 DG sets for retrofit/dual-fuel conversion and 1,400 new generators. Beneficiary units shall have Udyam Registration/HUM, be in commercial and regular production, and shall not have availed similar subsidy under another government scheme. Supported equipment shall comply with CPCB, HSPCB, and CAQM standards, undergo physical and technical verification, and remain operational for at least six years from subsidy disbursement. • Applications shall generally be filed online within three months of

purchase/conversion or notification of the scheme, whichever is later. False claims may result in a refund with 12% compound interest, legal action, debarment from State incentives and public procurement, and recovery as arrears of land revenue. [Notification no. - 02/05/2026-1IB-II]

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Department of Industries & Commerce, Haryana, issued a Scheme for Assistance for Purchase and Conversion of Boilers to Cleaner Fuels

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Haryana, on August 19, 2026, issued a Scheme for Assistance for Purchase and Conversion of Boilers to Cleaner Fuels. The following has been stated: - •The Haryana Government has notified a scheme to support MSMEs in purchasing new boilers operating on PNG, CNG, or other gaseous fuels, or converting existing boilers to cleaner fuels, to reduce industrial air pollution and facilitate compliance with CAQM standards. •Eligible MSMEs can receive 50% assistance up to ■20 lakh for new boilers and up to ■10 lakh for conversion, subject to prescribed benchmark costs. •The scheme applies to eligible MSMEs in Haryana for six years from notification, subject to conditions including Udyam registration, HSPCB certification and compliance with CAQM guidelines. •Applications must generally be submitted within three months of installation, with post-installation verification and a minimum six-year operational requirement. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 02/05/2026-1IB-II]

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Draft Haryana Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Haryana

The New and Renewable Energy Department, Haryana, on August 13, 2026, issued a public notice inviting comments and suggestions on the Draft Haryana Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy, 2026. The draft aims to establish a CBG ecosystem in Haryana by converting agricultural residues, animal dung, municipal solid waste, agro-industrial by-products and other biomass into clean energy, while supporting waste-to-wealth, circular economy, rural employment and energy security objectives. The proposed policy seeks to make Haryana a leading CBG-producing State and promote private investment in economically viable CBG projects. It proposes to encourage CBG as a renewable and indigenous alternative to fossil fuels for industrial, transport and domestic use, including utilisation of agricultural biomass, urban solid waste and livestock waste. The policy also provides that CBG supplied under the framework must comply with BIS IS 16087:2016, including requirements relating to methane content, carbon dioxide, oxygen, sulphur, moisture, particulate matter, absence of liquids and appropriate odourisation. The draft policy is presently under consultation and is not yet final. General public, project developers, stakeholders, industrial associations and other concerned organisations may submit clause-wise comments/suggestions from publication of the notice to HAREDA at hareda@chd.nic.in, using the prescribed format. The period for submission of comments/suggestions on the Draft Haryana Compressed Biogas (CBG) Policy, 2026 has been extended up to August 27, 2026. The policy also indicates that necessary amendments to relevant policies, rules, regulations, schemes and programmes will be undertaken by the concerned departments to implement the policy. [Notification No. XX/XX/2026-5P]

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Department of Transport, Haryana, amended an older notification related to Motor Vehicle Tax Rebate for Electric and CNG Vehicles

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Department of Transport, Haryana, on July 30, 2026, amended an older notification No. 13/15/2010-6T(I), dated September 29, 2017, related to Motor Vehicle Tax Rebate for Electric and CNG Vehicles. The following has been stated: - •The Haryana Government has amended its motor vehicle tax notification to revise tax rebates for new vehicle registrations. •Under the revised provisions, 100% motor vehicle tax exemption will be available for new registrations of electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers with an ex-showroom price of up to ■30 lakh, while vehicles priced above ■30 lakh will receive a 50% tax exemption. •Additionally, new CNG vehicles purchased in Haryana will be eligible for a 20% rebate in motor vehicle tax at the time of registration. •The amendment aims to promote the adoption of cleaner and environmentally friendly vehicles in the State. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 13/4/2026-6T-I.]

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on August 22, 2026, notified the Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026, amending Rule 16 of the Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011. The amendment inserts sub-rule (6) in Rule 16, requiring every retailer engaged in the sale of gold and other precious metals to install and use a non-automatic weighing instrument having a verification scale interval (e) of 1 milligram (mg) at its premises. The instrument must be duly verified and stamped in accordance with applicable legal metrology laws and must be used for all transactions involving the weighment of gold or precious metals sold to consumers. The Amendment Rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Himachal Pradesh e-Gazette/Rajpatra. The notification states that the draft rules had been published earlier for objections/suggestions and that no objections or suggestions were received within the stipulated period. [Notification No. FDS-A(3)-3/2025]

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Himachal Pradesh Municipality, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on August 20, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Municipality, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2026. The Bye-Laws prescribe a mandatory trade licence for businesses operating within the Nagar Panchayat area. Licences are generally issued for one year, with renewal allowed within one month of expiry without penalty, while renewal during the second month attracts a 50% penalty. After this period, a fresh licence application is required. A No-Dues Certificate from all branches of Nagar Panchayat Kunihar is mandatory for renewal. A Temporary Trade Licence is prescribed for mobile vendors and temporary/makeshift shops or stalls at fairs and similar events for 1 to 30 days, with a fee of ■300 per month. Trade registration with the Himachal Pradesh Labour & Employment Department is a prerequisite for obtaining the ULB Trade Licence. Licence holders must display the licence, maintain records, pay municipal dues, comply with inspection requirements, and avoid encroachment on public streets and drains. The Bye-Laws also introduce cross-municipal service penalisation, under which defaults relating to services such as garbage collection, property tax, electricity, water or sewerage may affect other municipal services. In particular, municipal service defaulters will not be permitted to apply for, renew, modify or close a trade licence until the violation is resolved. Violations may attract penalties of ■1,000 for the first offence and ■10,000 with cancellation of the licence for repeated violations within three months; false self-declarations may attract a penalty of 10 times the licence fee and cancellation. [Notification No. 163]

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Himachal Pradesh Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on August 20, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Rules, 1989. The following have been amended, namely: • The definition of “Nodal Officer” is revised to mean an Agriculture Department officer not below the rank of Agriculture Development Officer (ADO) of the concerned Block. Cannabis seeds shall now be procured from authorised suppliers and accompanied by NABL/Government laboratory certificates specifying cannabinoid strength, THC/CBD profiles and, for imported seeds, applicable phytosanitary documentation; cultivators shall submit these documents to the Nodal Officer at least 21 days before cultivation. Cultivation for medical/scientific purposes may be undertaken across Himachal Pradesh but shall be in a compact, geographically contiguous area, with a minimum landholding of five bighas, except for Government departments and research institutions. • Applicants shall provide land details, GPS coordinates, geo-tagging, secure warehousing and a prior purchase agreement with the manufacturer, ensuring a mandatory buy-back mechanism, and cultivation facilities shall follow Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP). Manufacturing licensees are required to maintain Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Good Distribution Practices (GDP), while the minimum capital investment for cultivation, processing, manufacturing and packaging units is fixed at ■100 crore. • The amendment also rationalises licence fees, including ■1,00,000 per bigha for cultivation and ■1 crore for manufacturing licences, and updates the prescribed application forms by replacing the District Nodal Officer with the Agriculture Department’s Nodal Officer. [Notification no. - EXN-F-(10)-8/2021-Vol-II]

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Draft Solid Waste Management (Collection, Transportation and Disposal) Byelaws, 2026 of Municipal Council Dehra for Municipal Solid Waste Management and Disposal

Aug 26, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Council Dehra, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on August 14, 2026, issued the Draft Solid Waste Management (Collection, Transportation and Disposal) Byelaws, 2026 of Municipal Council Dehra for Municipal Solid Waste Management and Disposal. The following has been stated: • The draft Byelaws aim to establish a comprehensive framework for segregation, collection, transportation, processing and scientific disposal of municipal solid waste within the jurisdiction of Municipal Council Dehra. The Byelaws seek to ensure compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, which came into force from April 1, 2026 and mandate segregation of waste into wet, dry, sanitary and special-care waste at source. • The Municipal Council would be responsible for door-to-door collection of segregated waste, regular street sweeping, transportation without mixing different waste streams, provision of suitable collection/storage facilities and ensuring that waste reaches authorised processing or disposal facilities. Waste generators would be required to segregate waste at source, store it separately, hand it over only to authorised collectors and avoid littering, open dumping, burning or disposal in drains/water bodies. • The framework also promotes recycling, composting, biomethanation and recovery of usable materials, with residual waste to be disposed of scientifically. The Council is expected to develop adequate infrastructure such as Material Recovery Facilities, decentralised composting/processing facilities and appropriate disposal facilities, while reducing dependence on landfilling. • The Byelaws further provide for user charges and penalties/environmental

compensation for non-compliance, including improper disposal, failure to segregate waste and unauthorised handling or dumping. They also emphasise protection of sanitation workers through appropriate training and personal protective equipment, and provide for monitoring, record-keeping, grievance redressal and enforcement by the Municipal Council. [Notification no. - MCD/1980-1983/2026]

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Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC) on August 19, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) Regulations, 2015. It has amended Regulation 7 to facilitate digital processing of rooftop solar applications. Eligible consumers may now submit applications for installation and grid connection of rooftop solar PV systems online, through e-mail, post or by hand, using the prescribed Form-1 or any format specified through the Central/State Government's online portal. Distribution Licensees are required to make Form-1 available on their websites and at authorised offices and, as far as possible, process all applications through a web-based system. Even applications received physically must be uploaded by the Distribution Licensee for online processing. The amendment also permits digital Solar Metering Connection Agreements forming part of the online application process and available through the relevant government portal. [Notification no. - HPERC-H(1)-11/2015]

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Municipal Council Dehra proposed amendments to the Dehra Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-Laws, 2025

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Council Dehra on August 14, 2026, has proposed amendments to the Dehra Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-Laws, 2025, with retrospective effect from the date of their initial publication. The public may submit objections or suggestions to the Executive Officer, Municipal Council Dehra, within 15 days from publication in the Himachal Pradesh e-Gazette. The amendment reduces the annual licence fee for registered pet dogs from ■600 to ■100. The earlier requirement of a "metal token" is replaced with a Laminated Licence Registration Card. Registration remains compulsory for dogs above three months of age, with ■100 registration fee and ■100 annual licence fee. Registration is valid for the entire lifetime of the dog, subject to informing the authority upon the dog's death. Owners must submit the prescribed registration form, two recent photographs and a valid vaccination certificate. Blind persons keeping a dog solely for guidance are exempt from the registration fee. A duplicate laminated licence card can be obtained on payment of ■500. A household may keep a maximum of two dogs within the Municipal Council Dehra jurisdiction. [Notification No. MCD/1990-1993/2026]

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Govt of Himachal Pradesh issued Draft amendments to the Municipal Council Dehra (Property Taxation) Bye-Laws of 2022

Aug 20, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on August 14, 2026, issued Draft amendments to the Municipal Council Dehra (Property Taxation) Bye-Laws of 2022. The following has been stated: - •The Municipal Council Dehra has issued a public notice proposing amendments to its Property Taxation Bye-Laws of 2022 following resolution no. 515(B) passed on July 30, 2026. •Under the new proposal, the non-residential occupancy values previously assigned to Use Factor (F5) are shifted to Occupancy Factor (F4). •Specifically, within the F4 category, non-residential sub-categories C and D have been revised to values of 4.5 and 4, respectively, while the values for categories A, B, and E remain unchanged. •Additionally, the F5 Use Factor for non-residential occupancy is simplified to a single value of 3.5, replacing the earlier detailed table structure. •Members of the public who wish to submit objections or suggestions regarding these changes can send them in writing to the Executive Officer of MC Dehra within 15 days. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MCD/1986-1989/2026]

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Solid Waste Management (Collection, Transportation and Disposal) Byelaws, 2026 - Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat Rampur Bushahr

Aug 20, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of Urban Development, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on July 28, 2026, issued the Solid Waste Management (Collection, Transportation and Disposal) Byelaws, 2026 - Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat Rampur Bushahr. The following has been stated: • The Bye-Laws, 2026 will apply to the Rampur municipal area. They establish an integrated solid waste management system based on the hierarchy of prevention, reduction, reuse, recycling, recovery and disposal, with priority to decentralised processing of wet and horticultural waste and reduction of waste sent to landfills. • A major change is the mandatory four-stream segregation at source into wet waste (green bin), dry waste (blue bin), sanitary waste (red bin) and special care waste (black bin). Waste generators shall store these streams separately and hand them over to authorised collectors. Sanitary waste shall be securely wrapped, while C&D waste and horticultural waste shall be separately stored and handled. Mixing of biomedical, e-waste, hazardous/industrial waste with municipal waste, as well as littering, open dumping, burning or burying of waste, is prohibited. Gated communities, institutions above 5,000 sq. m., RWAs, markets, hotels and restaurants are required to facilitate segregation and, as far as possible, process wet waste on-site. • The Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat is required to provide daily door-to-door collection throughout the year, including households, slums, commercial and institutional premises. Collection vehicles shall have separate compartments for different waste streams, GPS tracking where applicable, and audible alarms. Residential collection is generally prescribed between 6:00 AM and 9:00 AM, while commercial complexes, offices and secondary bins are generally serviced between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. • The Bye-Laws introduce enhanced obligations for Bulk Waste Generators (BWGs). The threshold is stated as 100 kg/day of waste, or floor area of 20,000 sq. m. or more, or water consumption of 40,000 litres/day. BWGs shall register on the centralised online portal, arrange processing of wet waste—including horticultural waste—through adequate on-site facilities or obtain Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility (EBWGR) certificates, ensure environmentally sound

management of other waste streams and submit annual returns by June 30 every year. • Waste processing is to prioritise composting, vermicomposting, bio-methanation, CBG, Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs), RDF and Waste-to-Energy/co-processing. RDF/segregated combustible fraction supplied to Waste-to-Energy facilities is required to have a minimum calorific value of 1,500 kcal/kg. Only residual, non-recyclable, non-combustible and non-energy-recoverable waste, inert waste and processing rejects/residues may be sent to sanitary landfills. Wet waste and C&D waste cannot be disposed of in sanitary landfills, and old dumpsites are to be examined for bio-mining and bio-remediation. • The Bye-Laws prescribe penalties for violations, including ■500 per day for residential littering, ■1,000 per day for shopkeepers' open dumping, ■2,000 per day for restaurants/hotels, ■5,000 per day for industries, and penalties for C&D dumping, sewage/wastewater disposal, inadequate dustbins, animal waste, roadside littering and other violations. Non-segregation attracts escalating penalties—for example, ■250/■500 for residents and ■500/■1,000 for shopkeepers, while restaurants, hotels and industrial establishments face higher penalties. Failure of BWGs to register attracts ■5,000 per month of default, failure to file annual returns attracts ■2,000 per month of delay, and mixing sanitary/special-care waste attracts ■500 per offence for residents and ■2,000 for commercial establishments.

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Department of Industries, Govt of Himachal Pradesh issued a notification regarding extension of Himachal Pradesh Industrial Investment Policy, 2019

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of Industries, Government of Himachal Pradesh, on August 12, 2026, issued a notification regarding extension of Himachal Pradesh Industrial Investment Policy, 2019. The following has been stated: - •The Himachal Pradesh Government has extended the Himachal Pradesh Industrial Investment Policy/Rules, 2019 concerning incentives, concessions and facilities for investment promotion. •The extension will remain effective for an additional two months. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: IND-A(F)1-3/2024]

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Draft Himachal Pradesh Food Security (First Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, on August 6, 2026, issued the Draft Himachal Pradesh Food Security (First Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Food Security Rules, 2019. The following has been amended, namely: • A new sub-rule (7) to rule 14 shall be inserted, which prescribes the terms and conditions applicable to the Chairperson of the Himachal Pradesh State Food Commission. The amendment provides that the State Food Commission will provide the Chairperson a hired vehicle, with the expenditure borne by the Commission, or a vehicle allowance of ■2,500 per month. While undertaking tours in his/her own vehicle, the Chairperson will be entitled to a road mileage allowance of ■8 per kilometre for both hilly and plain areas, along with a daily allowance of ■250 per day. • The Chairperson will also be authorised to countersign his/her own TA/DA bills and will act as the Controlling Officer for his/her tour programmes. The amendment further provides entitlement to medical reimbursement on actual claim, and Government residential accommodation, subject

to availability. Where Government accommodation is not provided, the Chairperson will be entitled to House Rent of ■25,000 per month. The Chairperson will report to the Administrative Secretary (FCS&CA), Government of Himachal Pradesh. [Notification no. - FDS- A (3)-4/2025]

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Department of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh, issued a notification regarding Orphan and Widow Cess on Petrol and Diesel

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh, on August 11, 2026, issued a notification regarding Orphan and Widow Cess on Petrol and Diesel. The following has been stated: - •The Himachal Pradesh Government has imposed Orphan and Widow Cess at ■0.60 per litre on Petrol and High-Speed Diesel. •The cess will be levied at the point of first sale in Himachal Pradesh under Section 6-A of the HP VAT Act, 2005. •The notification will come into force from midnight of August 11, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: EXN-F(10)-10/2026]

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Draft Dalhousie Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on August 04, 2026, issued the Draft Dalhousie Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026. The following has been stated: • The proposed Bye-Laws are intended to regulate building and development activities within the limits of Dalhousie Cantonment and will come into force upon their final publication in the Official Gazette. • The Bye-Laws prescribe a comprehensive framework for building permission, construction, alteration, addition, occupancy and regulation of unauthorised construction. Building works would require sanction from the competent authority, and applicants shall submit the prescribed notices and documents, including a Notice of Commencement (Form D) and Notice of Completion (Form E). After completion, the Chief Executive Officer is required to inspect the building and may issue a Completion-cum-Occupancy Certificate (Form F) where the construction conforms to the sanctioned plan and the applicable requirements. Building sanctions may be revoked where they were obtained through false statements, misrepresentation or concealment of material facts, or where construction deviates from the sanctioned plan; the applicant shall, however, be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard. • The draft also introduces a zoning framework, dividing Dalhousie Cantonment broadly into Zone I – Notified Civil Areas, covering areas such as Balun Bazar, Kashmiri Mohalla, Tibeti Mohalla, Bhattian Mohalla and New Bazaar, and Zone II – other areas outside Zone I, which would generally be treated as a low-density zone. It further provides for regulation/compounding of existing unauthorised constructions, subject to the Cantonments Act, applicable rules and restrictions relating to FSI, setbacks and ground coverage. The prescribed completion documentation also requires certification regarding provisions such as water harvesting and wastewater recycling systems. • The comments/suggestions should be submitted by September 03, 2026. [Notification No. - S.R.O. 37(E)]

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Draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC), on August 7, 2026, issued draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2026. The proposal seeks to amend the 2013 Regulations by replacing the existing Circle-level Additional Forums with Operation Zone-level Additional Forums, primarily in view of the low number of grievances being received and the need to reduce the financial burden on the Distribution Licensee. Under the proposed amendment to Regulation 5, the Distribution Licensee would establish at least one Additional Forum for each Operation Zone. For consumers under single-part retail tariff, the Forum would handle all monetary and non-monetary complaints. For consumers under two-part retail tariff, it would handle such complaints where the disputed amount does not exceed ■4 lakh and the standard supply voltage does not exceed 33 kV. Existing Circle-level Additional Forums would continue until completion of the term of their Independent Member, after which they would be abolished and pending grievances transferred as specified in the draft. The draft also proposes an amendment to Regulation 7, increasing the prescribed period from 10 years to 20 years for the relevant qualification/experience requirement. The draft Regulations will be considered after 30 days from publication in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, and stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions to the Secretary, HPERC within this period. [Notification No. HPERC-ED(T)/D(TE)/2026-1]

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Draft Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye-laws 2026 of Special Area Development Authority Manikaran

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on July 14, 2026, issued Draft Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye-laws 2026 of Special Area Development Authority Manikaran. These bye-laws are hereby published for general information for inviting objections/suggestions within thirty days from the date of publication of this notification. Waste Management Hierarchy (Chapter III) The preferred approach follows: (1) reduction/reuse at source, (2) recycling, (3) composting, (4) waste-to-energy (bio-methanation, incineration, RDF), and (5) sanitary landfill disposal for residual inert waste only—all aimed at minimizing environmental impact and greenhouse gases. Segregation & Collection (Chapters III-IV) • Citizens must segregate waste into four streams: wet (green bin), dry (blue bin), sanitary (red bin), and special-care/hazardous (black bin), and hand it to authorized collectors • Institutions over 5,000 sqm must ensure on-site segregation and biodegradable waste processing within one year • Door-to-door collection timing is fixed (generally 6-9 AM residential; 9-11 AM commercial), with user charges ranging from ■100/floor (homes) to ■3,000 (bus stands/taxi unions) • Separate provisions cover sanitary waste wrapping, street vendors, construction & demolition waste, biomedical waste, and bulk waste generators (who must register, process wet waste, and file annual returns) Processing & Disposal (Chapter IV) SADA must establish processing plants (composting, vermicomposting, waste-to-energy, RDF) via own resources or BOT/licensed agencies, phase out mixed-waste landfilling, and investigate old dumpsites for bio-mining/remediation potential. Governance Structure (Chapters V-VI) • Ward Sanitation Committees (11-15 members including RWA reps, SHGs, local

leaders) oversee ward-level sanitation, handle grievances, and can impose/waive fines after warnings • Stakeholder duties are detailed for waste generators, bulk generators (registration, Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility certificates), SADA/Gram Panchayat (daily cleaning, IEC awareness campaigns, worker PPE, informal ragpicker integration), and facility operators (registration, quarterly/annual reporting, treatment standards) Enforcement (Chapter VII) Violations attract escalating daily fines (■250–■5,000) based on offender category (residents, shopkeepers, restaurants, hotels, industries) and offense type—covering littering, open dumping, non-segregation, illegal waste water/sewer disposal, and encroachment. Repeat non-segregation offenses draw higher penalties. Non-compliance can also trigger disconnection of civic services (water, electricity) and prosecution under the HP SADA Act, 1994 and Environmental Protection Act, 1986. Repeal Clause: These bye-laws supersede conflicting prior rules; where gaps exist, the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 apply by default. [Notification No.: SADA (Manikaran)/T-4(Vol-I)/2025-323]

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DC Mandi, Himachal Pradesh Order Prohibiting Sale of Flavoured Smokeless Tobacco Products

Aug 03, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate, Mandi, on July 29, 2026, issued an order under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, prohibiting the storage, transportation, distribution, supply, display for sale, and sale of smokeless tobacco products containing flavouring agents, including "COOL LIP Filter Tobacco," within District Mandi. The order was issued after inspections, seizures, and laboratory analysis indicated the presence of flavouring agents such as menthol that could enhance the product's attractiveness and consumption. The order directs all wholesalers, distributors, retailers, transporters, and other persons dealing in such products to immediately cease all related activities within the district. It also instructs the Superintendent of Police, Executive Magistrates, Food Safety Officers, and other authorized officials to ensure strict enforcement, while clarifying that the order is in addition to actions that may be taken under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003 (COTPA), the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and other applicable laws. The order comes into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for 60 days from the date of issuance unless modified, rescinded, or extended in accordance with law. Wide publicity and strict implementation have also been directed across the district.

