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- MoC&I notified regarding the Anti-absorption investigation of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of 'Glufosinate and its salts' originating in or exported from China PR
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- BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats
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- DGFT notified regarding the launch of Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN
- BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Dimensions of Vertical Shaft Motors for Pumps, Coding of Audio-Visual Objects, etc.
- BIS issued the date of establishment of amendment of IS for Specification for Modular Lower Limb Orthotic Components, Information Technology, etc.
- BIS issued a withdrawal to older notification related to Design Earthquake Hazard and Criteria for Earthquake
- BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Acoustics — Description, Measurement and Assessment of Environmental Noise, Cable Networks for Television Signals, etc.
- BIS issued the date of establishment of amendment of IS for Implants for Surgery, Miniature Fuses Part 4 Universal Modular Fuse-Links (UMF), etc.
- BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Genomics Informatics, Health Informatics — Medical Waveform, etc.
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- CDSL notified regarding the early redemption of sovereign gold bonds calendar for the period April 2026 to September 2026
- CDSL notified regarding the Eligibility Criteria and Quarterly Reassessment Guidelines by SEBI/CDSL
- CBSE issued a notification regarding the Date sheet for students of Class XII participating in National/International sports events
- Cookware, Utensils, and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2026
- DGFT issued Policy Support and Relaxation Measures for the Gem & Jewellery sector under Chapter 4 of FTP-2023
- IFSCA issued the Corrigendum to the circular on Fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in IFSC
- IFSCA issued the Draft International Financial Services Centres Authority (Managing General Agents) Regulations, 2026
- MCX notified regarding the Security Requirement for Members Connecting Through MCX SSL VPN Solution
- SEBI issued the Monthly Bulletin for March 2026
- Post Office (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- RBI Capital Market Exposure Amendment Directions Deferred
- NPPA notified the revised Ceiling Prices for Scheduled Formulations effective April 1, 2026
- NPPA issued revision of Ceiling Prices for Scheduled Formulations (Meropenem Packs)
- NPPA issued revision of Ceiling Prices for Specific Scheduled Formulation Packs
- MoT notified regarding the revision of Ex-Factory Prices for 580 gm B-Twill Jute Bags (Type A & B) for September, October, November & December 2016
- NeSL issued regarding the Clarification on SD calculator for the state of Uttar Pradesh for Digital e-Stamping
- MoC released the provisional National Coal Index (NCI) with base year 2017–18 for February 2026
- MoHI issued a notification regarding the Aadhaar Authentication requirement for availing of government benefits
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- Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2026

- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers), (Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- MCX issued regarding the Product Movement between Partition effective from March 30
- Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Unique Identifiers in Financial Markets) Directions, 2026
- FSSAI issued the FAQs on Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026
- Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) (Second) Amendment Order, 2026
- DGS issued Advisory to exercise responsibility while sharing information related to maritime incidents in the Gulf Region
- DGS issued regarding the Implementation of the 2016 amendments to the STCW Convention and Code relating to Regulation V/2
- Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Amendment Rules, 2026
- SEBI notified regarding the Commodity Derivatives Segment
- NCDEX issued regarding the Re-triggering of 2.5% E-ASM on Turmeric Contracts due to Price Volatility (Till April 06, 2026)
- MoPSW issued the enforcement date of Merchant Shipping Act, 2025
- MoAFW notified regarding the Fertiliser Import Specifications
- NCCL issued circular regarding the Settlement Price of Options on Futures contract expired on March 27, 2026
- RBI issued the NOP-INR position of Authorised Dealers
- TRAI Direction on Publication and Updating of Tariff Offers
- MIB Strengthening Anti-Piracy Enforcement under Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 2023
- BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on March 28 for Commodity Derivatives segment (PR)
- BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on March 28 for Currency Derivatives segment (PR)
- DGCA invites proposals for empanelment of breath-analyzer equipment in aviation sector
- MCX issued a notification regarding mock trading on March 29, 2026
- DICGC issued a notification regarding implementation of Risk Based Premium (RBP) framework
- DGS issued draft checklist for vessel registration for stakeholder consultation
- Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- MoA&FW notifies specifications for new fertilisers for three-year period
- UGC notified regarding the association of HEIs with surveys and review of the Journalism Syllabus
- TRAI Tariff Framework and Quality of Service Monitoring Mechanism
- TRAI issued the Extension of last date for Submission of Comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on 'Review of Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024
- TRAI issued the amendments in provisions of Telecommunication Tariff Order and Accounting Separation Regulations
- NPCI issued addendum to OC 230 Implementation of Switching Fee Rebate for UPI URCS Back-Office System

- NMC notified regarding the compliance with the Supreme Court judgment on stem cell therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder
- NCDEX notified regarding the Contingency Mock on March 28, 2026
- NCCL notified regarding the Contingency Mock on March 28, 2026
- NPPA issued amendment in the Manufacturer Details in Retail Price Notification (2018)
- NPPA issued the Correction in Manufacturer Details of M/s Sun Pharma Laboratories Limited under NPPA Retail Price Notification
- NPPA Revision of Ceiling Prices of Scheduled Formulations (WPI Adjustment 2026)
- MNRE issued Call for Proposals for Skilling, Upskilling and Reskilling under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)
- RBI issued FAQs on Annual Return on Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) under FEMA, 1999
- Paradip Port Authority issued Withdrawal of Restrictions on Overnight Berthing of Ammonium Nitrate Ships
- PPA Priority Berthing for LPG Vessels
- SEBI issued clarification regarding eligibility of members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India to conduct annual audit of Investment Advisers
- SEBI issued the Clarification regarding eligibility of members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India to conduct annual audit of Research Analysts
- IRDAI Special Measures for Policyholder Servicing on March 31, 2026
- DGFT issued extension in the validity of TRQ Authorisation for import of gold under India-UA■ ■■■■ (Tariff Head 7108) issued in FY 2025-26
- IFSCA notified regarding the Grant of Qualifying Central Counterparty (QCCP) status to IIBX operating in GIFT IFSC
- Draft Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2026
- SEBI issued Consultation Paper on introduction of Gift Card/ Gift PPI (Prepaid Payment Instrument) for Mutual Funds
- RBI issued FAQs on Foreign Liabilities and Assets Information Reporting (FLAIR) – Online Web Based Reporting System
- NPPA issued an office memorandum notifying the annual change in WPI for the calendar year 2025 over 2024
- NPPA computed the retail price of the formulation Ivermectin IP 6 mg
- NSE issued a notification regarding annual clearing membership fees for FY 2026-27
- NPCI notified regarding the Biometric Authentication for UPI Payments on Android and iOS
- MoH&FW notified regarding the regulatory surveillance over Weight Loss Drug (GLP-1) Supply Chain
- MoAFW notified regarding the Closure of applications for registration of parental lines of hybrid submitted under Compound Registration System
- MoCI issued amendment in Policy condition No.2 to Chapter 95 of ITC (HS), 2022 - Schedule - 1 (Import Policy)
- NPPA computed the Retail Price of Gliclazide IP 80 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride 500 mg for M/s Alkem Healthscience (A unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd.) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Ltd. (Marketer)
- NPPA computed the Retail Price of Cefuroxime Axetil IP equivalent to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250mg for M/s Theon Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Laboratories Pvt Ltd. (Marketer)
- NMC notified regarding the Implementation of HMIS (Health Management Information System)
- NCDEX notified regarding the E-ASM of 2.5% re-triggered

- MoT notified regarding the Stock Limits and Compliance Directions for Raw Jute under Jute Control Order, 2016
- NPPA issued the retail price of the Cefuroxime Axetil IP eq. to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250 mg for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Glensmith Labs Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)
- NPPA Retail Price Fixation of Cefuroxime Axetil + Clavulanate Tablets
- PPA notified regarding revoking the abeyance on the Advisory for handling Ammonium Nitrate at Major Ports
- IIDI notified regarding the Revision in Fees and charges to Issuers
- DFPD issued notification on allocation of export quota of C7587 MT to willing sugar mills during Sugar season 2025-26
- DGFT issued notification regarding the Restoration of RoDTEP rates
- SEBI Key Decisions from Board Meeting
- Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026
- NPPA computed the Retail Price of Retail Price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer)
- Ministry of Textiles Finalizes Prices for B-Twill Sacking Jute Bags (580 gms)
- Ministry of Mines issued the Draft Mineral Exchange Rules, 2026
- NABH notified regarding the Implementation Plan of NABH Certification Standards for Emergency Department in Hospital 2nd Edition
- NABH notified regarding the implementation plan of 2nd edition NABH Nursing Excellence Standards for hospitals
- NABH Entry Level Ayush Hospitals Certification Programme
- SEBI issued the Master Circular for Mutual Funds
- CDSCO Direction on Unapproved Sodium Hyaluronate Eye Drops
- DGCA Standardization of Surveillance Findings and Introduction of Level-III Observations
- DGCA Advisory on Installation and Maintenance of CNS Equipment
- DGS notified regarding the issues faced in export shipments through sea routes in view of the evolving situation in the Middle East
- Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) (Third) Amendment Order, 2026
- MCX notified regarding the Mock Trading on March 21, 2026
- IFSCA Support for Alternative Trade Instruments EPM Niryat Protsahan
- RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Fifth Amendment Directions, 2026
- RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Second Amendment Directions, 2026
- Petroleum and Natural Gas (Furnishing of Information) Order, 2026
- MoH&FW notified regarding the date of appointment of certain provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023
- MoHFW issued the appointment of effective Date for the provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023
- NeSL notified regarding the Article updation for the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
- MNRE issued a notification regarding the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme (2026–31)

- MoA&FW issued a notification regarding Nano Fertilisers under the Fertiliser Control Order, 1985
- MoFAH&D notified regarding the Aadhaar Authentication for Fishers under the Department of Fisheries
- IFSCA issued measures in relation to ensuring substance in Capital Market Intermediaries in the GIFT IFSC
- FSSAI notified regarding the implementation of 'Food Recall' functionality under the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS)
- FSSAI issued an order regarding Compliance obligations of E-commerce FBOs in the context of the Open Network for Digital Commerce model
- DGS notified regarding the Launch of the new website and the discontinuation of the old website
- DGS issued a Draft circular on requirements for the Carriage of Plastic Pellets by Sea in Freight Containers
- DGFT Amendment in Import Policy (ITC HS)
- CBSE issued notification on Assessment scheme for declaration of results of Class X in Middle East Regions
- CBSE issued the advisory regarding Misleading Information on Social Media Legal action against defaulters
- CBSE Launch of Integrated Payment System for Practical Examinations 2026
- CDSCO Guidance on Dossier-Based Drug Licensing
- DGCA notified regarding the Compliance Submission of DGCA Mandatory Modifications
- DGCA issued provisions of the Passenger's Mobile Number and Email ID at the Time of Booking of Air Tickets
- DGCA issued circular regarding the Helicopter Cargo Operations
- DGCA issued circular regarding the Installation of Action Cameras in Trainer Aircraft for cockpit voice & video recording
- Draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- DGS Issues Order on Use of Satellite Communication Equipment in Indian Coastal Waters
- Kerala Municipality (Issue of Licence to Enterprises) Rules, 2026
- IRDAI discussed Public Insurance Registry and Bima Sugam to Strengthen Digital Insurance Ecosystem
- IRDAI Collaboration with Industry for Health Insurance Reforms
- PCC DNH & DD Allows Temporary Use of Alternative Fuels Due to Natural Gas Shortage
- MoHFW Approves Major Regulatory Reforms to Promote Ease of Doing Business and Strengthen Food Safety Framework
- MoLE notified regarding the rescission of Bye-laws for the Grant of Gas Testing Certificates under Coal Mines Regulations, 2017
- MoCA issued DGCA Directions to Enhance Passenger Rights, Transparency, and Air Travel Experience in India
- MNRE Expansion of ALMM Framework to Solar Ingots and Wafers
- National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
- NPPA issued the retail price of the Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 10 mg (as film coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)
- NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 20 mg (as film-coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies

Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

- NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 40mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer)
- NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 20mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer)
- NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 10 mg (as film coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)
- NPPA Fixation of Retail Price for Cefixime + Clavulanic Acid Tablets
- NPCI Introduction of New NRCS Back Office Features
- MoWCD notified regarding the Key Directions to Strengthen Adoption Procedures, Record Preservation, and Child Privacy issued by CARA
- Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Third Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Third Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Second Amendment Directions, 2026
- IFSCA issued a consultation paper on proposed amendments in CMI Regulations and Master Circular with respect to credit rating agencies
- IFSCA FinTech Sandbox Framework Circular, 2026
- IFSCA Consultation Paper on TCSP & SPV Framework for Leasing in IFSC
- IRDAI issued a circular regarding transition agreements for the payment of Annual Fee and issuance of Certificate of Registration
- Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Digital Networking Platforms (Accountability and User Protection) Bill, 2026
- DGFT issued amendment in import policy of ITC (HS) code 71131144 and 71131145 covered under Chapter 71 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy)
- Climate Resilient Agriculture and Farmers Protection Bill, 2025
- CBSE issued advisory to Teachers Involved in Evaluation - Refrain from Sharing Misleading Information on Social Media
- Anti-Racism and Equality Bill, 2026
- DFPD issued corrigendum to the e-PoS technical specifications issued by the Department
- DGFT notified regarding the Launch of Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN
- FSSAI notified regarding the Implementation of revised turnover threshold for food businesses
- MCX notified regarding the Review of Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment
- MIB notified regarding the Guidelines and Regulatory Framework to Prevent Misleading Advertisements on TV Channels

- IFSCA issued the Consultation Paper on the Regulatory Framework for Preferential Issues and Qualified Institutions Placements
- Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Second Amendment Directions, 2026
- Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Bill, 2025
- Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- NCDEX notified regarding the Temporary E-ASM on Coriander and Turmeric Until March 30, 2026
- NPPA computed the Retail Price of Linagliptin 5 mg + Empagliflozin 25 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride (As Extended Release) IP 1000 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)
- Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Implementation of Security Council Resolutions) Second Amendment Order, 2026
- TRAI Releases Draft Amendment on Telecom Commercial Communication Preferences
- Free Education (Secondary to Undergraduate Level) Bill, 2026
- FSSAI issued the advisory regarding mandatory registration/license by Milk Producers (other than members of dairy cooperative societies)/Milk Vendors
- Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Products (Quality Control) Order, 2026
- MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular - Investor Protection Fund/ Investor Service Fund
- DoT notified regarding the Compliance Requirements for Enabling 5925-6425 MHz Band under Revised Regulatory Framework
- MoP issued the Extension of the timeline for submission of comments and suggestions on Draft National Electricity Policy, 2026
- MoHI issued the amendment to PMP for e-buses (M2/M3) under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme
- SEBI issued the FAQs on the Credit Rating Agencies
- SEBI notified regarding the Relaxation in certification requirement for Persons Associated with Research Services (PARS) – Sales and other non-core services
- RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026
- RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026
- RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Standalone Primary Dealers) Amendment Directions, 2026
- Government of Odisha SMD Maximum Sale Price for Minor Minerals Notified
- Draft Marine Aids to Navigation (Vessel Traffic Services) Rules, 2026
- INDIA INX notified regarding the PR Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026
- IFSCA issued the amendment to the Circular titled “Guidelines on Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience for Regulated Entities in IFSCs”
- Draft Drugs (.....Amendment) Rules 2026
- Draft Drugs (..... Amendment) Rules, 2026
- DGS issued the Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of the escalating situation in Iran

- Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026
- Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Amendment Order, 2026
- MoEIT notified regarding the launch of the Bug Bounty Programme to Further Strengthen Aadhaar Security
- Reserve Bank of India (Setting Up of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries by Foreign Banks) Amendment Guidelines, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profits) Directions, 2026
- RBI Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend for Regional Rural Banks
- RBI Repeal of Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends for Payment Banks
- UGC notified regarding the extension of last date to March 20, 2026, for submission of inputs on Demand-based Mapping of SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 Semester
- TRAI issued the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Third Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profit) Repeal Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Second Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Third Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026
- SEBI issued a Notification Regarding KYC Validation Requirements and Trading Restrictions for Non-Compliant Clients`
- RBI issues Directions on Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profit by Regulated Entities
- MoC notified regarding the launch of Bharat Taxi
- Ministry of Communications issued a notification regarding Parcel and E-Commerce Services
- MoS issued revision in the Advance Registration Timelines for Steel Imports under Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS)
- MoPNG issued the direction to Prioritize Propane and Butane for Domestic LPG Supply
- MoPSW Commencement of Coastal Shipping Act, 2025
- MoPNG Revised Order on Prioritization of LPG Production
- NMC notified regarding the mandatory physical onsite compensation classes for online studies undertaken by foreign medical students pursuing the MBBS course at medical institutions outside India
- NPPA computed the Retail Price of Cholecalciferol IP 800 IU (In a nano droplet form) for M/s Tirupati Medicare Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Galpha Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer)

- NCDEX notified regarding the Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) in contracts in Coriander and Turmeric till March 27th
- DoP issued the Bio Pharma SHAKTI scheme
- DGS issued an Advisory to Shipping Lines/Carriers/Agents regarding transparency in transaction costs and avoidance of predatory, non-transparent, and opportunistic pricing in EXIM trade
- DGS issued a circular regarding an update in the Safety Advisory for Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders Operating in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Adjacent Waters
- DGS Implementation of STCW Amendments for Ships Operating in Polar Waters
- IFSCA issued Public Consultation on draft guidelines on capital relief and prudential requirements for factoring transactions for FC/FUs
- Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- CDSCO issued circular regarding the Online Applications for Post Approval Changes (PAC) w.r.t Marketing Authorization (MA) for r-DNA products
- CDSCO Online Submission of Applications for r-DNA Product Licenses
- DGCA Requirements for Grant of Operating Authorization to Foreign Airlines
- AICTE issued a public notice for the categorization of institutions offering PGDM Courses for the grant of Graded Autonomy
- CBSE issued the Amendment in Appendix-V under the Chapter 3 of the Affiliation Bye Laws-2018
- MCX issued a notification regarding the Alternate Risk Management Framework (ARMF) for Near Zero and Negative Prices`
- NPPA notified regarding the computation of the retail price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer)
- NMC issued a Compliance with the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India Order dated January 15, 2026, in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 in the matter of Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors
- MoH&FW issued a notification regarding the expansion of Medical Colleges and Seats in India
- MoH&FW notified regarding the Update on Secure AI in Health Initiative
- MoC&F notified regarding the APIs Imports from China
- MoC notified regarding the allocation of additional telecommunication identifiers in numbering series "1600' exclusively for service and transactional voice calls to M/s Tata Teleservices Limited for Karnataka LSA
- RBI issued an amendment to Directions on 'Counterparty Credit Risk - Add-on factors for computation of Potential Future Exposure'
- Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Second Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies - Concentration Risk Management) Second Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Mortgage Guarantee Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Asset Reconstruction Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Core Investment Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026
- Reserve Bank of India (Housing Finance Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026
- NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP eq. to Sitagliptin 50mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500mg + Glimepiride IP 2mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

- CERT-In issued the Cyber Security Framework and Guidelines for Space Including Satellite Communication
- MCX notified regarding UNSC Press Release and Sanction List
- IFSCA issued consultation paper on the regulatory framework for rights issues by listed entities in the IFSC
- Inland Vessels (Safe Navigation, Communication & Signals) (First Amendment) Rules, 2026
- NPPA issued the retail price for the Factor VIII IP (1000 IU) + Protein content IP (≤ 80 g/L) + Sodium Chloride IP (≤ 250 mM) + Sodium Citrate IP (≤ 10 mM) + Calcium Chloride IP (≤ 1 mM) + Mannitol IP (≤7.6 % w/v) + Glycine IP (≤ 300 mM) + Lycine HCL BP (≤ 25 mM) + Sucrose IP (≤ 1% w/v) + Sodium ion content IP (≤ 200 mM/L) + Fibrinogen content (of total protein) (≤ 80%) for M/s Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer & Marketer)
- NPPA issued the Calcium Citrate Maleate IP Eq. to Elemental Calcium 250mg + Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) IP 100IU + Folic Acid IP 50mcg for M/s Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s J.B Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer)
- MoSD&E issued notification allowing Voluntary Aadhaar Authentication for Skill Development and Vocational Training Services
- RBI issued Draft Amendment Directions for 'Review of Framework of Limiting Customer Liability in Digital Transactions'
- NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP Equivalent to Sitagliptin 50 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500 mg + Glimepiride IP 1 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)
- Energy Conservation (Energy Consumption Norms and Standards for Designated Consumers, Form, Time within which, and Manner of Preparation and Implementation of Scheme, Procedure for Issue of Energy Savings Certificate and Value of Per Metric Ton of Oil Equivalent of Energy Consumed) Amendment Rules, 2026
- IFSCA issued a Consultation Paper on Draft IFSCA (Prohibition of Market Abuse in Securities Markets) Regulations, 2026
- CDSCO issued a circular regarding the implementation of the Prior intimation System for Forms CT-10, CT-12, and CT-13
- Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents (Amendment) Scheme, 2026
- CBSE notified regarding the submission of applications under various categories of affiliation for the session 2027-28 in SARAS 7.0
- UGC request to HEIs for Demand-based Mapping of SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 Semester
- NMC notified regarding the Integration of Digital Health records of patients
- NPPA notified regarding the computation of the retail price of Magnesium bisglycinate Eq. to elemental Magnesium 250 mg+ Vitamin D3 IP 1000 IU for M/s Alkem Health Science (A Unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer)
- Tea Board of India notified regarding the compliance requirement for Tea Manufacturers to Sell Minimum 50% Production through Public Tea Auctions
- NMC notified regarding the implementation of HMIS (Health Management Information System) for attached hospitals
- MoC notified regarding the National Lignite Index with Base year 2021-22
- Furniture (Quality Control) Second Amendment Order, 2026
- IIDI notified regarding the change in Pay-in & Pay-out time for the NSE IFSC settlement
- IFSCA notified regarding the fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in the IFSC or persons seeking guidance under the Informal Guidance Scheme

- DFPD notified the Order on Monthly Stockholding Limit, Release Quota Regulation, and Compliance Requirements for Sugar Mills – March 2026
- Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes Sixth Amendment, 2026
- DGFT issued a notification regarding the operationalisation of the Inter-Ministerial Group for supply chain resilience
- DGCA issued Draft Civil Aviation Requirements Section 2 - Airworthiness Series X Part II related to Weight and Balance Control of Aircraft
- DFPD issued the notification regarding the 5th Reallocation of Export Quota for export during Sugar Season 2025-26
- CDSCO issued an alert on theft of Lantus® SoloStar® (Insulin Glargine Injection IP, r-DNA origin, 100 IU/mL Batch No. 5F0347B of M/s Sanofi India Limited during transit
- MCX notified regarding the Due Date Rates of future contracts expired on February 27
- Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Amendment) Order, 2026
- IBA notified regarding the Relief payable to Pensioners for the period February 2026 to July 2026
- IIBX notified regarding modifications under the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022
- Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2026
- NCDEX notified regarding the Premium/Discount for grade/delivery location difference
- NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of retail price of Telmisartan IP 40 mg + Cilnidipine IP 10 mg + Metoprolol Succinate IP 23.75 mg Eq. to Metoprolol Tartrate 25 mg (As extended-release form) for M/s Mascot Health Series Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer)
- RBI issued updates regarding the UNSC's 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Delisting of 01 entry
- NPPA computed the Retail Price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 20 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer)
- MoT notified regarding the Mandatory Registration of Raw Jute Traders and Restriction on Purchase by Jute Mills
- MoC notified regarding the monthly Production and Dispatch from Captive and Commercial Mines in February 2026
- DGS issued the Urgent Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of escalating situation in Iran
- DGS issued the advisory to Indian Flag Vessels and Indian Seafarers regarding escalation of Security Situation in Iran, Strait of Hormuz, Persian Gulf and Adjacent Waters
- MeitY launched the 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)–Based Integrated Drive System to Boost Electric Vehicle Adoption
- DGFT notified regarding the Amendment to the Last date for submission of TRQ Application for various FTA's
- UGC notified regarding the Promotion and adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) enabled Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) across health facilities in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
- MoCAFPD issued the CBDC-Based Digital Food Subsidy Pilot Launched Under PMGKAY in Puducherry
- NMC notified regarding tackling the factors contributing to doping in Sports

- NCCL notified regarding the Physical withdrawal of Goods post Exchange Deliverable Date (EDD)
- NPPA computed the Retail Price of Tacrolimus IP 0.03% w/w ointment for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/ German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)
- NHAI notified regarding making toll payments fully digital
- MoCAF&PD notified regarding the 6th Reallocation of Export Quota for export during Sugar Season 2025-26 and consequent adjustment of Monthly release quantity on account of exchange of export quantity with domestic monthly release quantity
- MNRE notified regarding the mandate Aadhaar authentication or proof of Aadhaar as a condition to receive fellowships under the National Renewable Energy Fellowship Programme
- Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026
- DoT issued the directive on Blocking of Unauthorised IPTV and Related Domains — HC Order Compliance
- MCX notified regarding the Due Date Rates expired on February 19
- IBA notified regarding the Dearness Allowance for Workmen and Officer Employees in banks for February, March, and April 2026 under XII BPS/9TH Joint Note dated March 08, 2024
- IBA notified regarding the Dearness Relief payable for the period February 2026 to July 2026 to surviving retirees of banks, and surviving spouses of Retirees who receive Ex-gratia
- DGFT notified regarding the Launch of Support for Alternative Trade Instruments under Export Promotion Mission (EPM)
- DGFT notified regarding the Modalities for export of Wheat Flour and related products falling under HS Code 1101
- DGFT notified regarding the Launch of Facilitating Logistics, Overseas Warehousing & Fulfilment (FLOW) Under Export Promotion Mission (EPM)
- CEA issued the Draft Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Finance & Taxation

- CBIC notified regarding the Updated Customs Tariff Valuation Tables for Key Imported Goods
- Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Amendment Regulations, 2026
- Income-tax (SEVENTH Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Income-tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Income-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Income-tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Finance Act 2026 Notified
- Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- PFRDA amends Point of Presence Regulations to expand pension agent definition and strengthen audit framework
- RBI issued the Reporting under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 – Returns pertaining to External Commercial Borrowing (ECB)
- CBDT issued a notification regarding Procedure for Generation of UIN and Filing of Form No. 121

- CBIC notified regarding the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Emulsion Styrene Butadiene Rubber of 1500 series from the European Union, Japan, Republic of Korea (“Korea RP”), Russian Federation (“Russia”) and the Kingdom of Thailand (“Thailand”)
- MoF issued the Corrigendum on notification regarding the Special Additional Excise Duty on export of petrol and diesel
- MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of anti-circumvention investigation regarding countervailing duties imposed on imports of “Saccharin” originating in China PR and exported from Thailand
- MoF issued corrigendum in an older notification related to the rates of Road and Infrastructure Cess for petrol and diesel
- CBIC issued circular regarding the International Transhipment of FCULCL cargo from all Ports/Airports, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz-Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962
- CBIC Advisory on Central Excise Duty Payment Due Date for March 2026
- Central Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- MoF issued an amendment to the older notification related to an increase in the effective rate of Special Additional Excise Duty on Petrol and Diesel
- MoF prescribes reduced SAED rates on petrol and diesel with export restriction
- MoF introduces export-related restriction under Central Excise exemption notification
- MoF grants exemption from Special Additional Excise Duty on ATF with export condition
- CBDT issued Extension of Due Date for Issuance of TDS Certificates for December 2025 Quarter
- DPIIT issued review of FDI Policy on Investments from Countries Sharing Land Border with India
- MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation of Anti-Dumping Duties on “Certain Flat Rolled Aluminium Products” from China PR
- MoCI notified regarding the Sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of “Axle for Trailers” originating in or exported from China PR
- MoCI issued notification regarding the Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Phenol” from Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and United States of America
- MoCI issued notifications on Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Untreated Fumed Silica” originating in or exported from China PR
- MoCI issued notification on Initiation of sunset review of anti-dumping duty on imports of Seamless Tubes, Pipes & Hollow Profiles of Iron, Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel originating in or exported from China PR
- PFRDA notified regarding the Reclassification of existing Corporates under NPS into Government Entities and Legal Entities
- Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- CBIC Introduction of Payment Aggregator for Customs Duty Payment
- MoCI notified regarding the Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Beta Naphthol originating in or exported from China PR
- MoCI notified regarding the initiation of New Shipper Review for the determination of individual dumping margin in the case of Anti-dumping duty imposed on “Anodized aluminium frames for solar panels/modules” originating in or exported from China PR
- MoCI notified regarding the initiation of sunset review investigation concerning imports of Aceto Acetyl Derivatives of Aromatic or Hetrocyclic Compounds also known as Arylides from China PR

- MoF issued the clarification regarding the power to condone delay in filing Form No. 10A under sub-clause (I) clause (ac) of sub-section (1) of section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961
- CBIC notified revised Tariff Value Tables (No Change in Rates) effective March 21, 2026
- CBDT notified Income Tax Offices to Remain Open on March 31, 2026 Despite Holiday
- CBIC amends Customs Tariff Valuation Tables, No Change in Rates
- DGTR issued notification on Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of “Calcined Gypsum Powder” Originating in or exported from Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia and UAE
- Income-tax Rules, 2026
- MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Calcined Gypsum Powder” Originating in or exported from Egypt
- CBDT issued a corrigendum to the earlier notification in relation to the Income-tax ____ (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- CBIC notified regarding the return of export cargo from international waters due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz
- DGTR Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation on Ethyl Chloroformate (ECF)
- RBI notified regarding the Currency Chest operations on March 31, 2026
- RBI notified regarding the premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2019-20 Series-IV due on March 17, 2026
- GSTN issued advisory regarding confirmation of “Tax Liability Breakup, As Applicable” in GSTR-3B
- CBIC issued circular regarding the Facilitation in import of pet dogs and pet cats along with stranded Indians in war-hit Middle East countries
- CBIC amended an older notification regarding the appointment of officers (Commissioners, Joint/Deputy/Assistant Commissioners) to specific jurisdictions and duties
- GST issued advisory on the Payment of pre-deposit while filing of appeal before First Appellate authority
- CBIC issued the Procedure for filing HSNS Returns in Form HSNS RET-01
- MoF amended an older notification related to the customs exemption
- MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Phthalic Anhydride” from Taiwan
- RBI notified regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) High risk and other monitored jurisdictions – February 09-13, 2026
- PFRDA Revised Charge Structure for PoPs under NPS Common Schemes
- PFRDA issued circular regarding the Charge structure of Point of Presence (PoP) for Common Schemes under NPS for Legal Entities (other than Government)
- MoF notified regarding the Levy of fee for the amendment or cancellation of export documents in cases of withdrawal of export consignments due to force majeure circumstances
- MoF notified regarding the final finding in Sunset Review investigation of Countervailing Duty/ Anti-subsidy concerning imports of “Textured Tempered Glass” originating in or exported from Malaysia
- CBIC notified regarding the return of export cargo from international waters due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz
- MoF notified regarding the Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of "Natural Mica Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding Cosmetic Grade" originating in or exported from China PR
- RBI notified regarding the Redemption Price for premature redemption due on March 09, 2026

- PIB Headquarters issued a notification regarding Policy Reforms Strengthening Ease of Doing Business in India
- Income-tax _____ (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- RBI notified regarding the renewal of the Bilateral Swap Arrangement between Japan and India
- MoCI notified regarding the Sunset review investigation concerning the anti-dumping duty on imports of “Methyl Acetoacetate” originating in or exported from China PR
- CBIC issued extension of Deferred Payment of Customs Duty benefits to ‘Eligible Manufacturer Importer’ (EMI)
- MoF issued an amendment to the older notification fixing the Tariff Values for Crude Palm Oil, RBD Palm Oil and RBD Palmolein under the Customs Act, 1962
- MoF notified regarding the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) introduces deferred Customs Duty payment facility for Eligible Manufacturer Importers as announced in the Union Budget 2026-27

Labour

- ESIC notified regarding the deletion of item no. 2218 & 2219 from the Approved List under DG-ESIC Central Rate Contract No. 161
- MoLE notifies ESI coverage expansion in Meghalaya districts effective April 1, 2026
- Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026
- ESIC issued circular regarding the Simplification of procedure for extension of Certificate of Coverage (COC) cases under Article 7.2 of the Social Security Agreement between India and Japan
- PFRDA notified regarding the Implementation of Multiple NAVs framework
- PFRDA notified regarding permitting the Points of Presence for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for distribution of Pension Schemes
- ESIC issued Clarification on The New Amnesty Scheme, 2025
- ESIC issued a communication declaring a drug batch as Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) due to misbranding
- MoLE issued All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural and Rural Labourers – February, 2026
- ESIC issued notification regarding the Revocation of NSQ Order
- ESIC issued circular regarding the Strengthening of Drug Testing Mechanism in ESI Institutions
- ESIC notified regarding ensuring the timely payment of GeM Dues, including MSME Payments, within 10 Days
- BOPTER Instructions for Uploading RoP for CoP (NATS 1.0)
- ESIC issued a notification regarding SOP Update on Name-Based Email ID Creation
- MoCI notified regarding the Index of Eight Core Industries (Base Year: 2011-12=100) for February, 2026
- MoW&CD issued a notification regarding Women & Child Welfare and Empowerment Initiatives
- EPFO issued a notification regarding payment to the Overseas Bank Accounts of International Workers & their beneficiaries belonging to SSA countries
- EPFO issued a notification regarding clarification on linking PAN to the Establishment Profile and the introduction of new functionality for manual verification of PAN in cases of minor mismatch in Establishment Name between EPFO records and PAN database

- EPFO issued notification regarding the Timely conclusion of proceedings relating to assessment or levy of PD in IBC cases
- Indian Diaspora and Migrant Workers (Protection and Welfare) Bill, 2026
- MoSPI notified regarding the revision of the base year of the Index of Industrial Production from 2011-12 to 2022-23
- MoLE FAQs on Labour Codes Implementation Clarifications
- ECI notified regarding the General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry, 2026 PAID HOLIDAY
- MoCI Releases WPI Data for February 2026
- ESIC issued amendment in Brand name for Item no.322 in DGESIC RC-155 and Item no. 2076 in DGESIC RC-160 in r/o M/s. Bajaj Healthcare Limited
- ESIC issued the revised and updated D.O. Letter of Pharmacy in the Dhanvantri Module for Monthly Assessment
- ESIC notified regarding the Procurement of Drugs under DG -ESIC Rate Contract 165 to 169
- MoS&PI issued the Consumer Price Index on Base 2024=100 for February 2026
- MSDE Portal Upgrade for Rebate in Apprenticeship Training Period
- ESIC issued a notification regarding the specifications of PoE and Non-PoE L2 and L3 Network Switches
- EPFO issued a notification regarding leveraging forthcoming Nidhi Aapke Nikat (NAN 2.0) for systematic resolution of pending consumer forum cases
- MoSPI issued the Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index for the Month of January 2026
- MoLE issued the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for December 2025 and January 2026
- ESIC notified regarding the Declaration of Drug "Not of Standard Quality" on Testing for Ondansetron 8 mg Tablets
- PFRDA notified regarding the effective date of NPS Vatsalya Scheme Guidelines 2025
- MoLE issued the FAQs regarding Maternity Benefit Provisions, Gratuity Rules, etc.
- PFRDA issued the guidelines for Operational Activities to be followed by Point of Presence (PoPs) performing activities of NPS Lite
- MoSDE notified regarding the Portal Upgrade in the Rebate in Training Period
- MoCI notified regarding the index of eight core industries (base year: 2011-12=100) for January, 2026
- ESIC notified regarding the downward Rate Revision for Item No. 1813 under DESIC RC-167 of the approved pharmaceutical firm M/s Merck Specialties Private Limited

EHS

- MoP&NG issued a notification regarding temporary relaxation for the distribution of PDS Kerosene
- Draft Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Amendment Rules, 2026
- CPCB notified the extension of Annual Return Filing by registered PIBOs for FY 2024-25
- CPCB invites comments on the proposed Definition of “Biodegradable Material”
- BBNDA Revised Door-to-Door Waste Collection User Charges
- CAQM Issues Framework for Targeted IEC Campaigns to Control Air Pollution in NCR
- CPCB issued the Guidelines for Storage and Handling of Waste Solar Photo-Voltaic Modules or Panels or Cells under E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022

- CAQM issued order on Revocation of actions under Stage I ('Poor' Air Quality, AQI: 201- 300) of extant schedule of GRAP in Delhi
- CPCB Extends National Control Room for Enforcement of Single Use Plastic Ban
- MoEFCC notified the Status of Enforcement Actions across key sectors for Abatement of Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR reviewed by the CAQM
- MoEFCC issued draft amendment to notification on the Requirement of Prior Environmental Clearance for New, Expansion, or Modernization Projects
- CPCB issued an extension of the National Control Room for six months for the effective implementation of the ban on identified single-use plastic items
- Explosives (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Draft Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Disaster Management (Removal of Difficulty) Order, 2026
- CPCB issued the Guidance Document for Registration of Collection Agent-2 at EPR Portal for Used Oil Management

STATES

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

- Andaman & Nicobar Administration notified regarding the temporary suspension of the sale of Sawn Timber at the Government Saw Mill, Betapur
- Draft Code on Wages (A & N Islands) Rules, 2026
- Draft Guidelines for Operations of Night Sea Kayaking (Basic) in A& N Islands
- Govt. of Andaman and Nicobar Islands issued a notification regarding the payment of Municipal Dues

Andhra Pradesh

- Govt. of AP issued the Eighth amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of electricity) Regulation, 2005
- Andhra Pradesh govt. issued the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Govt. issued the Andhra Pradesh Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Assigned Lands (Prohibition of Transfers) Amendment Bill, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- AP Govt Allows 24×7 Operations for Shops in Major Urban Areas
- AP Govt Amends Excise Rules on Compounding of Offences
- Andhra Pradesh Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026
- Draft Code on Social Security (Andhra Pradesh) Rules, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Govt. issued amendments to the AP Excise (Grant of license of selling by Bar and conditions of license) Rules 2025
- Andhra Pradesh Govt. issued notification on Lifetime Registration for Shops and Establishments with 20+ Employees
- Andhra Pradesh Fire Service (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Andhra Pradesh Allopathic & AYUSH Medical Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- APERC issued the Clarification on Classification of Illegal Restoration of Electricity Supply During Disconnection Period (LT & HT Services)
- Draft Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulation, 2026
- APERC issued a notification regarding the Draft Second Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulation, 2025, and the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Green Energy Open Access, Charges and Banking) Regulation, 2024
- APPCB issued directions to Municipal Bodies for Preventing Open Waste Burning and Controlling Air Pollution

Arunachal Pradesh

- Arunachal Pradesh Govt. issued Fixation of MRP for Alcoholic Beverages under Revised Excise Duty Framework in Arunachal Pradesh
- APETNC Measures for Monitoring and Regulation of Bulk Spirit and Liquor Transportation

Assam

- Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Assam Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Assam Tenancy Rules, 2025
- Assam Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) (Amendment) Act, 2025

Bihar

- Bihar Govt. issued extension of Time Limit for Filing Appeals before GST Appellate Tribunal (Bihar)
- BRERA issued a notification regarding the launch of the New Online System for Real Estate Project Registration
- Bihar Jan Vishwas (Provisions) Bill, 2026

Chandigarh

- Chandigarh Administration issued the amendment to the older notification under the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958
- Chandigarh Administration issued a notification under Section 28 of the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958
- Punjab Excise Bonded Warehouse (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Punjab Distillery (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026
- DoPRCA issued the Tip Sheet and FAQs on Energy Conservation & Sustainable Building Code

Chhattisgarh

- All Fee Expenses Reimbursement and Royalty Reimbursement Rules, 2025
- Govt. of Chhattisgarh issued amendments in Chhattisgarh Foreign Liquor Rules, 1996
- Govt. of Chhattisgarh issued the amendment in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Chhattisgarh Rules, 1975
- Office of the Excise Commissioner, Chhattisgarh issued notice Inviting Offers for Registration and Supply of Foreign Liquor in the State Of Chhattisgarh
- Govt. of Chhattisgarh issued a notice inviting offers for registration and supply of country liquor

Dadra and Nagar Haveli

- Dadra and Nagar Haveli Govt. issued the by-law to regularise the unauthorised development in the Municipal Council areas

Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

- Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu declared March 31, 2026, a dry date on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation (5th Amendment) Rules, 2025
- U. T. Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu notified regarding the strict enforcement of the ban on the use of Pet Coke and Furnace Oil in Industries

Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu,Goa

- Draft Goa, Daman & Diu Registration of Tourist Trade (3rd Amendment) Rules, 2026

Daman and Diu

- Administration of U.T. of Daman & Diu notified regarding the extension of the time limit for Filing Appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal

Delhi

- Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Delhi Govt. issued notification regarding Submission of sample of each approved brand on quarter basis by all the L-1 licensees
- GNCTD issued guidelines for transition of SKU validity and barcode operations in the eAbkari system for the new Excise Year 2026–27
- Delhi Excise Renewal & Grant of L-23/L-23F Licenses 2026-27
- DGHS issued revision of EWS Income Limit for Treatment in Identified Private Hospitals
- Govt. of NCT of Delhi issued a circular regarding the renewal of L-8 & L-14 Excise Licenses
- Govt. of Delhi notified regarding the Renewal and Grant of Excise Licenses for 2026–27 under Delhi Excise Rules, 2010
- Delhi Govt. issued notification regarding approval for renewal and grant of new L-30 licenses for licensing year 2026-2027
- Delhi Govt. notified regarding the Half-Day Holiday in Delhi for Phool Walon Ki Sair
- Delhi Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Delhi Govt. issued the List of holidays for the year 2026
- Delhi Govt. notified regarding the Renewal of License in form of L-15/L-15F and L-16/L-16F

Goa

- Indian Stamp (Goa Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Goa Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026
- Goa Govt. issued notification on 24-Month Verification Period for Fuel Dispensers in Goa
- Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholars Scheme, 2025
- Govt. of Goa issued a notification regarding prohibitory Orders around the Porvorim Assembly Complex during the legislative session

- Govt. of Goa notified regarding the prohibition of strike in any form in all transport services
- Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Restrictions on Transportation of Liquor
- Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Paid Holiday on March 11, 2026, for the Panaji Municipal Corporation Election Polling Day
- Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Closure of Liquor Sale in Panaji on Polling and Counting Days for Corporation Elections, 2026
- Goa Govt. issued Paid Holiday on account of the Bye Election
- Goa Govt. issued Restriction On Sale Of Liquor
- Govt. of Goa notified regarding the verification of the Principal Place of Business of Taxpayers in cases where GST Registration Welcome Letters sent to the given Address are returned undelivered
- Goa Govt. notified regarding Holiday on March 11, 2026
- Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Prohibition on Transport and Restriction on Possession of Liquor in Panaji during Polling and Counting Days
- Government of Goa declared a dry day in Panaji on account of the Municipal Elections
- Draft Goa Land Revenue (Record of Rights and Register of Cultivators) (Amendment) Rules, 2025

Gujarat

- GERC issued the Draft Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Draft GERC Green Energy Open Access (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Govt. of Gujarat notified regarding the Crop Calendar and Harvesting Period of Mustard & Gram, as well as Summer Green Gram (Moong)
- Gujarat Govt. notified regarding the Prohibition of Strike in Essential Services in Khambhat Municipality
- Gujarat Govt. issued an amendment to the older notification stating the supply of online money gaming, supply of online gaming other than online money gaming and supply of actionable claims in casinos

Haryana

- Department of Labour, Haryana, issued a notification regarding exemptions for Shops & Establishments
- Haryana Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2025
- Haryana Registration and Regulation of Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Haryana Govt. notified regarding the harvesting period of Arhar
- Haryana Govt. notified regarding the harvesting period of Nigerseed
- Haryana Govt. notified regarding the harvesting period of Sunflower seed
- Haryana Govt. issued the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Himachal Pradesh

- Department of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh, issued a notification regarding an amendment to the Himachal Pradesh Taxation (on Certain Goods Carried by Road) Act, 1999
- Himachal Pradesh Goods and Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2025
- Government of Himachal Pradesh Jawali Notification of Outdoor Advertisement Bye-Laws, 2025
- Government of Himachal Pradesh Amendment to Himachal Pradesh Lease Rules, 2026

- Draft Himachal Pradesh Lease (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Himachal Pradesh Municipality, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025
- Himachal Pradesh Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye - laws 2018 of Municipal council Jawali for municipal solid waste management & disposal
- Municipal Corporation Palampur Erection, Exhibition, Afixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye-Laws 2025
- Himachal Pradesh Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat maintenance of Pariwar Register Rules, 2026
- HPUD – Amendment in Street Vendors Scheme
- HP Govt. issued the amendment to the Himachal Pradesh Taxation (on Certain Goods Carried by Road) Act, 1999
- Himachal Pradesh Municipal (2nd Amendment) Act, 2025
- Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Draft Municipal Corporation Una (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2026
- DRAFT Municipal Corporation Una Erection, Exhibition, Affixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye Laws, 2025
- Govt. of Himachal Pradesh issued a notification regarding the revision of Door-to-Door Garbage Collection Charges in the Rampur Municipal Council
- Government of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the Authorization of District Officers to Exercise Powers under the Essential Commodities Act in Sirmour District
- Nagar Panchayat Bhunter (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025
- Nagar Panchayat Kandaghat (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Byelaws, 2025
- Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Eighteenth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Himachal Pradesh Municipality(Grant of License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises) Bye-Laws 2025
- Nagar Panchayat Kandaghat Erection, Exhibition, Affixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye-laws 2025
- Draft Municipal Corporation Baddi - Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises ByeLaws, 2026
- Municipal Council Nerchowk, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025
- Municipal Corporation Palampur (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-Laws, 2025
- Draft Municipal Corporation, Baddi Advertisement Byelaws 2026
- Chowari Nagar Panchayat (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025
- Govt. of Himachal Pradesh issued a notification regarding the maximum profit margin fixed for Essential Commodities in Bilaspur
- Municipal Council Bilaspur (Property Taxation) Bye-laws-2025
- Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises ByeLaws, 2025, Mandi Municipal Corporation
- Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation (2nd Amendment) Act, 2025
- Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Seventeenth Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the mandatory Aadhaar Authentication for benefits under “Mukhya Mantri Kshay Rog Nivaran Yojana”
- Nagar Panchayat Chowari Outdoor Advertisement Bye-laws 2025

- Nagar Panchatat Chowari, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025
- Nagar Panchayat Gagret (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025
- The Municipal Council Jawalamukhi Outdoor Advertisement Bye-laws 2025
- Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the Leasing of Toll Collection Rights for FY 2026–27
- Draft Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises Bye-Laws, 2023, Solan Municipal Corporation
- Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye - laws 2018 of Nagar Panchayat Gagret for municipal solid waste management & disposal
- Kullu Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025
- Jawalamukhi Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025
- Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the proposed amendment to Schedule-II of the Himachal Pradesh Toll Act, 1975
- Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the revised Schedule–I of the Himachal Pradesh Toll Act, 1975 (Effective from April 01, 2026)
- Draft Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026
- Nagar Panchayat Jubbal, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises) Byelaws 2025
- Municipal Council Ghumarwin Tobacco Control and Regulation Bye-Laws, 2025
- Govt. of HP issued the corrigendum to the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act, 2025

Jammu Kashmir

- Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir notified regarding the Use of the term “Tea” for products not derived from Camellia Sinensis

Karnataka

- Govt. of Karnataka issued a corrigendum regarding an older notification related to tax rate revision on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)
- Draft Karnataka Excise (Bottling of Liquor) (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules 2026
- Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Government of Karnataka issued a notification to revise the tax rate on Liquefied Natural Gas
- KRERA notified regarding the extension of the last date to submit the Quarterly Report
- Government of Karnataka issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Rules, 2014
- Karnataka Tax on Profession, Trades, Callings and Employments (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Karnataka Introduces Bill to Regulate Advertisements and Municipal Fees
- Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Karnataka Jnana Bhandar Manuscripts and Digitisation Bill, 2026
- Karnataka Excise (Lease of the Right of Retail Vend of Beer) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

- KRERA issued a circular regarding Imposing penalty for Non-Submission and Delay in Submission of Annual Audit Report for the Financial Year 2022-23
- KRERA issued a circular regarding the penalty for delay in quarterly updates
- KRERA issued a circular regarding the penalty for the delay/Non-Submission of the Annual Audit Report

Kerala

- Kerala Govt. issued the Kerala Nativity Card Bill, 2026
- Kerala Govt. issued Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial Workers for the month of February 2026
- Govt. of Kerala issued an amendment to the older notification regarding the Online Sale of Toddy Shops
- Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Amendment Rules, 2026
- Kerala Forest (Restriction on cutting and selling of sandal trees and grant of licence for possession and transport of sandalwood and sandalwood oil) Rules, 2026
- Kerala Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2026
- Kerala Finance Act, 2026
- Kerala Govt. amended an older notification under the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002
- Kerala Govt. notified the deadline for Filing GST Appeals before Appellate Tribunal
- Department of Labour and Skills (E), Kerala, issued a notification regarding the proposal to Revise Minimum Wages for Private Hospital Employees
- Abkari (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Kerala Foreign Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Lakshadweep

- Govt. of Lakshadweep issued a notification regarding mandatory Aadhaar use in Lakshadweep Shipping Services

Madhya Pradesh

- Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued a notification regarding the revision of the Minimum Wages in the State
- Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy (Revision-II) Regulations 2021(Fifth Amendment) [ARG-33(II)(v) of 2026]
- M.P. Govt. issued notification regarding the arrangements for execution of licenses for retail shops selling cannabis, bhangghota and cannabis sweets for the year 2026-27
- Chhattisgarh Govt. issued amendment in the Chhattisgarh Factories Rules, 1962
- Govt. of MP notified regarding the compliance with statutory registration and licensing provisions in the engagement of contract labour/outsourced employees by departments, divisions, and corporations
- Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued a notification regarding revised minimum wage rates effective under the Minimum Wages Act and payment of arrears
- Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Nidhi (Sanshodhan) Adhiniyam, 2026
- Madhya Pradesh Govt. issued the Nirman Shramik Rain Basera Yojana 2026
- Govt. of MP issued the Madhya Pradesh SpaceTech Policy, 2026
- Govt. of MP declared a public holiday for Holi 2026

- Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued an amendment to Draft Madhya Pradesh Nagar Tatha Gram Niyam, 2012

Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Maharashtra Private Skills Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Department of Industry, Energy, Labour and Mining, Maharashtra issued a notification regarding draft amendments to the Maharashtra Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2017
- Govt. of Maharashtra notified regarding the statewide POSH Committee Audit within One Month
- MGST Relaxation in Registration and Return Filing under the Profession Tax Act
- Wild Life (Protection) (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2026
- DIT Aadhaar Authentication for MahaSarthi Portal
- Maharashtra Unaided Private - Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Maharashtra Urban Development Control and Promotion Rules (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Govt. of Maharashtra notified regarding the implementation of a uniform policy for all banks on Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges applicable to revenue collected through debit card transactions on government portals
- Maharashtra Self-financed Schools (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Maharashtra Introduces Bill to Nominate Expert Councillors in Zilla Parishads
- Indian Partnership (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued a trade circular regarding an update on the Professional Tax
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued the Draft State Energy Conservation Policy 2026
- Govt. of Maharashtra notified regarding the development of an AI chatbot for the Textile Department in the State
- Govt. of Maharashtra directs districts to conduct POSH Internal Committee (IC) Audit
- Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Maharashtra Settlement of Arrears of Tax, Interest, Penalty or Late Fee (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2026
- Maharashtra Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Maharashtra Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Maharashtra Lifts, Escalators and Moving Walks (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued a Guidelines for disability screening, assessment and issuance of certificates
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued the User Manual - E-704 Utility
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued the SOPs for Providing International Employment Opportunities to Skilled Manpower in the Construction Workers and Home-based Caregiver Sectors
- Govt. of Maharashtra issued a circular regarding the adoption of TReDS Platform for payment of pending payments of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises/Contractors
- Maharashtra State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments (Amendment) Rules, 2026

- Maharashtra Govt. issued the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Maharashtra Government notified regarding the Mid-Week Holidays for State Printing Presses

Meghalaya

- Meghalaya Identification. Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (Amendment) Act, 2024
- Government of Meghalaya Use of Commercial LPG Cylinders by Establishments in East Jaintia Hills
- MSPCB Invitation for Setting up Material Recovery Facilities
- MSPCB issued circular regarding the Processing Fees for Authorization under Bio-Medical Waste (Management) Rules 2016
- Indian Institute of Public Health Shillong, Bill, 2026
- Govt. of Meghalaya issued a notification regarding the deadline for filing appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal
- Meghalaya Govt. issued Public Health Advisory: Meningococcal Disease

Nagaland

- Nagaland Shops and Establishments (1st Amendment) Bill, 2025
- Nagaland Media Accreditation Rules, 2025

Odisha

- Odisha Govt. notified regarding the Mukhyamantri Poshan Yojana
- Odisha Govt. issued the Scheme Guidelines for UTKARSH ITI Yojana
- Odisha Jan Vishwas Act, 2025
- Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Odisha, issued a circular regarding the maintenance of a database of fire-risk premises under the Odisha Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Rules, 2017
- Govt. of Odisha issued the Odisha Tourism (Amendment) Policy, 2026
- Draft Odisha Code on Social Security Rules, 2026
- Odisha Govt. issued the Draft Odisha Industrial Relations Rules, 2026
- Odisha Government notified regarding the Prohibition of Tobacco■Mixed Food Products
- Department of Health & Family Welfare, Odisha, issued a notification regarding DMLT Students' Registration Till 2025–26
- Draft Odisha Municipal (Amendment) Rules, 2025
- Draft Odisha Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026
- Draft Odisha Code on Wages Rules, 2026
- FARD Odisha Prohibition on Use of Animal-Origin Wastes in Aquaculture
- Govt. of Odisha issued Guidelines for Leasing of Tourism Properties, 2026
- Odisha Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2025
- Odisha Govt. issued MMSBY – Installation of Smart Meters Phase-I" Scheme for Free Smart Meter Deployment
- Odisha Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2025

Pondicherry

- Puducherry Govt. notified regarding the 24×7 Operation of Shops & Establishments with Employee Safety Conditions
- Puducherry Govt. notified regarding the holiday on April 09, 2026 due to General Elections
- Government of Puducherry issued an extension for the time limit for filing appeals
- Govt. of Puducherry notified regarding the registration of establishments under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, and exemption from registration/renewal under the Puducherry Shops and Establishments Act, 1964
- Puducherry LD Paid Holiday Declaration for Puducherry Assembly Election 2026
- Puducherry Govt. issued an amendment to an older notification related to GST Rate Schedules for Tobacco and Related Products

Punjab

- PBOCWWB Registration of MGNREGA Workers under BOCW Act
- Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor), (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Punjab Liquor Licence (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026
- Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2026
- Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, issued a notification regarding the declaration of Leprosy as a Notifiable Disease
- Punjab Govt. amended an older notification related to the date of appointment for the provisions of the Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018
- Govt. of Punjab issued the SOP and Timeline for Professional Tax Registration on the PSDT Portal
- PSPCL notified regarding the Model Application and Agreement form to be signed by Co-generation Plants
- Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, issued amendments to the Punjab Food Security Rules, 2016
- Govt. of Punjab issued the Industrial and Business Development Policy, 2026
- Govt. of Punjab notified regarding the Sectoral Policies
- Department of Industries & Commerce, Punjab, issued the Detailed Schemes & Operational Guidelines, 2026
- PSPCL issued accounting procedure of Smart Pre-paid meters
- PPCB Issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Categorization of Industrial Sectors under “Miscellaneous” Category
- PPCB notified regarding the pollution in water bodies and encroachment on lakes, ponds, etc.
- Govt. of Punjab issued the Excise Policy for the Financial Year 2026-27
- PPCB issued clarification regarding classification of 'disposal site for disposal of dredged material' from 'desilting/ dredging of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, river & canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep & disaster management'
- Punjab Govt. issued the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Rules, 2026
- PPCB issued a notification regarding processing of applications under the Punjab Right to Business Amendment Act and the Punjab Right to Business (Amendment) Rules, 2025

- PPCB notified regarding the directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories-Charcoal Manufacturing Units
- PPCB notified regarding the classification of Aviation Service Facility (storing aviation fuel only)
- Punjab Town Improvement Trust (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Rajasthan

- Rajasthan Fisheries (Amendment) Rules,2026
- RSGFD Display of GST Component Separately in BOQ on IFMS 3.0
- Rajasthan Govt. issued amendments in the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Seheme-2024
- Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 2026
- Govt. of Rajasthan issued the Global Capability Center Policy 2025 (Procedural Guidelines)
- Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026
- Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to notification under Rajasthan Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1951

Tamil Nadu

- Department of Health and Family Welfare, Tamil Nadu, issued an order regarding simplification of the TNCEA Registration & Renewal Process
- Tamil Nadu Govt. declared Public Holiday for Assembly Election Poll Day
- Govt. of Tamil Nadu notified regarding the Paid Holiday to workers and other employees of all categories due to General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, 2026
- Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023
- Tamil Nadu Agroforestry Policy, 2026
- Tamil Nadu Govt. issued the amendment to the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023
- Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the Draft Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Food Security Rules, 2017
- Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the amendments to the Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959
- Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the Registration (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2025
- Tamil Nadu Govt. issued the dearness allowance payable with effect from April 01, 2026

Telangana

- Govt. of Telangana issued the amendment to the Seventh Schedule under section 3 of the Telangana Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1963

Tripura

- Govt. of Tripura notified regarding the Grant of Paid Holiday to Employees on the day of Poll on April 09, 2026
- Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Diversion of land) (First Amendment), Rules, 2026
- Draft Tripura Wages Rules, 2026

- Govt. of Tripura notified regarding the Hotel Star Classification Requirement under Tripura Tourism Policy, 2025
- Tripura Urban Planning and Development Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- Govt. of Tripura issued a notification regarding the Partial modification of guidelines for recognition / up-gradation of recognition/renewal of recognition for Privately Managed Schools
- Tripura Guaranteed Services to Citizens (First Amendment) Rules, 2026

Uttar Pradesh

- Govt. of UP notified regarding the additional Public Holiday on March 27, 2026, for Ram Navami
- Uttar Pradesh Minor Minerals (Concession) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026
- UPMC Regulation of Sky Signs and Advertisements Rules, 2026
- Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of licences for Premium retail Vends of Foreign Liquor) (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2025
- Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of Licenses for Retail Sale of Country Liquor) (Nineteenth Amendment) Rules, 2025
- Uttar Pradesh Govt. issued extension of Time Limit for Filing Appeals before GST Appellate Tribunal
- Draft Uttar Pradesh Industrial Relations Rules 2026
- Draft Uttar Pradesh Code on Wages Rules, 2026
- Draft Uttar Pradesh Social Security Code Rules, 2026
- Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026
- UP Govt. issued an amendment to an older notification related to GST Rate Schedules for Tobacco and Related Products

Uttarakhand

- Govt. of Uttarakhand issued a notification allowing Shops and Establishments to operate 24×7

West Bengal

- Govt. of WB notified regarding the exemption of Rural Employment Cess on Tea Estates in West Bengal
- WBFD Exemption from Education Cess for Tea Estates
- West Bengal Govt. notified regarding the proper utilization of slow moving and near expiry Drug/ Equipment/OHC

Secretarial

BSE notified regarding the Quarterly Cyber Incident reporting to be submitted by April 15

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 30, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Quarterly Cyber Incident reporting under Cyber Security & Cyber Resilience Framework for Regulated Entities (REs) The following has been stated namely: - • The report must be submitted by April 15, 2026 via the BEFS portal (online path provided). • For any urgent cyber incidents, members must follow the separate SOP issued earlier • Exchange-wise Submission Rule: o Members registered with both BSE and NSE → report only to NSE o Exclusive BSE members → report via BSE BEFS portal • Guidelines for submitting the Quarterly Cyber Incident Report through the BEFS portal is given in Annexure 1 [Notification No. 20260330-31]

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BSE issued a notification regarding the Master Circular Finance and Accounts, March 31, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 31, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Master Circular Finance and Accounts March 31, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Central Board of Direct Taxes clarified that GST on services (if shown separately) is excluded from TDS under the Income-tax Act, 1961. •Existing contracts referring to service tax will be treated as GST on services post 1 July 2017. •Rules for stock exchanges (now under Income Tax Rules, 2026) mandate SEBI approval, client data recording, audit trails, and monthly reporting. •Bombay Stock Exchange is recognized, ensuring derivative and commodity trades are not treated as speculative transactions. •Members must upload TDS certificates on the BEFS portal for refunds, which are processed monthly without physical submission. [Notification No.: 20260331-6]

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BSE notified regarding the Introduction of New Business Unified Portal

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Introduction of New “Business Unified Portal”. The following has been stated namely: - • Business Unified Portal is introduced to consolidate all operational activities for trading platform and terminal management into a single platform, improving efficiency and usability. • Members can access it via Member SSO portal (Member SSO → Unified Portal) using existing login credentials. • Key services available include approval requests (ETI, IBT, DMA, Algo, etc.), Trader ID creation, dealer registration, throttle management, and proprietary trading activation/deactivation. • The portal categorizes activities into Exchange terminal and non-Exchange terminal operations. • The system is live from March 16, 2026, with existing portals continuing temporarily during

transition; a separate notice will announce their discontinuation. [Notification No. 20260313-24]

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CDSL issued the amendments to the DP Operating Instructions Chapter – 2

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 24, 2026, issued the amendments to the DP Operating Instructions Chapter 2. The following has been stated: • It has amended Chapter 2 of its DP Operating Instructions relating to account opening, primarily impacting HUF demat accounts. The amendment allows HUF accounts to now be opened jointly with up to two individual holders, which was previously prohibited. • It also mandates that in case of POA/DDPI, signatures of all HUF members, along with joint holders, shall be obtained. The provisions regarding the death of the Karta have been clarified to ensure continuity of the account, including replacement of the Karta and recognition of cases where a joint holder dies, wherein the HUF continues as the surviving holder. • Additionally, DPs are required to capture details of all coparceners at the time of account opening. In cases of HUF partition, the amendments provide flexibility to open separate demat accounts for coparceners (with or without joint holders) and enable transfer of securities accordingly, while in the case of full partition, the HUF account will be closed after distribution of assets, whereas in partial partition, the account may continue. [Notification no. - CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/208]

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CDSL notified regarding the Coparceners Details in HUF Demat Accounts

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 28, 2026, notified regarding the Coparceners Details in HUF Demat Accounts. The following has been stated: • Depository Participants (DPs) are required to capture detailed information of all coparceners while opening HUF demat accounts, including their name, PAN, and relationship, making this process mandatory under system enhancements. • Additionally, a separate system tab has been introduced specifically for capturing Karta details—such as name, mobile number (with ISD code), email ID, UID, and remarks—replacing the earlier practice of recording such details under authorised signatories. • These changes aim to improve data accuracy, transparency, and compliance in HUF account opening procedures. [Notification no. - CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/218]

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INX issued a circular regarding reporting for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) applications and systems offered and used by market intermediaries

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (INX) on March 31, 2026, issued a circular regarding reporting for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) applications and systems offered and used by market intermediaries. The following has been stated: - •SEBI requires market intermediaries to report AI/ML systems used or offered, as per its 2019 circular. •For FY ending March 31, 2026, the report must be submitted by April 15, 2026 (within 15 days). •Submission must be done online through the IIeFS portal; no other mode is accepted. •All members must file the form, including those not using AI/ML (by selecting "No"). [Circular No.: 20260331-3]

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India ICC mandates annual clearing membership fee of USD 5,000 for FY 2026–27

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Clearing Corporation (India ICC), on March 31, 2026, issued a circular directing clearing members to pay the annual clearing membership fees for the financial year 2026–27. The circular is issued in reference to its earlier communication dated March 6, 2026. As per the circular, all clearing members are required to remit a fee of USD 5,000 on or before April 30, 2026. The payment must be made from the member's account maintained with their respective clearing bank to the designated India ICC bank accounts. Members are also required to send an email intimation to the specified official email ID upon successful transfer of the fees. The circular further provides bank account details for remittance, including accounts with ICICI Bank and State Bank of India, to facilitate timely compliance by members. [Circular No. 20260331-1]

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MCXCCL issued a circular notifying the Due Date Rates (DDR) for various futures contracts that expired

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on March 30, 2026, issued a circular notifying the Due Date Rates (DDR) for various futures contracts that expired on the same date, in accordance with the rules and bye-laws of the clearing corporation. The DDR represents the final settlement price for expired contracts and has been determined for multiple commodities including metals, agri-products, bullion, and energy. Key rates include Aluminium at ■343.25/kg, Copper at ■1167.55/kg, Cotton at ■26,960 per bale, Gold (10 grams) at ■146,713, and Zinc at ■316.95/kg, among others. Members and market participants are advised to take note of these final settlement prices for proper accounting, settlement, and compliance purposes in respect of the expired contracts. [Circular No.: MCX/MCXCCL/164/2026]

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MCX issued the UNSC Press Release and Sanction List

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 30, 2026, issued UNSC Press Release and Sanction List. Pursuant to communication from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has issued updates (Notes SC/16323 and SC/16324 dated March 26, 2026) amending entries in the 1267 sanctions list relating to individuals/entities linked to ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida. Stock exchange members are advised to ensure strict compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing (CFT) obligations, including screening of all existing and new accounts to ensure no linkage with sanctioned individuals or entities, in line with Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 and SEBI AML/CFT guidelines. Members must also report delisting requests to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs, and guide affected persons to the UN Ombudsperson mechanism for removal from sanctions lists. Regular monitoring of updates on the SEBI website is required to ensure ongoing compliance with evolving UNSC sanctions. [Circular no.: MCX/COMP/160/2026]

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MCA issued a notification regarding the DIR-3 KYC Compliance Framework

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has issued a notification regarding DIR-3 KYC Compliance Framework. It has revamped the DIR-3 KYC compliance system to reduce repetitive filings and improve ease of doing business while maintaining strong corporate governance. The following has been stated: - Filing Requirement: Directors must now file DIR-3 KYC Web once every three financial years (instead of annually), by June 30th. Mandatory Updates Within 30 Days: Any changes in mobile number, email ID, or residential address must be updated within 30 days via DIR-3 KYC Web with applicable fees. Unified Form: Previous forms (DIR-3 KYC and DIR-3 KYC Web) are merged into a single DIR-3 KYC Web form. These changes will come into force from March 31, 2026, vide Notification No. G.S.R. 943(E) dated December 31, 2025. Pending Forms Cancelled: Existing forms in draft or pending status will be marked cancelled, requiring fresh filing under the new system. Please refer to the document attached below for illustrations.

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MCX issued a circular regarding the Futures and Options Contracts Launch Calendar for the month of April 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 30, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Futures and Options Contracts Launch Calendar for the month of April 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange has notified members about Futures and Options (F&O) contracts available for trading in April 2026. •Details of contracts and their launch dates are provided in Annexures 1 and 2. •Members should refer to updated contract specifications and settlement procedures on the Exchange website. •All members are advised to take note and act accordingly. [Circular No.: MCX/TRD/161/2026]

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MCX issued a circular extending the suspension of futures trading in Crude Palm Oil

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on March 30, 2026, issued a circular extending the suspension of futures trading in Crude Palm Oil (CPO) contracts, in line with directives issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The suspension, which was initially imposed earlier, has now been further extended till March 31, 2027. This decision has been taken pursuant to SEBI's directive dated March 27, 2026, and continues the regulatory restriction on trading in CPO futures contracts on the exchange. Members of the Exchange and their clients are advised to take note of the extended suspension and ensure compliance with the applicable rules, bye-laws, and regulatory directions governing trading activities. [Circular No.: MCX/TRD/159/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Changes in relation to rate of Securities Transaction Tax

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 31, 2026, issued the Changes in relation to rates of Securities Transaction Tax. The following has been stated namely: - • As per the Finance Act, 2026, STT rates have been increased for derivatives: o Options (sale): 0.15% (earlier 0.10%) o Options (on exercise): 0.15%(and o Futures (sale): 0.05% (earlier 0.02%) • STT on purchase and sale of equity shares or business trust units (delivery-based) remains 0.1%, payable by buyer/seller respectively. • No Change in Other Transactions: o Equity-oriented fund units (delivery): 0.001% o Non-delivery equity/equity fund trades: 0.025% (All unchanged) • The party liable to pay STT (buyer/seller) remains the same across all transaction types. Revised STT rates apply to all transactions executed on stock exchanges on or after April 01, 2026, and must be followed by trading members and communicated to clients. [Notification No. NSE/FATAX/73524]

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NSE issued extension in discontinuation of NCMS EXE in F&O Segment

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 30, 2026, issued extension in discontinuation of NCMS EXE in F&O Segment. Members may note that the NCMS EXE decommissioning date has been extended to June 15, 2026. Accordingly, all Members are required to extensively test the API and ensure smooth transition from NCMS exe to NCMS API 2.0 facility. [Circular No: 039/2026]

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NCCL issued a circular regarding the Format of Report downloads - Risk Management

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 30, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Format of Report downloads - Risk Management. The following has been stated: - •NSE Clearing Limited (NCCL) has updated its Risk Management reporting format. •In addition to existing Intraday Margin Reports (Snapshots 1–5), new post-market reports (Snapshots 6–8) will be provided. •The timestamps in snapshots indicate file generation order, not the actual data capture time. •The revised reporting system is effective from March 30, 2026. [Circular No. : NCCL/RISK-017/2026]

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NCDEX notified regarding the Futures & Options Contracts Launch in April 2026 and Premium/Discount for grade/delivery location difference

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 30, 2026, notified regarding the Futures & Options Contracts Launch in April 2026 and Premium/Discount for grade/delivery location difference. The following has been stated: • The circular, issued in reference to Securities and Exchange Board of India guidelines on commodity derivatives, notifies the premium/discount structure for grade and delivery location differences applicable to futures contracts being launched on April 1, 2026, along with options contracts on April 2, 2026. The Exchange has specified that premium/discount adjustments will determine “good delivery” standards for these contracts, while variations within acceptable quality limits will continue to be governed by existing product-specific circulars. • A wide range of commodity futures contracts, including agricultural products (like bajra, barley, castor seed, jeera, maize), industrial commodities (steel), and oils (sunflower oil, castor oil), will be launched with defined expiry dates. • The circular details grade-based premiums/discounts (e.g., steel billets at a premium, imported yellow peas at a discount) and location-based adjustments (e.g., price differences across delivery centers like Jaipur, Bikaner, Jodhpur, etc.), ensuring standardized pricing across regions and qualities. • Additionally, options contracts on select futures (such as dhaniya, guar gum, guar seed, jeera, and turmeric) will be introduced from April 2, 2026, with specified expiry schedules aligned to their underlying futures. [Notification no. - NCDEX/TRADING-010/2026]

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NCDEX Re-Triggers E-ASM on Turmeric Contracts till April 23, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 30, 2026, in continuation of its earlier surveillance circulars, has re-triggered the Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on Turmeric contracts due to significant price volatility based on high-low variation. An E-ASM of 2.5% has been imposed on all running and yet-to-be-launched Turmeric contracts, effective from March 30, 2026, and will remain applicable till April 23, 2026. The trigger is based on the prescribed price movement threshold under the exchange’s surveillance mechanism. Other commodities listed under the framework remain unaffected at present, and all existing margins will continue to apply as usual alongside the E-ASM for Turmeric. [Circular No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-037/2026]

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NCDEX issued circular regarding Trading Restrictions extended in Select Commodities

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 30, 2026, issued a circular regarding reporting for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) applications and systems offered and used by market intermediaries. The following has been stated: - •Active trading members must report all AI/ML applications used as of March 31, 2026. •Submission deadline is April 15, 2026, via the NCFE portal (Compliance → AI/ML module). •Separate forms are required for each AI/ML system deployed. •Portal opens April 01, 2026, and remains active for only 15 days; timely compliance is mandatory. [Circular No. : NCDEX/ MEMBER INSPECTION-005/2026]

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NCDEX issued a circular regarding Trading Restrictions extended in Select Commodities

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 28, 2026, issued a circular regarding Trading Restrictions extended in Select Commodities. The following has been stated: - •As per SEBI directives and Exchange bye-laws, members are informed about an update on commodity derivatives trading. •This continues earlier circulars issued between December 2021 and March 2025. •The suspension of Futures and Options (F&O) contracts in specified commodities (Annexure 1) is extended. •The suspension will now remain in force until March 31, 2027, and members should take note. [Circular No. : NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-036/2026]

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NSDL notified regarding the reporting with respect to AIF units held in Aggregate Escrow Demat Account

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the reporting with respect to AIF units held in the Aggregate Escrow Demat Account. The following has been stated: • The circular directs issuers and R&T agents to ensure that Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) comply with earlier guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Board of India regarding holding AIF units in dematerialised form and maintaining investor-level KYC details. AIF managers are required to maintain investor-wise records (name, PAN, bank details) along with a complete audit trail for units held in Aggregate Escrow Demat Accounts, and report this data monthly to depositories and custodians. • Further, the circular mandates that monthly escrow statements must now be submitted only through the NSDL Issuer Portal, in a prescribed CSV (SFA) format, with separate uploads for investor-wise and scheme-wise reports. In case of upload errors, a failure file will indicate discrepancies. AIFs without portal access must complete self-registration to generate login credentials, and any issues can be resolved by contacting NSDL support. • Overall, the circular strengthens reporting standardization, transparency, and compliance in AIF unit handling. [Notification no. - NSDL/CIR/II/13/2026]

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NSDL issued a circular regarding amendments to NSDL's Business rules for revision in existing penalty, head penalty structure of R&T Agent and/ or issuer having direct connectivity with NSDL for the in-house registry division

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on March 11, 2026, issued a circular regarding amendments to NSDL's Business rules for revision in existing penalty, head penalty structure of R&T Agent and/ or issuer having direct connectivity with NSDL for the in-house registry division. The following has been stated: - •NSDL has amended its Business Rules to revise the penalty structure for R&T Agents and issuers with in-house registry divisions. •A penalty applies where internal audit reports lack management comments or compliance on audit observations. •The penalty is ■2000 per instance, with an additional ■1000 for every fortnight of delay until submission of the revised report. •Issuers and R&T Agents are advised to take note and ensure timely compliance. [Circular No: NSDL/CIR/II/12/2026]

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NSDL issued a circular regarding an amendment to Clause B (o) of Annexure O of the NSDL Business Rules related to the revocation of mandate and disablement of the client's access to the electronic facility to submit mandate

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on March 18, 2026, issued a circular regarding an amendment to Clause B (o) of Annexure O of the NSDL Business Rules related to the revocation of mandate and disablement of the client's access to the electronic facility to submit a mandate. The following has been stated: - •NSDL has amended Clause B(o) of Annexure O in its Business Rules regarding revocation of mandate and disabling client access. •The existing clause has been split into two separate clauses, B(o) and B(p), for better clarity. •The changes aim to avoid misinterpretation and improve understanding of the provisions. •Participants are advised to take note of the amendment and ensure compliance. The detailed circular is given in the document below. [Circular No: NSDL/POLICY/2026/0035]

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NSDL issued a circular regarding a change in the deadline time for submission of pay-in instructions on SPEED-e

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on March 18, 2026, issued a circular regarding a change in the deadline time for submission of pay-in instructions on SPEED-e. The following has been stated: - •NSDL has revised the deadline timings for submission of pay-in instructions on SPEED-e for NSE and BSE settlements. •Updated cut-off times apply across different systems, including SPEED-e, SPEED-e Direct,

and eDPM for various settlement types. •Participants must ensure the timely execution of client instructions in eDPM within the new deadlines. •Any issues should be promptly reported to the Help Desk, and a token number must be obtained. [Circular No: NSDL/SPEED-e/POLICY/2026/0005]

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NSDL Enhancement in BSDA Opt-Out Facility

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on March 18, 2026, issued a circular informing participants about system enhancements in the depository framework to implement changes related to the Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA) opt-out facility, pursuant to SEBI directions aimed at ease of doing business and investor convenience. The circular introduces a mandatory 'Consent Mode' field to capture how investors provide consent for opting out of BSDA, with options including email (registered), physical forms, and online/mobile applications. This requirement applies during both account opening and client modification processes, ensuring proper documentation and transparency. Further, necessary updates have been made in the UDiFF system (Version 3.0.1.1), including incorporation of the consent mode field across relevant file formats such as BO Upload, Client Master Report, and Client Master Export. Participants are advised to implement these changes accordingly to ensure compliance. [Circular No. NSDL/POLICY/2026/0036]

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CDSL issued a notification regarding clarification on the Submission of the status of Readiness and Compliance to the Accessibility Requirements

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 24, 2026, issued a notification regarding clarification on the Submission of the status of Readiness and Compliance to the Accessibility Requirements. The following has been stated: - •SEBI has issued clarifications regarding the submission of digital accessibility compliance by Depository Participants (DPs). •DPs must report readiness status for all digital platforms (website, mobile apps, etc.) already disclosed to CDSL. •Details must be submitted manually in the prescribed Annexure-A format via the CDSL audit portal. •Supporting documents must be certified accessibility reports signed by qualified professionals; entries can be edited or deleted if needed. •All information must be accurate, aligned with earlier submissions, and completed by March 31, 2026. [Notification No.: CDSL/AUDIT/DP/POLCY/2026/206]

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CDSL Opening of HUF Demat Accounts

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 20, 2026, issued a communiqué providing clarifications on the legal position regarding the opening of demat accounts for Hindu Undivided Families

(HUFs), particularly in cases where there is only one coparcener along with a member. It has been clarified that HUF demat accounts may be opened even with a single coparcener acting as the Karta, provided there is at least one additional HUF member such as a wife, mother, or widow. This addresses operational ambiguities raised by Depository Participants (DPs) in such scenarios. Further, such accounts must be opened in the name of the HUF as per PAN records, with proper identification of the Karta and submission of supporting documents including the list of coparceners and members along with applicable KYC requirements, in line with the regulatory framework. [Communiqué No. CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/196]

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BSE issued a notification regarding payment of SEBI Turnover Fees across segments, including applicable GST

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding payment of SEBI Turnover Fees across segments, including applicable GST. The following has been stated: - •Securities and Exchange Board of India turnover fees across all segments are subject to 18% GST (effective July 18, 2022), and applicable charges will be debited. •Fees for March 2026 (including GST) will be debited on April 06, 2026, from members' settlement/exchange dues accounts. •Turnover details and invoices will be available on EXTRANET by April 02, 2026, with GST calculated on column 26 of the TF2A file. •Members must maintain sufficient funds, as fees and GST will be debited separately with proper narration. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 20260330-2]

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BSE Revision in STP IFN515 Format

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 30, 2026, issued a notice informing members about revisions in the STP IFN515 format, in continuation of its earlier notice dated October 4, 2024, regarding changes in the contract note format, following discussions with the Broker's Industry Standards Forum (ISF) and consultation with SEBI. The key modification pertains to Mandatory Subsequence D3 (Amounts), specifically column 19A, where the remarks have been revised from "to identify the brokerage" to "to identify the brokerage and other permissible charges," thereby broadening the scope of disclosure in transaction reporting. Members are advised to take note of the revised format as provided in Annexure_1 and ensure necessary system updates and compliance with the updated reporting requirements. [Notice No. 20260330-1]

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NSE notified regarding the Common violations/deficiencies observed by the Exchange during the inspections of Trading Members and Authorised Persons

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the Common violations/deficiencies observed by the Exchange during the inspections of Trading Members and Authorised Persons. The following has been stated: • It is a continuation of an earlier circular and provides an updated list (Annexure A) of recurring compliance gaps identified by the Exchange. The circular mainly flags irregular practices by Authorised Persons, such as unauthorized handling of client funds, misuse of client login credentials, executing trades without proper authorization, and engaging in activities aimed at generating brokerage rather than client interest. • It also notes issues like incorrect client mapping, lack of proper inspection by trading members, unapproved advertisements, and failure to maintain mandatory records and display investor-related information at AP offices. • Additionally, the Exchange has identified deficiencies in the books and operations of trading members, including issues related to banking transactions and compliance processes. • Overall, NSE advises all trading members to review these commonly observed irregularities and strengthen their internal systems, controls, and compliance mechanisms to ensure adherence to regulatory requirements and avoid similar lapses in future inspections. [Notification no. - NSE/INSP/73503]

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NSE notified regarding the Introduction of Dated Brent Crude Oil (Platts) Futures contracts in the NSE Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the Introduction of dated Brent Crude Oil (Platts) Futures contracts in the NSE Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated: • It has announced the launch of Dated Brent Crude Oil (Platts) Futures contracts in its commodity derivatives segment, effective April 13, 2026, after approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India. The contract is based on the Platts Dated Brent benchmark and will be traded under the symbol BRCRUDEOIL with monthly expiries. • Trading will take place from Monday to Friday between 9:00 AM and late evening (aligned with US daylight saving timings), with a trading unit of 100 barrels and price quoted in ■ per barrel. The contracts will be cash-settled, with the final settlement price determined using the monthly average of Platts Brent prices converted into INR using RBI reference rates. • The circular also lays down detailed risk and trading parameters, including a daily price limit of 6% (extendable to 9% or higher in exceptional global volatility), initial margins based on SPAN or volatility, and an extreme loss margin of 1%, with provisions for additional margins during high volatility. • Position limits are capped at 40 lakh barrels for members and 4 lakh barrels for clients (or a percentage of market-wide positions, whichever is higher). Contracts will expire on the last business day of the contract month, and new contracts will be introduced monthly as per the launch calendar extending up to December 2027. [Notification no. - NSE/COM/73512]

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NSE issued revision in STP INF515 Format

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 27, 2026, issued revision in STP INF515 Format. The NSE has revised the STP IFN515 format further to its earlier circular dated October 4, 2024 on the revision of contract note format. This update follows discussions with the Broker's Industry Standards Forum (ISF) and

consultation with Securities and Exchange Board of India. As part of the change, the description under Mandatory Subsequence D3 (Amounts) – Column 19A has been modified from “to identify the brokerage” to “to identify the brokerage and other permissible charges.” This ensures clearer disclosure of all applicable charges in contract notes, improving transparency for market participants. [Circular No: 10/2026]

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NCCL issued Settlement Calendar and timelines for submission of delivery intentions for all the future

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 27, 2026, issued Settlement Calendar and timelines for submission of delivery intentions for all the future. Members are informed about the Settlement Calendar and delivery intention timelines for Futures Contracts expiring in April 2026. • Contracts may be under compulsory delivery or staggered delivery; settlement follows the specified delivery mechanism. • Delivery intentions must be submitted (via NCFE) up to 1.5 hours after market close (till 6:30 PM) during the staggered delivery period, including expiry day. • Delivery is mandatory for open positions at expiry after opting for early pay-in. • Sellers must provide location preference, failing which allocation is made to the base location. Penalties & Compliance: • Strict penalties apply for delivery defaults, including additional 3% penalty for serious or repeated defaults. • Repeated default (3+ times in 6 months) attracts extra penalties per instance. • Late submission of GST/invoice details attracts late fees. • Members cannot square off positions after intention marking in intention-matching contracts. • No new positions allowed in last 5 days of expiry for such contracts. • GST is applicable on penalties. Overall, members must strictly adhere to delivery timelines, submission procedures, and compliance norms to avoid penalties. [Circular No. : NCCL/CLEARING-018/2026]

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MCX issued circular regarding the Enhancement in eUIMS (Electronic User ID Management System)

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 27, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Enhancement in eUIMS (Electronic User ID Management System). MCX has introduced enhancements to the eUIMS (Electronic User ID Management System), effective March 30, 2026, to improve user management and operational efficiency. Key updates: • User Dashboard: o Centralized platform to manage user IDs and requests. o Categorizes users into Active, Inactive, Pending, and History. o Allows creation (manual/bulk), modification, cancellation, and updates (e.g., IP, address, certifications, CTCL, custodial privileges). • New Features: o Auto-populated terminal addresses based on dropdown selection. o Algo users: No mandatory document upload unless details are updated. o Proprietary trading disclosure: Upload up to 3 attachments. o Multi-location facility: Register up to 5 locations in one request. o Default location setting for proprietary trading enabled. Overall, these changes aim to streamline user management, reduce manual effort, and enhance system usability for members. [Circular No.: MCX/TRD/156/2026]

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MCXCCL Due Date Rates for Expired Natural Gas Futures Contracts

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL), on March 27, 2026, issued a circular notifying the Due Date Rates (DDR) for futures contracts that expired on March 26, 2026, in accordance with its Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations. The communication is addressed to all members for necessary information and compliance. As per the circular, the DDR for Natural Gas (NATURALGAS) and Natural Gas Mini (NATGASMINI) contracts has been fixed at ■281.80 per MMBTU, with a base quantity of 1 MMBTU. These rates represent the final settlement prices for the expired contracts and are used for determining final pay-in and pay-out obligations. Members are required to take note of the notified DDR for settlement purposes as per applicable clearing and settlement procedures of the exchange. [Notification No. MCXCCL/DDR/062/2026]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2025, for Electronic Gold Receipts segment (PR)

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2025, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment (PR). The following has been stated: • The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment on March 28, 2026, to test trading systems and functionalities. • Trading will run from log-in (09:15–10:00 AM), pre-open (10:00–10:15 AM), continuous trading (10:15 AM–01:00 PM), followed by closing and post-closing till 01:20 PM; block deal window is 12:00–12:15 PM. • Members using third-party or in-house systems can test features like risk reduction mode and trading halt. • Trades executed are non-binding with no margin or settlement obligations. • Participants are encouraged to join actively and submit feedback by 3:00 PM on the same day. [Notification no. - 20260327-19]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2026, for Equity segment (PR)

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2026, for the Equity segment (PR). The following has been stated: • The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Equity segment on March 28, 2026, to test trading platforms and functionalities. • Key timings include log-in (09:15–09:45 AM), pre-open (10:00–10:15 AM), continuous trading (10:15 AM–01:00 PM), with additional sessions like block deals, IPO pre-open, periodic call auction, and auctions for settlement. • Members can test features such as call auction sessions, risk reduction mode, trading halt, and block deals. • Separate windows are provided for T+0 and T+1 trading, trade modification, and special IPO/re-listed scrip sessions. • Trades are non-binding with no financial obligations, and members are

encouraged to participate and submit feedback by 3:00 PM. [Notification no. - 20260327-17]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday March 28, 2026, for Equity Derivatives segment

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2026, for the Equity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated: • The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for the Equity Derivatives segment on March 28, 2026, to test trading systems and functionalities. • Trading timings include log-in (09:45–10:00 AM), pre-open session (10:00–12:00 Noon) with order entry, matching, and buffer periods, followed by continuous trading (12:00–01:00 PM). • Members can test features like risk reduction mode, trading halt, and pre-open session functionality using test contract files provided by the Exchange. • Members are advised to log in only after 09:45 AM and use separate mock contract files for testing. • Trades executed during the session are non-binding with no margin or settlement obligations, and active participation is encouraged [Notification no. - 20260327-18]

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NeSL notified regarding the e-Stamping System Downtime on March 31, 2026, for Uttar Pradesh and Odisha

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding the e-Stamping System Downtime on March 31, 2026, for Uttar Pradesh and Odisha. Due to financial year-end activities by the Stockholding Corporation of India, NeSL's DDE e-stamping service will be unavailable on March 31, 2026, in Uttar Pradesh (from 2:00 PM) and Odisha (from 2:30 PM) till midnight. Users are advised to plan transactions accordingly, while services in other states will continue as usual. [Notification no. - NeSL/DT-DDE/2026/096]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading from Primary and DR site on Saturday, March 28, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 26, 2026, notified regarding the Mock trading from the Primary and DR sites on Saturday, March 28, 2026. The following has been stated: • It will conduct a mock trading session on March 28, 2026, from both the Primary Site and the Disaster Recovery (DR) Site to test trading systems and recovery mechanisms. • Primary Site sessions will run in two phases: Session 1 from 11:00 hrs to ~11:46 hrs and Session 2 from 12:00/12:05 hrs to ~13:30/13:31 hrs, depending on segments

(Equity, Derivatives, Currency, etc.). • DR Site sessions will be conducted later the same day: Session 1 from 16:15 hrs to ~17:26 hrs and Session 2 from 17:40/17:50 hrs to ~18:45/18:46 hrs, with segment-wise variations. • A Re-login session from the Primary Site is scheduled from 20:15 hrs to 21:00 hrs to ensure smooth connectivity before the next trading day (March 30, 2026). • Trades executed during the mock session will not result in any financial obligation, and members are required to participate actively to test systems and avoid login issues. [Notification no. - NSEIFSC/TRADE/2526]

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NSE notified regarding the extension of Inventory Management System (IMS) to Trading members and Clients

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding the extension of the Inventory Management System (IMS) to Trading members and Clients. The following has been stated: • The Inventory Management System (IMS) features under NMASS have been extended from clearing members to trading members and their clients. • Trading members can now register/deregister clients and manage password access (unlock/reset). • Clients are enabled to initiate and track requests such as early pay-in, sell intent, conversion of EPI to sell intent, and buy intent. • Trading members will also be able to monitor client requests and statuses. • The enhancement aims to improve efficiency, transparency, and user convenience, with a detailed user manual provided separately. [Notification no. - NCL/COM/73459]

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NSE notified regarding the Extension of Inventory Management System to Trading members and Clients

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Extension of Inventory Management System (IMS) to Trading members and Clients. The following has been stated namely: - • Inventory Management System (IMS) via NMASS is now extended to Trading Members and their clients, beyond clearing members. • Trading Members can manage client access through features like client registration/deregistration and password reset/unlock. • Clients can initiate and track requests such as early pay-in, buy/sell intent, and conversion of EPI to sell intent, improving efficiency and transparency [Notification No. NCL/COM/73459]

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SEBI issued the Consultation Paper on Framework of IT Resilience Index for Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs)

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 25, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on Framework of IT Resilience Index for Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs). The following has been stated: • SEBI issued a consultation paper proposing an IT Resilience Index (ITRI) for Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) to assess the health and robustness of their IT systems. • The index aims to provide periodic, system-driven insights into IT performance, helping MIIs identify weaknesses and improve operational resilience. • A uniform framework is proposed to enable comparability across MIIs using standardized parameters and weightages. • Key parameters include availability, security, integrity, governance, business continuity, reliability, scalability, and flexibility, totaling 100 weightage points. • MIIs shall compute the index half-yearly, submit a comparative analysis, and report corrective actions to SEBI. • The framework emphasizes automated (non-manual) computation to ensure objectivity and accuracy. • Public comments on the proposal are invited till April 15, 2026, before final implementation. [Notification no. - SEBI/HO/MRD/TPD-1/P/CIR/2026/XXX]

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MCA issued advisory for Stakeholders for Name Reservation and Incorporation of Company and LLP

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on March 25, 2026, issued advisory for Stakeholders for Name Reservation and Incorporation of Company and LLP. The following have been stated: Ensure that the proposed name(s) are distinctive and do not closely resemble, phonetically or otherwise, with any existing or well-known names. Additionally, confirm that they are sufficiently unique to avoid sounding similar to established brands or entities. The guidelines specify restrictions and requirements for selecting names of companies and LLPs. Applicants should avoid using well-known abbreviations (like NHDC or BRICS) and must obtain prior approval or NOC from relevant regulators if the proposed name includes words such as “Bank,” “Insurance,” “Architect,” or professional terms like “Chartered Accountant” or “Advocate.” Use of foreign country names or words like “British” or “German” is allowed only with proof of business connection or collaboration. Certain names are restricted or regulated, such as “Nidhi Limited,” which can only be used by eligible entities, and Section 8 companies must include words like Foundation, Association, or Federation. Names suggesting government association or patronage are not permitted. Additionally, LLPs are not allowed to undertake financial or NBFC-type activities, including microfinance. The rules also prohibit names that are too similar to existing ones, differ only in minor ways (like tense, order, or translation), or are offensive in nature. Use of specific terms such as “Co-operative,” “Trust,” “Society,” “State,” or foreign corporate suffixes is restricted to prevent misleading or improper naming.

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CDSL Amendments to DP Operating Instructions (Chapter 2)

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), on March 25, 2026, issued a communiqué informing Depository Participants (DPs) about amendments made to Chapter 2 of the DP Operating Instructions relating to account opening and the rights and obligations of Beneficial Owners and DPs. These changes have been incorporated pursuant to directions received from the Securities and Exchange Board of India

(SEBI) vide its letter dated September 25, 2025. The amendments primarily update Annexure 2.7, which lays down the framework governing the relationship between Beneficial Owners and DPs. Key provisions reiterate compliance with applicable laws, confidentiality of client information, proper account opening procedures with KYC, transparency in charges, segregation of securities, and restrictions on unauthorized pledging. It also strengthens provisions related to transfer of securities, prohibition on compulsory execution of PoA/DDPI, and issuance of account statements in physical or electronic form. Depository Participants are advised to take note of these amendments and ensure necessary compliance. The revised Annexure has been shared in track changes mode for reference, and queries may be directed to the CDSL helpdesk through prescribed communication channels. [Notification No. CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/213]

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BSE notified regarding the conversion factors for converting from USD to GBP, EURO and YEN

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding the conversion factor for converting from USD to GBP, EURO, and YEN. The following has been stated: • The Exchange has updated conversion factors (effective April 29, 2026) for monitoring the USD 100 million position limit in currency derivatives (EUR-INR, GBP-INR, JPY-INR). • New factors: USD–EUR: 0.85, USD–GBP: 0.74, USD–JPY: 156.59. • Entities shall ensure positions across exchanges remain within USD 100 million equivalent, failing which underlying exposure disclosure is required. • Existing conversion factors remain applicable till April 28, 2026. [Notification no. - 20260325-50]

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BSE issued a notification regarding compliance submission for research analysts

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding compliance submission for research analysts. The following has been stated: Based on multiple Exchange circulars and the SEBI directive dated December 08, 2025, all Research Analysts must report their compliance status regarding digital accessibility requirements under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. They are required to submit details of their digital platforms and confirm readiness via the IARA portal using existing login credentials. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2026. A user manual with step-by-step instructions is provided for guidance. For assistance, analysts can contact the Exchange support numbers. Compliance with these requirements is mandatory. [Notice No. 20260325-62]

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IIBX notified regarding the Opening of demat accounts for trading on IIBX

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Limited (IIBX) on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the Opening of demat accounts for trading on IIBX. The following has been stated: • The International Financial Services Centres Authority has directed that India International Depository IFSC Ltd. will stop accepting new demat account applications with immediate effect. All new and existing participants of the India International Bullion Exchange shall open demat accounts with a depository participant instead. • Existing IIDIL account holders shall shift to new demat accounts with a depository participant by June 30, 2026. From July 1, 2026, trading on IIBX will be allowed only for those members/customers who comply with this requirement. [Notification no. - IIBX-MEM-2026-022]

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SEBI issued the Addendum to SEBI Circular on Borrowing by Mutual Funds

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 25, 2026, issued the Addendum to SEBI Circular on Borrowing by Mutual Funds. The following has been stated: • SEBI issued a circular on March 13, 2026, prescribing guidelines on borrowing by mutual funds, which were incorporated in its Master Circular dated March 20, 2026. • The circular specifically laid down norms for intraday borrowings by mutual funds under clause 5.9.1. • However, due to operational challenges faced by asset management companies, SEBI has deferred the implementation of these intraday borrowing guidelines. • The revised effective date for these provisions is now July 15, 2026, ensuring smoother compliance. [Notification no. - HO/(92)2026-IMD-POD-2/I/7885/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Investor-Facing Digital Platforms

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 24, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Investor-Facing Digital Platforms – Submission Due Date March 31, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • As per SEBI and Exchange circulars, all Trading Members must ensure compliance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 for accessibility of digital platforms. • Members are required to submit their readiness and compliance status to the Exchange by March 31, 2026. • Submission must be done through the ENIT portal under the specified compliance section, following the process in Annexure A. [Notification No. NSE/COMP/73451]

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NCDEX issued a circular announcing a Contingency Mock Trading Session scheduled for March 28 2026

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 25, 2026, issued a circular announcing a Contingency Mock Trading Session scheduled for March 28, 2026. This follows earlier postponement of the mock drill and aims to test system preparedness and business continuity mechanisms. Members are required to participate in the mock using revised setups for NEXTRA File Uploader and UDIFF File Uploader, introduced earlier, and certify their readiness. The exchange has also informed that the existing setup without DNS changes will be discontinued from March 28, 2026, making testing of the new configuration mandatory. The mock session will include trading activities across commodities from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, along with pre-open and re-login sessions. Additionally, production Web NCFE and Web Extranet will remain unavailable during the day, while test environments will be accessible. Members can also test functionalities related to safer participation of retail investors in algorithmic trading during the mock. [Circular No. NCDEX/TECHNOLOGY-012/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the Due Date Rates of future index contract expired on March 23, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the Due Date Rates of future index contracts that expired on March 23, 2026. The Due Date Rate (DDR) for the futures contract of MCXMETLDEX expiring on March 23, 2026, has been fixed at 20344.00. It is based on a base quantity of 1 index point, which serves as the final settlement price for the contract. [Notification no. - MCX/MCXCCL/150/2026]

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Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Government, on March 23, 2026, issued the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, and the Companies Act, 2013. The following has been stated: In the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008: - • In section 2, in sub-section (1),■ (i) after clause (m), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: '(ma) "International Financial Services Centre" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 3 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019; (mb) "International Financial Services Centres Authority" means the Authority established under sub-section (1) of section 4 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019;'; • In section 11, in sub-section (1), for clause (c), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely: — "(c) there shall be filed along with the incorporation document, a statement in such form, as may be prescribed, by any one person who subscribed his name to the incorporation document that all the requirements of this Act and the rules made thereunder have been complied with, in respect of incorporation and matters precedent and incidental thereto; (d) a declaration in the prescribed form by an advocate, a chartered accountant, cost accountant or company secretary in practice, where a limited liability partnership engaged such professionals in its formation or incorporation."; In the Companies Act, 2013, in section 2: - •In clause (28), for the words "the Cost and Works Accountants", the words "the Cost Accountants" shall be substituted; • In clause (41), after the third proviso, the following proviso shall be

inserted, namely: — “Provided also that the Central Government may, on an application made in such form and manner as may be prescribed, by a company or body corporate referred to in the first proviso or, on commercial considerations, by any other company or body corporate, allow the company or body corporate to realign its financial year as the period ending on the 31st day of March of the following year;”; • After clause (73), the following clause shall be inserted, namely: — ‘(73A) “Regional Director” means a person appointed by the Central Government as a Regional Director for the purposes of this Act and includes an Additional Regional Director, a Joint Regional Director, or a Deputy Regional Director under section 396;’; Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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CDSL Direct Credit of Securities to Demat Account

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 23, 2026, introduced system enhancements to enable direct credit of securities into investors’ dematerialisation (demat) accounts, in line with regulatory changes aimed at eliminating the requirement of Letter of Confirmation (LOC) and simplifying investor service processes. Under the revised framework, Registrars and Transfer Agents (RTAs) and issuers can initiate dematerialisation requests through an online single-entry mode in the CDSL system. The process will cover key investor service requests such as duplicate certificate issuance, transmission, transposition, claims from suspense accounts, and corporate actions. Depository Participants (DPs) must provide the Client Master List (CML) to investors, ensure proper signature verification, and attest the same before processing requests. Additionally, new standardized transaction status and transaction codes (e.g., OTP-based authentication stages) have been introduced for better tracking and transparency. The updated system will go live on April 2, 2026, and existing LOCs issued prior to implementation will remain valid for 120 days. DPs are required to update their systems and ensure compliance before the implementation date. [Communiqué No. CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/202]

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BSE issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) and Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS) – Custody, Restoration of Money and Grievance Redressal

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 23, 2026, issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) and Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS) – Custody, Restoration of Money and Grievance Redressal. Trading Members have been informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre have developed a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) and the Citizen Financial Cyber Fraud Reporting and Management System (CFCFRMS). This SOP lays down a structured framework for handling cyber-enabled financial crime cases, including aspects such as custody of funds, restoration of money, and grievance redressal. The SOP is intended to streamline coordination among Law Enforcement Agencies, banks, financial intermediaries, and other stakeholders by

ensuring a uniform, transparent, and efficient process across the country. Trading Members have been specifically directed to refer to Para 9.6 of the SOP, which deals with securities market-related transactions, and to ensure compliance with the prescribed procedures wherever applicable. The SOP is attached as Annexure-A. [Notice No. 20260323-30]

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BSE notified regarding the Financial Disincentive (Charges) for not uploading the Location information for the month of February 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 10, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Financial Disincentive (Charges) for not uploading the TWS/ETI/BOLTPLUS Location information for the month of February 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • Trading Members must ensure all TWS/ETI/BOLTPLUS terminals are properly registered with the Exchange, as per earlier notices. • The Exchange identifies unregistered or incorrectly registered terminal locations via daily files (LC files) from Extranet. • Orders placed from such locations attract a financial disincentive of ■1,000 per instance. • The February 2026 disincentive file (LCS0226) has been released and charges will be debited after 60 days from the notice. • Members can request waiver/review of the penalty by following the procedure outlined in the relevant Exchange notice (including email, timeline, and fees). [Notification No. 20260310-19]

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BSE issued an ICCL Circular on Revised Commodity Volatility Categorization and Minimum Margin Requirements Effective April 01, 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 10, 2026, issued the notification on Review of Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated namely: - • Based on volatility classification, Brent Crude, WTI Crude, and Silver are categorized as High Volatility, while Gold is categorized as Medium Volatility, with specified minimum Initial Margin (IM), Short Option Minimum Margin (SOMM), MPOR, and Volatility Scan Range (VSR). • As per the lead exchange's revised framework, Brent Crude and WTI Crude margins are increased to 33% (IM, SOMM, and VSR), while Silver margins are set at 11.5% IM/SOMM and 6% VSR. • For options contracts, the Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) must be at least two days or equal to the MPOR of corresponding futures contracts, and the seller's margin will be the higher of SOMM or VaR scaled by MPOR. • Other margins such as Extreme Loss Margin, Tender Period Margin, Delivery Period Margin, Concentration Margin, Additional Margin, Lean Period Margin, and Special Margin will continue unchanged, and the provisions come into effect from April 01, 2026. [Notification No. 20260310-8]

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MCX Security Requirements for SSL VPN Connectivity

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX), on March 23, 2026, issued a circular outlining enhanced security requirements for members accessing trading systems through the SSL VPN solution. The circular also extends the deadline for discontinuation of VPN support on Windows 10 till the close of business hours on March 28, 2026, based on member requests. MCX has mandated that members must migrate to Windows 11 for continued VPN access beyond the extended deadline and ensure strict adherence to desktop security protocols. These include use of licensed and updated operating systems, installation of endpoint security solutions, regular system patching, enabling firewalls, and restricting unnecessary services. Additionally, members must follow prescribed SOPs for VPN login and maintain proper user access controls. The Exchange has further emphasized best practices such as avoiding public Wi-Fi, keeping VPN software updated, using strong passwords, and preventing usage of trading systems for non-related activities. MCX reserves the right to audit compliance, and failure to adhere to these requirements may result in disruption of trading connectivity. [Circular No. MCX/TECH/145/2026]

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MCXCCL Tender Pre Expiry Margin Schedule for April 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL), on March 20, 2026, issued a circular notifying the Tender / Pre-Expiry Margin Schedule for contracts expiring in April 2026, in accordance with its Rules, Bye-laws, and Regulations. The circular provides that the detailed schedule for levy of tender and pre-expiry margins is specified in Annexure I. These margins are applicable to contracts approaching expiry and are intended to manage delivery-related risks and ensure orderly settlement in the commodities market. Members and their clients are advised to take note of the prescribed schedule and comply accordingly for contracts expiring in April 2026. [Circular No. MCX/MCXCCL/143/2026 & MCXCCL/RISK/057/2026]

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SEBI notified regarding the Ease of Doing Business measures - Relaxations in certain reporting requirements for certain Stock Brokers, and doing away with the requirement of reporting of demat accounts

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 23, 2026, notified measures to ease doing business, including relaxations in certain reporting requirements for certain stock brokers and the removal of the requirement to report demat accounts. The following has been stated: • It has amended provisions relating to enhanced supervision of stock brokers and depository participants under the Master Circular dated June 17, 2025, to simplify compliance and improve regulatory efficiency. The circular clarifies that brokers who are also banks or primary dealers are required to report only those bank and demat accounts used for stock broking activities, and are exempt from tagging/reporting accounts used for other activities. • It also

introduces clearer rules for naming/tagging of accounts, reporting timelines (within 7 days for opening/closure of bank accounts), and mandates coordination between stock exchanges and depositories for sharing demat account details. • Non-compliance will attract penal action. • These amendments aim to ease compliance burden and harmonize reporting requirements, and will come into effect from April 17, 2026. [Notification no. - HO/38/11/(1)2026-MIRSD-POD/I/7656/2026]

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NSE issued a circular extending the timeline for the migration of connectivity from the existing POP

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on March 20, 2026, issued a circular extending the timeline for migration of connectivity from existing POP (Point of Presence) locations to new network infrastructure provided by Telecom Network Integrator, Sify Technologies Limited. The exchange informed that the existing POP at Jivan Vihar, Delhi was earlier scheduled for discontinuation on March 21, 2026. However, considering progress made by members using self-service connectivity links, the migration deadline has now been extended to March 28, 2026. Post this revised date, the old POP will be permanently discontinued and replaced with the new Sify Okhla POP. Members using self-service connectivity are required to complete migration within the extended timeline to ensure uninterrupted trading access. The circular reiterates the importance of timely transition to avoid disruption in exchange connectivity. [Circular Ref. No. 17/2026]

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NCCL revised the release of collateral

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 20, 2026, revised the release of collateral. This is with reference to NCDEX circular no NCDEX/MEMBER INSPECTION-002/2026 dated January 21, 2026 on Annual Calendar for Settlement of Running Account of Client's Funds lying with Trading Member (TM) and in continuation with NCCL circular no NCCL/CLEARING-015/2026 dated March 19, 2026 on Release of Collateral. The release of collateral for Settlement of Running Account of Client's Funds lying with Trading Member (TM) shall now be conducted on April 17, 2026 instead of April 02, 2026. [Circular No. NCCL/CLEARING-016/2026]

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NCCL Final Settlement Prices of Expired Futures Contracts

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), on March 20, 2026, issued a circular notifying the Final Settlement Prices for various futures contracts that expired on the same date, in accordance with its

Bye-laws and Regulations. The circular specifies settlement prices for multiple commodities including Bajra, Castor Seed, Cotton, Guar Seed, Jeera, Maize, Sesame Seed, Steel, and Yellow Peas. These prices are determined per prescribed units (such as ■/quintal, ■/10 kg, or ■/MT) and are applicable for final contract settlement. This update ensures transparency and provides the official closing benchmarks for market participants for settlement purposes. [Circular No. NCCL/CLEARING-017/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the Status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Investor-Facing Digital Platforms – Submission Due Date March 31, 2026

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Investor-Facing Digital Platforms – Submission Due Date March 31, 2026. Members are required, as per SEBI guidelines, to submit details on the readiness and compliance of their digital platforms (websites, apps, portals, etc.) with accessibility requirements to the Exchange by March 31, 2026. To facilitate this, MCX has provided a submission facility on its Enhanced Supervision portal, where members shall download the prescribed Excel template, upload the filled version, and also submit a signed PDF copy on their letterhead. This compliance is mandatory and shall be completed within the stipulated deadline. [Notification no. - MCX/MEM/139/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the Delivery & Invoices Settlement Schedule for April 2026 expiry contracts

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Delivery & Invoices Settlement Schedule for April 2026 expiry contracts. The following has been stated: • It has revised the post-payout timelines for invoice-related activities through ComRIS, effective for contracts expiring from April 2026. Buyers shall now submit invoice details on the payout day itself, while sellers shall upload invoice documents by Payout +1 day (2 PM), and buyers shall confirm them by Payout +1 day (6 PM), significantly shortening earlier timelines. For commodities requiring additional documents, timelines are extended by 3 working days. • The circular also provides detailed delivery and invoice settlement schedules for April 2026 contracts and advises members to strictly adhere to timelines, ensure proper documentation, and coordinate invoice-related queries via the specified email with standardized subject lines. [Notification no. - MCX/MCXCCL/141/2026]

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MCX issued a technical circular regarding the movement of certain products between system partitions to optimize performance and manage data streams efficiently

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX), on March 20, 2026, issued a technical circular regarding the movement of certain products between system partitions to optimize performance and manage data streams efficiently. As part of this system update, GTD (Good Till Date) and GTC (Good Till Cancelled) orders for specified product symbols such as FUGOLD, FUALUMINIUM, FUNATURALGAS, and others will be cancelled at the end of day on March 20, 2026. Members are advised to make necessary adjustments in their systems to accommodate these changes. The updated product configurations will be reflected in the product master files, and the changes will go live from March 23, 2026. No changes have been made to MDI and ETI APIs, ensuring continuity in interface operations. [Circular No. MCX/TECH/142/2026]

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MCX issued a circular notifying the Due Date Rates for crude oil futures contracts

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX), on March 20, 2026, issued a circular notifying the Due Date Rates (DDR) for crude oil futures contracts expired on March 19, 2026, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL). The DDR for both CRUDEOIL and CRUDEOILM contracts has been fixed at ■8,888.00 per barrel, with a base quantity of 1 barrel. These rates are used for final settlement of the respective futures contracts upon expiry. Members and market participants are advised to take note of the notified rates for settlement purposes under the exchange framework. [Circular No. MCX/MCXCCL/138/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Information on Inactive Custodial Participant codes to trading members

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Information on Inactive Custodial Participant codes to trading members. The following has been stated: • NSE has introduced a facility for custodians to share details of inactive Custodial Participant (CP) codes with trading members, where no clearing and settlement activities will be carried out. Custodians will upload this data via the N-MASS system, and the list will be made available to members daily in a specified file format. • The facility will be effective from March 27, 2026, with defined timelines, file structure, and validation rules. • Custodians shall ensure accurate and updated information, while members can use this data to avoid transactions through inactive CP codes, thereby improving operational efficiency and reducing settlement risks. [Notification no. - NCL/CMPT/73380]

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NCCL Release of Collateral in reference to the Securities and Exchange Board of India circular

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The authority, National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), on March 19, 2026, issued a circular to clearing members regarding the release of collateral, in reference to the Securities and Exchange Board of India circular dated July 27, 2022, on the settlement of running accounts of client funds. As per the circular, clearing members are permitted to submit requests for release of Cash, Fixed Deposit Receipts (FDR), and Bank Guarantees (BG) on an immediate basis up to 7:00 PM on April 2, 2026. This facilitates timely settlement and liquidity management for members. Further, NCCL has stated that it will endeavour to process such requests within one hour of receipt on April 2, 2026, subject to the availability of collateral after necessary margin checks. This measure ensures efficient collateral management and compliance with regulatory requirements. [Circular No. NCCL/CLEARING-015/2026]

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NCDEX notified regarding the Participation of Members in Exchange-Conducted Mock Trading Drills

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Participation of Members in Exchange-Conducted Mock Trading Drills. The following has been stated: • The Exchange has advised all members to actively participate in periodic mock drills and disaster recovery (DR) exercises to ensure operational readiness and business continuity. Regular participation helps validate the trading infrastructure, maintain seamless connectivity in live and DR scenarios, strengthen preparedness for unexpected disruptions, and meet regulatory requirements. • Members are expected to ensure trained personnel are available, systems and connectivity are fully functional, issues are promptly reported, and proper records of participation are maintained. [Notification no. - NCDEX/INFORMATION SECURITY-001/2026]

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NSE issued circular regarding the Operational guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Introduction of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the Equity Segment

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 19, 2026, issued circular regarding the Operational guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Introduction of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the Equity Segment. This is further to NSE Circular NSE/CMTR/73362 dated March 18, 2026. In accordance with clause 4.9.2, of SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/47/11/11(3)2025-MRDPOD2/I/2765/2026 dated January 16, 2026, members are requested to take note of the Joint SOP for settlement price computation on introduction of Closing auction session in Equity Segment attached as Annexure A. [Circular No: 0113/2026]

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NSE issued circular regarding the Operational guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Introduction of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the Equity Cash Segment

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 18, 2026, issued circular regarding the Operational guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Introduction of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the Equity Cash Segment. The National Stock Exchange of India Limited has issued detailed operational guidelines for the Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the equity cash segment, in line with Securities and Exchange Board of India circulars. CAS will be introduced in a phased manner, initially for stocks with derivatives. The reference price for CAS will generally be based on the VWAP of trades between 3:00 PM and 3:15 PM, with fallback to last traded price or previous close if no trades occur. A price band of ±3% from the reference price will apply during CAS in both cash and futures segments (with aligned methodology), while options pricing remains unchanged. Only limit and market orders will be allowed in CAS; stop-loss and disclosed quantity orders are not permitted. Importantly, algo market orders will be allowed in CAS (and later pre-open sessions) without penalties, unlike in the regular trading session. The closing price of eligible stocks will be determined through the CAS equilibrium price mechanism; if not available, the reference price or last available close will be used. The exchange will also disseminate indicative prices, volumes, imbalance data, and index values during CAS to enhance transparency. [Circular No: 38/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding the mock session on Saturday, March 21, 2026 – No new version release

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 19, 2026, issued a circular regarding a mock session on Saturday, March 21, 2026 – No new version release. The following has been stated: - •A mock trading session in the Commodity Derivatives segment will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026. •Trading hours are 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with position limit/collateral setup and trade modification cutoff at 2:10 PM. •Re-login window is from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. •NEAT 1.5.5 is recommended, while NEAT 1.5.4 will be discontinued after April 11, 2026 (mock); refer to annexures for guidelines. [Circular Ref. No: 16/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026 – No new version release

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 19, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026 – No new version release. The following has been stated: - •A mock trading

session in the Currency Derivatives segment will be held on March 21, 2026, with two sessions: 11:00 AM–2:00 PM (Primary Site) and 2:45 PM–3:30 PM (BCP Site). •Trade modification will be allowed until 3:40 PM. •Re-login window is scheduled from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. •NEAT version 3.5.4 will be used; refer to annexures for mock trading, prerequisites, and DR switchover guidelines. [Circular Ref. No: 11/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding mock trading – No new version release

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 19, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading – No new version release. The following has been stated: - •A mock trading session in SLBM will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, with no new version release. •Trading will run from 11:15 AM to 2:00 PM at the primary site. •Re-login window is scheduled between 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM. •Participants should follow the guidelines in Annexure 1 & 2 for instructions and prerequisites. [Circular Ref. No: 09/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading session in the Futures & Options segment on Saturday, March 21, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the Mock trading session in the Futures & Options segment on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session in the Futures & Options (F&O) segment on March 21, 2026, to be conducted in two phases—first from the Primary Site and then from the Backup (BCP/DR) Site. In Session-1 (Primary Site), the pre-open session will run from 11:00 AM to 11:08 AM (with random closure in the last minute), followed by the normal market from 11:15 AM to 2:00 PM. • In Session-2 (BCP Site), the pre-open session will be held from 2:45 PM to 2:53 PM (again with random closure), and the normal market will operate from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM, with trade modification allowed till 3:40 PM. • Additionally, a live re-login window is provided from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Members are required to use NEAT+ version 7.8.7 and follow the prescribed guidelines, including participation requirements and procedures for system switchover to the Disaster Recovery site as detailed in the annexures. [Notification no. - NSE/FAOP/73374]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading session in the Capital market segment on Saturday, March 21, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the Mock trading session in the Capital market segment on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session in the Capital Market segment on March 21, 2026, to be conducted in two

phases—first from the Primary Site (morning to afternoon) and then from the Disaster Recovery (DR) Site (afternoon to evening). The session includes multiple trading windows such as pre-open, normal market, block deal windows, auction sessions, and a T+0 segment, all operating within specified time slots with random closures in certain phases to simulate real trading conditions. • The normal market will run roughly from 11:15 AM to 2:00 PM in Session-1 and 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Session-2, followed by a closing session and trade modification window. • Additionally, members are allowed a live re-login window from 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Importantly, no new software version release is planned; members shall use NEAT+ version 7.8.7 and follow prescribed guidelines, including procedures for DR site switchover and participation requirements outlined in annexures. [Notification no. -NSE/CMTR/73375]

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NSE notified regarding the Liquidity Enhancement Scheme (LES) at NSE IFSC Limited

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Liquidity Enhancement Scheme (LES) at NSE IFSC Limited. The circular states that NSE has extended the validity of the Volume Incentive Scheme (VIS) under the Liquidity Enhancement Scheme (LES) for Futures on GIFT NIFTY50. The scheme, originally notified via circular dated March 17, 2025, will now remain in force till September 30, 2026, with no changes in its existing parameters or structure. Broker Dealers and RTPs who wish to participate can follow the earlier registration process, while those already registered do not need to re-register. All other provisions of the original circular remain unchanged, and the Exchange retains the right to modify or discontinue the scheme with 15 days' prior notice. [Notification no. - NSEIFSC/BD/2521]

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India INX issued circular regarding PR Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Exchange (India INX) on March 19, 2026, issued circular regarding PR Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026. India International Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session on March 21, 2026 (Saturday) to help trading members test and familiarize themselves with the trading environment. Members can access the system via BoltPlus (web) or their own/vendor-developed platforms. Participation is mandatory for all algorithmic trading user IDs, and members using ETI APIs or third-party systems are encouraged to test various functionalities, including exceptional scenarios. There is no change in ETI API version. The mock session is only for testing purposes, and trades executed will not result in any financial obligations or legal rights/liabilities. Two sessions are scheduled: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Participants are requested to actively engage and provide feedback to the exchange by 12:30 PM to help improve system efficiency and performance. [Circular No. 20260319-1]

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MCX issued circular regarding the Acceptance of Electronic Fixed Deposit Receipts (eFDRs)

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on March 18, 2026, issued circular regarding the Acceptance of Electronic Fixed Deposit Receipts (eFDRs). As per the Rules, Bye-Laws, and Regulations of Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited and the relevant circular dated February 26, 2026, Clearing Members are informed about an update to the empaneled banks list. Bank of Baroda has been newly added to the panel for issuing Fixed Deposit Receipts (FDRs) in electronic form (E-FDRs). The updated list of empaneled banks is provided in Annexure 1. [MCX Circular No. MCX/MCXCCL/135/2026]

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MCXCCL Due Date Rate for Nickel Futures

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL), on March 18, 2026, issued a circular notifying the Due Date Rate (DDR) for futures contracts expiring on the same date, in accordance with its Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations. As per the circular, the DDR for Nickel (Commodity Code: NICKEL) has been fixed at ■1615.40 per kg with a base quantity of 1 kilogram. This rate is used for final settlement of the expiring futures contract. Members and market participants have been advised to take note of the notified DDR for settlement purposes and compliance with exchange regulations. [Circular No. MCX/MCXCCL/136/2026 & MCXCCL/DDR/054/2026]

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BSE notified regarding the Investor PAN Updation in RTA records

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the Investor PAN Updation in RTA records. The following has been stated: • Kfin Tech has introduced PAN-based validation for non-demat mutual fund transactions (purchase, redemption, switch, SIP/STP/SWP) on the BSE StAR MF platform. Transactions will be processed only if the PAN matches RTA records; mismatches will lead to rejection. • Members are advised to verify client PAN details using RTA reports and update discrepancies with the respective RTA to avoid transaction failures. [Notification no. - 20260319-17]

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BSE issued a notification regarding the change in the methodology of the BSE Sensex 1X Inverse Daily Index and the BSE Sensex 2X Inverse Daily Index

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding the change in Methodology of the BSE Sensex 1X Inverse Daily Index and the BSE Sensex 2X Inverse Daily Index. The following has been stated: - •BSE Sensex inverse indices methodology has been revised effective April 01, 2026. •Core calculation (inverse of total return including dividends) remains unchanged. •Key change: interest adjustment now accounts for net impact after deducting borrowing costs of underlying securities. •Formula updated by modifying the interest component factor, refining the accuracy of daily inverse returns. [Notification No.: 20260318-30]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026 for Currency Derivatives segment

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026 for Currency Derivatives segment. It has scheduled a mock trading session for Currency Derivatives on Saturday, March 21, 2026, to be conducted from both the primary site (PR) and disaster recovery site (DR). Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems via ETI APIs can utilize this session to test their applications, including performance under exceptional market conditions. The session will begin with login from 08:15 AM to 09:00 AM, followed by continuous trading on the PR site from 09:00 AM to 10:00 AM, after which a switchover to the DR site will take place until 10:45 AM. Trading will then resume on the DR site from 10:45 AM to 01:00 PM, with trade modification allowed at 01:10 PM. Members are encouraged to actively participate and submit their feedback by 02:00 PM to help improve system efficiency and features. [Notification no. - 20260318-15]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026 for Electronic Gold Receipts segment

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment. The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for Electronic Gold Receipts on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from both the primary site (PR) and the disaster recovery site (DR). This session allows trading members using third-party or in-house systems via ETI APIs to test functionalities such as risk-reduction mode and trading halts. The session begins with login from 08:15 AM to 09:00 AM, followed by a pre-open session on PR (order entry and matching), continuous trading till 10:00 AM, and then a switchover to DR. Trading resumes on DR with another pre-open session and continues till 01:00 PM, followed by closing and post-closing sessions. [Notification no. - 20260318-14]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026, for Commodity Derivatives segment

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment. The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for Commodity Derivatives on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from both the Primary Site (PR) and Disaster Recovery Site (DR). Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems via ETI APIs can utilize this session to test various functionalities such as risk-reduction mode, trading halt, and performance under exceptional market conditions. The session will begin with log-in from 08:15 AM to 09:00 AM, followed by continuous trading at PR from 09:00 AM to 10:00 AM, then a switchover to DR from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM, and continuous trading at DR from 10:45 AM to 01:00 PM. Members are encouraged to actively participate and submit their feedback by 2:00 PM to help enhance the efficiency and robustness of the trading system. [Notification no. - 20260318-16]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026, for Equity Derivatives segment

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026, for Equity Derivatives segment. The exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for the Equity Derivatives segment on Saturday, March 21, 2026, to be conducted from both the Primary Site (PR) and Disaster Recovery Site (DR). Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems via ETI APIs can utilize this session to test various functionalities, including risk-reduction mode, trading halt, and performance under exceptional market conditions. The session will begin with log-in from 08:15 AM to 09:00 AM, followed by a pre-open session (order entry, matching, and buffer periods), continuous trading at PR from 09:15 AM to 10:00 AM, switchover to DR from 10:00 AM to 10:45 AM, another pre-open session at DR, and continuous trading at DR from 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM, with trade modification at 01:15 PM. [Notification no. - 20260318-13]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026, for Equity segment

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026, for the Equity segment. The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session to help trading members test their applications, including functionalities like call auction sessions, risk-reduction mode, trading halts, and block deals. The session starts with login from 08:15 AM to 08:45 AM, followed by a morning block deal window and pre-open session on the primary site (PR), leading into continuous trading (T+1, T+0, and SPOS scrips) until 10:00 AM. An auction for settlement is also conducted before switching to

the disaster recovery (DR) site between 10:00 AM and 10:45 AM. On DR, trading resumes with pre-open, continuous trading, afternoon block deals, and auction sessions, followed by closing and post-closing activities. Trade modification windows are provided for both T+0 and T+1 trades. [Notification no. - 20260318-12]

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CDSL issued circular on discontinuation of early Payin accounts

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 17, 2026, issued circular on discontinuation of early Payin accounts. DPs are once again mandated to ensure that all necessary system, back■office, and operational changes are fully implemented and made effective from March 21, 2026. For ease of understanding of the changes involved in the above■captioned implementation, DPs may also refer to the FAQs enclosed with this communiqué. DPs are further advised to appropriately disseminate the contents of the aforesaid communiqués and the FAQs to their Trading Clients, Trading Member (TM) clients, and Clearing Member (CM) clients, to enable them to take note of and comply with the said implementation. DPs are explicitly cautioned that any failure to adhere to the operational modalities prescribed under the aforesaid communiqués may result in non■processing of Early Pay■in transactions, which could consequently lead to shortages in pay■in and/or auction of securities. [Circular No. CDSL/OPS/DP/SETTL/2026/188]

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CDSL notified regarding the Validation of KYC Records with KRA as on March 26, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the Validation of KYC Records with KRA as on March 26, 2026. The following has been stated: • It has directed Depository Participants (DPs) to take action on demat accounts linked to invalid or non-validated KYC records identified by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs). Based on PAN data updated from February 01 to February 28, 2026, DPs have been provided with lists of such deficient accounts. • These identified demat accounts will be frozen for both debit and credit transactions on March 28, 2026, under reason code “27 – KYC non-compliant,” considering updated data as of March 26, 2026. For reactivation, DPs must follow the prescribed unfreezing procedure as per the earlier CDSL circular dated September 05, 2023. [Notification no. - CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/185]

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MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular – Products

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 17, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular – Products. The following has been stated: • The corrigendum introduces clarifications and updates in product specifications and trading parameters. The amendment aims to ensure that contract specifications remain aligned with current market practices and regulatory requirements. • It refines certain operational aspects relating to commodity derivatives to improve uniformity and transparency in trading. • Members are required to take note of the revised provisions and implement necessary system and procedural changes. • The circular reinforces MCX's objective of maintaining efficient risk management and smooth market functioning. • Overall, it serves as an update to ensure better compliance and standardisation across all trading members. [Notification no. - MCX/PMT/133/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the extension to the Connectivity - POP network changes

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the extension to the Connectivity - POP network changes. The following has been stated: • It has issued a circular extending the migration timeline for self-service leased line connectivity from old Sify POP locations at Jivan Vihar (Delhi) and Kohinoor, Kurla (Mumbai) to new POPs. • While the earlier deadline was March 15, 2026, it has now been extended to March 21, 2026, for Delhi (Jivan Vihar) and April 15, 2026, for Mumbai (Kurla) based on member representations. Effective from these revised dates, the existing POPs will be discontinued, and members shall ensure a smooth migration to maintain uninterrupted trading connectivity. • The circular reiterates that this extension applies only to self-service links, and members should coordinate with Sify Technologies through the provided escalation matrix for any connectivity or configuration issues. [Notification no. - NSE/MSD/73282]

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NSE notified regarding the revision in the scheme - Strikes in Stock Options

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 17, 2026, notified regarding the revision in the scheme of Strikes in Stock Options. The following has been stated: • It has introduced a revised framework for strike price intervals in stock options to make the derivatives market more efficient and responsive to price movements. The new scheme ensures a systematic, dynamic determination of strike intervals based on the underlying stock's current price, thereby providing a balanced range of ITM, ATM, and OTM options. • It also enables periodic revision of strike intervals in line with market volatility and stock price changes. • The amendment is aimed at improving liquidity, better price discovery, and ease of trading for market participants. • Overall, the revision enhances the trading ecosystem by aligning strike availability with real-time market conditions. [Notification no. - NSE/FAOP/73318]

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SEBI Corrigendum to Amendment in Schedule X

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 16, 2026 issued a corrigendum to its earlier notification dated March 3, 2025 (F. No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2025/233) published in the Gazette of India. The corrigendum clarifies the scope of amendment made under regulation (XCIII) concerning Schedule X. It specifies that instead of substituting the entire Schedule X, the amendment should be read as substituting only the schedule heading and Part A, Part B, and Part C of Schedule X. This correction refines the interpretation of the earlier notification and ensures clarity regarding the extent of regulatory changes intended by SEBI. The corrigendum is issued to remove ambiguity and align the wording of the amendment with the intended regulatory modification, thereby ensuring proper implementation by stakeholders. [Notification No.: SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2026/298]

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Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on March 16, 2026, notified amendments to the SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 to enhance disclosure standards, digitize investor access, and streamline IPO documentation requirements. The amendments introduce the concept of a draft abridged prospectus to be filed and hosted alongside offer documents at various stages, ensuring early-stage simplified disclosures for investors. A key reform replaces the requirement of physically attaching abridged prospectus with QR codes and web links providing access to the red herring prospectus, abridged prospectus, and price band advertisement. Further, provisions mandate hosting of abridged prospectus on websites of issuers, SEBI, stock exchanges, and intermediaries, along with expanded filing obligations across multiple regulations. Additionally, the amendments revise Schedule VI to include summary of contingent liabilities and related party transactions, introduce cross-referencing between documents, and mandate disclosures in simple and understandable language. It also provides that where lock-in cannot be created, securities shall be marked as “non-transferable” for the lock-in period. These changes aim to improve transparency, accessibility, and investor protection through a more digital and standardized disclosure framework. [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2026/299]

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NCDEX notified regarding the submission of the Status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Digital Platforms

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the submission of the Status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Digital Platforms. It has mandated all regulated entities to ensure compliance with accessibility requirements. As per the Securities and Exchange Board of India circular dated December 8, 2025, members shall report the

status of accessibility compliance of their digital platforms (such as websites, mobile apps, and portals). This submission is compulsory and must be completed through the NCFE portal (Annual Return → Digital Platform Accessibility) by March 31, 2026. Members are advised to ensure timely compliance. [Notification no. - NCDEX/MEMBERSHIP- 010/2026]

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NeSL notified regarding the Article deactivation in Punjab

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the Article deactivation in Punjab. It has informed its DDE platform users (banks and NBFCs) that Article Code – Punjab (Article No. 63) has been temporarily deactivated due to lack of clarity in its usage. This action is effective immediately and will remain in force until further notice. Users are advised to refer to the updated list of permitted States and corresponding digital codes available on the NeSL DDE platform to ensure compliance and avoid operational issues. [Notification no. - NeSL/DDE/2026/0231]

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NSE issued circular regarding Downtime due to maintenance activity on NSE MF Invest Platform

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 17, 2026, issued circular regarding Downtime due to maintenance activity on NSE MF Invest Platform. The notice informs members that the NSE MF Invest Platform will undergo a scheduled maintenance outage on March 17, 2026, from 18:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs. During this one-hour window, the platform will be completely unavailable. Members are advised not to carry out any transactions or system activities during this downtime. Those using API integrations should also notify their technical teams or vendors to ensure necessary precautions are taken. Overall, members should plan their operations in advance to avoid disruption during the maintenance period. [Circular No: 1267/2026]

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NeSL issued circular regarding the Deactivation of Article Codes for the Following States

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) on March 16, 2026, issued circular regarding the Deactivation of Article Codes for the Following States. The National e-Governance Services Limited has announced the deactivation of certain article codes on its Digital Document Execution (DDE) platform for digital e-stamping across multiple States and Union Territories, effective April 1, 2026. Registered users, including banks and NBFCs, are advised not to use these deactivated codes from the effective date. All pending documents using such codes must be completed before April 1, 2026, failing which incomplete documents will be removed from the system. Users are required to carefully select the correct article code

and applicable stamp duty for each transaction. The responsibility for proper stamp duty payment rests with the executing bank or submitter, and NeSL will not be liable for any deficiencies. This step has been taken as part of NeSL's periodic internal review to streamline and improve the efficiency of the digital e-stamping process. [Circular No.: NeSL/DDE/2026/0232]

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SEBI Consultation Paper on Modified Norms for Nomination in Demat Accounts and MF Folios 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 17, 2026, issued a consultation paper proposing modifications to its earlier circular dated January 10, 2025 on nomination facilities in demat accounts and mutual fund folios. The objective is to simplify the nomination process, improve ease of investor onboarding, and align nomination norms with banking practices, based on industry feedback and operational challenges observed during implementation. The paper proposes key changes to address practical issues. Firstly, it suggests removing the provision allowing nominees to operate accounts during the investor's lifetime in case of incapacitation, and instead relying on the existing Power of Attorney mechanism. Secondly, to simplify onboarding, it proposes making only the name and relationship of nominee mandatory, while other details such as contact information and percentage share remain optional, with equal distribution applying where shares are not specified. Further, it proposes that nomination be the default option during account opening, with investors required to actively opt-out through a consent-based pop-up, replacing the earlier OTP/video-based process. Additionally, considering low usage and operational concerns, the maximum number of nominees is proposed to be capped at four (instead of ten), aligning with banking norms. Public comments have been invited on these proposals until April 7, 2026. [Consultation Paper dated March 17, 2026]

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CCIL issued amendments to the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. Continuous Linked Settlement Segment Regulations, 2009

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) on March 13, 2026, issued amendments to The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. Continuous Linked Settlement Segment Regulations, 2009. The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. Continuous Linked Settlement Segment Regulations, 2009 ("Regulations") have been amended pursuant to discontinuation of Bank Guarantee as a form of Collateral for CLS Segment. The updated Regulations link - https://www.ccilindia.com/documents/d/ccil/cls-segment-regulations-effective-from-13th-april-2026- The amendments to the Regulations shall be effective from April 13, 2026. [Notification No. CCIL/Legal/26/08]

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CDSL issued circular regarding the FATF Public Statements After February 2026 Plenary

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 13, 2026, issued circular regarding the FATF Public Statements After February 2026 Plenary. Depository Participants (DPs) are advised to refer to the earlier communiqué regarding AML/CFT compliance. Following the February 2026 plenary, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) released updated public statements identifying jurisdictions with strategic deficiencies in anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing frameworks. After the latest review, Kuwait and Papua New Guinea have been newly placed under increased monitoring. The updated FATF statements have been shared with DPs so that they can review the developments and take any necessary compliance actions. DPs are required to review these updates and report the actions taken, if any, to the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance at the earliest. However, entities are also advised that legitimate trade and business transactions with the mentioned jurisdictions should not be restricted solely based on this monitoring status. Further, as directed by Securities and Exchange Board of India, DPs must submit a written confirmation in the prescribed template (Annexure) to confirm that the required actions have been taken and that compliance with the FATF public statements has been ensured. [Circular No. CDSL/PMLA/DP/POLCY/2026/178]

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CDSL issued circular regarding the Maker Checker Facility in Online Processing of Redemption/Restatementisation Transactions

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 13, 2026, issued circular regarding the Maker Checker Facility in Online Processing of Redemption/Restatementisation Transactions. Depository Participants (DPs) are informed that the Maker–Checker facility for online processing of redemption and restatementisation transactions has been implemented in the live environment from February 28, 2026, as previously communicated. This facility enhances control and verification in processing such transactions. DPs must ensure that the Maker–Checker activity for redemption transactions is completed within the regulatory cut-off time so that the transaction can be considered for the same-day Net Asset Value (NAV) for Mutual Fund units. Further, DPs are required to complete the maker-checker process on the same business day when the client submits the redemption request, within the prescribed timeline. They should also make any necessary changes in their back-office systems to comply with the updated process. For any queries or clarifications, DPs may contact CDSL Support via email at dprtasupport@cdslindia.com or through the IVR number 022-6234 3333. [Circular No. CDSL/OPS/DP/SYSTEM/2026/181]

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MCX issued circular on IP Address details of Live Environment

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 13, 2026, issued circular on IP Address details of Live Environment. The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) has informed its members

that, in continuation of the earlier circular dated July 26, 2024, two additional gateway servers have been enabled at the Primary Data Center (PDC) and Disaster Recovery Site (DRS). Members are required to enable the IP addresses of the PDC and DRS servers as provided in the annexures. This will ensure that, in the event of unannounced live trading from the DRS, the members' systems automatically connect without any manual intervention. The circular also provides the IP address details of the exchange trading interfaces, including: • Annexure 1: Primary Data Center (PDC) site • Annexure 2: Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) • Annexure 3: Addition of routes at the member-end system Members are advised to make the necessary configuration changes in their trading systems to ensure seamless connectivity and uninterrupted trading operations. [Circular no.: MCX/TECH/129/2026]

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MCX issued UNSC Press Release and Sanction List

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 13, 2026, issued UNSC Press Release and Sanction List. The Exchange is in receipt of a communication from the SEBI which inter-alia states as under: 1. Please find the following notifications issued by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Committee : a) Note SC/16313 dated March 10, 2026 regarding amendment of 22 entries in 1988 (2011) The UNSC press releases concerning amendments to the list are available at URL: https://press.un.org/en/2026/sc16313.doc.htm 2. The latest versions of the Sanctions list are accessible on the UN Security Council's website at the following URL: a. List issued by UNSC Committee established pursuant to resolution 1989 (2011) of individuals and entities linked to ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida: www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1267/aq_sanctions_list b. List issued by the UNSC Committee established pursuant to resolution 1988 (2011) of individuals and entities linked to Taliban: https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1988/materials Depository Participants (DPs) are advised to comply with the procedures outlined in the Central Government Order dated February 2, 2021 for implementing Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, which deals with measures to prevent financing of terrorism. DPs must scan all existing accounts to ensure that no account is held by or associated with individuals or entities appearing in the sanctions list. The same verification should also be conducted for all new accounts, in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India guidelines on AML/CFT obligations dated June 6, 2024. If any de-listing request is received, DPs must forward it electronically to the Joint Secretary (CTCR), Ministry of Home Affairs and send a copy to the Joint Secretary (UNP), Ministry of External Affairs for further action. Additionally, individuals or entities seeking removal from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List may submit their de-listing request to the independent Ombudsperson appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General. [Circular no.: MCX/INSP/125/2026]

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SEBI Revises Coverage Norms for Settlement Guarantee Fund in Commodity Derivatives

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 16, 2026, issued a circular revising provisions related to the Core Settlement Guarantee Fund (SGF) for clearing corporations operating in the commodity derivatives segment. The changes amend the framework contained in the SEBI Master Circular for

Commodity Derivatives Segment dated August 4, 2023. Under the revised framework, clearing corporations must now calculate credit exposure assuming simultaneous default of at least three clearing members (and their associates) causing the highest credit exposure while conducting standardized stress testing for the SGF. Earlier provisions required assessment based on default of at least two clearing members and additional exposure parameters. The modification was introduced following stakeholder representations, recommendations from the Risk Management Review Committee, and public consultation to facilitate ease of doing business. The circular also introduces a provision allowing SEBI to grant exemptions or relaxations from SGF requirements on a case-to-case basis, considering prevailing market conditions, adequacy of risk management frameworks, and investor protection objectives. The revised provisions have come into force with immediate effect. [Notification No. HO/47/16/14(1)2026-MRD-POD1/I/7115/2026]

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NSE Announces Scheduled Downtime for MF Invest Platform

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) on March 16, 2026 issued a circular informing members about a scheduled downtime of the NSE MF Invest Platform due to maintenance activities. NSE stated that the platform will experience complete downtime from 01:00 hours to 05:00 hours on March 21, 2026. During this period, members will not be able to access the system or perform any activities or transactions on the platform. Members have been advised to avoid carrying out transactions during the specified maintenance window and plan their operations accordingly. Those connected through API are also requested to inform their technical teams or vendors about the scheduled downtime. [Notification No. NSE/NMFTM/73294]

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NSE issued circular on Colocation Initiatives – Updates for Colocation as a Service '(CaaS)' facility

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued circular on Colocation Initiatives – Updates for Colocation as a Service '(CaaS)' facility. The National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE) has issued a partial modification to its circular dated April 29, 2025 regarding the Colocation as a Service (CaaS) framework. In addition to empaneled software vendors, empaneled Algo Providers (as per the circular dated July 22, 2025) are now also permitted to offer CaaS services to exchange members. Algo providers wishing to avail of colocation facilities must apply for rack subscription through the ENIT portal along with the required undertaking. Additionally, Algo Vendors and interested trading members must execute a Service Provider Agreement (SPA) and submit a certified copy while placing the Trading Member (TM) enrolment request on the ENIT portal. All vendors providing CaaS services are required to submit a half-yearly System Audit Report along with Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) reports in accordance with the applicable Terms of Reference and the latest guidelines issued on March 5, 2026. Further, digital acceptance of requests such as rack desire/allotment, IP allotment, and TM enrolment will be available on the ENIT portal from March 16, 2026 (beginning of day). All other terms and conditions of the existing CaaS framework remain unchanged. [Circular No: 16/2026]

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NSE issued circular on Review of Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for Option Contracts in Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued circular on Review of Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for Option Contracts in Commodity Derivatives Segment. In continuation of its earlier circular dated February 13, 2026, and with reference to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) circular dated January 11, 2021 on the review of Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for option contracts in the Commodity Derivatives Segment, the NSE Clearing Limited has notified the applicable VSR for April 2026. The revised VSR will apply to the following commodities and their variants: • Copper: 5% • Gold: 5% • Silver: 6% • Zinc: 5% • Crude Oil: 33% • Natural Gas: 6% These VSR values will be used for risk management and margin calculations for option contracts in the commodity derivatives segment during April 2026. [Circular No: 0102 /2026]

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NSE Issues Reminder on Submission of Action Taken Report for System Audit

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a circular reminding trading members to submit the Action Taken Report (ATR) for non-compliances identified in the System Audit (Type–III) as per earlier circulars issued by the exchange. NSE stated that trading members must take corrective action for each non-compliance reported by auditors in the System Audit Report for the period April 2025 to September 2025. After implementing corrective measures, members must submit the ATR, and auditors will review the actions taken and update the compliance status as Compliant or Non-Compliant through the ENIT platform. The exchange further informed that the deadline for submission of the ATR for the audit period ending September 30, 2025 is March 31, 2026, and reminded members to also note earlier guidance on rationalization and standardization of penalties issued in October 2025. [Notification No. NSE/INSP/73289]

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SEBI Issues Circular on Borrowing by Mutual Funds

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 13, 2026 issued a circular regarding borrowing by mutual funds in light of the provisions of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026. The circular clarifies the framework for intraday borrowings and borrowing by equity-oriented index funds and ETFs. SEBI stated that mutual funds may undertake intraday borrowings to manage timing mismatches between redemption payouts and receipt of maturity proceeds, particularly in liquid and overnight schemes. From April 1, 2026, such borrowings will be allowed only under specific conditions, including approval of a policy by the Board of

the AMC and Trustees, usage solely for redemption or payout obligations, and limits linked to guaranteed receivables from entities such as the Government of India, RBI, and Clearing Corporation of India Limited. The cost or losses arising from such borrowings must be borne by the AMC. The circular also clarifies that equity-oriented index funds and ETFs may borrow funds in cases of under execution of sell trades on stock exchanges, specifically to participate in the closing auction session introduced in the equity cash segment. This provision will apply from the effective date of the relevant SEBI circular introducing the closing auction framework. [Notification No. HO/(92)2026-IMD-POD-2/I/6961/2026]

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Securities Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 13, 2026 issued a notification amending the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957 under the powers conferred by the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956. The amendment is titled the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 and came into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette. The amendment substitutes clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 19 to revise the minimum public offer and allotment requirements for companies seeking listing, linking the public shareholding requirement to the post-issue capital of the company. The revised framework specifies different minimum public offer thresholds ranging from 25% for companies with post-issue capital up to ■1,600 crore to lower percentages with value-based minimum public offers for very large companies, while ensuring a gradual increase in public shareholding over a specified time period. The rules also prescribe timelines for companies to increase public shareholding to at least 25% after listing, introduce provisions for companies with superior voting rights shares, and allow recognised stock exchanges to impose penalties for non-compliance with public shareholding norms. Special provisions have also been provided for companies listing in International Financial Services Centres. [Notification No. G.S.R. 184(E)]

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BSE notified regarding Business Continuity for Clearing Corporations through Software as a Service (SaaS) Mode, mock session for members of ICCL

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding Business Continuity for Clearing Corporations through Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) Mode – mock session for members of ICCL. It has informed its members that a mock session to test Two-way SaaS portability will be conducted on March 14, 2026, via the ICCL@NCL SaaS instance. The exercise is being carried out in continuation of earlier ICCL circulars issued in 2023. During the mock test, when the BSE trading system switches to its Disaster Recovery (DR) site at around 1:45 PM, the ICCL@NCL SaaS instance will be activated for testing purposes. After the switch, clearing members will not be able to log into the RTRMS system and will instead be required to access the systems only through the ICCL@NCL instance using applications such as N-MASS, CIM, and NCMS.exe with their existing login credentials. Members have been requested to participate in the mock session and test the system functionality. [Notification no. - 20260313-32]

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BSE notified regarding the Submission of the Corrective Action Report pertaining to the System Audit Report of Trading Members for the period ended September 30, 2025

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Submission of the Corrective Action Report pertaining to the System Audit Report of Trading Members for the period ended September 30, 2025. The following has been stated: • It has reminded trading members to submit the Corrective Action Report (CAR) for any non-compliances identified in the System Audit Report for the audit period ending September 30, 2025. Trading members shall take corrective actions for the issues reported by auditors and submit the CAR along with supporting documents by March 31, 2026, through the BSE Electronic Filing System (BEFS) portal. • After reviewing the corrective actions, the auditor will update the compliance status as Compliant or Non-Compliant on the BEFS portal. • Members have also been advised to note the earlier exchange notice on revised penalties and disciplinary actions related to System Audit and Cyber Security & Cyber Resilience Audit submissions, and ensure timely compliance. [Notification no. - 20260313-16]

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CDSL Issues Guidelines on Creation and Invocation of Pledge of Securities

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 13, 2026 issued a communiqué to depository participants regarding compliance requirements for the creation and invocation of pledge of securities through the depository system. The circular follows the framework introduced by the Securities and Exchange Board of India through its recent directive governing pledge transactions. CDSL informed that from April 6, 2026, depository participants must obtain a signed undertaking from both the pledgor and pledgee at the time of submitting a pledge request. The undertaking requires the pledgee to provide reasonable notice to the pledgor and comply with provisions under the Indian Contract Act, 1872, while both parties must also adhere to applicable provisions under the Depositories Act, 1996, SEBI regulations, circulars, and depository bye-laws. Additionally, CDSL clarified that upon invocation of pledged securities, the depository will send an intimation to both the pledgor and pledgee confirming the invocation, and the pledgee will be recorded as the beneficial owner in accordance with the applicable regulatory provisions. [Notification No. CDSL/OPS/DP/SETT/2026/180]

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CCIL Amends Trade Repository Rules, 2016

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Clearing Corporation of India Ltd. (CCIL) on March 13, 2026 issued a notification announcing amendments to the CCIL Trade Repository Rules, 2016 to facilitate operational changes in client registration processes. Through the amendment, CCIL has enabled registration of clients through any portal or platform specified or notified by CCIL, thereby allowing greater flexibility and efficiency in onboarding clients within the trade repository framework. The revised rules have been made available on the official website of the The

Clearing Corporation of India Ltd., and the amendments will come into effect from April 13, 2026. [Notification No. CCIL/Legal/26/09]

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MCX notified regarding the Review of Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) for April 2026

Mar 14, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Review of Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) for April 2026. It notifies Clearing Members regarding the Minimum Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) applicable for April 2026 for the computation of Initial Margins. As per the circular, the Value at Risk (VaR) for all commodity contracts will continue to be scaled up by their respective MPOR, which is a key risk parameter reflecting the time required for liquidation or managing liquidity risk in commodity contracts. After reviewing the liquidity conditions across commodities and their variants, MCXCCL has specified the minimum MPOR for different commodities for April 2026. Accordingly, commodities such as aluminium, copper, gold, lead, steel rebar and zinc will have a minimum MPOR of 2 days, while commodities including cotton, crude oil, natural gas, nickel, silver, mentha oil, cotton oil and several commodity indices will have an MPOR of 3 days, and cardamom will have an MPOR of 4 days. Clearing members have been advised to take note of the revised MPOR values for margin computation. [Notification no. - MCX/MCXCCL/130/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Mock bidding session on the eOFS platform in the live environment

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Mock bidding session on the eOFS platform in the live environment. The following has been stated: • The NSE will conduct a mock bidding session in the live environment on the eOFS platform on March 14, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM to help members test the system. Members can access the session through the live web link https://eofs.nseindia.com, and security parameters for the mock session are provided in Annexure 1. • The exchange has advised trading members to actively participate in the session; however, bids placed during the mock session will not create any financial or securities obligation. • For testing purposes, two sample securities will be available: TESTOFS1 Limited (Symbol: TESTOFS1, Series: IS – Non-Retail) and TESTOFS2 Limited (Symbol: TESTOFS2, Series: RS – Retail), each with an issue size of 10,00,000 equity shares, floor price of ■100, market lot of 1 share, tick size of ■0.05, and face value of ■10. Any further updates regarding the mock session will be published on the NSE website. [Notification no. - NSE/CMTR/73281]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – No new version release

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – No new version release. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session in the Securities Lending and Borrowing Mechanism (SLBM) on March 14, 2026. •Session-1 will run from the Primary Site (09:15–12:15) and Session-2 from the Disaster Recovery Site (13:15–13:45). •Participants can re-login to the live environment between 16:30 and 17:00. •Additional instructions, prerequisites, and DR switchover guidelines are provided in the annexures for participants. [Circular Ref. No: 08/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Revision of Order-to-Trade Ratio (OTR) framework - No new version release

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Revision of Order-to-Trade Ratio (OTR) framework - No new version release. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will test the revised Order-to-Trade Ratio (OTR) framework during a mock trading session on March 14, 2026, following a SEBI circular. •The revised OTR framework will be implemented in the live system from April 06, 2026. •Mock trading will take place from the Primary Site (09:00–12:15) and BCP Site (13:00–15:15), with trade modification allowed until 15:25. •Members must use NEAT+ version 7.8.7 available on the NSE Extranet and follow the annexure guidelines for the session. [Circular Ref. No: 35/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Revision of Order-to-Trade Ratio framework - No new version release

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – Revision of Order-to-Trade Ratio framework - No new version release. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session on March 14, 2026, to test the revised Order-to-Trade Ratio (OTR) framework, with no new version release. •The revised OTR framework, as per the SEBI circular dated February 04, 2026, will be implemented in production from April 06, 2026. •Trading will occur from the Primary Site (morning session) and DR Site (afternoon session), covering pre-open, normal market, call auction, and block deal sessions. •Members are advised to use NEAT+ version 7.8.7 and follow the annexure guidelines for mock trading and DR switchover. [Circular Ref. No: 33/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding the mock session on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – New version of NEAT 1.5.5

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding a mock session on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – New version of NEAT 1.5.5. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session in the Commodity Derivatives segment on March 14, 2026, to test the new NEAT version 1.5.5. •Trading Session-1 will run from the Primary Site (09:00–12:15) and Session-2 from the Disaster Recovery Site (13:00–13:45). •The position limit/collateral setup and trade modification cut-off time is 13:55, with live re-login allowed from 16:30 to 17:00. •Members are advised to download NEAT 1.5.5 from March 13, 2026, while the older version 1.5.4 will be discontinued after the mock on April 11, 2026. [Circular Ref. No: 15/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding the Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – No new version release

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 – No new version release. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session in the Currency Derivatives segment on March 14, 2026, with no new version release. •Trading Session-1 will run from the Primary Site (09:00–12:15) and Session-2 from the BCP Site (13:00–14:00). •Trade modification will be allowed until 14:10, and live re-login will take place from 16:30 to 17:00. •Members are advised to use NEAT version 3.5.4, available on the NSE Extranet, and follow the annexure guidelines for the mock session. [Circular Ref. No: 09/2026]

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NCDEX notified regarding System Testing Mock on March 14, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the System Testing Mock on March 14, 2026. The following has been stated: • It has scheduled a mock trading session on March 14, 2026, to test the NCCL clearing application and related systems. The session will include a pre-open from 09:45–10:00 AM, trading in all commodities from 10:00 AM–02:00 PM, and trade modification till 02:15 PM, followed by a re-login session from 06:00–06:30 PM. • The mock will cover systems such as Web NCFE, Web Extranet, RMS, and NCMS/NCSS, while production Web NCFE and Web Extranet will remain unavailable from 02:00 AM to 09:00 PM on the same day. Members shall use the test portals provided for the mock, and production processes like client allocation, collateral segregation reporting, and limit file processing will also be paused during this period. • Trades executed during the mock session will not create any financial or commodity settlement obligations. Members are advised to participate actively, restore their systems to production mode after testing, and re-login to the live environment to ensure smooth

connectivity before trading resumes on March 16, 2026. [Notification no. - NCCL/TECHNOLOGY-007/2026]

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NCCL issued a circular regarding the settlement Price of Options on Futures contract that expired

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 12, 2026, issued a circular regarding the settlement Price of Options on Futures contract that expired. The following has been stated: - •All Trading and Clearing Members were informed about the Final Settlement Price (FSP) for Options on Futures contracts that expired on March 12, 2026. •For the underlying JEERAUNJHA futures contract (expiry March 20, 2026), the FSP was fixed based on the Due Settlement Price (DSP) of the underlying futures. •The FSP for this contract was determined as ■22,060.00. [Circular No.: NCCL/CLEARING-014/2026]

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India INX issued circular regarding the Introduction of Bidding for IPOs through India INX iBBS Platform

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (India INX) on March 13, 2026, issued circular regarding the Introduction of Bidding for IPOs through India INX iBBS Platform. The India International Exchange (India INX) has announced the launch of the India INX iBBS (Internet-based Book Building Software) platform to facilitate bidding in upcoming Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) at GIFT International Financial Services Centre (GIFT IFSC). This initiative follows the earlier exchange circular dated August 30, 2024, and aims to streamline and enhance the IPO bidding process for exchange members. The iBBS platform provides members with a user-friendly system to participate in IPO bidding through a web-based portal as well as API connectivity for system-to-system integration. Detailed API documentation and a user manual have been provided in the annexures to assist members in integrating and using the platform effectively. Members who wish to access the platform must submit required details such as member name, member code, authorized person's name, email address, and contact number to the exchange. Once registered, members can access the India INX iBBS portal online to participate in IPO bidding. [Circular No. 20260313-1]

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MCX notified regarding the Mock Trading Session on March 14, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading Session on March 14, 2026. The following has been stated: • The exchange has announced that a mock trading session will be conducted on Saturday, 14 March 2026, to test the readiness of trading systems, member infrastructure, and connectivity with the exchange platform. Members are required to log in and

participate in the mock session via the exchange's trading terminals and APIs to ensure their systems function correctly in the updated environment. • The mock trading timings will broadly follow the normal commodity derivatives trading schedule. The login/start-of-day process will begin around 10:00 AM, followed by the mock trading session from around 10:30 AM to about 1:00 PM, during which members can place test orders and verify order execution, market data flow, and connectivity stability. After the trading simulation, the end-of-day/close-out process will begin around 1:00 PM to complete settlement testing and system shutdown procedures. • Members are instructed to verify their network connectivity, trading applications, market data interfaces, and risk management systems during the session. Participation in the mock session helps ensure that systems will work smoothly when the updated environment or new configurations go live in production trading. [Notification no. - MCX/TECH/128/2026]

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BSE issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading for the Equity Derivatives segment

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading for Equity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Equity Derivatives segment on March 14, 2026, from the Primary Site (PR) and Disaster Recovery Site (DR). •Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems via ETI APIs can test trading applications and functionalities such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. •The session will include pre-open, continuous trading, switchover to DR, and trade modification, running from 09:15 AM to 04:15 PM. •This mock session is only for testing and familiarization, and trades executed will not create margin, settlement obligations, or legal liabilities. [Notice No.: 20260313-2]

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BSE issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Commodity Derivatives segment on March 14, 2026, from the Primary Site (PR) and Disaster Recovery Site (DR). •Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems via ETI APIs can test their trading applications and functionalities, such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. •The session will run from 09:15 am to 04:00 pm, with continuous trading from PR followed by a switchover to DR. •The mock session is only for testing and familiarization, and trades executed will not create margin, settlement obligations, or legal liabilities. [Notice No.: 20260313-5]

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BSE issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Currency Derivatives segment

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Currency Derivatives segment The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Currency Derivatives segment on March 14, 2026, from the Primary Site (PR) and Disaster Recovery Site (DR). •Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems via ETI APIs can test their trading applications during the session. •Trading will run from 09:15 AM to 04:10 PM, covering currency derivatives and cross-currency derivatives trading with a switchover to DR. •The mock session is only for testing and familiarization, and trades executed will not create any margin, settlement obligations, or legal liabilities. [Notice No.: 20260313-4]

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BSE issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for Electronic Gold Receipts on March 14, 2026, from the Primary Site (PR) and Disaster Recovery Site (DR). •Trading members using third-party platforms or in-house systems via ETI APIs can test functionalities such as risk-reduction mode and trading halt. •The session will run from 09:15 am to 04:20 pm, including pre-open, continuous trading, block deal window, DR switchover, closing, and post-closing sessions. •The mock trading is only for testing and familiarization, and trades executed will not create margin, settlement obligations, or legal liabilities. [Notice No.: 20260313-3]

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BSE issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Equity segment

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Equity segment. The following has been stated: - •The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for the Equity segment on March 14, 2026, from both the Primary Site (PR) and Disaster Recovery Site (DR). •Trading members, including those using third-party platforms, can test trading applications and functionalities such as call auctions, risk-reduction mode, trading halt, and block deals. •The session will run from 09:15 am to 04:30 pm, covering phases like pre-open, continuous trading (T+0 and T+1), periodic call auctions, and settlement auctions. •The mock session is only for testing and familiarization, and trades executed will not create margin, settlement obligations, or legal liabilities. [Notice No.: 20260313-1]

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Companies (Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on March 10, 2026, notified the Companies Accounting Standards Amendment Rules, 2026 to amend the Companies Accounting Standards Rules, 2021, in exercise of powers under the Companies Act, 2013, in consultation with the National Financial Reporting Authority. The amendment introduces changes to Accounting Standard (AS) 22 concerning accounting for taxes on income related to the international tax reform framework based on the OECD Pillar Two Model Rules. A new provision clarifies that enterprises should neither recognise nor disclose deferred tax assets or liabilities related to taxes arising under Pillar Two legislation, which includes qualified domestic minimum top-up taxes implemented by jurisdictions. Further, new disclosure requirements have been introduced requiring enterprises to disclose application of the exception related to Pillar Two taxes and separately disclose current tax expense or income related to such taxes. Companies must also provide qualitative and quantitative information about potential exposure to Pillar Two income taxes where the legislation has been enacted but not yet effective, although small and medium-sized companies are exempted from certain disclosure requirements. [Notification No. G.S.R. 169(E)]

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Corrigendum to SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 Amendment

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 10, 2026, issued a corrigendum to its earlier notification dated January 20, 2026 relating to amendments in the SEBI Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015. The corrigendum clarifies the enabling provision under which the amendment regulations were issued. It specifies that the amendments were made in exercise of the powers conferred under section 11, sub-section (2) of section 11A and section 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, read with section 31 of the Securities Contracts Regulation Act, 1956. Further, corrections have been made to Regulation 39(2) and certain clause numbering in the earlier notification. The revised provision requires listed entities to credit securities in dematerialised form within thirty days of receiving investor service requests relating to subdivision, split, consolidation, renewal, exchange, or issuance of duplicate securities, along with necessary documents. [Notification No. SEBI/LAD-NRO/GN/2026/297]

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CDSL issued circular regarding the Stamp Duty Payment and Transaction Processing

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 11, 2026, issued circular regarding the Stamp Duty Payment and Transaction Processing. The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) has issued a communication to Depository Participants (DPs) regarding updates related to stamp duty payment. This follows earlier communiques issued on October 20, 2025, October 31, 2025, and February 17, 2026, which introduced an overdue status for stamp duty in off-market and invocation transactions and later added a stamp duty payment indicator. These changes apply to off-market and invocation transactions processed through WebCDAS and easiest, and have become effective from February 28, 2026. The updates are intended to improve monitoring and tracking of stamp duty payments associated with such transactions. DPs are advised to note these changes and inform their BO, TM, and CM clients accordingly. For any queries related to the communiqué, participants can contact the CDSL Helpdesk via email at dprtasupport@cdslindia.com or through the IVR number 022-62343333. [Circular No. CDSL/OPS/DP/SYSTEM/2026/169]

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MCX notified regarding the Change in address of Bengaluru Investor Service Centre (ISC)

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 12, 2026, notified regarding the Change in address of Bengaluru Investor Service Centre (ISC). It has notified that the Investor Service Centre (ISC) in Bengaluru has shifted to a new address at DBS House, 26 Cunningham Road, Bengaluru, effective March 01, 2026. Members and constituents are requested to take note of the updated contact location and details. [Notification no. - MCX/ISD/124/2026]

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IBBI issued a circular regarding the filing of Forms to monitor insolvency resolution processes for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and the regulations made thereunder

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on March 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding filing of Forms to monitor insolvency resolution processes for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and the regulations made thereunder. The following has been stated: - •The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India has introduced electronic forms to monitor insolvency resolution processes for personal guarantors to corporate debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. •Six forms (PGIRP1–PGIRP6) must be filed by resolution professionals to report different stages of the insolvency process. •These forms will be submitted through an online platform to improve efficiency, transparency, and reduce reporting delays. •Resolution professionals must upload forms with digital signatures and ensure complete and accurate information. •Penalties for delayed submission or modification will apply only after June 30, 2026. [Circular No.: IBBI/II/92/2026]

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NCDEX notified regarding the System Testing Mock on March 14, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 12, 2026, notified regarding the System Testing Mock on March 14, 2026. The following has been stated: • It informs trading and clearing members that a system testing mock trading session will be conducted on March 14, 2026, (Saturday) to test the exchange's trading application and related infrastructure. The mock session will include a pre-open session from 09:45 AM to 10:00 AM, followed by trading in all commodities from 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM, with trade modification allowed until 01:15 PM, and a re-login session from 05:00 PM to 05:30 PM. Members can also test functionalities related to safer participation of retail investors in algorithmic trading, as introduced in earlier circulars. • Additionally, members accessing the NEXTRA application over the internet shall use SSL VPN connectivity to ensure secure communication with the exchange systems. The exchange has requested all members to participate in the mock to test system readiness and ensure smooth functioning of the trading platform. [Notification no. - NCDEX/TECHNOLOGY- 010/2026]

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NSE issued circular regarding the Digital acceptance of requests for the changes related to IP and CaaS offering

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 11, 2026, issued circular regarding the Digital acceptance of requests for the changes related to IP and CaaS offering. The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has announced revisions to its colocation (Colo) framework, modifying provisions from circular NSE/MSD/67756 dated April 29, 2025. One major change is the increase in the maximum number of permissible Interactive IPs across rack variants used by colo participants, including those used by CaaS (Colocation as a Service) vendors. The limit has been raised from 2×60 to 2×80 for High Power Density (HPD) racks, 60 to 80 for Full racks, 30 to 40 for Half racks, and 15 to 20 for Quarter racks, allowing participants greater connectivity capacity. The exchange has also revised the CaaS framework to provide greater operational flexibility. Vendors offering CaaS can now apply for any rack variant (HPD, Full, Half, or Quarter) depending on their business requirements. Several earlier restrictions have been removed, including the limit on the number of members per rack, the rule allowing members to have only one contract with a vendor (up to two vendors), and the cap of four order connectivities per member–vendor combination. With these changes, members can now engage with multiple CaaS vendors and request any number of order connectivities, subject to the maximum IP limits for each rack type and the exchange's power consumption limits. The updated system for digital acceptance of rack requests, IP allotment, and TM enrolment will be available on ENIT from March 16, 2026, while all other provisions of the April 2025 circular remain unchanged. [Circular No: 14/2026]

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MoCA issued an Advisory for Stakeholders for Name Reservation and Incorporation of Company and LLP

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MoCA) on March 12, 2026, issued an Advisory for Stakeholders for Name Reservation and Incorporation of Company and LLP. The following has been stated: - •The Ministry of Corporate Affairs issued an advisory for stakeholders on name reservation and incorporation of companies and LLPs under the Companies Act, 2013, and Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008. •Proposed names must be unique and clearly distinguishable, and should not resemble existing company names, LLP names, or registered trademarks. •Certain words (e.g., Bank, Insurance, Architect) require prior approval or NOC from the relevant regulator, while misleading, offensive, or government-linked names are not permitted. •The advisory specifies time restrictions on using names of dissolved, struck-off, or renamed entities, and provides guidance on trademark checks and NIC code selection. •Proper registered office documents, NOCs, lease agreements, and accurate capital/DIN details must be submitted during incorporation. •Additional rules clarify restrictions for financial activities, Section 8 companies, OPCs, and LLPs, along with compliance requirements for incorporation forms and supporting documents. The detailed advisory is given in the document below.