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Jammu Kashmir

Draft Jammu Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Jammu Kashmir

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on August 04, 2026, issued the Draft Jammu Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Draft seeks to regulate construction, reconstruction, alteration and use of buildings within Jammu Cantonment. The draft prescribes requirements relating to building sanction, zoning, FSI, ground coverage, setbacks, building height, number of floors, structural safety, sanitation, parking and environmental measures. • The entire Cantonment is proposed as Zone-I, with an FSI of 1.5 and prescribed ground coverage based on plot size; buildings are generally limited to Basement + Ground + 1 floor and a maximum height of 9.50 metres. Prior approval through the prescribed building-plan process is mandatory, and deviations from sanctioned plans may result in revocation of sanction and treatment as unauthorized construction. The draft also requires rooftop solar installation and rainwater harvesting for plots exceeding 300 sq. metres, along with specified water-conservation measures. • Applicants shall submit commencement and completion notices, and an occupancy certificate will be issued only after inspection and confirmation of conformity with the sanctioned plan. Unauthorized constructions may be compounded subject to applicable restrictions and fees, while violations are liable for penalties under the Cantonments Act, 2006. • The last date to submit comments is September 20, 2026. [Notification no. - S.R.O. 34(E)]

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Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Multi-Year Tariff), Regulations, 2025

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Jammu Kashmir

The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) on August 12, 2026, notified the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Generation, Transmission and Distribution, Multi-Year Tariff), Regulations, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh proposed the 2025 Regulations under the Electricity Act, 2003 to govern tariff determination for generation, transmission and distribution utilities. •The Regulations provide a framework for Multi-Year Tariff (MYT), Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR), annual performance review and true-up of utilities. •They aim to establish a transparent and predictable tariff-setting mechanism while promoting efficiency and financial sustainability in the power sector. •The draft was circulated for comments, suggestions and objections from consumers and other stakeholders before finalisation. These Regulations shall come into force from August 12, 2026, and shall remain in force until March 31, 2029, unless otherwise reviewed/extended. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: JERC-JKL/Reg/2026/01]

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Jharkhand

Govt. of Jharkhand issued an amendment to the older notification related to the GST rates for the intra-state supply of goods

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Jharkhand

The Commercial Taxes Department, Govt. of Jharkhand on July 17, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification related to the GST rates for the intra-state supply of goods. The following has been stated: • In Schedule 1-2.5%, AMENDMENT (i) against S. No. 150, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "2202 99 21, 2202 99 29" shall be substituted; (ii) against S. No. 151, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "22029931. 22029939" shall be substituted; • In Schedule III - 20%, (i) against S. No. 2, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "2202 99 90, 2202 99 91, 2202 99 99" shall be substituted; (ii) against S. No. 3, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "2202 99 91, 2202 99 99" shall be substituted. • This notification shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from May 01, 2026. [Notification no. – 1/2026 – State Tax(Rate)]

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Karnataka

Govt. of Karnataka issued the Instruction regarding Coordination with State Mining Authorities for sharing information relating to illegal mining and transportation of minerals

Aug 31, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on August 03, 2026, issued the Instruction regarding Coordination with State Mining Authorities for sharing information relating to illegal mining and transportation of minerals. The CBIC has directed all Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of CGST Zones to establish a structured mechanism with State Mining Authorities for periodic sharing of information on illegal mining, illegal transportation of minerals, seizure of minerals/vehicles, cancellation or suspension of mining leases, excess extraction and other mining-law violations. A Nodal Officer shall be designated in each CGST Zone to coordinate with the respective State Mining Department. The information received shall be analysed to identify potential GST implications, including suppression of taxable supplies, non-registration, undervaluation, non-payment/short payment of GST and wrongful availment of input tax credit, with appropriate action under the CGST Act, 2017 and Rules. Relevant intelligence is also required to be disseminated to jurisdictional Commissionerates/DGGI formations, wherever necessary, and periodic meetings with State Mining Authorities shall be held to review the effectiveness of the information-sharing mechanism. [Instruction No. 01/2026-GST]

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Karnataka Govt. notified regarding the formation of internal complaint committee formed in organizations with more than 10 employees to address sexual harassment of women at the workplace

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on August 11, 2026, issued the notification regarding an internal complaint committee formed in all government and private organizations with more than 10 employees. The following has been stated namely: - • All government and private organizations with more than 10 employees must constitute an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) to prevent and address sexual harassment of women at the workplace. • Of around 81,000 eligible organizations in the state, about 26,000 have constituted ICCs and registered their details on the SHE-Box portal. • Karnataka currently ranks first in the country in the number of ICCs formed and registered on the SHE-Box portal. • District Magistrates, as District Nodal Officers, must ensure ICCs are constituted in the remaining 55,000 organizations and their details are uploaded on the SHE-Box portal. • District Magistrates must follow up and complete the exercise within one month, and submit a comprehensive action-taken report to the concerned office. [Notification No. 13091045/2026]

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Transport Department, Government of Karnataka notified the Re-fixing the fees collected by Motor Vehicle Pollution Testing Centers when issuing Pollution Under Control

Certificates (PUCC)

Aug 28, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Government on August 18, 2026, has revised the testing/examination fees for issuance of vehicle air pollution control certificates at approved Air Pollution Control Centres, considering increased costs of fuel, raw materials, electricity, consumables, rent, internet and equipment maintenance, printer cartridges, and employee wages. The revised rates are ■65 for two-wheelers, ■75 for three-wheelers, ■115 for four-wheelers/trolley/LPG/CNG-powered vehicles, and ■160 for all models of diesel-powered vehicles. The revised fees will apply to testing and issuance of air pollution control certificates in the State. Compliance Impact: Approved Air Pollution Control Centres should collect the revised testing fees for the respective vehicle categories and update their fee schedules accordingly. [Notification No. E-659327/2026]

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Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 27, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka, on August 24, 2026, issued the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1961, with the objective of simplifying registration and compliance, introducing digital processes, strengthening employee protections, rationalising penalties, and providing mechanisms for compounding and appeal. The Bill provides that the amendments shall come into force immediately upon enactment. The following has been stated: • Exemption from separate registration - Establishments employing 10 or more workers that are already registered under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 will be exempt from separate registration under the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act. No separate registration will be required for godowns or storage facilities located within 100 metres of the principal establishment. • Digital registration process - Applications, payment of fees and issuance of registration certificates may be carried out through electronic or digital mode. The time limit for processing certain registration-related applications is reduced from 30 days to 7 days. Registration, once issued, will remain valid until closure or cessation of business. The existing requirement for periodic renewal is consequently removed. The penalty for failure to register is proposed to be revised from imprisonment and a fine up to ■5,000 to a fine up to ■50,000. • Electronic compliance - Notifications to the Inspector regarding prescribed changes can be made through electronic or digital mode. • Service certificate - A New Section 6-B requires every employer to issue a service certificate to an employee within 7 days of receiving the employee's application, in the prescribed form. • Prohibition on retention of original documents - Under New Section 6-C, employers are prohibited from retaining an employee's original educational certificates, experience certificates, or other original documents at the time of appointment or during employment. • Compounding of offences - A New Section 33-A provides for compounding of offences by the jurisdictional Labour Officer. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [LA Bill No. 23 of 2026]

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Government of Karnataka RERA Four-Month Extension for Eligible Real Estate Projects

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (Karnataka RERA), on August 10, 2026, pursuant to the advisory issued by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, has granted a four-month extension to the registration and corresponding project completion timelines of registered real estate projects in Karnataka where the original, revised or extended completion date falls on or after February 28, 2026. The extension is granted by treating the West Asia situation as a “war” for invoking the Force Majeure clause under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016. The extension does not apply to projects registered on or after August 1, 2026. For projects covered by the order, promoters are not required to submit separate individual applications seeking extension of registration, and no fee is payable solely for the four-month extension. The order has been issued under Section 6 read with Section 7(3) of the RERA Act, 2016 and comes into force with immediate effect. The order is issued by the Karnataka RERA Secretariat on behalf of the Hon’ble Authority. [Notification No. K RERA/ADMIN/10/2026]

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Karnataka Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on August 19, 2026, issued the Karnataka Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964. The following has been stated: - •Section 177 of the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 is proposed to be substituted to empower Commissioners/Chief Officers to declare poorly maintained private streets posing public safety or health risks as public streets, after issuing notices and considering objections. •Such streets must have connectivity to a public road/street, with provisions for streets falling within more than one Municipality. •An erstwhile landowner whose road is declared public after benefiting from the sale/transfer of adjoining sites will not be entitled to compensation or Development Rights Certificate. •The substituted section also defines “erstwhile land owner” and “public street”, including roads, footways and attached drains. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: LA Bill No. 17 of 2026]

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Bangalore Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 20, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Legislative Assembly on August 18, 2026, issued the Bangalore Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Bangalore Development Authority Act, 1976. The following amendments have ben stated: • In section 10,- (i) in sub-section (1), for the words “fifty lakhs of rupees”, the words “five crore rupees” shall be substituted; and (ii) in sub-section (2), for the words “fifty lakhs of rupees”, the words “five crore rupees” shall be substituted. • Amendment of section 38D.- In the Principal Act, in section 38D,- (i) in sub-section (1), for clause (ii) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:- “(ii) The allottee makes payment towards the allotment of land at rates specified in the table below,- Provided that, in respect of corner site with building, it shall be twice the rates specified above.” (iii)for sub-section (3), the following shall be substituted, namely:- “(3) If the unauthorised occupants

in the Authority lands do not obtain allotment of site under this section within two years from the date of commencement of the Bangalore Development Authority (Amendment) Act, 2026, the Authority shall evict such unauthorized occupants." [LA Bill No. 16 of 2026]

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Govt. of Karnataka issued a circular regarding a ban on Plaster of Paris (PoP) and chemically dyed Ganesha Idols

Aug 20, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on August 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding a ban on Plaster of Paris (PoP) and chemically dyed Ganesha Idols. The following has been stated: - •This circular issued by the Directorate of Municipal Administration orders a complete statewide ban on the manufacturing, storage, sale, and public display of Plaster of Paris (PoP) and chemically painted Ganesha idols •To prevent water pollution and safeguard aquatic ecosystems, citizens and committees are mandated to exclusively use eco-friendly idols made from natural clay and non-toxic colors. •Strict prohibitions are enforced against immersing PoP idols into lakes, rivers, reservoirs, or any local water bodies under any circumstances. •District Commissioners, local urban bodies, police, and KSPCB regional officers will jointly monitor compliance, seize unauthorized idols, and take necessary legal action against violators. •Additionally, local bodies, schools, colleges, and NGOs are directed to actively raise public awareness about celebrating an eco-friendly festival. [Circular No.: 6852/DMA/122/SWM/2014-15]

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Karnataka Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 20, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on August 18, 2026, notified the Karnataka Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 2026 proposes to amend the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 1961 by inserting Section 18-C. The proposed provision applies to layouts approved from 2005 onwards and before the commencement of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act, 2015, where the development works remain incomplete. The Planning Authority may grant final layout approval and release the remaining sites after levying a penalty of 3% of the guidance value of the plots proposed to be released, for each annual period from the commencement of the 2026 Amendment Act, for completion of the development works. The Bill also seeks to validate penalties already levied, assessed or collected by Planning Authorities for release of sites in layouts approved before the 2015 Amendment Act. Such actions, notices, orders and proceedings would be deemed valid as if undertaken under the principal Act as amended by the 2026 Act. It further provides that no suit or proceeding may be maintained or continued for refund of such penalty and that courts cannot enforce an order directing refund of such penalty. The proposed amendment is intended to give statutory backing to the penalty already being levied under Government directions, particularly Notification No. UDD:60:MYAAPRA 2018 dated 22 November 2018, and to validate penalties already imposed or collected. The Bill states that the amendment is proposed to address incomplete development works in older approved layouts and to provide a statutory mechanism for final approval and release of remaining sites. The new Section 18-C is proposed to operate with effect from 22 November 2019, while the Bill itself provides that the Amendment Act shall come into force at once. [LA Bill

No. 15 of 2026]

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Draft Greater Bengaluru Area (Parking) Rules, 2026

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on August 12, 2026, issued the Draft Greater Bengaluru Area (Parking) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules require city corporations to prepare and revise Area Parking Plans every two years, establish a Parking Task Force, and obtain review and approval through the Greater Bengaluru Authority framework. They provide for organised parking through on-street facilities, off-street parking on corporation/government land, leasing vacant plots, and permitting vacant plot owners or aggregators to operate parking facilities. • The Rules impose significant restrictions on on-street parking. Parking may be prohibited on high-density arterial corridors and during peak hours on notified stretches. Parking is restricted near junctions, bus stops, metro/rail stations and off-street parking facilities. Initially, on-street parking will be prohibited within 150 metres of metro/suburban station boundaries, with the restriction potentially increasing up to 500 metres as off-street capacity develops. Parking on footpaths and pedestrian crossings is prohibited, while designated cycle parking may be permitted where a clear 2-metre pedestrian passage remains. • Residential on-street parking will require a residential parking permit. Such permits may be issued annually to eligible residents, subject to compliance with building parking requirements and prescribed road-space conditions. The minimum annual permit fee is proposed at ■15,000 for hatchbacks, ■20,000 for sedans and ■25,000 for SUVs. • The draft introduces minimum parking charges for non-residential parking based on A, B and C road categories. For on-street parking, the minimum hourly fee ranges from ■20–■40 for two-wheelers and ■40–■80 for LMVs; for off-street parking it ranges from ■10–■20 for two-wheelers and ■20–■40 for LMVs. Minimum monthly off-street charges range from ■1,000–■2,000 for two-wheelers and ■2,000–■4,000 for LMVs. Fifty percent of the monthly off-street rate may be charged for night-only parking between 8 PM and 8 AM. • Vacant plot owners providing public parking would receive incentives including 100% exemption from applicable property tax and service charges for qualifying MLCP/mechanised parking of 30–200 PCU capacity, and 50% exemption for qualifying surface parking. Eligible parking facilities shall generally operate for at least 250 days per year, at least 12 hours a day, and maintain minimum capacity and average occupancy requirements. • Parking operators will have enforcement responsibilities and may be authorised to issue violation notices, tow or clamp vehicles. They shall record video evidence, including the vehicle number plate, before towing and retain such recordings for at least three months. Proposed fines include ■500 for cars and ■300 for two-wheelers for parking violations on roads, increasing to ■1,000 for cars and ■600 for two-wheelers for parking on footpaths. • Commercial buildings shall provide parking in accordance with sanctioned plans and building bye-laws. Where their parking capacity is insufficient to meet the demand generated, they shall provide proof of additional off-street parking space in the vicinity. Non-compliance may attract fines of at least ■1,000 per week for deficient parking. In contrast, failure to provide required additional parking may attract a fine of at least ■5,000 per week, with possible revocation of occupancy or trade licences in specified circumstances. • The last date to submit comments is September 11, 2026. [Notification no. - UDD 230 MNU 2026 (P)]

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Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission Electricity Supply Regulations (ESR), 2026

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) on August 14, 2026, issued the Draft Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission Electricity Supply Regulations (ESR), 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply) Regulations, 2026 establish the regulatory framework for electricity supply by Distribution Licensees in Karnataka, covering new connections, metering, billing, disconnection and reconnection. •They prescribe standards for quality, reliability and timely consumer services while defining the rights and obligations of consumers and licensees. •The Regulations also provide mechanisms for addressing consumer complaints, disputes and unauthorised use of electricity. •Overall, they seek to ensure transparent, efficient, reliable and consumer-friendly electricity supply across the State. The Stakeholders / interested persons can submit comments/views/suggestions/objections, if any, on or before 30 (thirty) days. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: KERC/DDD/ESR/2026-27/2376]

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KRERA issued notification regarding procedure to be followed in case of recovery of monetary and non-monetary reliefs in terms of orders passed on complaints filed

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) on July 28, 2026, issued notification regarding procedure to be followed in case of recovery of monetary and non-monetary reliefs in terms of orders passed on complaints filed. Karnataka RERA has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), effective immediately, for enforcing orders passed by the Authority/Adjudicating Officer under Section 40 of the RERA Act read with Rules 25 and 26 of the Karnataka RERA Rules. Key steps: • Compliance check (60 days): Authority verifies compliance by writing to both parties after 60 days from the order. • Execution Petition: If non-compliant, the Decree Holder files an online Execution Petition with an updated Memo of Calculation. • Notice & hearing: Both parties are notified and must appear within 2 weeks of registration of the petition. • Further compliance window: If non-compliance is found, the Judgment Debtor gets 2 more weeks to comply; full compliance closes the petition. • Asset disclosure (monetary reliefs): On continued default of monetary orders (Sec. 40(1)), the Judgment Debtor must file an affidavit of assets within 2 weeks; the Decree Holder may also assist by identifying assets. • Satisfaction of order: Full compliance at this stage disposes of the petition as satisfied. • Revenue Recovery Certificate: Continued default triggers a Revenue Recovery Certificate under Sec. 40(1)/Rule 25, sent to the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner for attachment/auction of assets, including bank accounts. • Non-monetary reliefs: For default on non-monetary orders (Sec. 40(2)), the Authority may either enforce the order as a civil court decree or transmit it to the jurisdictional Principal Civil Court under Rule 26. • IT infrastructure: Karnataka RERA's IT Department must ensure digital systems support tracking execution proceedings from filing to disposal. [Notification No. RERA/REVENUE/TAH/05/2026]

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Kerala

Kerala Govt. issued the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial Workers for the Month of July 2026

Aug 28, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Department of Economics & Statistics, Kerala on August 19, 2026, issued the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial Workers for the Month of July 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • Kerala's Consumer Price Index (Cost of Living Index) for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial Workers has been released for July 2026, compared with June 2026. • Among the 17 centres, Kasargod recorded the highest July 2026 index at 241 (2011-12=100), followed by Pathanamthitta at 240. • Palakkad recorded the lowest July 2026 index at 213, followed by Punalur at 219 and Kollam at 221. • The largest month-on-month rise was in Pathanamthitta (+2 points) and Idukki (+3 points), while several centres, including Mundakayam, Chalakkuddy and Thrissur, remained unchanged. • These CPI figures are the Cost of Living Index numbers applicable to employees covered under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, and are used for determining/adjusting wage-related benefits. The indices are based on 2011-12=100, with approved linking factors used to derive the 1998-99=100 series. [Notification No. DES/816/2026-P3(1)]

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KSPCB issued the Revised List of Red Category Industries and Non-Industrial Operations

Aug 28, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on August 22, 2026, issued the Revised List of Red Category Industries and Non-Industrial Operations as on August 21, 2026. The following has been stated: • The list covers highly polluting industrial activities such as automobile manufacturing, asbestos industries, cement, chemicals, distilleries, explosives, fertilizers, mining, iron and steel, non-ferrous metal processing, petroleum and petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, hazardous-waste recycling, e-waste recycling, lead recycling, sugar and slaughterhouses, among others. • The classification takes into account factors such as air and water pollution, hazardous waste generation, fuel usage, wastewater generation and associated environmental or safety risks. The list also contains specific conditions and thresholds—for example, certain beverage, detergent, dairy and brewery units are included where wastewater generation is 100 KLD or more, while specified AAC brick/block, ceramic and refractory activities are covered based on fuel consumption. Cleaner/gaseous-fuel-based processes are separately identified in several sectors, and certain activities are subject to recategorisation following inspection depending on the actual polluting processes undertaken.

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KSPCB issued a circular regarding categorisation of Industrial Sectors by CPCB

Aug 27, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on August 03, 2026, issued a circular regarding categorisation of Industrial Sectors by CPCB. The following has been stated: - •The Kerala State Pollution Control Board has formally adopted the revised industrial sector categorisations issued by the CPCB and MoEF&CC. •The updated classifications apply to Hotels/Motels/Resorts, Restaurants/Dhaba/Eateries, Standalone Banquet/Marriage Halls, Waste Battery Collection Centres, and Non-leather footwear manufacturing. •Consent applications will now be processed under these newly adopted criteria, superseding previous KSPCB circulars governing hotels, restaurants, and auditoriums. [Circular No.: KSPCB/258/2025-SEE-1]

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Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) enacted the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026

Aug 27, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on August 25, 2026, has notified August 25, 2026 as the effective date for the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026, under Section 1(2) of the Act. Accordingly, the provisions of the Act have come into force from August 25, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 4712(E)]

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KSPCB issued circular on Consent management of Non-bedded Health Care Facilities (HCFs)

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on August 14, 2026, issued circular on Consent management of Non-bedded Health Care Facilities (HCFs). The Board has decided that all non-bedded Healthcare Facilities (HCFs) such as small/medium clinics, laboratories and similar establishments shall continue with a one-time authorisation under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, instead of obtaining integrated consent under the Water Act, Air Act and Environment (Protection) Act. For fresh applications, the fee structure applicable before the earlier circular shall continue. Non-bedded HCFs that obtained Integrated Consent between February 12, 2025 and the date of this circular will not be required to obtain separate biomedical waste authorisation. Such authorisation will have perpetual validity. Where the consent fee paid is lower than the applicable authorisation fee, the HCF must pay the balance; any excess consent fee will be refunded. Pending consent applications of non-bedded HCFs will be processed in accordance with this circular. The circular partially modifies the circular dated May 14, 2025 and supersedes the circular dated April 10, 2026. Compliance Impact: Non-bedded HCFs in Karnataka should maintain/obtain the required one-time BMW authorisation and ensure compliance with the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 and tie-up with an authorised CBWTF where applicable. [Notification No. KSPCB/651/2026-SEE-1]

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KRERA issued a notification regarding extension of the date of completion and the date of Expiry of Registration of Real Estate Projects on account of Force Majeure under Section 6 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) on August 11, 2026, issued a notification regarding extension of date of completion and Date of Expiry of Registration of Real Estate Projects on account of Force Majeure under Section 6 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016. The following has been stated: - •The Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority has treated the prevailing West Asia conflict as a Force Majeure event under Section 6 of the RERA Act, 2016. •Accordingly, registered real estate projects whose original, revised or previously extended completion date falls on or after February 28, 2026 will receive a further four-month extension of the completion and registration expiry dates. •The extension will be granted automatically without individual applications or extension fees, and promoters must attach the Order with the existing Project Registration Certificate as proof. •All other registration conditions and promoter obligations under RERA and the applicable Kerala Rules/Regulations will remain unchanged. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: KRERA/809/2026-TA2]

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K-RERA notified regarding the Temporary Suspension of Online Real Estate Agent Registration in Kerala

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) on August 01, 2026, notified regarding the Temporary Suspension of Online Real Estate Agent Registration in Kerala. It has temporarily suspended the acceptance and processing of online applications for fresh Real Estate Agent registrations and extension of existing registrations to facilitate modifications to its online registration system. The changes are being made to comply with directions issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, pursuant to Government of India Orders dated February 2, 2021 and January 30, 2023. The online facility will be restored after completion of the required system modifications, and the date of resumption will be notified separately through the Authority's website. [Notification no. - KRERA/771/2026-IT]

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KSPCB issued a circular regarding Site Suitability for stone crushers

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on August 11, 2026, issued a circular regarding Site Suitability for stone crushers. The following has been stated: - •The prescribed land ownership condition for establishment and operation of crusher units has been modified to require clear ownership of the minimum specified land area by the applicant. •Leased land is not permitted, while sole individual ownership, joint ownership among partners of a partnership firm, and ownership in the name of the applicant company/entity are acceptable, subject to valid documents. •The revised ownership criteria shall apply to all consent applications processed from the date of issuance of the Circular. [Circular No.: KSPCB/1035/2026-SEE-1]

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K-RERA introduced online e-filing of complaints through its web portal

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) on July 31, 2026, has announced the launch of online e-filing of complaints through its official web portal, enabling complainants to file complaints in Form M and Form N and pay the prescribed fees online. The following has been stated: Complaints and prescribed fees shall be submitted through the K-RERA web portal after completing online registration and login. Complainants are required to fill the prescribed form, upload supporting documents in PDF format, and make online payment of the applicable fee. Any defects identified by the Authority shall be communicated through email and the login dashboard and must be rectified online within the stipulated time. After defect verification, complainants are required to submit physical copies of the complaint and annexures to the Authority, along with copies for each respondent. [No. KRERA/36/2025-IT]

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Kerala Municipality Building (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala, on August 2, 2026, notified the Kerala Municipality Building (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Kerala Municipality Building Rules, 2019. The amendments have been made under the powers conferred by the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994 and came into force with immediate effect. The amendment to Rule 26 introduces two new provisos. For single-family residential buildings on plots abutting an unnotified road having a width of less than 6 metres, the minimum front yard requirement has been fixed at 2 metres. Additionally, for buildings covered under Table 4, any one side yard other than the front yard may be reduced by up to 50 centimetres, provided there is no opening on that side. Further, Rule 33 has been amended to provide that the minimum height of air-conditioned rooms shall not be less than 2.4 metres, thereby prescribing a specific height requirement for such rooms. [G.O. (P) No. 37/2026/LSGD]

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Kerala Panchayat Building (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on August 04, 2026, issued the Kerala Panchayat Building (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Kerala Panchayat Building Rules, 2019. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 26, in sub-rule (4), after the note, the following shall be inserted as first proviso and second proviso, namely:- “Provided further that for single family residential buildings in plots abutting unnotified road with width less than 6 meters, the front yard shall not be less than 2 meters” “Provided also that any one yard other than front yard of a building referred in column (2) and (3) in Table 4 can be reduced upto 50 centimeters if there is no opening on that side”. • In rule 33, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:- “ Provided that in the case of air conditioned rooms it shall not be less than 2.4 metres”. [Notification No. S. R.

O. No. 682/2026]

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Ladakh

Excise Policy (Adaptation) Notification, 2026-27

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Ladakh

The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh on August 27, 2026, issued the Excise Policy (Adaptation) Notification, 2026-27. The Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh has adopted the Excise Policy 2025-26 for the remaining period of FY 2026-27, with specified modifications incorporating provisions of the Excise Policy 2026-27. The adapted policy is effective from August 27, 2026 and will remain in force until March 31, 2027, unless amended, rescinded or modified earlier. The existing licensing framework, licence categories, eligibility conditions, procedures, regulatory provisions, duties, fees and assessment mechanisms under the 2025-26 policy will continue, subject to the notified modifications. Key changes include mandatory security holograms for IMFL, Beer and RTD beverages, with a processing fee of ■0.52 per hologram, and revised label approval fees of ■75,000 per brand for CSD/PMF liquor and ■25,000 per brand for BIO liquor and BIO wine. Revised annual licence fees have also been prescribed, including ■5 lakh for Type-A wholesale licences, ■2.5–■4 lakh for hotel liquor licences depending on category/rooms, ■3 lakh for restaurant/bar licences, ■2 lakh for club licences, ■6 lakh for bottling plants, breweries and distilleries, and specified fees for other categories. Existing valid licences will continue subject to statutory and departmental requirements, while actions taken under the earlier 2026-27 policy before this notification will remain valid unless inconsistent with the new provisions. Compliance Impact: Manufacturers, importers, wholesalers, retailers, hotels, restaurants, clubs, breweries, distilleries and other licence holders in Ladakh should review their applicable licence fees, label approvals, security hologram requirements and other conditions under the adapted policy and update their compliance processes accordingly. [Notification No. S.O. 256]

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Code on Social Security (Ladakh) Rules, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Ladakh

The Department of Labour, Govt. of Ladakh, on August 10, 2026, issued the Code on Social Security (Ladakh) Rules, 2026. They shall come into force from August 10, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules establish the Ladakh Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board and the Ladakh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, prescribe their constitution, membership and functioning, and provide mechanisms for registration and social-security benefits for eligible workers. • The Rules also prescribe procedures relating to gratuity claims and recovery, establishment registration, maternity benefits, maintenance of employment records/registers and unified annual returns. • Further, the Rules establish the Ladakh Social Security Fund, from which schemes for unorganised workers are to be financed. The Fund may receive contributions from the UT Administration, Government of India, beneficiaries, employers, CSR funds, grants and other approved sources, and its accounts are subject to audit. • The Rules also provide for inspection, offences and compounding of offences, including a mechanism allowing an employer committing a first-time offence to compound it by paying the prescribed amount within 15 days of the notice. [Notification No. - S.O.224]

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Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh notified regarding the Appointment of Deputy Commissioners as Registrars of Societies in Union Territory of Ladakh

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Ladakh

The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh on August 05, 2026, notified regarding the Appointment of Deputy Commissioners as Registrars of Societies in Union Territory of Ladakh Under powers granted by the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (as adapted to the Union Territory of Ladakh via the 2020 Reorganisation Order), the Ladakh UT Administration has appointed the Deputy Commissioners of all Ladakh districts as Registrars of Societies, each within their own district's jurisdiction. These Registrars will exercise all powers and duties under the Act and must follow the procedural checklist set out in Annexure-A of the notification. The notification takes effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. [File No. M/3258/2026-I&C SECTION]

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Industrial Relations (Ladakh) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Ladakh

The Labour and Employment Department, Union Territory of Ladakh, on July 20, 2026, notified the Industrial Relations (Ladakh) Rules, 2026 under the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, after no objections or suggestions were received on the draft rules published in April 2026. The rules supersede the earlier Jammu and Kashmir labour rules relating to trade unions, standing orders and industrial disputes, insofar as they apply to the Union Territory of Ladakh, and come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette. The Rules prescribe the procedural framework for implementation of the Industrial Relations Code in Ladakh, including definitions, execution of written settlement agreements before Conciliation Officers, and the constitution and functioning of Works Committees. Employers directed under Section 3 of the Code are required to constitute Works Committees with not more than 20 members, ensuring that workers' representatives are at least equal in number to employer representatives. The Rules also lay down the process for nomination and election of employer and worker representatives, consultation with registered trade unions, appointment of committee office-bearers, and procedures governing the functioning of Works Committees to facilitate employer-worker cooperation and industrial harmony. [Notification No. S.O. 223]

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Code on Wages (Ladakh) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Ladakh

The Department of Labour, Ladakh, on August 03, 2026, notified the Code on Wages (Ladakh) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •Extends these rules across the entire Union Territory of Ladakh, replacing previous J&K wage rules. •Establishes a standard 8-hour workday and calculates daily minimum wages based on a 2,700-calorie daily intake per unit for a standard family of three consumption units. •Divides areas into municipal and rural zones while constituting a Technical Committee to categorize jobs into unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled roles. •Fixes normal daily working hours at eight with a maximum

12-hour spread-over, guaranteeing one paid rest day per week. •Sets monthly wage periods for agricultural labor, strictly capping authorized wage deductions and advance recoveries at 50% per wage period. They shall come into force on August 10, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O.231]

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Lakshadweep

Lakshadweep Pollution Control Committee notified regarding the Onboarding of Unified Consent & Authorisation Monitoring System (UCAMS)

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Lakshadweep

The Lakshadweep Pollution Control Committee on August 20, 2026, has onboarded the Unified Consent & Authorisation Monitoring System (UCAMS) developed by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), effective August 21, 2026, to digitise and streamline environmental regulatory services. All applications for Consent to Establish (CTE), Consent to Operate (CTO), Renewal of Consent, and Authorisation under applicable environmental laws and rules must now be submitted online through the UCAMS portal. Manual/offline applications have been discontinued from August 21, 2026. Industries and establishments requiring such approvals must register on UCAMS and submit the required documents and prescribed fees online. Compliance Impact: Businesses operating in Lakshadweep that require environmental consent/authorisation should ensure UCAMS registration and use the portal for all new and renewal applications. Technical assistance is available through the UCAMS Helpdesk. [Notification No. LD-03001/112026-LPCC-S & T]

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Lakshadweep Tourist Trade Guidelines, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Lakshadweep

The Department of Tourism, Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA), on August 19, 2026, issued the Lakshadweep Tourist Trade Guidelines, 2026 to regulate tourist trade establishments and water sports activities in the Union Territory. The Guidelines will come into force from September 1, 2026. Existing hotels, resorts, homestays, water sports centres and dive centres must obtain the requisite permit by September 30, 2026, while new establishments must obtain a Tourist Trade Permit before commencing operations. The Tourist Trade Permit will remain valid for three years from the date of issue, and the Competent Authority may cancel the permit after providing an opportunity in case of violations. Hotels, resorts and homestays are required to comply with various conditions, including obtaining a Trade Licence, GSTIN and Land Diversion Certificate, maintaining a commercial electricity connection, obtaining an FSSAI licence where food is served, and implementing solid and liquid waste management systems. The Guidelines further require covered establishments to have adequate sewage/liquid waste management systems, prohibit development of facilities in No Development Zones, and mandate rainwater harvesting as prescribed. The framework is intended to regulate tourism activities while promoting sustainable tourism, environmental protection and visitor safety in Lakshadweep. [F. No. 20/01/2026-TD]

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Lakshadweep Excise Regulation, 2026

Aug 21, 2026 | State | Lakshadweep

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration on August 14, 2026, issued the Lakshadweep Excise Regulation, 2026. The Lakshadweep Excise Regulation sets up a comprehensive framework for controlling every aspect of liquor in the Union Territory — from manufacturing to sale. At the top of this system sits the Excise Commissioner, appointed by the Administrator, who acts as the chief regulatory authority. Their responsibilities span regulating and monitoring liquor manufacture, import, sale and consumption, curbing illegal trade and illicit distillation, protecting excise revenue, promoting responsible drinking, training excise staff, and modernizing operations through e-governance. Supporting this office are Deputy Commissioners and District Excise Officers, with powers that can be delegated (or withdrawn) as needed, and the Administrator can even authorize a reward system to recognize strong performance by officers or informers. Before anyone can legally manufacture, store, transport, sell, or import liquor, they need a licence or permit — operating without one is prohibited outright. To qualify, an applicant must be an Indian citizen over 18, free of any excise-related blacklisting, and must submit a sworn affidavit confirming things like: suitable business premises located at least 50 meters from schools, hospitals, religious sites, or hostels; a clean criminal record; solvency; and that no underage or unwell staff will be employed. Licences aren't automatically renewable, aren't transferable without approval, and can be suspended or cancelled for reasons like non-payment of dues, breach of conditions, fraud, or criminal conviction — with no compensation owed to the licensee in such cases. Certain safeguards exist too, such as protection against licences being invalidated for minor technical defects. On the revenue side, the government collects excise duty, licence fees, label registration fees, and import/export fees, with duty rates capped by a Schedule and notified periodically by the Administrator. Recovery of unpaid dues follows the same process as land revenue arrears, and defaulters risk having their business assets attached and sold. Interest at 12% per annum applies to late payments, though the Excise Commissioner can waive or reduce this in cases of genuine hardship. Importantly, dues remain payable even while a case is pending in court, unless a stay is specifically granted. Finally, the Regulation lays out a strict penalty structure for violations — ranging from unauthorized manufacturing or bottling to illegal possession of liquor-making equipment, selling to minors, or exceeding permitted quantities. Penalties escalate sharply for more serious offences: making denatured (undrinkable) spirit fit for consumption carries a minimum two-year sentence, while adulterating liquor with harmful substances resulting in death can lead to life imprisonment and fines up to Rs. 10 lakh. The law also allows courts to independently order manufacturers or licensed sellers to pay compensation directly to victims or their families — starting at Rs. 3 lakh for death, Rs. 2 lakh for grievous injury, and Rs. 20,000 for other harm — regardless of whether a criminal conviction is secured. [File No. A-14/90/2022-COL/722]

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Administration of Lakshadweep Notifies “One Activity, One Licence” Framework for Rationalised Business Licensing

Aug 20, 2026 | State | Lakshadweep

The Administration of the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, on July 22, 2026, has notified the “One Activity, One Licence” Framework to rationalise local business licensing requirements and promote Ease of Doing Business. Under the framework, the Trade Licence issued by the concerned Deputy Collector will serve as the primary local business licence for carrying on trade or business activities within the respective island. Ordinarily, no additional local business licence will be required for the same activity unless specifically mandated under applicable law. The framework does not exempt businesses from obtaining statutory licences, registrations, approvals or NOCs under Central laws and regulations. These include, wherever applicable, FSSAI licence/registration, Drug Licence, PESO Licence, Legal Metrology registration/certificate,

Fire NOC and Liquor Licence. The notification also provides a comprehensive category-wise list of businesses and their applicable requirements, covering retail, food and beverage, automobile services, IT services, construction, personal services, transport, manufacturing, fisheries, water sports, flammable products and medical/drug-related activities. All departments and licensing authorities of the Lakshadweep Administration are directed to implement the framework and not insist upon duplicate local licences for the same business activity, except where specifically required by law. The framework is intended to eliminate duplication, simplify regulatory compliance and facilitate business operations in the Union Territory, and comes into force with immediate effect. [Notification No. F-15/1/2020-COL]

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MoLJ issued corrigendum in the Lakshadweep (Registration Amendment) Regulation, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Lakshadweep

The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ) on August 14, 2026, has issued a corrigendum, correcting drafting errors in the Lakshadweep (Registration Amendment) Regulation, 2026 (Regulation No. 2 of 2026), which was originally published in the Gazette of India on February 20, 2026. The correction addresses instances where the word "Regulation" was mistakenly used instead of "Act" at various points in the original text — an important distinction, since "Act" refers to the principal Lakshadweep registration law being amended, while "Regulation" refers to the 2026 amending instrument itself. A few corrections go further, replacing general references like "this Regulation" with the full and precise name "the Lakshadweep (Registration Amendment) Regulation, 2026," to remove any ambiguity.

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Draft Lakshadweep Registration of Societies Rules, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Lakshadweep

The Union territory of Lakshadweep on August 11, 2026, issued the Draft Lakshadweep Registration of Societies Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules prescribe the procedure for approval of society names, registration, maintenance of the Register of Societies, allotment of registration numbers and issuance of registration certificates. A proposed society shall submit three names in order of priority to the Registrar, and an approved name remains valid for 180 days, within which the society shall complete its registration. The Memorandum of Association shall be signed by at least seven persons, and the registration application shall be accompanied by the prescribed Memorandum, Bye-laws, documents and fees. • The Rules further prescribe procedures for change of name, amendment of the Memorandum/Bye-laws, membership, changes in the governing body and maintenance of society records. Existing societies may obtain a new registration number by submitting documents such as their registration certificate, Memorandum, Bye-laws, member and governing-body lists and audited accounts for the preceding three financial years. Amendments to the Memorandum or Bye-laws require the prescribed resolutions and supporting documents, while changes in office-bearers and governing-body members have to be reported in the prescribed format. The Rules also require societies seeking to sell, alienate or transfer immovable property to obtain the prescribed permission and submit details including the property particulars, valuation, purchaser, reasons for transfer and relevant resolutions. • The Rules also prescribe a Schedule of Fees and

penalties, including ■100 for name approval, ■2,500 for registration, ■500 for filing annual returns/balance sheets, ■200 for inspection of documents, ■500 for amendments, ■200 for filing membership returns and ■500 for change of registered office. Penalties and late fees are prescribed for delayed filing of members' lists and other statutory documents, with additional daily charges for prolonged delays. The framework therefore seeks to ensure standardised registration, continuous statutory compliance, maintenance of records and greater regulatory oversight of societies in Lakshadweep, while providing prescribed forms for virtually every major filing and approval process.

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Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh Ease of Doing Business Act, 2026

Aug 26, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on August 20, 2026, issued the Madhya Pradesh Ease of Doing Business Act, 2026. This act promotes ease of doing business by facilitating the establishment, expansion and operation of enterprises, providing for time-bound and transparent regulatory clearances through a Single Window System, enabling commencement of establishment and operations on self- declaration for low risk enterprises, providing for efficient management of industrial land and buildings, establishing an institutional framework for investment facilitation and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. It shall extend to the industrial areas in the State of Madhya Pradesh, as may be notified and it shall come into force on such date, as the Government shall, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint. [Act No. 9 of 2026]

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Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued a notification regarding the Operation of Awareness & Registration Camps for Unorganized Sector Workers

Aug 26, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on August 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Operation of Awareness & Registration Camps for Unorganized Sector Workers. The following has been stated: - •Addressed to all District Collectors in Madhya Pradesh to organize regular registration and awareness camps at the block, gram panchayat, and urban ward levels for unorganized workers. •It mandates collaboration among the Labour Department, Rural Development Department, and Urban Development Department alongside local administrative staff. •Allocates ■5,000 per gram panchayat for event management and promotes schemes like Sambal, PMSYM, PMJJBY, and PMSBY. •Focuses on worker rights, prohibiting child and bonded labor, and establishes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of District Panchayat as the nodal officer to oversee weekly progress. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: LAB/9/0011/2026-Sec-1-16(LAB)I/1247027/2026]

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Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Sanshodhan) Adhiniyam, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on August 10, 2026, issued the Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Sanshodhan) Adhiniyam, 2026 to further amend the Madhya Pradesh Upkar Adhiniyam, 1981. The following amendments have been stated: • In Section 9 of the Madhya Pradesh Upkar Adhiniyam, 1981 (No. 1 of 1982), in sub-section (1), at the end of the proviso, for full stop colon shall substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:- "Provided further that the State Government may, by notification, exempt any instrument or class of instruments from the liability and payment of cess payable under this part.". Repeal

and saving. (1) The Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Sanshodhan) Adhyadesh, 2026 (No. 2 of 2026) is hereby repealed. (2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the said Ordinance, anything done or any action taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the corresponding provision of this Act. [Act No. 6 of 2026]

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Draft Amendments to Madhya Pradesh Legal Metrology Rules, 2011

Aug 06, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Government, on July 31, 2026, issued draft amendments to the Madhya Pradesh Legal Metrology Rules, 2011 to modernize the regulatory framework governing manufacturers, repairers and dealers of weights and measures. The draft proposes replacing the existing licensing regime with a registration-based system, simplifying registration procedures and introducing revised application forms and registration certificates. The draft amendments also provide that registration certificates will remain valid unless suspended or cancelled, prescribe security deposit requirements for repairers, require maintenance of prescribed registers and records, enable electronic submission of applications, and revise provisions relating to inspection, verification, suspension, cancellation and compounding of offences. Updated schedules covering registration forms, certificates, verification fees and compounding amounts have also been proposed. Stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions to the Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, within 30 days from the date of publication of the draft notification in the Madhya Pradesh Gazette. The Government will consider the representations received before finalizing the amendments. [Notification No. CAB/0003/2026/Sec-1-29(FCS)]

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Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of the consumers) (Revision-II) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021 [ARG-3 (II) (ii) of 2026]

Aug 06, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on July 31, 2026, notified the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of the consumers) (Revision-II) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021 [ARG-3 (II) (ii) of 2026] to amend the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Establishment of Forum and Electricity Ombudsman for redressal of grievances of the consumers) Regulations, 2021. The following has been stated: - •In the Principal Regulations, Regulation 4.5 shall be substituted as below.- "4.5 The Electricity Ombudsman appointed shall be paid a fixed fee or honorarium including other benefits as may be approved by the Commission." These Regulations shall be in force from July 31, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 1249-MPERC-2026]

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Madhya Pradesh VAT (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Legislature, on July 20, 2026, introduced the Madhya Pradesh VAT (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to amend the Madhya Pradesh Value Added Tax Act, 2002. The Bill proposes amendments relating to the age limit for members of the Appellate Board, the powers of appellate authorities, and alignment of certain provisions with changes made under the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Act, 2017. The Bill seeks to increase the maximum age of members of the Appellate Board from 65 years to 70 years. It also amends Section 46 to empower an appellate authority, while deciding an appeal against an order passed under Section 9(1), to remand the matter to the assessing authority where the order is found to be prejudicial to the interests of State revenue. Further, Schedule II is proposed to be amended by deleting obsolete entries and substituting references to align with the provisions of the CGST Act, 2017. According to the Statement of Objects and Reasons, these amendments are intended to strengthen the appellate mechanism, enhance administrative efficiency by increasing the age limit of Appellate Board members, provide appellate authorities with the power to remand revenue-related matters, and harmonize the VAT Act with the amendments made to the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. [Bill No. 15 of 2026]

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Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Legislature, on July 20, 2026, introduced the Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to amend the Madhya Pradesh Upkar Adhiniyam, 1969. The Bill proposes to empower the State Government to grant full or partial exemption from payment of cess in respect of specified classes of land through a notification, where such exemption is considered necessary for administrative convenience or under special circumstances. The Bill seeks to amend Section 6(1) of the principal Act by inserting a proviso authorizing the State Government to exempt any land or any class of land from the levy and payment of cess, either wholly or partly, by notification. It also repeals the Madhya Pradesh Upkar (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 (No. 2 of 2026) while saving actions already taken under the Ordinance. According to the Statement of Objects and Reasons, the amendment is intended to provide flexibility to the State Government in granting cess exemptions in appropriate cases, thereby facilitating administrative efficiency and addressing special circumstances. Since the Ordinance required legislative replacement, the Bill has been introduced to enact these provisions through legislation. [Bill No. 5 of 2026]

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Madhya Pradesh Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on July 20, 2026, issued the Madhya Pradesh Ease of Doing Business Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Bill seeks to create a business-friendly regulatory framework by simplifying government approvals, reducing compliance burden, promoting digital governance, and ensuring time-bound delivery of services for businesses and investors. The Bill establishes a structured institutional mechanism to facilitate industrial and commercial activities while improving transparency,

accountability, and coordination among government departments. • The Bill provides for the constitution of a State Investment Promotion Committee and District Investment Promotion Committees to coordinate with various government departments, monitor investment proposals, remove administrative bottlenecks, and facilitate the establishment and expansion of enterprises. These committees are responsible for promoting investment, ensuring inter-departmental coordination, and resolving issues faced by investors in obtaining statutory approvals. • A key feature of the Bill is the introduction of a single-window system for granting approvals, registrations, licences, permissions, renewals, and other clearances required to establish or operate a business. It mandates that applications be processed through an integrated online platform, enabling businesses to track the status of their applications electronically and reducing the need for physical interaction with government offices. • The Bill also emphasizes time-bound service delivery, requiring competent authorities to dispose of applications within prescribed timelines. It provides for monitoring of pending applications, accountability of designated officers, and escalation mechanisms to ensure that unnecessary delays do not impede business operations. • To enhance transparency and regulatory certainty, the Bill encourages digital processing of applications, electronic communication of approvals, standardized procedures, and online availability of relevant information, forms, and regulatory requirements. It also aims to reduce duplication of compliances and streamline inspections through better coordination among departments. [Notification no. – 12610-MPRAVIS-16-VIDHAN-2026]

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 27, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, to the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023. The following has been stated: - •The ordinance amends Part II of the Schedule appended to the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023. •The primary change is the addition of entry 14 for Lata Mangeshkar University, Nagpur (sponsored by VSPM Academy of Higher Education) and entry 15 for Dr. Balasaheb Vikhe Patil University, Ahilyanagar (sponsored by Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation). •These amendments formally permit both sponsoring bodies, which meet the required experience and NAAC accreditation standards, to establish private universities dedicated to Health Science Courses. •The ordinance was promulgated to take effect immediately so these universities could begin admissions for Health Science Courses starting in the 2026–27 academic year. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Maharashtra Ordinance No. XII of 2026]

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Maharashtra Government Rules of Business (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 14, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Government Rules of Business (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Maharashtra Government Rules of Business, 1975. The following have been amended, namely: • The amendment primarily reorganises and streamlines the executive structure of the state government by restructuring its official list of departments and reallocating specific administrative portfolios. It establishes new nomenclature and explicit subject listings for several existing portfolios—such as Revenue, Agriculture, School Education, Medical Education, Co-operation, Tourism, and a broadly redefined Industries, Investment, Services and Mining Department. • Crucially, it expands the first schedule to add thirteen newly defined departments (indexed from serial numbers 36 to 48), which include the Protocol, Information and Public Relations, Transport, Forests, Disaster Management, Animal Husbandry, Sports, Labour, Energy, Food and Drugs Administration, Marketing, Textiles, and Cultural Affairs departments. • For each newly formalised department, the amendment meticulously enumerates specific jurisdictional boundaries, regulatory laws, corporate entities under their purview, and general operational capabilities (such as the tracking of statistics or the authority to write off decretal dues) while systematically deleting these overlapping responsibilities from their previous parent departments to ensure standalone operational clarity. [Notification no. - ROB-2026/C.R.32/O&M-1]

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Maharashtra Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 12, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Motor Vehicles (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 4 of the Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, in sub-rule (4) after the word "antecedents" the words "and working knowledge of Marathi language" shall be inserted. • In rule 22 of the principal rules, for the marginal note the following marginal note shall be substituted, namely :- "Additional rules for drivers of motor cabs fitted with electronic meters." • In rule 24 of the principal rules, after sub-rule (3) the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely :- "(3A) An authorised driver of motor cab fitted with electronic meter shall have working knowledge of Marathi language :- Provided that, where an authorised driver is found to not possess the knowledge specified in this sub-rule, the Licensing Authority shall issue a notice granting a period of one month to acquire such knowledge. (3B) If the authorised driver fails to comply within the period specified in sub-rule (3A), the Licensing Authority may for reasons to be recorded in writing,- (a) suspend authorisation on a driver's driving licence for a period not exceeding three months; and (b) in case of continued non-compliance, revoke the authorisation on a driver's driving licence: Provided that, the authorised driver is given a reasonable opportunity of being heard. • In rule 78 of the principal rules, in sub-rule (2), after clause (c) the following clause shall be added, namely :- "(d) that permit holder shall have working knowledge of Marathi Language." • In rule 85 of the principal rules, to sub-rule (1), the following proviso shall be added, namely :- "Provided that, in case of renewal of permit of motor cabs fitted with electronic meter, the permit holder shall have working knowledge of Marathi Language to the satisfaction of the Authority." [Notification No. MVR-0526 /C.R. 103/TRA-2]

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Maharashtra Land Revenue Code Amendment Ordinance, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 18, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, to amend the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966. The following has been stated: - •It modifies Section 48, sub-section (7) of the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966. •The penalty clause for minerals is changed from "five times the market value of minerals" to "ten times the royalty payable for minerals". The amendment comes into force immediately across the state. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Part VII Ext No. 67 (H 1185) / Maharashtra Ordinance No. XI of 2026.]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued the FDA Guidelines for Online Drug Sale Licence Applications

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Maharashtra on August 13, 2026, issued the FDA Guidelines for Online Drug Sale Licence Applications. The following has been stated: • The department has issued guidelines for the online, paperless processing of applications for retail and wholesale drug sale licences under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. The system is operated through the Aaple Sarkar/XLNIndia online platform and was made completely paperless from January 25, 2016, with the objective of ensuring transparency and uniformity in processing applications. • Applicants shall

ensure certain prerequisites before applying. A retail or wholesale drug licence requires premises of at least 10 sq. metres carpet area, while combined retail and wholesale operations require at least 15 sq. metres, with a separate and exclusive entrance. Retail establishments shall have a Registered Pharmacist, whereas wholesale establishments require a competent person or Registered Pharmacist. A refrigerator is mandatory for retail licences, while wholesale applicants shall maintain storage facilities appropriate to the drugs being handled. • The application process involves registration on Aaple Sarkar, selection of the Medical Education and Drug Department and FDA service, completion of the online application, and subsequent processing through XLNIndia. Applicants shall pay the prescribed fees through the Government Receipt Accounting System (GRAS), upload the payment receipt and required documents, and e-send the application to the department. The concerned Licensing Authority then allocates the application for inspection; the Drugs Inspector verifies the premises, facilities and documents and submits an inspection report, after which the Licensing Authority takes the final decision to grant or reject the application. • The prescribed fees vary according to the licence category. For example, the booklet specifies ■1,500 for fresh/renewal of retail licences in Forms 20 and 21 and wholesale licences in Forms 20B and 21B; ■250 for Homeopathic licences; ■600 for retail Schedule X licences (Form 20F); and ■1,200 for wholesale Schedule X licences (Form 20G). Separate fees apply to restricted and vehicle licences. The guidelines also provide for late fees and duplicate-copy charges. • For fresh retail/wholesale applications, applicants are required to upload the applicable statutory application forms, firm constitution documents and other supporting documents. Documents shall generally be scanned at 150 dpi in grayscale/black and white, while originals shall be produced before the Inspector during inspection. The guidelines caution that incomplete or incorrect information may result in rejection, with fees already paid being forfeited. The guidelines are subject to periodic revision, and the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules, 1945 prevail in case of any inconsistency.