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NSE notified regarding the process for the selection of intermediaries for the proposed IPO

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 12, 2026, notified regarding the process for the selection of intermediaries for the proposed IPO. The following has been stated: • It has completed the selection of merchant bankers, law firms, and other intermediaries for its proposed Initial Public Offering (IPO) through a transparent and competitive process approved by its IPO Committee. • A total of 20 merchant bankers—including Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited, and Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited—have been selected to manage the offering. Eight law firms, such as Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Khaitan & Co, and AZB & Partners, along with other intermediaries, will assist in regulatory filings, due diligence, documentation, marketing, and execution of the IPO. • With the completion of this selection process, the engagement of Rothschild & Co India Private Limited as the process advisor for appointing IPO intermediaries has concluded.

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NSE notified regarding the Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026. The following has been stated: • NSE has informed that the mock trading session earlier scheduled for March 7, 2026. has been rescheduled to March 14, 2026, as part of its 2026 contingency drill. The mock session will be conducted across multiple segments, including equity, derivatives, currency, depository receipts, and Bharat Bond Index futures in two sessions between 14:00 hrs and 18:00 hrs, followed by a live system re-login window from 20:00 hrs to 20:30 hrs. • Trades executed during the mock session will not result in any settlement obligations. Members are advised to actively participate using all trading software, while entities with approved algorithmic trading systems are required to participate

mandatorily. [Notification no. - NSEIFSC/TRADE/2516]

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SEBI issued a Consultation Paper on Ease of investing - Simplification of documentation requirements for transmission of securities and revision in threshold limits for simplified documentation

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 12, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper on Ease of investing - Simplification of documentation requirement for transmission of securities and revision in threshold limits for simplified documentation. The following has been stated: - •Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed simplifying the transmission process of securities after the death of an investor to make claims easier for nominees and legal heirs. •New threshold limits are proposed: straight-through processing for very small claims and higher limits for simplified documentation (e.g., ■10,000–■30,000 thresholds for demat/physical holdings and up to ■30 lakh for simplified cases). •In nomination cases, only minimal documents like the transmission request form, client master list, death certificate, and ID proof of the nominee will be required. •For cases without nomination or will, a risk-based documentation framework is introduced with simplified requirements for smaller claims and standard legal documents for higher-value claims. •The proposal also standardizes claim submission procedures, allows additional overseas death-proof certifications, and requires entities to settle transmission claims within 21 days after receiving all documents. •The comments/suggestions should be submitted by April 02, 2026.

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NSE notified regarding Excess STT Retained

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the Excess STT Retained. NSE has asked member brokers and sub-brokers to report details of excess Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collected but not remitted for FY 2023–24 and earlier years, following directions from the Income Tax Department of India. Members shall submit the details within 7 days and remit the excess STT along with 1% monthly interest to NSE, which will subsequently deposit the amount into the Government account. [Notification no. - NSE/FATAX/73213]

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NCDEX notified regarding the Applicability of Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) till April 01, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 09, 2026, notified regarding the Applicability of event-based additional surveillance margin (E-ASM) till April 01, 2026. It states that, based

on the High-Low price variation formula [(High–Low)/Low × 100], an Enhanced Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) of 2.5% has been re-triggered for Coriander and Turmeric. The margin will apply to all existing and upcoming contracts of these commodities from March 09, 2026, until April 01, 2026. Other commodities such as Barley, Castor Seed, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, and Jeera are not subject to E-ASM, and all other applicable margins will continue unchanged. [Notification no. - NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-033/2026]

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NeSL issued a circular regarding SHCIL e-Stamping Systems Downtime

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) on March 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding SHCIL e-Stamping System Downtime. The following has been stated: - •The Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited announced temporary maintenance of its e-Stamping application. •The service will be unavailable from March 11, 2026 (8:30 PM) to March 12, 2026 (1:00 AM) for states using SHCIL e-Stamping. •Users are advised to plan their DDE transactions accordingly during the maintenance period. •However, DDE services for GRAS states Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, and West Bengal will remain available. [Circular No.: NeSL/DT- DDE/2026/095]

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MCX issued a circular regarding the IP Address details of Live Environment

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding the IP Address details of Live Environment. The Exchange has issued a notification to its members in accordance with the Rules, Bye-Laws, and Business Rules, and in continuation of circular no. MCX/TECH/500/2024 dated July 26, 2024. Members are advised to ensure that the IP addresses of both the Primary Data Center (PDC) and the Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) are enabled in their systems. This step is necessary to ensure seamless connectivity in the event that live trading is initiated from the Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) without prior announcement. By enabling these IP addresses, member-end systems will automatically connect to the trading platform without requiring any manual intervention. The circular also provides detailed IP address information for the Exchange's trading interfaces through annexures, including details for the Primary Data Center (PDC), the Disaster Recovery Site (DRS), and the addition of routing configurations required at the member-end systems. Members are requested to take note of the instructions and implement the necessary changes to ensure uninterrupted trading connectivity. [Circular no.: MCX/TECH/122/2026]

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MCX Release of Reference Data Files (Masters) Version 1.2

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 10, 2026, issued Circular No. MCX/CTCL/123/2026 regarding the release of MCX Reference Data Files (Masters) Version 1.2. The circular has been issued in continuation of earlier Exchange Circulars dated August 10, 2021, and February 08, 2024. The Exchange informed that the updated Reference Data Files (Masters) Version 1.2 have been released with certain modifications as detailed in the accompanying document. These updates form part of the Exchange's ongoing efforts to maintain and standardize reference data used by market participants and associated systems. Trading Members and empanelled vendors have been advised to take note of the changes and implement the updated reference files in their systems with immediate effect to ensure seamless operations and compliance with Exchange requirements. [Notification No. MCX/CTCL/123/2026]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding the revision in Threshold Limits for Concentration Margin

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on March 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding a revision in Threshold Limits for Concentration Margin. The following has been stated: - • Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited revised its circular on concentration margin as a risk management measure for commodity and index derivatives. •Commodities will attract concentration margin when open interest crosses specified thresholds or exceeds 5% of exchange-wide open interest value. •Different margin slabs will apply at the client and clearing member levels, depending on the share of open interest and commodity category (broad, sensitive, etc.). •The revised provisions will be effective from March 13, 2026. [Circular No.: MCXCCL/RISK/051/2026]

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CDSL notified regarding facility for Basic Services Demat Account

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 09, 2026, notified regarding the facility for Basic Services Demat Account. The following has been stated: • It has informed Depository Participants to refer to the related circular issued under the directions of the Securities and Exchange Board of India regarding Basic Services Demat Accounts (BSDA). Based on data shared between CDSL and NSDL as of February 28, 2026, a list of Beneficial Owners (BOs) eligible for BSDA has been prepared and placed in the respective DPs' billing folders. • Eligibility is determined for individual, NRI, and foreign national accounts where the first holder has only one demat account across both depositories and the total value of securities does not exceed ■10 lakh. • The files also identify BOs with verified PAN, PAN-exempt accounts, and accounts currently marked as BSDA but having multiple demat accounts, enabling DPs to update or unmark the BSDA status and inform the concerned investors accordingly. [Notification no. - CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/163]

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BSE issued a notice Regarding Download of Penalty Report for Client Code Modifications

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 10, 2026, issued a notice regarding download of penalty report for client code modifications. The following has been stated: It has informed trading members that the penalty report for client code modifications of non-institutional trades carried out during February 2026 is now available for download. This report has been generated in accordance with Exchange Notice Nos. 20110729-24 dated July 29, 2011 and 20110826-4 dated August 26, 2011. Members can download the file named “PM0226.Clg no.” from the Equity Transaction Folder in the Extranet. Trading members are advised to download and save the report for future reference. For any queries or clarifications regarding the report, members may contact the exchange through 022-2272 8435 / 022-2272 5785 or email bse.reports@bseindia.com. [Notice No. 20260310-28]

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BSE notified regarding the revised Norms for the appointment of an independent third-party reviewer/ certifier for green debt security

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the revised Norms for the appointment of an independent third-party reviewer/ certifier for green debt security. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued Circular No. HO/17/11/24(1)2026-DDHS-POD1/I/5967/2026 dated February 27, 2026, regarding Revised Norms for appointment of an independent third-party reviewer/ certifier for green debt security. [Circular No. 20260310-1]

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CDSL notified regarding the submission of the status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), on March 09, 2026, notified regarding the submission of the status of readiness and compliance to the accessibility requirements. The following has been stated namely: - • In accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of the afore-mentioned SEBI Circular, DPs are advised to submit the status of their readiness and compliance with the accessibility requirements for each of their digital platforms latest by March 31, 2026, the submission should be made in the prescribed format through https://auditweb.cdslindia.com • The detailed procedure for submission is provided in Annexure A. [Circular No. CDSL/AUDIT/DP/POLCY/2026/162]

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MCX issued a circular regarding Product Movement between Partition

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 09, 2026, issued a circular regarding Product Movement between partitions. The following has been stated: - •The exchange has announced the movement of certain commodity futures products to different system partitions to optimize performance and manage data streams. •Products such as Crude Oil and Silver Micro will move to Partition 2, while Gold and its variants will move to Partition 5, with corresponding changes in EMDI and EOBI streams. •Members must update their systems accordingly, as the changes will appear in the product master file (MCXScrip.bcp) and stream master on SFTP. •The changes will go live on March 10, 2026, and all GTD/GTC orders for these products will be cancelled on March 09, 2026 (EOD). [Circular No.: MCX/TECH/118/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding amendments to the NSE Refiner Standards for Gold conforming to BIS Standards

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding amendments to the NSE Refiner Standards for Gold conforming to BIS Standards. The following has been stated: - •The National Stock Exchange has amended the NSE Refiner Standards for Gold (Bars & Coins) in line with BIS standards, updating the framework issued in 2021. •Under the revised norms, gold coins refined by approved refiners will also be accepted as good delivery. •These coins will be valid for the Gold 8-gram (Guinea) Futures contract and the upcoming Gold 10-gram Futures contract in the commodity derivatives segment. •The circular is effective immediately, and Indian refiners can apply for empanelment with NSE by submitting the prescribed application and documents. [Circular Ref.No: 14/2026]

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NCDEX notified regarding the review of Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for Option contracts in the Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), on March 09, 2026, notified regarding the review of Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for Option contracts in the Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated namely: - • This notice informs Clearing Members that the Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for commodity derivatives options contracts was reviewed for April 2026, and no changes were made. • VSR remains unchanged for the listed commodities in the options segment. • Commodities listed include Coriander, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, Jeera, and Turmeric. • The circular shall be effective from the beginning of trading day April 01, 2026. [Circular No. : NCCL/RISK-012/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Due Date Rates (DDR) - Monthly Electricity Futures in Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 09, 2026, notified regarding the Due Date Rates (DDR) - Monthly Electricity Futures in Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated namely: - • The circular refers to earlier communications issued by National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on July 10 and July 30, 2025 regarding the Final Settlement (DDR) procedure for Monthly Electricity Futures in the NCDEX Commodity Derivatives Segment. • It announces that the Due Date Rate (DDR) for the Electricity Monthly Base Load (ELECMBL) futures contract expiring on 27 February 2026 has been fixed at 3545.00 per MWh, with a base quantity of 1 MWh, which will be used for the final settlement of that contract. [Circular no. NCL/COM/73196]

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NSE issued the guideline in pursuance of the amendment to SEBI KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency (KRA) Regulations, 2011

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 10, 2026, issued the guidelines in pursuance of the amendment to SEBI KYC (Know Your Client) Registration Agency (KRA) Regulations, 2011. The following has been stated: • It informs trading members that client KYC records uploaded to KRAs between February 01, 2026, and February 28, 2026, which remain “On Hold” or not validated (whether Aadhaar-based or non-Aadhaar OVD-based) will face trading restrictions. • From March 21, 2026, such clients will not be permitted to trade on the exchange and will also not be allowed to square off their open positions until the KYC validation requirements are fulfilled. Any open derivative positions will remain until the contract expiry date, after which they will automatically expire. The Exchange will mark the PANs of non-compliant clients as “Not Permitted to Trade”, based on information received from KRAs. • The circular also reiterates SEBI guidelines regarding the centralized mechanism for reporting the death of investors, under which regulated entities shall block debit transactions, suspend trading accounts, and inactivate the UCC once demise information is reported through KRAs. • Lists of non-validated clients will be made available to trading members on the member portal, and once KYC becomes compliant, the client will be allowed to trade from T+1 day based on updated information received from KRAs. [Notification no. - NSE/ISC/73218]

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NSE notified regarding review of Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 09, 2026, notified regarding review of Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated namely: - • The circular classifies certain commodities based on risk and margin criteria for trading in the National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) Commodity Derivatives Segment. Commodities such as Gold, Lead, and Copper are categorized as Non-Agricultural commodities with different volatility levels that determine their applicable

margin requirements. • Gold and Copper fall under the medium volatility category, requiring a minimum Initial Margin (IM) of 8%, a Short Option Minimum Margin of 8%, a Minimum MPOR of 2, and a Minimum VSR of 5%. Lead is categorized under low volatility, with a 6% minimum IM, 2 MPOR, and no applicable Short Option Margin or VSR requirement. These classifications help determine the risk management and margin framework applied to each commodity in derivatives trading. [Circular no. NCL/COM/73188]

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NSE notified regarding the Member Interface Testing of Two-way portability across Clearing Corporations- Software as a Service (SaaS) Model

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the Member Interface Testing of Two-way portability across Clearing Corporations- Software as a Service (SaaS) Model. The following has been stated: • It has informed members about a mock session for the Software as a Service (SaaS) setup being conducted on March 07, 2026, in reference to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) circular dated December 20, 2023, on business continuity for clearing corporations through the SaaS model. As required, the quarterly mock sessions are designed to test the SaaS infrastructure and familiarize members with system interfaces and functionality. • During the session, NCL will invoke its SaaS setup between 13:00 hrs and 13:30 hrs, and the system NCL@ICCL will operate through the SaaS environment from 13:30 hrs to 14:00 hrs. Members are encouraged to participate and test all related functionalities actively. • Those who already have login credentials issued under NCL circular no. 025/2023 dated April 13, 2023, may use the same, while members who have not obtained credentials must request them via email from the support team. Relevant system access links for RTRMS, Collateral, and Extranet have also been provided for the mock session. [Notification no. - NCL/CD/73192]

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NSDL notified regarding the submission of half yearly Cyber Security audit ATR by Depository Participants

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) on March 05, 2026, notified regarding the submission of half yearly Cyber Security audit ATR by Depository Participants. The circular informs participants about the revision of the deadline for submitting the cyber security half-yearly audit Action Taken Report (ATR). Earlier, participants were required to submit the report through the e-PASS application in the NSDL Depository System. Under the revised update, the deadline for submission of the cyber security half-yearly audit ATR has been extended to April 30, 2026. The revised timeline will apply in accordance with the provisions of the Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF). [Notification no. - NSDL/POLICY/2026/0030]

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BSE notified regarding the Accessing RTRMS applications through SSO

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the Accessing RTRMS applications through SSO. To ensure a smooth transition and for the convenience of all members, the implementation date of the above-mentioned circular has been postponed till March 14, 2026. [Notice No. 20260306-37]

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BSE issued the update on the Discontinuation of RTRMS Direct Link and Mandatory Access via Member SSO from March 14

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the update on the Discontinuation of RTRMS Direct Link and Mandatory Access via Member SSO. The following has been stated namely: - • The deadline for disabling direct RTRMS links has been extended to March 14, 2026. • Trading members must complete Single Sign-On (SSO) registration if it has not already been done. • Members are required to create named sub-users and assign appropriate application access through the SSO frontend portal. • From March 14, 2026, direct access to RTRMS will be disabled, and members must access RTRMS only through the Member SSO Portal. [Notification No. 20260306-18]

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BSE issued the update on single filing system through API-based integration between Stock Exchanges

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 06, 2026, issued an update on the single filing system through API-based integration between Stock Exchanges. The following has been stated: • Stock exchanges have extended the single filing system through API-based integration for certain XBRL disclosures with effect from March 07, 2026. The system will now cover additional events such as prior intimation of board meetings, trading window closure, fraud/default/arrest disclosures, corporate debt restructuring, loan restructuring under Inter-Creditors Agreement (ICA) or One-Time Settlement (OTS), and Issue Summary Document for buyback. • The facility applies mainly to equity and equity+debt listed entities, while implementation for exclusively debt-listed entities, REITs, and InvITs will be communicated later. Listed entities shall continue PDF filings for certain disclosures (e.g., Regulation 29 and Regulation 30 events and trading window disclosures) at both exchanges until further notice. • The initiative aims to streamline compliance and avoid multiple filings across exchanges, and listed entities shall respond to clarification requests from the exchange that raises the query. [Notification no. - 20260306-25]

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BSE notified regarding the Updates for Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC's 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Removal of 1 entry

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the Updates for Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC's 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Removal of 1 entry. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has informed the Exchange about updates issued by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Sanctions Committees. A recent UNSC notification dated February 27, 2026 reports the removal of one entry from the sanctions list. The updated sanctions lists related to individuals and entities linked to ISIL (Da'esh), Al■Qaida, and the Taliban are available on the UN Security Council website. Market intermediaries and exchanges are advised to follow the procedures under Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as detailed in the Government Order dated February 02, 2021. They must scan all existing and new client accounts to ensure that no account is held by or linked to individuals or entities listed under the UNSC sanctions lists, in line with SEBI's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) guidelines. If any delisting requests are received from listed individuals or entities, intermediaries must forward them electronically to the Joint Secretary (CTCR), Ministry of Home Affairs, with a copy to the Joint Secretary (UNP), Ministry of External Affairs. Individuals seeking removal from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida sanctions list may also submit applications to the UN Ombudsperson appointed by the UN Secretary-General. SEBI has advised intermediaries to regularly check updates on the SEBI website under the UNSC Sanctions Committee List section. [Notice No. 20260306-17]

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CDSL notified regarding the submission of the Compliance of Closure of Findings Identified during VAPT

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 05, 2026, notified regarding the submission of the Compliance of Closure of Findings Identified during VAPT. It has advised Depository Participants (DPs) to comply with the Cybersecurity and Cyber Resilience Framework (CSCRF) issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). DPs shall submit the closure compliance of findings identified during Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) for the half-year period April 2025 to September 2025, applicable to Qualified Security-Based entities (QSBs) and Protected Regulated Entities (REs). The VAPT Action Taken Report shall be submitted to CDSL on or before March 31, 2026, via the designated email. [Notification no. - CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/152]

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CDSL notified regarding the Security Council Isil (Da'esh) And Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee Removes One Entry from Its Sanctions List

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the Security Council Isil (Da'esh) And Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee Removes One Entry from Its Sanctions List. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), through an email dated March 06, 2026, informed the depository about a press release issued by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) regarding an update to its sanctions list. As per Note SC/16306 dated February 27, 2026, one entry—Al-Nusrah Front for the People of the Levant—has been removed from the UNSC Sanctions List. Depositories and market intermediaries are advised to follow procedures under Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, as detailed in the Government Order dated February 02, 2021. They must also scan all existing and future accounts to ensure that no accounts are linked to individuals or entities appearing on the updated sanctions lists related to ISIL (Da'esh), Al■Qaida, and the Taliban, in line with SEBI's AML/CFT guidelines. If any delisting requests are received, intermediaries must forward them to the Joint Secretary (CTCR), Ministry of Home Affairs, with a copy to the Joint Secretary (UNP), Ministry of External Affairs. Individuals or entities seeking removal from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida sanctions list may also apply to the UN Ombudsperson appointed by the UN Secretary-General. Market participants are advised to regularly check updates on the SEBI website under the UNSC Sanctions Committee List section. [Circular No. CDSL/PMLA/DP/POLCY/2026/158]

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MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular- Investor Services Department (Default) – Version 3

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 05, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular- Investor Services Department (Default) – Version 3 with reference to MCX Circular no. MCX/ISD/211/2025 dated April 29, 2025. In partial modification of the above referred circular, the following paragraph stands deleted: "This Master circular is a compilation of relevant circulars / directions issued by SEBI / Exchange which are operational as on March 31, 2025. Efforts have been made to incorporate applicable provisions of existing circulars issued by SEBI. In case of any inconsistency between the Master Circular and the applicable circulars, the content of the relevant circular shall prevail." The members are hereby informed to read the aforementioned paragraphs as: This Master Circular covers the relevant circulars/communications issued by Exchange up to March 31, 2025. This Master Circular rescinds the circulars and communications listed in Annexure 1 of this circular. [Circular no. MCX/ISD/108/2026]

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MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular- Investor Services Department (IG and Arbitration) – Version 3

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 05, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular- Investor Services Department (IG and Arbitration) – Version 3 with reference to MCX Circular no. MCX/ISD/215/2025 dated April 29, 2025. In partial modification of the above referred circular, the following paragraph stands deleted: This Master circular is a compilation of relevant circulars / directions

issued by SEBI / Exchange which are operational as on March 31, 2025. Efforts have been made to incorporate applicable provisions of existing circulars issued by SEBI. In case of any inconsistency between the Master Circular and the applicable circulars, the content of the relevant circular shall prevail. The Members are hereby informed to read the aforementioned paragraphs as: This Master Circular covers the relevant circulars/communications issued by Exchange up to March 31, 2025. This Master Circular rescinds the circulars and communications listed in Annexure-1 to this circular. [Circular no. MCX/ISD/110/2026]

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MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular- Surveillance & Investigation

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 05, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular- Surveillance & Investigation. The following has been stated: • The corrigendum states that the Master Circular consolidates all relevant circulars and communications issued by the Exchange up to March 31, 2025. It also rescinds the earlier circulars listed in the annexure of the circular, thereby streamlining regulatory references into a single consolidated framework. • Apart from these modifications and clarifications, all other provisions of the earlier Master Circular remain unchanged. The objective of the update is to improve regulatory clarity and strengthen the surveillance and investigation framework for monitoring trading activities in the commodity derivatives market. The detailed notification is attached below. [Notification no. - MCX/S&I/111/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding Review of minimum Volatility Scan Range (VSR)

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding Review of minimum Volatility Scan Range (VSR). Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) has issued a notification to its clearing members regarding a revision in the Volatility Scan Range (VSR). This update is issued in continuation of its earlier circular dated February 09, 2026 and is in accordance with the rules, byelaws, and regulations of the clearing corporation. The revision has been made after conducting back-testing of the volatility parameters, as required under the guidelines of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) specified in its circular dated January 11, 2021. Based on this analysis, MCXCCL has reviewed and determined the updated VSR values, which are provided in Annexure 1 of the circular. The revised VSR will be applicable for margin calculations and risk management purposes for clearing members trading through MCXCCL. [Circular No. MCX/MCXCCL/115/2026]

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IBBI issued circular regarding the Filing of Forms to monitor insolvency resolution processes for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on February 06, 2026, issued circular regarding the Filing of Forms to monitor insolvency resolution processes for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has introduced a new electronic filing system for submitting information related to the insolvency resolution process of personal guarantors to corporate debtors. Earlier, resolution professionals submitted periodic information to the Board through emails, which was considered time-consuming and inefficient. Under Regulation 23 of the Insolvency Resolution Process for Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors Regulations, 2019, resolution professionals are required to submit prescribed forms within specified timelines. To improve efficiency and transparency, IBBI has developed a set of electronic forms available on its online platform. Insolvency Professionals (IPs) handling such assignments must log in with a unique username and password provided by IBBI and submit the required forms along with supporting records using Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) or e-sign. The system also provides a modification utility that allows corrections through an OTP-based authentication process. These forms aim to streamline reporting, reduce delays, and improve the accuracy and reliability of information submitted during the insolvency process. The circular also specifies deadlines for filing forms depending on the stage of the case under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. To help IPs familiarize themselves with the system, penalties for delayed submission or modification will apply only after June 30, 2026. However, IPs remain responsible for timely, complete, and accurate submission of information, failing which the Board may take regulatory action, including refusal to issue or renew the Authorisation for Assignment. [Circular No. IBBI/II/92/2026]

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India INX notified regarding the Processing Fees for Member Services

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Limited (INDIA INX) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the Processing Fees for Member Services. Members are informed that the processing fee charged for various member services by India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Limited will be non-refundable. The details of these fees have already been published on the Exchange's website for members' reference. A comprehensive list of applicable processing fees for member services is provided in Annexure-1. The revised fee structure will take effect on January 01, 2026. Upon receiving an application for any member service, India ICC will debit the applicable processing fee directly from the member's dues account. [Notification no. - 20260306-1]

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Indian INX issued circular regarding the Annual Clearing Membership Fees from financial year 2026-2027

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (India INX) on March 06, 2026, issued circular regarding the Annual Clearing Membership Fees from financial year 2026-2027. India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Limited (India ICC) currently requires clearing members to pay an application processing fee of USD

500 when applying for clearing membership, as per the provisions of Chapter V of its Byelaws. However, the annual clearing membership fee of USD 10,000 had been waived by the management until the financial year 2025–2026. The corporation has now decided to levy the annual clearing membership fee starting from the financial year 2026–2027. This fee will be applicable to all categories of clearing members. Additionally, for new or registered members enabling their clearing membership on or after April 01, 2026, the annual membership fee of USD 5,000 will be charged on a pro-rata basis at the time of enablement. [Circular No. 20260306-2]

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NCCL issued the Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 06, 2026, issued the Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Master Circular dated August 04, 2023 and the earlier circular issued by NSE Clearing Limited (NCCL) on September 04, 2025 regarding the margin framework for the commodity derivatives segment are referenced in this update. Members and market participants are informed that the minimum Initial Margin (IM) and the minimum Margin Period of Risk (MPOR) for commodity derivatives contracts have been revised based on the categorization of commodities. These revisions are intended to strengthen the risk management framework in the commodity derivatives market. Further, for Options on Futures contracts, the Short Option Minimum Margin (SOMM) will be treated as the minimum initial margin requirement for the respective commodity contracts. The detailed revised values of Initial Margin and MPOR for various commodities are provided in the circular's accompanying table. [Circular No. NCCL/RISK-011/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Introduction of Order Snapshot Recovery via TCP/IP for MTBT broadcast in FO and CD Segments

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 05, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Introduction of Order Snapshot Recovery via TCP/IP for MTBT broadcast in FO and CD Segments. The following has been stated namely: - • The Exchange has introduced Order Book Snapshot Recovery through TCP/IP for the Multicast Tick by Tick (MTBT) broadcast, providing the latest view of outstanding orders in the order book. • This new functionality will be implemented in the live environment from March 09, 2026 for Futures & Options (FO) and Currency Derivatives (CD) segments. • There will be a coexistence period with the existing Solace API system, after which the Solace API snapshot recovery will be discontinued on 06 June 2026, and members are advised to migrate to TCP/IP [Notification No. NSE/MSD/73149]

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SEBI issued a circular regarding the introduction of the Voluntary Lock-in / Debit freeze facility to Mutual Fund folios

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding the introduction of the Voluntary Lock-in / Debit freeze facility to Mutual Fund folios. The following has been stated: - •Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), in consultation with Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), has introduced a voluntary lock-in/debit freeze facility for mutual fund folios to enhance investor security and prevent unauthorized debit of units. •In the first phase, the facility will be available through the MF Central platform for KYC-compliant investors with a registered email ID and mobile number. •AMFI will prescribe detailed procedures for locking/unlocking folios and specify the financial and non-financial transactions allowed during the lock-in period. •The circular will come into effect from April 30, 2026. [Circular No.: HO/24/12/12(5)2026-IMD-SEC-1/I/6373/2026]

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MCXCCL issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates for Expired Commodity Futures Contracts for Gold and Silver

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited Exchange (MCXCCL) on March 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding Due Date Rates for Expired Commodity Futures Contracts for Gold and Silver. The following has been stated: - •MCX Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) has notified the Due Date Rates (DDR) for futures contracts that expired on March 05, 2026. •The DDR has been fixed at ■1,62,999 per 10 grams for GoldM and ■2,71,087 per kg for Silver, and members are advised to take note. [Circular No: MCXCCL/DDR/047/2026]

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CDSL issued a notification regarding Non-Charging of AMC in Demat Accounts Consisting of Illiquid, Suspended, or Delisted Securities

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding Non-Charging of AMC in Demat Accounts Consisting of Illiquid, Suspended, or Delisted Securities. The following has been stated: - •Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) reminded DPs about the instruction in the Communique dated September 30, 2025, regarding non-charging of AMC for demat accounts holding only illiquid, suspended, or delisted securities. •A DP-wise list of BO IDs in “To be Closed” status with such securities has been shared for review. •The list is available in the DP billing folder with the file name format “BLNG<<DP ID>>NO_AMC_ISINS_06032026.tar”. •DPs must not charge AMC to these BO accounts and ensure compliance as per the earlier communique. [Notification No.: CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/156]

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BSE issued a notification regarding the Schedule for the Maintenance Activity

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Schedule for the Maintenance Activity. The following has been stated: - •BSE Limited has scheduled maintenance on the BSE StAR MF portal on March 07, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 12:00 AM, during which the URL and related API interfaces will be unavailable. •Members are advised to inform their technical teams/vendors and plan their activities accordingly during the downtime. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 20260306-27]

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BSE issued a notification regarding the status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Investor-Facing Digital Platforms

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the status of Readiness and Compliance with Accessibility Requirements for Investor-Facing Digital Platforms. The following has been stated: - •Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has mandated Trading Members to submit the status of accessibility compliance of their digital platforms (websites, mobile apps, portals, etc.) to the Exchange by March 31, 2026. •To facilitate this, the Exchange has enabled a submission facility on the BEFS portal under Rights of Persons with Disabilities → Digital platform-wise accessibility. •Trading Members must submit the required details through the portal within the specified timeline. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 20260306-11]

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CDSL issued a notification regarding SOP for Handling Cyber Incident and Amendments to DP Operating Instructions Annexure 11.1

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding SOP for Handling Cyber Incident and Amendments to DP Operating Instructions Annexure 11.1. The following has been stated: - •Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) has updated its DP Operating Instructions (Annexure 11.1 Penalty Structure) to incorporate a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for handling cybersecurity incidents, in coordination with other depositories and exchanges. •Depository Participants (DPs) and members are required to report any cybersecurity incident within 6 hours of detection or notification. •In case of technical difficulty, incidents may be reported via email in the prescribed format to the common email ID specified by SEBI/MIIs. •The updated SOP also provides precautionary and containment measures to prevent malware or threats from spreading across depository, exchange, or member networks. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CDSL/AUDIT/DP/POLCY/2026/151]

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NCDEX notified regarding the applicability of Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) till March 24, 2026

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the applicability of Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) till March 24, 2026. Based on the High-Low price variation formula (High–Low)/Low×100(High–Low)/Low × 100(High–Low)/Low×100, the Enhanced Additional Surveillance Measure (E-ASM) of 2.5% has been re-triggered for Coriander and Turmeric contracts. The measure became applicable from March 02, 2026, and will remain in force for all running and upcoming contracts in these commodities until March 24, 2026, while other commodities remain unaffected, and existing margins will continue as applicable. [Notification no. - NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-029/2026]

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NSE issued the Formats for submission of System Audit report and Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) report for Vendors providing Colocation as a Service (CaaS) facility

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 05, 2026, issued the Formats for submission of System Audit report and Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) report for Vendors providing Colocation as a Service (CaaS) facility. The following has been stated: • It has mandated vendors providing Colocation as a Service (CaaS) to submit System Audit Reports and Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) Reports in standardized formats. • The reports shall be submitted half-yearly for the audit periods April–September and October–March within specified timelines. The circular also prescribes detailed formats for preliminary audit reports, action taken reports, and VAPT summary reports, along with auditor selection norms. System auditors must have relevant certifications such as CISA, DISA, CISM, or CISSP, while VAPT auditors shall be CERT-In empanelled. The reports shall be approved by the vendor's MD/CTO/CISO or technology committee before submission. • The circular further introduces penalties for delayed or non-submission of reports and for failure to close identified vulnerabilities, including daily monetary charges and restrictions on onboarding new members. [Notification no. - NSE/MSD/73152]

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SEBI issued a Bulletin for February 2026

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 24, 2026, issued a Bulletin for February 2026. The following has been stated: - •India's economy is projected to grow 7.4% in FY 2025-26, remaining the fastest-growing major economy, though rising global uncertainty may affect investor confidence and

capital market activity. •Global IPO activity moderated in January 2026, with China leading in listings, India ranking second in volume, and aerospace/defense and technology sectors dominating capital raising. •Emerging markets performed strongly, supported by a weaker US dollar, while India showed relatively weaker equity returns despite stable macroeconomic indicators. •Union Budget 2026-27 and SEBI reforms focus on deepening corporate and municipal bond markets, increasing foreign investment participation, improving market infrastructure, and simplifying regulatory processes. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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NSE notified regarding Revision of Minimum Number of Strikes for WTI Crude Oil Options on Futures

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Modification in Number of Strikes of WTI Crude Oil Options on Futures. The following has been stated namely: - • The minimum number of strikes for WTI Crude Oil Options on Futures is being revised from 25 in-the-money + 25 out-of-the-money + 1 near-the-money (total 51 CE & 51 PE) to 50 in-the-money + 50 out-of-the-money + 1 near-the-money (total 101 CE & 101 PE). • The change is intended to ensure sufficient availability of strike prices for market participants and to cover a wider price range due to rising geopolitical tensions. • The revised minimum number of strikes will be effective from March 03, 2026 for contracts expiring in March 2026 and thereafter. [Notification No. NSE/COM/73091]

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NSE notified regarding Surrender of Securities Trading through Wireless Technologies (STWT) and Internet-Based Trading (IBT) Solutions provided by Application Service Provider (ASP)

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE), on March 02, 2026, notified regarding Surrender of Securities Trading through Wireless Technologies (STWT) and Internet-Based Trading (IBT) Solutions provided by Application Service Provider (ASP). The following has been stated namely: - FinSpot Technology Solutions Private Limited (ASP Vendor) has upgraded its STWT and IBT software with Exchange approval and discontinued the earlier versions. The company has surrendered STWT 1.0 (Hypertrade) and IBT 1.0, and now offers only the Exchange-approved latest live version, STWT 2.0 (IX Fin Trade). [Circular no. NSEIFSC/TRADE/2496]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Connect2NSE (C2N) Connectivity from Disaster Recovery Site (Capital Market Segment)

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 05, 2026, issued a circular regarding Connect2NSE (C2N) Connectivity from Disaster Recovery Site (Capital Market Segment). The following has been stated: It has informed members and custodians that operations for the Capital Market Segment will be conducted from its Disaster Recovery (DR) Site on March 05 and March 06, 2026. Members and custodians accessing N-MASS, NCMS, and NCIS applications through the internet or leased line do not need to make any changes to configuration settings or connection parameters to connect to Connect2NSE (C2N) applications from the DR site. However, N-MASS, NCMS, and NCIS applications will not be available for live operations or updates from 01:00 hrs to 08:00 hrs on March 07, 2026. Members and custodians are advised to take note and plan their activities accordingly plan their activities accordingly. [Circular Ref. No: 092/2026]

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NSE issued a circular regarding Connect2NSE Connectivity from Disaster Recovery Site

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 05, 2026, issued a circular regarding Connect2NSE (C2N) Connectivity from Disaster Recovery Site. The following has been stated: It has informed members that operations for the Currency Derivatives Segment will be conducted from its Disaster Recovery (DR) Site on March 05 and March 06, 2026. Members accessing N-MASS and NCMS through internet or leased line do not need to make any changes to their configuration or connection settings to connect to Connect2NSE (C2N) applications from the DR site. However, members should note that N-MASS and NCMS applications will not be available for live operations or updates from 01:00 hrs to 08:00 hrs on March 07, 2026. Members are advised to take note and plan their activities accordingly. [Circular Ref. No: 011/2026]

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MCX issued a Corrigendum to Master Circular - Inspection and Audit – Version 3

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 04, 2026, issued a Corrigendum to Master Circular - Inspection and Audit – Version 3. The following has been stated namely: - • This is with reference to MCX Circular no. MCX/INSP/228/2025 dated April 30, 2025, on Master Circular – Inspection and Audit – Version 3. • In partial modification of the above-referred circular, the following paragraph stands deleted: The Exchange, from time to time, has been issuing various circulars/directions to members. In order to enable the users to have access to all the applicable circulars at one place, the Master Circular in respect of Inspection and Audit is attached herewith as Part A and Part B. • This Master circular is a compilation of relevant circulars/directions issued by the Exchange which are operational as on March 31, 2025. Efforts have been made to incorporate applicable provisions of existing circulars issued by SEBI/ Exchange. • In case of any inconsistency between the Master Circular and the applicable circulars, the content of the relevant circular shall prevail. • The members are hereby informed to read the aforementioned paragraph as: This Master Circular covers the relevant circulars/communications issued by Exchange up to March 31, 2025 attached as Part A and Part B. This Master Circular rescinds the additional circulars and communications listed in Annexure I to that circular. [Circular no. MCX/INSP/106/2026]

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MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular – Market Operations

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 02, 2026, MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular – Market Operations. The MCX, through partial modification of Circular No. MCX/TRD/208/2025, dated April 25, 2025, has deleted the earlier explanatory paragraph relating to the consolidation of operational circulars into a Master Circular. The revised position clarifies that the Master Circular covers all relevant circulars and communications issued by the Exchange up to March 31, 2025, and specifically rescinds the circulars and communications listed in Annexure 12. All other contents of the earlier circular remain unchanged. [Notification no. - MCX/TRD/104/2026]

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BSE notified regarding the Additional enhancements in RFQ platform

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Additional enhancements in RFQ platform. The following has been stated namely: - • Pursuant to SEBI directions, the Exchange has implemented additional enhancements on the RFQ (Request for Quote) platform to improve user experience, effective March 02, 2026. • The Market Watch screen has been upgraded to display additional security details such as Credit Rating, Yield Type (YTM/YTC/YTP), Maturity/Put/Call dates, and other key parameters including cash flow and sector information, along with customizable filters for better analysis. • A new Broad Clubbed Quoting Facility has been introduced, allowing participants to place consolidated bids/offers across securities grouped by issuer, rating, and maturity buckets, thereby simplifying execution across similar securities. [Notification No. 20260227-30]

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MCX issued modification in Number of Strikes of Natural Gas Options on Futures (1,250 MMBtu) and Natural Gas Mini Options on Futures (250 MMBtu) Contracts

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 02, 2026, issued modification in Number of Strikes of Natural Gas Options on Futures (1,250 MMBtu) and Natural Gas Mini Options on Futures (250 MMBtu) Contracts. In accordance with the Rules, Bye-Laws, and Business Rules of the Exchange, members are hereby informed of a modification to the contract specifications of MCX Natural Gas Options on Futures (1,250 MMBtu) and Natural Gas Mini Options on Futures (250 MMBtu), effective March 3, 2026. This change has been introduced to ensure sufficient strike availability and appropriate price range coverage for market participants amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and extreme conditions arising from war situations. Specifically, the 'Number of Strikes' parameter for both contracts has been revised from 30-1-30 to 40-1-40. Additionally, the Exchange retains the discretion to introduce further strikes if required. These modifications will apply to both running contracts and those yet to be launched, as detailed in the respective annexures. The updated contract specifications and trading parameters will be binding on all Exchange members and

their constituents. Members are also advised to refer to the latest circulars issued by MCXCCL for applicable margin requirements and to take note of the above changes. [Circular No.: MCX/TRD/103/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding the revised Guidelines for Activation of Membership

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 02, 2026, issued a circular regarding revised Guidelines for Activation of Membership. The following has been stated: - •The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd has modified Business Rule 1.2(e) regarding activation timelines for newly admitted members. •Members must complete activation within 6 months (without a late fee) from Exchange approval or SEBI registration, whichever is later. •After 6 months, a late fee of ■10,000 per month will apply, up to a maximum of 12 months; failing which membership may be cancelled. •The revised provision is effective for memberships pending activation as of March 02, 2026, and those approved thereafter. The detailed circular is given in the document below. [Circular No.: MCX/MEM/105/2026]

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MCX issued a circular regarding Corrigendum to Master Circular Membership Version 3

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 02, 2026, issued a circular regarding Corrigendum to Master Circular Membership-Version 3. The following has been stated: - •With reference to the Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd Circular dated April 30, 2025 (Master Circular – Membership Version 3), certain paragraphs have been deleted. •The earlier clause stating that SEBI circulars would prevail in case of inconsistency has been removed. •The revised text clarifies that the Master Circular covers Exchange communications up to March 31, 2025, and rescinds circulars listed in Annexure-I. •All other contents of the circular remain unchanged. The detailed circular is given in the document below. [Circular No.: MCX/MEM/102/2026]

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INX issued a circular regarding payment of IFSCA Turnover Fees for the month of February 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The India International Exchange (INX) on March 03, 2026, issued a circular regarding payment of IFSCA Turnover Fees for the month of February 2026. The following has been stated: - •Members are informed that IFSCA turnover fees for February 2026 will be debited from their bank accounts by March 04, 2026 (3rd working day). •They must ensure sufficient funds are maintained; turnover and debit details will be available via INX EXTRANET in files named INX_TURNSF_<MEMBER CODE>_MMYYYY.PDF. •The fee rate is as per the IFSCA circular dated April 08, 2025, on fee structure for MIIs and participants, read with the

Exchange circular dated April 24, 2025. The detailed circular is given in the document below. [Circular No.: 20260303-2]

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NCDEX issued Re-triggering of 2.5% E-ASM on Coriander and Turmeric Contracts Till March 25, 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 04, 2026, issued Re-triggering of 2.5% E-ASM on Coriander and Turmeric Contracts Till March 25, 2026. With reference to earlier surveillance circulars issued by NCDEX, the Exchange has re-triggered an Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) of 2.5% based on the prescribed High–Low price variation formula [(High–Low)/Low × 100]. This measure has been invoked due to significant price movement and will apply to all running and yet-to-be-launched contracts in Coriander and Turmeric until March 25, 2026. As per the trigger data, Coriander breached the 10-day movement threshold (15%) on March 4, 2026, while Turmeric breached both the 5-day (10%) and 10-day (15%) thresholds on March 4, 2026. No E-ASM has been triggered for Barley, Castor Seed, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, or Jeera (including Jeera Mini). All other applicable margins will continue to be levied as per existing norms. [Circular No : NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-030/2026]

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NeSL notified the SHCIL e-Stamping System Downtime

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) on March 02, 2026, notified the SHCIL e-Stamping System Downtime. Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) will undertake maintenance of its e-Stamping application from March 4, 2026, 8:30 PM to March 5, 2026, 1:00 AM. During this period, e-Stamping services for SHCIL states will be temporarily unavailable. Users are advised to plan their DDE transactions accordingly. However, DDE services for GRAS states—Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana, and West Bengal—will remain available during the maintenance window. Users may share feedback or suggestions for service improvement by writing to ddesupport@nesl.co.in [Circular No.: NeSL/DT- DDE/2026/094]

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NSE notified regarding the Colocation Initiatives on the Updates in permissible number of IP’s and CaaS Mode

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Colocation Initiatives on the Updates in permissible number of IP’s and CaaS Mode. The following has been stated

namely: - • The maximum permissible Interactive IPs per rack variant have been increased as follows: o HPD Rack: from 2×60 to 2×80 o Full Rack: from 60 to 80 o Half Rack: from 30 to 40 o Quarter Rack: from 15 to 20 • These revised IP limits apply to all Colo participants, including those using racks through CaaS (Colocation as a Service) vendors. • Under the revised CaaS framework, vendors can now apply for any rack variant (HPD, Full, Half, or Quarter) as per business requirements. • The earlier cap on the number of members per rack under CaaS (60 for Full Rack and 30 for Half Rack) has been discontinued. • The restriction limiting members to one contract per vendor (maximum two vendors) under CaaS has been removed, allowing members to engage multiple vendors. • The limit of four order connectivity links per member–CaaS vendor combination has been discontinued; members can now apply for multiple order connectivities, subject to IP limits and power consumption norms. [Notification No. NSE/MSD/73068]

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SEBI notified regarding the Regulatory Reporting by AIFs

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on March 04, 2026, notified regarding the Regulatory Reporting by AIFs. The following has been stated namely:- • Clause 15.1.4 of the Master Circular for AIFs dated May 07, 2024 states that, :- “To keep pace with the fast-changing landscape of AIF industry and for policy and supervision purposes, the aforesaid reporting format shall be reviewed periodically by industry associations / any AIF Standard Setting Forum in consultation with SEBI. In case of any revisions in the reporting format, revised format shall be made available on websites of industry associations / the AIF Standard Setting Forum at least 1 month prior to end of the quarter.” • Accordingly, reporting format for AIFs has been reviewed to suitably incorporate the changes to AIF Regulations and circulars issued thereunder. • To improve ease of doing business, the frequency of submitting reports has also been reviewed in consultation with the Standards Forum of AIFs. A Working Group constituted by SEBI on “Ease of Doing Business and Reducing Cost of Compliance” had also recommended to reduce the frequency of reporting by AIFs. [Circular no. HO/19/28/(1)2026-AFD-SEC3/I/6176/2026]

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SEBI issued a circular regarding Guidelines for Custodians

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 04, 2026, issued a circular regarding Guidelines for Custodians. The following has been stated: - •Securities and Exchange Board of India has issued this Circular pursuant to amendments to the SEBI (Custodian) Regulations, 1996 (September 18, 2025), prescribing detailed conditions on segregation of financial services, outsourcing, vault specifications, and governance for Custodians. •Non-bank Custodians must segregate regulated and unregulated financial services through separate SBUs, maintain arms-length accounts, meet independent net worth norms, and implement conflict-of-interest safeguards. •Enhanced obligations include board-level governance committees, comprehensive risk management (including STR reporting), scalable IT capacity (1.2x transaction load), BCP-DR framework with seismic/geographical safeguards, and an orderly wind-down mechanism. •Certain duplicate reporting requirements to SEBI are discontinued, with most provisions effective March 24, 2026 (wind-down framework by September 23, 2026; DRS compliance by March 23, 2029). [Circular No.:

HO/19/(1)2025-AFD-FPICELL/I/5928/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the Implementation of Operational Enhancements on RFQ Platform

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on February 28, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of Operational Enhancements on RFQ Platform. The following has been stated: • The Exchange, in continuation of circular NSE/DS/70879 dated October 16, 2025, has introduced additional operational enhancements to the RFQ platform to improve efficiency, transparency, and user experience in line with SEBI directions. • Key upgrades include display of enhanced bond information (such as shut period, put/call dates, cash flows, rating, and sector sourced from NSDL), inclusion of these parameters in the market watch screen, introduction of a customizable market watch with filters like issuer, sector, rating, instrument type, maturity, and value, and a broad clubbed quoting facility enabling bids/offers in homogeneous assets at issuer, rating, coupon, or maturity bucket level. • These changes will be effective from March 02, 2026. [Notification no. - NSE/DS/73049]

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MCX issued Corrigendum to Master Circular - Institutional Participants in Commodity Derivatives Markets

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 02, 2026, issued Corrigendum to Master Circular - Institutional Participants in Commodity Derivatives Markets. This communication refers to Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX) Circular No. MCX/FIM/202/2025 dated April 25, 2025, regarding the Master Circular on Institutional Participants in Commodity Derivatives Markets. It announces a partial modification to the earlier circular. The previously stated paragraph clarifying that the Master Circular was a consolidation of all prior circulars, and that in case of inconsistency the relevant circular would prevail, has been deleted. In its place, it has been clarified that the Master Circular covers all relevant circulars and communications issued by the Exchange up to March 31, 2025, and expressly rescinds the circulars and communications listed in Schedule I. All other provisions of the original circular remain unchanged. [Circular no.: MCX/FIM/101/2026]

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MCX notified regarding the Modification in the number of Strikes of Crude Oil Options on Futures (100 bbls) and Crude oil Mini Options on Futures (10 bbls) Contracts

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 01, 2026, notified regarding the Modification in the number of Strikes of Crude Oil Options on Futures (100 bbls) and Crude oil Mini Options on Futures (10 bbls) Contracts. The following has been stated namely: - • The Exchange has announced a modification to the "Number of Strikes" parameter for MCX Crude Oil Options on Futures (100 bbls) and Crude Oil Mini Options on Futures (10 bbls), effective March 2, 2026, to ensure adequate strike availability and appropriate price range coverage amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and war-related uncertainties. The existing strike range of 25-1-25 has been revised to 75-1-75 for both contracts. The change applies to all running and yet-to-be-launched contracts, and the Exchange retains the discretion to introduce additional strikes if required. Detailed contract specifications are provided in Annexure 1 and Annexure 2. • The contract specification and trading parameters of the contracts, as specified in Annexure herewith, shall be binding on all the Members of the Exchange and constituents trading through them. Further, for applicable margins, the Members are requested to refer the latest circulars issued by Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) from time to time. [Circular No.: MCX/TRD/100/2026]

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NSE issued extension of Migration Deadline for Self-Service Links to SIFY OKHLA POP

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on February 27, 2026, issued extension of Migration Deadline for Self-Service Links to SIFY OKHLA POP. The National Stock Exchange of India has been phasing out the Sify Point of Presence (POP) at Jivan Vihar, Delhi and transitioning connectivity to the new POP "SIFY OKHLA" operated by Sify Technologies Limited. While members were earlier required to complete migration of lease line connectivity by February 28, 2026, some self-service links remain pending. In view of the pending migrations, the exchange has extended the migration deadline for self-service connectivity links to end of day March 15, 2026. After this revised date, the existing Jivan Vihar POP will be permanently discontinued. Members using self-service connectivity from the existing POP are required to complete migration within the revised timeline to ensure uninterrupted connectivity to the exchange for trading. For any assistance, members may contact the Telecom Network Integrator using the details provided in the Sify Handbook. [Circular No: 09/2026]

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NSE notified regarding the storage charges for Bullion (Gold 10gm) in the Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on February 26, 2026, notified regarding the storage charges for Bullion (Gold 10gm) in the Commodity Derivatives Segment. Members are informed that the storage charge for Gold 10 gm shall be ■0.25 per 10 gm coin/bar per day. In addition to storage charges, the following amounts shall be payable directly to the vault: • ■350 per transaction as deposit transaction charges, • ■350 per transaction for window delivery, and • in-city door delivery freight charges at ■10 per kg, subject to a minimum of ■1,500, with an additional ■30 per kg for quantities exceeding 10 kg. GST and any applicable government duties or taxes shall be charged extra as per prevailing rates. [Notification no. - NCL/COM/ 72999]

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SEBI issued the revised norms for appointment of an independent third-party reviewer/certifier for green debt security

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 27, 2026, issued the revised norms for appointment of an independent third-party reviewer/certifier for green debt security. The following has been stated: • Under the updated framework, issuers of green debt securities must appoint an independent third-party reviewer or certifier—who is independent of the issuer and its management, conflict-free in remuneration, and has relevant ESG expertise—to certify that the issuance complies with SEBI's definition and standards for green debt securities. • The scope of the review shall be disclosed in the offer document, and eligible reviewers may include SEBI-registered ESG rating providers. • These changes align the green debt security review process with norms applicable to other ESG-linked debt instruments and enhance transparency and credibility in the sustainable finance market. [Notification no. - HO/17/11/24(1)2026-DDHS-POD1/I/5967/2026]

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NCCL notified regarding the Final Settlement Price of contracts expired on February 27, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on February 27, 2026, notified of the Final Settlement Price for contracts that expired on that date. The final settlement prices for contracts expired on February 27, 2026, are ■1,518.70 per 20 kg for KAPAS and ■1,532.80 per 10 kg for CRUDE SUNFLOWER OIL. [Notification no. - NCCL/CLEARING-013/2026]

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MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular - Network Connectivity

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on February 27, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular - Network Connectivity. It has issued a corrigendum to its Master Circular on Network Connectivity previously issued as Circular No. MCX/TECH/221/2025 dated April 30, 2025. The amendment deletes one paragraph in the Master Circular that described past connectivity circulars and consolidations, and replaces it with updated wording clarifying that the Master Circular: • now covers relevant circulars/communications issued by the Exchange up to 31 March 2025, and • rescinds the earlier listed circulars included in Annexure I, while the remaining content of the Master Circular remains unchanged. Members and their constituents are advised to take note of this change to the network connectivity documentation framework. The detailed notification is attached below. [Notification no. - MCX/TECH/096/2026]

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IBBI introduces reforms to strengthen the valuation and information disclosure framework under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Secretarial

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on February 26, 2026, issued a notification to strengthen the valuation and information disclosure framework under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. The following has been stated: • The amendments standardise valuation reports and documentation by mandating a uniform format prescribed by the Board, and harmonise valuation standards across all insolvency processes to ensure consistency, comparability, and reliability. The definition of “fair value” has been revised to explicitly include tangible and intangible assets along with their underlying synergies, ensuring holistic enterprise-level valuation. • A new concept of a Coordinating Valuer has also been introduced to better capture going-concern value and improve robustness of valuation outcomes. • Additionally, the amendments strengthen the information disclosure framework by expanding the scope of the Information Memorandum (IM). It now requires disclosure of details of allottees (including homebuyers) whose claims are reflected in company records or RERA records but have not been formally submitted, and mandates that resolution plans provide for their treatment. • Further, enhanced disclosures relating to receivables, joint development or collaboration agreements, and assets under attachment by enforcement agencies have been prescribed to reduce information asymmetry and promote transparent and efficient resolution outcomes. [Notification no. - IBBI/PR/2026/2]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars, such as Lime Sulphur Solution

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Lime Sulphur Solution. The following has been stated: - •IS 563:2026 DDT, Technical — Specification (Third Revision) •IS 1050:2026 Lime Sulphur Solution — Specification (Second Revision) •IS 1982:2026 Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Inspection of Meat Animals — Code of Practice (Third Revision) •IS 5042:2026 1-Aminoanthraquinone — Specification (Second Revision) The Date of Establishment is March 25, 2026, and the Date of Withdrawal is September 25, 2026. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1511).]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Design Loads (Other than Earthquake) for Buildings and Structures

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 27, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Design Loads (Other than Earthquake) for Buildings and Structures. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be March 20, 2026 - • IS 875 (Part 1) : 2026 Design Loads (Other than Earthquake) for Buildings and Structures — Code of Practice Part 1 Dead Loads — Unit Weights of Building, Construction and Stored Materials (Third Revision). • IS 1528 (Part 14) : 2026 Methods of Sampling and Physical Tests for Refractory Materials Part 14 Sieve Analysis and Determination of Water Content (Second Revision). • IS 2601 : 2026 Brass Anodes for Electroplating — Specification (Second Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be September 20, 2026 - • IS 875 (Part 1) – 1987 Code of Practice for Design Loads (Other Than Earthquake) for Building and Structures Part 1 Dead Loads — Unit Weights of Building Materials and Stored Materials (Second Revision). • IS 1528 (Part XIV) – 1974 Methods of Sampling and Physical Tests for Refractory Materials Part XIV Determination of Sieve Analysis (First Revision). • IS 3466 – 1988 Specification for Masonry Cement (Second Revision). [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1494)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Eye Scissors

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 27, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Eye Scissors. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be March 20, 2026 - • IS 4569 (Part 2) : 2026 Eye Scissors — Specification Part 2 Conjunctival, Blunt and Sharp-Point Scissors (Third Revision). • IS 4569 (Part 3) : 2026 Eye Scissors — Specification Part 3 Scissors, Tenotomy (Third Revision). • IS 5157 : 2026 Forceps, Eye, Iris — Specification (Second Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be September 20, 2026 - • IS 4569 (Part 2) - 1985 Specification for Scissors, Eye Part 2 Conjunctival, Blunt and Sharp-Point Scissors (Second Revision). • IS 4569 (Part 3) - 1985 Specification for Scissors, Eye Part 3 Scissors, Tenotomy (Second Revision). • IS 5157 – 1981 Specification for Forceps, Eye, Iris (First Revision). [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1500)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding an amendment to the Fee Concessions for Enterprises under Scheme-X

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment to Fee Concessions for Enterprises under Scheme-X. The following has been stated: - •The Bureau of Indian Standards has revised fee concessions under Scheme-X of its Conformity Assessment Regulations. •Micro and start-up enterprises will receive an enhanced 80% fee concession (valid till May 31, 2029). • Small-scale enterprises will get a 50% fee concession for the same period. •Women entrepreneur enterprises will receive an additional 10% concession over their applicable category (micro/small/medium). The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CMD-2/G-18]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Design of Reinforced Concrete Arches, Hardmetals, etc.

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 10, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on March 05, 2026 namely: - • IS 4090 : 2026 Criteria for Design of Reinforced Concrete Arches (First Revision) • IS 6882 : 2026 Platinum Electrodes — Specification (First Revision) • IS 7506 : 2026 Nickel Powder — Specification (Second Revision) • IS 12783 : 2026 Hardmetals — Vickers Hardness Test (First Revision) • IS 17175 (Part 2) : 2026 ISO 16573-2 : 2022 Steel — Measurement Method for the Evaluation of Hydrogen Embrittlement Resistance of High Strength Steels Part 2 Slow Strain Rate Test (First Revision) • IS 19411 : 2026 Glossary of Terms Related to Coastal Engineering The following IS has been withdrawn on September 05, 2026 namely: - • IS 4090 – 1967 Criteria for the Design of Reinforced Concrete Arches • IS 6882 – 1973 Specification for Platinum Electrodes • IS 12783 : 1989 Hardmetals — Vickers Hardness Test • IS 14795 : 2000 Method for Determination of Clustering of Iron Oxide Feedstock for Direct Reduction Processes • IS 17175 : 2020 ISO 16573 : 2015 Steel — Measurement Method for the Evaluation of Hydrogen Embrittlement Resistance of High Strength Steels [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1467)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Cable Distribution System for Television and Sound Signals, Desktop and Notebook Computers, etc.

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 12, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on March 06, 2026 namely: - • IS 14231 (Part 10) : 2026 IEC 60728-6 : 2011 Cable Distribution System for Television and Sound Signals Part 10 Optical Equipment (First Revision) • IS 19529 : 2026 Maintenance and Repair Services — Requirements • IS 19670 : 2026 ISO 19092 : 2023 Financial Services — Biometrics — Security Framework • IS 19672 : 2026 ISO/TS 23526 : 2023 Security Aspects for Digital Currencies • IS/IEC 62623 : 2022 Desktop and Notebook Computers — Measurement of Energy Consumption (First Revision) The following IS has been withdrawn on September 06, 2026 namely: - • IS 14231 (Part 10) : 2003 IEC 60728-6 (2001) Cable Distribution System for Television and Sound Signals Part 10 Optical Equipment • IS/IEC 62087-3 : 2015 Audio, Video and Related Equipment — Determination of Power Consumption Part 3 Television Sets • IS/IEC 62623 : 2012 Desktop and Notebook Computers — Measurement of Energy Consumption [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1478)]

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BIS Notification of New Indian Standards and Withdrawal of Old Standards

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 23, 2026, issued a notification under Rule 15(1) of the BIS Rules, 2018, announcing the establishment of new Indian Standards along with timelines for withdrawal of corresponding older standards. The notification specifies that revised standards including IS 4755 (Part 1): 2026 (acoustics calibration), IS 8327: 2026, and IS 8734: 2026 (ENT surgical instruments) have been established on March 20, 2026. These updated standards incorporate revised technical specifications and align with international benchmarks where applicable. Further, the earlier versions of these standards will remain in force concurrently until September 20, 2026, after which they will be withdrawn. This transition period allows stakeholders sufficient time to shift to the updated standards. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1496)]

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BIS notifies new and revised Indian Standards including blockchain, megaphones

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on March 23, 2026, issued a notification under Rule 15(1) of the BIS Rules, 2018, announcing the establishment of several new and revised Indian Standards effective from March 20, 2026. The notification introduces standards across diverse sectors including emerging technologies, industrial equipment, communication systems, nuclear safety, and information management.

Key inclusions are IS/ISO/TR 6039:2023 on blockchain and distributed ledger identifiers (new adoption), along with revised standards such as IS 7136:2026 (Megaphones), IS 9558:2026 (PTFE Piston Depth Gauge), and IS 14230:2026 (C-Band Parabolic Dish Antenna). Additionally, significant updates include IS 14481 (Part 1):2026 relating to radiation monitoring systems in nuclear facilities, and IS 15994 (Part 2):2026 on metadata for records management aligned with ISO standards. The earlier versions of the revised standards will continue concurrently until September 20, 2026, after which they will be withdrawn, ensuring a smooth transition for stakeholders to adopt the updated specifications. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1498)]

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BIS notifies establishment of revised Indian Standards for safety, air pollution measurement, PVC outsoles, and ceramic fibre testing

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on March 23, 2026, issued a notification announcing the establishment of revised Indian Standards under Rule 15(1) of the BIS Rules, 2018. These standards were officially established on March 20, 2026, and pertain to key industrial and environmental safety domains. The notification covers four revised standards: IS 4263:2026 (Code of Safety for Chlorine), IS 5182 (Part 25):2026 (Air Pollution Measurement – Ammonia), IS 6719:2026 (Moulded PVC Unit Outsoles Specification), and IS 14656:2026 (Methods of Test for Ceramic Fibre Products). Each of these replaces earlier versions, reflecting updated technical requirements, improved safety practices, and modernized testing methodologies. The previous versions of these standards will remain in force concurrently until September 20, 2026, after which they will be withdrawn. This transition period allows stakeholders sufficient time to align with the revised standards and ensure compliance. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1497)]

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MoP&NG issued a notification regarding preparedness amid the West Asia Situation

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) on March 29, 2026, issued a notification regarding preparedness amid the West Asia Situation. The following has been stated: - •Government is ensuring energy security despite Strait of Hormuz disruption, with sufficient fuel stocks, high refinery output, and controlled LPG distribution. •Measures include reduced fuel excise duty, increased domestic LPG production, prioritised gas supply, and action against hoarding and panic buying. •Maritime operations remain stable, with Indian vessels and seafarers safe, ports functioning normally, and active monitoring by authorities. •India is supporting its nationals abroad through evacuations, advisories, helplines, and coordinated international travel arrangements. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2246647]

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MHI Amendment to PM E-DRIVE Scheme Incentives and Timeline

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), on March 27, 2026, issued a notification amending the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme originally notified on September 29, 2024. The amendments revise key provisions relating to scheme outlay, timelines, and incentive structure for electric vehicles. The Scheme continues to operate with a total outlay of ■10,900 crore, with a provision that it will cease once funds are exhausted or by the terminal date of March 31, 2028. However, specific timelines have been prescribed, including July 31, 2026 for registered electric two-wheelers (e-2W) and March 31, 2028 for electric three-wheelers (e-3W). Additionally, the e-3W (L5) segment has already been closed as of December 26, 2025 upon achieving its target. Further, the notification revises incentive amounts and caps for e-2W and e-3W segments, including reduced incentives per kWh and specified maximum ex-factory price thresholds for eligibility. The amendments also clarify that incentives are subject to periodic review and capped at 15% of the vehicle's ex-factory price. [Notification No. S.O. 1617(E)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars, such as Welding and Allied Processes

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Welding and Allied Processes. The following has been stated: - •IS 813 (Part 2): 2026 ISO 4063: 2023 Welding and Allied Processes Part 2 Nomenclature of Processes and Reference Numbers (Third Revision) •IS 4410 (Part 19): 2026 Glossary of Terms Related to River Valley Projects Part 19 Grouting (First Revision) •IS 5897: 2026 Welding Consumables — Wire Electrodes, Wires and Rods for Welding of Aluminium and Aluminium Alloys — Specification (Second Revision) •IS 6909: 2026 Supersulphated Cement — Specification (Second Revision) The Date of Establishment is March 23, 2026, and the Date of Withdrawal is September 23, 2026. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1505)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars, such as Liquid-In-Glass Thermometers

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Liquid-In-Glass Thermometers. The following has been stated: - •IS 2627:2026 Liquid-In-Glass Thermometers — Glossary (Second Revision) •IS 3677:2026 Unbonded Rock and Slag Wool for Thermal Insulation — Specification (Third Revision) •IS 3894:2026 Manually-Operated Comb Foundation Mill — Specification (Second Revision) •IS 7000:2026 General Purpose Maximum and Minimum Thermometers — Specification (First Revision) The Date of Establishment is March 23, 2026, and the Date of Withdrawal is September 23, 2026. [Notification

No.: Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1504)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Uneven Bars Used in Gymnastics, Hydraulic Torque Wrench, etc.

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 10, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on March 05, 2026, namely: - • IS 4387 : 2026 Uneven Bars Used in Gymnastics — Specification (First Revision) • IS 6078 : 2026 Pliers and Nippers — Engineer's and Lineman's Pliers — Dimensions and Test Values (ISO 5746 : 2021, MOD) (Fourth Revision) • IS 19537 : 2026 Hydraulic Torque Wrench — Specification • IS 19705 : 2026 ISO 4228 : 1986 Spanners and Wrenches — Spline Drive Ends for Power Socket Wrenches • IS 19708 : 2026 ISO/TS 20559 : 2020 Graphical Symbols — Safety Colours and Safety Signs — Guidance for the Development and Use of a Safety Signing System The following IS has been withdrawn on September 05, 2026, namely: - • IS 4387 - 1967 Specification for Asymmetric Bars • IS 6078 : 2017 ISO 5746 : 2004 Pliers and Nippers — Engineer's and "Lineman's" Pliers — Dimensions and Test Values (Third Revision) [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1468)]

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DGFT notified regarding the Amendment in import policy condition of Urea [Exim Code 31021010] in the ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy)

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the Amendment in import policy condition of Urea [Exim Code 31021010] in the ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy). The following has been stated: • The Government has extended the State Trading Enterprise (STE) status of Indian Potash Limited (IPL) for the import of agricultural-grade urea on government account till March 31, 2027. • This is done through an amendment in the import policy condition under ITC(HS) Code 31021010, Chapter 31 of ITC (HS), 2022. • The notification continues earlier provisions without any other changes, and such imports will remain subject to Para 2.21 of FTP 2023, thereby allowing urea imports exclusively through IPL for the specified period. [Notification no. - 68/2025-26]

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

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), on March 20, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, and invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders within 30 days. The draft aims to introduce a regulatory framework for vehicles powered by

hydrogen fuels, reflecting advancements in clean mobility technologies. The proposed amendments include deletion of sub-rule 115-J and substitution of Rule 125-M to prescribe detailed safety and procedural requirements for type approval of vehicles running on liquid or compressed gaseous hydrogen, including internal combustion engine vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles across different categories (M, N, L, and construction equipment vehicles). The standards reference Automotive Industry Standards (AIS) and fuel specifications such as IS 16061:2021 and ISO 14687 to ensure safety and uniformity. These draft rules are intended to facilitate adoption of hydrogen-based vehicles while ensuring compliance with safety norms. Stakeholders may submit their objections or suggestions to the Ministry before finalization, after which the rules will come into force upon publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. G.S.R. 202(E)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Rubber Hoses for Welding

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 23, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Rubber Hoses for Welding. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be March 17, 2026 - • IS 447 : 2026 ISO 3821 : 2019 Rubber Hoses for Welding — Specification (Fifth Revision). • IS 1448 (Part 149) : 2026 ISO 12156-1 : 2023 Petroleum and its Products — Methods of Test Part 149 Diesel Fuel — Assessment of Lubricity Using the High-Frequency Reciprocating Rig (HFRR) — Test Method (Third Revision). • IS 5190 : 2026 Code of Packaging of Natural Rubber Latex in Drums (Second Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be September 17, 2026 - • IS 447 - 1988 Specification for Rubber Hose for Welding (Fourth Revision). • IS 1448 (Part 149) : 2020 ISO 12156-1 : 2018 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products Part 149 Diesel Fuel — Assessment of Lubricity Using the High-Frequency Reciprocating Rig (HFRR) — Test Method (Second Revision). • IIS 5190 : 1993 Code of Packaging of Natural Rubber Latex in Drums (First Revision). [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1491)]

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MoF notified regarding the Levy of Special Additional Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, notified regarding the Levy of Special Additional Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel. The following has been stated: • The Central Government under the Finance Act, 2002, has introduced a Special Additional Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF). • A new entry has been inserted in the Eighth Schedule prescribing a duty of ■50 per litre on ATF. • The decision has been taken due to urgent circumstances requiring immediate action. • The notification comes into force with immediate effect. [Notification no. - 07/2026-Central Excise]

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MoF notified regarding the Exemption of Additional Excise Duty on Petrol and Partial Duty on High Speed Diesel

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, notified regarding the Exemption of Additional Excise Duty on Petrol and Partial Duty on High Speed Diesel. The following has been stated: • The Central Government, under the Finance Act, 2002, has granted exemption from additional excise duty on specified petroleum products. • Petrol (motor spirit) is fully exempted (Nil rate), while high-speed diesel (HSD) is subject to a reduced duty of ■3 per litre. • The exemption applies primarily to goods cleared for export, but excludes exports by Public Sector Oil Companies to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. • The notification comes into force with immediate effect [Notification no. - 11/2026-Central Excise]

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MoF notified regarding the Partial Exemption of Special Additional Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, notified regarding the Partial Exemption of Special Additional Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel. The following has been stated: • The Central Government under the Finance Act, 2002, has granted a partial exemption on Special Additional Excise Duty for Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) falling under tariff heading 2710. The notification provides that the duty shall be levied only up to ■29.5 per litre, and any amount exceeding this rate shall be exempted in public interest. • This notification comes into force with immediate effect. [Notification no. - 08/2026-Central Excise]

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MOCAFPD issued a notification regarding the advisory to prevent unfair trade practices relating to the levy of LPG charges

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAFPD) on March 26, 2026, issued a notification regarding the advisory to prevent unfair trade practices relating to the levy of LPG charges. The following has been stated: It has issued an advisory prohibiting hotels and restaurants from automatically adding charges such as “LPG charges,” “gas surcharge,” or “fuel cost recovery” to customer bills. These practices are classified as unfair trade practices under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, as they lack transparency and impose unjustified costs on consumers. The authority clarified that operational costs like fuel, LPG, and electricity must be included in menu prices rather than charged separately. Any such additional charges, regardless of naming, violate existing service charge guidelines. Key directives include: • No automatic or default levy of fuel-related charges • Menu prices must be final, excluding only applicable taxes • Consumers cannot be forced or misled into paying extra charges Consumers facing such issues can request the removal of charges or file complaints via the National Consumer Helpline, e-Jagriti portal, or relevant authorities. The CCPA has warned of strict action against violations to protect consumer interests. [Release ID: 2245074]

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MoPNG issued clarification on News Reports Regarding LPG Refill Booking Timelines

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) on March 25, 2026, issued clarification on News Reports Regarding LPG Refill Booking Timelines. The Government has clarified that recent news reports and social media claims regarding revised LPG refill booking timelines are incorrect. No changes have been made to the existing rules for LPG refill bookings. As per current norms, the refill booking interval remains 25 days in urban areas and 45 days in rural areas, regardless of the type of connection. Citizens are advised not to spread or act on misinformation and to avoid panic booking, as sufficient LPG stocks are available across the country. [Release ID: 2244853]

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BIS Amendments to Indian Standards on Bitumen and Related Products

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 25, 2026 has issued a notification under Rule 15(1) of the BIS Rules, 2018, notifying amendments to certain Indian Standards. These amendments pertain to specifications relating to paving bitumen, cutback bitumen, industrial bitumen, and sealing compounds for lead-acid batteries. The notified amendments include Amendment No. 4 to IS 73:2013 and Amendment No. 2 to IS 217:2018, IS 702:2022, and IS 3116:2002. All amendments have been established with effect from March 25, 2026, and aim to update technical specifications and standards in line with current requirements. The existing standards without these amendments will remain valid up to September 24, 2026, after which compliance with the amended standards will be mandatory. [Notification Ref. No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1506)]

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BIS Concessions in Annual Minimum Marking Fee for Enterprises

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 17, 2026, amended its earlier notification under the BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 to provide revised concessions in the annual minimum marking fee for various categories of enterprises. The amendment introduces significant fee relief measures valid till May 31, 2029. Micro and start-up enterprises will receive an 80% concession, while small-scale enterprises will be eligible for a 50% concession on the annual minimum marking fee payable by large-scale enterprises. These changes aim to promote participation of smaller businesses in standard certification processes. Additionally, women entrepreneur enterprises will be granted an extra 10% concession over and above the applicable category (micro, small, or medium). The notification seeks to encourage inclusivity, support startups and MSMEs, and enhance adoption of quality standards across diverse business segments. [Notification No. CMD-2/G-18]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Building and Civil Engineering Works and other Indian Standards

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 23, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Building and Civil Engineering Works and other Indian Standards. The following Indian Standards were established on March 17, 2026: • IS 1200 (Part 1) : 2026 Method of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part 1 Earthwork (Fifth Revision) • IS 1200 (Part 3) : 2026 Method of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part 3 Brickwork (Fourth Revision) • IS 1200 (Part 4) : 2026 Method of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part 4 Stone Masonry (Fourth Revision) • IS 1200 (Part 9) : 2026 Method of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part 9 Roof Covering (Including Cladding) (Third Revision) • IS 2189 : 2026 Selection, Installation and Maintenance of Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm System — Code of Practice (Fifth Revision) • IS 4456 (Part 1) : 2026 Chemical Resistant Mortars — Methods of Test Part 1 Silicate Type and Resin Type (First Revision) • IS 4456 (Part 2) : 2026 Chemical Resistant Mortars — Methods of Test Part 2 Sulphur Type (First Revision) The following Indian Standards will be withdraw on September 17, 2026: • IS 1200 (Part 1) : 1992 Methods of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part 1 Earthwork (Fourth Revision) • IS 1200 (Part III) - 1976 Method of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part III Brickwork (Third Revision) • IS 1200 (Part IV) - 1976 Method of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part IV Stone Masonry (Third Revision) • IS 1200 (Part IX) - 1973 Method of Measurement of Building and Civil Engineering Works Part IX Roof Covering (Including Cladding) (Second Revision) • IS 2189 : 2008 Selection, Installation and Maintenance of Automatic Fire Detection and Alarm System - Code of Practice (Fourth Revision) • IS 4556 (Part I) – 1967 Methods of Test for Chemical Resistant Mortars Part I Silicate Type and Resin Type [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1492)]

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BIS issued date of establishment and withdrawal of the Brushes, Shoe Blacking and other Indian Standards

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 19, 2026, issued date of establishment and withdrawal of the Brushes, Shoe Blacking and other Indian Standards. The following Indian Standards were established on March 12, 2026: • IS 3008 : 2026 Brushes, Shoe Blacking — Specification (Fifth Revision) • IS 7983 : 2026 Liquid Toilet Cleaner — Hydrochloric Acid Based — Specification (Second Revision) • IS 19669 : 2026 Enema Procedure — Code of Practice • IS 19686 : 2026 Full Mud Bath Therapy — Code of Practice • IS 19693 : 2026 Full Immersion Bath Therapy — Code of Practice The following Indian Standards will be withdrawn on September 12, 2026: • IS 3008 : 2012 Brushes, Shoe Blacking — Specification (Fourth Revision) • IS 7983 : 1994 Toilet Cleaner, Liquid — Specification (First Revision) [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1488)]

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BIS issued a corrigendum to the older notification regarding the Indian Standards related to Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 19, 2026, issued a corrigendum to the older notification no. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1456), dated March 02, 2026 regarding the Indian Standards related to Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats. It states that at Page No. 07, Sl No. 13, column (2) of schedule — Substitute 'Pirimiphos Methyl Emulsifiable Concentrate (EC) — Specification (First Revision)' for 'Kitazin Emulsifiable Concentrate (EC) — Specification (First Revision)'. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB-BIS (1485)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding an amendment to certain Indian standards in relation to bicycles, textiles

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment to certain Indian standards in relation to Bicycles, textiles The Amendment no.1 for March 2026 for the following Indian standards is as follows: • IS 6218: 2025 Bicycle — Mudguard — Specification (Second Revision) • IS 15351: 2015 Agro Textiles — Laminated High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)Woven Geomembrane for Water Proof Lining — Specification (Second Revision) Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Ref: HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1489)]

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BIS Establishment of New Indian Standards and Withdrawal Schedule for geosynthetics

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on March 17, 2026, issued a notification under Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018, announcing the establishment of new and revised Indian Standards. The notification specifies multiple standards across sectors such as abrasive products, pipe wrenches, bearings, geosynthetics, and petroleum measurement systems. These newly established standards come into effect from March 17, 2026, while corresponding earlier versions will continue concurrently until their withdrawal, generally scheduled for September 17, 2026. This update ensures alignment with international benchmarks (ISO standards) and modern industry practices, facilitating improved quality, safety, and standardization across various industrial and technical domains in India. [Notification Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1486)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Titanium Dioxide for Pigmentary Applications

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 19, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Titanium Dioxide for Pigmentary Applications. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be March 12, 2026 - • IS 411 : 2026 Titanium Dioxide for Pigmentary Applications — Specification (Fifth Revision). • IS 1448 (Part 1/Sec 2) : 2026 Petroleum and its Products — Test Methods Part 1 Determination of Base Number of Petroleum Products Section 2 Potentiometric Titration (Third Revision). • IS 1448 (Part 205) : 2026 Petroleum and its Products — Methods of Test Part 205 Determination of Total Volatile Sulphur in Gaseous Hydrocarbons and Liquefied Petroleum Gases Through Ultraviolet Fluorescence. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be September 12, 2026: - • IS 411 : 2020 Titanium Dioxide, Anatase, for Paints — Specification (Fourth Revision). • IS 1448 [P:1/Section 2] : 2002 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products [P: 1/ Section 2] Determination of Base Number of Petroleum Products by Potentiometric Titration (Second Revision). • IS 5311 – 1969 Code of Safety for Carbon Tetrachloride. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1487)]

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BIS issued amendment to IS for Bicycles

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, issued the amendment of notification regarding the IS on Bicycles. The following has been stated namely: - • Ref no. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1303) dated July 28, 2025 (Published on August 05, 2025) Sl. No. 01, 03 and 04, column (5) of schedule — Substitute '24 January 2027' for '24 January 2026' [Notification No. HQ-PUB-BIS (1453)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Rolling Bearings Part 1 Steel Balls, Single Row Deep Groove Ball Bearings, etc.

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on February 27, 2026, namely: - • IS 2898 (Part 1) : 2026 Rolling Bearings Part 1 Steel Balls (ISO 3290-1 : 2014, MOD) (Third Revision) • IS 6455 : 2026 Single Row Deep Groove Ball Bearings — Specification (Second Revision) • IS 17128 (Part 4) : 2026 Automotive Vehicles ■ Vehicle Dynamics Test Methods Part 4 Ride Comfort Measurements • IS 17128 (Part 5) : 2026 Automotive Vehicles — Vehicle Dynamics Test Methods Part 5 Subjective Evaluation Vehicle Ride, Handling, Steering The following IS has been withdrawn on August 27, 2026, namely: - • IS 2898 (Part 1) : 2019 ISO 3290-1 : 2014 Rolling Bearings — Balls Part 1 Steel Balls (Second Revision) • IS 6455 : 2020 Single Row Deep Groove Ball Bearings — Specification (First Revision) [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1460)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment of amendment of IS on Cigarettes, Hookah Tobacco Paste, etc.

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, issued the date of establishment of amendment of Indian Standards (IS). The amendment of the following IS have been established on February 23, 2026, namely: - • IS 1577 : 2019 Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Cigarettes — Specification (Fourth Revision) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS 1769 (Part 2) : 2019 Cigars and Cheroots — Specification Part 2 Cheroots (Third Revision) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS 14332 : 2018 Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Hookah Tobacco Paste — Specification (First Revision) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS 14647 : 2022 Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Quiwam — Specification (First Revision) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS 16897 : 2018 Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Portion Packed Snus — Specification - Amendment No. 1 February 2026. The aforesaid amendment shall be in force without the amendment till August 20, 2026. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1462)]

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DGFT issued a public notice amending the Standard Input Output Norms (SION) A-2005

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on March 20, 2026, issued a public notice amending the Standard Input Output Norms (SION) A-2005 in exercise of powers under the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023. The amendment revises the description of the export product from “Phenoxyethanol (Preservative Grade)” to “Phenoxyethanol” and updates the input-output norms. While the quantity of Phenol remains unchanged at 0.690 kg, the permissible quantity of Ethylene Oxide has been slightly reduced from 0.325 kg to 0.323 kg per kg of export product. This amendment is effective immediately and updates the import entitlement norms for exporters dealing in the specified product under SION A-2005. [Public Notice No. 52/2025-26]

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DGFT issued the amendments to Guidelines for Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under Export Promotion Mission – Niryat Protsahan

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 19, 2026, issued the amendments to Guidelines for Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under Export Promotion Mission – Niryat Protsahan. The following has been stated: • It has issued amendments to the Interest Subvention Scheme under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) to provide operational clarity. Export credit will be eligible for subvention as per RBI guidelines, but benefits will stop once the loan becomes an NPA. • Exporters using multiple banks shall ensure the total benefit does not exceed the ■50 lakh limit per IEC, with banks obtaining undertakings. A Unique Identification Number (UIN) is mandatory before loan disbursement, is

non-transferable between banks, and determines eligibility and applicable subvention rate. • The scheme applies only to export credit disbursed on or after January 02, 2026, and no retrospective benefits are allowed. Additional provisions clarify claim submission by banks, treatment of early loan repayment (benefit only for the actual period), eligibility of new tariff lines, and handling of top-up loans. • Overall, the changes strengthen compliance, streamline processes, and ensure proper monitoring of interest subvention benefits. [Trade Notice No. 33/2025-26]

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DGFT notified regarding the Time-limited Support for Exporters in view of Geopolitical Disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia Maritime Corridor

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the Time-limited Support for Exporters in view of Geopolitical Disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia Maritime Corridor. The following has been stated: • The Government has introduced a time-limited RELIEF scheme (Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) under the Export Promotion Mission to support Indian exporters affected by geopolitical disruptions in the Gulf and West Asia region. • Due to rising tensions and disruptions in maritime routes, exporters are facing higher freight, insurance, and logistics costs. To address this, the scheme provides three key supports: o (i) enhanced export credit risk coverage (up to 100%) for exporters already insured with ECGC, o (ii) encouragement and support for new ECGC insurance coverage for upcoming exports with coverage up to 95%, and o (iii) partial reimbursement (up to 50%) of additional freight and insurance costs for MSME exporters not covered by ECGC. • The scheme applies to shipments during specified periods and covers exports to major Gulf countries. Implemented by ECGC, the total financial outlay is about ■497 crore, aimed at reducing export risks, ensuring continuity of trade, and protecting exporters from losses during the disruption period. [Notification no. - 65/2025-26]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars, such as Information and Documentation — International Standard Music Number

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 17, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Information and Documentation — International Standard Music Number. The following has been stated: - •IS/ISO 14533-3: 2025 Processes, Data Elements and Documents in Commerce, Industry and Administration — Long-Term Signature Part 3 Profiles for PDF Advanced Electronic Signatures (PAdES) (First Revision) •IS 16194: 2026 ISO 10957: 2021 Information and Documentation — International Standard Music Number (ISMN) (First Revision) •IS 16789: 2026 ISO 13008: 2022 Information and Documentation — Digital Records Conversion and Migration Process (First Revision) •The Date of Establishment is March 10, 2026, and the Date of Withdrawal is September 10, 2026. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1479)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars, such as Repositor, Iris

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 17, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Repositor, Iris. The following has been stated: - •IS 8181: 2026 Repositor, Iris — Specification (First Revision) •IS 8772: 2026 Needle Holder, Eye, Barraquer's Pattern — Specification (Second Revision) •IS 9378: 2026 Speculum, Eye, Castroviejo's Pattern — Specification (Second Revision) •The Date of Establishment is March 10, 2026, and the Date of Withdrawal is September 10, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Ref:HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1481)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Hygienic Conditions for Fruit and Vegetable Canning Units

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 17, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Hygienic Conditions for Fruit and Vegetable Canning Units. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be March 10, 2026 - • IS 6542 : 2026 Hygienic Conditions for Fruit and Vegetable Canning Units — Code of Practice (First Revision). • IS 19511: 2026 Ushba (Smilax Aristolociaefolia MILL.) Dried Root for Use in Traditional Medicine — Specification. • IS 19517 (Part 3) : 2026 ISO 12312-3 : 2022 Eye and Face Protection — Sunglasses and Related Eyewear Part 3 Sunglasses for Running, Cycling and Similar Active Lifestyles. • IS 19655 (Part 2) : 2026 Handmade Paper — Specification Part 2 Paper Board for File Covers and Folders. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be September 10, 2026: - • IS 6542 – 1972 Code for Hygienic Conditions for Fruit and Vegetable Canning Units. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1482)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment for certain Indian Standards in relation to methods for chemical analysis of steel

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 11, 2026, issued the date of establishment for certain Indian Standards in relation to methods for chemical analysis of steel. The following Indian Standards were established on March 10, 2026: • IS 228 (Part 26): 2026 ISO 4940: 2025 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Steels Part 26 Determination of Nickel Content — Flame Atomic • IS 228 (Part 27): 2026 ISO/TR 17055: 2002 Methods for Chemical Analysis of Steels Part 27 Determination of Silicon Content — Inductively

Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometric Method • IS 2265: 2026 Specification for Galvanized Steel Wire Strand for Signalling Purposes (Second Revision) Please refer to the document attached below for more details [Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1483)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for the Counter Weighing Machines and other Indian Standards

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 17, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for the Counter Weighing Machines and other Indian Standards. The following Indian Standards were established on March 10, 2026: • IS 1434 : 2026 Counter Weighing Machines — Specification (First Revision) • IS 3047 : 2026 Accuracy Requirements for Volumetric Container Filling Machines Used in Petroleum Trade (First Revision) • IS 3090 : 2026 Installation and Maintenance of Rolling Bearings — Code of Practice (First Revision) • IS 3980 : 2026 Sintered Bearings — Specification (Second Revision) • IS/ISO 6621-5 : 2020 Internal Combustion Engines — Piston Rings Part 5 Quality Requirements • IS/ISO 8559-4 : 2023 Size Designation of Clothes Part 4 Determination of the Coverage Ratios of Body Measurement Tables The following Indian Standards will be withdrawn on September 10, 2026: • IS 1434 – 1959 Specification for Counter Machines • IS 3047 – 1965 Accuracy Requirements for Volumetric Container Filling Machines Used in Petroleum Trade • IS 3090 – 1965 Code of Practice for Installation and Maintenance of Rolling Bearings • IS 16137 (Part 1) : 2014 Automotive Vehicles — Methods of Measurement of Braking Coefficient of Road Surfaces Part 1 SRTT Method [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1480)]

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MoC&I issued a notification regarding consultation on the rejuvenation of Export-Oriented Industrial Clusters

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding consultation on rejuvenation of Export-Oriented Industrial Clusters. The following has been stated: - •National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation held a consultation to discuss Union Budget initiatives on reviving export-oriented clusters. •Stakeholders stressed a holistic approach combining infrastructure, technology adoption, MSME support, and better market access. •Emphasis was placed on innovation, quality infrastructure, simplified regulations, and industry-led governance through SPVs. •The meeting advanced actionable strategies to strengthen global competitiveness and align clusters with global value chains. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2241558]

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Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Amendment Order, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on March 14, 2026, issued the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000. The following has been stated: • Under clause 3, after sub clause(4), following serial number and entries shall be inserted – o (5) No person having a Piped Natural Gas connection and also having a domestic LPG connection shall retain a domestic LPG connection, or take refills of domestic LPG cylinders from any Government oil company, or through their distributors. Such persons shall immediately surrender their domestic LPG connection. o (6) No person having a Piped Natural Gas connection shall obtain a domestic LPG connection, or take refills of domestic LPG cylinders from any Government oil company or through their distributors. • In Schedule-I, for serial number 13, the following serial number and entries shall be substituted — "Prohibited Activities (for Government Oil companies) - "13. Providing a domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas connection, and/or supplying domestic Liquefied Petroleum Gas cylinder refills to a consumer who already owns a Piped Natural Gas connection." [Notification no. - S.O. 1333(E)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Cloud Computing

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 12, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Cloud Computing. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be March 06, 2026 - • IS/ISO/IEC TR 10822-1 : 2025 Cloud Computing — MultiCloud Management Part 1 Overview and Use Cases. • IS 14202 (Part 8) : 2026 ISO/IEC 7816-8 : 2021 +AMD 1 : 2023 Identification Cards — Integrated Circuit Cards Part 8 Commands and Mechanisms for Security Operations (Second Revision). • IS 14202 (Part 11) : 2026 ISO/IEC 7816-11 : 2022 Identification Cards — Integrated Circuit Cards Part 11 Personal Verification through Biometric Methods (Second Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be September 06, 2026: - • IS 14202 (Part 8) : 2021 ISO/IEC 7816-8 : 2019 Identification Cards — Integrated Circuit Cards Part 8 Commands and Mechanisms for Security Operations (First Revision). • IS 14202 (Part 11) : 2021 ISO/IEC 7816-11 : 2017 Identification Cards — Integrated Circuit Cards Part 11 Personal Verification through Biometric Methods (First Revision). • IS 15474 (Part 1) : 2019 IEC 60300-1 : 2014 Dependability Management Part 1 Guidance for Management and Application. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1477)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Injection Containers and Accessories Part 7 Injection Caps

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 12, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Injection Containers and Accessories Part 7 Injection Caps. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be March 06, 2026 - • IS 1984 (Part 7) : 2026 ISO 8362-7 : 2006 Injection Containers and Accessories Part 7 Injection Caps Made of Aluminium-Plastics Combinations Without Overlapping Plastics Part. • IS 18294 (Part 1) : 2026 ISO 11137-1 : 2025 Sterilization of Health Care Products — Radiation Part 1 Requirements for the Development, Validation and Routine Control of a Sterilization Process for Medical Devices. • IS 18344 (Part 1) : 2026 ISO 15883-1 : 2024 Washer-Disinfectors Part 1 General Requirements, Terms and Definitions and Tests. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be September 06, 2026: - • IS/ISO 15883-1 : 2006 Washer-Disinfectors Part 1 General Requirements, Terms and Definitions and Tests. • IS/ISO 11137-1 : 2006 Sterilization of Health Care Products — Radiation Part 1 Requirements for Development, Validation and Routine Control of a Sterilization Process for Medical Devices. • IS/ISO 15883-2 : 2006 Washer-Disinfectors Part 2 Requirements and Tests for Washer-Disinfectors Employing Thermal Disinfection for Surgical Instruments, Anaesthetic Equipment, Bowls, Dishes, Receivers, Utensils, Glassware, Etc. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1473)]

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Asset Tokenisation (Regulation) Bill, 2026

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Rajya Sabha, Govt. of India on March 13, 2026, issued the Asset Tokenisation (Regulation) Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Bill seeks to establish a comprehensive legal framework for the issuance, trading, custody, and regulation of tokenised real-world assets in India. It provides legal recognition to asset tokens as digital representations of rights or economic interests in underlying assets such as real estate, commodities, securities, and intellectual property, though token issuance does not automatically transfer ownership unless specifically provided. • The Bill empowers the Central Government to designate financial sector regulators, such as the Securities and Exchange Board of India and the Reserve Bank of India, as regulatory authorities depending on the nature of the asset. • It lays down conditions for issuance, including legal ownership of the underlying asset, proper valuation, full disclosure to investors, and compliance with KYC and anti-money laundering norms, while trading is permitted only on registered platforms with assets held by registered custodians. • The Bill also introduces investor protection mechanisms, grievance redressal systems, audit requirements, and strict penalties, including imprisonment up to 10 years or heavy fines for fraud or violations, with appeals allowed before the Securities Appellate Tribunal. [Bill No. XXX of 2026]

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BIS Notifies Revised Indian Standards for Sealing Wax Methyl Bromide and Food Colour

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 9, 2026 issued a notification under Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018 announcing the establishment of revised Indian Standards for certain products. The notification was issued by the Bureau functioning under the Department of Consumer Affairs. Through the notification, BIS established revised standards for Sealing Wax (IS 868:2026), Methyl Bromide

(IS 1312:2026), and Annatto Colour for Food Products (IS 2557:2026). These revised specifications update earlier versions of the standards and aim to reflect current technical and quality requirements for the respective products. The previous standards corresponding to these products will continue to remain in force concurrently until September 6, 2026, after which they will be withdrawn, allowing industry stakeholders time to transition to the updated standards. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1472)]

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MoHI issued a notification regarding the amendment to PMP for the N2 and N3 categories of e-Trucks under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme

Mar 14, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MoHI) on March 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding the amendment to PMP for N2 and N3 categories of e-Trucks under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme. The following has been stated: - •The PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme was earlier notified by the Ministry of Heavy Industries, with a Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) for e-trucks introduced in July 2025 and later amended. •The latest amendment modifies Sr. No. 8, 9, and 10 of the PMP for N2 and N3 category electric trucks. •From September 01, 2026, key parts of the traction motor manufacturing process (magnet fitment, rotor/stator assembly, shaft, bearings, connectors, cables, enclosure, etc.) must be manufactured domestically. •For traction motors integrated with transmission, domestic assembly requirements apply from September 01, 2025, while full manufacturing requirements apply from September 01, 2026. •The traction motor controller (including inverter) must also be manufactured domestically, with stricter requirements from September 01, 2026, including PCB component assembly and software/firmware flashing in India. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O.1331(E)]

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Legal Metrology (General) Third Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MCAFPD) on March 12, 2026 issued a notification amending the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011 under the powers granted by the Legal Metrology Act, 2009. The amendment is titled the Legal Metrology (General) Third Amendment Rules, 2026. Through this amendment, the Central Government has decided to omit Rules 16, 21, and 21A from the existing framework of the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011. The removal of these provisions effectively modifies the regulatory structure governing certain procedural and compliance requirements under the legal metrology regime. The amendment comes into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette, meaning the changes are immediately applicable upon notification. The omission of the specified rules is intended to streamline or revise the regulatory provisions under the legal metrology framework. [Notification No. G.S.R. 175(E)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Single-Ended Hegar's Pattern Uterine Dilators

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 12, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Single-Ended Hegar's Pattern Uterine Dilators. The following Indian Standards were established on March 06, 2026: • IS 6584 : 2026 SINGLE-ENDED HEGAR'S PATTERN UTERINE DILATORS — SPECIFICATION (FIRST REVISION) • IS 9471 (Part 2) : 2026 Modular Lower Limb Orthotic Components — Specification Part 2 Stirrups, Split (First Revision) • IS 19330 : 2026 Formaldehyde Dosimeter — Specification • IS 19496 : 2026 ISO 15912 : 2016 Dentistry — Refractory Investment and Die Material • IS 19610 : 2026 Transportation of Closed Body Vehicles — Guidelines • IS 19673 : 2026 ISO/TR 24374 : 2023 Financial Services — Security Information for PKI in Blockchain and DLT Implementations • IS 19674 : 2026 ISO/TR 21941 : 2017 Financial services — Third-Party Payment Service Providers • IS 19696 : 2026 ISO/TS 31514 : 2025 Requirements and Recommendations for Food Traceability in Cold Chain Logistics • IS/ISO 22739 : 2024 Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies — Vocabulary (First Revision) • IS/ISO/TR 23644 : 2023 Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies (DLTs) — Overview of Trust Anchors for DLTs-Based Identity Management • IS/IEC 61124 : 2023 Reliability Testing — Compliance Tests for Constant Failure Rate and Constant Failure Intensity (First Revision) The following Indian standards will be withdrawn on September 06, 2026: • IS 6584 – 1972 Specification for Dilators, Uterine, Single Ended, Hegar's Pattern • IS 9471 (Part II) - 1980 Specification for Modular Lower Limb Orthotic Components Part II Stirrups, Split • IS/ISO 22739 : 2020 Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technologies — Vocabulary • IS/IEC 61124 : 2012 Reliability Testing — Compliance Tests for Constant Failure Rate and Constant Failure Intensity • IS/IEC 62506 : 2013 Product Accelerated Testing — Methods [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1476)]

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BIS Notifies New Indian Standards for woven shirts

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 12, 2026 notified the establishment of several new Indian Standards in accordance with Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The notification was issued by the Bureau under the Bureau of Indian Standards, functioning under the Department of Consumer Affairs. Through this notification, BIS has established multiple Indian Standards relating to textiles, plain bearings, and engineering tools, including specifications for woven shirts, woven trousers, field service caps, polyester tyre cord fabrics for automotive tyres, and technical standards aligned with ISO specifications for plain bearings and assembly tools. All the listed standards came into effect on March 6, 2026, and no existing standards have been withdrawn concurrently, as indicated in the schedule accompanying the notification. [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1475)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and the date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Eye Scissors

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 12, 2026, issued the date of establishment and the date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Eye Scissors. The following has been stated: - •IS 4569 (Part 4): 2026 Eye Scissors — Specification Part 4 Scissors, Enucleation (Third Revision) •IS 4569 (Part 6): 2026 Eye Scissors — Specification Part 6 Scissors, Iris (Third Revision) •IS 14700 (Part 1/Sec 1): 2026 IEC TR 6100-1-1: 2023 Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Part 1 General Section 1 Application and Interpretation of Fundamental Definitions and Terms (First Revision) The date of establishment is March 06, 2026, and the date of Withdrawal is September 06, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1474)]

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BIS Corrigendum to Notification on Amendments to Indian Standards

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 10, 2026, issued a corrigendum making amendments to an earlier notification published in the Gazette of India under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The corrigendum modifies the notification bearing reference HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1309) dated August 14, 2025, which was published on August 19, 2025, regarding amendments to certain Indian Standards. Specifically, for Sl. Nos. 02, 08, 10, and 11 in column (5) of the schedule, the date until which the standard without the amendment would remain in force has been revised from “09 February 2026” to “09 August 2026”. [Notification No. HQ-PUB-BIS (1465)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Petroleum and its Product

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 10, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Petroleum and its Product. The following Indian Standards were established on March 03, 2026 and will be withdrawn on September 02, 2026: • IS 1448 [P : 32] : 2019 ISO 3838 : 2004 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products [P : 32] Crude Petroleum and Liquid or Solid Petroleum Products — Determination of Density or Relative Density — Capillary Stoppered Pyknometer and Graduated Bicapillary Pyknometer Methods (Third Revision) • IS 4117 : 2024 Alcohol Denaturants — Specification (Third Revision) • IS 8058 : 2018 Pyridine — Specification (First Revision) • IS 17315 (Part 1) : 2019 ISO 4259-1 : 2017 Petroleum and Related Products — Precision of Measurement Methods and Results Part 1 Determination of Precision Data in Relation to Methods of Test • IS 17450 : 2020 1,3 Phenylenediamine — Specification [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1469)]

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MSME issued Progress of MSME Champions Scheme

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) on March 12, 2026, reported progress in the implementation of the MSME Champions Scheme, which aims to promote competitiveness, quality enhancement and innovation among MSMEs. The ministry stated that key deliverables under the scheme have met or exceeded their targets, and an evaluation is currently underway to assess the impact of its various components. Under the initiative, schemes such as the MSME Sustainable ZED Certification Scheme and the MSME Competitive LEAN Scheme primarily support manufacturing MSMEs by encouraging quality standards, operational efficiency and process optimisation across sectors. Additionally, the MSME Innovative Scheme promotes innovation through incubation of new ideas, design interventions for product development and assistance in intellectual property protection such as patents, trademarks and GI registrations. ZED certification further enhances the credibility of MSMEs, improving their market access, integration with supply chains and access to concessional credit from financial institutions. [Notification No. 2238978]

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MeitY issued an order regarding the amendment to the Compulsory Registration for Electronics & IT Goods

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on March 10, 2026, issued an order regarding an amendment to the Compulsory Registration for Electronics & IT Goods. The following has been stated: - •The Central Government amended the Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2021 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016. •Highly Specialized Equipment (HSE) will be exempt from compulsory registration if specifically approved by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. •The exemption applies to equipment produced or imported in fewer than 100 units per model per year and meeting certain power, size, or weight criteria. •This amendment will come into effect from June 15, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 1246(E)]

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BIS Amendments to Selected Indian Standards

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 5, 2026, issued a notification establishing amendments to certain Indian Standards in accordance with Sub-rule (1) of Rule 15 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The amendments cover standards including IS 548 (Part 3/Sec 1): 2021 relating to methods of sampling and testing for oils and fats using advanced instrumental methods, IS 1486:2025 on copper oxychloride technical specification, IS 15335:2003 concerning imidacloprid SL specification, and IS 15806:2018 regarding performance and characteristics recommendations for combine harvesters. These amendments were established on March 3, 2026. The respective standards without the notified amendments will remain in force until September 2, 2026, after which the amended standards will become applicable.

[Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1471)]

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BIS Amendments to Automotive Related Indian Standards

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 10, 2026, issued a notification establishing amendments to certain Indian Standards under Sub-rule (1) of Rule 15 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. Through this notification, BIS introduced amendments to multiple automotive-related standards including IS 9168:2018 relating to all rubber flaps for pneumatic tyres, IS 9500:2017 concerning 360-degree rotary emergency warning lights/special warning lamps, IS 16325:2019 on windscreen wiping systems for three-wheeler vehicles, and IS 18258:2023 relating to evaluation of tyres for rolling sound emissions, wet adhesion, and rolling resistance. The amendments were established on March 3, 2026, and the respective standards without these amendments will remain in force until September 2, 2026, after which compliance with the amended provisions will become applicable. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1470)]

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BIS issued the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of Indian standards particulars related to various method of Sealability Test

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on March 06, 2026, issued the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of Indian standards particulars related to various method of Sealability Test. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the dates of establishment shall be February 27, 2026:- • IS 7714: 2026 - Method of Sealability Test for Gasket Materials (First Revision). • IS 11647: 2026 - Braille Paper — Specification (First Revision). • IS 12986 (Part 1): 2026 - Biogas Plants — Glass Fibre Reinforced Polyester Resin Gas Holders — Specification Part 1 With Steel Frame (First Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the date of withdrawal shall be August 27, 2026: - • IS 7714 – 1975 - Method of Sealability Test for Gasket Materials. • IS 11647 – 1986 - Specification for Bra-Ille Paper. • IS 12986 (Part 1): 1990 - Biogas Plants — Glass Fibre Reinforced Polyester Resin Gas Holders — Specification Part 1 With Steel Frame. [Notification no. Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1457)]

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BIS issued the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of Indian standards particulars related to various ENT Surgery Instruments

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on March 06, 2026, issued the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of Indian standards particulars related to various ENT Surgery Instruments. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the dates of establishment shall be February 27, 2026:- • IS 5763: 2026 - Dental

Occlusal Plane Guide — Specification (First Revision). • IS 8735: 2026 - ENT Surgery Instruments — Yankauer's Type Pattern Suction Tube — Specification (First Revision). • IS 12360: 2026 - Voltage Bands for Electrical Installations Including Preferred Voltage and Frequency (First Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the date of withdrawal shall be August 27, 2026: - • IS 5763 – 1970 - Specification for Occlusal Plane Guide, Dental. • IS 8735 – 1978 - Specification for Tube, Suction, Yankauer's Pattern. • IS 12360 – 1988 - Voltage Bands for Electrical Installations Including Preferred Voltages and Frequency. [Notification no. Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1458)]

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MSME issued a circular regarding the PM Vishwakarma and MSME Schemes Support Women Artisans and Entrepreneurs

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), on March 09, 2026, issued a circular regarding the PM Vishwakarma and MSME Schemes Support Women Artisans and Entrepreneurs. The following has been stated namely: - • Government implements the Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) to provide credit guarantees for loans extended by Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) under Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) without any collateral security or third-party guarantee. The scheme provides an enhanced credit guarantee coverage of 90% for loans extended to women-led MSEs, as against 75% in general, along with a 10% relaxation in the guarantee fee. • Under PM Vishwakarma scheme, capacity-building support is provided to artisans and craftspeople through Basic Skill Training (5–7 days) and Advanced Training (15 days or more) with stipend support. The training modules include entrepreneurial orientation, financial literacy and digital literacy, along with guidance on the usage of modern tools and equipment relevant to the respective trades. The scheme also provides marketing support, including onboarding on e-commerce platforms, branding and promotion of products, which help strengthen the capabilities of beneficiaries and improve their participation in micro-enterprise activities. [Press Release ID: 2236871]

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MoC&I notified regarding the Anti-absorption investigation of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of 'Glufosinate and its salts' originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I), on March 07, 2026, notified regarding Anti-absorption investigation of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of 'Glufosinate and its salts' originating in or exported from China PR. The following has been stated namely: - • Scope of the review:- The present review is in respect of all imports of the product under consideration from China. It is seen that in the original investigation, individual duty was not calculated for the participating producer as the Authority had found to be deficient. Further, the scope of the review is restricted to examine if there is a need for modification of the form of the anti-dumping duty or the quantum of anti-dumping duty, or both. • Submission of information:- All the interested parties are required to register themselves on SETU Portal (https://setu.dgtr.gov.in). All

communications and submissions from the interested parties shall be uploaded on the SETU portal under their registered name and corresponding case ID- AD/ABS/001/2026. It should be ensured that the narrative part of the submission is in searchable PDF/MS-Word format and data files are in MS-Excel format. [Case No. – AD (AA) – 01/2026]

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MoC&I notified regarding the DGFT extending the Export Obligation Period for Advance Authorisations and EPCG Authorisations till August 31, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I), on March 07, 2026, notified regarding the DGFT extending the Export Obligation Period for Advance Authorisations and EPCG Authorisations till August 31, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The extension shall be granted automatically, and exporters will not be required to submit any separate application or pay any composition fee to avail the benefit. This measure has been introduced to provide additional operational flexibility to exporters facing disruptions arising from current geopolitical developments affecting global trade and logistics. • The relaxation applies to Advance Authorisations, including Advance Authorisation for Annual Requirement and Special Advance Authorisation, as well as EPCG Authorisations. The extension granted under the Public Notice will be in addition to the existing provisions under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) and Handbook of Procedures (HBP), which allow exporters to seek EO period extensions upon payment of prescribed composition fees. • The Regional Authorities of DGFT will verify compliance with the Export Obligation requirements at the time of issuance of the Export Obligation Discharge Certificate (EODC), closure, or regularisation of the authorisation. [Press Release ID: 2236414]

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MSME issued a notification regarding Digital Adoption among MSMEs

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) on March 09, 2026, issued a notification regarding Digital Adoption among MSMEs. The following has been stated: - •The Government periodically evaluates digital adoption among MSMEs, including use of e-commerce, digital accounting, supply chain digitization, and participation on platforms like Government e-Marketplace and Open Network for Digital Commerce under the TEAM scheme. •The NITI Aayog Output-Outcome Monitoring Framework also assesses the impact of such initiatives. •As of December 31, 2025, about 2.06 lakh merchants transacted on ONDC, nearly 6 lakh service providers were onboarded, and 3,127 MSMEs generated over 1 lakh transactions through the MSME TEAM Scheme. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2236872]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Phenolic Moulding Materials

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Phenolic Moulding Materials. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be February 27, 2026 - • IS 867 : 2026 Phenolic Moulding Materials — Methods of Test (Second Revision). • IS 1448 (Part 105) : 2026 Petroleum and its Products — Methods of Test Part 105 Ultraviolet (UV) Absorbance and Absorptivity of Petroleum Products (First Revision). • IS 1448 (Part 113) : 2026 Petroleum and its Products — Methods of Test Part 113 Determinations of Total Acidity in Aviation Turbine Fuel (First Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be August 27, 2026: - • IS 867 - 1963 Methods of Test for Phenolic Moulding Materials (Revised). • IS 1448 [P : 105] - 1981 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products [P : 105] Ultraviolet (UV) Absorbance and Absorptivity of Petroleum Products. • IS 1448 [P : 113] - 1983 Methods of Test for Petroleum and its Products [P : 113] Determination of Total Acidity in Aviation Turbine Fuel. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1454)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be February 27, 2026 - • IS 548 (Part 3/Sec 10) : 2026 ISO 18363-2 : 2025 Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats Part 3 Advanced Instrumental Methods Section 10 Determination of FattyAcid-Bound Chloropropanediols (MCPDs) and Glycidol by GC/MS — Method using Slow Alkaline Transesterification and Measurement for 2-MCPD, 3- MCPD and Glycidol (First Revision). • IS 548 (Part 3/Sec 11) : 2026 ISO 18363-3 : 2024 Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats Part 3 Advanced Instrumental Methods Section 11 Determination of Fatty-Acid-Bound Chloropropanediols (MCPDs) and Glycidol by GC/MS — Method using Acid Transesterification and Measurement for 2-MCPD, 3- MCPD and Glycidol (First Revision). • IS 633 : 2026 DDT Emulsifiable Concentrate (EC) — Specification (Third Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be August 27, 2026: - • IS 548 (Part 3/Sec 10) : 2020 ISO 18363-2 : 2018 Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats Part 3 Advanced Instrumental Methods Section 10 Determination of Fatty-Acid-Bound Chloropropanediols (MCPDs) and Glycidol by GC/MS — Method using Slow Alkaline Transesterification and Measurement for 2-MCPD, 3- MCPD and Glycidol. • IS 548 (Part 3/Sec 11) : 2021 ISO 18363-3 : 2017 Methods of Sampling and Test for Oils and Fats Part 3 Advanced Instrumental Methods Section 11 Determination of Fatty-Acid-Bound Chloropropanediols (MCPDs) and Glycidol by GC/MS — Method using Acid Transesterification. • IS 633 - 1985 Specification for DDT Emulsifiable Concentrates (Second Revision). [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1456)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment and date of withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Bonded Abrasive Products

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Bonded Abrasive Products. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be February 27, 2026 - • IS/ISO 603-14 : 2022 Bonded Abrasive Products — Dimensions Part 14 Grinding Wheels for Deburring and Fettling/Snagging on an Angle Grinder (First Revision). • IS/ISO 603-15 : 2022 Bonded Abrasive Products — Dimensions Part 15 Cutting-off Wheels on Stationary or Mobile Cutting-off Machines (First Revision). • IS 2460 : 2026 Horses and Bucks Used in Gymnastics — Specification (Second Revision). In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Date of Withdrawal shall be August 27, 2026: - • IS/ISO 603-14 : 1999 Bonded Abrasive Products — Dimensions Part 14 Grinding Wheels for Deburring and Fettling/Snagging on an Angle Grinder. • IS/ISO 603-15 : 1999 Bonded Abrasive Products — Dimensions Part 15 Grinding Wheels for Cutting-off on Stationary or Mobile Cutting-off Machines. • IS 2460 - 1981 Specification for Pommelled Horse, Vaulting Horse and Vaulting Buck used in Gymnastics (First Revision). [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1455)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force for Indian Standards, such as Brushes, Sash Tool for Paints and Varnishes

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force for Indian Standards, such as Brushes, sash tools for Paints and Varnishes. The following has been stated: - •IS 486: 2023 Brushes, Sash Tool for Paints and Varnishes — Specification (Fifth Revision) •IS 1578: 2018 Tobacco and Tobacco Products — Smoking Mixtures — Pipe Tobacco — Specification (Third Revision) •IS 1769(Part 1): 2018 Cigars and Cheroots — Specification Part 1 Cigars (Third Revision) The Date of Establishment is February 23, 2026, and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force is August 22, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1461)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force for Indian Standards, such as Open-Ended Slugging Wrenches

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force for Indian Standards, such as Open-Ended Slugging Wrenches. The following has been stated: - •IS 4508: 2024

Open-Ended Slugging Wrenches (Spanners) — Specification (Second Revision) The Date of Establishment is February 23, 2026, and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force is August 22, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1464)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force for Indian Standards, such as Agro Textiles

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force for Indian Standards, such as Agro Textiles. The following has been stated: - •IS 17730 (Part 1): 2021 Agro Textiles — Hail Protection Nets for Agriculture and Horticulture Purposes — Specification Part 1 Warp Knitted Hail Protection Nets The Date of Establishment is February 27, 2026, and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force is August 26, 2026. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1463)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date of withdrawal for Indian Standards, such as Radial Spherical Roller Bearings Part 1 Single Row with Cylindrical or Tapered Bore

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the date of withdrawal for Indian Standards, such as Radial Spherical Roller Bearings Part 1 Single Row with Cylindrical or Tapered Bore. The following has been stated: - •IS 6454 (Part 1): 2026 Radial Spherical Roller Bearings Part 1 Single Row with Cylindrical or Tapered Bore — Specification (First Revision) •IS 6458: 2026 Double Row Cylindrical Roller Bearings — Specification (First revision) •IS/ISO 10303-1: 2024 Industrial Automation Systems and Integration — Product Data Representation and Exchange Part 1 Overview and Fundamental Principles (Second Revision) The Date of Establishment is February 27, 2026, and the date of withdrawal is August 27, 2026. [Notification No.: Ref: HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1459)]

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DGFT notified regarding the launch of Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the launch of Credit Assistance for E-Commerce Exporters under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN. The following has been stated: • The initiative aims to improve access to working capital for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) engaged in international trade through e-commerce platforms. Under the scheme, banks will provide credit facilities such as cash credit, overdraft, or other working capital loans to eligible exporters, supported by a credit guarantee cover and interest subvention within prescribed limits. • The program will initially be implemented on a pilot basis through the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) to facilitate feedback, institutional learning, and data-driven improvements. • Detailed policy framework, operational guidelines, governance structure, and pilot implementation guidelines have been provided in the annexures, and stakeholders are invited to submit feedback in accordance with the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) provisions. [Trade Notice No. 31/2025-26]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Dimensions of Vertical Shaft Motors for Pumps, Coding of Audio-Visual Objects, etc.

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on February 18, 2026, namely: - • IS 2254 : 2026 Dimensions of Vertical Shaft Motors for Pumps (Third Revision) • IS 8152 : 2026 IEC 60386 : 1972+AMD1 : 1988 Method of Measurement of Speed Fluctuations in Sound Recording and Reproducing Equipment (First Revision) • IS/ISO/IEC 14496-12 : 2022 Information Technology — Coding of Audio-Visual Objects Part 12 ISO Base Media File Format (First Revision) • IS 19526 : 2026 Digital Platform Conformity Assessment • IS/ISO/IEC 19790 : 2025 Information Security, Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection — Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules (First Revision) The following IS has been withdrawn on August 18, 2026 namely: - • IS 2254 – 1985 Dimensions of vertical Shaft Motors for Pumps (Second Revision) • IS 8152 – 1976 Method of Measurement of Speed Fluctuations in Sound Recording and Reproducing Equipment • IS/ISO/IEC 14496-12 : 2015 Information Technology — Coding of Audio-Visual Objects Part 12 ISO Base Media File Format • IS/IEC 60875-1 : 2015 Fibre Optic Interconnecting Devices and Passive Components — Nonwavelength-Selective Fibre Optic Branching Devices Part 1 Generic Specification [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1440)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment of amendment of IS for Specification for Modular Lower Limb Orthotic Components, Information Technology, etc.

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 25, 2026, issued the date of establishment of amendment of certain Indian Standards (IS). The amendment of the following IS have been established on February 19, 2026, namely: - • IS 9471 (Part 5) - 1980 Specification for Modular Lower Limb Orthotic Components Part 5 Joint Unit, Knee - Amendment No. 4 February 2026 • IS 10645 (Part 7) : 2023 ISO 22514-7 : 2021 Statistical Methods in Process Management — Capability and Performance Part 7 Capability of Measurement

Processes - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS/ISO 11843-2 : 2000 Capability of Detection Part 2 Methodology in the Linear Calibration Case - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS 12326 : 2005 ISO/IEC 2022 : 1994 Information Technology — Character Code Structure and Extension Techniques (First Revision) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 The IS shall be in force without the amendment till August 18, 2026. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1444)]

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BIS issued a withdrawal to older notification related to Design Earthquake Hazard and Criteria for Earthquake

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on March 03, 2026, issued a withdrawal to older notification related to Design Earthquake Hazard and Criteria for Earthquake. It has officially withdrawn a previously issued notification (Ref no. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1361)) dated November 06, 2025, and published on November 13, 2025, in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India. The withdrawal has been made under sub-rule (1) of Rule 15 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018, and takes effect immediately. [Notification no. Ref: HQ-PUB-BIS (1452)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Acoustics — Description, Measurement and Assessment of Environmental Noise, Cable Networks for Television Signals, etc.

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on February 18, 2026, namely: - • IS/ISO 1996-1 : 2016 Acoustics — Description, Measurement and Assessment of Environmental Noise • IS/ISO 1996-2 : 2017 Acoustics — Description, Measurement and Assessment of Environmental Noise Part 2 Determination of Sound Pressure Levels • IS 2264 : 2026 ISO 266 : 1997 Acoustics — Preferred Frequencies (First Revision) • IS 8159 : 2026 IEC 60263 : 2020 Scales and Sizes for Plotting Frequency Characteristics and Polar Diagrams (Second Revision) • IS 14231 (Part 1) : 2026 IEC 60728-1 : 2014 Cable Networks for Television Signals, Sound Signals and Interactive Services Part 1 System Performance of Forward Paths (First Revision) The following IS has been withdrawn on August 18, 2026, namely: - • IS 9989 – 1981 Assessment of Noise with Respect to Community Response • IS 9989 – 1981 Assessment of Noise with Respect to Community Response • IS 2264 - 1963 Preferred Frequencies for Acoustical Measurements • IS 8159 : 1993 Scales and Sizes for Plotting Frequency Characteristics and Polar Diagrams (First Revision) [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1435)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment of amendment of IS for Implants for Surgery, Miniature Fuses Part 4 Universal Modular Fuse-Links (UMF), etc.

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, issued the date of establishment of amendment of certain Indian Standards (IS). The amendment of the following IS have been established on February 18, 2026, namely: - • IS 12375 (Part 2) : 2018 ISO 7206-2 : 2011 Implants for Surgery — Partial and Total Hip Joint Prostheses Part 2 Articulating Surfaces Made of Metallic, Ceramic and Plastics Materials (First Revision) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS 12375 (Part 13) : 2024 Implants for Surgery — Partial and Total Hip Joint Prostheses Part 13 Determination of Resistance to Torque of Head Fixation of Stemmed Femoral Components (ISO 7206-13 : 2016, MOD) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS 15077 (Part 1) : 2019 IEC 62007-1 : 2015 Semiconductor Optoelectronic Devices for Fibre Optic System Applications Part 1 Specification Template for Essential Ratings and Characteristics (Second Revision) - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS/IEC 60127-4 : 2005 Miniature Fuses Part 4 Universal Modular Fuse-Links (UMF) — Through-Hole and Surface Mount Types - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 • IS/IEC TS 63134 : 2020 Active Assisted Living (AAL) Use Cases - Amendment No. 1 February 2026 The aforesaid IS shall be in force without the amendment till August 17, 2026. [Notification No. HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1441)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Genomics Informatics, Health Informatics — Medical Waveform, etc.

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on February 18, 2026 namely: - • IS 17798 : 2026 ISO/TS 20428 : 2024 Genomics Informatics — Data Elements and their Metadata for Describing Structured Clinical Genomic Sequence Information in Electronic Health Records (First Revision) • IS 18867 (Part 4) : 2026 ISO/TS 22077-4 : 2019 Health Informatics — Medical Waveform Format Part 4 Stress Test Electrocardiography • IS 18875 (Part 10472) : 2026 ISO/IEEE 11073-10472 : 2024 Health Informatics — Device Interoperability Part 10472 Personal Health Device Communication — Device Specialization — Medication Monitor • IS 19471 : 2026 ISO/TS 6204 : 2024 Health Informatics — Categorial Structures for Representation of Ayurvedic Medicinal Water — Decocting Process in Ayurveda • IS 19482 : 2026 ISO 21393 : 2021 Genomics Informatics — Omics Markup Language (OML) • IS 19499 : 2026 ISO 20160 : 2006 Implants for Surgery — Metallic Materials — Classification of Microstructures for Alpha+Beta Titanium Alloy Bars • IS 19502 : 2026 ISO 16429 : 2004 Implants for Surgery — Measurements of Open-circuit Potential to Assess Corrosion Behaviour of Metallic Implantable Materials and Medical Devices Over Extended Time Periods The following IS has been withdrawn on August 18, 2026, namely: - • IS 17798 : 2022 ISO/TS 20428 : 2017 Health Informatics — Data Elements and their Metadata for Describing Structured Clinical Genomic Sequence Information in Electronic Health Records • IS 18875 (Part 10425) : 2024 ISO/IEEE 11073-10425 : 2019 Health Informatics — Personal Health Device Communication Part 10425 Device Specialization — Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) • IS/ISO/IEEE 11073-10472 : 2012 Health Informatics — Personal Health Device Communication Part 10472 Device Specialization — Medication Monitor [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1434)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment of the Indian Standards related to Information Technology — Generic Cabling for Customer Premises

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, notified the date of establishment of the Indian Standards related to Information Technology — Generic Cabling for Customer Premises. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be February 18, 2026 - • IS/ISO/IEC 11801-6 : 2017 Information Technology — Generic Cabling for Customer Premises Part 6 Distributed Building Services. • IS/ISO/IEC 11801-9909 : 2020 Information Technology — Generic Cabling for Customer Premises Part 9909 Evaluation of Balanced Cabling in Support of 25 Gbit/s for Reach Greater than 30 Metres. • IS/ISO/IEC 11801-9910 : 2020 Information Technology — Generic Cabling for Customer Premises Part 9910 Specification for Modular Plug-terminated Link Cabling. • IS 16910 (Part 2/Sec 11) : 2026 IEC 62676-2-11 : 2024 Video Surveillance Systems (VSS) for Use in Security Applications Part 2 Video Transmission Protocols Section 11 Interop Profiles for VMS and Cloud VSaaS Systems for Safe Cities and Law Enforcement. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1439)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Information Technology and other Indian Standards

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Information Technology and other Indian Standards. The following Indian Standards were established on February 18, 2026: • IS/ISO/IEC 5140 : 2024 Information Technology — Cloud Computing — Concepts for Multi Cloud and the Use of Multiple Cloud Services • IS 5155 : 2026 Medical Laboratory Glassware — Ostwald-Folin Type Pipettes — Specification (First Revision) • IS 6944 : 2026 Medical Laboratory Glassware — Bijou Bacteriological Bottle — Specification (First Revision) • IS 10467 : 2026 IEC TR 60268-13 : 1998 Sound System Equipment Listening Tests on Loudspeakers (First Revision) • IS 16502 (Part 5) : 2026 IEC TS 61496-5 : 2023 Safety of Machinery — ElectroSensitive Protective Equipment Part 5 Particular Requirements for Radar- Based Protective Devices • IS 16504 (Part 32) : 2026 IEC 60204-32 : 2023 Safety of Machinery — Electrical Equipment of Machines Part 32 Requirements for Hoisting Machines (First Revision) • IS 16784 : 2026 IEC 61109 : 2025 Insulators for Overhead Lines — Composite Suspension and Tension Insulators with a.c. Voltage Greater than 1 000 V and d.c. Voltage Greater than 1 500 V — Definitions Test Methods and Acceptance Criteria (First Revision) • IS 17521 : 2026 IEC TS 63074 : 2023 Safety of Machinery — Security Aspects Related to Functional Safety of Safety Related Control Systems (First Revision) The following Indian Standards will be withdrawn on August 18, 2026: • IS 5155 – 1969 Specification for Pipettes, Ostwald-Folin Type • IS 6944 – 1973 Specification for Bottle, Bijou, Bacteriological • IS 10467 – 1983 Listening Test on Loudspeakers • IS 16504 (Part 32) : 2017 IEC 60204-32 : 2008 Safety of Machinery — Electrical Equipment of Machines Part 32 Requirements for Hoisting Machines • IS 16784 : 2018 IEC 61109 : 2008 Insulators for Overhead Lines — Composite Suspension and Tension Insulators for a.c. Systems with a Nominal Voltage Greater Than 1 000 V — Definitions, Test Methods and Acceptance Criteria • IS 17521 : 2021 IEC TR 63074 : 2019 Safety of Machinery — Security Aspects Related to functional Safety of Safety Related Control Systems [Notification No.

HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1438)]

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BIS issued the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of Indian standards particulars related to various Oleoresin

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on February 25, 2026, issued the date of the establishment and the date of withdrawal of Indian standards particulars related to various Oleoresin. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the dates of establishment shall be February 23, 2026:- • IS 5832: 2026 - Black Pepper Oleoresin —Specification (Third Revision). • IS 7826: 2026 - Ginger Oleoresin — Specification (Second Revision) • IS 10925: 2026 - Turmeric Oleoresin —Specification (First Revision) In the following Indian Standards particulars, the date of withdrawal shall be August 23, 2026: - • IS 5832 – 1984 -Specification for Black Pepper Oleoresin (Second Revision). • IS 7826: 1984 - Specification for Ginger Oleoresin (First Revision). • IS 10925 – 1984 - Specification for Turmeric Oleoresin. [Notification no. Ref :HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1451)]

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CMD notified regarding the Extension in implementation of Amendment No. 1 to IS 368 : 2014

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Central Marks Department III (CMD) on February 24, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Extension in implementation of Amendment No. 1 to IS 368 : 2014. The following has been stated namely: - • The Competent Authority has agreed for extension of date of implementation of Amendment No. 1 to the IS 368: 2014 upto February 23, 2027. • All ROs/BOs are requested to ensure the implementation of the above Guidelines with immediate effect. [Notification No. CMD-III/16: IS 368]

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BIS issued the date of establishment for IS on Earth-Moving Machinery, Plastic and Rubber Machines, etc.

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 17, 2026, issued the date of amendment of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on February 04, 2026 namely: - • IS 19540 : 2026 ISO 12117 : 1997 Earth-Moving Machinery — TipOver Protection Structure (TOPS) for Compact Excavators — Laboratory Tests and Performance Requirements • IS 19543 (Part 1) : 2026 ISO 23582-1 : 2023 Plastic and Rubber Machines — Clamping Systems Part 1 Safety Requirements for Magnetic Clamping Systems • IS 19560 : 2026 ISO 24147 : 2023 Road Operation Machinery and Associated Equipment — Sweepers — Commercial Specifications • IS 19564 (Part 1) : 2026 ISO 21873-1 : 2015 Building Construction Machinery

and Equipment — Mobile Crushers Part 1 Terminology and Commercial Specifications • IS 19567 : 2026 ISO 19452 : 2008 Building Construction Machinery and Equipment — PedestrianControlled Vibratory (Percussion) Rammers — Terminology and Commercial Specifications • IS 19568 : 2026 ISO/TR 12603 : 2010 Building Construction Machinery and Equipment — Classification [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1426)]

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BIS issued the date of withdrawal for Water Stills for Pyrogen-Free Distilled Water, Scissor, etc.

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 17, 2026, issued the date of withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS has been withdrawn on February 04, 2026, namely: - • IS 3830 – 1979 Specification for Water Stills for Pyrogen-Free Distilled Water (Second Revision) • IS 6959 – 1973 Specification for Scissors, Embryotomy, Curved on Flat • IS 7103 – 1973 Specification for Scissors, Episiotomy • IS 10976 : 1993 ISO 6440 : 1985 Wheelchairs — Nomenclature, Terms and Definitions (First Revision) [Notification No. HQ-PUB017/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1432)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment of the Indian Standards related to Needles for Sewing Machines for Industrial Purpose

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 25, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Needles for Sewing Machines for Industrial Purpose. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be February 18, 2026 - • IS 15169 : 2002 Needles for Sewing Machines for Industrial Purpose — Specification. • IS 15965 : 2012 Pre-Painted Aluminium Zinc Alloy Metallic Coated Steel Strip and Sheet (Plain). • IS 17235 : 2019 Magnetic Rope Testing (MRT) — Specification. • IS 17236 : 2019 Prevention and Safety Against Fire in Ropeways — Code of Practice. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1446)]

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BIS issued a notification regarding the date of the establishment of the Indian Standards related to Brushes, Paints and Varnishes

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 25, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Brushes, Paints and Varnishes. In the following Indian Standards particulars, the Dates of Establishment shall be February 18, 2026 - • IS 487 : 2023 Brushes, Paints and Varnishes — Oval, Ferrule Bound; And Round, Ferrule Bound (Sixth Revision). • IS 1806 : 2018

Malted Milk Foods — Specification (Second Revision). • IS 15209 : 2002 ISO 8761 : 1989 Work-Place Air — Determination of Mass Concentration of Nitrogen Dioxide — Method Using Detector Tubes for Short-Term Sampling With Direct Indication. • IS 15573 : 2018 Polyaluminium Chloride (First Revision). • IS 17753 : 2021 Paper-based Multilayer Laminated/Extruded Composite Cartons (Aseptic and Non-Aseptic) for Processed Liquid Food Products and Beverages — Specification. [Notification no. - HQ-PUB015/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1445)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Acetic Anhydride, Gul-I-Gurhal, etc.

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 17, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on February 06, 2026 namely: - • IS 5302 : 2026 Acetic Anhydride — Code of Safety (First Revision) • IS 5804 : 2026 Poultry Beak Trimming Machine — Specification (Second Revision) • IS 10897 : 2026 Zinc Phosphate Pigment for Paints — Specification (First Revision) • IS 19460 : 2026 Ficus racemosa L. Stem Bark for Use in Traditional Medicine — Specification • IS 19470 : 2026 Gul-I-Gurhal (Hibiscus RosaSinensis L.) Dried Flowers for use in Traditional Medicine — Specification The following IS has been withdrawn on August 06, 2026, namely: - • IS 5302 – 1969 Code of Safety for Acetic Anhydride • IS 5804 – 1987 Specification for Poultry Debeakers (First Revision) • IS 6690 – 1981 Specification for Blades for Rotavator for Power Tillers (First Revision) • IS 10897 – 1984 Specification for Zinc Phosphate Pigment for Paints • IS 17936 : 2022 ISO 20507 : 2014 Fine Ceramics (Advanced Ceramics, Advanced Technical Ceramics) — Vocabulary [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1429)]

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BIS issued the date of establishment and withdrawal for Dental Gingival Margin Trimmers, Dental Matrix Bands, etc.

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Commercial

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 17, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS). The following IS have been established on February 04, 2026, namely: - • IS 5178 : 2026 Dental Gingival Margin Trimmers — Specification (First Revision) • IS 5217 : 2026 Dental Flask Clamp — Specification (First Revision) • IS 7467 : 2026 Dental Matrix Bands — Specification (First Revision) • IS 19369 : 2026 ISO 19979 : 2018 Ophthalmic Optics — Contact Lenses — Hygienic Management of Multipatient Use Trail Contact Lenses • IS 19399 : 2026 ISO 11987 : 2012 Ophthalmic Optics — Contact Lenses — Determination of ShelfLife The following IS has been withdrawn on August 04, 2026, namely: - • IS 5178 – 1969 Specification for Gingival Margin Trimmers, Dental, No. GMT 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8 • IS 5217 – 1969 Specification for Clamp, Flask, Dental • IS 7467 – 1974 Specification for Bands, Matrix, Dental, No. 1 and 2 • IS/ISO 7197 : 2006 Neurosurgical Implants — Sterile, Single-Use Hydrocephalus Shuts and Components [Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1428)]

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CDSL issued a communiqué mandating quarterly cyber incident reporting by Depository Participants

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 30, 2026, issued a communiqué mandating quarterly cyber incident reporting by Depository Participants (DPs), in continuation of earlier guidelines issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and CDSL. DPs are required to report all cyber-attacks, threats, incidents, and breaches through CDSL's online audit web portal. The reporting has been made mandatory on a quarterly basis, and submissions must be completed within 15 days from the end of each quarter to ensure timely monitoring and regulatory compliance. For the quarter ending March 2026 (Q4), the deadline for submission is April 15, 2026. Any failure to comply will be treated as non-compliance and may attract penalties as per the applicable CDSL audit guidelines. [CDSL/IS/DP/POLCY/2026/221]

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CDSL notified regarding the early redemption of sovereign gold bonds calendar for the period April 2026 to September 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) on March 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the early redemption of sovereign gold bonds calendar for the period April 2026 to September 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • As per Reserve Bank of India guidelines, premature redemption of Sovereign Gold Bonds is allowed after 5 years from issue date, on coupon payment dates, schedule for 2026 redemptions has been provided. • Investors must submit a Repurchase/Redemption Request Form (RRF) to their Depository Participant (DP) within the specified window for each SGB series. • DPs must process requests electronically in the CDAS system under Rematerialisation Module → Restat Option → Redemption, entering quantity (not amount). • A mandatory maker-checker mechanism must be followed: one user initiates the request and another verifies/approves it before submission. • DPs must email redemption details to CDSL in prescribed format and ensure correct client bank details to avoid payment issues. [Notification No. CDSL/OPS/CA/GENRL/SGB/2026/176]

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CDSL notified regarding the Eligibility Criteria and Quarterly Reassessment Guidelines by SEBI/CDSL

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) on March 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Facility for Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA). The following has been stated namely: - • Securities and

Exchange Board of India has introduced revised norms for Basic Services Demat Account (BSDA), excluding ZCZP bonds, delisted securities, and suspended securities from eligibility calculation; illiquid securities to be valued at last closing price. • DPs must reassess BSDA eligibility quarterly and convert eligible demat accounts into BSDA unless the client opts out with explicit consent (recording consent date and mode). • For new accounts, DPs shall open BSDA by default (flag “Y”) if eligible; accounts can be marked non-BSDA (“N”) or opt-out (“O”) based on conditions and client consent. • Central Depository Services (India) Limited will provide quarterly data/files (BSDA eligibility, multiple accounts, PAN exemptions, BO details) and daily reports (DPJ9, DPK3) to assist DPs in compliance. • Provisions applicable from March 31, 2026, system changes implemented from EOD March 30, 2026. DPs must also maintain audit trails, update tariff changes, and inform clients of any BSDA status modifications. [Notification No. CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2026/179]

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CBSE issued a notification regarding the Date sheet for students of Class XII participating in National/International sports events

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on March 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date sheet for students of Class XII participating in National/International sports events. The following has been stated: - •The Central Board of Secondary Education scheduled special exams for students who missed the main exams due to sports events. •Class XII exams will be held on April 11, 2026, and April 13, 2026, at previously allotted centres. •Fresh admit cards must be downloaded, and attendance is mandatory; failing which, results will be declared as per the rules. •Strict exam guidelines apply, including no late entry after 10:00 AM and prohibition of communication devices. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CBSE/SPORTS-DATESHEET/2026/]

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Cookware, Utensils, and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Steel, on March 30, 2026, notified the Cookware, Utensils and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2026, in supersession of the Cookware, Utensils and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Order mandates that specified cookware, utensils, and cans must conform to Indian Standards and bear the BIS Standard Mark under licence from the Bureau of Indian Standards. •It comes into force upon publication in the Official Gazette, with phased implementation dates for general, small, and micro enterprises. •Exemptions apply to export goods, pre-implementation stock (allowed for sale up to 6 months with declaration), and imported filled products. •Up to 200 units per year can be imported for R&D purposes without compliance, subject to non-commercial use and record maintenance. •BIS is designated as the certification and enforcement authority for ensuring compliance with the prescribed standards. It shall come into force on March 31, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 1661(E)]

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DGFT issued Policy Support and Relaxation Measures for the Gem & Jewellery sector under Chapter 4 of FTP-2023

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 30, 2026, issued Policy Support and Relaxation Measures for the Gem & Jewellery sector under Chapter 4 of FTP-2023. The following provisos are added at the end of Paragraphs 4.74(c), 4.76(c), 4.79 (c) (i) (a), 4.81(b), 4.82(b) and 4.83(c) of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023: • Para 4.7a (a) of HBP, 2023 "However, as a one-time relaxation, in cases where the re-export period is expiring on or between 01.03.2026 and 3l .05.2026, such re-export period shall stand automatically extended by 30 days from the date of its expiry." • Paras 4.76(c),4.81 (b), 4.82 (b) and 4.83 (c) of HBP,2023 "However, as a one-time relaxation, in cases where the export period is expiring on or between 01 .03 .2026 and 3 I .05 .2026, such export period shall stand automatically extended by 3 0 days from the date of its expiry." • Para a.79 (c) (i) (a) of H8P,2023 "However, as a one-time relaxation, in cases where the re-import period is expiring on or between 01.03.2026 and 31.05.2026, such re-import period shall stand automatically extended by 30 days from the date of its expiry." Facilitative provisions for the Gems and Jewellery sector under Chapter 4 of HBP-2023 have been incorporated in response to recent geopolitical developments in West Asia, and the export/import (as applicable) period for specific categories is being extended by 30 days without any requirement for fees or an application. [Public Notice No. 54/2025-26]

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IFSCA issued the Corrigendum to the circular on Fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in IFSC

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 13, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to the circular captioned “Fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in IFSC or persons seeking guidance under the Informal Guidance Scheme” The following has been stated namely: - • The Authority has clarified that in the Fee Circular dated March 02, 2026, the term “date of issuance” is replaced with “date of commencement” in clause 15.1 to remove ambiguity. • Accordingly, specified earlier circulars (April–September 2025) will now be superseded from the date of commencement of the Fee Circular. • The revised Fee Circular will be applicable from FY 2026–27 onwards, issued under powers of the IFSC Authority Act, 2019 [Notification No. IFSCA-DTFA/2/2026]

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IFSCA issued the Draft International Financial Services Centres Authority (Managing General Agents) Regulations, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 13, 2026, issued the Draft International Financial Services Centres Authority (Managing General Agents) Regulations, 2026. The

following has been stated namely: - • The proposed framework defines the eligibility criteria, capital requirements, and fit-and proper standards for entities seeking registration as MGAs in the IFSC. • The draft outlines the scope of delegated authorities, specifically focusing on underwriting, premium collection, and claims settlement functions. These regulations also propose to supersede the joint-registration framework and all provisions relating to MGA previously specified in the Third Schedule of the IFSCA (Registration of Insurance Business) Regulations, 2021 • These regulations establish a comprehensive framework for the registration and operation of Managing General Agents (MGAs) which as an insurance intermediary shall possess delegated authority from the foreign insurer(s) for underwriting direct insurance business and settlement of claims. • The Registration and Eligibility has been stated in the Draft • Comments/suggestions may be sent at insurancedept@ifsca.gov.in with copy to Mr. Bhaskar Khadakbhavi at bhaskar.khadakbhavi@ifsca.gov.in and Nitin Gupta at g.nitin@ifsca.gov.in by April 02, 2026 in the prescribed format. It is further requested to provide comments in MS Word or MS Excel format only.

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MCX notified regarding the Security Requirement for Members Connecting Through MCX SSL VPN Solution

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on March 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Security Requirements for Members Connecting Through MCX SSL VPN Solution. The following has been stated namely: - • Multi Commodity Exchange of India has issued updated cybersecurity and VPN usage guidelines for members accessing trading systems via SSL VPN. • Windows 10 VPN support will be discontinued from March 20, 2026 (end of trading session); members must migrate to Windows 11 to continue VPN access. • Members must ensure secure desktop practices including licensed OS, regular updates/patches, endpoint security, firewall activation, and removal of unnecessary software/services. • VPN & network best practices include activating VPN before access, keeping VPN updated, avoiding public Wi-Fi, and reporting any changes in OTP/mobile authentication details. • MCX may audit security measures, and non-compliance may lead to restricted access or connectivity issues with trading systems. [Notification No. MCX/TECH/127/2026]

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SEBI issued the Monthly Bulletin for March 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 27, 2026, issued the Monthly Bulletin for March 2026. The following has been stated: • The March 2026 bulletin highlights strong capital market activity in FY26, with IPOs crossing 100 listings and raising a record ■1.8 lakh crore, though February saw moderation and cautious investor sentiment. Secondary markets remained volatile due to budget-related factors, with benchmark indices showing marginal decline, while sectors like consumer durables and PSU banks performed well, and IT lagged sharply. • Investor participation continued to rise, reflected in a steady increase in demat accounts and strong inflows from foreign and domestic institutional investors, reversing earlier outflows. Mutual funds witnessed robust growth with AUM reaching ■82 lakh crore and sustained inflows, particularly into equity and debt schemes. • Globally, India maintained strong economic momentum with GDP growth around 7–8%, though global markets showed mixed trends with Europe outperforming and

the US lagging. • SEBI also introduced key regulatory reforms focusing on transparency, investor protection, mutual fund rationalization, pledge norms, and improved market infrastructure. • Overall, the bulletin indicates a resilient but cautious market environment, supported by strong domestic fundamentals amid global uncertainties.

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Post Office (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications (MoC) on March 25, 2026, issued the Post Office (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Post Office Regulations, 2024. This shall take effect from April 01, 2026. It states that in regulation 133, in sub-regulation (1), for the words "not exceeding one lakh rupees", the words "not exceeding five lakh rupees" shall be substituted. [Notification no. - S.O. 1595(E)]

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RBI Capital Market Exposure Amendment Directions Deferred

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on March 2026, has deferred the implementation of its Amendment Directions on Capital Market Exposures to July 1, 2026, instead of the earlier effective date of April 1, 2026, following representations from banks, capital market intermediaries, and industry bodies highlighting operational and interpretational challenges. The revised framework aims to facilitate acquisition financing, rationalise lending limits against financial assets, and introduce a principles-based approach for exposures to capital market intermediaries. The RBI has also introduced key clarifications, including expansion of the definition of acquisition finance to cover mergers and amalgamations, restriction of such finance to acquisition of control over non-financial companies, and conditions for financing through subsidiaries or SPVs along with mandatory corporate guarantees. Further, limits on loans against shares, REITs, InvITs, and for IPO/FPO/ESOP subscriptions have been clarified to be at the banking system level, while revised norms for financing capital market intermediaries now permit funding against full cash collateral and remove certain earlier restrictions. These revised directions are issued under multiple regulatory frameworks governing banking operations, including credit facilities, concentration risk management, prudential norms on capital adequacy, financial statements and disclosures, and undertaking of financial services for commercial banks and small finance banks. The amendments operate within the broader legal framework of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, ensuring regulatory oversight of capital market exposures and risk management practices. [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/251]

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NPPA notified the revised Ceiling Prices for Scheduled Formulations effective April 1, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013), has fixed revised ceiling prices for specified scheduled formulations, superseding earlier price orders. These prices are exclusive of GST and will be effective from April 1, 2026, incorporating a WPI increase of 0.64956% for 2025 over 2024. Manufacturers are required to revise prices downward if existing MRPs exceed the notified ceiling prices, while those with lower MRPs may revise prices upward within the permitted WPI adjustment. For formulations or pack sizes not covered, prior approval from NPPA must be obtained. GST can be added only if actually payable. The order also prescribes strict compliance and reporting requirements, including submission of price revisions (Form-II), price lists (Form-V), and quarterly returns (Form-III). Non-compliance, overcharging, or failure to report may attract recovery of overcharged amounts with interest under DPCO, 2013 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. [Notification No. S.O. 1581(E)]

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NPPA issued revision of Ceiling Prices for Scheduled Formulations (Meropenem Packs)

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, has revised the ceiling prices of specified scheduled formulation packs, including Meropenem injections, under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, superseding the earlier order dated August 29, 2025. The revised prices are exclusive of GST and will be effective from April 1, 2026, incorporating a WPI increase of 0.64956% for 2025 over 2024. Manufacturers selling formulations above the notified ceiling prices must reduce prices accordingly, while those with lower MRPs may revise prices upward within the WPI limit. Any manufacturer seeking a separate ceiling price for special dual-chamber bag variants must apply to NPPA for approval. GST may be added only if actually payable. The notification also mandates strict compliance and reporting, including submission of price revisions (Form-II), issuance of price lists (Form-V), and quarterly returns (Form-III). Non-compliance or overcharging will attract recovery with interest under DPCO, 2013 read with the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and all previous related price orders stand superseded. [Notification No. S.O. 1589(E)]

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NPPA issued revision of Ceiling Prices for Specific Scheduled Formulation Packs

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, has revised the ceiling prices of specified scheduled formulation packs under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, superseding earlier price orders issued during 2025. The revised prices, based on WPI increase of 0.64956% for 2025 over 2024, are exclusive of GST and will be effective from April 1, 2026. The notification provides pack-wise and manufacturer-specific applicability, clarifying that only certain formulations listed in Table A will apply to particular manufacturers mentioned in Table B. Manufacturers must ensure that prices of the specified formulations do not exceed the notified ceiling prices, while those with lower MRPs may revise prices in line with the permitted WPI adjustment. The order also reiterates compliance obligations, including submission of price revisions (Form-II), issuance of price lists (Form-V), quarterly reporting (Form-III), and prior approval for new drugs. Non-compliance, overcharging, or failure to report may lead to recovery of overcharged amounts with interest under DPCO, 2013 read with the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and all previous related

price orders stand superseded. [Notification No. S.O. 1583(E)]

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MoT notified regarding the revision of Ex-Factory Prices for 580 gm B-Twill Jute Bags (Type A & B) for September, October, November & December 2016

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the revision of Ex-Factory Prices for 580 gm B-Twill Jute Bags (Type A & B) for September, October, November & December 2016. The following has been stated: • The notification partially modifies earlier price notifications and finalizes revised maximum ex-factory prices for 580 gm B-Twill jute bags (Type A and Type B) for the months September to December 2016. The revised prices show marginal increases for September, October, and November, while December prices are slightly reduced compared to earlier notified rates. • These revised prices replace the earlier notified prices for the respective months, while all other conditions of the original notifications remain unchanged. Additionally, the prices are exclusive of GST, which is to be paid separately by the buyer. [Notification no. - S.O. 1615(E)]

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NeSL issued regarding the Clarification on SD calculator for the state of Uttar Pradesh for Digital e-Stamping

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National E-Governance Services Ltd. (NeSL) on March 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Clarification on SD calculator for the state of Uttar Pradesh for Digital e-Stamping. The following has been stated namely: - • Changes in permitted article codes for Uttar Pradesh under NeSL DDE are effective from March 12, 2026, as per SHCIL communication. • Minimum stamp duty for all active articles is ■10, and it must be in multiples of ■10. • For Article 12(A) – Bank Guarantee, stamp duty limits are revised to minimum ■50 and maximum ■10,000. • Article 48 – Power of Attorney has been deactivated and is no longer available for DDE users. • Banks/NBFCs must ensure correct article code and stamp duty selection; responsibility for proper payment lies with the executing bank, not NeSL. [Notification No. NeSL/DDE/2026/0229]

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MoC released the provisional National Coal Index (NCI) with base year 2017–18 for February 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Coal (MoC) on March 25, 2026, through the Office of the Nominated Authority (ONA), released the provisional National Coal Index (NCI) with base year 2017–18 for February 2026, reflecting trends in coal prices across various sectors and grades. The overall NCI increased from 130.92 in January 2026 to 133.42 in February 2026, indicating a rise in coal prices. The increase was primarily driven by a

significant jump in coking coal index (from 136.01 to 144.62), while non-coking coal remained relatively stable with marginal changes across grades. Among sub-categories, top-grade coking coal showed notable growth, whereas middle and bottom grades of non-coking coal recorded slight declines. Additionally, representative prices for various coal grades were updated based on February 2026 data, with substantial increases observed in higher grades such as G1 and ST-I. The data remains provisional due to reliance on provisional import figures, and detailed historical datasets have been provided in the annexure. [Notification No: NA/102/3/2017-NA]

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MoHI issued a notification regarding the Aadhaar Authentication requirement for availing of government benefits

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MoHI) on March 28, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Aadhaar Authentication requirement for Availing Government benefits. The following has been stated: - •Individuals must authenticate or provide proof of Aadhaar to avail benefits; those without Aadhaar must apply for enrolment. •Until Aadhaar is issued, beneficiaries can use EID acknowledgment and valid identity documents for verification. •If biometric authentication fails, alternative methods like OTP or offline Aadhaar verification (QR code/e-KYC) are allowed. •Government will ensure enrolment support, awareness, and exception handling so no eligible beneficiary is denied benefits. •This notification shall come into force on March 28, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 1628(E)]

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NPCI Discontinues Unregulated Billers in BBPS Loan Repayment Category

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL) on March 23, 2026, directed discontinuation of unregulated entities as billers under the Loan Repayment category on the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), in line with regulatory guidance issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The move follows earlier instructions permitting certain exempt entities, which have now been withdrawn based on further regulatory clarity. The circular mandates that all such unregulated billers currently onboarded under exemption categories must be de-boarded from the BBPS platform. Operating Units are required to implement system-level changes, including termination of all active mandates linked to such billers, and ensure proper communication to affected customers and entities. Further, it has been specified that no transactions under the Loan Repayment category involving unregulated entities shall be processed after April 1, 2026. All Biller Operating Units must ensure timely compliance to avoid regulatory breaches and align with RBI directives governing regulated financial activities. [Notification No. PCI/2025-26/BBPS/009/AD1]

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NPPA Revises Ceiling Prices of Injectable Formulations

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, revised the ceiling prices of certain scheduled injectable formulations based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) increase of 0.64956% for the year 2025 over 2024. The revised prices apply to drugs such as Metronidazole, Mannitol, Dextrose, and Ciprofloxacin injections in non-glass packaging with special features, effective from April 1, 2026. The order specifies that manufacturers selling these formulations above the notified ceiling price must reduce their prices accordingly, while those with lower MRPs may revise prices in line with WPI provisions under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. The notification also details applicability of specific formulations to different manufacturers and mandates compliance with conditions regarding GST, separate price approvals for special packs, and submission of revised price details. Further, manufacturers are required to comply with procedural obligations including submission of Form-II for price revision, issuance of price lists, quarterly reporting, and prior approval for new drugs. Non-compliance with the prescribed ceiling prices will result in recovery of overcharged amounts along with interest under the applicable legal provisions. [Notification No. S.O. 1586(E)]

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NPPA Revises Ceiling Prices of Piperacillin + Tazobactam Formulations

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, revised the ceiling prices of specified scheduled formulations based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) increase of 0.64956% for the year 2025 over 2024. The revision applies to Piperacillin (A) + Tazobactam (B) injections in dual chamber bags with specified strengths, with new ceiling prices effective from April 1, 2026. The order mandates that manufacturers selling these formulations above the notified ceiling price must reduce their prices accordingly, while those with lower MRPs may revise prices in line with WPI provisions under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. Manufacturers are also required to comply with procedural requirements such as submission of revised price details in prescribed forms and issuance of updated price lists. Additionally, the notification provides compliance obligations including GST applicability, quarterly reporting, prior approval for new drugs, and advance intimation for discontinuation of production. Non-compliance with the prescribed ceiling prices will attract recovery of overcharged amounts with interest under the applicable legal provisions. [Notification No. S.O. 1588(E)]

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NPPA Revises Ceiling Prices of Ringer Lactate Injections

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, revised the ceiling prices of Ringer Lactate Injection formulations based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) increase of 0.64956% for the year 2025 over 2024. The revised ceiling prices apply to various pack sizes ranging from 100 ml to 1000 ml with special features, and are effective from April 1, 2026. The notification mandates that manufacturers selling these formulations above the notified ceiling prices must revise their prices downward, while those

with lower MRPs may revise prices in accordance with WPI provisions under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. The revised pricing applies to specified manufacturers and branded products as listed in the notification. Manufacturers are also required to comply with procedural requirements including submission of price revisions, issuance of updated price lists, and adherence to GST provisions. Non-compliance with the notified ceiling prices will result in recovery of overcharged amounts along with interest under the applicable legal framework. [Notification No. S.O. 1584(E)]

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NPPA Fixes Retail Prices of Combination Drug Formulations

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, fixed retail prices of certain scheduled drug formulations under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. The notification specifies retail prices (exclusive of GST) for combination medicines including Aceclofenac + Paracetamol + Chlorzoxazone tablets, Alpha Lipoic Acid-based multivitamin tablets, and Atorvastatin + Clopidogrel capsules, along with details of manufacturers and marketing companies. The order mandates that manufacturers must adhere to the notified retail prices and cannot sell these formulations above the specified rates. The prices are applicable per unit (tablet/capsule) and ensure standardization across the market for these commonly used combination drugs. Manufacturers are required to comply with all provisions of DPCO, 2013, including issuing price lists, notifying authorities, and adhering to regulatory requirements. Any overcharging beyond the notified retail prices will attract recovery along with applicable interest under the law. [Notification No. S.O. 1590(E)]

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RBI Updates UNSC Sanctions List Compliance under UAPA

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 27, 2026, issued directions regarding implementation of Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, in line with updates to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) 1267/1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List. The update includes addition of two individuals to the sanctions list pursuant to UNSC press releases dated March 26, 2026, requiring strict compliance by all regulated entities. The circular reiterates that banks and financial institutions must ensure that no accounts are maintained in the names of individuals or entities listed in the UNSC sanctions lists. Regulated entities are required to take immediate action such as screening of accounts, freezing of assets, and adherence to restrictions including travel bans and arms embargoes, as mandated under international obligations and domestic law. Further, entities must follow the procedures prescribed under the UAPA Order dated February 2, 2021 (as amended), including reporting requirements and forwarding any de-listing requests to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The RBI has emphasized continuous monitoring and strict compliance with updated sanctions lists to prevent financing of terrorism and ensure adherence to global regulatory standards. [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/251]

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Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2026

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) on March 25, 2026, notified the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985. The following has been stated: - •Schedule VI (Part A) of the Fertiliser Control Order, 1985 has been updated to include new biostimulant specifications for humic/fulvic acid and seaweed extract products. •Three new humic–fulvic acid products are added: 10.48% powder, 20.20% liquid, and 51% powder/flake, with defined composition, pH, solubility, and organic carbon standards. •These products are mainly sourced from leonardite or brown coal, with specified minimum humic and fulvic acid content and application guidelines. •Recommended usage includes soil and foliar applications for crops like tomato and rice, with defined dosage and frequency. •A new 100% seaweed (Ascophyllum nodosum) extract powder is also added, with nutrient parameters and foliar application recommendations for tomato crops. It shall come into force on March 30, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.:S.O.1574(E)]

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

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on March 30, 2026, notified the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers), (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to amend IRDAI (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers) Regulations, 2024. The following has been stated: - •The IRDAI (Actuarial, Finance and Investment Functions of Insurers) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 introduce Ind AS-based financial reporting for insurers, effective from Gazette publication or April 01, 2026. •The objective is to ensure true and fair financial statements in line with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS). •A new Schedule IIA is added, detailing preparation, disclosures, and governance for Ind AS financial statements across all insurers. •Insurers may get one-year forbearance for transition (apply by April 30, 2026), subject to action plans, progress reporting, and quarterly Ind AS data submission. •During transition, insurers must follow parallel reporting, maintain policyholder–shareholder fund separation, ensure compliance with Ind AS 117, and undergo independent validation. These Regulations shall come into force from March 30, 2026, or April 01, 2026, whichever is later. URL: https://irdai.gov.in/web/guest/document-detail?documentId=9065713 The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F. No. IRDAI/Reg/2/216/2026]

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Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on March 20, 2026, issued the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024. The following has been stated: • These Regulations come into force from March 20, 2026, except for amendments to Regulations 51 and 52, which shall be effective from April 01, 2024. • The regulations expand the scope by making tariff provisions applicable to energy storage systems integrated with thermal generating stations and transmission systems, and introduce detailed definitions (like battery cycle, round-trip efficiency, declared capacity, etc.) to standardize ESS operations and accounting. • A major change is the introduction of a separate supplementary tariff mechanism for ESS, including fixed storage charges and energy charges, which shall be applied for within 90 days of commercial operation. The tariff is based on actual capital expenditure, efficiency, and energy sourcing (from generating stations, other sources, or open market). • The amendments prescribe normative operational parameters for ESS such as 90% availability, 85% round-trip efficiency, and 5% auxiliary consumption, along with provisions for return on equity (14%), depreciation, working capital, and O&M expenses (2% of capital cost with escalation). • Detailed provisions are added for capitalization and approval process, requiring prior approval, cost-benefit analysis, and stakeholder consultation before installing ESS, along with separate treatment for generating stations and transmission systems. • The regulations also introduce computation formulas for ESS charges, covering capacity and energy charges depending on charging source, efficiency, and auxiliary consumption, along with incentives for higher efficiency and provisions for sharing gains between generators and beneficiaries. • Additionally, amendments cover mine regulations, O&M expenses, ash transportation cost recovery, interest rate caps on related-party loans, and tariff filing formats, while enabling participation in a regulatory sandbox for innovation with limited cost allowance. [Notification no. - L-1/268/2022/CERC]

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Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on March 24, 2026, issued the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) Regulations, 2022. The following has been stated: • These regulations shall come into effect from March 24, 2026. • Firstly, new definitions have been inserted under Regulation 2, including “Designated Consumer” (as per the Energy Conservation Act, 2001), “Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO)” (mandating minimum non-fossil energy consumption), and “Virtual Power Purchase Agreement (VPPA)”, thereby aligning REC regulations with evolving energy market mechanisms. • Further, Regulation 4 has been amended to broaden eligibility by including renewable captive generating plants that may not meet captive criteria under the Electricity Rules, 2005, but have self-consumption. Regulation 10(3) has been substituted to prescribe that eligible entities, such as distribution licensees or open access consumers, shall apply for issuance of RECs within three months from certification of excess renewable purchase, failing which certificates will not be issued. • Significant revisions have been made in Regulation 12 relating to Certificate Multiplier, where different multipliers are specified for renewable sources based on commissioning timelines, and a new structured methodology (Appendix-1) has been introduced. The multiplier now depends on factors like tariff range, technology maturity, and capacity credit, with validity fixed at 15 years from commissioning; beyond

this period, RECs will be issued at a uniform rate of 1 REC per MWh. • A new Regulation 14A has been inserted to govern the treatment of RECs under VPPA arrangements, providing that certificates shall be transferred to the consumer/designated consumer, can be used for meeting RPO/RCO, and will be extinguished upon use, with surplus allowed to be carried forward but not traded. [Notification no. - RA-14026(11)/1/2022-CERC]

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MCX issued regarding the Product Movement between Partition effective from March 30

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on March 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Product Movement between Partition. The following has been stated namely: - • The Exchange will shift certain products to a different partition to improve system performance, GTD/GTC orders for FUGOLDM, FUGOLDPETAL, and FUGOLDTEN will be cancelled on March 27, 2026 (EOD). • The changes will be effective from March 30, 2026, and updated details will be available in product master and stream master files. • Members must make necessary system changes, noting that no changes are made to MDI and ETI APIs. [Notification No. MCX/TECH/157/2026]

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Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Unique Identifiers in Financial Markets) Directions, 2026

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 27, 2026, issued the Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Unique Identifiers in Financial Markets) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The following Definitions has been stated: - o CCP (Central Counterparty): Interposes between system participants, acting as buyer to every seller and seller to every buyer. o ETP (Electronic Trading Platform): As defined in RBI (ETP) Directions, 2025. o OTC market: Market where transactions occur outside exchanges, including ETPs. • Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): A 20-character unique code for entities in financial transactions, aimed at improving data quality and risk management. • It's Applicable to all OTC transactions (except individuals) in government securities, money market instruments, FX, and derivatives under Section 45U of RBI Act, 1934. For non-derivative FX transactions, LEI is required only for amounts ≥ USD 1 million (or equivalent). • LEI Implementation: o All participants must obtain LEI from a Local Operating Unit (LOU) accredited by GLEIF. o Non-resident entities may use the LEI of their parent/management company. o LEI is mandatory for participation; expired LEIs are not allowed. • Applicable to OTC derivative transactions under RBI regulations for FX derivatives, rupee interest rate derivatives, forward contracts in G-secs, credit derivatives, and other specified directions. • Market participants must ensure LEI/UTI capture in systems, follow CCIL-TR reporting guidelines, and comply with reporting deadlines, including interim UTIs if necessary. Section A of the Directions on implementation of Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) shall come into force from March 27, 2026. Section B of the Directions on implementation of Unique Transaction Identifier (UTI) shall come into effect from January 01, 2027. [Notification No. RBI/FMRD/2025-26/392]