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Govt. of Maharashtra prohibits the manufacture and sale of analogue/non-dairy paneer and chhana for one year

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Food Safety Commissioner, Government of Maharashtra, on July 30, 2026, prohibits the manufacture and sale of analogue/non-dairy paneer and chhana for one year. The following has been stated: • The Govt. prohibits the manufacture, processing, preparation, packing, storage, distribution, sale, offering for sale, exposure for sale and importation of analogue/non-dairy Paneer and Chhana throughout Maharashtra for a period of one year from the date of publication in the Official Gazette. The Order defines analogue/non-dairy Paneer/Chhana as products in which vegetable fat or other non-dairy constituents are used wholly or partly in place of milk-derived ingredients. • The Order also prohibits hotels, restaurants, caterers, eateries, cloud kitchens and other food-service establishments from preparing, serving, storing, stocking or selling analogue/non-dairy Paneer or Chhana in any dish or preparation. Such practices may be treated as an unfair trade practice and a contravention of the responsibilities of Food Business Operators. • Further, Food Business Operators dealing in genuine Paneer/Chhana are required to ensure proper packaging and labelling in accordance with the applicable Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations. Non-compliant products may be treated as misbranded food, with action under the applicable provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. • The Order cites concerns regarding public health, adulteration/substitution of dairy products and the quality of Paneer/Chhana available in the market. It also refers to the prescribed standards for Paneer/Chhana under the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products

Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, including requirements relating to moisture, milk fat and product categories such as regular/medium-fat and low-fat Paneer/Chhana. Violations will attract applicable penalties and enforcement action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. [Notification No. - COMM/FOOD/ORDER/PANEER/986-2026/7]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued the draft amendments to the Maharashtra Nursing Council Rules, 1971

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on July 20, 2026, issued the draft amendments to the Maharashtra Nursing Council Rules, 1971. In rule 72, sub-rule (1), for clause (b) the following clause shall be substituted, namely:- "(b) In addition to the above requirements, a candidate who is registered or who has passed the examination conducted by the Nursing Council of any other State, shall submit the original registration certificate and diploma certificates. On production of the said certificates, the candidate shall be issued a Maharashtra Nursing Council registration number, which may be subsequently made permanent after verification of the same from the parent State Registration Council: Provided that, if, on verification, the registration certificate submitted by the candidate is found to be forged or false, the registration number issued by the Maharashtra Nursing Council shall be withdrawn with immediate effect." [Notification No. - MEDD-14021/11/2026-MMD(Adhi)E-1691733]

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Maharashtra Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission to the Full Time Professional Undergraduate Medical and Dental Courses) Rules, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on July 20, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission to the Full-Time Professional Undergraduate Medical and Dental Courses) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules prescribe eligibility based primarily on NEET-UG merit, Maharashtra State Candidature, and eligibility for Institutional, Minority, NRI, OCI and OMS categories. They also provide for applicable reservation, including 25% reservation for specified constitutional categories and 30% reservation for female candidates from seats available to the Competent Authority. • The Rules establish a Centralised Admission Process (CAP) for online registration, merit-based seat allotment, multiple CAP rounds and online stray vacancy rounds. Candidates may seek betterment in subsequent rounds or retain an allotted seat by submitting a Status Retention Form, subject to the prescribed conditions. The seat structure provides 85% seats through the Competent Authority and 15% under Institutional Quota, with the Institutional Quota being filled on an All-India merit basis and including eligible NRI/OCI candidates. Detailed provisions are also prescribed for category-wise inter-se merit, documentation, caste/caste validity and non-creamy layer certificates. • The Rules further regulate joining, cancellation, fee refunds, vacant seats and consequences of non-joining, including restrictions applicable after later CAP rounds and the prescribed consequences for candidates who fail to join an allotted seat in the final round. Medical institutions are required to follow the prescribed CAP and admission procedure, verify original documents and comply with

the applicable regulatory requirements. • The Rules also provide for action against false information, forged documents and irregular admissions, and incorporate disciplinary provisions concerning activities such as ragging. [Notification No. - -MED/1026/C,R,227/26/Edu-2]

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Maharashtra Fruit Nurseries and Sale of Fruit Plants (Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on August 06, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Fruit Nurseries and Sale of Fruit Plants (Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026, to further amend the Maharashtra Fruit Nurseries and Sale of Fruit Plants (Regulation) Act, 1969. The following has been amended, namely: • In section 14: for the portion beginning with the words "he shall, on conviction," and ending with the words "five thousand rupees or both", the following portion shall be substituted : "he shall, on conviction,- (i) for the first offence, be punishable with a fine which may extend to fifteen thousand rupees; (ii) for the second or subsequent offence, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine which may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees or with both;"; • In the marginal note, for the word "Penalties.", the word "Offences." shall be substituted. [Maharashtra Act No. XLIX OF 2026]

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Maharashtra Government Rules of Business (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on July 17, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Government Rules of Business (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Maharashtra Government Rules of Business. The following amendments have been stated: • In the FIRST SCHEDULE appended to the Maharashtra Government Rules of Business, (a) under the heading "DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT", for entry 34 the following entry shall be substituted, namely:- "34. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities"; (b) for the heading "34. Subjects allotted to the Department of Persons with Disabilities Welfare Department", the following heading shall be substituted, namely:- "34. Subjects allotted to the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. [Notification No. ROB-2026/C.R.26/O&M-1]

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Maharashtra Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on August 07, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, to further amend the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966. It states that, in subsection (7), the words "up to five times the market value of the minerals" shall be substituted for the words "equal to ten times the royalty payable for the minerals". [Maharashtra Ordinance No. XI of 2026]

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Maharashtra Amends Co-operative Societies Act to Expand Membership and Loan Eligibility

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on July 22, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies (Second Amendment) Act, 2026, amending the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960 to broaden access to membership in primary agricultural credit co-operative societies and facilitate lending by non-agricultural credit co-operative societies. The amendment inserts a proviso in Section 23, requiring that a Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society (PACS) shall not refuse membership to a person who resides within its area of operation, owns at least 10 R (0.10 hectare) of agricultural land, and is not already a member of another PACS operating in the same area. This aims to improve access to co-operative membership for eligible agricultural residents. Further, a proviso has been inserted in Section 144-11A, enabling non-agricultural co-operative credit societies to disburse gold loans to persons who are not shareholder members by admitting them as nominal members of the society. This amendment expands the scope of lending while providing a mechanism for extending financial services to non-shareholder borrowers. [Act No. XLI]

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Bombay Foreign Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 05, 2026, issued the Bombay Foreign Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Bombay Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 25 of the Bombay Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 in sub-rule (4), in clause (d), after sub-clause (v), the following sub-clause shall be added, namely :- "(vi) (A) If the proposed shifting of FL-2 licence is to be done in a residential or residential-and-commercial complex and if the said complex is registered as a society under section 9 of Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1963 (XXIV of 1961), it shall be mandatory to obtain the no-objection certificate from such society for shifting of FL-2 licence; (B) No-objection certificate from the society shall be mandatory for shifting of FL-2 licence to a residential or residential-and-commercial complex with partial occupancy certificate; (C) For FL-2 license holder who has shifted to a registered society with a no-objection certificate from such society, there shall be no need to obtain a no-objection certificate from the said society every year." [Notification No. FLR-1225/C.R.265(1)/Exc-2]

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Maharashtra Amends Village Panchayats and Zilla Parishads Laws on Validity Certificate Submission

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on August 3, 2026, promulgated the Maharashtra Village Panchayats and Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 to amend the Maharashtra Village Panchayats Act, 1959 and the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act,

1961. The Ordinance came into force immediately and was issued as both Houses of the State Legislature were not in session. The Ordinance extends relief to candidates elected to reserved posts in elections held on or after February 9, 2026, but before the commencement of the Ordinance, by allowing them twelve months from the date of declaration of election to produce the required Validity Certificate. Failure to submit the certificate within this extended period will result in retrospective termination of the election and disqualification from holding the office of Member, Sarpanch, Councillor, President or Chairman, as applicable. The Statement of Objects and Reasons explains that the amendment was necessitated due to delays in the issuance of caste validity certificates caused by a large number of simultaneous local body elections and the consequent workload on Scrutiny Committees. The Ordinance aims to ensure that elected representatives awaiting validity certificates are not disqualified solely due to administrative delays beyond their control. [ORD X OF 2026]

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Maharashtra Amends Police Act and Obscene Dance Law to Recognise Live Music Performances

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on July 22, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Police and Maharashtra Prohibition of Obscene Dance in Hotels, Restaurants and Bar Rooms and Protection of Dignity of Women (Working Therein) (Amendment) Act, 2026 to amend the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951 and the Maharashtra Prohibition of Obscene Dance in Hotels, Restaurants and Bar Rooms and Protection of Dignity of Women (Working Therein) Act, 2016. The amendments introduce a statutory definition of "live music performance (orchestra)" as performances by singers, individually or in groups, with or without musical instruments or recorded music, held in hotels, restaurants or bar rooms. The Act amends the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951 by excluding venues where only live music performances (orchestra) are held from certain restrictions applicable to entertainment activities. It also inserts the definition of live music performance into the Act to distinguish such performances from regulated entertainment activities. Further, the 2016 Act is amended to incorporate the definition of live music performance (orchestra) and to clarify that the prohibition provisions relating to "dances" shall apply to "dances or live music performance (orchestra)", thereby providing a clear statutory framework governing live music performances in hotels, restaurants and bar rooms. [ACT NO. XXXVI OF 2026]

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Maharashtra Amends Stamp Act to Introduce Stamp Duty for Financial and Bank Guarantees

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on July 22, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Stamp (Fourth Amendment) Act, 2026, amending the Maharashtra Stamp Act, 1958. The amendment inserts a new Article 34A in Schedule I to prescribe stamp duty on financial and bank guarantee instruments executed in the State. The newly inserted Article 34A prescribes stamp duty at 0.1% of the guaranteed amount (subject to a minimum of ■500) where the secured amount does not exceed ■5 lakh, and 0.3% of the guaranteed amount (subject to

a maximum of ■20 lakh) in all other cases. Guarantees issued in favour of Government Corporations, Local Authorities or Statutory Bodies for public works or public procurement attract a fixed stamp duty of ■500, while renewal or extension of an existing financial or bank guarantee without an increase in the guaranteed amount is chargeable at 0.25%, subject to a maximum of ■20,500. The Act also amends Article 37 of Schedule I by deleting the reference to "Letter of Guarantee", as such instruments are now specifically covered under the newly inserted Article 34A, thereby providing a separate and comprehensive stamp duty framework for financial and bank guarantees. [Act No. XLII of 2026]

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Maharashtra Country Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 05, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Country Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Maharashtra Country Liquor Rules, 1973. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 25 of the Maharashtra Country Liquor Rules, 1973 in clause (d), after sub-clause (v), the following sub-clause shall be added, namely :- "(vi) (A) If the proposed shifting of CL-3 licence is to be done in a residential or residential-and-commercial complex and if the said complex is registered as a society under section 9 of Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1963 (XXIV of 1961), it shall be mandatory to obtain the no-objection certificate from such society for shifting of CL-3 licence; (B) No-objection certificate from the society shall also be mandatory for shifting of CL-3 licence to a residential or residential-and-commercial complex with partial occupancy certificate; (C) For CL-3 license holder who has shifted to a registered society with a no-objection certificate from such society, there shall be no need to obtain a no-objection certificate from the said society every year. [Notification No. FLR-1225/C.R.265 (2)/Exc-2]

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Maharashtra Money-Lending (Regulation) (Amendment) Act 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on July 22, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Money-Lending (Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026, amending the Maharashtra Money-Lending (Regulation) Act, 2014 to strengthen the regulatory framework governing money-lending activities in the State. The amendment revises Section 39 by increasing the prescribed period from five years to seven years and enhancing the monetary amount from ■50,000 to ■1 lakh. Similar amendments have been made to Section 41, where the relevant periods have been increased from one year to three years and five years to seven years, while the monetary thresholds have been raised from ■15,000 to ■50,000 and ■50,000 to ■1 lakh, respectively. Further, Section 45 has been amended by increasing the applicable period from two years to three years and enhancing the monetary amount from ■5,000 to ■1 lakh. These amendments strengthen enforcement by increasing penalties and extending the applicable compliance and regulatory timeframes under the Act. [Act No. XXXIX]

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Govt of Maharashtra issued a notification regarding amendments in the Maharashtra Mathadi, Hamal and other Manual Workers (Regulation of Employment & Welfare) Act, 1969

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding amendments in the Maharashtra Mathadi, Hamal and other Manual Workers (Regulation of Employment & Welfare) Act, 1969. The following has been stated: - •The notification explicitly excludes building and other construction work from the operations covered under Item No. 1 of the Schedule. •Item No. 5 is updated to exclude both building/construction work and activities related to shifting houses or offices. •Item No. 15 is substituted to cover employment in metal (excluding iron/steel) and paper markets or shops for manual tasks, while excluding construction work. •The amendments take effect following the mandatory three-month advance notice period required by Section 26 of the Act. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: UWA-2025/C.R.209/LAB-5]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued a notification regarding Aadhaar Mandate for Government Welfare Schemes

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on July 24, 2026, issued a notification regarding Aadhaar Mandate for Government Welfare Schemes. The following has been stated: - •This notification issued by the Electronics, Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence Department of Maharashtra specifies that individuals seeking benefits under various government schemes managed by MahaIT Corporation Limited must furnish their Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication. •For individuals or minors without an Aadhaar number, the department will facilitate enrollment or detail updates through designated centers, allowing temporary identity verification via alternative valid documents. •The document outlines exception-handling mechanisms, including alternative biometric or OTP verification methods, to ensure genuine beneficiaries are not denied benefits due to authentication failures. •Furthermore, it mandates widespread publicity across media channels to educate beneficiaries on the Aadhaar requirement for receiving seamless cash subsidies and benefits. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.:CEITAI/46/2026/-TECH1 (E1725487)]

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Maharashtra Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (First Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on July 30, 2026, issued draft Maharashtra Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (First Amendment) Rules, 2026, to amend the Maharashtra Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011. The following has been stated: - •The draft proposes amending Sub-rule (3) of Rule 4 to specify that retail

transactions under sub-rules (1) and (2) must exclusively use Class A or B beam scales, or non-automatic weighing instruments of Special Accuracy (Class I) or High Accuracy (Class II) with a verification scale interval of 1 mg. •The Government of Maharashtra will consider any objections or suggestions regarding these draft rules on or after August 13, 2026. • Persons or organizations must submit their feedback to the Secretary of the Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Protection Department at Mantralaya, Mumbai, before the deadline. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: LMA-2025/C.R 78/CP-3]

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Maharashtra Minor Mineral Extraction (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on July 24, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Minor Mineral Extraction (Development and Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Maharashtra Minor Mineral Extraction (Development and Regulation) Rules, 2013. The following has been stated: - •A new term, "Regulating fees," is added after clause (n) and defined as fees charged on minor minerals entering Maharashtra from other states. •A new rule, Rule 78-B, is inserted immediately after Rule 78-A into the principal rules. •Rule 78-B establishes a regulating fee of ■100 per metric ton on all minor minerals entering Maharashtra from other states. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 10/0726/Pr.Kr.220/Khanij-2]

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FDA Maharashtra issued Standing Order on Implementation of School Food Safety Regulations, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Food and Drug Administration, Maharashtra State on July 28, 2026, has issued a comprehensive Standing Order directing strict, State-wide implementation of the FSSAI's Safe Food and Balanced Diets for Children in School Regulations, 2020. Background/Rationale: The Order is grounded in Articles 21, 39(f) and 47 of the Constitution (right to life/health/nutrition and State's duty to improve public health and nutrition) and issued under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. It notes that surveys reveal widespread non-compliance across Maharashtra—unlicensed canteens/vendors, free availability of HFSS (high fat, sugar, salt) foods in/around schools, disregard of nutritional guidance, and non-functional oversight mechanisms (Health and Wellness Ambassadors, Display Boards, hygiene norms)—posing serious risks to children's health and development. Key Directions: 1. Applicability: All schools (government, aided, unaided, all boards, residential/hostels) and all food vendors/FBOs operating in or near school premises (excluding creches for infants under 22 months). 2. Nutritional Standards: Food must follow NIN/ICMR dietary guidelines, ensure balanced macro/micronutrients, and exclude HFSS products entirely from school premises; safe drinking water must be ensured. 3. Role Allocation Across Stakeholders: • School Authorities: Must ensure FBO licensing, hygiene compliance, mandatory (not optional) appointment of a Nodal Officer/Health & Wellness Ambassador, HFSS bans, warning boards, and curriculum integration. •

Department of School Education: Ensures PM POSHAN/mid-day meal FBOs are licensed, monitors compliance, and reports annually. • Boards of Affiliation (State Board, CBSE, ICSE, etc.): Must make compliance a condition of affiliation, require annual certificates, and act against defaulters. • Food Safety Officers (FSOs): Must inspect schools twice yearly, collect samples annually, enforce the 50-metre HFSS-free zone around schools, and file inspection reports within 7 days. • Assistant Commissioners/Designated Officers: Supervise FSOs, issue improvement notices, sanction prosecutions, and submit district-level compliance summaries by March 31 each year. 4. Eat Right School Initiative: Schools must adopt a Nutrition Policy, install drinking water stations, conduct at least 4 awareness sessions/year, and promote healthy eating. 5. Parent/Student Sensitisation: Awareness on health risks of HFSS foods, nutritional needs, rights under the Act, and grievance redressal via the FSSAI Helpline and FDA Maharashtra portal. Effect: The Order takes immediate effect as a Standing Order, remaining in force for all current and future academic years until modified or superseded, and operates alongside all existing FSS Rules and Regulations. [Notification No. FDA/Food/SchoolFoodSafety/ 967-2026]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued the clarification regarding jurisdiction in cases involving migration/ transfer of taxable persons from one jurisdiction to another jurisdiction

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Department of Commercial Taxes, Govt. of Maharashtra, on July 28, 2026, issued a clarification regarding jurisdiction in cases involving migration/transfer of taxable persons from one jurisdiction to another. The following has been stated: • CBIC has clarified the jurisdictional authority competent to act in GST proceedings when a taxable person migrates/transfers from one jurisdiction to another due to a change in the Principal Place of Business. The clarification establishes that any action or proceeding validly undertaken by the transferor jurisdictional authority while it had jurisdiction remains valid even after the taxpayer's migration. However, all subsequent stages, including implementation and consequential proceedings, shall be handled by the transferee's jurisdictional authority. • The transferor authority cannot initiate any fresh action after the taxpayer has migrated; any issue arising thereafter shall be referred to the transferee authority. Where proceedings are pending at the time of migration, the transferee authority shall take them over from the stage at which they stood and conclude them. The transferee authority is also competent to implement earlier orders/actions, undertake consequential proceedings, represent or defend matters, and file appeals before appellate authorities or tribunals. • The Maharashtra Trade Circular makes the CBIC clarification mutatis mutandis applicable under the MGST Act, 2017, and specifically confirms that the transferee jurisdictional authority is competent to undertake consequential actions, including recovery of dues arising from antecedent proceedings. [Trade Circular No. 05T of 2026]

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Maharashtra Govt. issued the Guidelines for Capital Grant Scheme for Textile Projects in the State

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on August 08, 2026, issued the Guidelines for Capital Grant Scheme for Textile Projects in the State. This document issues a corrigendum/amendment to a prior Government Decision (GR) dated 28.08.2024, related to capital subsidy under what appears to be a Textile Policy framework. Key changes: Revised wording on subsidy cap: The original clause stating that the capital subsidy shall not exceed 100% of Fixed Capital Investment (FCI) is now revised to clarify that: This 100% cap excludes electricity subsidy under the Textile Policy FCI shall be determined by the Industries Department The cap includes incentives provided by the Central Government or other State departments Committee composition update: To help ensure compliance with the 100% FCI limit and enable smoother information exchange, a representative from the Industries Department (specifically the Development Commissioner, Directorate of Industries) is now being added to the committee responsible for approving capital grants (as referenced in Annexure 6 of the original 28.08.2024 guidelines). Publication and authentication: The original Government Decision is available on the Government of Maharashtra's official website (www.maharashtra.gov.in) under code 202608071742408436, and this order has been issued with digital signature authentication. [Notification No. Policy-2023/P.No.81/Tex-5 (E.O.No. 784086)]

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MPCB Adoption of Revised Industrial Categorisation for Consent Management

Aug 09, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), on June 23, 2025, issued a circular directing all Board officials to implement the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) revised classification of industrial sectors into Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories, as notified by CPCB on February 12, 2025 under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. The earlier categorisation issued on March 7, 2016 and subsequent directions stand withdrawn. The circular provides that all pending and future applications for Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) shall be processed in accordance with the revised categorisation. The updated classification of 419 industrial sectors/sub-sectors shall also be used for consent management, inventorisation of units, siting criteria, determination of environmental surveillance frequency, calculation of environmental compensation and other regulatory purposes. Existing delegation of powers for consent management shall continue to apply. The MPCB has instructed all regional and sub-regional offices to implement the revised categorisation with immediate effect, publicise the changes among industrial associations, and ensure necessary updates to the Board's online portal and website for seamless implementation. [Circular No. BO/MPCB/MS Section/B-23]

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Maharashtra Labour Commissioner Revised Minimum Wages July to December 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Office of the Labour Commissioner, Maharashtra, on August 5, 2026, notified the revised minimum wages (Basic Minimum Wage plus Special Allowance/Variable Dearness Allowance) applicable for the period July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. The notification prescribes revised monthly wage rates for workers employed in various scheduled employments across Circle I, Circle II, and Circle III, based on the category of work such as skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled. The revised rates have

been determined by adding the applicable Special Allowance (Variable Dearness Allowance) to the prescribed Basic Minimum Wage. For example, in Circle I, employees in the Advocates/Lawyers' Offices and Bombay High Court Bar Association establishments are entitled to a total monthly minimum wage of ■20,052 (Skilled), ■18,582 (Semi-skilled) and ■17,527 (Unskilled). Similarly, revised wage rates have been notified for several scheduled employments, including motor repair workshops, bakery industry, cotton ginning and pressing industry, textile dyeing and printing industry, and other scheduled sectors. Employers covered under the notified scheduled employments are required to ensure payment of wages not lower than the revised minimum wages with effect from July 1, 2026. The revised rates will remain in force until December 31, 2026, unless modified earlier by the competent authority. [Notification No. P.V./K.V.A./V.Bh. July-December/2026 (2)/Work-10/7997]

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Department of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal, Mira-Bhayander Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra, issued a notification regarding Water Conservation amid Drought Risks

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Department of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal, Mira-Bhayander Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra, on June 01, 2026, issued a notification regarding Water Conservation amid Drought Risks. The following has been stated: - •The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has cautioned that El Niño conditions will likely delay the monsoon until August 31, 2026, leading to reduced rainfall and depleting water reserves. •To manage available drinking water, the Mira-Bhayander Municipal Corporation will shut off the city's water supply once every 15 days. •Citizens are requested to practice strict water conservation, avoid washing vehicles daily, use dual flush systems, fix leakages, and prevent water tanks from overflowing. •The corporation warns that water supply connections will be disconnected for buildings or societies found wasting water or allowing tanks to overflow. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: J.K. MIBHA/MNPA/PA.PU. V MALANI/439/2026-27]