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FSSAI issued the FAQs on Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on March 27, 2026, issued the FAQs on Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • Food Safety and Standards Authority of India introduced 2026 amendments bringing major reforms like perpetual validity of licenses, deemed registration for street vendors, and risk-based inspections. • Turnover thresholds revised (effective April 01, 2026): o Registration: up to ■1.5 crore o State License: ■1.5–50 crore o Central License: above ■50 crore • Perpetual validity removes the need for renewal of licenses/registrations, reducing compliance burden, while maintaining hygiene and safety requirements. • Street food vendors registered under the Street Vendors Act will be automatically deemed registered under FSSAI, eliminating dual registration. • A risk-based inspection system will reduce inspections for compliant businesses and focus on non-compliant ones, improving efficiency and transparency. Please refer to the notification for further FAQs

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Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) (Second) Amendment Order, 2026

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) on March 10, 2026, issued the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) (Second) Amendment Order, 2026, to further amend the Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985. The following has been stated namely: - • In Clause 8 sub-clause (2) the proviso has been inserted namely: - “Provided that in case of nano fertilizers, the manufacturer along with form A-1 for obtaining the Authorization letter submit the Bio toxicity or safety data, conducted by the Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) laboratories or National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Bio Technology, to the notified authority of the concerned State Government” (ii) In clause 20 D,- (a) In sub-clause (1), for the words “three years” the words “ two years” shall be substituted; (b) In sub-clause (3), for the words “ and multi crops”, the bracket and words “(trials shall be conducted for at least for two crops, each of which shall be of minimum one season in three different agro-climatic Zones), shall be inserted.” • Clause 20 DA has been inserted namely: - “(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this order, the Central Government may, by order published in the Official Gazette, notify specifications, valid for a period not exceeding five years, conforming to the general specifications as specified in Schedule VII, in respect of nano fertilizers to be manufactured by such manufacturing unit, as may be specified therein. (2) No person shall manufacture any nano fertilizer unless such fertilizer conforms to the standard set out in the order issued under sub-clause (1).” The aforesaid shall come into force on March 10, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 1242(E)]

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DGS issued Advisory to exercise responsibility while sharing information related to maritime incidents in the Gulf Region

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 07, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Social Media Advisory to Maritime Stakeholders and Seafarer Community. The following has been stated namely: - • All maritime stakeholders, RPSL companies, shipping companies, unions and individuals are advised to exercise restraint and responsibility while sharing information related to maritime incidents or security developments in the Gulf Region and Strait of Hormuz. • Further, refrain from forwarding or publishing unverified information and ensure that only authenticated updates from official sources and competent authorities are disseminated. [DGS Circular 11 of 2026]

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DGS issued regarding the Implementation of the 2016 amendments to the STCW Convention and Code relating to Regulation V/2

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 09, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Implementation of the 2016 amendments to the STCW Convention and Code relating to Regulation V/2 – Training and Certification requirements for personnel on passenger ships. The following has been stated namely: - • Directorate General of Shipping has implemented 2016 amendments to the STCW Convention issued by International Maritime Organization for passenger ship personnel. • New competency standards include crowd management and crisis management & human behaviour training, detailed in Annexures A and B. • Mandatory training requirements cover emergency familiarization, passenger safety, crowd management, crisis management, and Ro-Ro ship safety training. • Existing certifications under DGS Training Circular No. 05 of 2016 remain valid if compliant with current norms. • Compliance is mandatory for all maritime stakeholders, and non-compliance may lead to action under the Merchant Shipping Act and STCW Rules. [DGS CIRCULAR 12 Of 2026]

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Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on March 11, 2026, issued the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Amendment Rules, 2026, to further amend the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023. The following has been amended namely: - • Sub-rule (12) under Rule 9 has been substituted namely: - “(12) In addition to every proposal verified in the field by the Divisional Forest Officer concerned, field inspection shall be simultaneously undertaken for every proposal that involves more than forty hectares of forest land by the Conservator of Forests or Chief Conservator of Forests or Regional Chief Conservator of Forests holding charge of the concerned forest circle.” This shall come into force on March 11, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 174(E)]

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SEBI notified regarding the Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated namely: - • Securities and Exchange Board of India initially directed suspension of trading in select commodity derivatives (e.g., paddy, wheat, chana, mustard seeds, soybean, crude palm oil, moong) from December 2021. • The suspension period has been periodically extended multiple times, with the latest extension earlier valid up to March 31, 2026. • The suspension in trading of these commodity derivative contracts is now further extended till March 31, 2027. [Press Release No. 21/2026]

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NCDEX issued regarding the Re-triggering of 2.5% E-ASM on Turmeric Contracts due to Price Volatility (Till April 06, 2026)

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 11, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Applicability of Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM). The following has been stated namely: - • As per NCDEX circulars, Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) is applied based on price volatility in commodities. • The trigger is calculated using (High–Low)/Low × 100 over specified periods (5-day or 10-day movement). • For Turmeric, due to 10-day price variation (≥15%), E-ASM of 2.5% has been re-triggered. • The margin will apply to all current and upcoming Turmeric contracts till April 06, 2026. • Other commodities show no new triggers, except Coriander (applicable till April 01, 2026) under E-ASM [Notification No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-035/2026]

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MoPSW issued the enforcement date of Merchant Shipping Act, 2025

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on March 10, 2026, issued the enforcement date of Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The Act shall come into force on March 15, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 1244(E)]

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MoAFW notified regarding the Fertiliser Import Specifications

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) on March 25, 2026 has notified specifications for certain fertilisers permitted for import into India under the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985. The notification will remain valid for a period of three years from the date of publication. The

notified fertilisers include products such as Tetra Potassium Pyro Phosphate with Molybdenum, Calcium Nitrate fortified with Magnesium (liquid), Calcium Magnesium Iron Silicate, Liquid Potassium Carbonate with Tetra Potassium Pyro Phosphate, and NPK 9-8-8 liquid. Detailed specifications have been prescribed covering nutrient composition, pH levels, density/specific gravity, and permissible limits for contaminants like Cadmium, Arsenic, and Lead. This move aims to standardize imported fertilisers, ensure quality control, and support agricultural productivity by making advanced nutrient formulations available in the country. [Notification No. S.O. 1573(E)]

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NCCL issued circular regarding the Settlement Price of Options on Futures contract expired on March 27, 2026

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 27, 2026, issued circular regarding the Settlement Price of Options on Futures contract expired on March 27, 2026. Trading and Clearing Members are informed that, as per the circular dated June 24, 2024 on clearing and settlement of Options on Futures, the Final Settlement Price (FSP) for contracts expiring on March 27, 2026 has been declared. • FSP is based on the Daily Settlement Price (DSP) of the underlying futures. • For the given contracts: o GUARSEED10 (Apr 20, 2026 futures) → FSP: ■5,524.00 o GUARGUM5 (Apr 20, 2026 futures) → FSP: ■10,296.00 These prices will be used for final settlement of the expired Options on Futures contracts. [Circular No. : NCCL/CLEARING-019/2026]

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RBI issued the NOP-INR position of Authorised Dealers

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 27, 2026, issued the NOP-INR position of Authorised Dealers. The Reserve Bank of India has revised guidelines under the Master Direction on Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings (July 5, 2016). • Authorised Dealers (ADs) must now maintain their Net Open Position in INR (NOP-INR) in the onshore deliverable market within a limit of USD 100 million at the end of each business day. • This measure is aimed at exchange rate management and controlling market exposure. • ADs must comply as soon as possible, but no later than April 10, 2026. The directions are issued under provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and apply alongside any other required legal approvals. [Circular No. RBI/2025-26/252 A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 24]

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TRAI Direction on Publication and Updating of Tariff Offers

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), on March 24, 2026, issued a direction under Section 13 read with Section 11 of the TRAI Act, 1997 regarding the publication of tariff offers by telecom service providers. The Authority reiterated its mandate to regulate telecom services, ensure transparency, and protect consumer interests through proper disclosure of tariff plans. In continuation of the Telecom Tariff Order, 1999 and earlier Direction dated September 18, 2020, telecom service providers are required to publish all tariff offers, including Special Tariff Vouchers, Combo Vouchers, and Add-on Packs. These tariff details must be made accessible to consumers through multiple channels such as customer care centres, points of sale, retail outlets, and official websites or mobile applications. Further, service providers must ensure that all tariff information is updated promptly across all platforms whenever there is any modification or introduction of new tariff plans. This direction reinforces transparency and ensures that subscribers have access to accurate and updated tariff information at all times. [F. No. RG-10/(1)/2025-ADV_FEA-1]

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MIB Strengthening Anti-Piracy Enforcement under Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 2023

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting (MIB), on March 27, 2026, highlighted enhanced anti-piracy measures under the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act, 2023, which introduces stringent provisions to curb unauthorized recording and transmission of films. Sections 6AA and 6AB prohibit piracy, while Section 7(1A) prescribes penalties ranging from a minimum of 3 months imprisonment and ■3 lakh fine to 3 years imprisonment and fine up to 5% of the audited gross production cost. As part of enforcement actions, the Government has notified the Telegram platform under Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, directing removal of 3,142 piracy-related channels. Additionally, access to around 800 websites hosting pirated content has been blocked through Internet Service Providers (ISPs). An institutional mechanism with designated Nodal Officers has also been established to facilitate complaints from copyright holders and ensure timely action. Further, the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 mandate intermediaries to promptly remove infringing content upon notice. These rules impose obligations to prevent hosting or sharing of content that violates intellectual property rights, thereby reinforcing the Government's commitment to a robust digital anti-piracy framework. [Press Release: 2246198]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on March 28 for Commodity Derivatives segment (PR)

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2026 for Commodity Derivatives segment (PR). The following has been stated namely: - • The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session for Commodity Derivatives on March 28, 2026. • Trading Members using ETI APIs (third-party or in-house systems) can test functionalities like risk-reduction mode, trading halt, and exceptional scenarios. • Session timings: Login (9:15–10:00 AM), trading (10:00

AM–1:00 PM), and trade modification (1:00–1:10 PM). • Mock trades are only for testing, with no margin, pay-in/pay-out obligations, or legal liabilities. • Members are encouraged to actively participate and submit feedback by 3:00 PM, and may contact Relationship Managers or support teams for queries. [Notification No. 20260327-21]

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BSE notified regarding the Mock Trading on March 28 for Currency Derivatives segment (PR)

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2026 for Currency Derivatives segment (PR). The following has been stated namely: - • The Exchange has scheduled a mock trading session for Currency Derivatives on March 28, 2026. • Trading Members using ETI APIs (third-party or in-house platforms) can test trading applications, including exceptional market conditions. • Session timings: Login (9:15–10:00 AM), trading (10:00 AM–1:00 PM) for both Currency and Cross Currency Derivatives, with trade modification at 1:10 PM. • Mock trading is only for testing, with no margin, pay-in/pay-out obligations, or legal liabilities. • Members are encouraged to actively participate and submit feedback by 3:00 PM, and may contact support teams or Relationship Managers for queries. [Notification No. 20260327-20]

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DGCA invites proposals for empanelment of breath-analyzer equipment in aviation sector

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on March 23, 2026, issued a public notice initiating the empanelment process for breath-analyzer (BA) equipment and related calibration agencies to be used in the civil aviation sector. This move aims to standardize equipment quality, enhance operational reliability, and ensure strict adherence to safety norms prescribed under CAR Section 5, Series F, Part III and Part IV, which govern alcohol testing of aviation personnel such as pilots and crew. Under this initiative, manufacturers of breath-analyzer devices as well as agencies engaged in calibration of such equipment have been invited to submit proposals for empanelment. The applicants are required to furnish comprehensive details including the name of the manufacturer/agency, technical specifications of the equipment, and a formal statement confirming compliance with DGCA's regulatory requirements. In addition, detailed company credentials must be provided, covering infrastructure and technical capabilities, calibration methodology and frequency, relevant accreditations (such as ISO certifications), and prior experience in manufacturing or calibration of breath-analyzer equipment. The DGCA has specified that proposals must be submitted within 30 days from the date of publication of the notice, either via email or through registered post to the designated authority at DGCA headquarters in New Delhi. Post submission, the equipment and agencies will undergo evaluation based on defined technical and regulatory benchmarks. This includes possible inspection of facilities to verify claims and capabilities. Only those applicants whose equipment meets the prescribed standards and who have no history of non-compliance or procedural deficiencies will be considered for empanelment. This step

is expected to strengthen aviation safety oversight by ensuring that only reliable and compliant breath-analyzer systems are deployed for mandatory alcohol testing in the aviation ecosystem. [File No: DGCA-15011(01)/15/2025-DAS]

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MCX issued a notification regarding mock trading on March 29, 2026

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) on March 26, 2026, issued a notification regarding mock trading on March 29, 2026. The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session on Sunday, March 29, 2026, from 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM, preceded by a special session from 08:55 AM to 08:59 AM, to test system performance and proposed changes. As part of this mock, a new Partition (6) will be introduced specifically for testing, and all Agri commodities—Cardamom, Cotton, Cotton Seed Wash Oil, Kapas, and Mentha Oil—will be migrated to this partition during the session. Members are required to implement necessary system changes, including updating connectivity details such as the additional Stream 6 market data IP and port provided in the annexures, and validate these changes during the mock. Updated product partition details will be reflected in the master reference data file (Mcxscrip.bcp), which will be made available on the Exchange's SFTP path for the mock session. Members planning to test algorithmic trading for retail investors can use this opportunity and must share the required details (TM Code, User ID, and leased line IP) with the Exchange by March 27, 2026; such mappings will be removed after the session. Participants using the CTCL facility are advised to actively test using the MCX Enhanced Trading Interface (ETI) API version 1.4.2 and also validate their systems from the Disaster Recovery site. Participation in the mock session is enabled through existing leased line connectivity or via internet using SSL VPN credentials. Members should note that revised connectivity details are applicable only for the mock session due to the temporary migration of Agri products. After completion, members must ensure their systems are restored to the production environment. Trades executed during the mock session will not result in any financial obligations such as pay-in or pay-out. Please refer to the annexure attached below to the document for more details. [Circular No: MCX/TECH/154/2026]

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DICGC issued a notification regarding implementation of Risk Based Premium (RBP) framework

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation, on February 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the implementation of the Risk-Based Premium (RBP) framework. The following has been stated: It has introduced a Risk-Based Premium (RBP) Framework effective from April 1, 2026, replacing the earlier flat premium system. Previously, all banks paid a uniform premium of 12 paise per ■100 of assessable deposits annually, regardless of their risk profile. The new framework aims to incentivize better risk management by allowing well-managed banks to pay lower premiums. Under the RBP system, banks will be evaluated using a two-tier risk rating methodology. Tier 1 applies to Scheduled Commercial Banks (excluding RRBs), while Tier 2 covers Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks. The assessment is based on financial parameters such as capital adequacy, asset quality, liquidity, profitability, and governance factors, along with supervisory ratings and potential loss to the Deposit Insurance Fund. Based on this evaluation,

banks will be categorized into four risk groups—A, B, C, and D—with premium rates ranging from 8 to 12 paise per ■100 deposits, where lower-risk banks (Category A) enjoy the highest discount. Additionally, a vintage incentive is introduced, rewarding banks with long, stable track records (up to 25% discount). The final premium payable (effective rate) will depend on both risk category and vintage benefits. Certain banks, like Local Area Banks and Payments Banks, will continue paying the flat rate due to data limitations. Also, banks under regulatory stress (e.g., PCA/SAF) will not receive RBP benefits until recovery. The framework includes provisions for rating overrides, strict confidentiality of ratings, and revised disclosure norms (banks only confirm payment, not the rate/category). Premium payments will be managed via DICGC's "Samyak" system and must be paid within prescribed timelines. Overall, this reform aligns deposit insurance premiums with the risk profile of banks, encouraging stronger financial discipline and stability in the banking system. [Circular No. CO. DICG. lOD. No. S1803/04-01 -046/2025-2026]

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DGS issued draft checklist for vessel registration for stakeholder consultation

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 24, 2026 released a Draft Checklist for Registration of Vessels under the framework of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The draft aims to bring uniformity, transparency, and ease of compliance in the vessel registration process. Along with the checklist, relevant forms and a Citizens' Charter specifying timelines for various services have also been made available on the official website for public consultation. Stakeholders including ship owners, managers, charterers, and maritime professionals have been invited to review the draft and submit their comments or suggestions via email on or before March 30, 2026. [File No.: 25l141202S-NT-DGS]

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Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on March 24, 2026, issued the Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulations, 2016. The following amendments have been stated: For regulation 6 of the Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulations, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations"), the following regulation shall be substituted namely:- "6. Consequences for failure of the service provider to submit reports or furnishing of false report.– (1) If any service provider contravenes the provisions of regulation 5, it shall without prejudice to the terms and conditions of its licence or the provisions of the Act or rules or regulations or order made, or, directions issued, thereunder, be liable to pay, by way of financial disincentive, an amount of twenty thousand rupees for each day of contravention for the first seven days and, in case the contravention continues beyond seven days, an additional amount of forty thousand rupees for each subsequent day of contravention beyond seven days, subject to maximum of ten lakh rupees as the Authority may, by order, direct: Provided that if a service provider contravenes the provisions of regulation 5 in two or more consecutive years, it shall be liable to pay, by way of financial disincentive, an amount of fifty thousand rupees for each day of contravention for the first seven days of the second and subsequent consecutive year and, in case the contravention continues beyond seven days of that

consecutive year, an additional amount of seventy five thousand rupees for each subsequent day of contravention, subject to maximum of twenty five lakh rupees as the Authority may, by order, direct. (2) If the report furnished by the service provider under regulation 5 is false or if, in its report, the service provider deliberately omits any material fact knowing it to be material, the service provider shall, without prejudice to the terms and conditions of its licence, or the provisions of the Act or rules or regulations or order made, or directions issued, thereunder, be liable to pay financial disincentive as under:- (3) In case a service provider fails to pay the amount of financial disincentive under regulation 6 within the period stipulated in the order for payment of financial disincentive, it shall be liable to pay simple interest on the outstanding amount of financial disincentive, at a rate which shall be two percent above the one year Marginal Cost of Lending Rate of State Bank of India applicable at the beginning of the financial year in which last day of the stipulated period falls. Explanation: For the purposes of this sub-regulation, a part of the month shall be reckoned as a full calendar month for the purpose of calculation of interest and a month shall be reckoned as an English calendar month. (4) No order for payment of any amount by way of financial disincentive under this regulation shall be made by the Authority, unless the service provider has been given a reasonable opportunity of representing against the contravention of the regulations observed by the Authority. (5) The Authority may waive the financial disincentive, impose a lower amount of financial disincentive or classify as minor or major based on the merit in the reasons furnished by the service provider." They shall come into force from March 24, 2026. [Notification No. M-6/(2)/2023-FEA-I]

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MoA&FW notifies specifications for new fertilisers for three-year period

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The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) on March 25, 2026, notified specifications for four fertiliser variants under the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985 for manufacture in India for a period of three years. The notified fertilisers include NPK 13.2-13.2-13.2 liquid fertiliser enriched with micronutrients, NK 2-0-21 liquid fertiliser, elemental sulphur fortified with multiple micronutrients, and PK 0-5-27 liquid fertiliser. Detailed parameters have been prescribed covering nutrient composition, micronutrient content, pH levels, specific gravity, and permissible limits for heavy metals such as cadmium, arsenic, and lead. This notification aims to standardize product quality and promote balanced nutrient application in agriculture. [Notification No. S.O. 1570(E)]

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UGC notified regarding the association of HEIs with surveys and review of the Journalism Syllabus

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) on March 23, 2026, notified regarding the association of HEIs with surveys and review of the Journalism Syllabus. All Universities and Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) are requested to associate themselves with the various surveys being conducted by the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, (such as MoSPI, MoHFW, etc.). Further, Universities and HEIs may also review the syllabus of Joumalism courses to make them more effective [Notification no. - 1-1/2026(QIP)]

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TRAI Tariff Framework and Quality of Service Monitoring Mechanism

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The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on March 25, 2026, issued the Tariff Framework and Quality of Service Monitoring Mechanism. Under the TRAI Act, 1997, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) regulates telecom tariffs and ensures quality of service (QoS). While most mobile and data service tariffs are under forbearance—allowing service providers to set prices based on market conditions—TRAI continues to regulate specific services. This framework, along with market competition, has contributed to India having among the lowest telecom tariffs globally. To protect consumer interests, TRAI actively monitors QoS through periodic reports, audits, and drive tests. Service providers must meet prescribed benchmarks, failing which financial penalties are imposed for non-compliance, increasing with repeated violations. The findings are publicly disclosed, ensuring transparency and accountability in service delivery. [Release ID: 2245196]

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TRAI issued the Extension of last date for Submission of Comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on 'Review of Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on March 23, 2026, issued the Extension of last date for Submission of Comments on TRAI Consultation Paper on 'Review of Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024. The following has been stated namely: - • Telecom Regulatory Authority of India released a consultation paper on reviewing Rating of Properties for Digital Connectivity Regulations, 2024. • The deadline for submitting stakeholder comments has been extended from March 23 to March 30, 2026. • Stakeholders can submit inputs via the TRAI website or email, following the prescribed format in Annexure-I of the consultation paper or at adv-qosl@trai.gov.in with a copy to ja.qosl@trai.gov.in. [Press Release No. 40/2026]

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TRAI issued the amendments in provisions of Telecommunication Tariff Order and Accounting Separation Regulations

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on March 24, 2026, issued the amendments in provisions of Telecommunication Tariff Order and Accounting Separation Regulations. The following has been stated namely: - • Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has issued the Telecommunication Tariff (72nd Amendment) Order, 2026 and Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2026. • These were finalized after stakeholder consultation on draft regulations released in October 2025. • The amendments

revise financial disincentive provisions, introducing graded penalties, capped limits, and interest on delayed/non-payment. [Press Release No. 43/2026]

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NPCI issued addendum to OC 230 Implementation of Switching Fee Rebate for UPI URCS Back-Office System

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The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on March 25, 2026, issued addendum to OC 230 Implementation of Switching Fee Rebate for UPI URCS Back-Office System. NPCI has revised the implementation timeline for the automated process of reversing switching fee rebates for UPI transactions in URCS, which was earlier scheduled to go live from February 01, 2026. Based on feedback from member banks, the new go-live date has been deferred to May 01, 2026. Member banks are advised to make necessary system updates and ensure readiness before the revised implementation date. All other guidelines and provisions mentioned in the earlier circular dated January 06, 2026 remain unchanged. [Circular No. NPCI/2025-26/UPI/230A]

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NMC notified regarding the compliance with the Supreme Court judgment on stem cell therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding compliance with the Supreme Court of India judgment dated January 30, 2026, in the case of Yash Charitable Trust & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors. Concerning stem cell therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The following has been stated: • It clarified that stem cell therapy in routine practice is permitted only for MoHFW-approved indications as standard care, while any other use is allowed strictly within approved research frameworks. • Such research shall comply with regulations of CDSCO or DHR, ethical guidelines of the Indian Council of Medical Research, and require prior approvals along with informed consent and patient safeguards. • Any unapproved stem cell treatment is deemed illegal and subject to regulatory action, and medical institutions must restrict usage strictly to permitted conditions. • All medical colleges and practitioners are directed to ensure strict compliance and circulate the advisory to avoid legal consequences. [Notification no. -CDN-20011/105/2026-COORDINATION-NMC]

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NCDEX notified regarding the Contingency Mock on March 28, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Contingency Mock on March 28, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - •

The Exchange will conduct a Contingency Mock Trading Session on March 28, 2026, which was earlier postponed from March 07, 2026. • Members must test NEXTRA File Uploader and UDIFF uploader using the new DNS-based setup (live since March 16, 2026) and certify readiness. • The old setup (without DNS changes) will be discontinued from March 28, 2026. • Mock trading schedule: Pre-open (9:45–10:00 AM), trading (10:00 AM–1:00 PM), modification till 1:15 PM, re-login (5:00–5:30 PM). • Scope includes Trading, NEXTRA, Web NCFE, and Web Extranet systems. • Production Web NCFE and Extranet will be unavailable (2:00 AM–9:00 PM); only test/mock portals will be accessible. • Members should also test algorithmic trading functionalities as per earlier circulars on safer participation of retail investors. • Mock trades will not result in any financial or commodity obligations (no pay-in/pay-out). • BOD/EOD files will be available via designated portals, and members must restore systems to production state after testing. • Tick-by-Tick (TBT) market data testing will be available via PLS/P2P connection, however, such links may not be available during actual disaster scenarios. [Notification No. NCDEX/TECHNOLOGY- 012/2026]

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NCCL notified regarding the Contingency Mock on March 28, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Contingency Mock on March 28, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The Clearing Corporation will conduct a mock trading session on March 28, 2026 (Saturday) to test the NCCL application. • Trading schedule: Pre-open (9:45–10:00 AM), trading (10:00 AM–1:00 PM), trade modification till 1:15 PM, and re-login session (5:00–5:30 PM). • Mock will cover systems like Web NCFE, Web Extranet, RMS, and NCMS/NCSS, while production systems will remain unavailable (2:00 AM–9:00 PM). • Members must use test/mock URLs, and note that no pay-in/pay-out obligations will arise from mock trades. • Members should actively participate, test connectivity, and restore systems to production state after the session to avoid issues on the next trading day. [Notification No. NCCL/TECHNOLOGY-008/2026]

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NPPA issued amendment in the Manufacturer Details in Retail Price Notification (2018)

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, issued amendment in the Manufacturer Details in Retail Price Notification (2018). The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has issued a correction to its earlier notification dated November 02, 2018, regarding the fixation of retail price. For Sl. No. 7 in the table, the name of the manufacturer/marketing company has been revised to “M/s Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited,” replacing the earlier mention of both “M/s Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.” and “M/s Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited.” All other details, notes, and provisions of the original notification remain unchanged. [Notification No. S.O. 1592(E)]

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NPPA issued the Correction in Manufacturer Details of M/s Sun Pharma Laboratories Limited under NPPA Retail Price Notification

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, issued the Correction in Manufacturer Details of M/s Sun Pharma Laboratories Limited under NPPA Retail Price Notification No. - S.O. 575(E), dated February 09, 2021. The following has been stated: • For Serial Nos. 6 and 7, the manufacturer/marketing company names in Column 5 have been revised. • The earlier entries mentioning Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. along with Sun Pharma entities are now replaced with only Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd. and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., respectively. • All other notes, terms, and conditions of the original notification remain unchanged. [Notification no. - S.O. 1591(E)]

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NPPA Revision of Ceiling Prices of Scheduled Formulations (WPI Adjustment 2026)

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026 has issued an order revising ceiling prices of scheduled formulations under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013. The revision is based on the annual Wholesale Price Index (WPI) increase of 0.64956% for the year 2025 over 2024. The order fixes updated ceiling prices (exclusive of GST) for various essential medicines such as Acetyl Salicylic Acid, Calcium Carbonate, Dapsone, Rifampicin, and others, effective from April 1, 2026. Manufacturers selling above the notified ceiling prices are required to reduce prices accordingly, while those selling below may increase prices within the permissible WPI limit. The notification also prescribes compliance requirements including submission of revised price lists, quarterly returns, and prior approval for new drugs.
Non-compliance will attract recovery of overcharged amounts with interest under DPCO, 2013 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. [Order No. S.O. 1582(E)]

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MNRE issued Call for Proposals for Skilling, Upskilling and Reskilling under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM)

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on March 23, 2026, issued Call for Proposals for Skilling, Upskilling and Reskilling under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM). The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) is implementing a skilling initiative under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) to develop a trained and industry-ready workforce across the green hydrogen value chain. The scheme focuses on building training capacity through state institutions, Centres of Excellence, and accredited training centres. States/UTs are invited to submit proposals—individually or jointly—covering workforce demand assessment, training infrastructure, identification of training centres, industry partnerships, and funding requirements. Proposals from private entities must be routed through state departments, and all submissions should align with scheme guidelines. States with Green Hydrogen policies are encouraged to submit proposals promptly to support upcoming projects. [Notification No. 53/14/2024-New Technology]

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RBI issued FAQs on Annual Return on Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) under FEMA, 1999

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 25, 2026, issued FAQs on Annual Return on Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) under FEMA, 1999. The Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) Return, mandated under FEMA, 1999, must be filed annually by all Indian-resident entities such as companies, LLPs, AIFs, and partnership firms that have outstanding Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and/or Overseas Direct Investment (ODI) as on March 31. The return is submitted through the RBI's FLAIR portal, while AIFs can obtain the format via email. The data submitted is kept confidential and used by the RBI in aggregated form for compiling India's Balance of Payments (BoP), International Investment Position (IIP), and global investment surveys under the IMF framework. Entities must ensure accuracy of the data and file revised returns if any corrections are required. Kindly find the FAQs attached to the document provided below.

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Paradip Port Authority issued Withdrawal of Restrictions on Overnight Berthing of Ammonium Nitrate Ships

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Paradip Port Authority (PPA) on March 17, 2026, issued Withdrawal of Restrictions on Overnight Berthing of Ammonium Nitrate Ships. Paradip Port Authority (PPA) has withdrawn its earlier Trade Circular dated September 16, 2025, which restricted ammonium nitrate-laden ships from staying overnight at the jetty with cargo exceeding 5000 MT and required them to move to mid-sea anchorage after daily operations. The withdrawal follows a revised advisory issued by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on March 17, 2026. With immediate effect, the earlier restrictions no longer apply, and this update is issued for the information of all stakeholders. [Circular No.TD/TM/IMP-471/505

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PPA Priority Berthing for LPG Vessels

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Paradip Port Authority (PPA), on March 11, 2026, issued a trade circular granting priority berthing to LPG vessels in line with directions from the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India dated March 10, 2026. The measure has been introduced considering the essential nature of uninterrupted LPG supply to households across the country. As per the circular, all vessels carrying Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) shall be accorded priority berthing at the port to ensure timely handling and avoid delays in distribution. This step aims to strengthen supply chain efficiency and support national energy requirements, particularly for domestic consumption. The directive comes into force with immediate effect and will remain applicable until further orders. The circular has been issued for information and compliance by all

stakeholders concerned with port operations. [Notification No. TD/TM/GEN-201(PT-1)/450]

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SEBI issued clarification regarding eligibility of members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India to conduct annual audit of Investment Advisers

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 25, 2026, issued clarification regarding eligibility of members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India to conduct annual audit of Investment Advisers. SEBI, through its Master Circular for Investment Advisers dated February 06, 2026, had consolidated all regulatory requirements applicable to Investment Advisers (IAs), including provisions relating to annual compliance audits. Earlier, such audits could be conducted by members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) or the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI). Based on representations from the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and in line with Regulation 19(3) of the IA Regulations, SEBI has now expanded the eligibility to include members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI). Accordingly, IAs are required to conduct an annual audit through ICAI, ICSI, or ICMAI members within six months from the end of the financial year and submit the audit report, along with any adverse findings and corrective actions, by October 31 of each year. Further, SEBI has amended provisions requiring IAs to maintain an annual compliance certificate confirming adherence to client-level segregation requirements under Regulation 22. This certificate must also be obtained from ICAI, ICSI, or ICMAI members within six months of the financial year-end and will form part of the compliance audit. These changes are effective immediately and have been introduced under SEBI's regulatory powers to strengthen compliance, enhance audit scope, and protect investor interests in the securities market. [Circular No. HO/38/12/12(1)2026-MIRSD-SEC-FATF/I/7933/2026]

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SEBI issued the Clarification regarding eligibility of members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India to conduct annual audit of Research Analysts

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Clarification regarding eligibility of members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India to conduct annual audit of Research Analysts. The following has been stated namely: - • Earlier, only members of ICAI and ICSI were allowed to conduct annual audits of Research Analysts (RAs). • Now, members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India are also eligible to conduct annual audits of RAs. • RAs must complete the annual audit within 6 months of financial year-end and submit the report to SEBI within 1 month (latest by October 31). • RAs must publish audit status and adverse findings on their website and share the compliance report with clients. This shall come into force on March 25, 2026. [Notification No. HO/38/12/12(1)2026-MIRSD-SEC-FATF/I/7934/2026]

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IRDAI Special Measures for Policyholder Servicing on March 31, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on March 25, 2026 has issued a press release announcing special measures to facilitate policyholders during the financial year-end 2025–26. The initiative aims to ensure smooth servicing and avoid any inconvenience to customers. Insurers have been advised to keep their branches open on March 31, 2026, during normal working hours to assist policyholders in completing transactions and addressing pending requests. This is intended to support customers during the critical closing period of the financial year. Further, insurers have been directed to give adequate publicity to this special arrangement so that policyholders are aware and can benefit from the extended availability of services. [Press Release dated 25.03.2026]

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DGFT issued extension in the validity of TRQ Authorisation for import of gold under India-UA■ ■■■■ (Tariff Head 7108) issued in FY 2025-26

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 24, 2026, issued extension in the validity of TRQ Authorisation for import of gold under India-UA■ ■■■■ (Tariff Head 7108) issued in FY 2025-26. The Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), considering current geopolitical challenges affecting global trade and logistics, has extended the validity of TRQ Authorisations for gold imports under the India-UAE CEPA. These authorisations, issued during FY 2025–26 for gold under CTH 7108, will now remain valid until June 30, 2026, instead of the earlier deadline of March 31, 2026. This extension is automatic, meaning importers are not required to submit any application, pay fees, or seek amendments to avail the benefit. The move is intended to ease import processes and support trade continuity under prevailing global conditions. [Public Notice No.: 53/2025-26]

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IFSCA notified regarding the Grant of Qualifying Central Counterparty (QCCP) status to IIBX operating in GIFT IFSC

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding the Grant of Qualifying Central Counterparty (QCCP) status to IIBX operating in GIFT IFSC. The following has been stated: • It has been granted recognition by the International Financial Services Centres Authority to operate as both a bullion exchange and clearing corporation in GIFT IFSC under the SCRA and IFSCA regulations. • It has been classified as a Qualifying Central Counterparty (QCCP) and designated as a Market Infrastructure Institution (MII) due to its systemic importance. • IIBX operates under global standards aligned with the International Organization of Securities Commissions and PFMI framework, ensuring safety, efficiency, and reduced systemic risk. • As a result, it is subject to strict regulatory oversight and shall comply with international principles governing financial market infrastructures.

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Draft Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power (MoP) on March 12, 2026 has issued a draft notification seeking stakeholder comments on the proposed Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2026. The draft aims to further strengthen consumer rights, improve service standards, and introduce modern electricity management practices, with comments invited within 30 days i.e., by April 11, 2026. The proposed amendments introduce key concepts such as “Demand Response” to optimize electricity usage, prescribe stricter timelines for providing new or modified electricity connections (ranging from 3 to 15 days, extendable in specific cases), and mandate billing system checks for abnormal consumption with resolution within 30 days while protecting consumers from disconnection during disputes. Further, the draft provides for phased implementation of Time-of-Day tariffs by April 2027/2028, rationalizes solar tariff structures, and revises provisions relating to net metering, net billing, and related charges for prosumers. These changes are proposed to come into effect from October 1, 2026, subject to final notification after stakeholder consultation. [Draft Notification No. 23/05/2020-R&R-I (Part-1) Vol. II]

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SEBI issued Consultation Paper on introduction of Gift Card/ Gift PPI (Prepaid Payment Instrument) for Mutual Funds

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 24, 2026, issued Consultation Paper on introduction of Gift Card/ Gift PPI (Prepaid Payment Instrument) for Mutual Funds. The objective of this consultation paper is to solicit comments on the proposal to introduce Gift Card/ Gift PPI for subscription of mutual fund units. The proposal involves allowing purchaser of Gift Card/ Gift PPI to gift such instrument which can be utilized for subscription of mutual fund units by the recipient of Gift Card/ Gift PPI. Gift Card/ Gift PPI is expected to improve financial inclusion through onboarding of new investors in the mutual fund space. SEBI is examining a proposal from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) to allow Gift Prepaid Payment Instruments (Gift PPIs) as a mode for investing in mutual funds. Under this model, a purchaser can buy a Gift PPI (gift card), transfer it to a beneficiary, and the recipient can redeem it to subscribe to mutual fund units through an Asset Management Company’s platform. The overall flow of funds would be governed by RBI guidelines for PPIs, while mutual fund transactions would remain subject to SEBI regulations. Existing SEBI rules already permit use of e-wallets for mutual fund investments with safeguards such as compliance with cut-off timings, restriction of ■50,000 per investor per financial year, prohibition on incentives like cashback, and adherence to “no third-party payment” norms. Redemption proceeds must be credited only to the investor’s bank account, and only funds loaded through legitimate banking channels can be used. RBI regulations define PPIs as instruments for purchasing goods, services, and financial products, with strict safeguards including KYC compliance and anti-money laundering measures. Gift PPIs specifically have a maximum value limit of ■10,000, are non-reloadable, and do not allow cash withdrawal or fund transfer (except back to the source account under certain conditions). They must have a minimum validity period and issuers must notify users before expiry, while unclaimed balances must be safeguarded for a

specified period. Overall, the proposal seeks to introduce a regulated, secure mechanism to enable gifting of mutual fund investments, while ensuring compliance with both SEBI and RBI frameworks. Public comments are invited for the proposals as mentioned. The comments/ suggestions should be submitted through the following link by April 14, 2026:
https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/publiccommentv2/PublicCommentAction.do?doPublicComments=yes

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RBI issued FAQs on Foreign Liabilities and Assets Information Reporting (FLAIR) – Online Web Based Reporting System

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 25, 2026, issued FAQs on Foreign Liabilities and Assets Information Reporting (FLAIR) – Online Web-Based Reporting System. The following has been stated: • The FAQs on the FLAIR (Foreign Liabilities and Assets Information Reporting) system clarify that entities like companies, LLPs, and others with foreign assets/liabilities must file annual FLA returns if they have received or made FDI. • The return is submitted through the FLAIR web portal, where entities shall first register by providing entity and authorized person details along with verification and authority letters. • Registration is required for first-time filers or when there are changes in entity details, authorized person, or identification numbers like CIN/LLPIN. • The FAQs also explain technical aspects of filing, such as automatic calculation of paid-up capital, reporting in INR lakh, and classification of FDI, DI, and portfolio investments. • Detailed guidance is provided for reporting foreign investments, debt instruments, disinvestments, and treatment of items like share application money and preference shares. • It further clarifies procedures for modifying details, resolving errors, and ensuring consistency between different sections of the return. • Finally, the system generates downloadable forms and acknowledgements upon submission, and entities can access past filings through the portal. The detailed notification is attached below.

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NPPA issued an office memorandum notifying the annual change in WPI for the calendar year 2025 over 2024

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026 has issued an office memorandum notifying the annual change in Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the calendar year 2025 over 2024. Based on data from the Office of the Economic Advisor, the WPI increase has been calculated at (+)0.64956%. In line with Paragraph 16(2) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, the authority has clarified that manufacturers are permitted to increase the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of scheduled formulations in accordance with the notified WPI. Such price revisions do not require prior approval from the Government. The memorandum serves as an official intimation to all stakeholders to take necessary action as per the provisions of DPCO, 2013 regarding permissible price adjustments. [Office Memorandum: 8(144)/2026/D.P./NPPA-Div.-II]

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NPPA computed the retail price of the formulation Ivermectin IP 6 mg

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 25, 2026, computed the retail price of the formulation “Ivermectin IP 6 mg + Albendazole IP 400 mg (uncoated chewable tablet)” under Para 5 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 based on July 2025 data. The price determination applies to M/s Ved Lifesavers (P) Ltd. (manufacturer) and M/s Wockhardt Ltd. (marketer). The authority has worked out the retail price at ■29.60 per tablet (excluding GST), which is significantly lower than the claimed price of ■46.19. Accordingly, the proposed retail price has been fixed at ■29.60 (excluding GST) in line with the DPCO pricing methodology. This fixation ensures price regulation of scheduled formulations to maintain affordability and compliance with the provisions of DPCO, 2013. [File No. 19(5045)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NSE issued a notification regarding annual clearing membership fees for FY 2026-27

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 24, 2026, issued a notification regarding annual clearing membership fees for FY 2026-27. The following has been stated: It has been notified that all Clearing Members, Self-Clearing Members, and Professional Clearing Members of NSE Clearing Limited are required to pay an annual clearing membership fee of ■50,000 per segment for the financial year 2026–27. This fee applies to members operating in Equity Derivatives, Currency Derivatives, Interest Rate Derivatives, Debt, and Commodity Derivatives segments. However, members who are already paying fees for any derivatives segment are exempt from paying separately for the Debt segment. Additionally, the prescribed fee is subject to 18% GST. The fee amount of ■50,000 plus applicable GST will be automatically debited from the respective segment-wise settlement bank accounts mapped with NSE Clearing Limited starting from May 7, 2026, and will continue until full recovery. Members are advised to maintain sufficient funds in their accounts to avoid disruptions; if funds are insufficient in one segment account, other linked segment accounts may be debited. In case of any delay in payment, interest will be charged on the outstanding amount as per applicable regulations. [Circular Ref. No: 08/2026]

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NPCI notified regarding the Biometric Authentication for UPI Payments on Android and iOS

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the Biometric Authentication for UPI Payments on Android and iOS. The following has been stated: • NPCI BHIM Services Limited, a subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India, has introduced biometric authentication for UPI payments on the BHIM Payments App, allowing transactions up to ■5,000 via fingerprint or facial recognition. • This feature eliminates the need to enter a UPI PIN for small payments, making transactions faster, smoother, and reducing failures due to incorrect or forgotten PINs. • It can be used for various payment scenarios such as peer-to-peer transfers, merchant QR payments, and online transactions,

enhancing ease of digital payments. • Biometric authentication improves security since fingerprints and facial data are unique and stored on the user's device, minimizing risks like PIN sharing. • For transactions above ■5,000, UPI PIN authentication remains mandatory to ensure an additional layer of protection.

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MoH&FW notified regarding the regulatory surveillance over Weight Loss Drug (GLP-1) Supply Chain

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the regulatory surveillance over the Weight Loss Drug (GLP-1) Supply Chain. The following has been stated: • India's drug regulator has intensified surveillance on GLP-1 weight loss drugs to curb unauthorized sale, misleading promotion, and misuse across pharmacies, online platforms, and clinics. • An advisory issued on March 10, 2026, prohibits surrogate advertising and indirect promotion, while inspections at 49 entities have identified violations, with notices issued to defaulters. • The regulator stresses that these drugs shall be used only under specialist prescription (Endocrinologists/Internal Medicine, and in some cases Cardiologists) due to serious health risks. • Strict enforcement will continue, with penalties, license cancellation, and prosecution for non-compliance. [Press release id: 2244252]

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MoAFW notified regarding the Closure of applications for registration of parental lines of hybrid submitted under Compound Registration System

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Closure of applications for registration of parental lines of hybrid submitted under Compound Registration System. The following has been stated namely: - • All applications for registration of parental lines of hybrids, which were submitted for registration under Compound Registration system stand closed with effect from September 01, 2023. • In case, DUS test fee has been paid against such application, its refund may be claimed within a month of the publication of this instant Notice in the Plant Variety Journal of India. • No claim will be entertained after the stipulated time. [Notification No. PPVFRA/Legal/02/2019(Vol-II)]

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MoCI issued amendment in Policy condition No.2 to Chapter 95 of ITC (HS), 2022 - Schedule - 1 (Import Policy)

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 19, 2026, issued amendment in Policy condition No.2 to Chapter 95 of ITC (HS), 2022 - Schedule - 1 (Import Policy). The Central Government deletes Policy Condition No. 2 (iii) under Chapter 95 of ITC (HS), 2022 – Schedule I (Import Policy), with immediate effect.

Effect of this Notification: Policy Condition No. 2 (iii) of Chapter 95 of ITC (HS), 2022 – Schedule I (Import Policy) stands deleted with immediate effect. [Notification No. 64/2025-26]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Gliclazide IP 80 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride 500 mg for M/s Alkem Healthscience (A unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd.) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 23, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Gliclazide IP 80 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride 500 mg for M/s Alkem Healthscience (A unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd.) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from July 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Gliclazide IP 80 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride 500 mg for M/s Alkem Healthscience (A unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd.) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Ltd. (Marketer) • The Total MAT is 2,99,23,70,459 [Notification No. 19(5040)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Cefuroxime Axetil IP equivalent to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250mg for M/s Theon Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Laboratories Pvt Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 23, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Cefuroxime Axetil IP equivalent to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250mg for M/s Theon Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Laboratories Pvt Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from August 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Cefuroxime Axetil IP equivalent to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250mg for M/s Theon Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Laboratories Pvt Ltd. (Marketer) • The Total MAT is 1,89,68,20,935 [Notification No. 19(5075)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NMC notified regarding the Implementation of HMIS (Health Management Information System)

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on March 03, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Implementation of HMIS (Health Management Information System) for attached hospitals. The following has been stated namely: - • All medical institutions must implement systems like HMIS, AEBAS, and CCTV integration to enable monitoring of medical education standards by NMC. • All medical colleges are now

required to integrate their hospital HMIS with the ABDM-HMIS portal (by National Health Authority) to ensure transparent and objective assessment/renewal. • Integration process details are provided in Annexure-I, and technical support is available via designated NHA and NMC officials. [Notification No. N-16021/2/2026-IT-NMC (E- 8392185)]

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NCDEX notified regarding the E-ASM of 2.5% re-triggered

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 10, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Applicability of Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM). The following has been stated namely: - • As per earlier NCDEX circulars, Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) is applied on select commodities based on price volatility. • E-ASM is triggered using price variation formula: (High–Low)/Low × 100 over a specified period. • For Turmeric, due to significant 10-day price movement (≥15%), E-ASM of 2.5% has been re-triggered. • The margin will apply to all existing and upcoming Turmeric contracts till April 02, 2026. • Other commodities mostly show no current trigger, except Coriander (till April 01, 2026) and Turmeric (till April 02, 2026) under E-ASM [Notification No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-034/2026]

MoT notified regarding the Stock Limits and Compliance Directions for Raw Jute under Jute Control Order, 2016

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textiles (MoT) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Stock Limits and Compliance Directions for Raw Jute under Jute Control Order, 2016. The following has been stated: • The order prescribes strict stock limits on raw jute for different categories—600 quintals for registered balers, NIL stock for other stockists (who must liquidate existing stock), and 45 days' consumption for jute mills. Any excess stock shall be sold by March 31, 2026, and delivered by April 10, 2026, with mandatory compliance reporting. • The order also requires fortnightly stock disclosure on the Jute SMART portal and treats stock in a shared premise as a single aggregated stock for limit purposes. • Non-compliance attracts penal action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, including imprisonment and fine, along with powers of inspection, search, and seizure by authorities. • The order is effective immediately, with limited exemptions for exports, imported jute, and the Jute Corporation of India, and remains in force until further modification. [Notification no. - S.O. 1493(E)]

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NPPA issued the retail price of the Cefuroxime Axetil IP eq. to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250 mg for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Glensmith Labs Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 23, 2026, issued the retail price of the Cefuroxime Axetil IP eq. to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250 mg for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Glensmith Labs Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). The retail price of the Each film coated tablet contains: Cefuroxime Axetil IP eq. to Anhydrous Cefuroxime 250 mg for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Glensmith Labs Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer) will be Rs. 28.41/-.

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NPPA Retail Price Fixation of Cefuroxime Axetil + Clavulanate Tablets

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 (DPCO, 2013) has computed and proposed the retail price of a combination drug containing Cefuroxime Axetil 250 mg and Clavulanic Acid 125 mg based on July 2025 data. As per the calculation under Para 5 of DPCO, the worked out and proposed retail price is ■38.35 per tablet (excluding GST), which is significantly lower than the claimed price of ■65.00 per tablet. This price fixation applies to the formulation manufactured by M/s Associated Biopharma Private Limited and marketed by M/s German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Private Limited. The notification ensures price regulation of this antibiotic combination to maintain affordability and prevent overpricing in the market, aligning with the objective of DPCO to make essential medicines accessible at reasonable prices. [Notification No. 5050]

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PPA notified regarding revoking the abeyance on the Advisory for handling Ammonium Nitrate at Major Ports

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Paradipp Port Authority (PPA) on March 09, 2026, issued the notification regarding the abeyance on the Advisory for handling Ammonium Nitrate at Major Ports has been revoked. This shall come into force from March 09, 2026. [Notification No. TD/TM/IMP-471/436]

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IIDI notified regarding the Revision in Fees and charges to Issuers

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The India International Depository IFSC Limited (IIDI) on March 09, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Revision in Fees and charges to Issuers. The following has been stated namely: - • Joining fees for issuers have been revised and categorized into transitioning equity issuers and other issuers. • Transitioning equity issuers will pay a joining fee of USD 750 at the time of application. • All other new issuers (non-transitioning) will pay a joining fee of USD 1000 at the time of application. • The revised charges are effective from March 09, 2026, and taxes will be extra as applicable. • Other issuer charges remain unchanged, and “transitioning equity issuers” are those who obtained ISIN before Feb 28, 2026 from

domestic depositories and are shifting to IIDI. [Notification No. IIDI IFSC/DP/2025-26/120]

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DFPD issued notification on allocation of export quota of C7587 MT to willing sugar mills during Sugar season 2025-26

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) on March 16, 2026, issued notification on allocation of export quota of C7587 MT to willing sugar mills during Sugar season 2025-26. The Government, under the powers of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Sugar (Control) Order, 2025, has decided to allocate an additional export quota of 87,587 MT of sugar for the sugar season 2025–26 to willing sugar mills based on their requests. The allocated quantity must be exported by June 30, 2026. However, mills that export at least 70% of their quota by this date will be allowed to export the remaining quantity by September 30, 2026. If mills fail to meet the 70% export requirement by June 30, the unutilized quota will lapse and may be reallocated to better-performing or willing mills. No extensions will be granted except in force majeure situations, and the quota is non-transferable between mills. A penal mechanism has been introduced to ensure compliance. If a mill fails to export the mandatory 70% within the stipulated timeline, the shortfall will be deducted from its future export quota. All grades of sugar can be exported within the allocated limits. Export of refined sugar produced from raw sugar will be permitted, provided it falls within the allocated quota and is backed by appropriate agreements between manufacturers, refineries, and exporters. The notification also specifies that mills violating earlier stockholding limit guidelines will not be eligible for export quotas in the current season. Supplies made to SEZ refineries within the quota will be treated as exports, and exports under the Advance Authorization Scheme will continue as per existing provisions. The government retains the authority to modify export conditions if required. Sugar mills are required to report export details monthly on the DFPD portal, and any violation of the guidelines will attract strict action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992. [Notification No. 1(4)/2025-SP]

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DGFT issued notification regarding the Restoration of RoDTEP rates

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 23, 2026, issued notification regarding the Restoration of RoDTEP rates. The Government has restored the RoDTEP (Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products) rates and value caps to the levels that were in force as of February 22, 2026. This restoration is applicable for all eligible export products and will remain effective for the period from February 23, 2026 to March 31, 2026. As a result, exporters will be able to claim benefits at the full rates and caps that existed prior to the recent restriction. This notification also supersedes Notification No. 60/2025–26 dated February 23, 2026, along with its corrigendum dated February 24, 2026, except for actions already taken under those earlier provisions. Importantly, the earlier restriction that limited RoDTEP benefits to 50% has now been withdrawn, thereby reinstating full benefits to exporters during the specified period. [Notification No. 66/2025-26]

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SEBI Key Decisions from Board Meeting

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on March 23, 2026, in its 213th Board Meeting held in Mumbai, approved multiple regulatory reforms aimed at enhancing ease of doing business, improving market efficiency, and encouraging broader investor participation across segments of the securities market. The Board approved key amendments to the SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulations, 2012, including allowing AIFs to retain liquidation proceeds beyond fund tenure under specified conditions and introducing the concept of “inoperative funds” with reduced compliance burden. Additionally, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) will be permitted net settlement of funds in the cash market to reduce funding costs and improve operational efficiency. The Board also reduced the minimum investment threshold in Social Impact Funds from ■2 lakh to ■1,000, thereby promoting retail participation in the Social Stock Exchange ecosystem. Further, SEBI approved several measures for Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), including flexibility in holding SPVs post concession period, expanded investment avenues, and relaxed borrowing norms. Amendments to the “fit and proper person” criteria under the Intermediaries Regulations, 2008 were also cleared to balance regulatory oversight with ease of doing business, including removal of automatic disqualification in certain cases and provision of a fair hearing process. [PR No. 18/2026]

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Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on March 09, 2026, issued the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The regulation of production, supply and distribution has been stated, the supplies and securing equitable distribution and availability of natural gas for priority sector has been divided. • The gas required to meet the priorities shall be through full or partial curtailment of gas supplied in the following order of priority: o Petrochemical facilities not limited to: (i) ONGC Petrol additions Limited (ii) GAIL Pata Petrochemical Complex (iii) Reliance O2C and other High-Pressure High Temperature (HPHT) gas consumers • The provisions of this order shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent contained in the Gas Sale Agreements (GSAs) and other commercial arrangements. This shall come into force on March 09, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 1232(E)]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Retail Price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer)

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 06, 2025, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from July 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer). • The Total MAT is 81,84,49,134 [Notification No. 19(5012)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

Ministry of Textiles Finalizes Prices for B-Twill Sacking Jute Bags (580 gms)

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textiles, through the Office of the Jute Commissioner, on March 20, 2026, issued a notification to finalize the maximum ex-factory prices for specific jute bags. The order, made under the powers of the Jute and Jute Textiles Control Order, 2016, sets the price for 580gm 'Type-A' and 'Type-B' B-Twill Sacking bags for the month of August 2025. The maximum ex-factory price for both Type A and Type B bags is fixed at ■186,116.00 per metric ton and ■10794.73 per 100 bags. The prices are exclusive of GST, which must be paid separately by the purchaser. The bags, which are of size 94cm x 57cm, must adhere to the specifications outlined in the BIS Specification IS: 16186:2014. Furthermore, the notification mandates that every bag must be printed with a specific emblem as directed by the Office of the Jute Commissioner, along with the name of the manufacturing mill and the BIS certification mark. The bags must also meet the specified minimum breaking strength as per the BIS standard. [Notification No. S.O. 1495(E)]

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Ministry of Mines issued the Draft Mineral Exchange Rules, 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Mines on March 19, 2026, issued the Draft Mineral Exchange Rules, 2026. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 was amended through the MMDR Amendment Act, 2025 with effect from September 1, 2025. A new Section 18B has been introduced, which mandates the Central Government to promote the development of a mineral market, including trading of minerals, their concentrates, and processed forms such as metals, through mineral exchanges in a prescribed manner. Further, Section 18B(2) empowers the Central Government to designate an authority to register and regulate such mineral exchanges. In this regard, the Indian Bureau of Mines has been appointed as the regulatory authority for all minerals except those specified in Part A (coal and lignite) and Part B (atomic minerals) of the First Schedule to the Act. In line with these provisions, the Ministry has prepared the Draft Mineral Exchange Rules, 2026 for minerals other than coal, lignite, and atomic minerals. The draft rules have been released for public consultation, inviting comments and suggestions from stakeholders including the general public, State Governments, Union Territories, industry participants, and associations. Stakeholders are requested to submit their comments or suggestions by April 18, 2026, via email in MS Word format to jspolicy-mines@gov.in, with the subject line “Draft Mineral Exchange Rules, 2026”. The draft is attached to the document provided below. [Notification No. M.VI-16/35/2026-Mines VI]

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NABH notified regarding the Implementation Plan of NABH Certification Standards for Emergency Department in Hospital 2nd Edition

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) on March 05, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation Plan of NABH Certification Standards for Emergency Department in Hospital 2nd Edition. The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) has introduced the 2nd Edition of Certification Standards and Guidebook for Hospital Emergency Departments, available for free download on its website. • Effective from: April 1, 2026 • Applicability: o New applications (from April 1, 2026): Only 2nd Edition applicable o Applications submitted till March 31, 2026: Option to choose 1st or 2nd Edition o Re-certification (applied before March 31, 2026): Option for 1st or 2nd Edition o Re-certification (after March 31, 2026): Only 2nd Edition applicable • No applications (new/renewal) under the 1st Edition will be accepted after March 31, 2026 • Certificate validity remains unchanged at 2 years • NABH will conduct refresher training programs to support implementation Overall: The update transitions all emergency department certifications to the 2nd Edition standards from April 2026, aiming to improve quality and standardization in hospital emergency care. [Notification No. NABH/Gen/2026/02221]

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NABH notified regarding the implementation plan of 2nd edition NABH Nursing Excellence Standards for hospitals

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) on February 25, 2026, notified regarding the implementation plan of 2nd edition of the NABH Nursing Excellence Standards for hospitals. The following has been stated: • NABH has introduced the 2nd Edition of Nursing Excellence Standards for Hospitals to enhance the quality, safety, and effectiveness of nursing services. Released in September 2025, these standards will come into effect from April 1, 2026, and will apply to NABH-accredited hospitals under a two-year certification programme. • New applications after this date must follow the 2nd edition, while limited flexibility is provided for applications submitted before March 31, 2026. NABH will begin assessments under the new standards from April 2026, and no new or renewal applications under the 1st edition will be accepted thereafter. • Additionally, NABH has launched a role-based induction programme for nurses to strengthen competencies, improve patient safety, ensure adherence to protocols, and enhance professional accountability in healthcare organizations. [Notification no. - NABH/Gen/2026/01902]

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NABH Entry Level Ayush Hospitals Certification Programme

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH), on March 05, 2026, announced revisions to the Entry Level Ayush Hospitals Certification Programme, including rationalisation of fees and introduction of enhanced benefits, effective from April 1, 2026. The notification highlights that the

certification programme, introduced in 2019, has supported over 300 hospitals in improving quality and patient safety. The revised fee structure has been designed to account for operational costs while ensuring minimal burden on smaller healthcare facilities, with proportionate adjustments for larger hospitals based on size and complexity. Additionally, NABH emphasized a structured pathway toward advanced quality standards, along with value-added services such as optimized assessment processes, free access to standards, training support, and upcoming AI-enabled assistance, thereby promoting continuous improvement in Ayush healthcare delivery. [Notification No. NABH/Gen/2026/02222]

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SEBI issued the Master Circular for Mutual Funds

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 20, 2026, issued the Master Circular for Mutual Funds. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has notified the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026, effective from April 01, 2026, along with an updated Master Circular for Mutual Funds. • The new Master Circular consolidates all applicable circulars, guidelines, and directions issued up to March 20, 2026, replacing the earlier Master Circular dated June 27, 2024. • It aims to improve clarity, readability, and ease of compliance for stakeholders in the mutual fund industry. • Certain earlier circulars (listed in the appendix) are rescinded, though: o Past actions, approvals, and proceedings remain valid and protected o Pending applications will be treated under the new framework o Existing rights, obligations, liabilities, and penalties remain unaffected • Any additional directions issued by SEBI specifically for mutual funds will continue to apply alongside the new regulations • Entities must ensure ongoing and periodic compliance reporting as prescribed Overall: The update creates a comprehensive, single-point regulatory framework aligned with the 2026 regulations, enhancing transparency and compliance for the mutual fund sector. [Circular No. HO/24/13/11(1)2026-IMD-POD-1/I/7602/2026]

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CDSCO Direction on Unapproved Sodium Hyaluronate Eye Drops

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The authority, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), on March 18, 2026, issued a communication to all State/UT Drugs Controllers regarding the manufacturing and marketing of Sodium Hyaluronate Eye Drops 0.3% w/v, which has not been approved for sale in India. It has been observed that certain manufacturers are producing and marketing this product despite it being classified as a “new drug,” which requires prior approval from the Central Licensing Authority. The communication reiterates that, as per the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, no new drug can be manufactured or marketed without obtaining necessary permission, including submission of application in the prescribed form along with requisite fees. Accordingly, State/UT authorities have been directed to inform all manufacturers under their jurisdiction and cancel any product permissions granted for the subject drug. They are also required to report the action taken to CDSCO at the earliest to ensure regulatory compliance and safeguard public health. [Notification No. No. SND-16011(11)/10/2026-]

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DGCA Standardization of Surveillance Findings and Introduction of Level-III Observations

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on January 6, 2026 issued a circular to standardize the classification of surveillance findings and enhance aviation safety oversight in alignment with ICAO Annex 19. The circular addresses inconsistencies in existing Level-I (significant) and Level-II (moderate) findings and introduces a new Level-III category for general observations aimed at continuous improvement without triggering enforcement action. DGCA will establish a centralized Surveillance Finding Classification Database integrated with the eGCA system to ensure consistent categorization based on risk levels. A technical committee comprising DGCA officials and industry experts has been constituted to develop a standardized taxonomy, severity matrix, and review mechanisms. The framework distinguishes clearly between Level-I, Level-II, and Level-III findings, improving traceability, audit quality, and regulatory clarity. Level-III observations are advisory in nature, do not indicate regulatory non-compliance, and require no formal response from operators. They highlight best practices, minor inconsistencies, and improvement areas for organizations. DGCA has outlined timelines for implementation, including database development and training, and emphasized alignment with global safety standards to strengthen India's aviation oversight system. [Circular No.: 1/2026]

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DGCA Advisory on Installation and Maintenance of CNS Equipment

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on February 2, 2026 issued an advisory circular (ANSS AC 01 of 2026) providing guidance on the installation, siting, calibration, and maintenance of Communication, Navigation, and Surveillance (CNS) equipment. The advisory emphasizes the importance of proper system management to ensure signal integrity, availability, continuity, and reliability for safe aviation operations. The circular highlights that appropriate siting of CNS equipment is essential to avoid electromagnetic interference (EMI) from nearby transmitters, power lines, or other sources that may disrupt navigation signals. It further stresses that regular calibration and maintenance are necessary to address environmental changes such as weather conditions, vegetation growth, or nearby construction, which may affect system performance over time. This guidance applies to all Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) responsible for CNS services and aims to ensure efficient and safe functioning of aviation systems by maintaining operational accuracy and reliability throughout the equipment lifecycle. [Advisory Circular No.: ANSS AC 01 of 2026]

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DGS notified regarding the issues faced in export shipments through sea routes in view of the evolving situation in the Middle East

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 03, 2026, notified regarding the issues faced in export shipments through sea routes in view of the evolving situation in the Middle East. Due to the evolving geopolitical situation in the Middle East, maritime trade routes have been disrupted, leading to operational uncertainties in export shipments from India via sea. Exporters and industry stakeholders have reported issues such as changes in vessel routing, increased transit times, higher freight costs, and other logistical challenges affecting the smooth movement of cargo. These concerns have been raised by various trade bodies, including FIEO, AMTOI, CSLA, FFFAI, BCBA, and INSA, highlighting the operational, logistical, and commercial difficulties faced in export shipments. The issues have been compiled and forwarded to the relevant authorities for appropriate action. To address and monitor the situation, the Directorate General of Shipping issued Circular No. 14 of 2026 on March 9, 2026, under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The circular advises shipping lines and service providers to maintain transparency in pricing, avoid unfair or predatory practices, and ensure fair trade practices in maritime logistics. Further, the competent authority has appointed a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to handle issues arising from the current situation. Dr. Sudhir Kohakade, Deputy Director General of Shipping, Mumbai, has been designated as the nodal officer. Exporters, importers, and other stakeholders can reach out to him for any queries or grievances. This arrangement has come into effect immediately and will remain in force until further notice. [Circular No. 15 of 2026]

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Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) (Third) Amendment Order, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) on March 16, 2026, issued the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) (Third) Amendment Order, 2026, to further amend the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985. The following has been stated namely: - • In schedule I, Part A “Specifications of Fertiliser” - (i) In sub-heading 1(h) relating to, Fortified fertilizer, after serial number 39, the following serial number and entries shall be inserted, namely - “40. NPK 14-22-14 with Sulphur Zinc and Boron” • In Schedule V of the said Order, in Part A, relating to “Specification of Non-edible De-oiled cake Fertilisers”, under serial number 1. “General Specification of Non-edible De-oiled cake Fertilisers”, against item 4, for the entry “ This shall come into force on March 16, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 1335(E)]

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MCX notified regarding the Mock Trading on March 21, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) on March 19, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on March 21, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The Exchange will conduct a mock trading session on March 21, 2026 to test system performance. • Special session (1:55–1:59 pm), mock trading (2:00–3:30 pm), with abrupt disconnection from primary site between 3:25–3:30 pm, followed by resumption at DR site (5:00–6:00 pm). • Members must prepare for sudden disconnection, take data backup, and test systems from the Disaster Recovery (DR) site. • Participants (especially using CTCL/algorithmic trading) must register via email by March 20, 2026 and can test applications (ETI API). • Mock trades will have no financial obligations, and members must restore systems to production state after the session.

[Notification No. MCX/TECH/137/2026]

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IFSCA Support for Alternative Trade Instruments EPM Niryat Protsahan

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on March 19, 2026, issued a communication to IFSC Banking Units (IBUs) and Finance Company/Units (FC/FUs) regarding implementation of the "Support for Alternative Trade Instruments under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – Niryat Protsahan" scheme, as announced by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade. The scheme is aimed at enhancing access to export finance for MSMEs engaged in international value chains by promoting alternative trade finance instruments, particularly export factoring. It covers both recourse and non-recourse factoring arrangements, denominated in Indian Rupees or freely convertible foreign currencies, entered into with entities regulated by the Reserve Bank of India or IFSCA. Eligible financial institutions have been directed to extend benefits such as interest subvention or equivalent cost support on export factoring to MSME exporters, while ensuring compliance with operational requirements, reporting obligations, and timelines prescribed under the scheme. The circular has been issued under the powers conferred by the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019. [File No. IFSCA-FCR0ITFS/3/2025-Banking]

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RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Fifth Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Fifth Amendment Directions, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The Amendment Directions modify paragraph 10(14)(vii) as under: "10(11)(vi) Payment of DICGC Insurance Premium i) Payment of DICGC Insurance Premium ii) Arrears in payment of DICGC premium" • A bank shall disclose in the annual report that 'deposit insurance premium as applicable was paid to DICGC within the prescribed timelines'. In case the bank has not paid as per the required timelines, the same shall also be disclosed. This shall come into force on April 01, 2026 [Notification No. RBI/DOR/2025-26/243]

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RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Second Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Second Amendment Directions, 2026. The

following has been stated namely: - • The Amendment Directions modify paragraph 10(11)(vi) as under: “10(11)(vi) Payment of DICGC Insurance Premium i) Payment of DICGC Insurance Premium ii) Arrears in payment of DICGC premium” • A bank shall disclose in the annual report that ‘deposit insurance premium as applicable was paid to DICGC within the prescribed timelines’. In case the bank has not paid as per the required timelines, the same shall also be disclosed. This shall come into force on April 01, 2026 [Notification No. RBI/DOR/2025-26/247]

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Petroleum and Natural Gas (Furnishing of Information) Order, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, on March 18, 2026, issued the Petroleum and Natural Gas (Furnishing of Information) Order, 2026. It provides and designates the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas as the nodal agency responsible for the collection, compilation, maintenance, and analysis of data furnished under this and related orders. It mandates that every entity involved at any stage of the petroleum and natural gas supply chain—including crude oil producers and importers, refineries, oil marketing companies, storage and terminal operators, natural gas producers, LNG importers and terminal operators, pipeline operators, gas marketers, city gas distribution entities, petrochemical plants, and any public or private sector participant—must furnish detailed information to PPAC. This information must cover production, imports, exports, stocks, storage, allocation, transportation, supply, consumption, and utilisation, and may be provided in aggregated or disaggregated form based on geography, time, or consumer categories, as specified. The Order further states that such information must be submitted in the form, manner, electronic platform, and periodicity prescribed by the Central Government or PPAC, which may include daily, weekly, monthly, or other returns. It explicitly provides that the obligation to furnish information overrides any contractual, commercial, or confidentiality restrictions, and entities cannot refuse disclosure on grounds of commercial sensitivity or proprietary concerns. Finally, the Order clarifies that its provisions are in addition to, and not in derogation of, other existing orders governing the sector. It will come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette Please refer to the order attached below for more details.

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MoH&FW notified regarding the date of appointment of certain provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the date of appointment of certain provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023. It states that the provisions of sections 1 to 3, 7, 9,12 to 16, 18, 20 to 39, 42 to 52, 54 to 57, sub-sections 1 to 4 and 6 of section 58, and section 59 of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023 (21 of 2023) shall come into force with effect from March 19, 2026. [S.O. 1446(E)]

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MoHFW issued the appointment of effective Date for the provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on March 19, 2026, issued the appointment of effective Date for the provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023. The Central Government has notified March 19, 2026 as the appointed date for the implementation of provisions under sub-section (1) of Section 58 of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023. This notification brings the specified section of the Act into force from the said date. [Notification No. S.O. 1445(E)]

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NeSL notified regarding the Article updation for the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National E-Governance Services Ltd. (NeSL) on March 13, 2025, issued the notification regarding the Article updation for the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. The following has been stated namely: - • Updates have been made to digital e-stamping article codes for the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, based on a prior communication. • The revised article details were provided by SHCIL (Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd.) and adopted by NeSL accordingly. • These changes were deployed on the NeSL DDE platform effective from January 29, 2026 at 8:30 PM. • Banks and NBFC users must ensure they select the correct article code and stamp duty amount for their agreements; NeSL will not be liable for any errors. • Users can check the updated list of permitted states and digital article codes on the NeSL DDE platform page. [Notification No. NeSL/DDE/2026/0230]

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MNRE issued a notification regarding the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme (2026–31)

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Small Hydro Power Development Scheme (2026–31). The following has been stated: - •The Union Cabinet, led by Narendra Modi, approved the SHP scheme with ₹2,584.6 crore outlay to develop ~1500 MW capacity (1–25 MW projects). •Higher financial support is provided for North Eastern and border areas, encouraging clean energy growth in remote regions. •The scheme is expected to attract ₹15,000 crore investment, promote indigenous manufacturing, and generate ~51 lakh person-days of employment. •It will boost sustainable energy with minimal environmental impact while supporting rural development and long-term economic growth. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2241812]

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MoA&FW issued a notification regarding Nano Fertilisers under the Fertiliser Control Order, 1985

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) on March 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding Nano Fertilisers under the Fertiliser Control Order, 1985. The following has been stated: - •The Government, under the Fertiliser Control Order, 1985, has approved multiple nano fertilisers (e.g., Nano Urea, Nano DAP, Nano Zinc, Nano NPK) for two years. •Specific nutrient content and nano-size standards (≤100 nm particles, defined zeta potential) have been prescribed for each product. •Approved manufacturers include companies like Coromandel International, Nano Fertilizer Pvt. Ltd., and others. •Manufacturers must avoid forced sales, clearly label usage instructions, and provide crop-wise application details. •They are also required to conduct farmer demonstrations at Krishi Vigyan Kendras to promote awareness and usage. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 1334(E)]

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MoFAH&D notified regarding the Aadhaar Authentication for Fishers under the Department of Fisheries

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (MoFAH&D) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Aadhaar Authentication for Fishers under the Department of Fisheries. The following has been stated: • The Government has notified the use of Aadhaar authentication to establish the identity of beneficiaries under schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund, and Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana. This follows approval from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) under the Aadhaar Act, 2016, and the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance Rules, 2020. • Aadhaar authentication will be used solely for identifying fishers and will remain voluntary. The Ministry must obtain prior consent from individuals before authentication. Importantly, no beneficiary will be denied benefits for not having or refusing Aadhaar authentication, as alternative identification documents such as Fishers ID Card, PAN Card, Passport, Bank Passbook, Driving License, Ration Card, or other specified documents will be accepted. • The notification comes into effect from March 18, 2026. [Notification no. - S.O. 1395(E)]

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IFSCA issued measures in relation to ensuring substance in Capital Market Intermediaries in the GIFT IFSC

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 19, 2026, issued measures in relation to ensuring substance in Capital Market Intermediaries in the GIFT IFSC. The following has been

stated: - •International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) conducted inspections of CMIs in GIFT IFSC and found multiple compliance gaps. •Issues included the absence of key personnel, unattended offices, inadequate infrastructure, and a lack of regulatory awareness. •Some CMIs followed improper practices like remote trading access and conflicts of interest in their roles. •IFSCA has initiated regulatory action and advised strict adherence to CMI Regulations, 2025, to ensure proper operational substance. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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FSSAI notified regarding the implementation of 'Food Recall' functionality under the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS)

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the implementation of 'Food Recall' functionality under the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS). The following has been stated: • It has operationalized a "Food Recall" feature within the FoSCoS system to streamline recall processes under the Food Recall Procedure Regulations, 2017. This enables better monitoring, traceability, and consumer awareness regarding recalled food products. • Designated Officers (DOs) and Central Licensing Authorities (CLAs) are required to create and update all recall cases in FoSCoS using their login credentials. Similarly, Food Business Operators (FBOs) shall initiate and update recalls through the system, while also accessing recalls initiated by authorities for necessary action. • Consumers and stakeholders can view recall information directly on the FoSCoS homepage under the "Food Recall" section. State/UT Commissioners and FSSAI Regional Directors have been instructed to ensure compliance by authorities and FBOs. [Notification no. - RCD-02003/17/2025-Regulatory-FSSAI]

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FSSAI issued an order regarding Compliance obligations of E-commerce FBOs in the context of the Open Network for Digital Commerce model

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on March 18, 2026, issued an order regarding Compliance obligations of E-commerce FBOs in the context of the Open Network for Digital Commerce model. The following has been stated: - •Under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India regulations (2021 amendment), e-commerce food business operators must obtain a central license if they list or facilitate the sale of food products online. •The Open Network for Digital Commerce introduces a decentralized model where multiple entities (Buyer Apps and Seller Apps) participate in a single transaction. •FSSAI has clarified and divided compliance responsibilities among these entities to ensure accountability in the ONDC framework, effective from April 01, 2026. •The e-commerce category in FoSCoS has been updated to improve traceability by capturing details of both buyer-side and seller-side platforms. The detailed order is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2020(31)15 :/FoSCoS/RCD/FSSAIpt4 (E-1887)]

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DGS notified regarding the Launch of the new website and the discontinuation of the old website

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the Launch of the new website and the discontinuation of the old website. The Directorate has launched a new official portal (dgma.gov.in), which is now fully operational. The existing website will be discontinued from March 31, 2026, and all branches must migrate their content to the new portal. Stakeholders are advised to use the new site for all services and future official updates. [DGS Circular No. 16 of 2026]

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DGS issued a Draft circular on requirements for the Carriage of Plastic Pellets by Sea in Freight Containers

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 19, 2026, issued a Draft circular on requirements for the Carriage of Plastic Pellets by Sea in Freight Containers. The following has been stated: - •The Directorate General of Shipping emphasizes maritime safety and environmental protection under IMO conventions like SOLAS and MARPOL. •Concerns arise from marine pollution caused by plastic pellet spills, recently impacting the coasts of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and nearby regions. •Plastic pellets are hard to clean and can turn into microplastics, harming marine life and ecosystems. •New measures mandate under-deck stowage only and strict packaging standards for transporting plastic pellets. •Compliance will be checked via inspections, and rules will take effect from April 2026. Public comments can be submitted by March 31, 2026. [DGS Circular No.: File No. 25-63011/20/2026-NT – DGS (Comp. No.:39255)]

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DGFT Amendment in Import Policy (ITC HS)

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on March 18, 2026, issued a notification amending the import policy provisions under Chapter 95 of ITC (HS), 2022 Schedule I. The amendment has been made in exercise of powers under the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, read with the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023. Through this notification, Policy Condition No. 2 (iii) under Chapter 95 has been deleted with immediate effect. This effectively removes a specific regulatory condition applicable to imports falling under this chapter, thereby easing compliance requirements for importers dealing in such goods. The amendment is aimed at simplifying the import framework and ensuring smoother trade operations by eliminating an existing restriction. The notification has been issued with the approval of the Minister of Commerce & Industry and comes into force immediately. [Notification No. 64/2025-26]

CBSE issued notification on Assessment scheme for declaration of results of Class X in Middle East Regions

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on March 18, 2026, issued notification on Assessment scheme for declaration of results of Class X in Middle East Regions. The Central Board of Secondary Education cancelled the remaining Class X board examinations in Middle East countries due to prevailing conditions, while exams held between February 17 and February 28, 2026 were completed successfully. To declare results, CBSE has introduced an assessment scheme based on exams already conducted: • Students who appeared in all exams will be evaluated normally. • Those who appeared in 4, 3, or 2 exams will have their results calculated using the average of best-performing subjects for the remaining papers. • Special provisions are made for private/compartment students and those who appeared in limited subjects, including opportunities to appear in future board exams if required. Results of Middle East students will be declared along with other students, and internal assessment marks (already completed) will be included. Students will also get a chance to improve performance through second board exams as per policy. The results prepared under this scheme will be final, and no special exams will be conducted beyond CBSE's existing policy. [Notification No. CBSE/CE/SPPS/2026/2]

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CBSE issued the advisory regarding Misleading Information on Social Media Legal action against defaulters

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on March 16, 2026, issued an advisory regarding Misleading Information on social media and legal action against defaulters. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has issued a warning against the spread of false and misleading information regarding examinations and evaluation processes on social media. It has been clarified that unauthorized individuals must not use CBSE's name, logo, or images to mislead the public. Such activities are strictly prohibited and may result in legal action under applicable laws. The Board has advised stakeholders to rely only on official CBSE communications and website updates. Overall, the directive aims to protect the credibility, integrity, and confidentiality of the examination system. [Notification no. - CBSE/SPPS/OSM]

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CBSE Launch of Integrated Payment System for Practical Examinations 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on March 16, 2026 announced the launch of the Integrated Payment System (IPS) for processing payments to schools, observers, and external examiners for Practical Examinations 2026. The system incorporates revised rates of remuneration, conveyance, refreshments, and related expenses applicable for Board Examinations 2026, aiming to streamline and expedite payment processes. The IPS Practical 2026 portal has been activated immediately after completion of practical examinations, and schools are required to enter and freeze relevant data to enable timely payment disbursal. Principals are advised to personally verify and finalize the data, especially bank account details, to avoid discrepancies or delays. The initiative reflects CBSE's effort to digitize and simplify administrative workflows related to examination payments. As per the schedule, data submission and

freezing by schools is to be completed between March 17 and March 31, 2026, with a refreezing window from April 1 to April 15, 2026 in case of failed payments. Payment release will commence from March 23, 2026 onwards, with subsequent releases from April 6, 2026, and the portal will close on April 16, 2026. [Notification No.: CBSE/Coord/IPS Practical /2026]

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CDSCO Guidance on Dossier-Based Drug Licensing

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) on February 25, 2026 reiterated the adoption of a guidance document on dossier-based licensing of drugs for grant of manufacturing licenses across India. The guidance aims to ensure uniformity in product licensing and had earlier been shared with State/UT authorities in February 2024. The document was discussed and agreed upon in principle during a meeting of State Regulatory Authorities held on August 29, 2023 under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Health & Family Welfare. It provides a structured checklist divided into Part A (administrative information) and Part B (technical information) required for drug approval applications. This checklist has already been integrated into the Online National Drugs Licensing System (ONDLS) portal. The circular reiterates the need for all State/UT Licensing Authorities to adopt this standardized framework to ensure consistency and efficiency in drug licensing processes nationwide and requests confirmation of compliance and action taken. [Notification No.: DC-DT-15011(11)/20/2026]

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DGCA notified regarding the Compliance Submission of DGCA Mandatory Modifications

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on February 19, 2026, notified regarding the Compliance Submission of DGCA Mandatory Modifications. The following has been stated: • The circular (Airworthiness Section 2 – Series F amendment) mainly deals with updated requirements for issuance and maintenance of airworthiness certification. It clarifies that aircraft (whether manufactured in India or imported) shall strictly comply with approved design and safety standards before being granted or extended a Special Certificate of Airworthiness (C of A). • It also mandates that test flights shall be conducted wherever required before issuing a maintenance release, ensuring the aircraft is fit for safe operation as per DGCA regulations. • The amendment strengthens compliance with existing Civil Airworthiness Requirements by aligning procedures for certification, inspection, and operational readiness of aircraft. • Additionally, the circular was issued in draft form, inviting comments/suggestions from stakeholders, indicating a consultative approach before final implementation. [Notification no. - DGCA-25012(07)/2/2026]

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DGCA issued provisions of the Passenger's Mobile Number and Email ID at the Time of Booking of Air Tickets

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on February 09, 2026, issued provisions of the Passenger's Mobile Number and Email ID at the Time of Booking of Air Tickets. The following has been stated: - •Passengers must provide their own mobile number and email ID while booking air tickets to ensure direct communication. •Use of travel agents' or intermediaries' contact details instead of passengers' details is prohibited. •Airlines and booking platforms must ensure compliance, sensitize agents, and conduct regular checks. •The measure aims to improve communication, enable timely refunds/compensation, and enhance passenger experience. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.No.DGCA-27037/2/2026-AED-DGCA]

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DGCA issued circular regarding the Helicopter Cargo Operations

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on January 01, 2026, issued circular regarding the Helicopter Cargo Operations. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued operational guidelines to regulate and ensure the safe conduct of helicopter cargo operations in India. These operations, often carried out in challenging environments such as remote, hilly, or offshore areas, require strict adherence to safety, performance, and operational standards. The circular outlines key requirements for operators, including proper load calculation, securing of cargo, and ensuring that the helicopter operates within prescribed weight and balance limits. Special emphasis is placed on external load operations (sling loads), requiring trained crew, appropriate equipment, and compliance with approved procedures to prevent risks during lifting, carriage, and release of cargo. Safety is a central focus, with operators required to assess weather conditions, terrain, and operational risks before undertaking flights. Crew training, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and coordination with ground personnel are mandatory to ensure safe handling of cargo. The guidelines also stress the importance of communication, emergency preparedness, and risk mitigation during operations, especially in confined or hazardous areas. Similar DGCA frameworks highlight the need for strict SOP compliance and safety oversight in helicopter operations due to their inherently higher risk environment. Overall, the document aims to standardize helicopter cargo operations, enhance safety oversight, and ensure efficient and reliable transport of goods, particularly in difficult-to-access regions. [File No.: DGCA-22014/12/2025-FSD]

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DGCA issued circular regarding the Installation of Action Cameras in Trainer Aircraft for cockpit voice & video recording

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on January 15, 2026, issued circular regarding the Installation of Action Cameras in Trainer Aircraft for cockpit voice & video recording. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued guidelines encouraging Flying Training Organizations (FTOs) to install action cameras in trainer aircraft to enhance training quality, safety, and cockpit culture. These cameras will record cockpit activities, instrument panels, and interactions between instructors and trainees, enabling

objective post-flight analysis, better feedback, and improved incident investigation. The circular applies to all DGCA-approved FTOs and outlines that cameras must be non-intrusive portable devices, requiring no structural modifications or aircraft system integration. Strict safety guidelines have been prescribed, including secure mounting, protection against battery hazards, prevention of electromagnetic interference (EMI), and ensuring that devices do not obstruct pilot view or aircraft operations. FTOs must also conduct detailed Safety Risk Assessments (SRA) before installation and follow protocols for data handling. Recorded data must be securely stored, labelled, and retained for at least 30 days, with restricted access due to its sensitive nature. Overall, the initiative aims to improve training effectiveness, accountability, and aviation safety, with all FTOs required to implement these measures within 120 days of issuance. [File No.: DGCA-16026(9)/4/2025-DFT]

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Draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) on March 17, 2026, issued the Draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Insecticides Rules, 1971. The following has been stated: - •Amendments to the Insecticides Rules, 1971 allow a single licence for multiple sale/stock locations within the same jurisdiction. •Licensees can apply for endorsement to add new insecticides or additional sale locations during the licence period by paying prescribed fees. •Applicants must submit a principal's certificate (Form VI-D) or may provide a qualified nominee certificate as per the eligibility norms. •Licence fees are fixed at ■500 per insecticide (max ■7,500), with reduced fees (one-fifth) for rural areas. •A new Appendix I (Nomination Form) is introduced, and endorsement fees are set at ■100 per insecticide (max ■2,000) with concessions for rural areas. Objections or suggestions may be submitted within 30 days from March 18, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 190(E)]

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DGS Issues Order on Use of Satellite Communication Equipment in Indian Coastal Waters

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 11, 2026, issued Order No. 02 of 2026 prescribing regulatory requirements for the use, authorization, declaration, and reporting of satellite communication equipment by ships and seafarers operating in Indian coastal waters under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. The order reiterates that Iridium-based satellite communication equipment may be used only for distress and safety communications under the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), while the use of Thuraya satellite equipment remains prohibited in Indian waters. It also mandates that all portable satellite communication devices carried on board must be declared in the Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS) along with complete device details such as make, model, and IMEI/ESN numbers. The directive further requires that satellite communication equipment be properly licensed and authorized, and any personal satellite devices carried by crew members must remain under the custody of the ship's master and may be sealed by Indian authorities upon arrival. Non-compliance may lead to penal action under the Indian Telecommunications Act, 2023 and relevant provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025. [Notification No.

02 of 2026 – File No. 25-25/1/2022-NT-DGS]

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Kerala Municipality (Issue of Licence to Enterprises) Rules, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of Kerala, on March 11, 2026, issued a notification introducing the Kerala Municipality (Issue of Licence to Enterprises) Rules, 2026. These rules are framed under the powers granted by sections 447, 447A, 448, 449, 450, 451 and 492 of the Kerala Municipality Act, 1994. The new rules replace the earlier licensing framework issued in 2011 for industries, factories, trades, entrepreneurial activities and other services operating within municipal areas. The rules define key terms such as enterprise, factory, service, capital investment, and pollution, and classify enterprises broadly into two categories: (i) manufacturing or industrial establishments engaged in production processes, and (ii) establishments engaged in trade, commercial activities, or service delivery. Enterprises must submit a licence application to the municipal secretary at least 30 days before commencing operations, along with prescribed fees and supporting documents such as proof of ownership or lease of premises, pollution control clearances where applicable, and declarations regarding other statutory approvals. The notification also mandates that the municipal secretary must examine the application and grant the licence within five days after verifying the suitability of the building or land for the proposed enterprise. Certain small-scale enterprises may operate in residential buildings subject to specified limits on space usage and compliance with building rules. Existing enterprises licensed under the earlier 2011 rules will continue until the expiry of their current licence period, after which the new rules will apply. [Notification No. S.R.O. 364/2026]

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IRDAI discussed Public Insurance Registry and Bima Sugam to Strengthen Digital Insurance Ecosystem

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on March 17, 2026, discussed Public Insurance Registry and Bima Sugam to Strengthen Digital Insurance Ecosystem The IRDAI held an industry stakeholders' discussion on March 17, 2026, in New Delhi to deliberate on the proposed Public Insurance Registry (PIR) and Bima Sugam India Federation. The meeting brought together senior representatives from across the insurance ecosystem to discuss the vision, design, and implementation roadmap of a digital public insurance infrastructure aimed at improving transparency, consumer protection, and efficiency. The Public Insurance Registry is envisioned as a consent-based, legally compliant digital system covering the entire insurance lifecycle—from policy issuance to claims, grievance redressal, and dispute resolution. It aims to consolidate structured data across stakeholders, reduce information asymmetry, improve fraud detection, and enable data-driven regulatory oversight, thereby strengthening trust and accountability in the sector. Ajay Seth highlighted the importance of transparency, governance, and data-driven development, while Deepak Sood emphasized the economic and public value of the PIR. Discussions also focused on industry readiness, including compliance, data governance, cybersecurity, and interoperability standards. The session further covered the role of Bima Sugam in enhancing insurance accessibility. Overall, the discussions stressed the need for strong industry collaboration and alignment between PIR and Bima Sugam to enable seamless

access to insurance services and improve customer experience.

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IRDAI Collaboration with Industry for Health Insurance Reforms

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on March 17, 2026 held a high-level industry interaction led by Chairman Ajay Seth to address key challenges in the health insurance ecosystem. Hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the meeting brought together hospitals, healthcare associations, and insurance companies to develop a coordinated roadmap for reforms through five specialized working groups. These working groups will focus on improving transparency, insurance penetration, and patient experience by addressing operational gaps between insurers and healthcare providers. Key areas include developing a joint code of conduct, standardizing provider categorization, scaling up the National Health Claims Exchange (NHCX), conducting analytical studies on claims and medical inflation, and designing simplified, wellness-oriented insurance products. The initiative aims to create a sustainable and efficient healthcare ecosystem with patient-centric outcomes. The working groups are expected to begin operations from April 2026, and their recommendations will guide future industry standards and regulatory frameworks.

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PCC DNH & DD Allows Temporary Use of Alternative Fuels Due to Natural Gas Shortage

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Pollution Control Committee, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (PCC DNH & DD) on March 13, 2026 issued an order permitting industrial units in the Union Territory to temporarily use alternative fuels due to disruption in the supply of natural gas, as notified by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas through notification S.O. 1232(E) dated March 9, 2026. The order allows industries to switch to alternative fuels based on availability, provided they give prior intimation to the Committee and ensure strict compliance with environmental standards. Industrial units must continue to meet the emission limits, pollution control norms, and Consent to Operate conditions, and ensure that all Air Pollution Control Systems (APCS) are fully functional to maintain regulatory compliance. The permission is temporary and limited to the extent required due to the fuel shortage, and the Pollution Control Committee retains the authority to inspect facilities and take action for non-compliance. The order will remain in force for fifteen days from the date of issuance, subject to review if natural gas supply conditions improve earlier. [Notification No. PCC/DDD/AET-(OKE=FO[WP) (c)13029/1985/cecB (omN)/19-20/61]

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MoHFW Approves Major Regulatory Reforms to Promote Ease of Doing Business and Strengthen Food Safety Framework

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on March 13, 2026, Approves Major Regulatory Reforms to Promote Ease of Doing Business and Strengthen Food Safety Framework The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) has introduced major regulatory reforms to promote ease of doing business while maintaining strong food safety standards, in line with recommendations of NITI Aayog. A key reform is granting perpetual validity to Food Safety and Standards Authority of India registrations and licences, removing the need for periodic renewals and significantly reducing compliance costs and administrative burden for food business operators (FBOs). Additionally, from April 1, 2026, turnover thresholds have been revised—raising the registration limit to ■1.5 crore and State licensing up to ■50 crore—simplifying compliance, especially for small and micro enterprises. To ease regulatory requirements, street food vendors registered under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 will be deemed registered under FSSAI, eliminating duplicate registrations and benefiting over 10 lakh vendors. The reforms also introduce a technology-driven, risk-based inspection system that focuses on factors like business type, compliance history, and audit performance, reducing unnecessary inspections for compliant businesses. Overall, these measures aim to create a transparent, efficient, and business-friendly regulatory environment while ensuring safe food for consumers and strengthening regulatory oversight.

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MoLE notified regarding the rescission of Bye-laws for the Grant of Gas Testing Certificates under Coal Mines Regulations, 2017

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on March 17, 2026, notified regarding the rescission of Bye-laws for the Grant of Gas Testing Certificates under Coal Mines Regulations, 2017. The Government has rescinded the bye-laws issued by the Board of Mining Examinations (G.S.R. 491(E) dated July 22, 2025) concerning the grant of Gas Testing Certificates of Competency, with immediate effect. It is further clarified that in case of any discrepancy between the English and Hindi versions of the notification, the English version shall prevail. [Notification no. - G.S.R. 187(E)]

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MoCA issued DGCA Directions to Enhance Passenger Rights, Transparency, and Air Travel Experience in India

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on March 18, 2026, issued DGCA Directions to Enhance Passenger Rights, Transparency, and Air Travel Experience in India. India has become the third-largest domestic aviation market globally, with rapid growth driven by initiatives like the UDAN, making air travel more accessible. With over five lakh passengers handled daily, the Ministry of Civil Aviation is focusing on improving passenger experience through various facilitation measures such as affordable airport services and free Wi-Fi. To enhance convenience, transparency, and uniform practices across airlines, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued key directions. These include allocating at least 60% of seats free of charge, ensuring passengers on the same booking (PNR) are seated together, and introducing clear, passenger-friendly policies for carrying sports equipment, musical instruments, and pets. Airlines are also

required to strictly follow passenger rights, especially in cases of delays, cancellations, and denied boarding. They must prominently display these rights across all platforms and communicate them clearly in regional languages to improve awareness and accessibility. Overall, these measures aim to strengthen passenger convenience, reduce grievances, and ensure a safe, transparent, and customer-friendly aviation ecosystem in India. [Release ID: 2241546]

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MNRE Expansion of ALMM Framework to Solar Ingots and Wafers

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The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on March 18, 2026 announced the extension of the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) framework by introducing ALMM List-III for solar ingots and wafers, effective from June 1, 2028. The move extends mandatory domestic sourcing requirements beyond modules and cells to upstream components, with grandfathering provisions to safeguard ongoing projects. The policy mandates that all future solar projects use ALMM-listed wafers, subject to conditions such as minimum domestic manufacturing capacity and mandatory integration with ingot production. It also ensures that solar modules under ALMM List-I will only qualify if manufactured using ALMM-listed cells and wafers, thereby strengthening quality control and supply chain integrity without affecting existing Domestic Content Requirement provisions. This initiative aims to boost domestic manufacturing, reduce import dependence, enhance supply chain resilience, and generate employment in the solar sector. It aligns with India's goal of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030 and advancing self-reliance in solar manufacturing. [Press Release No.: 2241551]

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National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on March 17, 2026, issued the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 14, after sub-rule (2), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:— '(2A) For the purposes of giving effect to sub-rule (2), unpaid user fee shall be recovered from the owner of the mechanical vehicle in the following manner, namely :— (a) electronic notice (hereinafter referred to as the "e-notice") shall be issued specifying the details of the vehicle, the date and location of occurrence, and the amount of unpaid user fee payable, in the name of the owner of the vehicle as available in the National Vehicle Registry (VAHAN); (b) e-notice may be served by electronic means including Short Message Service (SMS), electronic mail (email), mobile-based messaging applications, or through such other electronic mode as may be specified by the Central Government, and may also be served in physical form; (c) e-notice shall be made available on online portal to be specified by the Central Government for this purpose; (d) the Central Government or its executing authority may undertake technical and system integration of the National Electronic Toll Collection system with the National Vehicle Registry (VAHAN) as may be necessary for the purposes of enforcement measures, and realisation of such unpaid user fee. (2B) The unpaid user fee

payable in pursuance of an e-notice issued under sub-rule (2A) shall be an amount equal to two times the user fee applicable to the concerned category of vehicle, as specified under sub-rule (2) of rule 4, and shall be paid through electronic mode or through such other mode of payment, as may be specified by the Central Government from time to time: Provided that where the unpaid user fee is paid within seventy-two hours from the time of issuance of the enotice, the amount payable shall be limited to the user fee applicable to the concerned category of vehicle, as specified under sub-rule (2) of rule 4. (2C) Any owner or driver of a mechanical vehicle aggrieved by an e-notice may, within seventy-two hours from the time of issuance thereof, submit a representation through the designated electronic portal. (2D) Where a representation has been submitted under sub-rule (2C), the executing authority or the concessionaire, as the case may be, shall examine and dispose of such representation and communicate its decision to the registered owner by electronic means within five days from the date of receipt of such representation: Provided that, in case the representation not disposed of on the expiry of five days from the date of receipt of representation, then the claim of the executing authority or concessionaire to the unpaid user fee shall cease. (2E) If the owner or driver of a mechanical vehicle fails to pay the unpaid user fee within fifteen days from the date of the issuance of the e-notice and no representation made under sub-rule (2C) is pending, the amount of unpaid user fee under sub-rule (2B) recoverable from the vehicle owner shall be posted onto the National Vehicle Registry (VAHAN); and such restrictions may be imposed on the services provided in respect of the such vehicle through VAHAN, as may be specified by the Central Government, until the unpaid user fee is paid.'. They shall come into force on March 17, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 191(E)]

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NPPA issued the retail price of the Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 10 mg (as film coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

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The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 17, 2026, issued the retail price of the Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 10 mg (as film coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). The following have been stated: • The retail price for the Each Film Coated Tablets Contains: Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 10mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer) will be Rs. 21.36/-. • Sum of MAT value considered for price calculation (in Lakhs) - 3,592.31 • Sum of PTR per unit considered for price calculation - 202.53 [Notification No. 19(5072)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 20 mg (as film-coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 17, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 20 mg (as film coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). It states that the price for each hard gelatin capsule containing: Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 20 mg (as film-coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg + Aspirin IP 75mg has been fixed at Rs. 8.80/- excluding GST. [Notification no. - 19(5048)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 40mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 17, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 40mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: - •For each Film Coated Tablet contains: Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 40mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer), the retail price is 32.46 (Rs). [Notification No.: 19(5074)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.III/13391/2026]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 20mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 17, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 20mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg for M/s East African (I) Overseas (Manufacturer) & M/s Aristo Pharmaceuticals Pvt Ltd. (Marketer). It states that the price for each hard gelatin capsule containing: Atorvastatin Calcium IP Equivalent to Atorvastatin 20mg +Ezetimibe IP 10mg has been fixed at Rs. 27.50/- excluding GST. [Notification no. - 19(5073)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 10 mg (as film coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life

Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 17, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of retail price of Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 10 mg (as film coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg+ Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: - • Each hard gelatin capsule contains: Atorvastatin Calcium IP Eq. to Atorvastatin 10 mg (as film-coated tablet) + Clopidogrel Bisulphate IP Eq. to Clopidogrel 75 mg + Aspirin IP 75mg (As Gastro-resistant tablet) for M/s Safetab Life Science (Manufacturer) & M/s Corona Remedies Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer), the retail price is 6.19 (Rs). [Notification No.: 19(5047)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.III/13395/2026]

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NPPA Fixation of Retail Price for Cefixime + Clavulanic Acid Tablets

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has computed the retail price of Cefixime 200 mg + Clavulanic Acid 125 mg tablets under Para 5 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, based on market data (MAT) for July 2025. The calculation considers brands having a market share of 1% and above, deriving an average price to ensure price regulation and affordability of essential medicines. Based on the analysis, several qualifying brands (such as those from major pharmaceutical companies) were included in the computation, while low market-share brands were excluded. The average Price to Retailer (PTR) per unit was calculated and a 16% retailer margin was added to arrive at the ceiling price. The worked-out retail price came to ■28.29 per tablet (excluding GST), based on weighted averages of qualifying brands. However, considering the claimed price and regulatory assessment, the proposed retail price has been fixed at ■25.00 per tablet (excluding GST) for the said formulation manufactured by M/s Purobien Lifesciences and marketed by M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. This price aims to ensure affordability while maintaining market balance. [Notification No.: 19(5062)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NPCI Introduction of New NRCS Back Office Features

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on March 10, 2026 issued a circular to NETC member banks announcing the introduction of new features in the NRCS back office to streamline operational workflows and reduce dependency on NPCI intervention. The enhancements include an ecosystem escalation matrix, a centralized e-library, and access to an upgraded PGP tool, aimed at improving efficiency, documentation access, and secure data handling within the NETC system. The circular introduces an Escalation Matrix feature (effective immediately), enabling member banks to create, update, and view escalation contacts directly within the system, thereby minimizing manual coordination. It also launches an E-Library, serving as a centralized repository for important documents such as guidelines, circulars, training materials, and technical specifications, ensuring easy access to critical resources for operational teams. Further, an upgraded PGP Tool and Key Revision (effective April 25, 2026) has been introduced to enhance

encryption and decryption processes. Member banks are required to use the new PGP tool and keys for all new files, while legacy files will continue to be decrypted using existing keys. The escalation matrix information is strictly for internal use and must not be shared externally. [Notification No.: NPCI/2025-26/NETC/013]

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MoWCD notified regarding the Key Directions to Strengthen Adoption Procedures, Record Preservation, and Child Privacy issued by CARA

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the Key Directions to Strengthen Adoption Procedures, Record Preservation, and Child Privacy issued by CARA. The Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, has issued three Office Memorandums to strengthen compliance, transparency, and child protection in the adoption system, in line with the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and the Adoption Regulations, 2022. First, CARA has reiterated strict adherence to statutory procedures and timelines before declaring a child legally free for adoption. This includes mandatory inquiry, efforts to trace biological parents, and completion of restoration attempts. In the case of surrendered children, the legally required two-month reconsideration period must be observed without exception. Second, CARA has clarified responsibilities regarding the preservation and transfer of adoption records. Even if a Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA) or Child Care Institution (CCI) is closed or restructured, records must be securely maintained and transferred to designated authorities. This ensures that adoptees can access their background information through the root search process, while maintaining confidentiality as mandated under Section 99 of the Act. Third, CARA has directed strict compliance with Section 74 of the Act, prohibiting disclosure of children's identities. States and UTs must ensure that no photos, videos, or identifying details of children in SAAs or CCIs are shared, including on social media, and violations must attract appropriate action. Overall, these directions aim to safeguard children's rights, ensure accountability in adoption procedures, and protect the privacy and dignity of adoptees across India. [Release ID: 2240443]

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Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Third Amendment Directions, 2026 to further amend Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Directions, 2025. The Reserve Bank of India has issued amendment directions following the introduction of the Risk-Based Premium (RBP) Framework by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation on February 6, 2026. Exercising its powers under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the RBI deemed these changes necessary in the public interest. The amendment revises disclosure requirements under paragraph 10(11)(vi) related to the payment of DICGC insurance premiums. Banks are now required to

clearly state in their annual reports whether the deposit insurance premium was paid within the prescribed timelines. If there are any delays or arrears in payment, these must also be explicitly disclosed. These revised disclosure norms aim to improve transparency and accountability in banks' compliance with deposit insurance obligations. The amendments will come into effect from April 1, 2026. [Notification No. RBI/DOR/2025-26/248 DOR.ACC.REC.No.443/21.04.018/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Third Amendment Directions, 2026 to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Directions, 2025. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), exercising its powers under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, has issued Amendment Directions following the introduction of the Risk Based Premium (RBP) Framework by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) on February 6, 2026. These amendments are considered necessary in the public interest to enhance transparency and compliance in the banking sector. The key modification relates to disclosure requirements under paragraph 10(14)(vii) concerning the payment of DICGC insurance premium. Banks are now required to disclose in their annual reports whether the applicable deposit insurance premium has been paid within the prescribed timelines. Additionally, details of any arrears in premium payments must also be reported. If a bank fails to pay the premium within the stipulated timeframe, such delays must be explicitly disclosed, ensuring greater accountability and transparency in financial reporting. These amended provisions will come into effect from April 01, 2026, and will apply to annual reporting requirements from that date onwards. [Notification No. RBI/DOR/2025-26/244 DOR.ACC.REC.No.439/21.04.018/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Amendment Directions, 2026, to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Directions, 2025. The amendment requires payment banks to disclose in their annual reports whether the deposit insurance premium was paid to the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation within the prescribed timelines, and to report any delays if applicable. The changes will come into effect from April 01, 2026. [Notification no. - RBI/DOR/2025-26/245 DOR.ACC.REC.No.440/21.04.018/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Second Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) – Second Amendment Directions, 2026, to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Directions, 2025. The amendment modifies disclosure requirements by mandating that banks must explicitly state in their annual reports whether the DICGC insurance premium has been paid within prescribed timelines, and if not, the delay shall also be disclosed. This change has been introduced following the implementation of the Risk-Based Premium (RBP) Framework (February 6, 2026) by DICGC, aiming to enhance transparency and accountability in financial reporting. The amendment will come into force from April 01, 2026. [Notification no. - RBI/DOR/2025-26/249 DOR.ACC.REC.No.444/21.04.018/2025-26]

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IFSCA issued a consultation paper on proposed amendments in CMI Regulations and Master Circular with respect to credit rating agencies

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 16, 2026, has issued a consultation paper on proposed amendments to the CMI Regulations and Master Circular with respect to credit rating agencies. The objective is to improve regulatory clarity and align with global standards. The background explains that the CMI Regulations govern registration and obligations of CRAs, while the Master Circular consolidates all relevant guidelines. Based on industry representations, amendments are proposed in five key areas: withdrawal of ratings, record keeping, disclosure of private ratings, permissible activities, and dissemination of ratings. Regarding withdrawal of ratings, the current framework restricts withdrawal to specific situations such as merger, non-cooperation, or issuer request. Stakeholders have suggested making the framework more flexible. In line with global practices recommended by the International Organization of Securities Commissions, it is proposed to make the conditions illustrative rather than exhaustive, allowing CRAs to follow their internal policies while still disclosing reasons publicly. For record keeping, existing rules require maintaining detailed records, including rating committee minutes. Concerns were raised that recording minutes may expose individual views and affect independence. The proposal is to instead require CRAs to maintain comprehensive records sufficient to reconstruct the rating process, aligning with international standards. On disclosure of private ratings, current rules mandate certain annual disclosures. However, since private ratings are confidential and meant for limited users, it is proposed that such ratings should be exempt from public disclosure requirements, consistent with global practices. In terms of permissible activities, although issuer ratings are already allowed under the broader definition, stakeholders requested explicit clarity. Accordingly, it is proposed to clearly include issuer-level ratings as a permitted activity in the Master Circular. For the dissemination of ratings, the current requirement of obtaining issuer acceptance before publishing ratings has been questioned, as it may compromise independence. The proposal is to remove this requirement and instead allow issuers to review draft ratings only to correct factual errors, ensuring both accuracy and independence. Finally, the paper invites public comments from stakeholders on these proposals, with submissions to be made by April 5, 2026, in a prescribed format and sent by email to Mr. Rishikesh Wandhekar, AM, IFSCA, at rishikesh.wandhekar@ifsca.gov.in with a copy to

Mr. Pawan Kumar Chowdhary, DGM, IFSCA, at pawan.kc@ifsca.gov.in and Mr. Arjun Prasad, GM, IFSCA, at arjun.pd@ifsca.gov.in. The comment may be provided in the format attached below with the document. Overall, the proposed amendments aim to shift towards a more principle-based regulatory framework, enhancing flexibility, transparency, and independence of Credit Rating Agencies while aligning with global best practices. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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IFSCA FinTech Sandbox Framework Circular, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 16, 2026, issued a circular introducing a revised FinTech Sandbox Framework for entities seeking Limited Use Authorisation in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs). This new framework replaces the earlier 2022 framework and is based on insights from its implementation, global FinTech developments, and stakeholder feedback, with the objective of fostering innovation in financial technology. The updated framework provides access to multiple sandbox environments, including Regulatory Sandbox, Innovation Sandbox, Inter-Operable Regulatory Sandbox, and Overseas Regulatory Referral Mechanisms. These sandboxes are designed to support testing and development of FinTech solutions across sectors such as banking, capital markets, insurance, fund management, and other financial services, enabling controlled experimentation while ensuring regulatory oversight. Issued under the powers conferred by section 12 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019, the circular comes into immediate effect and supersedes all previous regulations, circulars, and guidelines related to sandbox activities in IFSCs. However, actions taken under the earlier framework remain valid. [Notification No. 505/IFSCA-FTec0FTEF/1/2023]

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IFSCA Consultation Paper on TCSP & SPV Framework for Leasing in IFSC

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 17, 2026, issued a consultation paper proposing a regulatory framework for Trust and Company Service Providers (TCSPs) under the IFSCA (TechFin and Ancillary Services) Regulations, 2025 and Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) under the IFSCA (Finance Company) Regulations, 2021 to strengthen the leasing ecosystem in IFSC. The proposal aims to enhance governance, operational efficiency, regulatory clarity, and global competitiveness of IFSC, aligning it with leading international aircraft leasing hubs. The paper highlights that the aircraft leasing industry globally depends on specialised service providers and structured SPV frameworks supported by robust regulatory regimes. While India's aviation market is rapidly expanding, a significant portion of aircraft leasing continues to be routed through offshore jurisdictions, resulting in foreign exchange outflows. Although IFSC has taken steps to develop an aircraft leasing ecosystem, the absence of a formal TCSP framework and integrated ancillary services limits scalability, institutional depth, and the ability to attract global investors. To address these gaps, the proposed framework allows regulated TCSPs to provide incorporation, administration, governance, and compliance support to SPVs engaged in leasing activities. SPVs, registered as finance companies, will act as asset-owning entities, while TCSPs will deliver fiduciary and support services with strong AML/CFT and due diligence requirements. The framework seeks to build a comprehensive leasing

ecosystem, promote capital inflows, reduce forex outflows, and position IFSC as a global aviation financing hub.

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IRDAI issued a circular regarding transition agreements for the payment of Annual Fee and issuance of Certificate of Registration

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on March 16, 2026, issued this circular following the implementation of the Sabka Bima Sabki Raksha (Amendment of Insurance Laws) Act, 2025, effective from February 5, 2026. The circular lays down transitional arrangements for the payment of annual fees and issuance of Certificate of Registration (CoR) for insurance intermediaries. The circular applies to a wide range of insurance intermediaries, including brokers, corporate agents, insurance marketing firms, web aggregators, common service centres, surveyors and loss assessors, insurance repositories, third-party administrators, and other registered entities. As background, the amended law changes the registration framework by providing that the Certificate of Registration will remain valid indefinitely, subject to payment of an annual fee, unless suspended or cancelled by the Authority. Accordingly, the earlier system of a three-year validity of CoR and renewal fees has been discontinued from February 5, 2026. Going forward, registration will continue as long as the annual fee is paid as per regulations. As a transitional measure, intermediaries receiving fresh registration or renewal between February 5, 2026, and June 30, 2026, are required to pay an interim annual fee at the time of issuance of the CoR. This interim fee structure is specified in Annexure I and applies to both new registrations and renewals falling within this period. This arrangement is temporary until detailed regulations are notified. For cases where renewal was granted on or after February 5, 2026, but renewal fees had already been paid earlier, the amount collected will be adjusted against the interim annual fee, and any excess will be refunded. The Authority also retains the power to issue further clarifications or directions to address any implementation difficulties under the amended provisions. Overall, the circular marks a shift from a fixed-term renewal system to a continuous registration model with annual fee payment, supported by transitional provisions to ensure smooth implementation. [Ref: IRDAI/INT/CIR/MISC/41/3/2026]

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Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power on March 13, 2026 issued the Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to amend the Electricity Rules, 2005 under powers granted by the Electricity Act, 2003. The amendment substitutes Rule 3 relating to Captive Generating Plants, introducing revised definitions and compliance conditions. It clarifies that a captive user includes companies along with their subsidiaries and holding companies, and allows electricity generated by captive plants to be consumed either directly or through energy storage systems. The rules also define ownership in terms of equity shareholding and control, and recognize Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) established solely for owning and operating generating stations. The amended framework reiterates that a plant will qualify as a captive generating plant only if at least 26% ownership is held by captive users and at least 51% of the electricity generated is consumed for captive use during the financial

year. Additional provisions detail conditions for SPVs, associations of persons, cooperative societies, and proportional consumption requirements. The rules come into force on publication in the Official Gazette, while certain provisions will take effect from April 1, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 186(E)]

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Digital Networking Platforms (Accountability and User Protection) Bill, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of India on March 13, 2026, introduced the Digital Networking Platforms (Accountability and User Protection) Bill, 2026 to provide for accountability, transparency and due diligence obligations of Digital Networking Platforms; to protect users' rights; to prevent misuse of digital networking services for unlawful, harmful or deceptive purposes; and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in Official Gazette, appoint. The document lays down obligations for platform operators to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability in content moderation. Platforms must adopt mechanisms to prevent, detect, and remove harmful or unlawful content, especially where public interest discourse is affected. They are also required to maintain internal records of systemic risks arising from algorithms, design features, or operational practices, along with taking any additional prescribed measures. For significant digital networking platforms, stricter responsibilities are introduced. These include conducting annual public-interest impact assessments covering areas such as elections, public health, and social harmony. Platforms must also publish summaries of these assessments along with the mitigation steps taken, ensuring greater public accountability and awareness of their societal impact. The Act further mandates transparency in automated systems by requiring platforms to clearly explain how algorithms influence content visibility and dissemination. However, such disclosures are limited to systemic effects and must not reveal proprietary information or duplicate existing legal requirements. Non-compliance with these provisions can result in compensation liability under Section 45 of the Information Technology Act, 2000. Finally, the Act empowers the Central Government to frame rules for implementation and provides procedural safeguards for parliamentary oversight. It clarifies that its provisions supplement existing laws without overriding them and includes a mechanism to address implementation difficulties, ensuring flexibility while maintaining consistency with the broader legal framework. [Bill No. XXXII of 2026]

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DGFT issued amendment in import policy of ITC (HS) code 71131144 and 71131145 covered under Chapter 71 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy)

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 16, 2026, issued amendment in import policy of ITC (HS) code 71131144 and 71131145 covered under Chapter 71 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy). The Central Government hereby amends the import policy of ITC (HS) code 71131144 and 71131145 covered under Chapter 71 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy) for the period up to June 30, 2026 with immediate effect. The revised policy for the following items are as stated: • 71131144 --- Other Jewellery: ----Studded with diamonds of heading 7104 - Restricted • 71131145 --- Other Jewellery: ----Studded with other precious and semiprecious stones – Restricted The Import Policy of items covered under ITC HS Code 71131144 and 71131145 is revised from "Free" to "Restricted", for the period up to June

30, 2026 with immediate effect. [Notification No. 63 /2025-26]

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Climate Resilient Agriculture and Farmers Protection Bill, 2025

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of India on March 13, 2026, introduced the Climate Resilient Agriculture and Farmers Protection Bill, 2025, to formulate the National Mission for Climate Resilient Agriculture to mitigate the impact of climate change on agricultural productivity and ensure justice for farmers and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto. It shall cease to have effect on the expiry of 5 years from the date of notification in the Official Gazette, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such cesser of operation of this Act, and section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, shall apply upon such cesser of operation of this Act as if it had then been repealed by a Central Act. Provided that the Act may be extended beyond the period of five years by an order of the Central Government, by notification in the Official Gazette. The document emphasizes that climate change is a serious and ongoing threat to agriculture, food security, and farmers' livelihoods. It places a clear duty on the Central Government to prioritize climate-resilient agriculture within national planning and rural development. The objective is to safeguard farmers' dignity and ensure sustainable agricultural productivity while also protecting the environment from climate-related impacts. To achieve this, the government is mandated to establish a National Mission for Climate Resilient Agriculture, focusing on optimal use of natural resources through crop management, livestock development, soil and water conservation, and agroforestry. It also includes identifying climate-vulnerable districts and aligning existing schemes with resilience principles. Special emphasis is placed on region-specific interventions such as climate-resilient villages, improved seeds, and awareness programs tailored to local conditions. The provisions further highlight practical measures such as improving irrigation efficiency, promoting traditional and sustainable farming practices, and strengthening pest management systems. Nutrient management is encouraged through eco-friendly approaches like integrated nutrient use and the "five R" principles. Additionally, the government is tasked with enhancing credit access, financial literacy, and insurance coverage to protect farmers against climate-induced risks and income losses. Finally, the framework focuses on strengthening agricultural markets, improving access to climate and agro-advisory information, and introducing innovative mechanisms like index-based cash transfers for climate-affected farmers. It also ensures funding support, rule-making powers, and an overriding legal effect to enforce the Act effectively, thereby creating a comprehensive system for long-term agricultural resilience and farmer welfare. [BILL No. LXIV of 2025]

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CBSE issued advisory to Teachers Involved in Evaluation - Refrain from Sharing Misleading Information on Social Media

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on March 16, 2026, issued advisory to Teachers Involved in Evaluation - Refrain from Sharing Misleading Information on Social Media. The Central Board of Secondary Education has cautioned teachers involved in Class X and XII evaluation against sharing comments, opinions, or experiences related to the evaluation process on social media. The Board noted that

such posts are often misleading or factually incorrect and can create confusion and spread rumours among stakeholders. It emphasized that the evaluation process is strictly confidential and governed by established protocols. Teachers have been directed not to disclose or discuss any evaluation-related information publicly, as doing so violates professional conduct and may lead to disciplinary action. The Board has urged all evaluators to maintain confidentiality, integrity, and professionalism. Schools have been instructed to immediately communicate these directions to all teachers engaged in the evaluation process. [Notification No. CBSE/SPPS/OSM]

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Anti-Racism and Equality Bill, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of India on March 13, 2026, introduced the Anti-Racism and Equality Bill, 2026 to provide for measures to address the pervasive issues of racial discrimination and racial harassment in the country, to uphold the constitutional guarantees of equality enshrined in the Constitution and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. The Anti-Racism and Equality Act, 2026 establishes a comprehensive legal framework to prohibit racial discrimination and harassment in all forms. It defines key terms such as race, racial discrimination, and racial harassment broadly to include caste, ethnicity, language, and cultural identity. The Act makes it unlawful for any individual or establishment to engage in or promote such conduct, prescribing penalties including imprisonment, fines, and enhanced punishment in cases involving serious harm. Offences under the Act are cognizable and non-bailable, with investigations handled by senior police officers. The Act also fixes liability on establishments, holding both the organization and responsible officials accountable for violations unless due diligence is proven. Public servants who fail to perform their duties under the Act face punishment, and repeat offenders are subject to stricter penalties. Importantly, it lays down strong protections for victims and witnesses, including rights to dignity, protection from intimidation, access to legal and medical support, privacy, and active participation in proceedings. To ensure speedy justice, the Act provides for the establishment of Special Courts and appointment of Special Public Prosecutors with relevant expertise. Trials are to be completed within a stipulated timeframe, and courts may presume racial intent unless proven otherwise by the accused. The law also mandates victim-centric procedures such as language assistance, free medical care, mental health support, safe custody, and sensitive investigation practices that account for social vulnerabilities and power imbalances. Finally, the Act emphasizes effective implementation through police training, public awareness, monitoring, and data collection. Governments are required to provide funding, develop institutional mechanisms, and ensure accountability for enforcement. It also grants rule-making powers to the Central Government, protects actions taken in good faith, and clarifies that the Act supplements existing laws while prevailing in case of inconsistency, thereby ensuring a robust and enforceable anti-discrimination regime. [Bill No. XXXI of 2026]

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DFPD issued corrigendum to the e-PoS technical specifications issued by the Department

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) on March 02, 2026, issued corrigendum to the e-PoS technical specifications issued by the Department. The Department has revised the minimum technical specifications for e-PoS devices used at Fair Price Shops (FPS) under the SMART-PDS initiative. These revisions follow earlier specifications issued on October 9, 2025, and December 3, 2025, and were finalized after examining queries from States/UTs and industry stakeholders through an expert committee. The updated specifications mainly modify Serial No. 14 of the earlier guidelines. The committee has recommended that the use of L1 IRIS scanners be made optional, and wherever IRIS scanners are deployed, they must be UIDAI-STQC certified to ensure compliance and security. The Central Assistance to States and Union Territories for FPS automation will continue to be provided as per the provisions of the National Food Security Act, 2013. [Notification No. 14(12)/2014-Comp (E-320603)]

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DGFT notified regarding the Launch of Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Launch of Support for Emerging Export Opportunities under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN. The following has been stated namely: - • The Support for Emerging Export Opportunities initiative under the Export Promotion Mission – Niryat Protsahan has been implemented with immediate effect to promote exports to under-served global markets. • The intervention aims to enhance global trade connectivity and liquidity, strengthen trade settlement confidence, and promote partnerships between Indian banks and foreign local banks. • The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will provide government-backed risk-sharing support, helping MSMEs involved in international value chains access trade finance for exports to under-served markets. • The policy framework, operational guidelines, governance structure, and bank guidelines are provided in Annexures I–IV, with pilot implementation details in Annexure V. • The scheme will be implemented initially on a pilot basis, and stakeholders can submit feedback within 30 days as per the Foreign Trade Policy 2023 guidelines [Trade Notice No. 32/2025-26]

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FSSAI notified regarding the Implementation of revised turnover threshold for food businesses

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of the revised turnover threshold for food businesses. The following has been stated: • It states that, based on recommendations of NITI Aayog and approval from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the amendment also introduces provisions for perpetual validity of FSSAI registration and licence, subject to risk-based inspections, and removes dual compliance requirements for street food vendors. • Under the revised thresholds, food businesses with turnover up to ■1.5 crore require registration, those with turnover above ■1.5 crore and up to ■50 crore require a State Licence, and businesses with turnover above ■50 crore require a Central Licence. • The revised limits supersede earlier criteria and will come into effect

from April 01, 2026. [Notification no. - RCD-01002/1/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI-Part(1)]

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MCX notified regarding the Review of Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation (MCX) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Review of Margin Framework for Commodity Derivatives Segment. The following has been stated namely: - • Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) has categorized commodities into three volatility categories based on realized volatility. • Minimum Initial Margin (IM), Short Option Minimum Margin (SOMM), Margin Period of Risk (MPOR), and Volatility Scan Range (VSR) requirements are specified in Annexure-1. • For agricultural commodities, an additional 2% lean period margin will apply to contracts expiring during the lean period, and the provisions will come into effect from April 01, 2026 [Notification No. MCX/MCXCCL/116/2025]

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MIB notified regarding the Guidelines and Regulatory Framework to Prevent Misleading Advertisements on TV Channels

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the Guidelines and Regulatory Framework to Prevent Misleading Advertisements on TV Channels. Advertisements aired on private satellite TV channels must comply with the Advertising Code under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, which prohibits advertisements that claim miraculous or supernatural properties that are difficult to prove. Authorities take action against channels violating these provisions, and broadcasters are periodically issued advisories to ensure compliance. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), established under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, regulates issues related to consumer rights violations, unfair trade practices, and misleading advertisements. It has issued the Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisements and Prohibition of Approval of Misleading Advertisements, 2022, which outline rules for legitimate advertising, restrictions on misleading or child-targeted ads, and responsibilities of advertisers and agencies. The guidelines also require due diligence before publishing advertisements, ensuring that any claims made are genuine, based on sufficient knowledge or experience, and not misleading. Additionally, if Indian professionals are legally barred from endorsing certain advertisements, foreign professionals in the same field are also not allowed to endorse them. [Release ID: 2238403]

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IFSCA issued the Consultation Paper on the Regulatory Framework for Preferential Issues and Qualified Institutions Placements

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 06, 2026, issued the Consultation Paper on the Regulatory Framework for Preferential Issues and Qualified Institutions Placements. The following has been stated namely: - • The objective of this framework is to provide listed companies with a mechanism for raising capital through a fast-track, cost-effective, and streamlined process, simultaneously ensuring transparency, fair pricing, and protecting the interests of shareholders. • The draft regulatory framework for preferential issues and QIPs were deliberated in the Standing Committee on Primary Markets (the Committee). The best practices in India and other global markets have been considered during the deliberations in the Committee. The draft regulatory framework for preferential issues and QIPs is based on recommendations of the Committee. • The salient features of the proposed framework for preferential issues and QIPs are as under: - o Preferential Issue means an issue of specified securities by a listed entity to any select person or group of persons on a private placement basis in accordance with this circular o The "Relevant Date" for Preferential Issues/QIPs shall be as under: - a. In case of a Preferential Issue, the date thirty days prior to the date on which the meeting of shareholders is held to consider the proposed Preferential Issue b. In case of a QIPs of equity shares, the date of the meeting in which the board of directors of the issuer or the committee of directors duly authorised by the board of directors of the issuer decides to open the proposed issue c. In case of a QIPs of eligible convertible securities, either the date of the meeting in which the board of directors of the issuer or the committee of directors duly authorised by the board of directors of the issuer decides to open the issue of such convertible securities or the date on which the holders of such convertible securities become entitled to apply for the equity shares.

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Second Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026 issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Second Amendment Directions, 2026, amending the existing disclosure framework under the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Financial Statements: Presentation and Disclosures) Directions, 2025. The amendment revises paragraph 10(12)(vi) relating to payment of deposit insurance premium to the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). Under the revised provision, Local Area Banks must disclose in their annual financial statements whether the DICGC insurance premium has been paid within the prescribed timelines, along with reporting of any arrears in payment, if applicable. The change has been introduced following the implementation of the Risk Based Premium (RBP) Framework issued by DICGC and aims to improve transparency in financial reporting by banks. The amended disclosure requirement will come into force from April 1, 2026. [Notification No. RBI/DOR/2025-26/246 – DOR.ACC.REC.No.441/21.04.018/2025-26]

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Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Bill, 2025

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of India on March 13, 2026 introduced a bill to amend the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The proposed legislation, titled the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Amendment) Act, 2025, aims to strengthen safeguards related to agricultural land and food security in the land acquisition process. The bill proposes to amend Section 10 of the Act by inserting new provisions that prohibit the acquisition of irrigated multi-cropped agricultural land located in districts or regions notified as climate-vulnerable. Such areas would be identified based on scientific assessments considering risks such as drought, floods, salinity ingress, desertification, or other climate-related threats affecting agricultural productivity, with periodic review of the notified regions every five years. Additionally, the amendment introduces a requirement for a Food Security Impact Assessment before acquiring agricultural land, to evaluate the potential effects on agricultural output, food supply chains, soil and water sustainability, and livelihoods dependent on agriculture. The bill also mandates a post-acquisition review within five years to assess the actual impact on food production and security, with the findings to be placed before Parliament or the relevant State Legislature. [Notification No. Bill No. LXXII of 2025]

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Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Government of India on March 13, 2026, introduced a bill to amend the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009. The proposed legislation titled the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2026 seeks to modify provisions relating to teacher qualifications and service conditions. The bill proposes amendments to Section 23 of the Act to ensure that teachers appointed prior to the commencement of the Act are not required to acquire additional qualifications or pass new tests as a condition for continuation in service, promotion, seniority, or retirement benefits. It further clarifies that any new qualification requirements or tests prescribed under the Act will apply prospectively only to future appointments. The amendment also introduces new Section 23A to safeguard the service conditions, promotional avenues, and retirement benefits of pre-existing teachers, ensuring they are not adversely affected by new qualification norms. Additional provisions empower the appropriate government to issue guidelines for teacher training, professional upgradation, and implementation of these safeguards. [Notification No. Bill No. XXVII of 2026]

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National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on March 13, 2026, issued the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Rules, 2021. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 3, after sub-rule (3), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:- "(4) The Part-time Members shall, cease to hold office on completing of term of two years or on attaining the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier. (5) In the event of occurrence of vacancy of a member, including by reason of death, resignation or removal, as the case may be, the concerned State Government shall nominate another person in his place at

the earliest not exceeding three months, and the person so nominated shall remain a member in the Commission for the remaining term." ; • In rule 4, after sub-rule (3), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:- "(4) The Part-time members shall, cease to hold office on completion of term of two years or on attaining the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier. (5) In the event of occurrence of vacancy of a member, including by reason of death, resignation or removal, as the case may be, the Committee comprising of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and ex officio member under sub-clause (ii) of clause (c) of sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Act shall appoint another person as Member at the earliest not exceeding three months from the date of occurrence of such vacancy and the person so appointed shall remain a member for the remaining term."; • In rule 5, after sub-rule (3), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:- "(4) The Part-time members shall, cease to hold office on completion of term of two years or on attaining the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier. (5) In the event of occurrence of vacancy of a member, including by reason of death, resignation or removal, as the case may be, the Central Government shall appoint another person as Member at the earliest not exceeding three months from the date of occurrence of such vacancy and the person so appointed shall remain a member for the remaining term. " ; • In rule 6, after sub-rule(7), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:- "(8) The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall cease to hold office on completion of term of two years or on attaining the age of seventy years, whichever is earlier. (9) The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be governed by the provisions of the Contributory Provident Fund Rules (India), 1962 and there shall be no option to subscribe under the General Provident Fund (Central Services) Rules, 1960. (10) The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be governed by the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 during their tenure. " ; They shall come into force on March 13, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 185(E)]

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NCDEX notified regarding the Temporary E-ASM on Coriander and Turmeric Until March 30, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Applicability of Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM). The following has been stated namely: - • National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) issued a notification referring to earlier surveillance circulars regarding Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) on select commodities. • Based on price volatility calculated using the formula [(High – Low) / Low × 100], the E-ASM margin of 2.5% has been re-triggered. • The margin will apply to all running contracts and contracts yet to be launched for Coriander and Turmeric. • The trigger date for both commodities is March 06, 2026, due to significant price movement within the monitoring period. • The E-ASM will remain applicable until March 30, 2026, while other commodities such as Barley, Castor Seed, Guar Gum, Guar Seed, and Jeera currently have no E-ASM trigger [Notification No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-032/2026]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Linagliptin 5 mg + Empagliflozin 25 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride (As Extended Release) IP 1000 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals

(Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 06, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Linagliptin 5 mg + Empagliflozin 25 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride (As Extended Release) IP 1000 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from August 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Linagliptin 5 mg + Empagliflozin 25 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride (As Extended Release) IP 1000 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer) • The Total MAT is 2,02,67,746 [Notification No. 19(5058)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Implementation of Security Council Resolutions) Second Amendment Order, 2026

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of External Affairs (MoEA) on March 12, 2026, issued the Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Implementation of Security Council Resolutions) Second Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism (Implementation of Security Council Resolutions) Order, 2007. This shall come into effect from March 13, 2026. The following has been stated: • The amendment aims to align India's framework with updates made to the UN Security Council sanctions list. The amendment primarily revises Annexure-I (Schedule) relating to designated terrorist individuals by updating their identifying details such as names, aliases, nationality, and other particulars. • It substitutes certain entries, including individuals associated with Al-Qaida, such as Aiman Muhammed Rabi Al-Zawahiri and Hamza Usama Muhammad Bin Laden, to reflect the latest UN listings. • These updates ensure effective implementation of UN-mandated measures like asset freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo against the listed persons. The detailed order is given below. [Notification no. - S.O. 1304(E)]

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TRAI Releases Draft Amendment on Telecom Commercial Communication Preferences

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on March 13, 2026 released the draft Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026 for public consultation. The proposal seeks to amend the framework established under the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations, 2018 to further strengthen measures against unsolicited commercial communications. TRAI stated that the existing regulations issued in 2018, and subsequently amended in 2018 and 2025, were introduced to curb the menace of Unsolicited Commercial Communications (UCC) by establishing a regulatory mechanism for commercial communication through telecom networks. Based on stakeholder feedback and developments such as AI-based detection systems implemented by major access providers, the authority has proposed certain amendments and additional provisions to enhance the effectiveness of the regulatory framework. The draft amendment has been placed on the TRAI website for stakeholder consultation, inviting written comments by April 12, 2026 and counter-comments by April 27,

2026. TRAI has requested stakeholders to submit their responses in the specified format via email. [Notification No. Press Release No. 17/2026]

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Free Education (Secondary to Undergraduate Level) Bill, 2026

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Rajya Sabha, Govt. of India on March 13, 2026, issued the Free Education (Secondary to Undergraduate Level) Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Bill seeks to extend the right to free education in India from Class IX up to the completion of an undergraduate degree. It aims to promote equality in access to education and remove financial and social barriers that prevent students from continuing education after the elementary level. • The Bill provides that every eligible citizen who has completed Class VIII has the right to free secondary education (Class IX–XII) in a recognised neighbourhood educational institution. Similarly, students who have completed Class XII will have the right to pursue one free undergraduate degree in a recognised university or higher educational institution. No student can be denied admission on grounds such as caste, religion, gender, disability, language, socio-economic background, migration status, or place of birth. • The Bill places responsibilities on the Central and State Governments to ensure the effective implementation of this right. Governments must establish adequate educational institutions, appoint qualified teachers, maintain proper pupil-teacher ratios, and provide learning materials, digital resources, and facilities for persons with disabilities. • To support implementation, the Bill proposes the creation of a National Fund for Universal Secondary and Higher Education, financed jointly by the Central and State Governments. The fund will be used to cover the expenditure required for providing free education and expanding educational infrastructure. • The Bill also prohibits educational institutions from charging capitation fees or any other unauthorized charges, ensuring that education remains genuinely free. Additionally, institutions cannot use discriminatory screening procedures that violate constitutional principles. [Bill No. XXXIII of 2026]

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FSSAI issued the advisory regarding mandatory registration/license by Milk Producers (other than members of dairy cooperative societies)/Milk Vendors

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on March 11, 2026, issued the advisory regarding mandatory registration/license by Milk Producers (other than members of dairy cooperative societies)/Milk Vendors. The following has been stated: • It has issued directions requiring all milk producers and milk vendors who are not members of dairy cooperative societies to mandatorily obtain FSSAI registration or licence before commencing or continuing their food business operations. • The directive has been issued in view of recent incidents of suspected milk adulteration and aims to ensure compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. It further refers to an earlier FSSAI direction dated December 16, 2025, which mandates regular special enforcement drives for milk and milk products, with action taken reports to be submitted on a fortnightly basis by the 15th and 30th/31st of every month. • State and UT authorities have been instructed to verify licences, inspect milk chillers to maintain proper storage conditions, and conduct special registration drives to ensure all milk producers and vendors are brought under the FSSAI regulatory

framework to safeguard public health. [Notification no. - RCD-11003/1/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI(Part1) [E-10397]]

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Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Products (Quality Control) Order, 2026

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 13, 2026, issued the Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Products (Quality Control) Order, 2026. This shall come into force from March 13, 2026. The following has been stated: • The order mandates that specified aluminium and aluminium alloy products shall conform to the relevant Indian Standards (IS) and shall bear the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Standard Mark under a valid BIS licence. The order applies to a wide range of aluminium products such as aluminium alloy tubes for irrigation, EC grade aluminium rods, aluminium foil for pharmaceutical packaging, aluminium composite panels, corrugated aluminium sheets, aluminium alloy forgings, bars, rods, plates, sheets, strips, wires, and tubes used for engineering, electrical and utensil manufacturing purposes. • The implementation timeline varies by enterprise size. Some products require compliance with immediate effect, while others have phased implementation—generally December 01, 2026, for large enterprises, March 01, 2027, for small enterprises, and June 01, 2027, for micro enterprises. • Products manufactured domestically for export are exempt from the mandatory BIS mark requirement. Additionally, manufacturers may import up to 200 kg of aluminium products per year for research and development purposes, provided the materials are not sold commercially and are disposed of as scrap after use, while maintaining proper records. • The order replaces the earlier 2025 Quality Control Order. [Notification no. - S.O. 1319(E)]

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MCX issued the Corrigendum to Master Circular - Investor Protection Fund/ Investor Service Fund

Mar 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on March 05, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Corrigendum to Master Circular - Investor Protection Fund/ Investor Service Fund. The following has been stated namely: - • This is with reference to Master Circular – Investor Protection Fund/ Investor Service Fund. • In partial modification of the above referred circular, the following paragraph stands deleted: “This Master circular is a compilation of relevant circulars / directions issued by Exchange which are operational as on date of this circular. Efforts have been made to incorporate applicable provisions of existing circulars issued by SEBI. In case of any inconsistency between the Master Circular and the applicable circulars, the content of the relevant circular shall prevail.” • The members are hereby informed to read the aforementioned paragraphs as: “This Master Circular covers the relevant circulars/communications issued by Exchange up to March 31, 2025. It is a reproduction of Exchange circular no. MCX/IPF/369/2024 dated May 31, 2024. The referred exchange circular stands rescinded with the issuance of this master circular.” [Notification No. MCX/IPF/109/2026]

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DoT notified regarding the Compliance Requirements for Enabling 5925-6425 MHz Band under Revised Regulatory Framework

Mar 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Compliance Requirements for Enabling 5925-6425 MHz Band under Revised Regulatory Framework. The following has been stated namely: - • The 5925–6425 MHz frequency band has been exempted from licensing requirements, subject to compliance with specified technical and operational conditions. • Some equipment models received Equipment Type Approval (ETA) earlier with the 5925–6425 MHz band disabled, as the band was not permitted under the earlier regulatory framework. • Manufacturers/importers holding such ETA certificates must apply for technical cancellation of the existing ETA and obtain a fresh ETA certificate covering all applicable bands, including 2.4–2.4835 GHz, 5 GHz, and 5925–6425 MHz, as per prescribed procedures. • Stakeholders must complete the cancellation and fresh certification process within 30 days, and must inform the authority of both old and new ETA numbers via the prescribed email process. • Until a fresh ETA is issued, the 5925–6425 MHz band must not be enabled, marketed, supplied, or used; any such use will be treated as operation without valid approval and may attract regulatory action [Notification No. R-11010/02/2026-PP]

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MoP issued the Extension of the timeline for submission of comments and suggestions on Draft National Electricity Policy, 2026

Mar 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power (MoP) on February 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Extension of the timeline for submission of comments and suggestions on Draft National Electricity Policy, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The timeline for submitting comments/suggestions on the draft National Electricity Policy, 2026 has been extended by one month, till March 19, 2026. [Notification No. 23/23/2018-R&R]

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MoHI issued the amendment to PMP for e-buses (M2/M3) under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme

Mar 14, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MoHI) on March 13, 2026, issued the amendment to PMP for e-buses (M2/M3) under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme. The following has been stated: • The PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme, notified by the Ministry of Heavy Industries on September 29, 2024, includes a Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) for e-buses, which was initially notified on 3 March 2025 and later amended on September 30, 2025. The latest amendment further revises Serial No. 8 of the PMP relating to

the traction motor for e-buses (M2/M3 category). Under the revised provision, effective September 01, 2026, the traction motor shall be domestically manufactured, including key processes such as magnet fitment, rotor assembly fitment into the motor, stator assembly fitment, shaft and bearing fitment, enclosure installation, and the installation of connectors and cables. • This amendment aims to promote domestic manufacturing and localisation of critical e-bus components under the PM E-DRIVE scheme. [Notification no. - S.O. 1330(E)]

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SEBI issued the FAQs on the Credit Rating Agencies

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Frequently Asked Questions on Credit Rating Agencies ("CRAs"). The following questions has been addressed namely: - • "credit rating agency" is stated as a body corporate which is engaged in, or proposes to be engaged in, the business of rating of securities that are listed or proposed to be listed on a stock exchange recognized by the SEBI. • How is CRA different from credit bureau and who regulated CRA. • The common factors that are taken into account while awarding the credit rating has been stated.

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SEBI notified regarding the Relaxation in certification requirement for Persons Associated with Research Services (PARS) – Sales and other non-core services

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 11, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Ease of Doing Business–Relaxation in certification requirement for Persons Associated with Research Services (PARS)–Sales and other non-core services. The following has been stated namely: - • Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) requires Persons Associated with Research Services (PARS) to obtain certification from National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) under the Research Analysts Regulations, 2014. • PARS were required to pass the NISM Series-XV: Research Analyst Certification Examination. • Based on feedback and to promote ease of doing business, SEBI introduced a lighter certification module for PARS involved only in sales, relationship management, or other non-core services who interact with clients but are not directly involved in research activities. • Such personnel must now pass NISM Series-XXV-A: Persons Associated with Research Services (Sales and Other Non-Core Services) Certification Examination, while those involved in research must continue with Series-XV certification. • PARS who already hold Series-XV certification are not required to immediately take Series-XXV-A; they must obtain it only after their current certification expires. The circular shall come to force from March 11, 2026. [Notification No. HO/38/12/(5)2026-MIRSD-POD/I/6703/2026]

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RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • These Directions shall be applicable to Small Finance Banks (SFBs) • The Declaration of dividend has been stated under Chapter II • A bank shall meet the following prudential requirements, to be eligible to declare dividends. o The bank was in compliance with the applicable regulatory capital requirement as at the end of the previous financial year and shall continue to be in compliance as at the end of the financial year during which the dividend is proposed to be paid. o The regulatory capital of the bank shall not fall below the applicable regulatory capital requirement even after the payment of dividend. o The bank shall have positive adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT) for the financial year for which the dividend is proposed. o The bank shall not be under any explicit restrictions for declaration of dividends from the Reserve Bank or any other authority. These Directions shall come into effect from Financial Year (FY) 2026-27 [RBI/2025-26/391]

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RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Directions, 2025 has been repealed. • The Directions shall be replaced with Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Directions, 2026 • The Directions shall not in any way prejudicially affect: o Any right, obligation or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder o Any, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect of any contravention committed thereunder; and o Any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment as aforesaid; and any such investigation, legal proceedings or remedy may be instituted, continued, or enforced and any such penalty, forfeiture or punishment may be imposed as if those directions, instructions, or guidelines had not been repealed. [Notification No. RBI/DOR/2025-26/235]

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RBI issued the Reserve Bank of India (Standalone Primary Dealers) Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Standalone Primary Dealers) Amendment Directions, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • Paragraph 9(6) has been substituted namely: - “9(6) Tier 1 capital means paid-up capital, statutory reserves and other disclosed free

reserves including quarterly profits. Inclusion of quarterly profits shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) The financial statements shall be subjected to limited review / audit on a quarterly basis by the statutory auditors. (ii) Such profits shall be reduced by average dividend paid in the last three years and the amount which can be reckoned for inclusion would be arrived at as under: EPt = NPt - 0.25 *D*t Where: EPt = Eligible profit up to quarter 't' of the current financial year, t varies from 1 to 4 NPt = Net profit up to quarter 't' D = average dividend paid for / pertaining to the last three financial years Losses in the current year shall be fully deducted from Tier 1 capital. Investment in subsidiaries (where applicable), intangible assets, losses in current accounting period, deferred tax asset and losses brought forward from previous accounting periods shall be deducted from the Tier 1 capital." This shall come into force on March 10, 2026. [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/232]

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Government of Odisha SMD Maximum Sale Price for Minor Minerals Notified

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Steel & Mines Department, Government of Odisha (SMD) on February 2, 2026, notified the Maximum Sale Price (MSP) for specified minor minerals under the powers conferred by Rule 47A(1) of the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016. Under the notification, the State Government has fixed the MSP for various minor minerals including ordinary sand at ■340 per cubic meter, ordinary boulders used in road or civil construction at ■1080 per cubic meter, ordinary clay, silt, brick-earth, ordinary earth and morrum at ■210 per cubic meter, and sandstone, laterite and slate (slabs or tiles) at ■1160 per cubic meter. The government further stated that the additional charges for minor minerals notified under this order will be reviewed periodically and may be revised if required. Any violation of the notification will attract penal action under the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 and other applicable laws. The notification will take effect from the date of its publication in the Odisha Gazette. [Notification No. 1184-SM-MC3-MISC-0023/2025/S&M]

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Draft Marine Aids to Navigation (Vessel Traffic Services) Rules, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping And Waterways (MoPSW) on March 11, 2026, issued the Marine Aids to Navigation (Vessel Traffic Services) Rules, 2026. The rules classify Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) into two categories: port or harbor vessel traffic services and coastal vessel traffic services. Port or harbor VTS operate within the limits of a port or harbor and are established and managed by authorized service providers with approval from the Government of India. Coastal VTS cover coastal waters, including areas of common interest between adjoining ports, to support the safe and efficient movement of vessels. The Central Government may establish these services where the volume of vessel traffic or the level of navigational risk makes them necessary. The Central Government will appoint a Competent Authority through an official notification to oversee vessel traffic services. The appointed officer must have at least five years of professional experience in the operation and maintenance of VTS. This authority will perform its duties under the direction of the Central Government and will be responsible for authorizing VTS providers and reviewing their proposals for establishing, modifying, or expanding services. In addition, the Competent Authority will help develop standards and guidelines for VTS operations in line with recommendations from the

International Maritime Organization and the International Organisation for Marine Aids to Navigation. It will also coordinate with maritime agencies, conduct inspections and audits to ensure compliance, maintain records and operational data, promote uniform systems across VTS areas, and advise the government on the use of VTS by vessels navigating within designated service areas. The said draft shall be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date on which copies of this notification, as published in the Official Gazette, are made available to the public; Objections or suggestions, if any, to these draft rules may be addressed to the Director General, Directorate of Lighthouses and Lightships, Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways, A-13, Sector 24, Noida - 201301, or by email at noida-dgll@nic.in, within the period specified above; The objections or suggestions which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft rules, within the period so specified, will be considered by the Central Government. [Notification No. G.S.R. 172(E)]

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INDIA INX notified regarding the PR Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The India International Exchange (IFSC) Ltd. (INDIA INX) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the PR Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026. The following has been stated: • It has scheduled a mock trading session on March 14, 2026 (Saturday) for market participants to test the trading environment. Trading Members can access the system through BoltPlus Web or their in-house/vendor-developed trading software, using the connection parameters available on the exchange portal. • All user IDs approved for algorithmic trading shall participate in the mock session, regardless of whether the algorithm has been modified or not. Members using third-party platforms or ETI API-based systems can test their trading applications and functionalities, including performance during exceptional market conditions. • The ETI API version remains unchanged, and the mock trades executed during this session are only for testing purposes and will not create any margin, settlement, or legal obligations. [Notification no. - 20260313-2]

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IFSCA issued the amendment to the Circular titled “Guidelines on Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience for Regulated Entities in IFSCs”

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 10, 2026, issued the amendment to the Circular titled “Guidelines on Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience for Regulated Entities in IFSCs”. The following has been stated: • The amendment provides a three-year exemption from the cybersecurity requirements for specific categories of regulated entities, including branches of regulated Indian or foreign entities, entities providing services only to their group companies, such as Global In-House Centres, and entities with fewer than ten employees. • During the exemption period, such entities shall adopt the cyber security framework and information security policy of their parent entity, designate the parent entity’s CISO as the responsible officer, ensure the parent entity is regulated in its home jurisdiction, submit an annual certification on implementation of necessary systems within 90 days of each financial year, and provide an annual cyber security audit report to IFSCA. • The amendment further extends a similar three-year exemption to foreign universities established in the IFSC, newly incorporated standalone entities without a parent

organization, and credit rating agencies. However, these entities shall ensure that their designated officer certifies that adequate cybersecurity measures proportionate to their risk exposure have been implemented and submit such certification to IFSCA within 90 days after the end of each financial year. [Notification no. - IFSCA-CSD0MSC/1/2026-DCS]

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Draft Drugs (.....Amendment) Rules 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on March 11, 2026, issued the Draft Drugs (..... Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945. The following has been stated: • The amendments primarily introduce revised provisions for the manufacture and regulation of drugs intended exclusively for export. Manufacturers producing export-only drugs will be required to obtain a specific manufacturing licence and comply with prescribed quality, labelling, and documentation requirements in accordance with the importing country's standards. • The draft rules also clarify regulatory procedures, strengthen oversight of export-oriented drug manufacturing, and ensure that such products are not diverted into the domestic market. • These amendments aim to align India's drug regulatory framework with international export practices while maintaining safety and compliance standards. • Objections and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Under Secretary (Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, U-6, Work Hall- C Wing, first floor, Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, 110001 or emailed at drugsdiv-mohfw@gov.in, by April 10, 2026. [Notification no. - G.S.R. 173(E)]

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Draft Drugs (..... Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on March 10, 2026, issued the Draft Drugs (..... Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945. It states that under the Schedule F, Part XII C, Para G, the words "The final products shall be tested for freedom from HIV I and HIV II antibodies, Hepatitis B surface antigen and Hepatitis C virus antibody." shall be omitted. Objections and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Under Secretary (Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, U-6, Work Hall- C Wing, first floor, Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, 110001 or emailed at drugsdiv-mohfw@gov.in, by April 09, 2026. [Notification no. - G.S.R. 164(E)]

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DGS issued the Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of the escalating situation in Iran

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on February 28, 2026, issued the Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of the escalating situation in Iran. The following has been stated: • It issued an urgent advisory to Indian seafarers and maritime stakeholders due to the escalating security situation in Iran. It refers to advisories from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Embassy of India in Tehran, which have advised Indian nationals to avoid travel to Iran and those already there to leave at the earliest because of the deteriorating security conditions and protests in the country. • The circular instructs shipping companies, RPSL agencies, trade unions, and maritime stakeholders to closely monitor the safety of Indian crew members working on vessels operating in Iranian waters or nearby regions. They are advised not to deploy Indian seafarers to Iran until further notice and to coordinate with authorities to ensure the safety and possible evacuation of those already present in the region. • It further warns that the situation has intensified following reported military strikes in Tehran and other areas, which could leave seafarers stranded or at risk. Therefore, Indian-flagged vessels and Indian seafarers on foreign ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz or nearby waters must exercise extreme caution, maintain contact with authorities, and follow all advisories issued by the MEA and the Indian Embassy. [Notification no. - 23-CIR/3/2025-CREW-DGS (C. No. 34882)]

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Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on March 11, 2026, notified the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011. The following has been stated: - •The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India amended the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011 to update definitions and procedures for food business registration and licensing. •The definition of “Petty Food Business Operator” has been revised to include petty retailers, street food vendors, hawkers, food trucks, and vendors operating in temporary stalls or social/religious gatherings. •Street vendors registered under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, will be deemed registered under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, subject to hygiene and sanitary requirements. •The Food Authority may grant instant registration, specify turnover thresholds, eligibility conditions, and licensing authorities for different food businesses. •New provisions introduce risk-based inspections and food safety audits, and licenses may be deemed suspended if fees or required returns are not submitted on time. They shall come into force on March 12, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RCD-01002/1/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI-Part(1)]

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Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Amendment Order, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 11, 2026, notified the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Order, 2013. The following has been stated: - •The Schedule has been amended to include 2-Bromo-4-Methylpropiophenone in multiple categories. •It has been inserted as serial number 8 in Schedule-A and serial number 46 in both Schedule-B and Schedule-C. •This update formally adds the chemical to the regulatory lists under the respective schedules. It shall come into force on March 11, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 1259(E)]

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MoEIT notified regarding the launch of the Bug Bounty Programme to Further Strengthen Aadhaar Security

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MoEIT) on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the launch of the Bug Bounty Programme to Further Strengthen Aadhaar Security. The following has been stated: • The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched its first structured Bug Bounty Programme to strengthen the security of the Aadhaar ecosystem. The initiative invites cybersecurity experts to identify potential vulnerabilities in key UIDAI digital platforms and responsibly report them, with rewards provided depending on the severity of the discovered security issues. • A panel of 20 selected ethical hackers and security researchers will examine major digital assets such as the UIDAI official website, the myAadhaar portal, and the Secure QR Code application to detect weaknesses categorized as Critical, High, Medium, or Low risk. Participants will receive incentives based on the seriousness and impact of the vulnerabilities they uncover. • The programme is being implemented in partnership with ComOlho IT Private Limited, a cybersecurity solutions provider. Through this initiative, UIDAI aims to further enhance the protection of Aadhaar systems, complementing existing security measures like regular security audits, vulnerability assessments, penetration testing, and continuous monitoring. [Press release id - 2238233]

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Reserve Bank of India (Setting Up of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries by Foreign Banks) Amendment Guidelines, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Setting Up of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries by Foreign Banks) Amendment Guidelines, 2026, to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Setting Up of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries by Foreign Banks) Guidelines, 2025. The following has been stated: • The amendment revises paragraph 13 relating to the declaration of dividends by wholly owned subsidiaries (WOS) of foreign banks in India. It clarifies that such subsidiaries, being companies incorporated in India, may declare dividends in the same manner as domestic banks, subject to the prudential norms prescribed by RBI under the 2026 Directions. • The declared dividends may be repatriated in accordance with the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999. • The amended provisions will come into effect from Financial Year 2026–27. [Notification no. - RBI/DOR/2025-26/233

DOR.ACC.REC.No.432/21.02.067/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026 under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. •The directions will apply to Local Area Banks and come into effect from FY 2026–27. Banks can declare dividends only if they meet prudential conditions such as capital adequacy compliance and positive adjusted Profit After Tax. •The dividend payout limit will depend on the bank's CRAR level, with an overall cap of 80% of Profit After Tax. •Certain profits like extraordinary income, overstated PAT, or unrealized gains cannot be used for dividend payment, and banks must report dividend details to the RBI. •These Directions shall come into effect from Financial Year (FY) 2026-27. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/2025-26/389 DOR.ACC.REC.No.430/21.02.067/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profits) Directions, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profits) Directions, 2026. These Directions shall be applicable to all banking companies, corresponding new banks and State Bank of India as defined under subsections (c), (da) and (nc) of section 5 of the Banking Regulation Act,1949, and foreign banks operating as branch(es), excluding Small Finance Banks (SFBs), Local Area Banks (LABs), Payments Banks (PBs), and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), hereinafter collectively referred to as 'banks' and individually as a 'bank'. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued guidelines governing the declaration of dividends and remittance of profits by banks. The Board of Directors must carefully assess key factors before approving dividend payments, including divergence in NPA classification and provisioning observed during RBI supervision, the statutory auditors' report (including modified opinions), the bank's current and projected capital position relative to regulatory requirements, and its long-term growth plans. To be eligible to declare dividends or remit profits, banks must meet certain prudential criteria. These include maintaining compliance with applicable regulatory capital requirements before and after dividend payment, having positive adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT), and ensuring there are no regulatory restrictions from the RBI or other authorities. Foreign banks operating in India through branch mode must also have positive PAT to remit profits to their Head Office. The quantum of dividends for banks incorporated in India depends on their Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio, with higher capital ratios allowing a higher percentage of dividend payout from adjusted PAT. However, the total dividend payout cannot exceed 75% of the PAT for the relevant period.