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Manipur

Manipur Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Manipur

The Department of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of Manipur on August 20, 2026, issued the Manipur Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules establish a framework for recognition and operation of Government Approved Test Centres (GATCs) for verification of specified weights and measures under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009. The Rules came into force on August 21, 2026, and provide that GATCs shall have adequate infrastructure, testing equipment, technically qualified personnel and trained staff, and shall follow the prescribed standards and procedures. Approval is granted by an officer of the CAF&PD at or above the level of Joint Secretary on the recommendation of the Controller of Legal Metrology, initially for one year and thereafter renewable for up to five years. GATCs are required to maintain testing records, issue verification certificates, protect verification stamps, submit periodic reports and complete verification and return of instruments within 15 days. • The Rules cover verification of water meters, sphygmomanometers, clinical thermometers, rail weighbridges, tape measures, weighing instruments, load cells, beam scales, gas and energy meters, moisture meters, vehicle speed meters, breath analysers, multi-dimensional measuring instruments, flow meters, petrol/diesel, CNG, LPG, LNG and hydrogen dispensers, among others. Verification may be conducted at the authorised premises of the GATC or within its district jurisdiction. Centres shall retain verification records for five calendar years and are subject to inspection by the Controller or authorised officers. • Non-compliance can lead to suspension or cancellation of approval, while contraventions may be compounded by payment of ■50,000 for the first offence and ■75,000 for subsequent contraventions. The Rules also prescribe application, verification, certification and fee schedules for the various instruments. [Notification no. - ARS-202/1/2026-CAFANDPD-CAF&PD]

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Manipur Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Manipur

The Government of Manipur on August 20, 2026, issued the final copy of Manipur Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 to simplify the registration and verification process for manufacturers, repairers and dealers of weights and measures, in line with Priority Area 8 of the Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Phase-II. The following has been stated: The amendment proposes that applications for registration be made online, with prescribed fees paid online. Registration certificates would be perpetual, non-transferable and not require renewal, with no prior inspection. Once the required documents and fee are submitted, registration is to be granted within 14 working days, failing which it would be automatically granted. The Rules also replace references to “licence” and “licensee” with “registration certificate” and “registrant” throughout the relevant provisions. Manufacturers, repairers and dealers would be required to maintain prescribed workshops, equipment, tools and registers and display their registration certificate prominently at their business premises. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Draft Manipur Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Manipur

The Government of Manipur on August 11, 2026, proposed the Manipur Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026 under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, to establish a framework for Government Approved Test Centres for verification of weights and measures. The draft follows the Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Phase-II recommendation to promote self-declaration and third-party certification for low-risk and other categories of weights and measures. The draft provides that approved test centres will verify specified weights and measures, maintain prescribed standards and equipment, employ technically qualified personnel, and issue certificates of verification. Applications for recognition are to be made to the Controller, Legal Metrology, with approval granted by the competent authority initially for one year and subsequently renewable for up to five years. The Rules prescribe duties relating to independent operation, maintenance of testing records, grievance redressal, protection of verification stamps and completion of verification within fifteen days. Test centres must retain verification records for five calendar years and may operate within their authorised premises or the concerned district. Suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Commissioner (CAF&PD), Government of Manipur, within 15 days from the date the Gazette notification is made available to the public. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Notification No. ARS-202/1/2026-CAFANDPD-CAF&PD]

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Draft Manipur Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Manipur

The Government of Manipur on August 04, 2026, issued the Draft Manipur Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 to simplify the registration and verification process for manufacturers, repairers and dealers of weights and measures, in line with Priority Area 8 of the Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Phase-II. The following has been stated: The proposed framework seeks to replace licensing with registration certificates based on self-declaration, eliminating prior government inspection for registration. The amendment proposes that applications for registration be made online, with prescribed fees paid online. Registration certificates would be perpetual, non-transferable and not require renewal, with no prior inspection. Once the required documents and fee are submitted, registration is to be granted within 14 working days, failing which it would be automatically granted. The Rules also replace references to “licence” and “licensee” with “registration certificate” and “registrant” throughout the relevant provisions. Manufacturers, repairers and dealers would be required to maintain prescribed workshops, equipment, tools and registers and display their registration certificate prominently at their business premises. Suggestions or objections may be submitted to the Commissioner (CAF&PD), Government of Manipur Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Notification No.ARS-202/l/2026-CAFANDPD-CAF&PD]

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Government of Manipur Amends Rules of Business, 2025

Aug 09, 2026 | State | Manipur

The Government of Manipur, on July 15, 2025, amended the Rules of Business of the Government of Manipur, 2025, in exercise of the powers under Article 166(3) of the Constitution of India, pursuant to the Governor-in-Council's decision dated July 11, 2025. The amendment came into force with immediate effect. [Order No. PLCY-302/2/2020-Cabinet] The amendment inserts a new entry, "(xvi) All Matters Relating to Manipur Staff Selection Commission", under Schedule Head No. 25 – Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department in the Schedule to the Rules of Business of the Government of Manipur, 2025. This amendment formally assigns all matters relating to the Manipur Staff Selection Commission (MSSC) to the Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, thereby clarifying the administrative responsibility for the Commission within the State Government. [Order No. PLCY-302/2/2020-Cabinet]

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Meghalaya

Government of Meghalaya notified the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi-Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya on July 31, 2026, notified the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (MSERC) has notified the Multi-Year Tariff Regulations, 2026 to establish the framework for determination of electricity tariffs for multiple years. •The Regulations prescribe procedures for tariff determination, approval, and review for generating companies, transmission and distribution licensees, and other covered entities. •They provide for multi-year tariff principles, revenue requirements, performance norms, and sharing of gains/losses during the tariff period. •The Regulations aim to promote financial sustainability, efficiency, transparency, and predictability in tariff regulation in Meghalaya. •They shall come into force on July 31, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MSERC/MYT/2025/147]

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Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Amendment Guidelines, 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya, on July 6, 2026, notified the Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Amendment Guidelines, 2026, pursuant to directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya in PIL No. 10 of 2019, In Re: Cleanliness of Umiam Lake v. State of Meghalaya. The amendment further modifies the Meghalaya Waterbodies (Conservation and Protection) Guidelines, 2023, as amended in 2024, following a review by the Expert Committee in light of amendments to the Meghalaya Building Bye-laws during 2024–25. The amended Guidelines apply to the whole of Meghalaya and will come into force from their publication in the Meghalaya Gazette. The principal change is the substitution of Appendix-2, with two new appendices: Appendix-2A, prescribing general siting norms for areas other than urban areas (non-industrial), and Appendix-2B, prescribing specific siting norms for industrial areas and standalone industrial units located outside urban areas. Appendix-2A specifically introduces siting norms for buildings and other structures for riverine waterbodies in areas other than urban areas. The notification therefore establishes revised location/siting requirements around waterbodies, with separate treatment for non-urban areas and industrial areas. [Notification No. FOR/CC/29/2019/Pt/771]

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Directions for Controlling Emissions from Diesel Generator (DG) Sets

Aug 20, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) on August 07, 2026, issued directions for Controlling Emissions from Diesel Generator (DG) Sets. The following has been stated: • It has directed all DG-set

operators within Meghalaya to take measures for controlling air pollution from DG sets, pursuant to the National Green Tribunal's order dated August 6, 2019 in OA No. 681/2018 and the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). The directions recognise DG sets as a significant source of urban air pollution and require reduction of particulate matter (PM) emissions through emission-control measures. • For in-use DG sets up to 800 KW capacity that are more than five years old, operators are required to adopt any of the prescribed alternatives: (i) install a CPCB-certified Retrofit Emission Control Device (RECD) having at least 70% particulate matter capture efficiency, from approved manufacturers; (ii) shift to gas-based generators; or (iii) shift to DG sets complying with the emission norms under G.S.R. 804(E) dated November 3, 2022. The RECD requirement applies up to the useful life of the DG set, stated as 15 years from the date of manufacture or 50,000 operating hours, whichever is earlier. • For DG sets above 800 KW, operators may adopt suitable Air Pollution Control Devices, subject to compliance with the applicable emission standards notified under G.S.R. 489(E) dated July 9, 2002. Further, DG sets of 1,000 KVA and above will be regulated under the Consent regime in accordance with the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. • The directions are based on the CPCB's "System and Procedures for Emission Compliance Testing of RECD for Diesel Power Generating Set Engines up to Gross Mechanical Power of 800 KW" dated February 1, 2022, which provides the certification framework for RECDs. Operators are therefore required to use only RECDs certified in accordance with CPCB requirements. [Notification no. - MPCB/TB/INV-3/2025/Vol-1/2026-2027]

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Govt of Meghalaya issued a notification regarding State-Wide Distribution Freeze and Prohibition on Sale, Stocking and Distribution of 'STING' Energy Drink

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya on August 14, 2026, issued a notification regarding State-Wide Distribution Freeze and Prohibition on Sale, Stocking and Distribution of 'STING' Energy Drink. The following has been stated: - •The Meghalaya Food Safety Commissioner has imposed an immediate statewide freeze and prohibition on the sale, stocking, display, marketing and distribution of "STING" Energy Drink due to concerns regarding caffeine levels, ingredients, labelling compliance and potential health hazards. •All FBOs are directed to isolate existing stock and maintain status quo, with unauthorised movement or disposal liable to penal action under the FSS Act, 2006. •The prohibition will remain in force across Meghalaya until further orders, pending completion and evaluation of laboratory analysis. [Notification No.: CFSM/DC.Enforcement/2025.66/2207]

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Govt of Meghalaya issued a notification regarding restrictions on Parking of Heavy/Commercial Vehicles on National Highways

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya on August 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding restrictions on Parking of Heavy/Commercial Vehicles on National Highways. The following has been stated: - •The East Khasi Hills District Magistrate has prohibited heavy/commercial vehicles from parking, halting, or standing on National Highway carriageways or paved shoulders, except at designated parking areas. •The order is effective

immediately and remains valid for two months from August 07, 2026, unless withdrawn or modified earlier. •Violations are punishable under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, along with applicable provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. •The order is to be publicly displayed at relevant locations, police stations and transport check-gates for enforcement. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: GEN(I)/NH/8/2021/358]

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Meghalaya Liquor Establishments in Ri Bhoi District Ordered Closed on Independence Day

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Meghalaya, on August 6, 2026, ordered the closure of all specified liquor-related establishments in Ri Bhoi District on August 15, 2026, on account of Independence Day, under Section 324(A) of the applicable excise law. The closure order covers IMFL retail shops, bars in hotels, bonded warehouses, bottling units, country-made spirit shops, outstills, breweries, canteens and other specified liquor establishments within the district. Accordingly, all such establishments are required to remain closed throughout August 15, 2026. The order is issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Ri Bhoi District, Nongpoh. [Order No. DCRB/EX/5/2021/43]

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Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (State Grid Code) (6 of 2026) Regulations, 2026

Aug 11, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (MSERC) on August 10, 2026, issued the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (State Grid Code) (6 of 2026) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: - •Applies to the State Transmission Utility (STU), State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC), and all intra-state grid users across Meghalaya. •Aligns Meghalaya's state grid operations with the updated Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC) 2023 regulations specified by CERC. •Covers resource planning, connection requirements, commissioning procedures, system security, and frequency/voltage control. •Establishes comprehensive standards for scheduling, dispatch, protection coordination, outage planning, and metering across the state network. These regulations shall come into force from August 10, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MSERC/SGC/2021/155]

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Nagaland

Government of Nagaland VB-G RAM G Scheme, 2026 Notified

Aug 16, 2026 | State | Nagaland

The Government of Nagaland, on June 23, 2026, notified the Nagaland Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Scheme, 2026 under Section 3(1) of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025. The Scheme has been notified as the State-level framework for implementation of the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 in Nagaland. The notification provides that the provisions of the Scheme shall come into force with effect from July 1, 2026. Accordingly, the Nagaland VB-G RAM G Scheme, 2026 became effective from July 1, 2026, pursuant to the notification published in the Nagaland Gazette Extraordinary. [Notification No. RD/VB-GRAMG/18/26]

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Govt of Nagaland issued a notification regarding a ban on Food Products Containing Tobacco and Nicotine

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Nagaland

The Government of Nagaland on June 15, 2026, issued a notification regarding a ban on Food Products Containing Tobacco and Nicotine. The following has been stated: - •The Nagaland Food Safety Commissioner has issued a one-year prohibition on all food products containing tobacco or nicotine across the state. •The ban covers the manufacture, processing, packaging, storage, transportation, distribution, and sale of such food items. •It strictly targets products like Gutkha, Pan Masala, and any chewable, flavoured, scented, or mixed condiments containing tobacco or nicotine. •The prohibition also applies to twin-pack or separately packaged products designed to be easily mixed together by consumers. •This measure enforces Regulation 2.3.4 of the FSS Regulations 2011 and follows Supreme Court directives to safeguard public health. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: DHFW-21/FSSA/3/2023-24/261-74]

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Govt. of Nagaland issued an amendment to the older notification related to the GST rates for the intra-state supply of goods

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Nagaland

The Finance Department, Govt. of Nagaland on April 30, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification related to the GST rates for the intra-state supply of goods. The following has been stated: • In Schedule 1-2.5%, AMENDMENT (i) against S. No. 150, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "2202 99 21, 2202 99 29" shall be substituted; (ii) against S. No. 151, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "22029931. 22029939" shall be substituted; • In Schedule III - 20%, (i) against S. No. 2, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "2202 99 90, 2202 99 91, 2202 99 99" shall be substituted; (ii) against S. No. 3, for the entry in Column (2), the entry "2202 99 91, 2202 99 99" shall be substituted. • This notification shall be deemed to have come into force with

effect from May 01, 2026. [Notification no. – FIN/GST/5/3/2025]

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Nagaland Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Scheme, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | State | Nagaland

The Rural Development Department, Govt. of Nagaland on June 23, 2026, issued the Nagaland Viksit Bharat—Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) [VB-G RAM G] Scheme, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Scheme establishes the institutional and operational framework for providing guaranteed rural wage employment, livelihood enhancement, and sustainable rural asset creation. It lays down provisions relating to the registration of eligible rural households, the issuance of job cards, the submission of employment applications, the allocation of work, wage payments, the unemployment allowance, where applicable, the planning and execution of permissible works, social audits, transparency, grievance redressal, monitoring, record maintenance, and financial management. • It also defines the roles and responsibilities of the State Government, District Programme Coordinators, Programme Officers, Gram Panchayats and other implementing agencies for effective implementation of the Scheme. • The notification aims to ensure timely employment opportunities, strengthen rural livelihoods, improve accountability through technology-enabled monitoring and social audits, and facilitate the creation of durable community assets in accordance with the objectives of the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025. • The provisions of the Scheme shall come into force with effect from July 01, 2026. [Notification no. – RD/VB-G RAM G/18/26]

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Odisha

Odisha Tourism Amendment to Homestay Establishment Scheme, 2025

Aug 27, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Tourism Department, Government of Odisha, on July 31, 2026, amended the Odisha Homestay Establishment Scheme, 2025 – Operational Guidelines by revising the eligibility conditions for applicants. The applicant must be a resident of the concerned Block where the notified Gram Panchayat is situated, be above 18 years of age, and not have been convicted under any law. Preference will be given to applications from the notified Gram Panchayats, and the Scheme is open to applicants of all genders. The notification also makes a correction to the list of notified Gram Panchayats in Rayagada District. At Serial No. 06 of Annexure-1 to the amendment dated April 28, 2026, “Kulusing” Gram Panchayat is replaced with “Puttasing” Gram Panchayat. All other provisions of the Odisha Homestay Establishment Scheme, 2025 and the April 28, 2026 amendment remain unchanged and in force. The amendments take immediate effect. [Notification No. 10641—TCT-COOD-Misc-0017/2025/TSM]

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OGST issued Comprehensive Guidelines regarding GST on Works Contract Services and TDS Provisions

Aug 24, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Odisha Finance Department on August 19, 2026, in reference to the various advisories, guidelines, and clarifications issued since the implementation of the OGST Act, 2017, with effect from July 01, 2017. The following has been stated: • These instructions relate to GST on Works Contract Services and TDS provisions. The OGST Act, Rules, and GST rates have been amended several times since 2017, resulting in various Departments/HoDs seeking clarification on the updated provisions. • The Finance Department, after considering the issues faced by various Departments/HoDs, has issued comprehensive and updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for reference: o Annexure-A: SOP on Works Contract Services o Annexure-B: SOP on TDS provisions • The SOPs are issued for reference purposes only. • For any further clarification, the concerned Administrative Department may refer the proposal, along with details, to the Finance Department. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Punjab

PSERC Amendment to FPPAS Carry Forward Mechanism

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC), on August 19, 2026, notified the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (10th Amendment) Regulations, 2026, amending Appendix 7 of the Conduct of Business Regulations, 2005 relating to the Fuel and Power Purchase Adjustment Surcharge (FPPAS). The amendment permits a distribution licensee to carry forward the FPPAS, or part thereof, to a subsequent month to avoid a tariff shock to consumers. However, such carry-forward is permitted only where the total FPPAS for a billing month, including any amount carried forward from the previous month, exceeds 20% of the variable component of the approved tariff. The carry-forward period is capped at a maximum of two months. The amendment will come into force from the date of its publication in the official Gazette of Punjab. [Notification No. PSERC/Secy/Regu.210]

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PPCB issued a notification regarding Harmonization of classification of left-out sectors under Red, Orange and Green categories

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) on August 04, 2026, issued a notification regarding Harmonization of classification of left-out sectors under Red, Orange and Green category. The following has been stated: - •CPCB has directed classification of Hotels/Motels/Resorts, Restaurants/Dhabas/Eateries, and Standalone Banquet/Marriage Halls based on Pollution Index, for adoption and implementation. •Accordingly, PPCB's earlier classification of Marriage Palaces and Restaurants/Dhabas/Eateries is omitted and replaced by the CPCB classification dated July 20, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: SEE(HQ:2)/F.no.10/2026/ 16885-903]

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Bathinda Municipal Corporation issued a public notice regarding the Verification and Correction of GIS Property Records

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Bathinda Municipal Corporation on August 12, 2026, issued a public notice regarding the Verification and Correction of GIS Property Records. The Corporation has made GIS-based property/building records and UID numbers available on its website from July 1, 2025, following a city-wide property survey conducted during 2023-24. Property owners may verify details such as owner/occupant name, area, mobile number, building category and floor, and submit documentary proof for corrections at Room No. 103, First Floor, within 30 days from publication of the notice. After this period, the GIS records will be used for property tax collection and delivery of public services. The Corporation has clarified that GIS/UID records do not establish or confer legal ownership rights and have no evidentiary value for determining ownership.

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Punjab Protection of Trees Bill, 2026

Aug 16, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on August 10, 2026, issued the Punjab Protection of Trees Bill, 2026. The following have been amended, namely: • The Act extends to the urban areas of Punjab specified in Schedule III or subsequently notified by the State Government and comes into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. It regulates the felling, removal and damage of trees in urban areas, except exempted areas and tree species specified in Schedules I and II. No person, organisation or government agency may fell, remove or damage a tree without permission, except in specified circumstances. A Tree Protection Officer may grant permission after inquiry, particularly where a tree poses danger to persons/property or creates a traffic hazard. Felling of Heritage Trees—trees over 100 years old having unique historical, cultural or religious value—is permitted only in the rarest of rare cases involving pressing development needs or grave danger, with prior State Government approval. • Applications for permission shall be made in Form A with prescribed ownership, tree and site details. The Tree Protection Officer shall decide applications within 30 days, while applications concerning dead/fallen trees or trees posing danger shall be decided within 7 days; failure to decide such urgent applications within 7 days results in deemed permission. An aggrieved person may appeal within 30 days. A person permitted to fell a tree shall plant and maintain 10 trees for every tree felled, or 25 trees for every Heritage Tree, subject to limited relaxation where plantation is not feasible. Non-compliance with plantation obligations may attract penalties of ■10,000 per tree for the first violation, ■35,000 for the second and up to ■50,000 per tree for continuing non-compliance. • Unauthorised felling/removal or violation of permission conditions may attract environmental compensation and a penalty of up to ■10,000 per tree, while damaging a tree may attract environmental compensation and a penalty of up to ■2,000 per tree. Environmental compensation collected is to be used for greening activities in the concerned urban local bodies. The Act also empowers the State Government to prohibit felling of specified classes of trees for a notified period, exempt specified areas/species, frame rules and issue orders to remove implementation difficulties. • The Trees Preservation Policy for Non-Forest Government and Public Lands-2024 is repealed, while the new Act operates in addition to other laws regulating tree felling. [Notification no. - 8-PLA-2026/31]

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Punjab Govt. issued Guidelines for Identification and Assessment of High Footfall Sites/Tourist-Centric Destinations and Pilgrim Centres etc for Sustainable Visible Cleanliness & Solid Waste Management Models

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government on August 11, 2026, has notified a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)/Guidelines for Identification and Assessment of High Footfall Sites, Tourist-Centric Destinations, and Pilgrim Centres, aimed at developing Sustainable Visible Cleanliness & Solid Waste Management (SWM) Models under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 (Notification No. LG-LG-405/227/2026-LG4/656 dated August 10, 2026). The SOP applies to all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Punjab covering Tourist Destinations (heritage sites, memorials, museums, wetlands, eco-tourism spots,

waterfronts), Pilgrim Centres (Gurudwaras, temples, churches, mosques, dargahs, shrines), and Event-Based Locations (melas, religious gatherings, festivals). It mandates four-stream waste segregation — Wet, Dry, Sanitary, and Special Care Waste — along with prohibition of single-use plastics/cutlery, at-least twice-daily sweeping, and scientific waste processing. Key components include: (1) Identification & Inventory Mapping (ULB-wise inventory, visitor footfall assessment, GIS geo-tagging, hotspot identification); (2) Waste Assessment & Characterization (a minimum 7-day waste audit covering seasonal variation); (3) Infrastructure Gap Analysis (sweeping, segregation, collection/transportation, processing facilities, manpower); (4) Prioritization of sites into High/Medium/Low categories; and (5) Development of site-specific Sustainable SWM Models emphasizing circular economy principles, resource recovery, and plastic waste reduction. Special event-specific waste management plans are also required for festivals and fairs. Responsibility is distributed among ULBs, Deputy Commissioners, the Tourism Department, Religious Trusts/Management Committees, the Punjab Pollution Control Board, and contractors/agencies, with a Nodal Officer to be nominated by each ULB for coordination, monitoring, reporting, and grievance redressal. The SOP also calls for capacity-building/training programs, IEC and awareness campaigns, and periodic review of site-specific models (at least annually). [Notification No. LG-LG-405/227/2026-LG4/656]

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Punjab Regulation of Fee of Un-aided Educational Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on August 07, 2026, issued the Punjab Regulation of Fee of Un-aided Educational Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Punjab Regulation of Fee of Un-aided Educational Institutions Act, 2016. The following amendments have been stated: • In the Punjab Regulation of Fee of Un-aided Educational Institutions Act, 2016, in section 2, (i) after clause (ff), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(fff) 'cumulative fee enhancement' means the aggregate percentage increase in the total fee charged by an Un-aided Educational Institution over the last thirty-six months from the month of notification of the Punjab Regulation of Fee of Un-aided Educational Institutions (Amendment) Act, 2026 in the Official Gazette, calculated by comparing the fee charged in the earliest of those three academic years with the fee charged in the latest academic year;" (ii) for clause (g), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:- "(g) 'fee' means the total of all amounts charged by or on behalf of an Un-aided Educational Institution or its associated body (Trust, Society, Company or any such entity) directly or indirectly from a student or parent, by whatever name called, including tuition fee, development fee, annual charges, activity charges, smart class or technology charges, transportation charges (where not separately contracted), laboratory and library charges, examination charges, any other funds, and any other compulsory monetary contribution or indirect collections and amounts collected through affiliated entities, and includes both recurring and non-recurring charges but excludes amounts collected as refundable security deposit, provided such deposit is actually refunded in full on the student's departure;" and (iii) after clause (g), so substituted, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(ga) 'fee enhancement' means any increase proposed by an Un-aided Educational Institution or its associated body in the total fee chargeable for a given academic year over the total fee charged in the immediately preceding academic year, expressed as a percentage of such preceding year's fee;". • In the principal Act, for section 5, the following section shall be substituted, namely:- "5. (1) An Un-aided Educational Institution shall be competent to fix its fee and it may also increase the same after taking into account the need to generate funds to run the Un-aided Educational Institution and to provide facilities necessary for the benefits of students: Provided that while fixing or increasing fee, the factors mentioned in sub-section (1) of section 6, shall be kept in view by the Un-aided Educational Institution. (2)

No Un-aided Educational Institution shall enhance its fee by more than five per cent of the fee charged by it during the immediately preceding academic year. (3) Any enhancement of fee under section (2) shall be deemed to have been validly effected only if the Un-aided Educational Institution has displayed the revised fee structure at a conspicuous place within the school premises and on its official website not less than ninety days prior to the commencement of the academic year. (4) The Un-aided Educational Institution shall also ensure that the parents or guardians of the students are duly informed of the revised fee structure through appropriate modes of communication, including email, electronic message including WhatsApp messages, circulars, parent-teacher meetings, or any other mode that may ensure effective notice. (5) While fixing or increasing fee, an Un-aided Educational Institution shall not indulge in profiteering and shall not charge capitation fee. (6) No unaided Educational Institution shall adopt any tactic, device or means, whether direct or indirect, to compel or induce a student or his or her parent or guardian to purchase the school uniform from the Un-aided Educational Institution itself or from any vendor specified, recommended or favoured by it, and every student, parent or guardian shall be at liberty to purchase the uniform, conforming to the colour, design and specifications notified and displayed by the Un-aided Educational Institution under this Act, from any vendor of his or her choice. (7) Where an Un-aided Educational Institution prescribes any text book, work book or other study material for any class, it shall notify and display, at a conspicuous place in the school premises and on its official website, a list of not less than three publishers or vendors from whom such text book, work book or study material may be purchased, for the convenience of students and parents, and no Un-aided Educational Institution shall compel or induce, directly or indirectly, any student or his or her parent or guardian to purchase such text book, work book or study material from the Un-aided Educational Institution or from any one specific publisher or vendor, and every student, parent or guardian shall be at liberty to purchase the same, conforming to the title and edition so notified, from any publisher or vendor of his or her choice." [Notification No. 12-PLA-2026/32]

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Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on August 07, 2026, notified the Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026, further to amend the Punjab Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. The following has been stated: - •The Punjab Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 has been amended to provide that post-supply discounts may be deducted from the taxable value where the supplier issues a credit note and the recipient reverses the attributable input tax credit. •Section 34 is also amended to permit issuance of credit notes for such discounts. •Further, Section 54 expands refund provisions to cover unutilised input tax credit, while the restriction on refund applications is modified to exclude cases involving goods exported out of India with payment of tax. It shall come into force on such date as the Government of Punjab may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 16-PLA-2026/36.]

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Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on August 10, 2026, notified the Punjab Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. The following has been stated: - •The Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994 has been amended to introduce the Panchayat Development Secretary (PDS) as the executive head of one or more Gram Panchayats, appointed by the State Government. •The PDS will provide legal and administrative guidance, coordinate with the Rural Development and Panchayats Department, and be responsible for Panchayat properties and records. •References to “Panchayat Secretary” and “Secretary” have been replaced with “Panchayat Development Secretary” across various provisions. •The existing Panchayat Secretaries Service is declared a dying cadre, with employees who do not opt for merger continuing under existing terms until retirement, resignation, death, or removal/dismissal. It shall come into force on and with effect from August 10, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 18-PLA-2026/39]

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Draft Amritsar Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Ministry of Defence has issued the Draft Amritsar Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 to regulate construction, re-construction, additions, alterations, building sanctions and zoning within the limits of Amritsar Cantonment. The Bye-Laws shall come into force upon their final publication in the Official Gazette by the Central Government. The following has been stated: Building sanction: No person shall undertake erection, re-erection, addition or alteration of any building without obtaining sanction from the Competent Authority. Applications are to be submitted online through the E-Chhawani portal through the Board's registered architect. Eligibility: Only persons having legally valid occupancy rights over leased, old grant or private land may apply for building-plan sanction. Applications may be refused where lease or old grant conditions have been breached until such breach is regularised or condoned. Fees and environmental requirements: Building application fees, development charges, labour cess and other applicable charges are payable before sanction. Incentives may be provided for rooftop solar installation and rainwater harvesting for buildings having covered area below 100 sq. metres, while rainwater harvesting is mandatory for buildings with covered area exceeding 100 sq. metres. Documents: Applicants are required to submit ownership/legal-rights documents, notarised affidavit and indemnity bond, identity proof, admission deed, no-dues certificate, site photographs, sanctioned plan where available, prescribed Forms A, B and C, and other documents required by the Competent Authority. Minimum plot size: Construction is generally not permitted on plots below 50 sq. metres, except for existing authorised plots as per GLR records. Rooftop solar installation and rainwater harvesting are mandatory where the covered area exceeds 100 sq. metres. Cooling and energy measures: For approval, applicants must adopt at least one specified measure under the India Cooling Action Plan, including plantation of trees, cool roofs/high solar-reflective paints, pervious pavement or solar PV installation. Applicable energy conservation codes are also required for buildings falling within their scope. Unauthorised construction: The Cantonment Board may impose a fee of up to 10% of the cost of construction for regularisation of unauthorised construction, subject to the Bye-Laws. Only minor deviations that do not involve a change of use may be considered for compromise. Zoning: Amritsar Cantonment is proposed to be divided into Zone-I, comprising the notified civil area/Sadar Bazar and generally high-density areas, and Zone-II, comprising other land including old grant properties and leases outside the civil area. Zone-I FSI and site coverage: For Zone-I, the prescribed site coverage and FSI vary according to plot size, with coverage ranging from 60% to 90% and FSI from 1.50 to 2.00. Mezzanine floors are included in FSI calculations, and not more than one dwelling unit is permitted on each floor. Zone-I building height and storeys: The minimum

floor height is 3 metres, while the total building height is capped at 13.5 metres, including the stilt floor. The maximum permissible configuration is Ground + 2 or Stilt + 3 floors, where the stilt is used for parking. Advertising signs: No advertising sign may be installed by any holder of occupancy rights without the prior permission of the Cantonment Board, and such signage will be subject to the Board's applicable signage-control policies. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Punjab Common Infrastructure (Regulation and Maintenance) Amendment Bill, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on August 03, 2026, issued the Punjab Common Infrastructure (Regulation and Maintenance) Amendment Bill, 2026, to amend the Punjab Common Infrastructure (Regulation and Maintenance) Act, 2012. The following has been stated: - •The Punjab Common Infrastructure (Regulation and Maintenance) Amendment Act, 2026 proposes comprehensive reforms to improve the management, maintenance, and financial sustainability of common infrastructure in industrial areas across the state. •It expands the Act's applicability to additional industrial areas and clusters, strengthens the role of Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs), and establishes a District Monitoring Authority for oversight and dispute resolution. •The amendment introduces a structured mechanism for collection and utilization of service charges through electricity bills for maintaining shared infrastructure such as roads, parks, streetlights, and drainage. •It also enhances governance, accountability, and environmental compliance of SPVs while empowering the State Government to frame rules and ensure effective implementation of the Act. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: .8-PLA-2026/31]

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Draft Jalandhar Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on July 28, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing the Jalandhar Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, in supersession of the building bye-laws notified on May 26, 1937. The draft has been published for public consultation, and stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions within 30 days from the date the Gazette is made available to the public. The proposed bye-laws will apply throughout the Jalandhar Cantonment and will come into force upon their final publication in the Official Gazette. They establish a comprehensive regulatory framework governing building construction, reconstruction, alterations, approvals, land use, and development controls. The draft also introduces detailed definitions relating to buildings, architects, building height, floor area ratio (FAR), floor space index (FSI), setbacks, occupancy, commercial and residential buildings, and other planning and engineering concepts to facilitate uniform implementation. The draft seeks to modernize the regulatory framework governing construction activities within Jalandhar Cantonment by replacing the outdated 1937 bye-laws with provisions aligned to the Cantonments Act, 2006 and contemporary building standards. It aims to promote planned development, improve safety and regulatory clarity, and streamline the building approval process while incorporating modern planning, structural, and accessibility requirements. [Notification No. S.R.O. 21(E)]

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Government of Punjab SOP and Timelines Notified for Processing NOC Drainage Applications

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab, on July 16, 2026, notified a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and timeline for processing NOC Drainage applications submitted through the Water Resources Department (WRD) Portal. The SOP prescribes a structured workflow, defined timelines, and responsibilities for processing applications for drainage-related No Objection Certificates. The SOP outlines the end-to-end approval process, including application scrutiny, technical inspections, engineering reports, design office review, recommendations by field and circle offices, final scrutiny, Government approval, and issuance of the NOC. It also specifies timelines for each stage to ensure time-bound disposal of applications and clarifies that applications outside the prescribed distance from departmental drains may be issued a certificate stating that no drainage NOC is required. The notification further provides procedures for withdrawal and deactivation of applications, escalation of rejection proposals, and deemed approval wherever applicable under the Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020 and related rules. The SOP applies to all NOC Drainage applications received through the Water Resources Department Portal, Invest Punjab Portal, or any other Government-approved digital platform. [Notification No. WR-IRWR04/4/2026-IW1/369]

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Draft Ferozepur Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026

Aug 03, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Ministry of Defence has published the Draft Ferozepur Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026 for public information. The draft proposes a comprehensive framework governing building construction, plan approval, development standards, and regulatory compliance within the Ferozepur Cantonment area. The following has been stated: • The draft Bye-laws prescribe detailed definitions, building terminology, planning standards, and development regulations applicable to construction, alteration, re-erection, occupancy, setbacks, floor area, building height, land use, and other technical aspects of buildings within the Ferozepur Cantonment. • The draft introduces an online building plan approval process through the e-Chhawani portal, requiring eligible applicants to obtain prior sanction from the Competent Authority before undertaking any construction, addition, alteration, or re-erection. It also prescribes application procedures, applicable fees, development charges, documentation requirements, scrutiny of plans, validity and revalidation of sanctions, and conditions for refusal or revocation of approvals. • The draft further provides incentives for rooftop solar installations and rainwater harvesting, mandates prior security clearance for constructions affecting military establishments, prescribes completion and occupancy certification procedures, and provides for regularisation of unauthorised constructions in accordance with the Cantonments Act, 2006 and the proposed Bye-laws. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (9th Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Aug 01, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC) on July 24, 2026, issued the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (9th Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005. These Regulations shall come into force from July 25, 2026. The following has been stated: • The amendments require petitions, review petitions and interlocutory applications (IAs) to be submitted in seven hard copies, along with soft copies in MS Word and PDF formats through the Commission's official email. Petitioners must also submit proof of fee payment electronically and ensure petitions contain a detailed synopsis, chronology of events, fee calculation, legal grounds, relief sought, supporting documents, delay explanations (where applicable), and comply with the prescribed formatting requirements. The amendments also require all affected parties to be impleaded and mandate service of interim relief petitions along with supporting documents to the opposite parties. • Additionally, the amendments introduce new provisions regarding the service of notices and communications. Where a petition is filed without a counsel, notices sent by registered post or electronic means to the address or email provided by the petitioner shall be deemed to have been duly served. In cases where a counsel represents the petitioner, service of notice on the counsel will be treated as sufficient service on the party. Petitioners are also required to inform the Commission of any change in address by filing an Interlocutory Application (IA) along with the prescribed fee. [Notification no. – PSERC/Secy/Regu. 209]

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Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of Rajasthan on August 20, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2018. The existing second proviso to sub-rule (1) of rule 5 shall be substituted by the following, namely:- "Provided further that the reservation in promotion, with effect from 30.06.2016, shall be in accordance with such instructions as may be issued by the State Government, from time to time. The promotional benefits under this provision shall be granted on a notional basis from 30.06.2016 up to the date of commencement of the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2026. Any person who was promoted before the commencement of the Rajasthan Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Rules, 2026, shall not be reverted on account of the promotion of a person with disability from an earlier year. In case wherethe number of persons promoted exceeds the number of sanctioned posts, the administrative department may create a shadow post with the concurrence of the Finance Department." [Notification No. - G.S.R.56]

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Rajasthan Trees (Protection) Bill, 2026

Aug 31, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 27, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Trees (Protection) Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: - •Rajasthan Trees (Protection) Bill, 2026 aims to prevent tree felling, promote plantation, and protect trees, including sacred groves and endangered species, in non-forest areas of Rajasthan. •It prohibits felling or damaging specified trees without prior written permission, except for trees on residential plots/premises not exceeding 500 sq. metres. •Revenue Officers, Patwaris, Inspectors of Land Records and Village Development Officers must report and take measures to prevent violations. •The authorised officer may grant permission for felling after verifying ownership/occupancy and prescribed requirements, while trees posing immediate danger may be felled without prior permission. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Bill No.11 of 2026]

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Govt. of Rajasthan notified regarding the Dry Day for Urban Local Body Elections, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance (Excise) Department, Govt. of Rajasthan on August 24, 2026, notified regarding the Dry Day for Urban Local Body Elections, 2026. The Government has declared dry days in the election areas of 309 urban local bodies in connection with the August–September 2026 elections. The prohibition will remain in force from 6:00 PM on September 7 to 6:00 PM on September 9, 2026 for the first phase and from 6:00 PM on September 9 to 6:00 PM on September 11, 2026 for the second phase. September 14, 2026, the date of vote

counting, has also been declared a dry day. [Notification no. - P.4 (5) Finance/Excise/2022]

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Rajasthan Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rule, 2026

Aug 29, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 25, 2026, notified the Rajasthan Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to amend the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •Form VAT RET-01 under the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026 has been substituted with a revised format for reporting sales and other dispatches. •The revised form captures intra-State and inter-State taxable sales, other dispatches, exports, and sales to SEZ units/developers, along with invoice, TIN, taxable value and tax details. •It also provides for reporting nil-rated, exempt and non-VAT sales separately. •A dedicated section has been introduced for amendments to taxable sales reported in earlier periods, including debit/credit notes and their revised VAT, surcharge, cess and other tax details. They shall come into force with effect from August 15, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R.58]

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Government of Rajasthan Declares Public Holidays on Municipal Election Polling Dates – September 9 & 11, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan, Finance (Budget) Department, has issued a notification dated August 24, 2026, declaring the municipal election polling dates of September 9, 2026 (Wednesday) and September 11, 2026 (Friday) as public holidays in the concerned election areas. The Rajasthan State Election Commission has scheduled the general elections for 309 urban local bodies in two phases, with the attached schedule specifying the municipalities/nagar palikas/nagar parishads/nagar nigams covered in each phase. The schedule covers 5,550 wards in the first phase and 4,695 wards in the second phase. Please refer to the schedule attached below to this document.

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Govt. of Rajasthan issued an amendment to the Rajasthan VAT notification – Replacement of Certificate with Declaration Form

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, on August 13, 2026, issued an amendment to the Rajasthan VAT notification – Replacement of Certificate with Declaration Form. The Government has amended its older notification No. F.12(63)FDlTax/2005-27, dated April 28, 2006, under Section 9(2) read with Section 51 of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025, with effect from August 15, 2026. The amendment replaces the requirement under Condition 3 to submit “a certificate in the form appended hereto” with a requirement to submit a Declaration Form in FORM VAT-EXM-01. Consequently, the existing prescribed Certificate has

been deleted, thereby shifting the compliance requirement to the newly prescribed declaration form. [Notification No. - F. I2(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-28]

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Govt. of Rajasthan issued an amendment to the Rajasthan VAT notification – Inclusion of CNG

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, on August 13, 2026, issued an amendment to the Rajasthan VAT notification – Inclusion of CNG. The Government has amended its older notification no. F. 12(33)FDrrax/2008- 188, dated June 24, 2020, under Rule 9(5) of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026, read with Section 7 and Section 51 of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025. With effect from August 15, 2026, the existing expression “High and Light Speed Diesel Oil, Petrol and Aviation Turbine Fuel” has been substituted with “High and Light Speed Diesel Oil, Petrol, Aviation Turbine Fuel and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)”, thereby bringing CNG within the scope of the relevant provision/notification. [Notification No. - F. 12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-22]

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Govt. of Rajasthan notified regarding the Revenue Management System under Rajasthan VAT Rules, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, on August 13, 2026, notified regarding the Revenue Management System under Rajasthan VAT Rules, 2026. Under Rule 26(1) of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026, the Rajasthan Government has notified the Revenue Management System (RMS), accessible through https://ifins.rajasthan.gov.in, for the purposes specified under the said Rule. The notification shall come into force from August 15, 2026, thereby establishing the designated RMS portal for implementation of the relevant provisions of the Rajasthan VAT Rules, 2026. [Notification No. - F. 12(27)FDlTax/2025-Part-I-17]

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Rajasthan notified regarding the Tax Exemption to HRRL on Diesel, Petrol and ATF Sales to Oil Marketing Companies

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, notified regarding the Tax Exemption to HRRL on Diesel, Petrol and ATF Sales to Oil Marketing Companies. In exercise of powers under Section 9(2) of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025, the State Government has exempted HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) from tax under Section 7(1) of the Act on High Speed Diesel, Light Speed Diesel, Petrol, and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF), superseding the earlier notification dated 17.07.2026. The exemption applies only when

these goods are sold by HRRL to HPCL, BPCL, or IOCL within Rajasthan. It comes into force from 15.08.2026 and remains valid until 31.03.2027. [Notification No. F.12(27)FDfTax/2025-Part-I- 21]

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Rajasthan Govt. issued notification on amendment substituting "Form VAT-72" with "FORM VAT-EXM-01"

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, issued notification on amendment substituting "Form VAT-72" with "FORM VAT-EXM-01". Summary: In exercise of powers under Section 9(2) read with Section 51 of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025, the State Government has amended its earlier notification No. F.12(26)FD/Tax/2024-80 dated 10.07.2024. The amendment substitutes the expression "Form VAT-72" with "FORM VAT-EXM-01" wherever it occurs in the said notification. This amendment takes effect from August 15, 2026. [Notification No. F.12(27)FDlTax/2025-Part-I-27]

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Rajasthan Govt. notified Turnover Threshold for Tax Liability

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 18, 2026, notified Turnover Threshold for Tax Liability. The State Government has notified that any dealer whose annual turnover in Rajasthan exceeds ■10 lakh will be liable to pay tax under the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025. This threshold takes effect from August 15, 2026. [Notification No. F.12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I- 16]

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Rajasthan Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026. The following amendments have been stated: The existing FORM VAT RET-01 appended to the Rajasthan Value Added Rules, 2026, hereinafter referred to as the said rules, has been substituted. The amended form has been attached to the document below. [Notification No. F. 12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-32]

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Code on Wages (Rajasthan) Rules, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 12, 2026, issued the Code on Wages (Rajasthan) Rules, 2026. The Rajasthan government has finalized the Code on Wages (Rajasthan) Rules, 2026, framed under Section 67 of the central Code on Wages, 2019. The process began when a draft of these rules was published in the Rajasthan Gazette (Extraordinary, Part 4-Ga, Upkhand II) on January 13, 2026, as required under Section 67(1) of the Code. This publication was meant to invite objections and suggestions from anyone likely to be affected by the rules, and the law required that such objections be allowed for at least 45 days from the date the gazette copies were made available to the public — which was also January 13, 2026. After this 45-day window, the State Government considered the objections and suggestions it received from the public on the draft. Having done so, it is now exercising its rule-making power under Section 67 of the Code on Wages, 2019 to formally notify the final rules — essentially confirming that the standard "draft, consult, finalize" procedure for delegated legislation has been completed. It sets out how minimum wages are calculated, based on criteria like a standard working-class family's calorie intake, clothing needs, housing rent, fuel, and other expenses. It also covers norms for fixing wage rates by skill category (unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, highly skilled), constitution of a technical committee to advise on skill categorization, the twice-yearly revision of dearness allowance, working hour limits (48 hours/week, spread-over limits, rest intervals), weekly rest day entitlements, night shift provisions, and rules on wage periods. It deals with how deductions from wages are regulated — including caps on total deductions, procedures for imposing fines, recovering losses or damages caused by an employee, recovering advances given to employees, and deductions for approved loans like housing loans. It establishes the composition, functioning, and administration of the State Advisory Board — covering member nominations (employer/employee/independent representatives), meeting procedures, quorum, voting, committees, terms of office, resignation, disqualification, and allowances for members. It addresses procedures for handling wages payable upon an employee's death or disappearance, including nomination requirements for beneficiaries and the process for depositing undisbursed dues with a designated authority when payments can't be made directly to the nominee. [Notification No. S.O.40]

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Govt of Rajasthan amended an older notification related to VAT exemption/concession-related provisions/forms under the Rajasthan VAT framework

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, amended an older notification No. F.12(76)FDrrax/2017-102 dated December 20, 2019, related to VAT exemption/concession-related provisions/forms under the Rajasthan VAT framework. The following has been stated: - •In the notification, for the existing expression "Form VAT-72", wherever occurring, the expression "FORM VAT-EXM-OI "shall be substituted. The notification will come into effect from August 15, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.12(27)FD/tax/2025-Part-I- 24]

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Govt of Rajasthan amended an older notification related to conditions and the prescribed form for claiming the applicable exemption

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan, on August 13, 2026, amended an older notification No. F.12 (63)FD/Tax/2005-11 dated April 15, 2006 related to conditions and prescribed form for claiming the applicable exemption. The following has been stated: - •In the notification,- (i) in condition 3, for the existing expression "a certificate in Form appended hereto.", the expression "a declaration Form in FORM VAT-EXM-O1." shall be substituted; and (ii) the existing Form shall be deleted. The notification will come into effect from August 15, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-29]

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Government of Rajasthan VAT Notification on Rate of Interest

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department (Tax Division), Government of Rajasthan, vide Notification dated 13 August 2026, has fixed the rates of interest under the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025 and the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026. The notification has been issued under Sections 14(1) and 14(3) of the Act read with Rule 79(1) of the Rules. The prescribed rates are 18% per annum for purposes of Section 14(1) and Section 14(3) of the Rajasthan VAT Act, 2025. Further, the rate of interest under Rule 79(1) of the Rajasthan VAT Rules, 2026 has been fixed at 6% per annum. The notification shall come into force with effect from 15 August 2026. Accordingly, taxpayers should apply the revised interest rates for the relevant liabilities or amounts arising on or after the effective date. [Notification No. 12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-15]

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Govt of Rajasthan issued a notification regarding the designated Portal for VAT

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding the designated Portal for VAT. The following has been stated: - •The Rajasthan Government has notified https://itms.rajasthan.gov.in as the designated portal under the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025. •Effective Date: August 15, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F. I2(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-18]

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Government of Rajasthan VAT Amendment to Schedule-II

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department (Tax Division), Government of Rajasthan, vide Notification dated 13 August 2026, has amended Schedule-II to the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025 under Section 9(3) of the Act. A new Serial No. 24 has been inserted in Schedule-II. The newly added entry is “HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL)”, thereby specifically including the entity in Schedule-II of the Rajasthan VAT Act, 2025. The notification is issued in the public interest under Section 9(3). The amendment shall come into force with effect from 15 August 2026. Accordingly, HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited will be covered under the

relevant provisions applicable to entities/items included in Schedule-II from the effective date. [Notification No. 12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-20]]

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Government of Rajasthan VAT Substitution of VAT Form

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department (Tax Division), Government of Rajasthan, vide Notification dated 13 August 2026, has amended the earlier Notification No. F.12(5)FD/Tax/2023-100 dated 10 February 2023, exercising powers under Section 9(2) read with Section 51 of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025. The amendment provides that, wherever the expression “Form VAT-II” occurs in the earlier notification, it shall be substituted with “FORM VAT-EXM-01”. This effectively updates the prescribed form reference under the relevant VAT exemption framework. The amendment shall come into effect from 15 August 2026. Accordingly, from that date, references to Form VAT-II in the specified notification are to be read as references to FORM VAT-EXM-01. [Notification No. F. 12(27)FDrrax/2025-Part-I-26]

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Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to Rajasthan VAT Act, 2025 regarding the Foreign Liquor, Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Beer when sold to the dealers having retail off licenses and when not

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the amendment in Schedule-I of Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • In Schedule-I appended to the said Act the following has been amended namely: - o In column number 3 against serial number 6, for the existing expression "10", the expression "7.5" shall be substituted; o In column number 3 against serial number 7, for the existing expression "10", the expression "7.5" shall be substituted; o The existing serial number 9 and entries thereto shall be substituted by the following, namely: - " 9. Foreign Liquor, Indian Made Foreign Liquor and Beer - (a) when sold to the dealers having retail off licenses issued by the Excise Department, Government of Rajasthan – 30% (b) when sold to the dealers not covered in clause (a) above – 20%” [Notification No. F.12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-19]

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Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to notification regarding the VAT rate of HSD reduction from 18% to 13% for JCTSL/ACTSL

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the amendment to notification no. F.12(102)FD/Tax/10-74 dated September 08, 2010 regarding the “VAT rate of HSD reduce from 18% to 13% for JCTSL/ACTSL” The following has been stated namely: - • The existing condition 2 shall

be substituted by the following, namely: - "2. that the purchasing dealer shall generate a declaration Form in FORM VAT-EXM-01 and shall furnish a duly signed copy of FORM VAT-EXM-01 so generated to the selling dealer"; and • The existing Form shall be deleted. [Notification No. F.12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-30]

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Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to notification regarding 1% rate of VAT on ATF for RCS Flights