Foreign banks in branch mode may remit net profits to their Head Office without prior RBI approval, provided accounts are audited and any excess remittance is returned. Certain profits are not eligible for dividend payment or profit remittance, including extraordinary income, overstated profits identified in audit reports, unrealised gains from fair valuation of Level-3 financial instruments, and specific gains related to loan transfers governed by RBI prudential norms. Banks must report dividend or profit remittance details to the RBI within two weeks, and the RBI retains the authority to restrict such payments if regulatory compliance is not met. Non-compliance with these directions may attract supervisory or enforcement action. [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/387 DOR.ACC.REC.No.427/21.02.067/2025-26]

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RBI Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend for Regional Rural Banks

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026 under the powers conferred by Section 35A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The Directions, effective from Financial Year 2026–27, prescribe prudential norms governing the declaration of dividends by Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). The framework sets out eligibility conditions including compliance with regulatory capital requirements, positive adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT), and absence of regulatory restrictions. It also places responsibility on the Board of Directors to assess supervisory findings, audit observations, capital position, and long-term growth plans before approving dividend payouts. The Directions further prescribe limits on the quantum of dividend based on Tier 1 capital ratio, with a maximum payout capped at 80% of PAT. Certain profits such as extraordinary income or overstated PAT identified in audit reports are excluded from dividend computation. Banks must report dividend declarations to the Department of Supervision of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), and non-compliance with the provisions may attract supervisory or enforcement action by the RBI. [Notification No. DOR.ACC.REC.No.431/21.02.067/2025-26]

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RBI Repeal of Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends for Payment Banks

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payment Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026, repealing the earlier Directions issued on November 28, 2025. Through these directions, the RBI has repealed the Reserve Bank of India (Payment Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Directions, 2025, with effect from Financial Year 2026–27. The repealed framework will be replaced by the updated Reserve Bank of India (Payment Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Directions, 2026, also issued on March 10, 2026, which will govern dividend declaration by payment banks from FY 2026–27 onward. The RBI clarified that actions taken or initiated under the repealed directions will continue to remain valid and governed by those provisions. Additionally, any rights, obligations, liabilities, penalties, investigations, or legal proceedings arising under the repealed framework will remain unaffected and may continue as if the earlier directions had not been repealed. [Notification No. RBI/DOR/2025-26/236]

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UGC notified regarding the extension of last date to March 20, 2026, for submission of inputs on Demand-based Mapping of SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 Semester

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the extension of the last date to March 20, 2026, for submission of inputs on Demand-based Mapping of SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 Semester. It has extended the deadline for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to submit inputs for demand-based mapping of SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 semester. Earlier, institutions were asked to review the list of available courses on the SWAYAM platform and submit their inputs on the mapping portal by March 10, 2026. The Commission has now extended the last date to March 20, 2026, and requested all HEIs to submit their inputs within the revised timeline through the portal to support strengthening of the SWAYAM initiative. [Notification no. - D.O.No.1-8/2017(SWAYAM)]

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TRAI issued the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026. The following has been stated: • It aims to improve transparency, accountability, and uniformity in the audit of subscriber management systems, billing processes, and technical infrastructure used by Distribution Platform Operators such as cable operators, DTH providers, IPTV platforms, and HITS operators. • The manual aligns the audit framework with the amended broadcasting regulations and introduces a financial-year–based audit cycle, requiring operators to audit systems for the previous financial year and submit reports to broadcasters by 30 September each year. • It also specifies the roles of auditors, broadcasters, and distributors, requiring advance notice of audits, allowing broadcasters to send representatives as observers, and establishing clear procedures for verification of subscriber data, revenue reporting, and system compliance. • To strengthen credibility, the manual emphasises empanelled and qualified auditors, categorisation based on technical expertise, and mandatory independence certifications from auditors to avoid conflicts of interest. It also incorporates provisions to address infrastructure sharing arrangements, requiring separate system instances and data segregation so that subscriber records and accounts of each distributor can be independently verified during audits. • The framework also reduces compliance burden for smaller operators by exempting distributors with up to 30,000 active subscribers from mandatory annual audits, while still allowing broadcasters to commission audits if required. • Click here for the detailed manual. [Press Release no. - 36/2026]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Directions, 2025. The following amendments have been stated: • In paragraph 85(1), the following note shall be inserted in the end, namely: – "Note: For computation of capital requirement on a consolidated basis, a bank shall include CCR exposures of all entities required to be consolidated in terms of Section B 'Scope of application of capital adequacy framework' under Chapter II of these Directions.". • Note (b) in paragraph 85(2) shall be substituted by the following, namely: – "For contracts that are structured to settle outstanding exposure following specified payment dates and where the terms are reset such that the market value of the contract is zero on these specified dates, the residual maturity shall be set equal to the time until the next reset date. However, in the case of interest rate contracts which have residual maturities of more than one year and meet the above criteria, the add-on factor shall be subject to a floor of 0.50 per cent.". • The following notes shall be inserted after note (d) in paragraph 85(2), namely: – "(e) Add-on factors as per Table 16 shall be applicable to all outstanding CCR exposures. (f) A bank acting as a clearing member of SEBI-recognised stock exchanges in the equity derivatives and commodity derivatives segments shall compute and maintain capital charge for CCR, in terms of paragraph 85 of these Directions. The add-on factors prescribed in Table 16 for 'Equities', 'Precious Metals except Gold', and 'Other Commodities' are applicable only in such cases. (g) In Table 16, 'Precious Metals' include Silver, Platinum and Palladium. 'Other Commodities' include energy contracts, agricultural contracts, base metals (e.g., aluminium, copper, and zinc), and any other non-precious metal commodity contracts.". • In paragraph 85(6)(i), sub-paragraph (a) shall be substituted by the following, namely: – "(a) Where a bank acts as a clearing member of a QCCP for its own purposes, a risk weight of 2 per cent shall be applied to the bank's trade exposure to the QCCP in respect of OTC derivatives transactions, exchange traded derivatives transactions, and SFTs. Where the clearing member (bank) offers clearing services to clients, the 2 per cent risk weight also applies to the clearing member's (bank) trade exposure to the QCCP that arises in cases where the clearing member (bank) is obligated to reimburse the client for any losses on such transactions in the event that the QCCP defaults. Provided that, a clearing member (bank) is not required to maintain capital for such transactions, for the trade exposure to the QCCP, if it is not obligated to reimburse the client for such losses, provided the bank obtains and maintains an independent, written, and reasoned legal opinion that it is protected from any such liability in case of QCCP defaults.". [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/238 DOR.MRG.REC.No.433/21-01-002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profit) Repeal Directions, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profit) Repeal Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India repealed the 2025 directions on prudential norms for declaration of dividends and remittance of profit by commercial banks. •The repealed rules will be replaced by the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends and

Remittance of Profit) Directions, 2026, effective from FY 2026–27. •Actions, approvals, liabilities, or legal proceedings under the earlier directions will continue to remain valid and governed by those provisions. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/DOR/2025-26/234 DOR.ACC.REC.No.423/21.02.067/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: • It has repealed the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Directions, 2025, and replaced them with the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Directions, 2026, effective from FY 2026–27. • However, any actions, approvals, liabilities, penalties, or legal proceedings initiated under the repealed 2025 Directions will continue to remain valid and be governed by the earlier provisions, ensuring continuity and no impact on rights or obligations already established. [Notification no. - RBI/DOR/2025-26/237 DOR.ACC.REC.No.426/21.02.067/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Second Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Second Amendment Directions, 2026 to further amend the Reserve Bank of India (All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Directions, 2025. The following amendments have been stated: • In paragraph 77(1), the following note shall be inserted in the end, namely: – “Note: For computation of capital requirement on a consolidated basis, an AIFI shall include CCR exposures of all entities required to be consolidated in terms of Section B ‘Scope of application of capital adequacy framework’ under Chapter II of these Directions.”. • Note (b) in paragraph 77(2) shall be substituted by the following, namely: – “For contracts that are structured to settle outstanding exposure following specified payment dates and where the terms are reset such that the market value of the contract is zero on these specified dates, the residual maturity shall be set equal to the time until the next reset date. However, in the case of interest rate contracts which have residual maturities of more than one year and meet the above criteria, the add-on factor is subject to a floor of 0.50 per cent.”. • The following notes shall be inserted after note (d) in paragraph 77(2), namely: – “(e) Add-on factors as per Table 13 shall be applicable to all outstanding CCR exposures. (f) An AIFI acting as a clearing member of SEBI-recognised stock exchanges in the equity derivatives and commodity derivatives segments shall compute and maintain capital charge for CCR, in terms of paragraph 77 of these Directions. (g) In Table 13, ‘Precious Metals’ include Silver, Platinum and Palladium. ‘Other Commodities’ include energy contracts, agricultural contracts, base metals (e.g. aluminium, copper, and zinc), and any other non-precious metal

commodity contracts.". • In paragraph 77(6)(i), sub-paragraph (a) shall be substituted by the following, namely: – "(a) Where an AIFI acts as a clearing member of a QCCP for its own purposes, a risk weight of 2 per cent shall be applied to the AIFI's trade exposure to the QCCP in respect of OTC derivatives transactions, exchange traded derivatives transactions, and SFTs. Where the clearing member (AIFI) offers clearing services to clients, the 2 per cent risk weight also applies to the clearing member's (AIFI) trade exposure to the QCCP in cases where the clearing member (AIFI) is obligated to reimburse the client for any losses on such transactions in the event that the QCCP defaults. Provided that, a clearing member (AIFI) is not required to maintain capital for such transactions, for the trade exposure to the QCCP, if it is not obligated to reimburse the client for such losses, provided the AIFI obtains and maintains an independent, written, and reasoned legal opinion that it is protected from any such liability in case of QCCP defaults.". [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/241 DOR.MRG.REC.No.436/21-01-002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Third Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Directions, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. •The amendment revises provisions on Counterparty Credit Risk (CCR) to provide greater clarity and align them with international standards. •It introduces updated add-on factors for market-related off-balance sheet exposures such as interest rate, exchange rate, equity, precious metals, and commodity contracts. •The directions also clarify capital requirements for banks acting as clearing members of recognized stock exchanges and apply with immediate effect. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/2025-26/239 DOR.MRG.REC.No.434/21-01-002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Amendment Directions, 2026, further to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Directions, 2025. The following has been stated: • The amendment revises Table 10 in paragraph 52(2) by prescribing add-on factors for market-related off-balance sheet items such as exchange rate contracts and gold—1% for contracts up to one year, 5% for contracts between one and five years, and 7.5% for contracts exceeding five years. It also inserts a clarification that these add-on factors will apply to all outstanding CCR exposures. • Further, paragraph 52(5)(i)(a) is amended to specify that banks acting as clearing members of a Qualifying Central

Counterparty (QCCP) shall apply a 2% risk weight to their trade exposure in OTC derivatives, exchange-traded derivatives, and securities financing transactions, including client-clearing exposures where the bank is liable to reimburse clients in case of QCCP default. • However, banks are exempt from maintaining capital for such exposure if they are not liable to reimburse clients and possess an independent legal opinion confirming protection from such liability. • The amendment comes into force on March 10, 2026. [Notification no. - RBI/2025-26/240 DOR.MRG.REC.No.435/21-01-002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks – Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend) Directions, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Directions prescribe a prudential framework for declaration of dividends by Local Area Banks (LABs) effective from FY 2026–27. A LAB can declare dividends only if it complies with regulatory capital requirements, has positive Adjusted Profit After Tax (PAT), and is not under any regulatory restriction from the RBI. • The maximum dividend payout is linked to the bank's Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) through a graded structure; banks with higher capital ratios can distribute a larger share of profits, subject to an overall ceiling of 80% of PAT. • The Board of Directors shall assess factors such as NPA divergence, auditor observations, capital position, and long-term growth plans before declaring dividends, and banks must report dividend declarations to the RBI within two weeks. • RBI also retains the power to restrict dividend distribution if a bank is non-compliant, and any violation of the Directions may attract supervisory or enforcement action. [Notification no. - RBI/2025-26/388 DOR.ACC.REC.No.429/21.02.067/2025-26]

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SEBI issued a Notification Regarding KYC Validation Requirements and Trading Restrictions for Non-Compliant Clients`

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding KYC Validation Requirements and Trading Restrictions for Non-Compliant Clients. The following has been stated: As per the amendments to the KYC Registration Agency (KRA) Regulations, 2011 and related circulars issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India, new guidelines have been introduced to simplify the KYC process and strengthen the risk management framework at KRAs. According to the latest exchange notice dated February 13, 2026, clients whose KYC records are marked as "On Hold" by KRAs for any reason—whether Aadhaar-based or non-Aadhaar Officially Valid Document (OVD) based—submitted between February 1, 2026 and February 28, 2026 will be treated as non-validated. Such clients will not be permitted to trade on the exchange from March 21, 2026, and they will also not be allowed to square off their existing open positions until their KYC validation is completed. Any open positions in derivative contracts will remain until the natural expiry of the contract if the validation requirements are not fulfilled. The exchange will flag the PANs of these non-compliant clients as "Not Permitted to Trade." However, once the KYC becomes

compliant with the KRA requirements, the client will be allowed to resume trading on T+1 day based on the information shared by the KRAs with the exchange. Additionally, as per the SEBI circular dated October 3, 2023, regarding the centralized mechanism for reporting the demise of investors through KRAs, all SEBI-registered regulated entities are required to block debit transactions, suspend trading activity, and inactivate or close the Unique Client Code (UCC) across all stock exchanges when such information is received. The demise data of investors is shared by KRAs with exchanges on a daily basis to ensure timely compliance. The exchange has also shared the list of non-compliant clients whose KYC validations are pending. Members can access this file at the specified directory path: \EQ\Transaction\March-2026\10-03-2026\Non_Validated_Clients_by_KRAs_Clgno_xxxx.TXT. For any clarifications, members may contact the exchange through the provided phone numbers or email support. Please refer to the document for more details. [Notice No. 20260310-17]

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RBI issues Directions on Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profit by Regulated Entities

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued Directions on Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividend and Remittance of Profit by Regulated Entities. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued final prudential norms on declaration of dividend and remittance of profits for various regulated entities after reviewing stakeholder feedback. •The directions apply to commercial banks, small finance banks, payment banks, local area banks, and regional rural banks. •RBI also issued five new Master Directions, four repeal directions, and one amendment guideline to replace existing instructions. •The new framework will come into effect from FY 2026–27, while the current norms will remain applicable until FY 2025–26. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Press Release No.: 2025-2026/2242]

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MoC notified regarding the launch of Bharat Taxi

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Cooperation (MoC) on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the launch of Bharat Taxi. The following has been stated: • Bharat Taxi is India's first cooperative-led ride-hailing platform, launched by the Ministry of Cooperation to strengthen the cooperative sector and promote inclusive mobility. The platform aligns with the 'Sahkar se Samriddhi' vision and is registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002. • Currently, the service operates in Delhi NCR (Delhi, Gurugram, Noida, Faridabad, Ghaziabad) and in cities of Gujarat such as Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Somnath, and Dwarka, with plans to expand across India in phases over the next two years. Bharat Taxi has signed MoUs with several organisations, including Paytm, Airports Authority of India, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, Delhi Traffic Police, National e-Governance Division, Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation, IFFCO Tokio General Insurance, GMR Group, and State Bank of India. • The platform aims to create employment and self-employment opportunities, especially for driver-owners, youth, and unemployed individuals, through a cooperative structure that strengthens local economies. Bharat Taxi operates on a zero-commission model, meaning profits are directly distributed to drivers. The platform offers features including a transparent fare structure, a

mobile booking interface, real-time vehicle tracking, multilingual support, and 24/7 customer service, ensuring accessibility and safety. • Additionally, the initiative promotes women's participation through programs like "Bike Didi" and "Sarthi Didi", which offer training, financial support, safety measures, and preferential onboarding. [Press release id: 2237639]

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Ministry of Communications issued a notification regarding Parcel and E-Commerce Services

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications on March 11, 2026, issued a notification regarding Parcel and E-Commerce Services. The following has been stated: - •The Department of Posts has launched several initiatives to strengthen parcel and e-commerce logistics across India. •Projects like Advanced Postal Technology (APT) 2.0 and Mail and Parcel Optimization Project (MPOP) enable real-time tracking, OTP-based delivery, and standardized parcel processing. •The department has partnered with platforms such as Amazon and Open Network for Digital Commerce to support e-commerce and exports through Dak Niryat Kendras. •Due to these reforms, parcel revenue increased from ■755.47 crore to ■802.11 crore between 2023-24 and Feb 2025-26, while new security measures were introduced to prevent the transport of contraband items. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2238372]

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MoS issued revision in the Advance Registration Timelines for Steel Imports under Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS)

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Steel (MoS) on February 19, 2026, issued revision in the Advance Registration Timelines for Steel Imports under Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS). The Government has revised the advance registration timelines for importing steel products through the Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS) Portal, superseding earlier notices dated June 13, 2025, August 04, 2025, and September 10, 2025. Under the revised rules, importers must register in advance on the SIMS portal not earlier than 60 days before the expected arrival of the consignment. For imports from all countries except Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka, registration must be completed at least 3 days before the expected arrival date. For imports originating from Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka, the registration must be completed at least 2 days before arrival. For items covered under specific HS codes of Heading 7204 of ITC(HS), 2022, as well as imports from SEZ/EOU units to the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA), the advance registration period is set as not earlier than 60 days and not later than 2 days before the expected arrival of the consignment. The Automatic Registration Number generated through the SIMS portal will remain valid for 75 days, and these revised provisions came into effect on February 20, 2026. [Notice No. S-21022/9/2025-TRADE-TAX]

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MoPNG issued the direction to Prioritize Propane and Butane for Domestic LPG Supply

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on March 05, 2026, issued the direction to Prioritize Propane and Butane for Domestic LPG Supply. The following has been stated: • The Government has directed oil refining companies in India to maximize the use of Propane and Butane streams for the production of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to ensure adequate supply for domestic consumers. Refiners are prohibited from diverting these streams for petrochemical or other downstream products. • The LPG produced shall be supplied exclusively to the three public sector Oil Marketing Companies—Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)—which shall ensure that it is marketed only to domestic LPG consumers. • Any violation of the order will attract penalties under the Essential Commodities Act and related regulations. The order comes into force immediately and will remain effective until further directions from the Central Government. [Notification no. - M-13017(11)/1/2026-LPG-PNG]

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MoPSW Commencement of Coastal Shipping Act, 2025

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on March 10, 2026, issued a notification appointing the date for the commencement of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025. In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (3) of Section 1 of the Act, the Central Government has notified that the provisions of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 shall come into force from March 15, 2026. The notification formally brings the Act into operation from the specified date, thereby enabling the regulatory framework governing coastal shipping activities in India to take effect. [Notification No. S.O. 1243(E)]

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MoPNG Revised Order on Prioritization of LPG Production

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on March 9, 2026, issued a revised order under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 read with the Petroleum Products (Maintenance of Production, Storage and Supply) Order, 1999, to ensure adequate availability of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) for domestic consumption across the country. The order directs all domestic/SEZ oil refining companies and petrochemical complexes in India to maximize LPG production by utilizing the entire C3 and C4 streams (including propane, butane, propylene, butenes, etc.) for the LPG pool and make it available exclusively to the three public sector Oil Marketing Companies—Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). Refining companies have also been prohibited from diverting these streams for petrochemical products or other downstream derivatives. Further, the public sector OMCs must ensure that the LPG procured is supplied only to domestic LPG consumers. Any violation of the order will attract action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Petroleum Products (Maintenance of Production, Storage and Supply) Order, 1999. This revised order supersedes the Ministry's earlier order dated March 5, 2026 and comes into force with immediate effect until

further orders. [Notification No. M-13017(11)/2026-LPG-PNG]

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NMC notified regarding the mandatory physical onsite compensation classes for online studies undertaken by foreign medical students pursuing the MBBS course at medical institutions outside India

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding mandatory on-site physical compensation classes for online studies undertaken by foreign medical students pursuing the MBBS course at medical institutions outside India. The following has been stated: • The notice clarifies the conditions and sequence for granting registration to Foreign Medical Graduates (FMGs) who obtained their primary medical qualification from foreign institutions and seek to practice in India. It reiterates that FMGs shall complete the compensatory academic requirements at the same foreign medical institution, including both theoretical and practical training, and such completion shall be verified through passport records such as visa stamps and entry–exit details. • The notice states that FMGs shall first qualify the Screening Test/FMGE, after which they must obtain provisional registration from the State Medical Council to undertake the one-year Compulsory Rotatory Medical Internship (CRMI) in India as prescribed under the CRMI Regulations, 2021. Permanent registration can only be granted after the successful completion of this internship and verification of all required documents and training requirements. • It further directs State Medical Councils to strictly verify that all regulatory conditions—such as completion of mandatory clerkships, onsite compensation for any online study period, and internship completion—have been fulfilled before granting permanent registration. Any registration granted without ensuring compliance with these requirements will be treated as a regulatory violation. [Notification no.- U-15024/15/2024-UGMEB(Pt)]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Cholecalciferol IP 800 IU (In a nano droplet form) for M/s Tirupati Medicare Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Galpha Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 05, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Cholecalciferol IP 800 IU (In a nano droplet form) for M/s Tirupati Medicare Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Galpha Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from July 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Cholecalciferol IP 800 IU (In a nano droplet form) for M/s Tirupati Medicare Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Galpha Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer). • The Total MAT is 1,561,928,200 [Notification No. 19(4993)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NCDEX notified regarding the Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) in contracts in Coriander and Turmeric till March 27th

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) on March 05, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Applicability of Event based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM). The following has been stated namely: - • An Event Based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) is applied on select commodities based on price volatility. • The margin is triggered when the High-Low price variation reaches certain thresholds calculated by the formula (High – Low) / Low × 100. • Recently, due to price movement, E-ASM of 2.5% has been re-triggered for certain commodities. • The 2.5% E-ASM will apply to all running and upcoming contracts of Coriander and Turmeric. • This margin requirement will remain effective until March 27, 2026 to control excessive volatility in these commodities. [Notification No. NCDEX/SURVEILLANCE & INVESTIGATION-031/2026]

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DoP issued the Bio Pharma SHAKTI scheme

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP) on March 10, 2026, issued the Bio Pharma SHAKTI scheme. The following has been stated: • The Government has announced the Biopharma SHAKTI scheme with an outlay of ■10,000 crore over five years to strengthen the domestic biopharmaceutical sector and make India a global hub for biologics and biosimilars manufacturing and innovation. • The initiative aims to support development and manufacturing of high-value biopharma products, reduce import dependence, and improve India's position in the global biologics supply chain. • The scheme also proposes expansion of the biopharma ecosystem by establishing three new National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPERs) and upgrading seven existing ones, building a large-scale clinical research ecosystem, strengthening the regulatory framework through the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, and providing early-stage funding and equity support for startups and industry innovation. [Press release id - 2237416]

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DGS issued an Advisory to Shipping Lines/Carriers/Agents regarding transparency in transaction costs and avoidance of predatory, non-transparent, and opportunistic pricing in EXIM trade

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 09, 2026, issued an Advisory to Shipping Lines/Carriers/Agents regarding transparency in transaction costs and avoidance of predatory, non-transparent, and opportunistic pricing in EXIM trade. The following has been stated: - •The Directorate General of Shipping advised shipping lines, carriers, and their agents to ensure transparency in charges related to EXIM cargo transportation. •This advisory follows stakeholder concerns about non-transparent and excessive ancillary charges increasing logistics costs. •Under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act, 1993, service providers are encouraged to clearly disclose all

applicable charges in transport documents. •Shipping companies are urged to avoid predatory pricing and adopt fair trade practices to support ease of doing business in India. [DGS Circular No. 14 of 2026]

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DGS issued a circular regarding an update in the Safety Advisory for Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders Operating in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Adjacent Waters

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding an update in the Safety Advisory for Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders Operating in the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, and Adjacent Waters. The following has been stated: - •The Directorate General of Shipping issued an updated safety advisory due to rising attacks on merchant vessels in the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz involving drones, missiles, and small craft. •Recent incidents showed serious risks to seafarers, including fires in accommodation areas and drone strikes on engine rooms. •Seafarers and ship operators are advised to maintain round-the-clock vigilance, report suspicious activities, and follow security protocols under the ISPS Code. •Shipping and RPSL companies must also maintain 24×7 emergency contact systems and provide psychological support for seafarers and their families. [DGS Circular No. 10 of 2026]

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DGS Implementation of STCW Amendments for Ships Operating in Polar Waters

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 09, 2026, issued STCW Circular No. 03 of 2026 regarding the implementation of amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) 1978 related to ships operating in polar waters. The circular notifies the implementation of the 2016 amendments adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) through Resolutions MSC.416(97) and MSC.417(97), which introduce mandatory basic and advanced training requirements under Regulation V/4 for seafarers serving on ships operating in polar waters. These amendments include the addition of Section A-V/4 to the STCW Code specifying competency standards. Under the revised framework, Masters, Chief Mates, and officers in charge of navigational watchkeeping on ships operating in polar waters must complete approved basic training, while Masters and Chief Mates must additionally complete advanced training. The circular also prescribes competency standards, certification requirements, and seagoing service conditions for such training and is to be read in conjunction with earlier DGS circulars. [Notification No. STCW Circular 03 of 2026 / File No. 25-104/4/2026-NT]

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IFSCA issued Public Consultation on draft guidelines on capital relief and prudential requirements for factoring transactions for FC/FUs

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 11, 2026, issued Public Consultation on draft guidelines on capital relief and prudential requirements for factoring transactions for FC/FUs. The objective of this consultation paper is to seek comments/views/suggestions from the public on the proposed “Guidelines on capital relief and prudential requirements for factoring transactions”. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has proposed new draft guidelines to allow capital relief for factoring transactions undertaken by Finance Companies (FCs) and Finance Units (FUs) operating in IFSCs. Currently, the computation of regulatory capital for such entities is governed by the circular on “Computation of Regulatory Capital” dated April 26, 2021, which aligns with the Basel III Framework and related Basel principles on risk-weighted assets. The proposed guidelines aim to explicitly recognize credit risk mitigation techniques for factoring transactions, enabling institutions to obtain capital relief when certain conditions are met. The framework is aligned with global best practices and the Basel III standards. It also proposes recognizing credit risk mitigation arrangements provided by institutions such as members of the Factors Chain International (FCI) network and other similar entities. Additionally, the draft introduces prudential requirements for finance companies engaged in factoring, including exposure norms and rules for non-performing asset (NPA) recognition. These provisions replace earlier requirements that were part of the August 17, 2021 circular on factoring, which has now been repealed. IFSCA has placed the draft guidelines on its website for public consultation and invited comments from stakeholders. Feedback must be submitted via email in MS Word or MS Excel format by March 31, 2026. [e-file No. IFSCA-FCR0ITFS/2/2024-Banking]

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Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on March 10, 2026, issued the Medical Devices (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Medical Device Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been stated: • After Rule 18, the following rule shall be inserted, namely: ■ “18A. Qualifications of Inspector ■ A person who is appointed as an Inspector under the Act for the purposes of the implementation of the Medical Devices Rules, 2017 shall be a person who has a ■ (i). Bachelor’s degree in engineering or equivalent in Bio medical or Chemical or Mechanical or Electrical or Electronics or Instrumentation or Bio-technology or Polymer or Computer Science or Medical Electronics Engineering from a recognised university or institute; or (ii). Bachelor's degree in Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Science or Microbiology or Bio- Chemistry or Chemistry or Life Sciences from a recognised university or institute. 18B. Qualifications of Government Analyst. ■ A person who is appointed as a Government analyst under the Act shall be a person who has a ■ (a) Bachelor’s of engineering or equivalent in Bio medical or Chemical or Mechanical or Electrical or Electronics or Instrumentation or Bio-technology or Polymer or Computer Science or Medical Electronics Engineering from a recognised university or institute; and who possesses not less than five years' postgraduate experience in the testing of medical devices or in-vitro diagnostics devices in a laboratory under the control of ■ (i) a Government Analyst appointed under the said Act, or (ii) the head of an Institution or testing laboratory approved for the purpose by the appointing authority (or has completed two years' training on testing of medical devices or in-vitro diagnostics devices); Or, (b) Bachelor’s degree in Pharmacy or Pharmaceutical Science or Microbiology or Bio- Chemistry or Chemistry or Life Sciences from a recognised university or institute and possesses not less than five years' post-graduate experience in the testing of medical devices or in-vitro diagnostics devices in a laboratory under the control of ■ (i) a Government

Analyst appointed under the said Act, or (ii) the head of an institution or testing laboratory approved for the purpose by the appointing authority (or has completed two years' training on testing of medical devices or in-vitro diagnostics devices) They shall come into force on March 10, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 165(E)]

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CDSCO issued circular regarding the Online Applications for Post Approval Changes (PAC) w.r.t Marketing Authorization (MA) for r-DNA products

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) on March 09, 2026, issued circular regarding the Online Applications for Post Approval Changes (PAC) w.r.t Marketing Authorization (MA) for r-DNA products. The regulatory authority has introduced an online system on the SUGAM Portal to streamline the submission process for Post Approval Changes (PAC) related to Marketing Authorization of r-DNA products. Applicants can now submit PAC applications through the “Post Approval Changes – MA” module available on the portal. All applicants seeking such changes are required to submit their applications online and follow the checklist provided within the portal module to ensure proper documentation and compliance with regulatory requirements. Further, the authority has discontinued the offline submission process. From March 05, 2026 onwards, applications in hard copy will no longer be accepted for processing, making online submission through the SUGAM Portal mandatory. [Circular No. r-DNA-15011(11)/72/2025-eoffice (e-office no. 26991)]

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CDSCO Online Submission of Applications for r-DNA Product Licenses

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) on March 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding online applications for grant of license in Form 28-D/28-DA for r-DNA products. The circular states that, in order to streamline the regulatory submission procedure, applications for grant of licenses for r-DNA products in Form 28-D/28-DA must now be submitted through the Online National Drugs Licensing System (ONDLS) portal. Applicants are required to submit their applications online along with the required documents as specified in the checklist available in the module. Further, the authority clarified that the facility for offline submission of applications in hard copy has been discontinued with effect from March 10, 2026. All stakeholders seeking licenses for r-DNA products must therefore use the online portal for submission and processing of applications. [Notification No. F. No. r-DNA-15011(11)/72/2025-eoffice]

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DGCA Requirements for Grant of Operating Authorization to Foreign Airlines

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on March 10, 2026, issued guidelines outlining the requirements for grant of operating authorization to foreign airlines under Bilateral Air Services Agreements

for operating scheduled international air services to and from India. The guidelines state that foreign airlines must be formally designated by their respective governments under the relevant bilateral Air Services Agreement with India, with such designation communicated through diplomatic channels. DGCA will grant operating authorization upon receipt of the designation and application, provided that substantial ownership and effective control of the airline rests with the designating country or its nationals, and that the airline meets safety, security, and operational standards prescribed under applicable laws and bilateral agreements. Foreign airlines must register on the E-Governance of Civil Aviation (eGCA) portal, create login credentials, and submit prescribed documents including incorporation details, Air Operator Certificate, management structure, and details of a designated Local Representative in India. The Local Representative must be an Indian national or an Indian legal entity responsible for regulatory coordination, compliance with DGCA requirements, and reporting operational occurrences.

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AICTE issued a public notice for the categorization of institutions offering PGDM Courses for the grant of Graded Autonomy

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on March 03, 2026, issued a public notice for the categorization of institutions offering PGDM Courses for the grant of Graded Autonomy. It has invited applications from institutions offering PGDM programmes for the grant of Graded Autonomy for the academic year 2026–27. Eligible institutions, as per Gazette Notification F.No. AICTE/P&AP/SIs/2019 shall apply through the AICTE online portal in the prescribed format. The last date for submission of applications is March 21, 2026. [Notification no. - Regulation Bureau/GA/202]

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CBSE issued the Amendment in Appendix-V under the Chapter 3 of the Affiliation Bye Laws-2018

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on February 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Amendment in Appendix-V under the Chapter 3 of the Affiliation Bye Laws-2018 The following has been stated namely: - • Clarification of Term: In Circular No. 13/2025, the term “Built-up Carpet Area / Carpet Area” has been clarified to mean “Built-up Area” for deciding the number of school sections under Appendix-V of the Affiliation Bye-Laws 2018. • Basis for Sections: The maximum number of sections (Balvatika to Class XII) allowed in a school will be determined based on the total built-up area of the school building. • Certification Requirement: The built-up area must be certified by the local body or a licensed architect, as per the prescribed certificate format. • Minimum Area Requirements: o 1000 sq. m – Minimum for Branch School o 1400 sq. m – Minimum for Middle / Secondary level o 1800 sq. m – Minimum for Senior Secondary level • The number of sections increases with area as per the table, and after the base scale, 3 additional sections are allowed for every extra 400 sq. m of built-up area [Notification No. CBSE/AFF/Circular/2026/]

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MCX issued a notification regarding the Alternate Risk Management Framework (ARMF) for Near Zero and Negative Prices`

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on March 09, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Alternate Risk Management Framework (ARMF) for Near Zero and Negative Prices. The following has been stated: It has introduced an Alternate Risk Management Framework (ARMF) to address potential near zero or negative prices in commodities such as Crude Oil and Natural Gas. The framework will be activated if certain market triggers occur, such as a price fall of more than 50% within 20 trading days, international exchanges adopting negative price measures, or the introduction of near-zero or negative strike price options. For April 2026, ARMF will be triggered if prices fall below defined thresholds (■1300 for Crude Oil and ■158.50 for Natural Gas). When activated, the framework imposes minimum absolute margins per lot, sets threshold-based Extreme Loss Margins (ELM), withdraws spread margin benefits, and uses the Bachelier Model for options pricing. Additionally, extra margins may be levied based on price drops ranging from 50% to over 90%, with margin requirements increasing proportionally. MCXCCL may also impose further margins if required to manage market risk. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [MCXCCL Circular No. MCXCCL/RISK/050/2026]

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NPPA notified regarding the computation of the retail price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer)

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the computation of the retail price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer). It states that the price of each film-coated tablet containing:- Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 40 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer) has been revised to Rs. 21.29/-. [Notification no: 19(5012)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NMC issued a Compliance with the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India Order dated January 15, 2026, in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 in the matter of Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC), on March 09, 2026, issued a Compliance with the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India Order dated January 15, 2026, in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 in the matter of

Amit Kumar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors. The following has been stated namely:- • For medical colleges and institutions regulated by the National Medical Commission, authorities must implement the directions urgently and within specified timelines. • All such institutions must submit a Monthly Action Taken Report (ATR) regarding compliance to the National Medical Commission via antiragging@nmc.org.in. • The mandatory advisories issued for strict compliance by all medical colleges under NMC are provided in Annexure A, based on the NTF recommendations and Supreme Court directions. [Notification no. CDN-11011/1/2026-COORDINATION-NMC]

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MoH&FW issued a notification regarding the expansion of Medical Colleges and Seats in India

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on March 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding the expansion of Medical Colleges and Seats in India. The following has been stated: - •A total of 43 new medical colleges have been established in India for the Academic Year 2025–26, with approval for 11,682 MBBS seats and 8,967 PG seats. •The National Medical Commission (NMC) processes applications for new colleges and seat increases based on regulatory standards and assessments. •The government also runs a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to establish medical colleges attached to district/referral hospitals, prioritizing underserved areas. •Under this scheme, 157 medical colleges have been approved with a total cost of ■41,332.41 crore, out of which ■23,246.10 crore has been released so far. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2237403]

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MoH&FW notified regarding the Update on Secure AI in Health Initiative

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW), on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the Update on Secure AI in Health Initiative. The following has been stated namely:- • In respect of AI-enabled medical devices, the applicant is required to submit comprehensive technical documentation in accordance with the said rules. The key technical documentation requirements include: • Essential Principles Checklist to demonstrate conformity with applicable safety and performance requirements; • Verification and validation documentation including software; • Risk analysis and control documents; • Clinical evidence in support of safety, performance and effectiveness; • Quality Management System documents • Software version release certificates if any. [Press Release ID: 2237406]

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MoC&F notified regarding the APIs Imports from China

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the APIs Imports from China. The following has been stated namely:- • The domestic demand for high-dependence APIs is dynamic and driven by the requirements of the formulation industry for both domestic consumption and exports. Installed capacity for these APIs is primarily within the private sector. Since 2020, through various policy interventions such as the Scheme for Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes, the Government has facilitated the creation of an ecosystem for domestic manufacturing. • Under the PLI Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs) /Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in India (commonly known as “PLI Scheme for Bulk Drugs’), domestic manufacturing capacity of approximately 56,800 MT per annum has been established for 28 out of 41 identified critical products. The list of these 28 products is placed at Annexure-II. As of December 2025, 38 greenfield projects covering 28 notified products have been commissioned under the Scheme. [Press Release ID: 2237414]

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MoC notified regarding the allocation of additional telecommunication identifiers in numbering series "1600' exclusively for service and transactional voice calls to M/s Tata Teleservices Limited for Karnataka LSA

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Communications (MoC), on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the allocation of additional telecommunication identifiers in numbering series "1600' exclusively for service and transactional voice calls to M/s Tata Teleservices Limited for Karnataka LSA. The following has been stated namely:- • The competent authority has approved the **allocation of an additional Telemarketing Code to Tata Teleservices Limited for the Karnataka Licensed Service Area. The allotted code is 1600-322-XXX, where the value of “XXX” can range from 000 to 999, thereby providing up to 1000 telecommunication identifiers within the series for telemarketing purposes in the Karnataka LSA. • While allocating the numbers, the licensee shall comply with the regulations issued by DoT and TRAI from time to time. It is also advised that numbering series to be used efficiently. [Notification No. 16-06/2024-AS-III/ 255]

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RBI issued an amendment to Directions on ‘Counterparty Credit Risk - Add-on factors for computation of Potential Future Exposure’

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on March 10, 2026, issued an amendment to Directions on ‘Counterparty Credit Risk - Add-on factors for computation of Potential Future Exposure’. The following has been amended namely:- • The draft instructions proposed to modify the Counterparty Credit Risk (CCR) related instructions to (i) clarify that banks acting as clearing members of SEBI recognised stock exchanges in the equity derivatives and commodity derivatives segments are required to maintain capital charge for CCR; and (ii) largely align the add-on factors for calculation of Potential Future Exposure (PFE) in the Current Exposure Method (CEM) for ‘Interest Rate Contracts’ and ‘Exchange Rate Contracts and Gold’ with the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) guidelines. • Feedback received on the draft instructions has

been examined and consequent modifications have been suitably incorporated in the final Amendment Directions. Statement on the feedback received on the draft instructions is provided in the Annex. • The objective of these Amendment Directions is to impart clarity to Regulated Entities on certain aspects of the CCR framework and largely align the CEM framework with international guidelines. [Press Release: 2025-2026/2243]

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Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Second Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Second Amendment Directions, 2026, further to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Non■Banking Financial Companies – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Directions, 2025. The following has been amended: • The amendment clarifies the components to be considered while calculating the “Owned Fund” of NBFCs. Under the revised provision, free reserves may include quarterly profits, provided that the financial statements are reviewed or audited quarterly by statutory auditors. • However, the eligible profit that can be included shall be reduced by the average dividend paid during the last three financial years, calculated through a specified formula. The amendment also provides that any losses incurred during the current financial year shall be fully deducted from the Owned Fund. • These directions shall come into force with immediate effect. [Notification no. - RBI/2025-26/226 DOR.CAP.REC.No.416/21.01.002/2025-26]

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

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies - Concentration Risk Management) Second Amendment Directions, 2026 to amend the Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Non-Banking Financial Companies - Concentration Risk Management) Directions, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued the Second Amendment Directions, 2026, to update the 2025 Master Direction on concentration risk management for NBFCs. •The amendment aligns the definitions of “Owned Fund” and “Tier 1 Capital” with the RBI’s Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy Directions, 2025. •NBFCs must obtain an external auditor’s certificate before counting any capital augmentation for concentration norms compliance. •Tier 1 capital for compliance will be determined based on the latest audited or reviewed financial statements, and the directions will take effect immediately. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/2025-26/227 DOR.CAP.REC.No.417/21.01.002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Mortgage Guarantee Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, notified the Reserve Bank of India (Mortgage Guarantee Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026 to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Mortgage Guarantee Companies) Directions, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Reserve Bank of India issued the Mortgage Guarantee Companies Amendment Directions, 2026, to modify the 2025 Master Directions. •The amendment clarifies the components included in “Owned Fund”, including paid-up equity, free reserves, contingency reserves, and eligible quarterly profits. Quarterly profits can be counted in owned funds only after audit/limited review and adjustment for average dividends. •The directions also clarify that Tier-1 capital for credit and investment norms will be based on the latest audited or reviewed financial statements, and the amendments take effect immediately. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: RBI/2025-26/230 DOR.CAP.REC.No.420/21.01.002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Asset Reconstruction Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Asset Reconstruction Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026. The following has been amended namely:- • These Amendment Directions modify the Master Direction as under: Paragraph 4(11)(i)(c) shall be replaced by: “(c) free reserves (excluding revaluation reserve) including quarterly profits. Inclusion of quarterly profits shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) The financial statements shall be subjected to limited review / audit on a quarterly basis by the statutory auditors. (ii) Such profits shall be reduced by average dividend paid in the last three years and the amount which can be reckoned for inclusion would be arrived at as under: EPt = NPt - 0.25 *D*t Where: EPt = Eligible profit up to quarter ‘t’ of the current financial year, t varies from 1 to 4 NPt = Net profit up to quarter ‘t’ D = average dividend paid for / pertaining to the last three financial years Losses in the current year shall be fully deducted from Owned Fund;” [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/231 DOR.CAP.REC.No.421/21.01.002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Core Investment Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Core Investment Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026, further to amend the Reserve Bank of India (Core Investment Companies) Directions, 2025. The following has been amended: • The amendment clarifies the components to be included while computing the “Owned Fund” of Core Investment Companies (CICs). Under the revised definition, owned funds will include paid-up equity capital, compulsorily convertible preference shares, free reserves (including quarterly profits), share premium, and capital reserves arising from asset sale proceeds, but will exclude revaluation reserves. From this amount, accumulated losses, intangible assets, and deferred revenue expenditure shall be deducted. • The amendment also allows quarterly profits to be included in owned funds, provided that the financial statements are reviewed or audited quarterly by statutory auditors.

The eligible profit shall be reduced by the average dividend paid in the last three financial years, calculated using a specified formula, and any losses during the current financial year shall be fully deducted from owned funds. • Additionally, CICs are not required to deduct Right-of-Use (ROU) assets created under Ind AS 116 (Leases) from owned funds, provided the underlying leased asset is a tangible asset. • The directions shall come into force with immediate effect. [Notification no. - RBI/2025-26/229 DOR.CAP.REC.No.419/21.01.002/2025-26]

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Reserve Bank of India (Housing Finance Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Housing Finance Companies) Amendment Directions, 2026. The following has been amended namely:- • These Amendment Directions modify the Master Direction mentioned as under: Paragraph 10(16) shall be replaced by: “10(16) “Owned Fund” means paid up equity capital, preference shares which are compulsorily convertible into equity, free reserves including quarterly profits, balance in share premium account, and capital reserves representing surplus arising out of sale proceeds of asset, excluding reserves created by revaluation of asset, as reduced by accumulated loss balance, book value of intangible assets and deferred revenue expenditure, if any. Inclusion of quarterly profits shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) The financial statements shall be subjected to limited review / audit on a quarterly basis by the statutory auditors. (ii) Such profits shall be reduced by average dividend paid in the last three years and the amount which can be reckoned for inclusion would be arrived at as under: EPt = NPt - 0.25 *D*t Where: EPt = Eligible profit up to quarter ‘t’ of the current financial year, t varies from 1 to 4 NPt = Net profit up to quarter ‘t’ D = average dividend paid for / pertaining to the last three financial years Losses in the current year shall be fully deducted from Owned Fund. The HFC shall not be required to deduct a Right-of-Use (ROU) asset (created in terms of Ind AS 116-Leases) from Owned Fund, provided the underlying asset being taken on lease is a tangible asset.” [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/228 - DOR.CAP.REC.No.418/21.01.002/2025-26]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP eq. to Sitagliptin 50mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500mg + Glimepiride IP 2mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP eq. to Sitagliptin 50mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500mg + Glimepiride IP 2mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). It states that the price for each hard gelatin capsule containing: Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP eq. to Sitagliptin 50mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500mg + Glimepiride IP 2mg has been fixed at Rs. 11.90/- excluding GST. [Notification no. - 19(5057)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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CERT-In issued the Cyber Security Framework and Guidelines for Space Including Satellite Communication

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) on February 26, 2026, issued the Cyber Security Framework and Guidelines for Space Including Satellite Communication. The following has been stated namely: - • India's increasing reliance on Satellite Communication (SatCom) systems for strategic, commercial, and societal functions underscores the critical importance of ensuring their cyber resilience and operational integrity. • SatCom networks play a pivotal role in national security, disaster management, navigation, broadcasting, e-governance, and remote connectivity. The growing convergence of satellite and terrestrial networks coupled with the integration of cloud-based services, software-defined payloads, and Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) components has expanded the cyberattack surface across the space cyber security ecosystem. • This outlines the regulatory mandates, governance structures, and compliance expectations that SatCom stakeholders must adhere to for maintaining a secure, resilient, and trusted communication infrastructure

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MCX notified regarding UNSC Press Release and Sanction List

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the UNSC Press Release and Sanction List. The following has been stated: • The circular advises exchange members, intermediaries, and participants to take note of the UNSC sanctions and restrictions against specified individuals, entities, and organizations. • Members are required to ensure that they do not deal with or provide services to persons or entities appearing in the sanctions list and shall comply with applicable regulatory and anti-money laundering (AML) obligations. • The circular also directs members to update their internal screening and compliance systems in line with the revised sanctions list and report any potential matches or suspicious transactions as per regulatory requirements. • This measure is intended to ensure that market participants follow international sanctions, maintain market integrity, and prevent financial dealings with designated entities. [Notification no. - MCX/INSP/113/2026]

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IFSCA issued consultation paper on the regulatory framework for rights issues by listed entities in the IFSC

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 06, 2026, issued consultation paper on the regulatory framework for rights issues by listed entities in the IFSC. The objective of this consultation paper is to seek comments / views from public on the proposed regulatory framework for rights issue by listed

entities on the recognised stock exchanges in the IFSC. These are issuers that have made their primary issuance in the IFSC. The IFSCA (Listing) Regulations, 2024 provides the regulatory framework for issue and listing of various financial products, including specified securities, debt securities and other financial products on recognised stock exchanges in international financial services centres in India. Regulation 57 of the Listing Regulations inter alia provide an enabling framework for specifying detailed norms by IFSCA for rights issue, as follows: “A Listed Entity may make rights issues, preferential issues or qualified institutions placement of specified securities, subject to compliance with the requirements that may be specified by the Authority.” Kindly find the detailed paper attached to the document below.

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Inland Vessels (Safe Navigation, Communication & Signals) (First Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPS&W) on March 05, 2026, issued the Inland Vessels (Safe Navigation, Communication & Signals) (First Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Inland Vessels (Safe Navigation, Communication and Signals) Rules, 2022. This shall come into effect from March 05, 2026. The following has been stated: • The amendments introduce a clarification regarding the calculation of gross tonnage, providing that vessels of 24 meters and above will follow the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969, while vessels below 24 meters will follow the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Rules, 1987. • The rules also restructure provisions relating to navigation by inserting a chapter on the conduct of inland vessels in restricted visibility and revising the chapter on lights and shapes used for navigation signals. • Further, Rule 23 has been amended to specify that two all-round red lights or two shapes used as signals shall be placed approximately one metre vertically above each other. The amendment also replaces Rule 33 to prescribe mandatory radio and navigation equipment for vessels operating in different zones, including a magnetic compass, VHF radio, AIS system, GPS navigator, binoculars, search lights, and rudder angle indicators, with specific requirements for vessels operating in Zones 1, 2 and 3. [Notification no. - G.S.R. 155(E)

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NPPA issued the retail price for the Factor VIII IP (1000 IU) + Protein content IP (≤ 80 g/L) + Sodium Chloride IP (≤ 250 mM) + Sodium Citrate IP (≤ 10 mM) + Calcium Chloride IP (≤ 1 mM) + Mannitol IP (≤7.6 % w/v) + Glycine IP (≤ 300 mM) + Lycine HCL BP (≤ 25 mM) + Sucrose IP (≤ 1% w/v) + Sodium ion content IP (≤ 200 mM/L) + Fibrinogen content (of total protein) (≤ 80%) for M/s Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer & Marketer)

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 05, 2026, issued the retail price for the Factor VIII IP (1000 IU) + Protein content IP (≤ 80 g/L) + Sodium Chloride IP (≤ 250 mM) + Sodium Citrate IP (≤ 10 mM) + Calcium Chloride IP (≤ 1 mM) + Mannitol IP (≤7.6 % w/v) + Glycine IP (≤ 300 mM) + Lycine HCL BP (≤ 25 mM) + Sucrose IP (≤ 1% w/v) + Sodium ion content IP (≤ 200 mM/L) + Fibrinogen content (of total protein) (≤ 80%) for M/s Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer & Marketer). The following are the

Calculation of retail price: • Derived Retail price for Human Coagulation Factor VIII IP (1000 IU) (Note 1) - Rs. 14,666.35 per vial • Claimed Price Rs. 17,334.00 per vial • Recommended retail price (Lower of worked out and claimed price) - Rs. 14,666.35 per vial [Notification No. 19(4970)/2025/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NPPA issued the Calcium Citrate Maleate IP Eq. to Elemental Calcium 250mg + Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) IP 100IU + Folic Acid IP 50mcg for M/s Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s J.B Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 06, 2025, issued the Calcium Citrate Maleate IP Eq. to Elemental Calcium 250mg + Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) IP 100IU + Folic Acid IP 50mcg for M/s Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s J.B Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: • The Retail Price for the Each Film Coated Tablet Contains: Calcium Citrate Maleate IP Eq. to Elemental Calcium 250mg + Cholecalciferol (Vitamin D3) IP 100IU + Folic Acid IP 50mcg for M/s Pure and Cure Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s J.B Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer) • Sum of MAT value considered for price calculation (in Lakhs) - 14,788.45 • Sum of PTR per unit considered for price calculation - 10.22

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MoSD&E issued notification allowing Voluntary Aadhaar Authentication for Skill Development and Vocational Training Services

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE) on March 03, 2026, issued notification allowing Voluntary Aadhaar Authentication for Skill Development and Vocational Training Services. The notification states that the use of the Aadhaar number helps individuals establish their identity easily and access government subsidies, benefits, and services in a seamless and transparent manner. It reduces the need for multiple identity documents and improves efficiency in service delivery. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, in consultation with the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), has permitted the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to use Aadhaar authentication under the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020. Under this permission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship can use Aadhaar authentication on its digital platforms to promote good governance, improve ease of living, and enhance access to services. The authentication will mainly be used for verifying the identity of trainees during enrolment, admission, and certificate issuance, as well as for verifying trainers and examiners during the assessment process in the vocational education system. The notification clarifies that Aadhaar authentication will be voluntary. The Ministry must obtain the consent of the Aadhaar holder before authentication and may use Yes/No authentication or e-KYC authentication methods. Additionally, individuals who refuse or are unable to use Aadhaar authentication cannot be denied services. As an alternative, individuals can verify their identity using other valid documents such as a bank or post office passbook with photo, voter ID card, passport, or PAN

card. The notification will come into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. S.O. 1158(E)]

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RBI issued Draft Amendment Directions for 'Review of Framework of Limiting Customer Liability in Digital Transactions'

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 06, 2026, issued Draft Amendment Directions for 'Review of Framework of Limiting Customer Liability in Digital Transactions'. The banking regulator has decided to revise the 2017 guidelines on limiting customer liability in unauthorised electronic banking transactions in view of developments in the digital payment and banking ecosystem. The revised instructions expand the scope to cover more types of fraudulent electronic banking transactions, aim to reduce the time taken by banks to resolve fraud complaints, and introduce a compensation mechanism for small-value fraudulent transactions to provide better protection to customers. The following directions have been amended, namely: o Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks - Responsible Business Conduct) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 o Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks - Responsible Business Conduct) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 o Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks - Responsible Business Conduct) Second Amendment Directions, 2026 o Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks - Responsible Business Conduct) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 o Reserve Bank of India (Regional Rural Banks - Responsible Business Conduct) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 o Reserve Bank of India (Urban Co-operative Banks - Responsible Business Conduct) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 o Reserve Bank of India (Rural Co-operative Banks - Responsible Business Conduct) Third Amendment Directions, 2026 • The compensation mechanism proposed to be introduced under these Amendment Directions will be in force for one year from the effective date of these Directions. • The comments/feedback on the draft Amendment Directions may be submitted by the regulated entities and members of the public/other stakeholders on or before April 6, 2026. [Press Release: 2025-2026/2224]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP Equivalent to Sitagliptin 50 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500 mg + Glimepiride IP 1 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP Equivalent to Sitagliptin 50 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500 mg + Glimepiride IP 1 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: - •For each film-coated tablet containing Sitagliptin Phosphate Monohydrate IP Equivalent to Sitagliptin 50 mg + Metformin Hydrochloride IP 500 mg + Glimepiride IP 1 mg for M/s Exemed Pharmaceuticals (Manufacturer) & M/s Unison Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer), the retail price is 10.39 (Rs). [Notification

No.:19(5056)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.III/13314/2026]

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Energy Conservation (Energy Consumption Norms and Standards for Designated Consumers, Form, Time within which, and Manner of Preparation and Implementation of Scheme, Procedure for Issue of Energy Savings Certificate and Value of Per Metric Ton of Oil Equivalent of Energy Consumed) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Power (MoP) on March 05, 2026, notified the Energy Conservation (Energy Consumption Norms and Standards for Designated Consumers, Form, Time within which, and Manner of Preparation and Implementation of Scheme, Procedure for Issue of Energy Savings Certificate and Value of Per Metric Ton of Oil Equivalent of Energy Consumed) Amendment Rules, 2026 to amend the Energy Conservation (Energy Consumption Norms and Standards for Designated Consumers, Form, Time within which, and Manner of Preparation and Implementation of Scheme, Procedure for Issue of Energy Savings Certificate and Value of Per Metric Ton of Oil Equivalent of Energy Consumed) Rules 2012. The following has been stated: - •Under Rule 16, after sub-rule 2(C), the following sub-rule 2(D) shall be inserted, namely: - (2D) The value of per metric tonne of oil equivalent of energy consumed for the purpose of these rules shall be twenty-two thousand seven hundred and seventy-four rupees (22,774) for the year 2021-22 and for the succeeding target years shall be such amount as may be specified by the Central Government, by notification in the Official Gazette. They shall come into force on March 06, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 157(E)]

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IFSCA issued a Consultation Paper on Draft IFSCA (Prohibition of Market Abuse in Securities Markets) Regulations, 2026

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 06, 2026, issued a Consultation Paper on Draft IFSCA (Prohibition of Market Abuse in Securities Markets) Regulations, 2026. The following has been stated: - •International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has issued a consultation paper seeking public comments on the proposed IFSCA (Prohibition of Market Abuse in Securities Markets) Regulations, 2026. •The proposed regulations aim to replace the applicability of existing SEBI regulations on insider trading and fraudulent/unfair trade practices within IFSCs. •They are designed to ensure fair, transparent, and efficient securities markets by preventing market manipulation, insider trading, and other abusive practices. •The framework is aligned with global best practices and IOSCO enforcement principles, emphasizing strong investigation, surveillance, and deterrence mechanisms. •Listed entities, fiduciaries, and registered institutions in IFSCs will be required to implement internal controls and codes of conduct to prevent misuse of material non-public information. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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CDSCO issued a circular regarding the implementation of the Prior intimation System for Forms CT-10, CT-12, and CT-13

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) on March 06, 2026, issued a circular regarding the implementation of the Prior intimation System for Forms CT-10, CT-12, and CT-13. The following has been stated: - •Following Gazette Notification G.S.R. 46(E) dated January 20, 2026, amendments to the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 introduce a prior intimation system for analytical and non-clinical testing applications. •Stakeholders must submit Forms CT-10, CT-12, and CT-13 through the National Single Window System (NSWS) portal, where the acknowledgment will serve as proof of prior intimation. •However, this system does not apply to sex hormones, cytotoxic drugs, beta-lactam drugs, biologics with live microorganisms, and narcotic or psychotropic substances. •For categories not covered under the amendment, the existing prior approval system will continue to apply. [Circular No: IT/MISC/001/2026]

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Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents (Amendment) Scheme, 2026

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H), on March 02, 2026, issued the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents (Amendment) Scheme, 2026, to further amend the Compensation to Victims of Hit and Run Motor Accidents Scheme, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • In the said Scheme, paragraphs 11 and 12 shall be omitted. • In the said Scheme, paragraph 21, sub-paragraph (2), in clause (b), after the words “Claims Settlement Commissioner”, the words shall be inserted, namely:- “on the portal”. • In the said Scheme, paragraph 21, sub-paragraph (3), after the words “report to the Claims Enquiry Officer”, the words shall be inserted, namely:- “on the portal”. [Notification No. G.S.R. 153(E)]

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CBSE notified regarding the submission of applications under various categories of affiliation for the session 2027-28 in SARAS 7.0

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on February 26, 2026, notified regarding the submission of applications under various categories of affiliation for the session 2027-28 in SARAS 7.0. The following has been stated: • It has announced the opening of the online application window on the SARAS portal for affiliation-related applications for the academic session 2027–28, starting from May 2026. Schools can apply under various categories, such as fresh affiliation, up-gradation to secondary or senior secondary level, extension or restoration of affiliation, branch school approval, section increase, site shifting, introduction of additional subjects, name change of school or managing entity, land area changes, transfer of school management, and closure of school. • Most major categories, including fresh affiliation, up-gradation, site shifting, and restoration, will require 100% physical inspection, while some categories, like section increase and extension of affiliation, may involve virtual inspection or automated scrutiny. • Schools shall ensure that OASIS data is correctly updated and mandatory public disclosures, including teacher details and required

documents, are uploaded on the school website. • Applications for foreign/international schools and government or government-aided schools will remain open throughout the year, and schools seeking extension of affiliation shall apply for extension first before applying under any other category. [Notification no. - CBSE/AFF./Notification/2026]

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UGC request to HEIs for Demand-based Mapping of SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 Semester

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC) on March 02, 2026, requested HEIs for Demand-based Mapping of SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 Semester. It has requested Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) to participate in a demand-based mapping exercise for SWAYAM MOOCs for the July 2026 semester to better align online courses with university curricula. HEIs are required to review available SWAYAM courses and provide inputs on aspects such as curriculum mapping percentage, credit requirements, language preference, course level (UG/PG), NCrF level, discipline area, need for rerunning courses, and identification of new courses not currently available on SWAYAM. Universities shall submit their inputs through the UGC SWAYAM Mapping Portal by March 10, 2026, after which the consolidated feedback will be shared with SWAYAM National Coordinators for developing, updating, or rerunning relevant courses. [Notification no. - 1-8/2017(SWAYAM)]

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NMC notified regarding the Integration of Digital Health records of patients

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC), on March 03, 2026, notified regarding the Integration of Digital Health records of patients. The following has been stated namely: - • National Health Authority which is the Nodal Agency of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has further simplified the process to make ABHA id registration process hassle free for patients. (Annexure-I). • Process for ABHA Registration by Patients:- • Create ABHA for the Patient ABHA can be created using the patient's Aadhaar in an ADBM-enabled HMIS of hospital. • Authentication can be completed via: - Aadhaar-linked mobile OTP, or Biometric authentication. [Notification No. N-16021/2/2026-IT-NMC (E- 8392185)]

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NPPA notified regarding the computation of the retail price of Magnesium bisglycinate Eq. to elemental Magnesium 250 mg+ Vitamin D3 IP 1000 IU for M/s Alkem Health Science (A Unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 05, 2026, notified regarding the computation of the retail price of Magnesium bisglycinate Eq. to elemental Magnesium 250 mg+ Vitamin D3 IP 1000 IU for M/s Alkem Health Science (A Unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer). It states that the price of each film-coated tablet containing:- Magnesium bisglycinate Eq. to elemental Magnesium 250 mg+ Vitamin D3 IP 1000 IU for M/s Alkem Health Science (A Unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer) has been revised to Rs. 21.66/-. [Notification no: 19(5044)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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Tea Board of India notified regarding the compliance requirement for Tea Manufacturers to Sell Minimum 50% Production through Public Tea Auctions

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Tea Board of India on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the compliance requirement for Tea Manufacturers to Sell Minimum 50% Production through Public Tea Auctions. The following has been stated: • The Tea Board has reminded registered tea manufacturers of the requirement under Clause 21(1) of the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003, as amended by the Central Government notification dated October 01, 2015, which mandates that at least 50% of the total tea produced in a calendar year shall be sold through public tea auctions in India conducted by licensed auction organizers. • An analysis of auction participation for 2024 and 2025 (up to August 2025) found that several manufacturers had not offered any tea for auction, leading to the issuance of show-cause notices and personal hearings. Some manufacturers cited a lack of awareness of the requirement; therefore, the Tea Board has directed industry associations to inform their members about this provision and warned that non-compliance with the mandatory auction participation requirement will be treated seriously by the Registering Authority. [Notification no. - LC-MISCOAUC/1/2024-Licensing/3925]

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NMC notified regarding the implementation of HMIS (Health Management Information System) for attached hospitals

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on March 03, 2026, notified regarding the implementation of HMIS (Health Management Information System) for attached hospitals. Attention is drawn to the UGMSR 2023 and related regulations issued by the National Medical Commission (NMC), mandating all medical institutions to install a Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) in their attached/associated hospitals. Medical colleges were previously directed to implement AEBAS, HMIS, and CCTV integration with NMC to enable continuous monitoring of medical education and training standards. To enhance objectivity and transparency in the annual renewal and assessment process, all medical colleges under NMC must now integrate their hospital HMIS with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission-HMIS (ABDM-HMIS) portal maintained by the National Health Authority under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. The process for HMIS integration is detailed in Annexure-I of the notice. Institutions facing technical issues may contact the designated officials at NHA and NMC through the provided email IDs. The integration must be completed within 15 days from the

date of issuance of the notice. [File No. N-16021/2/2026-IT-NMC (E- 8392185)]

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MoC notified regarding the National Lignite Index with Base year 2021-22

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Coal (MoC) on February 26, 2026, issued the notification regarding the National Lignite Index with Base year 2021-22 & Representative Prices (in Rs/ton) from April 2022 to September 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • The National Lignite Index with Base year 2021-22, is compiled from Apr'2022 to Sept'2025 on the basis of approved methodology • Its compiled using certified data of eight lignite sector companies. • The index & RP for the above period is stated in the notification. [Notification No. NA/7/2023-NA]

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Furniture (Quality Control) Second Amendment Order, 2026

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 02, 2026, issued the Furniture (Quality Control) Second Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Furniture (Quality Control) Order, 2025. This shall take effect from March 02, 2026. After the sixth proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: “Provided also that nothing in the order shall apply to imports of such goods or articles in consignment with Bill of Lading having shipped before the date of implementation of the order and Bill of Entry on or before one hundred and eighty days after the date of implementation of the Order: Provided also that nothing in the order shall apply to imports of goods or articles where the purchase order for such goods or articles were placed before the date of implementation of the order, and the Bill of the Lading and the Bill of Entry in respect of such goods or articles are dated on or before one hundred and eighty days from the date on which the said order came into force and the importer shall provide the Bureau in its letter head duly signed by its authorised signatory, a copy of the purchase order, the Bill of Lading and Bill of Entry and other supporting documents within seven days of clearance of such consignment”. [Notification no. - S.O. 1125(E)]

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IIDI notified regarding the change in Pay-in & Pay-out time for the NSE IFSC settlement

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The India International Depository IFSC Limited (IIDI) on March 03, 2026, notified regarding the change in Pay-in & Pay-out time for NSE IFSC settlement. Participants have been informed that pursuant to a settlement holiday declared on March 03, 2026, by NSE IFSC Clearing Corporation Limited (NICCL), the deadline timings for Pay-in and Pay-out of securities for NSE IFSC settlement have been revised. As per NICCL Circular No. NSEICC/C&S/1084 dated February 25, 2026, for Settlement No. 2602040 (Normal Market), scheduled on March 05, 2026, the depository deadline time has been extended to 5:50 PM (earlier

2:50 PM), the NSE IFSC Pay-in time to 6:00 PM (earlier 3:00 PM), and the Pay-out time has been fixed at 8:00 PM. The changes apply specifically to the settlement dated March 05, 2026. [Notification no. - IIDI IFSC/DP/2025-26/119]

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IFSCA notified regarding the fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in the IFSC or persons seeking guidance under the Informal Guidance Scheme

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in the IFSC or persons seeking guidance under the Informal Guidance Scheme. The following has been stated: • The circular categorizes fees into application fee, licence/registration/recognition/authorisation fee, recurring fee (flat and conditional based on turnover), activity-based fee, processing fee, delay interest, penalties for non-submission of returns, and informal guidance fee. • Applicants shall pay the applicable application fee at the time of submission, failing which the application will not be entertained. Upon grant of approval, licence/registration fees shall be paid within 15 days. Recurring fees include a flat annual fee and, where applicable, a turnover-based conditional fee payable in advance and adjusted after the financial year based on actual turnover. Activity-based and processing fees apply in specific cases, such as a change in management, scheme modifications, aircraft/ship leasing, and other regulated activities. • Interest at 0.75% per month applies for delayed payments, and USD 100 per month per instance is chargeable for delayed or non-submission of regulatory returns. Fees under the Informal Guidance Scheme are fixed at USD 1,000 per application, with partial refund provisions if not maintainable. • The circular also specifies detailed fee schedules for banking units, capital market intermediaries, stock exchanges, insurance offices, finance companies, bullion exchanges, FinTech entities, global in-house centres, and other regulated entities. Payment shall generally be made in USD (with a limited INR option for Indian applicants), and no refund is allowed except in limited circumstances. [Notification no. - IFSCA-DTFA/1/2026]

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DFPD notified the Order on Monthly Stockholding Limit, Release Quota Regulation, and Compliance Requirements for Sugar Mills – March 2026

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding Order on Monthly Stockholding Limit, Release Quota Regulation, and Compliance Requirements for Sugar Mills – March 2026 The following has been stated namely: - • All sugar producers using the vacuum pan process to maintain white/refined sugar stock until March 31, 2026 based on opening stock, March production, and permitted release quantity. • If any sugar mill sold excess sugar or underutilized its quota in December 2025, the excess quantity will be deducted from the release quota for March 2026. • Sugar mills must integrate their ERP/SAP systems with the National Single Window System (NSWS) portal through APIs by March 10, 2026 and submit monthly P-II data for February 2026 through the API. Non-compliant mills may

not receive future release quotas. • Companies having multiple sugar-producing units may maintain the required stock either unit-wise or collectively for the group. • All sugar mills must ensure 20% mandatory packaging of sugar in jute bags as per the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, and any violation of this order will attract penalties under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. [Notification No. 5-4/2025-SC]

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Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes Sixth Amendment, 2026

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSD&E), on February 26, 2026, issued an amendment in the Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes Sixth Amendment, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • For Sub-Clause 5.1 of Clause 5 of SCHEDULE-I of Annexure-1, the following shall be substituted as under:- 5.1 Training in Special Areas: Over and above the Base Cost, an additional amount equal to 10% of the Base Cost should be permitted for Skill Development programmes conducted in the North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nikobar Island, Lakshadweep and districts affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE) as identified by the M/O Home Affairs for the Integrated Action Plan (hereinafter referred to as “Special Areas”). • For Sub-Clause 1.1 of Clause 1 of SCHEDULE-I of Annexure-1, the following shall be substituted with:- 1.1 The base costs for different sectors of Category I, Category II and Category III job roles are increased at 15%, 25% and 5% respectively of the amounts mentioned in clause 1.1 of SCHEDULE-I with effect from date of notification. [Notification No. F. No. H-22011/2/2014-SDE (Vol. IV)-Part(3)]

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DGFT issued a notification regarding the operationalisation of the Inter-Ministerial Group for supply chain resilience

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 03, 2026, issued a notification regarding the operationalisation of an inter-ministerial group for supply chain resilience. The following has been stated: In order to assess the impact of ongoing geopolitical developments on India’s exports, particularly supply chain disruptions, an Inter-Ministerial group (IMG) for supply chain resilience has been constituted. IMG will monitor global developments affecting supply chains, assess sector-wise export and critical import vulnerabilities, facilitate coordination among ministries, and recommend appropriate mitigation measures. An internal coordination mechanism has also been established by the DGFT to enable real-time tracking of issues and inter-agency coordination. Trade and industry stakeholders may bring to notice specific issues relating to supply chain disruptions for consolidation and monitoring at adg1-dgft@gov.in [Trade Notice No. 30/2025-26]

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DGCA issued Draft Civil Aviation Requirements Section 2 - Airworthiness Series X Part II related to Weight and Balance Control of Aircraft

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on March 03, 2026, issued Draft Civil Aviation Requirements Section 2 - Airworthiness Series X Part II related to Weight and Balance Control of Aircraft. The following has been stated: - •The Directorate General of Civil Aviation Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) lays down rules for aircraft weight and balance control under Rule 58 of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. •It prescribes initial and periodic re-weighment requirements based on MTOW, including mandatory reweighing after major repairs or alterations. •The CAR details preparation, approval, display, and record-keeping of weight schedules, along with load and trim sheet requirements for all operators. •It also specifies standard passenger/crew weights, CG computation responsibilities, calibration of weighing scales, and safe loading instructions to ensure operational safety. Comments are invited by April 02, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: File No. DGCA-25012(07)/8/2020-AW]

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DFPD issued the notification regarding the 5th Reallocation of Export Quota for export during Sugar Season 2025-26

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) on February 16, 2026, issued the notification regarding the 5th Reallocation of Export Quota for export during Sugar Season 2025-26 and consequent adjustment of Monthly release quantity on account of exchange of export quantity with domestic monthly release quantity. The following has been stated namely: - • The Government has permitted export of 15 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) of sugar, along with prescribed modalities for sugar export. • As per Clause 4 of the export guidelines, the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) has allowed exchange of export quota with domestic monthly release quota among sugar mills. • Based on requests and mutual agreements between sugar mills, additional export quantities have been allocated and corresponding adjustments have been made in their domestic monthly release quotas Please refer to the Annexure for further details. [Notification No. 2-1/2025-Trade]

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CDSCO issued an alert on theft of Lantus® SoloStar® (Insulin Glargine Injection IP, r-DNA origin, 100 IU/mL Batch No. 5F0347B of M/s Sanofi India Limited during transit

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), on March 02, 2026, issued an alert on theft of Lantus® SoloStar® (Insulin Glargine Injection IP, r-DNA origin, 100 IU/mL Batch No. 5F0347B of M/s Sanofi India Limited during transit. The following has been stated namely: - The following advisory is provided: • Doctors and Healthcare professionals:- Carefully prescribe and educate the patients for reporting of any ADRs. • Patients and consumers:- To be careful and procure the above products from authorized sources only and with proper invoice. • Regulatory authorities (All state/UT Drugs Controllers and Zonal/Sub-Zonal

offices of CDSCO):- Instruct your officers to keep a strict vigil on the movement of the said products in the market and initiate necessary action under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder [Notification no. F. No. Enforc-11021(11)/18/2026-eoffice]

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MCX notified regarding the Due Date Rates of future contracts expired on February 27

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited Exchange (MCX) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Due Date Rates of future contracts expired on February 27, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • In accordance with the Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL), members have been notified regarding the Due Date Rates (DDR). • The DDR has been fixed for futures contracts that expired on February 27, 2026. • The notification specifies commodity-wise DDR prices along with base quantity and unit (e.g., per KG, BALE, GRAM, MT, MWh). • Commodities covered include metals (Aluminium, Copper, Lead, Zinc), bullion (Gold Guinea, Gold Petal, Gold Ten, Silver), agri-commodities (Cardamom, Cotton, Kapas, Mentha Oil), energy (Electricity), and steel rebar. • These DDR prices will be used for final settlement of the respective expired futures contracts. [Notification No. MCX/MCXCCL/098/2026]

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

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, on March 02, 2026, issued the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Amendment) Order, 2026, to further amend the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020. The following has been stated: • In the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020, the Annexure has been substituted. Please find attached below the document for more details. [Notification No. S.O. 1129(E).]

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IBA notified regarding the Relief payable to Pensioners for the period February 2026 to July 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Indian Bank’s Association (IBA) on February 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Relief payable to Pensioners for the period February 2026 to July 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The confirmed All India Average Consumer Price Index (CPI-IW) for the quarter ended December 2025 stands at 9731.50 (1960=100 series) and 148.03 (2016=100 series), based on October–December 2025 data. • As per Bank Employees' Pension Regulations, Dearness Relief (DR) is payable to pensioners at rates specified in Appendix II of the Regulations. • Reference is made regarding DR neutralization for

pre-November 01,.2002 retirees and family pensioners, including provision of ex-gratia payment to a specific group of pensioners. • Based on the CPI average for the quarter, revised Dearness Relief becomes applicable for the period February 2026 to July 2026. • Pending formal amendments to the Pension Regulations, banks are advised to pay the applicable Dearness Relief on an ad hoc basis as per the Annexure. [Notification No. CIR/HR&IR/76/D/2025-26/2911]

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IIBX notified regarding modifications under the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Limited (IIBX), on March 03, 2026, notified regarding modifications under the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • All the regulated entities and market participants are requested to take note of the updated IFSCA Circular No. F. No. IFSCA-DAC/7/2024-AMLCFT dated February 26, 2026, on modifications and clarifications under the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022. A copy of the said circular issued by IFSCA is enclosed as Annexure - A. • In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 12 r/w Section 13 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019, and Rule 9 (14) of Prevention of Money Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005, the Authority hereby specifies the following modification to the Guidelines: After sub-point (d) to point (viii) of Clause 1.2.2 of Part -A of Annexure-II of the principal Guidelines, following new sub-point shall be inserted: “(e)OTP based Aadhaar e-KYC authentication” [Circular no. IIBX-MEM-2026-020]

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Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on February 26, 2026, issued the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. The following has been stated:- •The amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 replace the word “labelling” with “Labelling and packaging” across multiple sub-regulations (2.1 and 2.2). •References to the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging and Labelling) Regulations, 2011 are substituted with the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018 and the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020. •Certain sub-clauses (notably 2.1.14 and 2.1.15) have omitted specific provisions. •Overall, the amendment updates cross-references to align with the separate Packaging (2018) and Labelling & Display (2020) regulations. Objections or suggestions may be given within 60 days from March 03, 2026. The detailed notification is

given in the document below. [Notification No.: F. No REG-11015/1/2024-Regulation-FSSAI]

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NCDEX notified regarding the Premium/Discount for grade/delivery location difference

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Futures & Options Contracts Launch in March 2026 and Premium/Discount for grade/delivery location difference. The following has been stated namely: - • The applicable Premium/Discount amounts for grade differences and delivery location differences for futures contracts to be launched on March 02, 2026, as detailed in Annexures I, II, and III. • Variations in quality within acceptable limits will continue to be governed by respective product notes/circulars, and premium/discount for any future contracts will be announced prior to their launch. • Annexure I provides the list of futures contracts being launched on March 02, 2026, while Annexures II and III detail premium/discount structures for grade and delivery location differences. • The Exchange will also introduce Options on Futures contracts on March 04, 2026, with details provided in Annexure IV [Notification No. NCDEX/TRADING-009/2026]

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NPPA issued a notification regarding the fixation of retail price of Telmisartan IP 40 mg + Cilnidipine IP 10 mg + Metoprolol Succinate IP 23.75 mg Eq. to Metoprolol Tartrate 25 mg (As extended-release form) for M/s Mascot Health Series Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 03, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of retail price of Telmisartan IP 40 mg + Cilnidipine IP 10 mg + Metoprolol Succinate IP 23.75 mg Eq. to Metoprolol Tartrate 25 mg (As extended-release form) for M/s Mascot Health Series Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated: - •For each film-coated bilayer tablet contains: Telmisartan IP 40 mg + Cilnidipine IP 10 mg + Metoprolol Succinate IP 23.75 mg Eq. to Metoprolol Tartrate 25 mg (As extended-release form) for M/s Mascot Health Series Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/s Intas Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (Marketer), the retail price is 11.77 (Rs). The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 19(5054)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.III/13287/2026]

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RBI issued updates regarding the UNSC’s 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Delisting of 01 entry

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 02, 2026, issued updates regarding the UNSC’s 1267/ 1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Delisting of 01 entry. This communication refers to Chapter IX of the

Reserve Bank of India – Know Your Customer (KYC) Directions, 2025 dated November 28, 2025, as amended on December 29, 2025. Under these Directions, regulated entities are required, in terms of Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, to ensure that they do not maintain accounts in the names of individuals or entities listed by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as being associated with terrorism. In this regard, the Ministry of External Affairs has informed about UNSC Press Release SC/16306 dated February 27, 2026. The Security Council Committee, pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011), and 2253 (2015), has decided to remove a specific entry from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List. As a result of this delisting, the sanctions measures—including asset freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo—imposed under paragraph 1 of Security Council Resolution 2734 (2024), adopted under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, will no longer apply to the concerned individual/entity. Regulated entities are expected to take note of this update while ensuring continued compliance with KYC and UAPA obligations. [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/225 DOR. AML.REC.415/14.06.001/2025-26]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 20 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer)

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on February 26, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 20 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from July 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Olmesartan Medoxomil IP 20 mg + Amlodipine Besilate IP Eq. to Amlodipine 5 mg + Hydrochlorothiazide IP 12.5 mg for M/s Windlas Biotech Limited (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Wellness Limited (Marketer) • The Total MAT is 539,275,589 [Notification No. 19(5013)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

MoT notified regarding the Mandatory Registration of Raw Jute Traders and Restriction on Purchase by Jute Mills

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Textiles (MoT) on February 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mandatory Registration of Raw Jute Traders and Restriction on Purchase by Jute Mills from April 01, 2026 The following has been stated namely: - • All dealers/traders/agencies/stockists handling 500 kg or more of raw jute in a jute year (July–June) were directed to register with the Office of the Jute Commissioner through the Jute SMART portal. • With effect from April 01, 2026, jute mills are prohibited from purchasing raw jute from any stockist/trader/dealer/agency that does not possess a valid registration with the Office of the Jute Commissioner. • It is mandatory for jute mills to mention the supplier's/broker's Registration Number in Purchase Orders and Mill Receipt returns submitted through the Jute SMART portal • The list of validly registered traders will be periodically updated on the Jute Commissioner's website, and the Order remains in force until further notice. [Notification No. S.O. 1010(E)]

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MoC notified regarding the monthly Production and Dispatch from Captive and Commercial Mines in February 2026

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Coal (MoC), on March 02, 2206, notified regarding the monthly Production and Dispatch from Captive and Commercial Mines in February 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • During February 2026, captive and commercial coal mines in India produced 20.49 MT of coal, with dispatches of 17.72 MT, marking an 18.51% year-on-year increase. For FY 2025–26 (up to February), cumulative production grew 11.58%, and dispatches rose 6.78% compared to the previous year. • The Ministry of Coal attributes this growth to strategic policies, operational efficiency, capacity expansion, and improved coordination, and emphasizes continued efforts to maintain stable production, minimize supply disruptions, and support India's energy needs. [Press Release ID: 2234538]

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DGS issued the Urgent Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of escalating situation in Iran

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), on February 28, 2026, issued the Urgent Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of escalating situation in Iran. The following has been stated namely: - • DG Shipping issued an advisory vide DGS Circular No. 01 of 2026 dated January 14, 2026, advising all Indian seafarers, RPSL companies, shipping companies, trade unions and maritime stakeholders, including INSA, FOSMA, MASSA, etc., to closely monitor the safety, security and status of Indian crew members onboard vessels operating in Iranian waters or nearby regions. Indian seafarers currently in Iran were advised to strictly follow advisories issued by MEA and the Embassy of India, Tehran, from time to time. Further, all RPSL companies and shipping companies were advised not to deploy or send Indian seafarers to Iran until further orders. • Subsequently, based on the revised advisory issued by MEA dated February 23, 2026, reiterating the advisory of January 14, 2026, DG Shipping circulated the MEA advisory and further disseminated the same through all official social media handles of DG Shipping. All Indian-flagged vessels and Indian seafarers onboard foreign-flag vessels calling at ports of Iran or transiting through the Strait of Hormuz were advised to exercise utmost caution while operating or navigating through the region, keeping in view the prevailing security situation. [Notification no. F. No. 23-CIR/3/2025-CREW-DGS (C. No. 34882)]

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DGS issued the advisory to Indian Flag Vessels and Indian Seafarers regarding escalation of Security Situation in Iran, Strait of Hormuz, Persian Gulf and Adjacent Waters

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on February 28, 2026, issued the advisory to Indian Flag Vessels and Indian Seafarers regarding escalation of the Security Situation in Iran, Strait of Hormuz, Persian Gulf, and Adjacent Waters. The following has been stated: • It has issued a maritime security advisory in view of the escalating security situation in Iran, the Strait of Hormuz, the Persian Gulf and adjacent waters, directing all Indian-flagged vessels, ship owners, operators, masters, seafarers, charterers, and related maritime stakeholders to maintain heightened vigilance and comply strictly with reporting and communication protocols prescribed by DG Shipping and related authorities. • The circular mandates daily online reporting through the prescribed ship reporting form for vessels operating or transiting in the high-risk region and requires comprehensive voyage-specific risk assessments before transit. • Enhanced security measures shall be implemented on board, including reviewing ship security plans, testing ship security alert systems, and briefing crew on emergency response procedures in the face of elevated threats such as missile, drone, or mine attacks. • Masters and Company Security Officers are instructed to ensure updated reporting, maintain continuous monitoring of navigational warnings, and immediately report any suspicious activity to the DGComm Centre and relevant maritime security agencies. • The advisory aims to safeguard Indian seafarers and ships amid the prevailing volatile security environment in the region. [Notification no. - 28-11/3/2023-MSB]

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MeitY launched the 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)–Based Integrated Drive System to Boost Electric Vehicle Adoption

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) on March 02, 2026, launched the 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)–Based Integrated Drive System to Boost Electric Vehicle Adoption. The following has been stated: • It has launched an indigenously developed 30 kW Wide Band Gap (WBG)-based Integrated Drive System (IDS) for electric vehicle applications in Chennai. Developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Indian Institute of Technology Madras, and Lucas TVS under the National Mission on Power Electronics Technology (NaMPET), this drive system integrates the electric motor and inverter into a compact, high-power unit. • The technology aims to boost EV adoption by reducing import dependence on high-performance powertrain components, lowering system costs through localisation, strengthening the domestic EV supply chain, and enhancing global competitiveness, while supporting MSME participation in power electronics manufacturing. [Press Release id: 2234574]

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DGFT notified regarding the Amendment to the Last date for submission of TRQ Application for various FTA’s

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Amendment to the Last date for submission of TRQ Application for various FTA’s The following has been

stated namely: - • The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Foreign Trade Policy, has extended the last date for submission of TRQ (Tariff Rate Quota) applications for FY 2026–27 from February 28, 2026 to March 15, 2026 for specified products under various FTAs/PTAs. • The extension applies to TRQs under the following agreements: o India–Sri Lanka FTA o India–Mercosur Trade Agreement o India–Mauritius CECPA o India–Nepal Treaty o India–UAE CEPA • The notified TRQs cover a wide range of products including vanaspati, pepper, desiccated coconut, crude soy oil, fruits, fish products, sugar, beer, rum, apparel, vegetable fats, polymers, PVC resins, polypropylene, and copper wires, with specified quota quantities for each agreement. • Imports under these TRQs will be governed by the procedures outlined in the respective Annexures (I to VI) of Appendix-2A of the FTP, 2023. • All eligible importers must submit online applications for TRQ allocation on or before March 15, 2026, and all other terms and conditions under Appendix-2A of the FTP, 2023 remain applicable. [Notification No. 50/2025-26]

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UGC notified regarding the Promotion and adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) enabled Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) across health facilities in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The University Grants Commission (UGC), on February 28, 2026, notified regarding the Promotion and adoption of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) enabled Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) across health facilities in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The following has been stated namely: - • It is informed that Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) is being implemented by National Health Authority to create the digital public infrastructure for health in the country. The adoption of ABDM-enabled solutions will allow facilities to use ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) for patients to create longitudinal health history, securely connect with stakeholders across the healthcare ecosystem, and promote interoperability of health records. • NHA has been actively promoting ABDM enablement of HMIS operating in the ecosystem. The list of such HMIS can be accessed at https://abdm.gov.in/our-partners/HMIS. For smaller health facilities, NHA, in collaboration with C-DAC, has developed a government-supported HMIS, namely e-Sushrut@Clinic, which is a plug-and-play solution. [Notification No. D.O.No. 2-7/2026(CPP-II) (C.176432)]

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MoCAFPD issued the CBDC-Based Digital Food Subsidy Pilot Launched Under PMGKAY in Puducherry

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAFPD) on February 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the CBDC-Based Digital Food Subsidy Pilot Launched Under PMGKAY in Puducherry The following has been stated namely: - • The Government of India will launch a CBDC-based Food Subsidy Distribution Pilot under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to strengthen digital public infrastructure and improve transparency in subsidy delivery. • The Digital Rupee (e-rupee), issued by the Reserve Bank of India as a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), will be used to enhance the Direct Benefit

Transfer (DBT) ecosystem through secure, instant, traceable, and programmable digital cash. • Under the pilot, food subsidy will be credited as programmable CBDC tokens into beneficiaries' digital wallets, redeemable only for entitled foodgrains at authorized merchants and Fair Price Shops (FPS), ensuring purpose-bound usage and greater transparency in the Public Distribution System (PDS). • The project is being implemented in coordination with the Government of Puducherry, RBI, Public Financial Management System (PFMS), and designated banking partner Canara Bank, marking a significant step in digital transformation of India's food security system. [Press Release: 2232780]

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NMC notified regarding tackling the factors contributing to doping in Sports

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Medical Commission (NMC) on February 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding tackling the factors contributing to doping in Sports. The following has been stated namely: - • The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has requested medical institutions to issue advisories to Medical Colleges, Hospitals, and Registered Medical Practitioners to raise awareness about the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List, especially while treating athletes. • Medical professionals are encouraged to prescribe medicines containing WADA-prohibited substances only when medically justified, with proper documentation and responsible prescription practices. • Medical Colleges/Institutions should support the initiative by integrating basic anti-doping awareness into medical education and continuing professional development programmes to help tackle doping in sports. [Notification No. CDN-20011/70/2026-COORDINATION-NMC]

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NCCL notified regarding the Physical withdrawal of Goods post Exchange Deliverable Date (EDD)

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on February 23, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Physical withdrawal of Goods post Exchange Deliverable Date (EDD). The following has been stated namely: - • Goods must be physically withdrawn (final load-out) on or before the Exchange Deliverable Date (EDD), goods beyond EDD are no longer deliverable on the Exchange platform. • The three-month period is only for Warehouse Service Providers (WSPs) to ensure compliance and does not grant additional storage time to participants beyond the EDD. • If warehouse space is needed for fresh deposits and is occupied by EDD-expired goods, holders must remove such goods immediately, failing which NCCL may impose additional occupancy charges or take other appropriate action. [Notification No. NCCL/LOGISTICS-001/2026]

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NPPA computed the Retail Price of Tacrolimus IP 0.03% w/w ointment for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/ German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer)

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on February 23, 2026, issued the Computation of Retail Price of Tacrolimus IP 0.03% w/w ointment for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/ German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer). The following has been stated namely: - • The Retail Price has been computed based on the data from July 2025 • The Retail Price has been computed for Each Film Coated Tablet Containing Tacrolimus IP 0.03% w/w ointment for M/s Skymap Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Manufacturer) & M/ German Remedies Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. (Marketer) • The Total MAT is 20,48,83,198 [Notification No. 19(5028)/2026/DP/NPPA/Div.II]

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NHAI notified regarding making toll payments fully digital

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on February 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding making toll payments fully digital. The following has been stated namely: - • The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is considering eliminating cash transactions at National Highway toll plazas from April 01, 2026, making toll payments fully digital. • Post-implementation, toll payments will be accepted only through FASTag (RFID-based electronic tolling) or Unified Payments Interface (UPI), aiming to improve efficiency, transparency, and ease of movement. • With over 98% FASTag adoption, most toll transactions are already electronic. Vehicles without valid FASTag currently pay double the user fee, while UPI users are charged 1.25 times the applicable toll rate. • Plaza-level assessments show that cash payments cause congestion, longer wait times, and disputes, especially during peak hours.