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the amendment to notification no. F.12(14)FD/Tax/2017-88 dated March 08, 2017 regarding the “1% rate of VAT on ATF for RCS Flights” The following has been stated namely: - • For the existing expression "Form VAT-72", wherever occurring, the expression "FORM VAT-EXM-01" shall be substituted. [Notification No. F.12(27)FD/Tax/2025-Part-I-25]

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Government of Rajasthan VAT Substitution of Declaration Form

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 13, 2026, has amended Notification No. F.12(161)FD/Tax/2009-54 dated 21 August 2019, exercising powers under Section 9(2) read with Section 51 of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Act, 2025. The amendment replaces, in Condition 3 of the earlier notification, the requirement of “a certificate in form appended hereto” with “a declaration Form in FORM VAT-EXM-01.” Further, the existing form appended to the earlier notification has been deleted. The amendment shall take effect from 15 August 2026. Accordingly, from the effective date, the prescribed declaration for the relevant exemption is required to be furnished in FORM VAT-EXM-01, replacing the earlier certificate/form. [Notification No. F.12(27)FDffax/2025-Part-I-31]]

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Rajasthan Industrial Relation Rules, 2026

Aug 16, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Labour Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, on August 12, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Industrial Relations Rules, 2026. They shall come into force on August 12, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules provide the procedural framework for implementing the Industrial Relations Code, 2020 in Rajasthan and apply to industrial establishments and matters for which the State Government is the appropriate Government. The Rules prescribe procedures for the settlement of industrial disputes, the registration and administration of Trade Unions, the recognition of negotiating unions/councils, grievance redressal, collective bargaining, conciliation and arbitration, strikes and lock-outs, lay-off, retrenchment, and closure. • They provide for electronic filing and maintenance of records and prescribe forms and timelines for various

proceedings. The Rules also establish procedures for constitution and functioning of Grievance Redressal Committees and provide mechanisms for workers to approach Conciliation Officers where grievances remain unresolved. For establishments covered by Chapter X of the Code, prescribed applications and notices are required for lay-off, retrenchment and closure, with timelines of 15 days for lay-off, 60 days for retrenchment and 90 days for closure in the relevant permission process. • Overall, the Rules operationalise the Industrial Relations Code in Rajasthan by laying down detailed compliance and dispute-resolution procedures for employers, workers, Trade Unions and industrial establishments. [Notification no. - S.O.41]

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Department of Consumer Affairs issued the Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Department of Consumer Affairs, Rajasthan, on July 29, 2026, notified the Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011. The amendments introduce Government Approved Test Centres (GATCs) and replace the existing licensing framework for manufacturers, repairers and dealers of weights and measures with a registration-based system. The following has been stated: • Government Approved Test Centres: GATCs are formally recognised for verification, re-verification and stamping of weights and measures. • Registration replacing licensing: Manufacturers, repairers and dealers must apply online for registration. Existing licences are deemed to be registration certificates. Registration is granted on the basis of self-declaration without prior inspection. • Validity of registration: Registration certificates remain valid unless suspended, cancelled or surrendered. Alteration of a registration certificate attracts a fee equal to half the prescribed registration fee. • Security deposit: Registered repairers are required to furnish a security deposit for each registration certificate as specified in Schedule VI. Registration certificates must also be prominently displayed at the business premises. • Verification through GATCs: Users may have weights and measures verified or re-verified either by a Legal Metrology Officer or a Government Approved Test Centre. • Re-verification of defective equipment: Where equipment is found incorrect, it must be returned for adjustment and re-presented for re-verification within a period not exceeding seven days. • Fee payment: Verification, stamping, compounding and other prescribed fees are to be deposited directly into the Government Treasury through eGRAS, the Revenue Management System of IFMS, or another specified mechanism. • Seized equipment: Unverified weights or measures seized under the Act may be returned if they are verified and stamped within ten days, or such extended period as specified by the Controller, subject to payment of applicable fees. • Higher penalty: The earlier fine of up to ■5,000 is replaced with a penalty of up to ■1 lakh, along with possible suspension, revocation or cancellation as specified by the Controller. • New registration forms: Schedule II is substituted with forms for registration of manufacturers, repairers and dealers, incorporating detailed information and a self-declaration regarding compliance, infrastructure and accuracy of submitted information. The amendments come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. [G.S.R.30]

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Draft Udaipur Lakes (Boating, Jetty and Lake Resource Management) Regulations, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on July 28, 2026, issued the Draft Udaipur Lakes (Boating, Jetty and Lake Resource Management) Regulations, 2026. The Udaipur Lakes (Boating, Jetty and Lake Resource Management) Regulations, 2026 establish a regulatory framework for the management, conservation, and use of lakes and related activities in Udaipur. These regulations will come into force on a date notified by the Rajasthan Lakes Development Authority and apply to all lakes, water bodies, boating operations, and jetties under the jurisdiction of the District Lake Conservation and Development Committee. The primary objectives of the regulations include protecting lake ecosystems, ensuring sustainable use of resources, regulating boating activities, and promoting safe and environmentally responsible tourism. They also aim to ensure fair and transparent allocation of Passenger Capacity Units while preserving heritage value and safeguarding public interest. The regulations are guided by key principles such as sustainability, transparency, equitable access, public trust doctrine, and efficient governance. They emphasize that lake resources are public assets with limited capacity, which must be managed responsibly and in the broader public interest. Importantly, the regulations clarify that no ownership or permanent rights will be granted over lake resources. Any permissions or allocations are temporary and subject to review, modification, or cancellation, reinforcing the principle that these natural resources remain under public control. The general public, stakeholders, individuals, organizations, and other interested parties associated with the tourism and boating sectors are informed that they may review the framework and submit their suggestions and objections, along with detailed reasons, within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. [Serial Number: NNIU/Garage/J.J.S.V.S./2026-27/325]

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Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026

Aug 07, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Govt. of Rajasthan on August 03, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Rules mainly deal with registration of dealers, amendment/cancellation of registration, payment of tax, returns, assessment, refunds, input tax credit, recovery of tax, appeals/revisions, penalties and maintenance of records/forms. They also provide detailed prescribed forms and online procedures for various compliances. • The Rules provide for registration and suo-moto registration, including issuance of temporary registration and maintenance of dealer particulars. Dealers can also opt for payment of tax under Section 6(2) subject to prescribed conditions and requirements relating to turnover, tax, closing stock and reversal of ITC. • They further establish procedures for refund applications and sanction/payment of refunds, including adjustment of refund amounts against outstanding demands and withholding of refunds in appropriate cases. The Rules also prescribe mechanisms for recovery and provisional attachment of bank accounts/property to protect government revenue, along with a procedure for filing objections against such attachment and subsequent restoration. • For dispute resolution, the Rules prescribe formats and procedures for appeals, cross-objections and revision before the appropriate authorities, including revision to the Rajasthan High Court. They also provide a structured process for declaring irrecoverable demands and writing them off in departmental records, while clarifying that such write-off does not waive the Government's right to recover the amount later if the dealer subsequently has the means to pay. [Notification No. - 12(27)FD/Tax/2025- 12]

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Govt. of Rajasthan notified regarding the Real-time uploading of inspection reports under the State Business Reform Action Plan (SBRAP) and District Business Reform Action Plan (DBRAP)

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Consumer Affairs Department, Government of Rajasthan on July 30, 2026, notified regarding the Real-time uploading of inspection reports under the State Business Reform Action Plan (SBRAP) and District Business Reform Action Plan (DBRAP). The order issued under the State Business Reform Action Plan (SBRAP) and District Business Reform Action Plan (DBRAP) supersedes the earlier departmental order dated September 14, 2017. It directs all Legal Metrology Officers to upload the inspection report of every commercial establishment, institution, or business inspected on the CIS Portal in real time. The inspection report is required to be uploaded within 24 hours of the inspection, ensuring timely reporting and greater transparency in the inspection process. [Notification No. - F 89/Sanstha / LM-01 (56) / 2017 Part 2-00681]

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Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Government of Rajasthan, on July 29, 2026, notified the Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Rajasthan Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 under Section 53 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009. The amendments were finalized after considering public objections and suggestions received on the draft rules published on June 20, 2026, and came into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. The amendments introduce the definitions of "Government Approved Test Centre" and "Self Declaration", and replace the existing licensing framework for manufacturers, repairers, and dealers of weights and measures with a registration-based system. Applications are now required to be submitted online, and registration certificates will be issued on the basis of self-declaration without prior inspection. Existing licences issued under the Rules are deemed to be registration certificates, and all registration certificates will remain valid unless suspended, cancelled, or surrendered. The amended Rules also provide that alteration of a registration certificate will attract a fee equal to half of the prescribed registration fee, require registered repairers to furnish the prescribed security deposit, mandate the display of the registration certificate at the business premises, and substitute references to "licence" with "registration certificate" throughout the relevant provisions. The amendments are intended to simplify regulatory compliance, promote ease of doing business, and streamline the registration process for legal metrology stakeholders in Rajasthan. [Notification No. G.S.R. 30]

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Rajasthan Govt. issued the date of the enforcement of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026

Aug 05, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on August 03, 2026, issued the date of the enforcement of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026. The State Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-rule (2) of Rule 1 of the Rajasthan Value Added Tax Rules, 2026, has appointed August 15, 2026, as the date on which the provisions of the said rule shall come into force. This notification establishes the effective date for implementation of Rule 1, thereby giving it legal enforceability from the specified date. All relevant stakeholders are required to comply with the provisions from August 15, 2026. The move ensures clarity regarding the commencement of the rule and facilitates its smooth implementation within the State's VAT framework. [Notification No. F.12 (27) FD/Tax/2025- 13]

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Sikkim

Sikkim Government extends the odd-even vehicle restriction across the state with immediate effect

Aug 23, 2026 | State | Sikkim

The Government of Sikkim on May 20, 2026, extended the odd-even vehicle restriction across the state with immediate effect. The State Government, in supersession of Notification No. 58/Transport/2024 dated October 24, 2024, has extended the Odd-Even Vehicle Restriction across the entire State under Section 115 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, pursuant to Notification No. 51/Home/2026 dated May 14, 2026. Under the restriction, odd-numbered private and government vehicles (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) may ply only on odd dates, while even-numbered vehicles (0, 2, 4, 6, 8) may ply only on even dates. The restriction does not apply to commercial vehicles, goods vehicles, taxis, two-wheelers and electric/battery-operated vehicles, and private vehicles are exempt on Saturdays and Sundays. District Collectors may issue exemption passes for private vehicles undertaking essential or exigency-related activities such as marriages, death rites and examinations. Emergency and essential service vehicles are also exempt, subject to verification by the police. District Collectors may further facilitate school car-pooling passes for groups of 3–4 children during specified school timings. For inter-district movement of official vehicles, prescribed prior approvals and online vehicle passes through the designated portal are mandatory. The notification comes into force with immediate effect and remains in force until further orders. [Notification no. - 52/Home/2026]

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Tamil Nadu

Government of Tamil Nadu Draft Amendments to Food Security Rules

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu, on July 21, 2026, published draft amendments to the Tamil Nadu Food Security Rules, 2017, proposing changes to Rule 7(1) and Rule 8(2) concerning the implementation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and constitution of Vigilance Committees. The draft provides that the District Supply Officer in districts other than Chennai, the Taluk Supply Officer at the taluk level, and the Assistant Commissioners of the Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department in Chennai will act as Nodal Officers for ensuring smooth implementation of the PDS within their respective jurisdictions. It further proposes changes to the nomination of Vigilance Committee members: in districts other than Chennai, members other than designated Government servants and elected representatives at Shop, Taluk and District levels will be nominated by the District Collector; in Chennai, the relevant members at Shop and Zonal levels will be nominated by the Joint Commissioner, while Chennai District-level and State-level members will be nominated by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department. The draft amendments were issued for public consultation, with objections and suggestions to be submitted to the Director of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Chennai. The amendments will be considered after expiry of 15 days from publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette. [G.O. Ms. No. 53]

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Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Aug 25, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on August 07, 2026, issued the Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Act, 2006. The following has been stated: - •Tamil Nadu Value Added Tax Act, 2006 is proposed to be amended by inserting Section 3-A to levy an Environmental and Social Welfare Cess on sale of alcoholic liquor. •The cess may be levied at a rate of up to ■20 per unit container, with different rates based on the type/quantity of liquor and container. •Proceeds may be used for recycling, de-addiction, welfare of affected families, awareness campaigns, and environmental, forest and wildlife protection. •The cess will not form part of taxable turnover, and “unit container” includes bottles, cans, tetra packs and similar receptacles. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: L.A. Bill No. 14 of 2026]

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Govt of Tamil Nadu issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Change of Land Use (From Agriculture to Non-agriculture Purposes in Non-planning Areas) Rules, 2017

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on August 03, 2026, issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Change of Land Use (From Agriculture to Non-agriculture Purposes in Non-planning Areas) Rules, 2017. The following has

been stated: - •The amendment to the Tamil Nadu Change of Land Use Rules, 2017 streamlines the approval process for conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural use in non-planning areas. •For dry lands, the Director is empowered to independently decide on issuing prior concurrence after verifying the documents uploaded by the applicant. •Further, sub-rule (2) of Rule 7 has been omitted. The amendment aims to simplify and expedite the land-use conversion process. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: SRO A-14(b)/2026]

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Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the draft amendments to the Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Labour Welfare and Skill Development, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on July 31, 2026, issued the draft amendments to the Tamil Nadu Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011. The following have been amended, namely: • Rule 11 is replaced to require every manufacturer, repairer and dealer to obtain a Registration Certificate from the Controller of Legal Metrology or authorised officer through the prescribed application forms, along with a self-declaration. The rules also provide exemptions for certain repairs undertaken by manufacturers and owners, prescribe conditions for registration, maintenance of records/workshops and equipment, security deposit by repairers, and mandatory display of the Registration Certificate. References to “Licence/Licensee/Licensed” are replaced with “Registration Certificate/Registrant/registered” in Rules 12 and 13. Rule 14 is amended to provide for verification at the location of immovable weights/measures and special/high-accuracy electronic weighing machines used for precious-metal transactions, while Rule 16 provides for an additional verification fee and expenses where verification is carried out at the user's premises. • The amendment also replaces Schedule II-A with detailed application forms for registration of manufacturers (RM-1), repairers (RR-1) and dealers (RD-1), incorporating extensive self-declarations regarding compliance with the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, applicable rules, accuracy of information, premises, technical staff, machinery, records and legal consequences of false declarations. Schedule II-B is omitted, while Schedule III is replaced with new Registration Certificate formats for manufacturers, repairers and dealers, together with conditions relating to compliance, display, verification/stamping and surrender/cancellation of registration. Schedule IV revises the registration fees to ■40,000 per year for manufacturers, ■15,000 per year for repairers and ■5,000 per year for dealers, with ■1,000 for alteration of a Registration Certificate. Schedule V is replaced with a revised register of registered manufacturers/repairers/dealers, and Schedule VI prescribes a ■20,000 security deposit for registered repairers. • Further, Schedule VII is replaced with separate registers for manufacturers, repairers and dealers to record manufacturing, repair, purchase, sale, stock and dispatch details. Schedule IX revises the fee for volumetric measuring instruments to ■4,000 per dispensing pump and ■2,000 per totalizing counter. The amendment also comprehensively revises Schedule XI relating to compounding fees for offences under the Legal Metrology Act, covering offences such as use of non-standard weights/measures, alteration or manufacture/sale of non-standard instruments, incorrect transactions or price declarations, non-compliance with quantity/declaration requirements for pre-packaged commodities, use of unverified instruments, false information, manufacture/repair/sale without Registration Certificate, tampering with Registration Certificate and contravention of the Rules. The revised compounding amounts vary according to the category of offender and the nature/number of the offence, with substantially higher penalties for subsequent offences and serious violations, including penalties up to ■25 lakh for certain pre-packaged commodity declaration violations. [Notification no. - SRO A-14(a)/2026]

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Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Natural Resources Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on July 23, 2026, issued the amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959. The amendment revises Appendix-II, Part A – "Rate of Seigniorage Fee" of the Rules. Under the category "Building and road construction materials/stones other than Granite", the description of the minor mineral against Serial No. 1(a) is substituted to specifically include rough stones, weathered rough stone, khandas, boulders, size-reduced (broken and crushed) materials, metal jelly, ballast, millstone and hand chakais. A new Note 3 is also inserted, providing that where a mineral concession holder proposes to dispose of weathered rough stone from rough stone quarries, the mineral constituents must first be analysed by the Directorate of Geology and Mining laboratory. If high-value minerals attracting a higher seigniorage fee are found, the material must be disposed of in accordance with the relevant Act and Rules; where no higher-value mineral is detected, the weathered rock may be disposed of as weathered rough stone. [Notification no. - SRO A-13(e)/2026]

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Tamil Nadu Govt. issued fixation of Wholesale Issue Price to the PDS Retail Points/ Retailers and Revision of Retail

Aug 19, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on July 16, 2026, issued fixation of Wholesale Issue Price to the PDS Retail Points/ Retailers and Revision of Retail. The Director of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, Tamil Nadu, revised the wholesale issue price and retail selling price of domestic PDS kerosene, pursuant to the revision of the 5% GST component on the wholesale dealer's commission and transport margin, as ordered under G.O. Ms. No. 41, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (C2) Department, dated June 10, 2026. The revision is made under the Tamil Nadu Kerosene (Regulation of Trade) Order, 1973, read with Section 3(2) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. For the specified wholesalers in Chennai City and Belt Area, the revised wholesale issue price is ■2,922.71 per 200-litre barrel, compared with the existing ■2,907.13. The revised retail selling price for domestic kerosene is ■15.00 per litre for transport distances up to 8 km and up to 10 km, and ■15.10 per litre for distances above 10 km. Accordingly, wholesale dealers are required to issue kerosene to PDS retail outlets, retailers and holders of special permits at the revised wholesale issue price, while PDS outlets operated by the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, co-operatives, private societies and other retailers must sell kerosene to cardholders at the applicable revised retail selling price. [notification No. VI(1)/393(a)/2026]

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Govt of Tamil Nadu issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Liquor Retail Vending (in Shops and Bars) Rules, 2003

Aug 18, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on July 24, 2026, issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Liquor Retail Vending (in Shops and Bars) Rules, 2003. The following has been stated: - •The amendment to the Tamil Nadu Liquor Retail Vending (in Shops and Bars) Rules, 2003 allows bars to be located either adjoining the liquor shop or within 100 metres, subject to prescribed conditions. •The permissible plinth area for bars is increased from 15 sq. metres to 20 sq. metres. •The provision requiring the Collector to decide the plinth area for bars exceeding 15 sq. metres is omitted. The amendment is made under Section 54 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: SRO A-13(f)/2026]

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TASMA issued circular on ESI/EPF Administration in view of the coming in to force of Code on Wages 2019 and also Code on Social Security 2020

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Tamil Nadu Spinning Mills Association (TASMA) on August 06, 2026, issued circular on ESI/EPF Administration in view of the coming in to force of Code on Wages 2019 and also Code on Social Security 2020. The Code on Social Security, 2020 brings a major change to the definition of "Wages" under Section 2(88), creating a uniform standard for EPF/ESI contribution calculations. The rule is simple: all remuneration counts as "wages" unless specifically excluded, and only Basic Pay, Dearness Allowance, and any specifically named Retaining Allowance form the core wage. Exclusions include Bonus outside standard employment terms, House-Accommodation/light/water/medical amenities, employer PF/Pension contributions, Conveyance Allowance, HRA, and Overtime/Commission. The critical safeguard is the 50% Rule: if excluded allowances (HRA, Conveyance, etc.) exceed 50% of total remuneration, the excess is automatically added back into "wages" for EPF/ESI purposes. This prevents companies from artificially inflating allowances to shrink their statutory contribution base — a common practice until now. Members are advised to review the enclosed ESIC Gujarat communication, which contains worked calculation examples, to correctly structure Wages vs. Allowances going forward. An important side-effect: since Bonus and Gratuity are legally calculated only on Basic + DA (not allowances), any restructuring that raises Basic + DA to satisfy the 50% rule will also raise the Bonus/Gratuity liability — a real financial impact management should factor in. Members should also reassess employees previously excluded from EPF (ceiling ■15,000) or ESI (ceiling ■21,000) based on the old low-Basic structure, as the new wage computation may now bring them within these schemes. Since coverage decisions will vary case-to-case, members are advised to plan salary splits carefully — ideally in a way that keeps additional Bonus/Gratuity costs manageable while making enrolment into EPF/ESI a smoother, more acceptable option. [Circular No. 30/2026-27]

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Tamil Nadu Advance Medical Directive Guidelines, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on July 31, 2026, issued the Tamil Nadu Advance Medical Directive Guidelines, 2026. These Guidelines governing the execution and implementation of Advance Medical

Directives (AMDs) — commonly known as living wills — enabling adults to specify in advance their wishes regarding withdrawal or refusal of medical treatment in end-of-life situations. Every adult has the right to execute an AMD (Form-A), which takes effect only when the executor becomes incapable of making or communicating informed medical decisions. The AMD must be voluntary, free of coercion or undue influence, unambiguous, and must demonstrate that the executor understood the consequences of executing it. It must name guardian(s) or close relative(s) authorized to give consent on the executor's behalf, and where multiple valid AMDs exist, the most recently signed one prevails. Execution requires the signature of the executor before two attesting witnesses, preferably independent, and attestation before a Notary or Gazetted Officer, all of whom must certify the document was executed voluntarily and with full understanding. A copy must be given to the nominated person(s) and family physician, and deposited with the Joint Director of Health Services (or notified officer) as custodian, with the option to incorporate it into digital health records. The AMD can be withdrawn or altered at any time by the executor while competent, following the same procedural safeguards. The implementation process centers on a two-tier medical board system. When a terminally ill executor with no reasonable hope of recovery loses decision-making capacity, the treating physician verifies the AMD's authenticity and the treating institution constitutes a Primary Medical Board (the treating physician plus at least two specialists with 5+ years' experience), which forms a preliminary opinion — ideally within 48 hours — on whether to certify withdrawal/refusal of treatment (recorded in Form-B). If the Primary Board certifies this course of action, a Secondary Medical Board is constituted, comprising a practitioner from a panel maintained by the Joint Director of Health Services plus two additional specialists (not part of the Primary Board), who independently visit the patient, ascertain the executor's wishes if possible (or the nominated person's consent if not), and issue their own opinion within 48 hours. Before treatment is withdrawn, the treating institution must inform the jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMFC) of both boards' decisions and the nominee's consent. If the Secondary Medical Board refuses permission to withdraw treatment, the nominated person(s), treating physician, or institution staff may petition the High Court under Article 226, triggering formation of a Division Bench (which may further constitute an independent three-doctor committee across specialties with 20+ years' experience) to adjudicate expeditiously, guided by the "best interests of the patient" principle. The Guidelines also address situations with no existing AMD: similar Primary/Secondary Board safeguards apply, but require consultation with the family physician and the patient's next of kin, with their written consent needed before certification, and disputed cases likewise escalate to the High Court. Other provisions clarify that an AMD won't apply if unforeseen circumstances arise that would have changed the executor's decision, and that ambiguous AMDs are treated as if no AMD exists. Finally, the Guidelines require that any withdrawal of life support be reported by the JMFC to the High Court and preserved digitally by the High Court Registry (with the hard copy destroyed three years after the patient's death). Notably, these Guidelines are stated to remain in force only until Parliament enacts formal legislation on the subject, indicating their interim/transitional nature. [G.O.(MS).No. 221, H & FW (M2)]

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Tripura

Tripura Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026

Aug 27, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Government of Tripura on August 25, 2026, notified the Tripura Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026. The Government has finalized the rules under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 (OSHWC Code) after considering objections and suggestions received on the draft rules published on January 20, 2026. The new rules supersede and consolidate various existing Tripura labour rules relating to factories, contract labour, inter-State migrant workers, building and other construction workers, plantations, motor transport workers, beedi and cigar workers, safety officers, welfare officers, and rationalisation/ease of compliance requirements. Compliance Impact: Employers and establishments covered by the OSHWC Code in Tripura will need to comply with the newly prescribed rules. The earlier State rules listed in the notification stand superseded, except for actions already completed or omitted before their repeal. They shall come into force on the date of their final publication in the Tripura Gazette. [Notification No. F.97(50)-LAB/ENF/OSHWC/2025/]

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Govt of Tripura issued a notification regarding Guidelines for Amateur Station Operator Certificate (ASOC)

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Government of Tripura on August 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding Guidelines for Amateur Station Operator Certificate (ASOC). The following has been stated: - •The Government of Tripura's Revenue Department outlines the process for obtaining an Amateur Station Operator Certificate (ASOC) under the Telecommunications (Amateur Services) Rules, 2024, which allows Indian citizens aged 12 and older to set up personal amateur radio stations. •Applicants can opt for General or Restricted grades by passing an examination to demonstrate essential technical knowledge and regulatory compliance. •The document specifies exam fees (■100 for one grade, ■200 for both) and license fees (■1,000 for 20 years, ■2,000 for lifetime validity) payable via the Bharatkosh portal. •The step-by-step application workflow requires submitting attested identity and nationality documents, downloading and uploading signed applications on the Saral Sanchar portal, taking the exam upon admit card issuance, and requesting a Call Sign post-qualification. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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Uttar Pradesh

Draft Bareilly Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026

Aug 17, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on August 05, 2026, issued the Draft Bareilly Cantonment Building Bye-laws, 2026 The following has been stated: • The draft establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework for construction, reconstruction, additions, alterations and use of buildings within the cantonment, including requirements relating to building plans, structural safety, access, sanitation, drainage, parking, setbacks, fire safety and other building standards. • The Bye-laws require building works to comply with sanctioned plans and prescribed safety standards, with applicants and professionals such as architects, civil engineers and structural engineers responsible for compliance and supervision. Applications and certificates are to be processed through the e-Chhawani portal, including structural/natural-hazard safety certification and supervision certificates. Before occupation, a completion certificate is required confirming that the construction conforms to the sanctioned plan, structural safety requirements and provisions relating to water harvesting, wastewater recycling, drainage, sanitation and water supply. • The draft also provides for revocation of building sanctions where approval was obtained through false statements, concealment or material misrepresentation, or where construction deviates from the sanctioned plan. Unauthorized construction may be considered for compounding subject to the Cantonments Act, applicable rules and restrictions relating to FSI, setbacks and ground coverage. The Bye-laws further divide the cantonment into designated zones and prescribe planning and construction controls appropriate to each zone. Existing buildings already approved by the Board, as well as buildings constructed under previously sanctioned plans, are protected under the saving clause. Contraventions are punishable under the Cantonments Act, 2006, and where there is any inconsistency, the Cantonments Act, applicable rules, lease/old-grant conditions and government policies will prevail. • The objections/suggestions may be submitted to the Ministry by September 13, 2026. [Notification no. S.R.O. 38(E)]

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Uttar Pradesh Krishi Utpadan Mandi (Thirty-First Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh, on June 5, 2026, notified the Uttar Pradesh Krishi Utpadan Mandi (Thirty-First Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Uttar Pradesh Krishi Utpadan Mandi Niyamawali, 1965 under Section 40(1) of the Uttar Pradesh Krishi Utpadan Mandi Adhiniyam, 1964. The amendment primarily modifies Rule 66-A relating to user charges on non-specified agricultural produce. Under the amended Rule 66-A, the existing provisions requiring traders dealing in non-specified agricultural produce to pay user charges, including liability retrospectively from May 11, 2020, continue. A new proviso empowers the State Government to exempt any non-specified agricultural produce from user charges, where considered necessary or expedient in the public interest, subject to conditions determined from time to time. The Rules also amend Rule 96(3) and (4) concerning approval and signing of cheques by Market Committees. The fixed ■1,000 threshold has been replaced with such amount as may be determined by the State Government, thereby allowing the Government to prescribe the monetary limit for bills that may be passed by the Secretary and cheques that may be signed by the Secretary. The Rules come into force from their publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. 07/2026/336/LXXX-1–2026/80-1099/151–2021]

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Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Fifth Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Aug 14, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh, on July 17, 2026, promulgated the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Fifth Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 under Article 213(1) of the Constitution, further amending the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Act, 2019. The Ordinance has been issued as the State Legislature was not in session and the Governor considered immediate action necessary. It comes into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. The Ordinance amends Schedule-2 of the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Act, 2019 by inserting Serial No. 56, thereby recognising Thakur Yugraj Singh University, Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, with Anglo Sanskrit College, Fatehpur as its sponsoring body. This formally adds the University to the Schedule of private universities under the principal Act. The Ordinance further empowers the State Government to issue orders for removing difficulties relating to the establishment of Thakur Yugraj Singh University by adapting, modifying, adding to or omitting provisions of the principal Act, for a specified period. However, no such order may be made after two years from the commencement of the Ordinance, and every such order must be laid before both Houses of the State Legislature. [U.P. Ordinance No. 19 of 2026]

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Draft Uttar Pradesh Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on July 15, 2026, issued the Draft Uttar Pradesh Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Uttar Pradesh Government has proposed draft rules under the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 for regulating Government Approved Test Centres. •Government Approved Test Centres may verify specified weights and measures, subject to prescribed standards, infrastructure and qualified manpower requirements. •Applications for approval are to be submitted to the Controller, Legal Metrology, with approval by the State Government. •The rules provide for suspension/revocation of approval, including an opportunity to show cause, and prescribe an application fee of ■20,000 per piece of equipment per year. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: I/1397083/2026/LXXXIV-1099/24–2025]

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Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on July 17, 2026, issued the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, further to amend the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Act, 2019. It shall come into force from July 25, 2026. The following has been amended, namely: • The Government has amended Schedule-2, by inserting Serial No. 54 to include Ajay Kumar Garg University, Ghaziabad, Uttar

Pradesh, sponsored by the Indian Institute of Management and Engineering Society, Ghaziabad. • The amendment also empowers the State Government to issue orders, published in the Gazette, to remove any difficulty arising in relation to the establishment of the University. For this purpose, the provisions of the principal Act may, for a specified period, be applied with necessary adaptations, modifications, additions or omissions. However, such an order cannot be made after two years from the commencement of the Ordinance. Every order issued under this provision shall be laid before both Houses of the State Legislature as soon as practicable. [Notification No. - 177(2)/LXXIX-V-1–2026-2-ka-17–2026]

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Draft Uttar Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on July 15, 2026, published the draft Uttar Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026, proposing amendments to the Uttar Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011. The draft seeks to replace the existing licensing framework with a lifetime registration certificate system, introduce new categories of dealers and strengthen annual compliance requirements. The following has been stated: New definitions: Introduces definitions for improvement notice, hawker, retailer, wholesaler, and intermediary, distinguishing B2C and B2B activities. Licence replaced by registration: References to licences are replaced with registration certificates for manufacturers, repairers and dealers. Registration certificates will be valid for the lifetime of the business entity and will not require periodic renewal. Annual return: Every registered manufacturer, repairer and dealer must file an annual return in Form RC-AR by April 30 each year, covering activities such as production, sales, repairs and changes in registration particulars. Failure to file is an offence. Suspension/revocation: Suspension and revocation of registration certificates will be governed by Sections 15(6) and 15(7) of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009, as amended by the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026. Penalty: Contraventions for which no separate punishment is prescribed may attract a penalty of up to ■1 lakh. Such offences are also stated to be compoundable under Section 48 of the Act. Conversion of existing licences: Existing valid licences will be deemed to be registration certificates for their remaining validity period. Holders can voluntarily convert them into lifetime registration certificates by paying the prescribed conversion fee. Mandatory conversion after expiry: Where voluntary conversion is not undertaken, the holder must apply for conversion within 60 days after expiry, with a possible extension of up to 90 additional days on sufficient cause. No fresh inspection: Conversion into a lifetime registration certificate will not require fresh inspection or verification of premises. Renewal forms removed: Existing renewal forms LM-2, LR-2 and LD-2 are omitted and replaced by Form RC-Conv for conversion to lifetime registration.

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Govt. of Uttar Pradesh prohibits strikes in co-operative and warehousing services for six months

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on July 01, 2026, prohibits strikes in co-operative and warehousing services for six months. The Government has prohibited strikes for a period of six months in all services under the Uttar Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation, all Apex Co-operative Societies, Co-operative

Federations and Co-operative Unions operating in the State. The prohibition has been issued under Section 3(1) of the Uttar Pradesh Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1966 (U.P. Act No. 30 of 1966) and will take effect from the date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. - 190/XLIX-1–2026]

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Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Scheme, Uttar Pradesh

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on June 29, 2026, issued the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Scheme, Uttar Pradesh. This Scheme, effective from July 1, 2026 and applicable to all notified rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, reworks the existing rural employment guarantee framework to align it with the national "Viksit Bharat @2047" vision. Its core guarantee is enhanced statutory wage-employment of at least 125 days per financial year for rural households whose adult members volunteer for unskilled manual work. Wages must be paid weekly or within a fortnight of work completion, with a 0.05% per day compensation for delayed payments beyond 15 days of muster roll closure, and applicants not provided work within 15 days of application become entitled to an unemployment allowance. Every adult member of a registered household holding a Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Card can apply for work orally, in writing, or digitally, with special provisions for proactively identifying and supporting vulnerable groups. A central innovation is the planning architecture built around the Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan (VGPP) — a participatory, GIS and PM Gati Shakti-based local development plan prepared by each Gram Panchayat and approved by the Gram Sabha. These plans are aggregated upward through Block, District, and State levels and consolidated into a Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack, a digital registry tracking all rural works (whether funded under this Scheme or other Central/State/local schemes) to prevent duplication and ensure saturation-based, convergence-driven development across four thematic domains: water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood infrastructure, and climate-resilience works. Gram Panchayats are categorized (A, B, C, etc.) based on development parameters to tailor saturation planning, and no works may be scheduled during notified peak agricultural periods. The Scheme establishes a layered institutional structure. At the state level, the Uttar Pradesh State Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Council — chaired by the Chief Minister and including multiple ministers, secretaries, and at least 15 non-official members (with mandated representation of women and marginalized groups) — advises on policy, monitors implementation, and prepares annual reports. A State Level Steering Committee, chaired by the Chief Secretary, provides operational oversight and coordinates with the National Level Steering Committee. Below this, Panchayats at district, intermediate, and village levels serve as principal implementing authorities, supported by a District Programme Coordinator (the District Collector) and Programme Officers at the Block level, who handle plan consolidation, work sanctioning, wage disbursement, grievance redressal, and digital/biometric monitoring. At the grassroots level, Gram Panchayats are responsible for household registration, issuing Rozgar Guarantee Cards, preparing VGPPs, allocating work (with Programme Officers required to route at least 50% of work cost through Gram Panchayats), and executing sanctioned works. The Gram Sabha is tasked with conducting regular social audits of all works, with Gram Panchayats obligated to provide full access to muster rolls, bills, vouchers, measurement books, geo-tagged photographs, and other records — reinforcing the Scheme's strong emphasis on digital transparency, biometric authentication, GPS-based worksite monitoring, and AI-assisted planning and fraud detection throughout the implementation chain. [Notification No. DFA/1517518 /XXXVIII-6003(001)/1–2026]

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Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Fourth Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Aug 12, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on July 25, 2026, issued the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities (Fourth Amendment) Ordinance, 2026 to further amend the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Act, 2019. The following amendments have been stated: • In Schedule-2 of the Uttar Pradesh Private Universities Act, 2019, after serial no. 54, the following serial number and the entries relating thereto shall be inserted, namely:– Sl. no. 55 Maharshi Mahesh Yogi International Agriculture University, Bilhaur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh Swami Brahmanand Saraswati Charitable Trust, Delhi [Notification No. 176(2)/LXXIX-V-1–2026-2-ka-18-2026]

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Draft Prayagraj Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Ministry of Defence on July 30, 2026, has issued the Draft Prayagraj Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 to regulate building construction, alterations, additions, building sanctions and zoning within the limits of Prayagraj Cantonment. The Bye-Laws shall come into force upon their final publication in the Official Gazette by the Central Government. The following has been stated: Building sanction: No person shall undertake erection, re-erection, addition or alteration of any building without obtaining sanction from the Competent Authority. Applications are to be submitted online through the e-Chhawani portal through a Cantonment Board registered architect/engineer. Eligibility: Only persons having legally valid occupancy rights over leased, old grant or private land may apply for building-plan sanction. Applications may be refused where lease or old grant conditions have been breached until such breach is regularised or condoned. Fees and incentives: Building application fees, development charges, labour cess and other applicable charges are payable before sanction. For buildings below 300 sq. metres, applicants opting for rooftop solar installation and/or rainwater harvesting may be eligible for refund of development charges. A 50% rebate in processing fees is also provided after installation of solar panels in buildings with plot area below 300 sq. metres. Minimum plot size and environmental requirements: The minimum residential plot size is 30 sq. metres. Rooftop solar installation and rainwater harvesting are mandatory where the plot size exceeds 200 sq. metres for commercial buildings and 300 sq. metres for other buildings. Revalidation of sanction: Building sanctions may be revalidated after expiry on payment of the prescribed revalidation fees and submission of the original sanctioned plan, construction-related documents and supervision certificate. Unauthorised construction: The Cantonment Board may prescribe penalties/fees for regularisation of unauthorised construction. Existing unauthorised constructions or deviations may be considered for compounding, subject to the Cantonments Act, 2006 and restrictions relating to FSI, setbacks and ground coverage. Zoning: Prayagraj Cantonment comprises New Cantonment, Old Cantonment and Fort Cantonment, each divided into Zone-I covering civil areas and privately held land with generally high population density, and Zone-II covering other land, including Old Grant Bungalows and leases outside civil areas. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Draft Fatehgarh Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 10, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Ministry of Defence, on July 28, 2026, has issued the Draft Fatehgarh Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 to regulate construction, re-construction, additions, alterations, building sanctions and zoning within the limits of Fatehgarh Cantonment. The Bye-Laws shall come into force upon their final publication in the Official Gazette. The following has been stated: Building sanction: No person shall undertake erection, re-erection, addition or alteration of any building without obtaining sanction from the Competent Authority. Applications are required to be submitted online through the e-Chhawani portal through a registered architect/engineer. Eligibility: Only persons having legally valid occupancy rights over leased, old grant or private land may apply for building-plan sanction. Charges and incentives: Building application fees, development charges, labour cess and other applicable charges are payable before sanction. Buildings below 300 sq. metres opting for rooftop solar installation and/or rainwater harvesting may be eligible for refund of development charges, subject to the Board's resolution. Minimum plot size: The minimum plot size for residential/commercial purposes is prescribed as 30 sq. metres, subject to an exemption for existing authorised buildings having smaller plots. Solar and rainwater harvesting: Rooftop solar installation and rainwater harvesting shall be mandatory for plots exceeding 300 sq. metres. Unauthorised construction: Existing unauthorised constructions or deviations may be considered for compounding, subject to payment of prescribed compounding fees and compliance with restrictions relating to FSI, setbacks and ground coverage. Zoning: The Cantonment is proposed to be divided into Zone-I, covering civil areas and privately held land with generally high-density development, and Zone-II, covering other land including old grant properties and leases outside civil areas. Zone-I development norms: Residential plots have prescribed ground coverage ranging from 45% to 75% and FSI from 1.25 to 2.00, depending on plot size. Separate FSI and ground-coverage norms are prescribed for commercial, office, educational/institutional, community and group-housing uses. Building height and storeys: In Zone-I, the minimum floor height is prescribed at 2.70 metres, while the total building height is generally capped at 12 metres. The maximum permissible configuration is Stilt + Ground + 2 floors, where the stilt is used for parking. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Draft Ayodhya Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 04, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Ministry of Defence (MoD), on July 28, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing the Ayodhya Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026 under Section 251 of the Cantonments Act, 2006, in supersession of the existing building bye-laws notified in 1954. The draft has been published for public consultation, and stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions within 30 days from the date the Gazette is made available to the public. [Notification No. S.R.O. 19(E)] The proposed bye-laws will apply within the Ayodhya Cantonment limits and will come into force upon their final publication in the Official Gazette. They establish a comprehensive regulatory framework governing building construction, reconstruction, additions, alterations, approvals, and development controls within the cantonment. The draft also introduces detailed definitions for various planning and construction terms, including buildings, apartments, architects, basements, balconies, building height, building envelope, commercial buildings, competent authority, and other technical concepts

necessary for uniform implementation. The draft aims to modernize and standardize building regulations in the Ayodhya Cantonment by replacing the decades-old framework with updated provisions aligned with the Cantonments Act, 2006. It is intended to facilitate planned urban development, ensure regulatory clarity, promote safe construction practices, and streamline the building approval process while accommodating contemporary planning, engineering, and accessibility standards. [Notification No. S.R.O. 19(E)]

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Uttarakhand

Draft Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2026

Aug 22, 2026 | State | Uttarakhand

The Government of Uttarakhand on August 18, 2026, issued the Draft Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: - •This draft notification from the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission outlines the Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters Regulations, 2026. •The primary objective is to maintain grid discipline and security across the state by commercially settling deviations between scheduled and actual drawals or injections of electricity. •Applicable to all intra-state grid-connected buyers and sellers, it establishes standardized formulas for computing over- and under-injections or drawals. •The framework details specific deviation charges based on grid frequency and source types, including general, renewable, municipal solid waste, and energy storage systems. •Furthermore, it establishes operational guidelines for Qualified Coordinating Agencies (QCAs) to aggregate renewable energy schedules and handle settlement pooling. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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Draft Nainital Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026

Aug 13, 2026 | State | Uttarakhand

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on July 31, 2026, issued the Draft Nainital Cantonment Building Bye-Laws, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Bye-Laws establish a comprehensive framework for construction, reconstruction, additions and alterations of buildings. No building work can be undertaken without prior sanction from the Competent Authority. Applications are required to be submitted through the e-Chhawani portal with prescribed plans and documents through a registered architect/engineer. Only persons having legally valid occupancy rights over leased, Old Grant or private land can apply, and violations of lease/Old Grant conditions shall be regularised or condoned before sanction. Building application fees, development charges, labour cess and other prescribed charges are also payable. • The draft introduces Zone-I and Zone-II zoning based broadly on population density and land characteristics. Both zones prescribe FSI and maximum ground coverage according to plot size: FSI ranges from 2.00 to 1.50 and ground coverage from 85% to 55%. The minimum dwelling-unit size is generally 26 sq. m. for plots above 30 sq. m., while the maximum permissible building height is 12 metres, with G+2 floors permitted where stilt parking is used, excluding the stilt and basement. • The Bye-Laws prescribe detailed front, side and rear setbacks/open spaces, regulating the placement of buildings, balconies, sunshades, external staircases and parking. Certain facilities such as rainwater-harvesting pits, septic tanks and soak pits may be permitted within specified open spaces. They also contain detailed requirements for basements, including minimum height, ventilation, drainage, fire protection, waterproofing, separate access, fire extinguishers and restrictions on kitchens/toilets and other uses. • Environmental and sustainability measures are incorporated through incentives for rooftop solar installations and rainwater harvesting. For buildings below 200 sq. m., applicants opting for and completing such facilities can receive a refund of development charges, subject to the Board determining the applicable incentive and submission of photographs. The completion documentation also requires certification regarding water harvesting and wastewater recycling systems. • For sanitation, dry latrines are

prohibited, and buildings shall have proper sewage disposal systems. Connection to the Cantonment sewer is required wherever feasible; otherwise, properly designed septic tanks and soak pits are to be provided. Discharge of sewage or sludge into open drains, nallahs, natural water sources or other water bodies is prohibited. • Public objections and suggestions may be submitted by September 10, 2026. [Notification No. - S.R.O. 31(E)]

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West Bengal

West Bengal Govt. issued the Standard Operating Procedure for execution of project based proposals related to Farm Gate Pack house with Standalone Cold Storage, Integrated Pack house, Collection Aggregation Centre, Cold Rooms, Cold Storages and Ripening Chamber under Integrated Post Harvest Management components of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)

Aug 26, 2026 | State | West Bengal

The Government of West Bengal on August 20, 2026, issued the Standard Operating Procedure for execution of project based proposals related to Farm Gate Pack house with Standalone Cold Storage, Integrated Pack house, Collection Aggregation Centre, Cold Rooms, Cold Storages and Ripening Chamber under Integrated Post Harvest Management components of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). The Horticulture MIDH Division has mandated that project-based proposals for Cold Chain and Post-Harvest Management must be submitted through the MIDH SURAKSHA Portal, complete in all respects and supported by required documents, geo-tagged photographs, and necessary technical details. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has also been issued for execution of project-based proposals covering Farm Gate Pack house with Standalone Cold Storage, Integrated Pack house, Collection Aggregation Centre, Cold Rooms, Cold Storages, and Ripening Chambers under the Integrated Post Harvest Management components of MIDH. Stakeholders are required to follow the prescribed SOP while submitting and executing such projects. Compliance Action: Entities proposing or implementing eligible MIDH post-harvest infrastructure projects should ensure portal-based submission, complete documentation, geo-tagged photographs, and compliance with the prescribed SOP. [Notification No. 1/807714/2026/ DOH-17099/15/2026]

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Govt. of West Bengal issued a notification regarding extension of FAWLOI Scheme for Locked-Out Workers

Aug 25, 2026 | State | West Bengal

The Government of West Bengal on July 31, 2026, issued a notification regarding extension of FAWLOI Scheme for Locked-Out Workers. The following has been stated: - •The Financial Assistance to Workers in Locked-Out Industrial Units (FAWLOI) scheme has been extended for one year, from April 01, 2026 to March 31, 2027. •The extension is in continuation of the Department's Notification dated May 06, 2025 and incorporates the amended scheme provisions. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Labr./818/(LC-Estt.)]

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Govt. of West Bengal notified regarding the Strengthening of Quality Monitoring, Inspection and Quality Control Mechanism for PDS Foodgrains

Aug 24, 2026 | State | West Bengal

The Food and Supplies Department, Govt. of West Bengal on June 08, 2026, notified regarding the Strengthening of Quality Monitoring, Inspection and Quality Control Mechanism for PDS Foodgrains. The following has been stated: • The Department has directed strengthening of quality control and monitoring of PDS foodgrains, particularly rice and wheat, in accordance with the existing procurement policy and SOPs prescribed under Order No. 525-FS dated February 17, 2026. The Director, Inspection & Quality Control (I&QC) has been directed to intensify sampling, testing, inspections and quality surveillance, conduct training of inspection staff and submit monthly reports on quality monitoring and corrective actions. • District Controllers of Food & Supplies (DCF&Ss) are required to constitute rotational inspection teams to conduct surprise inspections of godowns and verify the quality of stocks received during the preceding 72 hours. Any major discrepancy, including differences in moisture content between the values recorded at receipt and those found during inspection, will be viewed seriously, with responsibility placed on the concerned Quality Control Inspector and immediate action against responsible stakeholders/officials. • The Directors of DDP&S and Rationing are directed to strengthen quality checks across receipt, storage, transportation and distribution, ensure compliance with the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) principle, conduct inspections at distributors and Fair Price Shops (FPSs), fix responsibility for deficiencies and take immediate corrective or penal action. • They will be ultimately responsible for ensuring the quality of foodgrains from lifting from godowns until distribution to beneficiaries. Action Taken Reports (ATRs) are required to be submitted within the prescribed timelines, and the directions are to be treated as a matter of top priority. [Notification no. - 1586/1(6)-FS/Sectt/Food/2G-01/2026]

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West Bengal Govt. issued Draft Amendment to West Bengal Professional Tax Schedule

Aug 21, 2026 | State | West Bengal

The Government of West Bengal on August 18, 2026, issued Draft Amendment to West Bengal Professional Tax Schedule. The amendment follows an earlier change to the parent Act (via Notification No. 756-L dated 07.08.2026) and introduces a new Schedule under sub-section (2A) of Section 3, replacing the existing one. The draft is open for public objections or suggestions for 14 days from publication before being finalized. The proposed Schedule is divided into three parts. Part A covers general categories: salaried employees (taxed on a monthly slab basis ranging from Nil for those earning up to Rs. 20,000/month to Rs. 208/month for those earning above Rs. 1,00,000/month); individuals engaged in a profession or calling (taxed annually based on gross income slabs, from Nil up to Rs. 2,500/year); and persons engaged in trade involving supply of goods/services (taxed annually based on turnover/gross receipts, from Nil up to Rs. 2,500/year for turnover above Rs. 40 lakh). Part B lists categories exempted from tax altogether (Nil rate) — persons already exempted under earlier government notifications, and personnel on active duty with the Border Security Force. Part C lists 21 specific categories of professionals, trades, and establishments that are required to pay a flat rate of Rs. 2,500 per annum, regardless of their income, turnover, or receipts. This list is broad and includes estate agents/brokers, customs/shipping agents, owners of jute/rice mills, shops within malls, fuel stations, liquor licensees, air-conditioned restaurants/hotels/gyms/beauty parlours, chit fund operators, licensed money lenders, factory owners, banking companies, registered companies (and their directors), transport permit holders with vehicles having more than four wheels, security service providers, healthcare facilities (hospitals, diagnostic centers, IVF centers), and licensed bookmakers/trainers at turf clubs. The notification restructures West Bengal's professional tax slabs — differentiating between salaried individuals,

general professionals/traders (taxed progressively based on income/turnover), and a specified list of businesses/professions subject to a uniform flat annual tax of Rs. 2,500, irrespective of their earnings. [Notification No. 1407-F.T.]

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