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MoCAF&PD notified regarding the 6th Reallocation of Export Quota for export during Sugar Season 2025-26 and consequent adjustment of Monthly release quantity on account of exchange of export quantity with domestic monthly release quantity

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) on February 25, 2026, notified regarding the 6th Reallocation of Export Quota for export during Sugar Season 2025-26 and consequent adjustment of Monthly release quantity on account of exchange of export quantity with domestic monthly release quantity. The following has been stated: • The Government had earlier permitted export of 15 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) of sugar vide letter dated November 14, 2025, and prescribed modalities for its implementation. As per clause 4 of the guidelines, the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) has now allowed the exchange of export quota quantities with domestic monthly release quotas between sugar mills. • Based on requests and mutual agreements submitted by concerned sugar mills, additional export quantities have been allocated, and corresponding adjustments have been made in their domestic monthly release quotas, as detailed in the Annexure. • The transfers of export quota will be implemented in five equal monthly installments from March 2026 to July 2026 for the respective quantities. • Overall, the reallocation results in adjustment of export and domestic quotas among participating mills to facilitate optimal

utilisation of the permitted 15 LMT sugar export limit. [Notification no. - 2-1/2025-Trade]

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MNRE notified regarding the mandate Aadhaar authentication or proof of Aadhaar as a condition to receive fellowships under the National Renewable Energy Fellowship Programme

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on February 18, 2026, issued the notification regarding the mandate Aadhaar authentication or proof of Aadhaar as a condition to receive fellowships under the National Renewable Energy Fellowship Programme and National Solar Science Fellowship Programme The following has been stated namely: - • Beneficiaries without Aadhaar must apply for enrolment. Until Aadhaar is assigned, they can avail benefits using the Enrolment ID (EID) along with specified identity documents (separate provisions for minors and adults). • The Ministry will facilitate Aadhaar enrolment and updates, verify enrolment status via the myAadhaar portal, and ensure proper document verification through designated officers. • In case of authentication failure (biometric/OTP), alternative mechanisms such as offline QR code verification or Aadhaar Paperless Offline e-KYC will be used. No eligible child will be denied benefits due to Aadhaar-related issues. • The notification is effective from the date of publication in the Official Gazette, and safeguards including exception handling (as per DBT guidelines) will ensure that genuine beneficiaries are not deprived of fellowship benefits. This shall come into force on February 18, 2026. [Notification No. S.O. 901(E)]

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Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on February 26, 2026, issued the Draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018. In regulation (2) relating to definitions in sub regulation (1), after clause (i), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely; • (j) “food contact” • (k) “food grade contact material” • (l) “modified atmosphere packaging” • (m) “food packaging” • (n) “non-intentionally added substances (NIAS)” • (o) “aseptic packaging” Objections or suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road, New Delhi-110002 or may be sent by email at regulation@fssai.gov.in, by April 27, 2026. [Notification no. - SS-T0FA(NOTI)/7/2025-Standard-FSSAI]

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DoT issued the directive on Blocking of Unauthorised IPTV and Related Domains — HC Order Compliance

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) February 26, 2026, issued a directive (File No. 4-10/2025-DGT/4 (Part-VI)) to all licensees holding Internet Service Authorization pursuant to an order passed by the High Court of Delhi in DAZN Limited & Anr. v. abbonamentoiptvitalia.com & Ors. (dated 8 December 2025). Under this directive, DoT has enclosed the Court's order and a list of 39 unauthorised websites/domains identified in the litigation that are involved in the illegal streaming and distribution of copyrighted content without authorisation. Licensees are instructed to immediately block access to these listed websites/domains in compliance with the judicial order. This action is intended to curb unauthorised IPTV services infringing exclusive broadcast rights and to ensure adherence to the Court's directions through coordinated enforcement by Internet Service Providers and related stakeholders. [Notification no. - 4-10/2025-DGT/4(Part-VI)]

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MCX notified regarding the Due Date Rates expired on February 19

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on February 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Due Date Rates expired on February 19, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The future contracts CRUDEOIL and CRUDEOILM expired on February 19, 2026, and the DDR has been fixed at ■6,023.00 per barrel for both contracts. • The base quantity for settlement is 1 barrel, and the same DDR applies uniformly to both contracts. [Notification No. MCX/MCXCCL/080/2026]

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IBA notified regarding the Dearness Allowance for Workmen and Officer Employees in banks for February, March, and April 2026 under XII BPS/9TH Joint Note dated March 08, 2024

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) on February 06, 2026, notified regarding the Dearness Allowance for Workmen and Officer Employees in banks for February, March, and April 2026 under XII BPS/9TH Joint Note dated March 08, 2024. The following has been stated: • The confirmed All India Average CPI for Industrial Workers (Base 2016=100) for October 2025 (147.7), November 2025 (148.2), and December 2025 (148.2) works out to a quarterly average of 148.03. This reflects an increase of 25.00 points over the base index of 123.03 and a rise of 1.07 points compared to the previous quarterly average of 146.96. • Accordingly, under Clause 13 of the 12th Bipartite Settlement dated March 8, 2024 and Clause 2(i) of the Joint Note dated March 8, 2024, Dearness Allowance payable to Workmen and Officer employees for February, March, and April 2026 shall be 25.00% of pay, with 0.01% change in DA for every second decimal place variation in CPI over 123.03 points. [Notification no. - CIR/HR&IR/76/D/2025-26/2909]

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IBA notified regarding the Dearness Relief payable for the period February 2026 to July 2026 to surviving retirees of banks, and surviving spouses of Retirees who receive Ex-gratia

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Indian Banks' Association (IBA) on February 06, 2026, notified regarding the Dearness Relief payable for the period February 2026 to July 2026 to surviving retirees of banks, and surviving spouses of Retirees who receive Ex gratia. The following has been stated: • As per the Government of India (Banking Division) letter dated December 17, 2013, Dearness Relief (DR) payable to surviving pre-January 1, 1986, bank retirees for the period February 2026 to July 2026 has been notified. For pre-January 1, 1986 retirees (CPI 350), the average monthly ex gratia of ■1,528.94 will attract DR of ■5,351.30, making the total monthly amount ■9,731.50. For surviving spouses (CPI 175), the average monthly ex gratia of ■1,528.94 will attract DR of ■2,675.65, making the total monthly amount ■2,850.65. • Further, as per IBA Circular dated February 7, 2023, banks have been advised to consider granting additional ex gratia over and above the DFS guidelines to ensure that surviving pre-1986 retirees or their surviving spouses receive a minimum of ■10,000 per month as ex gratia. [Notification no. - CIR/HR&IR/76/D/2025-26/2913]

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DGFT notified regarding the Launch of Support for Alternative Trade Instruments under Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Launch of Support for Alternative Trade Instruments under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN. The following has been stated namely: - • The Support for Alternative Trade Instruments intervention under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT PROTSAHAN has been implemented with immediate effect. • The initiative aims to improve access to export finance for MSMEs involved in international value chains, particularly by promoting alternative trade finance mechanisms, initially focusing on export factoring. • Both recourse and non-recourse export factoring arrangements, denominated in INR or freely convertible foreign currencies, and entered into with entities regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) or International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), will be eligible for support. • The scheme will be launched on a pilot basis to enable feedback, institutional learning, and refinements. Detailed policy, operational guidelines, governance structure, and procedures are provided in Annexures I–IV. • The guidelines are open for stakeholder feedback under Paragraph 1.07A of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, with comments invited within 30 days at epm-dgft@gov.in. [Notification No. 25/2025-26]

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DGFT notified regarding the Modalities for export of Wheat Flour and related products falling under HS Code 1101

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 24, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Modalities for export of Wheat Flour and related products falling under HS Code 1101. The following has been stated namely: - • Applications must be submitted online via the DGFT portal within the first ten days of each month starting March 01, 2026, and include documents such as past export performance, confirmed export orders, CA-certified turnover, and a self-declaration confirming the use of domestic wheat. • Export Authorizations are valid for six months, strictly non-transferable, and extensions will be considered case-by-case by a Special Exim Facilitation Committee (EFC) constituted by the DGFT. • Allocation and re-allocation of wheat flour export quantities will be recommended by the Special EFC based on applicant export history, confirmed orders, and performance reviews. Half of the quota (2.5 LMT) is reserved for State Trading Enterprises and Government-aided Cooperative Societies. • Disqualification criteria include applications below 2,500 MT, submissions outside the portal or window period, or containing misdeclarations. Exporters must submit landing certificates within 30 days of export completion for review by the Special EFC. • The applicants who have been allocated the quota of wheat shall submit the landing certificate within 30 days of completion of export of the consignment within the allocated quota for the consideration of the Special EFC at the ■mail id sefc-wheatflour-dgft@gov.in. Any requirement for additional documents may be communicated to the exporter by the Special EFC, as and when required. [Notification No. 48/2025-26]

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DGFT notified regarding the Launch of Facilitating Logistics, Overseas Warehousing & Fulfilment (FLOW) Under Export Promotion Mission (EPM)

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on February 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Launch of Facilitating Logistics, Overseas Warehousing & Fulfilment (FLOW) Under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT DISHA. The following has been stated namely: - • The Support for Facilitating Logistics, Overseas Warehousing & Fulfilment (FLOW) scheme under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) – NIRYAT DISHA has been implemented with immediate effect. • The initiative aims to address logistics challenges faced by MSMEs involved in international value chains, improving delivery efficiency, reducing logistics costs, and enhancing responsiveness in overseas markets. • Assistance will cover overseas logistics, warehousing, fulfilment, and market-facing infrastructure, including creation or access to foreign storage, distribution, display, and fulfilment facilities, as per prescribed conditions. • The scheme will be implemented on a pilot basis for feedback and data-driven refinement. Detailed policy framework, operational guidelines, governance structure, and application procedure are provided in Annexures I–IV. • Applications can be submitted online until further notice, and stakeholders may provide feedback within 30 days at epm-dgft@gov.in [Notification No. 28/2025-26]

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CEA issued the Draft Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Industry Specific

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on February 23, 2026, issued the Draft Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Amendment Regulations, 2026, to further amend the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006. The following has been stated namely: - • Clause (b) of Regulation 4 has been substituted namely: - “All consumers in areas with communication network, shall be supplied electricity with Smart Meters conforming to relevant IS, within the timelines as provided by the Central Government: Provided that all consumer connections having current carrying capacity beyond that specified in relevant IS, shall be provided with meters having automatic remote meter reading facility or Smart Meters as per relevant IS: Provided further that in areas which do not covered with communication network, installation of prepayment meters, conforming to relevant IS, shall be allowed by the respective State Electricity Regulatory Commission” Comments on the draft regulations may be sent by email at celegal-cea@gov.in or by post to the Chief Engineer (Law), Room No. 622, Seva Bhawan, (North Block) latest by March 26, 2026.

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CBIC notified regarding the Updated Customs Tariff Valuation Tables for Key Imported Goods

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on March 13, 2026, issued the amendment to notification no. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated August 03, 2001 regarding “Tariff Values for Edible Oils, Precious Metals, and Areca Nuts” The following has been stated namely: - • The notification issued under the Customs Act, 1962 revises tariff values for various imported goods by substituting new Table-1, Table-2, and Table-3. • Edible oils and commodities (Table-1): Updated tariff values include items like crude palm oil (USD 1112/MT), RBD palm oil, palmolein, crude soybean oil, and brass scrap. • Precious metals (Table-2): Tariff values fixed at USD 1652 per 10g for gold and USD 2820 per kg for silver, with detailed classification for different forms (coins, bars, etc.). • Areca nuts (Table-3): Tariff value remains unchanged at USD 7020 per metric tonne. The revised tariff values come into effect from March 14, 2026. [Notification No. 25/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

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Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Amendment Regulations, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on March 31, 2026, notified the Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Courier Imports and Exports (Electronic Declaration and Processing) Regulations, 2010. The following has been stated: - •Certain provisions in the 2010 courier regulations are amended, including the removal of a sub-clause under regulation 2. •Regulation 5 is updated to clarify that uncleared imported goods are subject to a new sub-regulation. •A new rule allows authorized couriers to request re-export or return of goods if not cleared within 15 days, subject to conditions. •This applies only if goods are not prohibited/restricted and no enforcement proceedings are pending. •Form E is updated to include additional details like reasons for re-import, export status, e-commerce export info, and export benefits tracking. This notification shall come into force on April 01, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 33/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

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Income-tax (SEVENTH Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 30, 2026, issued the Income-tax (SEVENTH Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following amendments have been stated: • In the Income-tax Rules, 1962, in Appendix - II, FORM ITR-7 has been substituted. They shall come into force with effect from the 31st day of March, 2026 and shall apply in respect of returns filed for A.Y. 2026-27. The amended Form has been attached to the document below. [Notification No. G.S.R. 231(E)]

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Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 30, 2026, issued the Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following has been stated namely: - • Form ITR-U regarding the ITR for updated return has been inserted. This shall come into force on March 30, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R. 233(E)]

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Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 30, 2026, issued the Income-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 12, in sub-rule (1), (A) in the opening portion, for the figure “2025”, the figure “2026” shall be substituted; (B) in clause (a), in sub-clause (ii), for the words “one house property”, the words “two house properties” shall be substituted; (C) in clause (ca), in proviso, in item (IG), for the words “one house property”, the words “two house properties” shall be substituted; (ii) in sub-rule (5), for the figure “2024”, the figure “2025” shall be substituted. • In Appendix– II, for FORM ITR-1 has been substituted. They shall come into force with effect from the 31st day of march, 2026 and shall apply in respect of returns filed for A.Y. 2026-27. [Notification No. G.S.R. 226(E)]

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Income-tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 30, 2026, issued the Income-tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following has been stated namely: - • Form ITR-6 which is for Companies other than companies claiming exemption under section 11 has been substituted. The following shall come into force with effect from March 31, 2026 and shall apply in respect of returns filed for Assessment Year 2026-27. [Notification No. G.S.R. 230(E)]

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Income-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 30, 2026, issued the Income-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following amendments have been stated: • In the Income-tax Rules, 1962, in Appendix-II, FORM ITR-2 has been substituted. They shall come into force with effect from the 31st day of March, 2026 and shall apply in respect of returns filed for A.Y. 2026-27. The amended Form has been attached to the document below. [Notification No. G.S.R. 227(E)]

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Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026

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The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), on March 30, 2026, issued the Income-tax (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026, under sections 139 and 295 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. The amendment comes into force from March 31, 2026, and will apply to income tax returns filed for Assessment Year 2026–27. The key change introduced is the substitution of Form ITR-V (Income Tax Return Verification Form) in Appendix II of the Income-tax Rules, 1962. This form is used for verification of returns filed without electronic verification across various ITR forms including ITR-1 (Sahaj), ITR-2, ITR-3, ITR-4 (Sugam), ITR-5, and ITR-7. This update aligns the return verification process with current compliance requirements, ensuring proper authentication of returns where e-verification is not completed. [Notification No. G.S.R. 232(E)]

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Income-tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026

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The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 30, 2026, notified the Income-tax (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Income Tax Rules, 1962. The following has been stated: - •Revised ITR-5 form under the Income-tax Rules, 1962, applies from March 31, 2026, for AY 2026–27. •Applicable to entities other than individuals, HUFs, companies, and ITR-7 filers (e.g., firms, LLPs, AOP/BOI). •Updates include detailed fields for general information, addresses, filing status, and communication details. •Introduces expanded disclosures on tax regime selection (old vs new), Form 10IEA/10-IF, and compliance with notices/sections. They shall come into force with effect from March 31, 2026, and shall apply in respect of returns filed for Assessment Year 2026-27. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 229(E)]

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Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026

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The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 30, 2026, issued the Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following has been stated: • In Appendix II, FORM ITR-3 has been substituted. • It will come into force with effect from March 31, 2026, and will apply in respect of returns filed for A.Y. 2026-27. [G.S.R. 228(E)]

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Finance Act 2026 Notified

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The Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), on March 30, 2026, notified the Finance Act, 2026 after receiving Presidential assent, to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 2026–27. The Act provides that most provisions (Sections 2 to 129, part of Section 152 and Section 156) shall come into force from April 1, 2026, while certain provisions will be notified separately. The Act prescribes income-tax rates for Assessment Year 2026–27 under the Income-tax Act, 1961, including slab-wise tax rates, surcharge structures for different categories of taxpayers, and computation provisions where agricultural income is considered for rate purposes. It also details tax treatment under special provisions such as sections 115BAC, 115BAA, 115BAB, 115BAD, MAT (section 115JB), and AMT (section 115JC), along with formulas for calculating tax and surcharge in specified scenarios. Further, the Act mandates levy of Health and Education Cess at 4% on income-tax plus surcharge and lays down definitions such as “domestic company” and “net agricultural income.” The provisions operate within the broader taxation framework, ensuring applicability of various chapters of the Income-tax Act, including those relating to special tax regimes, surcharge applicability, and computation mechanisms. [Notification No. 4 of 2026]

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Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026

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The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 30, 2026, issued the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to further amend the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018. This shall come into effect from March 30, 2026. It states that in the TABLE after FORM-XII: i. against Sr. No. 6, in column (3), for the entry, the entry "30.06.2026” shall be substituted. [Notification no. - G.S.R. 220(E)]

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PFRDA amends Point of Presence Regulations to expand pension agent definition and strengthen audit framework

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The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), on March 24, 2026, issued the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Point of Presence) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, under the PFRDA Act, 2013. The amendments come into force upon publication in the Official Gazette and revise key provisions of the 2018 regulations governing Points of Presence (PoPs). A major change is the expanded definition of “pension agent,” which now explicitly includes business correspondents of banks, insurance agents registered with IRDAI, mutual fund distributors registered with AMFI, and other persons permitted by the Authority. The amendment also clarifies that pension agents operate under a principal-agent relationship and may associate with multiple PoPs for distribution of pension schemes. Further, the regulations strengthen governance by mandating periodic audits of processes, operations, and accounts, including activities performed by pension agents, as per PFRDA guidelines. The provision relating to payment of inspection or audit fees has also been revised, empowering the Authority to prescribe procedures through directions or circulars. [Notification No. PFRDA/16/05/112/0018/2020-REG-POP]

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RBI issued the Reporting under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 – Returns pertaining to External Commercial Borrowing (ECB)

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 30, 2026, issued the Reporting under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 – Returns pertaining to External Commercial Borrowing (ECB). The following has been stated namely: - • ECB Forms Classification: Form ECB 1 and Revised Form ECB 1 are now treated as non-flow returns, and Late Submission Fee (LSF) will be calculated accordingly. • LSF Calculation per Return: Each delayed Form ECB 2 submission under a Loan Registration Number (LRN) is treated as a separate case for calculating the fixed component of LSF. • Submission Timeline: Authorised Dealer (AD) Category I banks must submit complete ECB returns to the RBI within 7 calendar days of receiving them from borrowers. • LSF Payment Process: Applicable LSF must be paid to the RBI Regional Office via NEFT/RTGS, after receiving an acknowledgment email with payment instructions. • Bank Responsibility: AD Category I banks are responsible for monitoring and ensuring LSF payment by their customers in case of delays. This shall come into force on April 01, 2026. [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/253]

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CBDT issued a notification regarding Procedure for Generation of UIN and Filing of Form No. 121

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 28, 2026, issued a notification regarding Procedure for Generation of UIN and Filing of Form No. 121. The following has been stated: It has laid down the detailed procedure, formats, and standards for the generation and allotment of a Unique Identification Number (UIN) in respect of declarations furnished in Part A of Form No. 121, and for the quarterly furnishing of Part B of the said form by the payer under the provisions of the Income-tax Act, 2025 and the Income-tax Rules, 2026. As per Section 393(6) of the Act, no deduction of tax is required in certain cases where the payee furnishes a declaration in the prescribed manner, either in paper or electronic form, duly verified through an electronic

process, and mandatorily quoting their PAN in accordance with Section 397. The payer is responsible for enabling such submission and maintaining the declarations. In this regard, the payer is required to allot a 26-character UIN to each declaration received during a tax year. The UIN is structured into three components: a sequence number consisting of ten alphanumeric characters beginning with the letter “D” followed by nine digits, a six-digit representation of the relevant tax year, and the ten-character TAN of the payer. The sequence number shall run in a continuous series for all declarations received, whether in electronic or digitized paper form, and shall be reset to “1” at the beginning of each tax year for each TAN. In cases where declarations are received in paper form, the payer must digitize such declarations before assigning the UIN, ensuring consistency in sequencing. Further, the payer is obligated to furnish Part B of Form No. 121, which contains the details of all declarations received in Part A, on a quarterly basis within the prescribed timelines under Section 393(7). This filing must be done in the prescribed format through the Income-tax e-filing portal. Additionally, as required under the relevant rules, the payer must also report these declarations, along with their respective UINs, in the TDS statements for each quarter, irrespective of whether any tax has been deducted during that period. These provisions shall come into effect from April 01, 2026. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [Notification No. 01/CPC{TDS) /2026]

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CBIC notified regarding the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Emulsion Styrene Butadiene Rubber of 1500 series from the European Union, Japan, Republic of Korea (“Korea RP”), Russian Federation (“Russia”) and the Kingdom of Thailand (“Thailand”)

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Emulsion Styrene Butadiene Rubber of 1500 series from the European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea (“Korea RP”), the Russian Federation (“Russia”), and the Kingdom of Thailand (“Thailand”). The following has been stated: • The notification issued by the authority concerns the anti-dumping investigation on imports of Emulsion Styrene Butadiene Rubber (ESBR-1500 series) from countries including the European Union, Japan, Korea, Russia, and Thailand. The investigation was initiated based on an application filed by Reliance Industries Limited, supported by Indian Synthetic Rubber Pvt. Ltd., alleging dumping of the product and consequent injury to the domestic industry. • The authority found prima facie evidence of dumping and injury, and accordingly initiated the investigation under the relevant provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, and Anti-Dumping Rules, 1995. The period of investigation was October 2023 to September 2024, with injury analysis covering the previous three years as well. • The procedure involved notifying concerned governments, exporters, importers, and other stakeholders, seeking detailed data through questionnaires, and allowing participation through submissions and hearings. Various exporters, importers, and user industries (mainly tyre manufacturers) participated in the investigation. • The authority examined aspects such as product scope (restricted to ESBR-1500), comparability with domestic products, production process, and tariff classification. It also evaluated claims regarding domestic industry status and concluded that the applicant qualifies as the domestic industry with sufficient standing. • The investigation further included verification of data, confidentiality claims, and assessment of normal value, export price, and dumping margins to determine whether an anti-dumping duty is warranted to offset injury caused by dumped imports. [Notification no. - AD (OI)-07/2025]

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MoF issued the Corrigendum on notification regarding the Special Additional Excise Duty on export of petrol and diesel

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Corrigendum for notification no. 06/2026-Central Excise, dated March 26, 2026 regarding “levying Special Additional Excise Duty on export of petrol and diesel” The following has been stated namely: - • At Page 5, in line 17, in column (4), for '18.5', read ’12. [Notification No. G.S.R. 217(E)]

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MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of anti-circumvention investigation regarding countervailing duties imposed on imports of “Saccharin” originating in China PR and exported from Thailand

Mar 29, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 10, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Initiation of anti-circumvention investigation regarding countervailing duties imposed on imports of “Saccharin” originating in China PR and exported from Thailand. The following has been stated namely: - • The Designated Authority has initiated an anti-circumvention investigation to examine whether imports routed through Thailand are undermining existing duties on China. • Evidence suggests a change in trade pattern, with increased imports from Thailand (possibly of Chinese origin) at lower prices, impacting domestic industry. • The investigation covers Saccharin in all forms (HS Code 29251100), with the period of investigation: April–September 2025. • Interested parties must submit responses via the SETU portal within prescribed timelines, and provisional assessment of imports may apply pending final findings. [Case No. CVD(AC)- 01/2026]

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MoF issued corrigendum in an older notification related to the rates of Road and Infrastructure Cess for petrol and diesel

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 27, 2026, issued corrigendum in an older notification related to the rates of Road and Infrastructure Cess for petrol and diesel. In the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) No.11/2026-Central Excise, dated the 26th March, 2026 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 210 (E) dated the 26th March, 2026, at Page 11, - in line 31, in column (4), for ‘3’, read ‘9.5’. [Notification No. G.S.R. 219(E)]

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CBIC issued circular regarding the International Transhipment of FCULCL cargo from all Ports/Airports, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz-Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on March 27, 2026, issued circular regarding the International Transhipment of FCULCL cargo from all Ports/Airports, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz-Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962. Due to disruption in maritime routes caused by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, the Board has introduced measures to facilitate international transhipment of cargo and ease logistics bottlenecks. • Transhipment allowed for both FCL and LCL cargo from all seaports and international airports, including movement through multiple Customs stations, subject to compliance with the Customs Act, 1962. • Each Customs Zone will appoint a Nodal Officer (not below Joint/Additional Commissioner) for faster approvals and coordination. • Existing procedures (as per earlier circulars) continue, with priority approval for transhipment requests after verification. For multi-station transhipment: • Prior email consent is required between originating and destination/transit Customs stations. • Cargo movement must be under Customs control (e.g., sealing, supervision). Responsibilities & Compliance: • Custodians at all stages are responsible for safe storage, handling, and record-keeping of cargo. • Any discrepancies or damage must be immediately reported. Relief for Exporters: • Exporters can request cancellation of LEO/Shipping Bill for stranded cargo. • Cargo can be returned or re-routed directly from gateway ports without sending it back to ICDs. • Processes should be handled quickly and electronically to reduce delays and congestion. Additional points: • Temporary facilitation requests (e.g., Bangladesh cargo via JNPT) are under examination. • Authorities are urged to expedite implementation of SCMTR, 2018 for better electronic cargo handling in such situations. Overall, the circular aims to ensure continuity of trade, simplify procedures, and reduce delays during the current shipping disruption. [Circular No. 15/2026-Customs]

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CBIC Advisory on Central Excise Duty Payment Due Date for March 2026

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on March 31, 2026, reminded taxpayers that the due date for payment of Central Excise Duty for the month of March 2026 is March 31, 2026. The advisory emphasizes timely compliance with statutory payment obligations. It has been highlighted that March 31, 2026 coincides with a closed holiday on account of Mahavir Jayanti in certain parts of the country, which may impact banking and payment processing activities. Taxpayers are therefore cautioned to take note of this situation while planning their payments. In view of the above, taxpayers are advised to complete their e-payment of Central Excise Duty well in advance to avoid last-minute issues or delays due to the holiday. This advisory is issued in the interest of ensuring smooth and timely compliance.

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Central Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, issued the Central Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Central Excise Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 18, before the explanation the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: - "Provided that nothing contained in this rule shall apply to Motor spirit, commonly known as petrol, High-speed diesel oil and Aviation Turbine Fuel, other than those exported by Public Sector Oil Companies to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka." • In the said Rules, in rule 19, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely: - "Provided that nothing contained in this rule shall apply to Motor spirit, commonly known as petrol, High-speed diesel oil and Aviation Turbine Fuel, other than those exported by Public Sector Oil Companies to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka." They shall come into force with immediate effect. [Notification No. 02/2026-Central Excise (N.T.)]

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MoF issued an amendment to the older notification related to an increase in the effective rate of Special Additional Excise Duty on Petrol and Diesel

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification no. 05/2019-Central Excise, dated July 06, 2019, related to an increase in the effective rate of Special Additional Excise Duty on Petrol and Diesel. The following has been stated: • The notification amends the existing table by revising duty rates: for Sl. No. 1 to ■3 per litre and for Sl. No. 2 to Nil. • It further clarifies that the provisions shall not apply to goods cleared for export. • The changes are made effective immediately. [Notification no. - 05/2026-Central Excise]

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MoF prescribes reduced SAED rates on petrol and diesel with export restriction

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, notified concessional rates of Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on specified petroleum products under section 147 of the Finance Act, 2002. Accordingly, motor spirit (petrol) has been fully exempted (Nil rate), while high-speed diesel oil has been made subject to SAED at the rate of ■18.5 per litre. The notification further provides that these benefits shall not apply to goods other than those cleared for export and also excludes exports by Public Sector Oil Companies to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. The notification has come into force with immediate effect. [Notification No. 06/2026-Central Excise]

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MoF introduces export-related restriction under Central Excise exemption notification

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, issued an amendment to Notification No. 04/2019-Central Excise to clarify the applicability of exemptions on goods cleared for export. It has been provided that the benefit of the said notification shall not be available to goods cleared for export, except in cases of exports made by Public Sector Oil Companies to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. The notification has come into force with immediate effect. [Notification No. 12/2026-Central Excise]

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MoF grants exemption from Special Additional Excise Duty on ATF with export condition

Mar 27, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, exempted Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) falling under heading 2710 from the whole of Special Additional Excise Duty leviable under section 147 of the Finance Act, 2002. The exemption is subject to the condition that it shall not apply to goods cleared for export, except in cases where exports are made by Public Sector Oil Companies to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. The notification has come into force with immediate effect. [Notification No. 09/2026-Central Excise]

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CBDT issued Extension of Due Date for Issuance of TDS Certificates for December 2025 Quarter

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 25, 2026, issued Extension of Due Date for Issuance of TDS Certificates for December 2025 Quarter. Under Section 203 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, read with Rule 31 of the Income-tax Rules, TDS certificates must be issued within prescribed timelines. However, due to technical glitches on the e-filing portal, deductors faced difficulties in generating and issuing TDS certificates for the quarter ending December 31, 2025. Considering the hardship, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the due date for issuance of TDS certificates for this quarter to March 31, 2026. Certificates issued within this extended period will be deemed to have been issued within the prescribed timeline. [Circular No. 02/2026]

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DPIIT issued review of FDI Policy on Investments from Countries Sharing Land Border with India

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) on March 15, 2026, issued review of FDI Policy on Investments from Countries Sharing Land Border with India. The Government of India has amended provisions of the FDI Policy (Para 3.1.1) relating to investments from countries sharing land borders with India. As per the revised rules, entities or citizens from such countries, or investments where the

beneficial owner belongs to these countries, can invest in India only through the Government approval route. In the case of Pakistan, investments are allowed only via the Government route and are prohibited in sensitive sectors such as defence, space, and atomic energy. The amendment also mandates that any transfer of ownership—direct or indirect—resulting in beneficial ownership shifting to entities or individuals from bordering countries will require prior Government approval. The definition of "beneficial owner" is aligned with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and includes situations where such entities or individuals exercise control, significant ownership, or ultimate effective control over the investing or investee entity. Additionally, even where prior Government approval is not required, investments with direct or indirect ownership links to bordering countries will be subject to specific reporting requirements prescribed by DPIIT, along with compliance with sectoral caps and conditions. These changes will come into effect from the date of notification under FEMA. [Press Note No. 2 (2026 Series)]

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MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation of Anti-Dumping Duties on "Certain Flat Rolled Aluminium Products" from China PR

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Initiation of Sunset Review Investigation of Anti-Dumping Duties on "Certain Flat Rolled Aluminium Products" from China PR. The following has been stated: • It has initiated a sunset review investigation on anti-dumping duties imposed on certain flat rolled aluminium products imported from China PR, based on an application by Hindalco and other domestic producers. • The existing anti-dumping duty, imposed in December 2021 for five years, is set to expire in December 2026, and the review aims to assess whether its removal would lead to continued or renewed dumping and injury to the domestic industry. • Prima facie evidence indicates that dumping margins remain significant and imports from China continue to adversely impact domestic producers through reduced profitability, market share, and capacity utilization. • The investigation covers the period April 2024–September 2025 (18 months), along with earlier years for injury analysis, and invites submissions from all interested parties within prescribed timelines via the DGTR portal. • Overall, the authority will determine whether continuing the anti-dumping duty is necessary to protect the domestic industry from ongoing or potential injury due to dumped imports. [Notification no. - Case No. AD (SSR)-07/2026]

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MoCI notified regarding the Sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of "Axle for Trailers" originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of "Axle for Trailers" originating in or exported from China PR. The following has been stated: • The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has initiated a second sunset review investigation on anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of "Axle for Trailers" from China PR, based on an application by the domestic industry (York Transport Equipment India Pvt. Ltd.). • The existing anti-dumping duty, originally imposed in 2016 and continued after the first review in 2021, is currently

valid till January 2027, and this review examines whether its continuation is necessary. • Prima facie evidence suggests that dumping from China is continuing with a positive dumping margin, and removal of duty may lead to the recurrence of injury to the domestic industry. • The investigation period is October 2024 to September 2025, with injury analysis covering previous financial years, and all interested parties are invited to submit data through the DGTR SETU portal within prescribed timelines. • Overall, the authority will determine whether expiry of the duty would likely result in continued dumping and harm, and accordingly decide on extension of the anti-dumping duty. [Notification no. - CASE No. AD (SSR)-02/2026]

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MoCI issued notification regarding the Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Phenol” from Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and United States of America

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 19, 2026, issued notification regarding the Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Phenol” from Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and United States of America. The application has been filed under the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and the relevant Anti-Dumping Rules by Deepak Phenolics Limited (DPCL) and Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd (HOCL) seeking initiation of an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Phenol from multiple countries, including Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and the United States. The product under consideration is Phenol, an aromatic organic compound (C■H■O), commonly known as carbolic acid, which is a white crystalline solid used in various industrial applications. It falls under Chapter 29 of the tariff classification, though the classification is indicative and not binding for the scope of investigation. The applicants have claimed that the domestically produced Phenol is a “like article” to the imported product, as both are comparable in terms of physical and chemical properties, manufacturing processes, usage, pricing, and marketability. The goods are technically and commercially substitutable and are used interchangeably by consumers. The investigation covers imports from the identified subject countries, with the period of investigation determined as January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, while the injury analysis considers data from earlier financial years as well. The Authority has recognized DPCL and HOCL as constituting the domestic industry, noting that any imports made by the applicants themselves are minimal and do not affect their standing. The applicants are not related to exporters or importers of the subject goods. Based on the data submitted, the Authority has prima facie accepted the methodology for determining normal value and export price. The comparison indicates that the dumping margin is above the de-minimis level, suggesting that Phenol is being exported to India at unfairly low prices. The applicants have also provided evidence of injury to the domestic industry caused by these imports. While there has not been a significant decline in production volumes, there has been substantial price suppression and depression due to imports. This has led to reduced profitability, financial losses, negative returns on capital employed, and cash losses. The Authority has observed a clear causal link between dumped imports and the injury suffered by the domestic producers. Based on the prima facie evidence of dumping, injury, and causal link, the Authority has initiated an anti-dumping investigation under Section 9A of the Act read with the relevant rules. The investigation will determine the extent and impact of dumping and recommend appropriate anti-dumping duties, if necessary, to protect the domestic industry. The procedure for the investigation will follow the prescribed rules, and all interested parties—including exporters, importers, governments of subject countries, and other stakeholders—are required to register on the DGTR’s SETU portal and submit relevant information within stipulated timelines. Submissions must include both

confidential and non-confidential versions, with proper justification for confidentiality claims. Strict timelines have been set for submission of responses, comments, and data, failing which the Authority may rely on available facts. The notification also outlines provisions for inspection of public files, handling of confidential information, and consequences of non-cooperation. Interested parties are advised to regularly monitor updates from the Directorate General of Trade Remedies to stay informed about developments in the investigation. [Case No. AD(OI) – 11/2026]

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MoCI issued notifications on Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Untreated Fumed Silica” originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, issued notifications on Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duty on imports of “Untreated Fumed Silica” originating in or exported from China PR. The present notification has been issued under the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and the Anti-Dumping Rules, 1995, based on an application filed by Cabot Sanmar Limited, the sole domestic producer of untreated fumed silica in India. The application seeks initiation of a sunset review investigation concerning imports of “Untreated Fumed Silica” from China PR. As per the law, anti-dumping duties expire after five years unless reviewed, and such a review is required to determine whether discontinuation of the duty would lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury to the domestic industry. The product under consideration is untreated fumed silica, a synthetic silica produced through a high-temperature gas-phase process, distinct from other types of silica due to its manufacturing process and properties. It falls under Chapter 28 of the tariff classification. The applicant has established that the domestically produced product and the imported product are “like articles,” being comparable in characteristics, usage, and commercial substitutability. Since Cabot Sanmar Limited is the sole producer, it qualifies as the domestic industry and meets the standing requirements for initiating the review. The background of the case shows that anti-dumping duties were originally imposed in November 2021 following an investigation into imports from China and Korea. These duties were later modified in October 2025 after an anti-absorption review. The current duties are set to expire on November 10, 2026. The present sunset review has been initiated only against China PR, as no sufficient evidence was provided regarding Korea for continuation of duties. The applicant has provided prima facie evidence suggesting continued dumping from China. Normal value has been constructed using adjusted import prices from Japan due to lack of reliable domestic price data in China, while export price has been determined based on DG Systems data with necessary adjustments. A comparison indicates a positive dumping margin, suggesting that dumping continues. Additionally, there is evidence of increasing imports, excess capacities in China, and the likelihood of price suppression in India if duties are removed. The domestic industry has also demonstrated a likelihood of recurrence of injury in case the duties are allowed to lapse. Factors such as rising import volumes, potential price undercutting, and weak demand conditions in the exporting country support the claim that removal of duties may adversely impact the domestic industry. Based on the prima facie evidence of continued dumping and likely injury, the Authority has initiated a sunset review investigation under Section 9A(5) of the Act. The purpose is to examine whether the existing anti-dumping duties should be continued to protect the domestic industry. The notification further lays down detailed procedures for the investigation, including submission of information through the DGTR’s SETU portal, timelines for responses, and requirements for confidential and non-confidential submissions. Interested parties, including exporters, importers, and the government of the subject country, are required to participate within specified timelines,

failing which the Authority may rely on available facts. Provisions relating to confidentiality, inspection of public files, and consequences of non-cooperation have also been clearly outlined. [Case No. AD (SSR)-05/2026]

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MoCI issued notification on Initiation of sunset review of anti-dumping duty on imports of Seamless Tubes, Pipes & Hollow Profiles of Iron, Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, issued notification on Initiation of sunset review of anti-dumping duty on imports of Seamless Tubes, Pipes & Hollow Profiles of Iron, Alloy or Non-Alloy Steel originating in or exported from China PR. The application for sunset review has been filed under the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and the Anti-Dumping Rules, 1995 by Jindal Saw Limited, Kirloskar Ferrous Industries Limited, and Maharashtra Seamless Limited. The applicants have sought a review of existing anti-dumping duties on imports of seamless tubes, pipes, and hollow profiles of iron or steel (excluding certain categories such as stainless steel and specified oil country tubular goods) from China PR. They have argued that while dumping continues for the subject goods, there is no need to continue duties on certain excluded Oil Country Tubular Goods (OCTG). The background indicates that anti-dumping duties were first imposed in 2017 and later continued after a sunset review in 2021. These duties are currently set to expire on October 27, 2026. The applicants have claimed that despite the duties, dumped imports from China have persisted and continue to harm the domestic industry. They have also requested modifications in the form and quantum of duty to better address the injury being caused. The product under consideration includes seamless tubes and pipes used in industries such as hydrocarbons and oil and gas exploration, within a specified diameter range. However, for the current review, certain OCTG categories have been excluded from the scope, as the applicants believe these do not pose a dumping or injury risk. The domestically produced goods are considered “like articles” to the imported goods, being similar in characteristics, usage, and marketability. The applicants collectively account for over 90% of domestic production and are therefore recognized as the domestic industry. They have provided prima facie evidence that imports from China are continuing at dumped prices, with a positive dumping margin established through comparison of normal value and export price. The data shows increasing import volumes, price suppression, and adverse financial impacts such as declining profits, reduced returns on investment, and underutilization of capacity. Further, the applicants have demonstrated a likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and injury if the existing duties are removed. Factors cited include excess production capacity in China, increasing export orientation, and trade restrictions in other countries that may divert exports to India. These conditions suggest that removal of duties could worsen the situation for the domestic industry. Based on the evidence, the Authority has initiated a sunset review investigation to assess whether the continuation of anti-dumping duties is necessary. The notification also outlines the procedure for the investigation, including submission of information through the DGTR’s SETU portal, timelines for responses, and requirements for confidential and non-confidential submissions. Interested parties must participate within the stipulated time, failing which the Authority may proceed based on available facts and treat non-cooperative parties accordingly. [Case No. AD (SSR)-04/2026]

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PFRDA notified regarding the Reclassification of existing Corporates under NPS into Government Entities and Legal Entities

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The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 10, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Reclassification of existing Corporates under NPS into Government Entities and Legal Entities (other than Government). The following has been stated namely: - • National Pension System (NPS) is mandatory for Central Government employees (except Armed Forces) joining on/after January 01, 2004, and extended to all citizens (including corporate sector) since May 01, 2009. • Existing Corporate sector entities under NPS will now be reclassified into: o Government Entities o Legal Entities (other than Government) • Government Entities include statutory bodies, government companies, CPSEs, SPSEs, and other entities owned/controlled by Central or State Governments. • Such entities will be shifted from Corporate model to Government Sector model under NPS. • Employees of Government Entities will be directly onboarded via CRA, without Point of Presence (PoP) involvement → no PoP charges applicable. • These entities will continue to follow PFRDA Exit & Withdrawal Regulations, 2015 and grievance redressal rules. • To qualify as a Government Entity, organisations must: o Ensure mandatory NPS coverage for all employees o Transfer Superannuation Fund (AUM) to NPS within 1 year o Have technical capability for direct CRA integration • Certification/undertaking must be submitted (by authorized officials like Head/CFO/CS/CCO) to CRA by March 27, 2026. • If certification is not submitted, the entity will be treated as a Legal Entity (non-government) and applicable charges will apply. • In case an employee moves from a Government Entity to a non-government entity, the former must ensure proper de-tagging in CRA system. [Notification No. PFRDA/2026/18/REG-POP/03]

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Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 24, 2026, issued the Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger), Regulations, 2022. This shall come into force from March 24, 2026. The following has been amended in regulation 3: • In sub-regulation (6), after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely: "(d) through payment aggregator:". • In sub-regulation (7), after the words "other than the internet banking through an authorised bank", the words " or through a payment aggregator" shall be inserted. [Notification no. - 30/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

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CBIC Introduction of Payment Aggregator for Customs Duty Payment

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) under the Ministry of Finance on March 24, 2026, introduced a Payment Aggregator facility on the ICEGATE platform to simplify and enhance customs duty

payment mechanisms as part of its trade facilitation initiatives. The new system enables importers to pay customs duty using credit cards, debit cards, and Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for the first time, along with expanded internet banking access through 41 banks via the aggregator mode. This facility complements existing payment methods such as direct internet banking and NEFT/RTGS, and integrates seamlessly with the Electronic Cash Ledger (ECL) for instant transaction-wise duty payments. Currently, major banks such as ICICI, IOB, SBI, and HDFC have been onboarded, with more banks to be added. Any applicable transaction charges will be borne by the user. The initiative is backed by amendments to the Customs (Electronic Cash Ledger) Regulations, 2022, and aims to improve ease of doing business, reduce transaction time, and increase flexibility in customs duty payments. [Notification No. 44210212017-Cus IV (Pt.)]

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MoCI notified regarding the Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Beta Naphthol originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Beta Naphthol originating in or exported from China PR. The following has been stated: • It has initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of Beta Naphthol from China PR based on an application by a domestic producer alleging injury. • The investigation covered the period from October 2023 to September 2024, with additional analysis of previous years to assess injury trends to the domestic industry. • Authorities followed due procedure by notifying stakeholders, collecting data from exporters, importers, and domestic producers, and issuing questionnaires to relevant parties. • Evidence regarding import volumes, pricing, and market impact was examined to determine the existence of dumping and its effect on the domestic industry. • The product under consideration (Beta Naphthol) was confirmed to be similar in characteristics between imported and domestically produced goods, making them directly comparable. • Based on the analysis, the authority evaluated dumping margins and injury margins to decide whether anti-dumping duties are necessary to protect the domestic industry. [Notification no. - AD (OI)-09/2025]

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MoCI notified regarding the initiation of New Shipper Review for the determination of individual dumping margin in the case of Anti-dumping duty imposed on “Anodized aluminium frames for solar panels/modules” originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the initiation of New Shipper Review for the determination of individual dumping margin in the case of Anti-dumping duty imposed on “Anodized aluminium frames for solar panels/modules” originating in or exported from China PR. The following has been stated: • It has initiated a New Shipper Review under Rule 22 of the Anti-Dumping Rules, 1995, to determine the individual dumping margin for M/s Anhui Krant Aluminum Products Co., Ltd., a Chinese exporter of anodized aluminium frames used in solar panels. • The applicant claimed that it did not export the product during the original investigation period and is not related to any exporter already subject to

anti-dumping duty. • Based on prima facie evidence, the authority has started the review while recommending provisional assessment (no immediate duty) on its exports during the review period. • The investigation period is January 2025 to December 2025, and interested parties shall submit information through the SETU portal within the prescribed timelines. • The review aims to ensure fair determination of dumping margin for new exporters without causing undue trade restrictions. [Notification no. - AD (NSR)-03/2025]

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MoCI notified regarding the initiation of sunset review investigation concerning imports of Aceto Acetyl Derivatives of Aromatic or Hetrocyclic Compounds also known as Arylides from China PR

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the initiation of sunset review investigation concerning imports of Aceto Acetyl Derivatives of Aromatic or Heterocyclic Compounds, also known as Arylides, from China PR. The following has been stated: • It has initiated a sunset review investigation on imports of Aceto Acetyl Derivatives (Arylides) from China PR, as the existing anti-dumping duty imposed in October 2021 is set to expire on October 13, 2026. • The application was filed by M/s Laxmi Organics Industries Ltd., the sole domestic producer, claiming that removal of duty may lead to continuation of dumping and injury. The product under consideration includes specific forms of arylides classified under tariff heading 292429. • The period of investigation is from October 01, 2024, to September 30, 2025. Prima facie evidence shows that dumped imports from China continue at significant levels, undercut domestic prices, and have adversely affected the domestic industry, causing financial losses and price suppression. • Therefore, the Directorate General of Trade Remedies has initiated this review to determine whether the anti-dumping duty should be continued to prevent the recurrence of dumping and injury. [Notification no. - Case No. AD(SSR) 01/2026]

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MoF issued the clarification regarding the power to condone delay in filing Form No. 10A under sub-clause (I) clause (ac) of sub-section (1) of section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 23, 2026, issued the clarification regarding the power to condone delay in filing Form No. 10A under sub-clause (I) clause (ac) of sub-section (1) of section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961. The following has been stated: • This circular clarifies the authority for condonation of delay in filing Form 10A for registration of trusts/institutions under Section 12A(1)(ac)(i) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, which is required to avail benefits under Sections 11 and 12. Although the Director of Income Tax (CPC), Bengaluru, is the statutory authority for granting registration, an amendment effective October 01, 2024, allows condonation of delay for late applications. • To remove confusion, the Board has clarified that the jurisdictional Principal Commissioner of Income Tax or Commissioner of Income Tax is empowered to condone such delays under Section 119(2)(b). • This relief ensures that eligible trusts are not denied

registration solely due to delay. The circular applies to all pending and future cases of delayed Form 10A filings. [Notification no. 01/2026]

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CBIC notified revised Tariff Value Tables (No Change in Rates) effective March 21, 2026

Mar 21, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on March 20, 2026, notified revised Tariff Value Tables (No Change in Rates) effective March 21, 2026. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has amended tariff values under Section 14(2) of the Customs Act, 1962 by updating Tables 1, 2, and 3 of Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.). • No change in tariff values for key items including: o Crude & refined palm oil, palmolein, and crude soybean oil o Brass scrap o Areca nuts • Precious metals (unchanged values): o Gold: USD 1481 per 10 grams o Silver: USD 2262 per kilogram • The notification replaces the existing tables entirely but retains the same tariff values for all listed goods. • Effective date: March 21, 2026 Overall: This is a routine update with no change in tariff values, ensuring continuity in customs valuation for specified commodities. [Notification No. 28/2026-CUSTOMS (N.T.)]

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CBDT notified Income Tax Offices to Remain Open on March 31, 2026 Despite Holiday

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 18, 2026, notified Income Tax Offices to Remain Open on March 31, 2026 Despite Holiday. The Central Board of Direct Taxes has directed that all Income Tax Offices across India will remain open on March 31, 2026, even though it is a closed holiday on account of Mahavir Jayanti, to facilitate the completion of pending financial year-end work for FY 2025–26. This decision has been taken for administrative convenience under the powers granted by Section 119 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, ensuring that critical tax-related activities and deadlines can be effectively managed before the close of the financial year. [Notification No. 225/53/2024-IT A-II]

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CBIC amends Customs Tariff Valuation Tables, No Change in Rates

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on March 19, 2026, issued a notification amending tariff valuation provisions under Section 14(2) of the Customs Act, 1962. The amendment substitutes Table-1, Table-2, and Table-3 of Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), originally dated August 3, 2001. The revised tables continue to prescribe tariff values for specified imported goods such as crude palm oil, RBD palm oil, palmolein, crude soybean oil, brass scrap, gold, silver, and areca nuts. Notably, while the tables have been substituted, the tariff values for these commodities remain unchanged, indicating a formal update or alignment without altering valuation benchmarks. This notification shall come into force with effect

from March 20, 2026, ensuring continuity in customs valuation for the specified goods while updating the statutory notification framework. [Notification No. 27/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

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DGTR issued notification on Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of “Calcined Gypsum Powder” Originating in or exported from Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia and UAE

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) on March 18, 2026, issued notification on Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of “Calcined Gypsum Powder” Originating in or exported from Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia and UAE. The Designated Authority has initiated a sunset review investigation based on an application filed by M/s Saint Gobain India Pvt Ltd to examine whether the existing anti-dumping duty on imports of Calcined Gypsum Powder (Plaster of Paris) from Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE should continue beyond its expiry on December 16, 2026. These duties were originally imposed in December 2021 after an investigation found that dumped imports were causing injury to the domestic industry. As per the provisions of the Customs Tariff Act, such duties lapse after five years unless a review establishes the likelihood of continued dumping and injury. The product under consideration is Calcined Gypsum Powder, commonly used in construction for plastering, surface finishing, and decorative applications. The applicant, Saint Gobain India Pvt Ltd, accounts for around 55% of domestic production and has been recognized as the domestic industry. It has been claimed that the imported product and the domestically produced product are technically and commercially substitutable, thereby qualifying as “like articles.” The applicant has alleged that dumping from the subject countries continues, supported by prima facie evidence of positive dumping margins, price undercutting, and price suppression. The domestic industry has reportedly suffered declines in profits, cash flow, and return on capital employed. It has also been argued that removal of the existing duty may lead to continued or recurring injury due to surplus capacities and pricing pressure from imports. The period of investigation is from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, while the injury analysis covers April 2022 to March 2025 along with the investigation period. Interested parties are required to register on the SETU portal and submit relevant information within prescribed timelines, including both confidential and non-confidential versions. The Authority will follow due procedures under the rules, and non-cooperation or incomplete submissions may result in decisions based on available facts. The purpose of this review is to determine whether the continuation of anti-dumping duties is necessary to protect the domestic industry from ongoing or future injury. [Case No. – ADD SSR/03/2026]

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Income-tax Rules, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 20, 2026, issued the Income-Tax Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • Definitions: - (a) "Act" means the Income-tax Act, 2025 (30 of 2025); (b) "authorised bank" means any bank as may be appointed by the Reserve Bank of India as its agent under the provisions of sub-section (1) of section 45 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 (2 of 1934); (c) Form

means a Form in Appendix III appended to these rules; (d) "section" means a section of the Act. • Arrangements for declaration and payment of dividends within India:- o The arrangements referred to in section 2(42) to be made by a company for the declaration and payment of dividends (including dividends on preference shares) within India shall be as follows: (a) the share-register of the company for all shareholders shall be regularly maintained at its principal place of business within India, in respect of any tax year from a date not later than the 1st April of such year; (b) the general meeting for passing the accounts of the tax year and for declaring any dividends in respect thereof shall be held only at a place within India; and (c) the dividends declared, if any, shall be payable only within India to all shareholders. •Conditions that a stock exchange is required to fulfil to be notified as a recognised stock exchange under section 2(92):- o For the purposes of section 2(92), a stock exchange shall fulfil the following conditions in respect of trading in derivatives:- (a) the stock exchange shall have the approval of the Securities and Exchange Board of India established under the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992) in respect of trading in derivatives and shall function in accordance with the guidelines or conditions laid down in this behalf by the Securities and Exchange Board of India; (b) the stock exchange shall ensure that the particulars of the client (including unique client identity number and Permanent Account Number) are duly recorded and stored in its databases; (c) the stock exchange shall maintain a complete audit trail of all transactions (in respect of cash and derivative market) for a period of seven tax years on its system; (d) the stock exchange shall ensure that transactions (in respect of cash and derivative market) once registered in the system are not erased; (e) the stock exchange shall ensure that the transactions (in respect of cash and derivative market) once registered in the system, are modified only in cases of genuine error; and (f) the stock exchange shall maintain data regarding all transactions (in respect of cash and derivative market) registered in the system which have been modified and submit a monthly statement in Form No. 1 to the Director General of Income-tax (Systems), within fifteen days from the last day of each month to which such statement relates. • Procedure for notification of a recognised stock exchange for the purposes of section 2(92):- o An application for notification of a stock exchange as a recognised stock exchange for the purposes of section 2(92) may be made to the Member (Income Tax), Central Board of Direct Taxes, New Delhi. o The application referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied with the following documents:- (a) approval granted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India for trading in derivatives; (b) up-to-date rules, bye-laws and trading regulations of the stock exchange; It shall come into force on April 01, 2026. [G.S.R. 198(E]

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MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Calcined Gypsum Powder” Originating in or exported from Egypt

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Calcined Gypsum Powder” Originating in or exported from Egypt. The following has been stated: • The DGTR has initiated an anti-dumping investigation on imports of calcined gypsum powder (Plaster of Paris) from Egypt based on a complaint by Saint Gobain India Pvt. Ltd., a major domestic producer. • The applicant alleged that the product is being dumped in India at unfairly low prices, causing injury to the domestic industry. Prima facie evidence shows increased imports, price suppression, and a negative impact on profitability, with dumping margins above the prescribed limit. • The period of investigation is October 2024 to September 2025, and DGTR has found sufficient initial evidence of dumping, injury, and causal link to justify the probe under the Customs Tariff Act and Anti-Dumping Rules, 1995. • Interested parties are required to submit relevant information within the prescribed timeline via the

SETU portal, and the investigation may lead to the imposition of anti-dumping duty if the allegations are confirmed. [Notification no. - Case No. ADD (OI) – 09/2026]

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CBDT issued a corrigendum to the earlier notification in relation to the Income-tax ____ (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes on March 16, 2026, issued a corrigendum to the earlier notification in relation to the Income-tax _____ (Amendment) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: at page number 9, in item 1, for the bracket, figures and words “(1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026.”, the bracket, figures and words “(1) These rules may be called the Income-tax (First Amendment) Rules, 2026.” shall be substituted; [G.S.R. 189(E).]

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CBIC notified regarding the return of export cargo from international waters due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on March 17, 2026, notified regarding the return of export cargo from international waters due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. The following has been stated: • It has issued a clarification under the Customs Act, 1962, to streamline procedures for handling export cargo that has returned to Indian ports due to disruptions such as the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. It prescribes that where vessels land at a port different from the original port of export, a Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM) shall be filed, containers verified (with 100% examination if seals are tampered), and coordination shall be done with the original port to cancel Shipping Bills and Let Export Orders (LEO) and ensure reversal of any export incentives. • After due verification, the Back to Town (BTT) facility may be allowed, and a system is being introduced to enable post-Export General Manifest (EGM) cancellation of Shipping Bills, with data sharing to agencies like RBI and DGFT. • Additionally, international trans-shipment of LCL cargo has been temporarily permitted from all notified ports and airports till March 31, 2026, subject to infrastructure conditions. • For liquid/break bulk cargo, temporary unloading and storage in bonded facilities is allowed under strict customs control for re-export. • These relaxations are temporary trade facilitation measures and will remain in force till March 31, 2026. [Circular No.1212026-Customs]

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DGTR Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation on Ethyl Chloroformate (ECF)

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), on March 17, 2026, initiated an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Ethyl Chloroformate (ECF) originating in or exported from China PR,

based on an application filed by M/s Paushak Limited alleging material injury to the domestic industry. The product under consideration is Ethyl Chloroformate (ECF) in any concentration, a hazardous organic chemical used as an intermediate in pharmaceutical and agrochemical industries. The Authority has prima facie found evidence of dumping, noting that imports from China PR have increased significantly, leading to price suppression and adverse impact on profitability of the domestic industry. The applicant, being the sole domestic producer, has been recognized as the domestic industry, and the goods produced domestically have been considered as a "like article" to the imported product. The investigation covers the period from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025, with injury analysis spanning earlier years as well. Based on preliminary findings of dumping margin above de-minimis levels and a causal link between dumped imports and injury, the Authority has initiated the investigation to determine the extent of dumping and recommend appropriate anti-dumping duty, if required. [Initiation Notification No. F. No. 6/03/2026-DGTR | Case No. AD(OI)/03/2026]

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RBI notified regarding the Currency Chest operations on March 31, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the Currency Chest operations on March 31, 2026. The Reserve Bank of India has directed that all bank branches handling government receipts and payments remain open on March 31, 2026, despite it being a public holiday, to ensure proper accounting of transactions within FY 2025–26. Banks have also been advised to keep their Currency Chests (CCs) operational on the same day, similar to a normal working day, as government transactions may require cash handling support. Additionally, banks maintaining Currency Chests must inform their linked branches accordingly to ensure smooth coordination and uninterrupted processing of government transactions. [Notification No. RBI/2025-26/250 DCM(CC)No.S4781/03.51.01/2025-26]

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RBI notified regarding the premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2019-20 Series-IV due on March 17, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2019-20 Series-IV due on March 17, 2026. It has announced that the next premature redemption date for the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme (2019-20 Series-IV) is March 17, 2026, after completion of five years from the issue date. The redemption price has been fixed at ■15,814 per unit, based on the average closing price of 999 purity gold for the previous three business days (March 12, 13, and 16, 2026) as published by India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd. [Press Release: 2025-2026/2271]

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GSTN issued advisory regarding confirmation of “Tax Liability Breakup, As Applicable” in GSTR-3B

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) on March 16, 2026, issued advisory regarding confirmation of “Tax Liability Breakup, As Applicable” in GSTR-3B. The advisory clarifies that under Section 50 of the CGST Act, 2017, interest is applicable when tax liability for a previous tax period is paid in a subsequent period. To capture such cases, the “Tax Liability Breakup, As Applicable” tab in Form GSTR-3B is designed to reflect liabilities relating to earlier periods that are being discharged in the current return. From the February 2026 tax period onwards, the GST portal has introduced an auto-population feature for this tab. The system now automatically fills in the tax liability breakup based on document dates reported in GSTR-1, GSTR-1A, or IFF, where such supplies relate to earlier tax periods but are being declared in the current GSTR-3B filing. Taxpayers are now required to review this auto-populated data after offsetting their liability and either confirm it by clicking “SAVE” or make necessary edits before proceeding. Only after saving this breakup can the taxpayer complete the filing of GSTR-3B using EVC or DSC. However, it has been noted that the system currently requires confirmation of this tab in all cases, even when there are no prior-period liabilities, though ideally it should apply only in relevant cases. GSTN has acknowledged this issue and is working on a resolution. Until then, taxpayers are advised to open the tab and click “SAVE” as an interim step to successfully file their returns.

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CBIC issued circular regarding the Facilitation in import of pet dogs and pet cats along with stranded Indians in war-hit Middle East countries

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on March 16, 2026, issued circular regarding the Facilitation in import of pet dogs and pet cats along with stranded Indians in war-hit Middle East countries. The communication highlights a one-time relaxation granted by the Government of India, through the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), to facilitate the import of pet dogs and cats belonging to stranded Indian nationals returning from war-affected Middle East countries. Recognizing the extraordinary circumstances, certain pre-export formalities that are normally mandatory have been relaxed to ease the entry of pets into India. Under the relaxed pre-import conditions, pet owners must provide a declaration confirming that the pet has been with them for at least one month. They are also required to produce available vaccination records such as a pet book or passport, even if vaccinations are delayed or incomplete. In cases where pets are brought from nearby countries, owners are advised to have them checked by local veterinary authorities, if feasible. For post-import procedures, pets with valid veterinary health or vaccination certificates will be granted clearance by Animal Quarantine and Certification Services (AQCS) after document verification and clinical examination at the airport. If vaccination records are incomplete, delayed, or unavailable, pets will be vaccinated (at the owner’s cost) at the port of entry before receiving clearance. In cases of abnormal findings, pets may be quarantined, with all related costs borne by the owner. The relaxation is strictly a temporary and exceptional measure and will not serve as a precedent for future imports. Additionally, compliance with requirements of other authorities such as DGFT and Customs remains applicable, and relevant departments may take appropriate action as necessary. [Circular No. 11/2026-Customs]

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CBIC amended an older notification regarding the appointment of officers (Commissioners, Joint/Deputy/Assistant Commissioners) to specific jurisdictions and duties

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on March 16, 2026, issued a notification to amend notification no. 21 /2022-Customs (N.T.), dated the March 31, 2022, regarding the appointment of officers (Commissioners, Joint/Deputy/Assistant Commissioners) to specific jurisdictions and duties. The following amendments have been stated: • In the TABLE, for serial number 26 and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "26. Principal Commissioner of Customs, Vishakhapatnam. (i)Port of Vishakhapatnam, Gangavaram Port, Visakhapatnam International Airport, Container Freight Station at Bayyavaram Village, Kasimkota Mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, Vishakhapatnam, Special Economic Zone and areas under the Greater Vishakhapatnam Municipal Corporation of Vishakhapatnam in the state of Andhra Pradesh; (ii)All Inland Container Depots, Airports, Export Oriented Units, Special Economic Zones, and warehouses in the districts of Anakapalli, Alluri Sitharama Raju, Vishakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam and Srikakulam; (iii)Continental Shelf and Exclusive Economic Zone of India facing the baseline in the State of Andhra Pradesh to which the Customs Act, 1962 has been extended vide Ministry of External Affairs' notification number S.O. 189(E), dated the 7th February, 2002." [Notification No. 26/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

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GST issued advisory on the Payment of pre-deposit while filing of appeal before First Appellate authority

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Goods and Services Tax Network on March 14, 2026, issued advisory on the Payment of pre-deposit while filing of appeal before First Appellate authority. Please click on the link below to view the Advisory on the Payment of pre-deposit while filing of appeal before First Appellate authority. https://tutorial.gst.gov.in/downloads/news/final_advisory_for_payment_of_pre_deposit_through_drc_03.pdf

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CBIC issued the Procedure for filing HSNS Returns in Form HSNS RET-01

Mar 15, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on March 12, 2026, issued the Procedure for filing HSNS Returns in Form HSNS RET-01. The following has been stated: • The advisory states that every registered person liable to HSNS Cess shall file a monthly return in Form HSNS RET-01 through the CBIC taxpayer portal. The return shall be submitted on or before the 20th day of the succeeding month, and it should include the details and documents specified in the form. • The system allows taxpayers to rectify any

errors or omissions within the same calendar month in which the return was originally filed; however, if the correction increases the cess liability, the taxpayer shall pay the additional amount along with applicable interest before submitting the revised return. • If a taxpayer fails to file the return by the due date, the proper officer may issue a notice requiring the return to be filed within 15 days, and non-compliance can lead to penalties. • The advisory also clarifies that the return filing facility is available on the CBIC portal under Menu → HSNS RET-01 → File RET-01, enabling HSNS-registered taxpayers to comply with the monthly reporting requirements. [Advisory No. 06/2026]

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MoF amended an older notification related to the customs exemption

Mar 13, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 12, 2026, amended an older notification No. 45/2025-Customs, dated October 24, 2025, related to the customs exemption. The following has been stated: - •In the LISTS appended to TABLE I, in List 14, after item number 2 and the entries relating thereto, the following item number and the entries shall be inserted, namely:- "3. SBER Bank* (* with effect from June 25, 2025, till March 31, 2026. Import allowed for domestic consumption only)". The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 06/2026-Customs]

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MoCI notified regarding the Initiation of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Phthalic Anhydride" from Taiwan

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Phthalic Anhydride" from Taiwan. The following has been stated: • It has initiated an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Phthalic Anhydride from Taiwan. The investigation was initiated following an application by domestic producers alleging that the product is being dumped in India at unfairly low prices. • Phthalic Anhydride is an important chemical used in plastics, resins, paints, and pigments. The authority will examine evidence of dumping, injury to the domestic industry, and a causal link before recommending any anti-dumping duty. • Interested parties have been invited to submit relevant information during the course of the investigation. [Notification no. - Case No. AD(OI) – 04/2026]

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RBI notified regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) High risk and other monitored jurisdictions – February 09-13, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 09, 2026, notified regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) High Risk and other monitored jurisdictions – February 09-13, 2026. The following has been stated: • The press release highlighting updates from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) plenary held from 9–13 February 2026 regarding high-risk and other monitored jurisdictions. Financial institutions were advised to consider the updated FATF lists in their risk assessments and apply enhanced due diligence or counter-measures when dealing with such jurisdictions. • The update notes that Iran, North Korea, and Myanmar remain high-risk jurisdictions, while several other countries are under increased monitoring (grey list) due to strategic deficiencies in their anti-money-laundering and counter-terrorism financing frameworks. [Press Release: 2025-2026/2237]

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PFRDA Revised Charge Structure for PoPs under NPS Common Schemes

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 10, 2026, issued a circular revising the charge structure applicable to Points of Presence (PoPs) for Common Schemes under the National Pension System (NPS), including NPS (All Citizen), NPS Vatsalya and NPS Lite. As per the revised framework under Regulation 16 of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (Point of Presence) Regulations, 2018, PoPs may charge a one-time onboarding fee of ■200 per new account, while digital and non-face-to-face onboarding may attract a reduced charge of ■100. Additionally, an annual charge of 0.20% of Assets Under Management (AUM) will be levied and adjusted through NAV, payable to PoPs on a quarterly basis. Dormant accounts will not attract these charges. The circular also prescribes a minimum contribution of ■250 at the time of onboarding and ■10 for subsequent contributions. Subscribers onboarded through e-NPS and making contributions through e-NPS or D-Remit will not be liable to pay PoP charges. The revised charge structure supersedes earlier circulars on PoP service charges and will be implemented by Central Recordkeeping Agencies from Q4 of FY 2025–26 onwards. [Notification No. PFRDA/2026/16/REG-POP/01]

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PFRDA issued circular regarding the Charge structure of Point of Presence (PoP) for Common Schemes under NPS for Legal Entities (other than Government)

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 10, 2026, issued circular regarding the Charge structure of Point of Presence (PoP) for Common Schemes under NPS for Legal Entities (other than Government). The PFRDA has issued revised guidelines regarding the charges that can be collected by Points of Presence (PoPs) from subscribers under the National Pension System (NPS), in accordance with Regulation 16 of the PoP Regulations, 2018. The regulation allows PoPs to collect charges from subscribers within limits and in the manner specified by the Authority. To streamline the framework, existing “Corporates” under NPS have now been reclassified into two categories: (i) Government Entities and (ii) Legal Entities (other than Government). Government Entities include statutory bodies, government companies, and organizations owned or controlled by the Central or State Governments, including Central and State Public Sector Enterprises. Legal Entities (other than Government) include societies, associations of

persons, and other organizations not under government administrative control. For Legal Entities (other than Government) under common NPS schemes, the applicable PoP charge has been revised to 0.20% per annum of the Assets Under Management (AUM). This charge will be adjusted through the Net Asset Value (NAV) and paid to PoPs on a quarterly basis, except for dormant accounts. Applicable taxes such as GST will be charged additionally. Dormant accounts—defined as those with no contributions for four consecutive quarters after a contribution—will not attract these charges. The circular also allows PoPs to decide, as per their internal policy, whether to recover these charges from their own employees who are NPS subscribers. PoPs must inform the Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRAs) of their decision by March 27, 2026 if not already done. This circular supersedes earlier circulars issued on January 31, 2025 and December 31, 2025 regarding PoP service charges under NPS. [Circular No.: PFRDA/2026/17/REG-POP/02]

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MoF notified regarding the Levy of fee for the amendment or cancellation of export documents in cases of withdrawal of export consignments due to force majeure circumstances

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF), on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the Levy of fee for the amendment or cancellation of export documents in cases of withdrawal of export consignments due to force majeure circumstances. The following has been stated namely:- • The Board has taken note of the prevailing disruptions i international shipping and logistics routes arising from the ongoing crisis in the Middle East region. It has been brought to the notice of the Board that due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the consequent disruption in maritime routes, vessels carrying export cargo from India may be unable to reach their destination ports or may be required to alter their voyage plans. As a result, sailings may be cancelled or postponed by shipping lines and cargo movements through affected routes may be disrupted. The present circumstances constitute an exceptional situation affecting international shipping routes and export logistics. In such circumstances, exporters may be required to seek amendment or cancellation of export documents or withdrawal of export consignments from the Customs area due to cancellation or rescheduling of vessels or flights, suspension of cargo services by carriers, or operational disruptions in ports or airports. The requirement for amendment or cancellation of documents in such cases arises due to these exceptional circumstances or other force majeure and not due to any lapse on the part of the exporter or the Customs Broker. • This will remain in force till March 25, 2026. [Circular No. 10/2026-Customs]

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MoF notified regarding the final finding in Sunset Review investigation of Countervailing Duty/ Anti-subsidy concerning imports of “Textured Tempered Glass” originating in or exported from Malaysia

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 03, 2026, notified regarding the final finding in Sunset Review investigation of Countervailing Duty/ Anti-subsidy concerning imports of “Textured Tempered Glass” originating in or exported from Malaysia. The following has been stated: • The notification relates to the final

findings of the sunset review investigation on countervailing (anti-subsidy) duty concerning imports of Textured Toughened (Tempered) Glass used in solar panels from Malaysia. The investigation was initiated based on an application filed by Borosil Renewables Ltd. and Vishakha Glass Pvt. Ltd., representing the domestic industry. • The Authority determined that the product under consideration is textured toughened (tempered) glass with at least 90.5% light transmission and thickness not exceeding 4.2 mm, commonly known as solar glass or photovoltaic glass, used in solar panels and solar thermal applications. The Authority also concluded that the imported product and the glass produced by the Indian industry are technically and commercially similar and therefore constitute a "like article." • After examining subsidy programmes and market conditions, the Authority found that producers in Malaysia continue to benefit from countervailable subsidies and that the Indian domestic industry remains vulnerable. The investigation further established that if the existing duties are withdrawn, there is a likelihood of continuation or recurrence of subsidised imports and injury to the domestic industry. • Accordingly, the Authority recommended continuation of the existing countervailing duties for five more years on imports of the subject glass from Malaysia. The duty rates recommended are 9.71% of CIF value for specified Malaysian producers (such as Xinyi Solar and Kibing Solar) and 10.14% for other producers/exporters. • The notification also specifies procedural requirements, including submission of valid commercial invoices for applying individual duty rates and provides that appeals against the order may be filed before the Customs, Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal (CESTAT). [Notification no. - Case No. CVD (SSR) – 01/2025]

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CBIC notified regarding the return of export cargo from international waters due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz

Mar 09, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on March 08, 2026, notified regarding the return of export cargo from international waters due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz. The following has been stated: • The circular provides a temporary simplified procedure for handling export cargo that returns to Indian ports due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and disruptions in international shipping routes. The Board noted that many vessels carrying Indian export cargo cannot reach destination ports and are returning to India. Therefore, using powers under Section 143AA, special procedures have been prescribed to facilitate trade and ensure quick handling of such cargo. • The circular states that vessels returning with export cargo should normally berth at the same Indian port from which they originally departed, except in cases of transshipment. Where the vessel is still within Indian territorial waters, and an Export General Manifest (EGM) or Shipping Document Manifest (SDM) has not been filed, the vessel may berth without filing a Sea Arrival Manifest. • Containers may be unloaded without filing a Bill of Entry, but customs officers must verify shipping documents and check the integrity of container seals. If seals are tampered with, the container will undergo 100% examination. The relevant Shipping Bills and Let Export Order (LEO) shall be cancelled, and exporters may request the Back-to-Town facility for returning goods to domestic circulation. • Where the EGM/SDM has already been filed or the vessel has entered international waters but returned without visiting any foreign port, similar procedures will apply. Containers can be offloaded after document verification, and a new system facility will allow cancellation of Shipping Bills even after EGM filing in the customs system. Details of such cancellations will be shared with agencies like the Reserve Bank of India and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade to ensure that export incentives are not wrongly granted. • If the vessel had already visited a foreign port but did not unload the cargo, the consignment will be treated as exported goods, and a Sea Arrival Manifest shall be filed before following the prescribed procedures. Customs field formations must

also recover any export incentives such as IGST refunds or duty drawback if already disbursed. These relaxations are temporary and will remain valid for 15 days from the date of the circular. [Notification no. - 450/23 /2026-Cus IV]

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MoF notified regarding the Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of "Natural Mica Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding Cosmetic Grade" originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of "Natural Mica Pearl Industrial Pigments excluding Cosmetic Grade" originating in or exported from China PR. The following has been stated: • It has initiated a sunset review investigation regarding the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of Natural Mica Pearl Industrial Pigments (excluding cosmetic grade) originating in or exported from China PR. • The purpose of the investigation is to examine whether the expiry of the existing anti-dumping duty would likely lead to the continuation or recurrence of dumping and consequent injury to the domestic industry in India. • The DGTR will analyze factors such as import volumes, price effects, market conditions, and the performance of domestic producers. Interested parties, including exporters, importers, domestic producers, and other stakeholders, have been invited to submit relevant information, evidence, and comments within the prescribed timelines. • Based on the findings of the investigation, the government will decide whether the anti-dumping duty should be continued, modified, or revoked to protect the domestic industry from unfairly priced imports. [Notification no. - CASE No. AD (SSR)- 15/2025]

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RBI notified regarding the Redemption Price for premature redemption due on March 09, 2026

Mar 08, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Premature redemption under Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme – Redemption Price for premature redemption due on March 09, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • Premature redemption of Gold Bond may be permitted after fifth year from the date of issue of such Gold Bond on the date on which interest is payable. • The due date of premature redemption of the above tranche shall be March 09, 2026. • The redemption price for premature redemption due on March 09, 2026, shall be ■16,063/- per unit of SGB based on the simple average of closing gold price for the three business days i.e., March 04, March 05, and March 06, 2026. [Press Release: 2025-2026/2229]

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PIB Headquarters issued a notification regarding Policy Reforms Strengthening Ease of Doing Business in India

Mar 07, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The PIB Headquarters on March 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding Policy Reforms Strengthening Ease of Doing Business in India. The following has been stated: - •India's business environment has significantly improved due to policy and regulatory reforms, with active company registrations increasing by about 27% from 1.55 lakh (2020–21) to 1.98 lakh (2025–26). •Government initiatives such as Start-Up India, credit guarantee schemes, digital credit assessment models, and trade facilitation measures are creating a transparent and investor-friendly ecosystem. •Regulatory reforms, including GST simplification, labour codes, the Jan Vishwas Act, and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, have reduced compliance burden and improved governance. •These measures collectively strengthen investor confidence and position India as a competitive global business and investment destination. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2235433]

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Income-tax _____ (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 05, 2026, notified the Income-tax _____ (Amendment) Rules, 2026 further to amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The following has been stated: - •The amendment to Rule 114F of the Income Tax Rules, 1962, introduces provisions relating to central bank digital currencies (CBDCs), crypto-assets, and electronic money products for accounts other than U.S. reportable accounts. •It expands the definition of depository accounts to include accounts holding electronic money products and CBDCs for customers. •The rules also introduce definitions such as "central bank digital currencies," "relevant crypto-asset," "specified electronic money product," and "qualified non-profit entity." •Certain financial assets now include interests in relevant crypto-assets for reporting purposes. •Additionally, exemptions and reporting conditions are updated for specific accounts, entities, and transactions involving crypto-assets and digital financial instruments. They shall come into force from January 01, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.S.R. 158(E)]

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RBI notified regarding the renewal of the Bilateral Swap Arrangement between Japan and India

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the renewal of the Bilateral Swap Arrangement between Japan and India. India and Japan have renewed their Bilateral Swap Arrangement (BSA) effective from February 28, 2026. The agreement was signed between the Bank of Japan (acting on behalf of Japan's Ministry of Finance) and the Reserve Bank of India through the Third Amendment and Restatement Agreement. The BSA is a two-way currency swap arrangement that allows both countries to exchange their local currencies for US Dollars. The total swap size remains unchanged at up to USD 75

billion. [Press Release: 2025-2026/2195]

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MoCI notified regarding the Sunset review investigation concerning the anti-dumping duty on imports of “Methyl Acetoacetate” originating in or exported from China PR

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the Sunset review investigation concerning the anti-dumping duty on imports of “Methyl Acetoacetate” originating in or exported from China PR. The following has been stated: • The review has been initiated upon an application filed by the domestic industry, which has claimed that cessation of the existing anti-dumping duty is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and consequent injury to the domestic producers. • The investigation will examine whether the expiry of the current anti-dumping duty would result in continued dumping and material injury to the domestic industry. The period of investigation (POI) for the review has been specified, along with a separate injury analysis period covering previous years. Interested parties, including exporters, importers, and other stakeholders, have been invited to submit relevant information, evidence, and responses within the prescribed timelines. • The existing anti-dumping duty shall remain in force pending the outcome of the sunset review investigation. • The Designated Authority will investigate in accordance with the applicable anti-dumping rules and submit its findings to the Central Government for appropriate decision regarding continuation, modification, or termination of the duty. [Notification no. - Case No AD (SSR – 06/2025)]

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CBIC issued extension of Deferred Payment of Customs Duty benefits to ‘Eligible Manufacturer Importer’ (EMI)

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on February 28, 2026, issued extension of Deferred Payment of Customs Duty benefits to ‘Eligible Manufacturer Importer’ (EMI). The CBIC has introduced a facility allowing “Eligible Manufacturer Importers” (EMIs) to avail deferred payment of Customs import duty under the Customs Act, 1962, effective from April 01, 2026. This benefit, governed by the Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules, 2016 (as amended), is expected to speed up customs clearance at ports, airports, and ICDs. The facility will remain available until March 31, 2028, during which approved EMIs are encouraged to obtain higher AEO accreditations for additional trade facilitation benefits. To qualify as an EMI, applicants must meet specified criteria including valid importer and manufacturer status (or job work arrangements), possession of an IEC, minimum customs transaction history, GST registration and compliance, prescribed turnover threshold, operational continuity, and financial solvency. Applicants must also have a clean compliance record with no pending prosecutions, insolvency proceedings, or instances of collected taxes not deposited with the government. Eligible applicants may apply online from March 01, 2026 through the AEO India portal, after which approval will be granted by the Directorate of International Customs CBIC upon verification of eligibility. Once approved, EMIs can avail the deferred payment facility automatically through the Customs Automated System and authenticate transactions via the ICEGATE platform using an authorized nodal person. Under the scheme, importers opting for deferred payment must

indicate the option while filing the Bill of Entry and authenticate it electronically. Duty for imports cleared in a given month must generally be paid by the first day of the following month, with special timelines for March consignments. Importers may also choose to pay earlier than the due date if desired. Customs authorities will monitor utilization of the facility and may suspend or revoke approval if eligibility conditions are no longer met. A dedicated helpdesk has been established to assist trade and industry stakeholders and address implementation-related queries or concerns. [Circular No. 08/2026-Customs]

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MoF issued an amendment to the older notification fixing the Tariff Values for Crude Palm Oil, RBD Palm Oil and RBD Palmolein under the Customs Act, 1962

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on February 27, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification no. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated August 03, 2001, fixing the Tariff Values for Crude Palm Oil, RBD Palm Oil, and RBD Palmolein under the Customs Act, 1962. The following has been amended by substituting revised TABLE-1, TABLE-2, and TABLE-3 to update tariff values for specified imported goods. The revised tariff values include: • Edible oils such as Crude Palm Oil (USD 1103/MT), RBD Palm Oil (USD 1122/MT), Palmolein variants, and Crude Soya Bean Oil (USD 1212/MT). • Brass Scrap (USD 7235/MT). • Gold (USD 1664 per 10 grams) and Silver (USD 2800 per kilogram), including specific categories such as gold bars, gold coins, and silver forms with defined purity standards, particularly where concessional benefits under Notification No. 45/2025-Customs dated October 24, 2025, are availed. • Areca nuts remain unchanged at USD 7020 per metric tonne. The notification comes into force from February 28, 2026. [Notification no. -24/2026-CUSTOMS (N.T.)]

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MoF notified regarding the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) introduces deferred Customs Duty payment facility for Eligible Manufacturer Importers as announced in the Union Budget 2026-27

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Finance & Taxation

The Ministry of Finance (MoF), on March 01, 2026, notified that the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) introduces deferred Customs Duty payment facility for Eligible Manufacturer Importers as announced in the Union Budget 2026-27. The following has been stated namely: - • The facility will be available from 1st April, 2026 and will remain in force till 31st March, 2028. The deferred payment facility shall be available to EMI meeting prescribed criteria related to Customs and GST compliance, turnover, financial standing and past track record. Existing AEO-T1 entities, including MSMEs, that fulfil the eligibility conditions are also eligible to participate. • The EMI scheme is designed as a trust-based facilitation measure, encouraging compliant manufacturers to benefit from simplified procedures while nudging them towards higher levels of compliance. During the validity period of the scheme, approved Eligible Manufacturer Importers are expected to progressively obtain AEO-T2 or AEO-T3 status, enabling access to enhanced facilitation, faster clearances and priority treatment under the AEO Programme. [Press Release ID: 2234116]

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ESIC notified regarding the deletion of item no. 2218 & 2219 from the Approved List under DG-ESIC Central Rate Contract No. 161

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the deletion of item no. 2218 & 2219 from the Approved List under DG-ESIC Central Rate Contract No. 161. The following has been stated: • It has issued Corrigendum-06 announcing the deletion of Item Nos. 2218 and 2219 from the approved list under Central Rate Contract No. 161 (valid from April 08, 2025 to April 07, 2027), effective March 23, 2026. The deleted items pertain to Daratumumab injections (100 mg and 400 mg, marketed as DARZALEX) supplied by Johnson & Johnson Private Limited. • The removal has been carried out as per the terms of the e-tender due to the off-patent status of these drugs. Consequently, these items will no longer be part of the approved procurement list under the said ESIC rate contract. [Notification no. - U-25/12/Off_Patent/Deletion_RC_item/2025-MedV (E-1217106)/128]

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MoLE notifies ESI coverage expansion in Meghalaya districts effective April 1, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), on March 30, 2026, issued a notification under the Code on Social Security, 2020, declaring April 1, 2026, as the effective date for implementation of Employees' State Insurance (ESI) provisions in specified districts of Meghalaya. The notification mandates that employers and employees in establishments located in West Khasi Hills, South West Khasi Hills, Eastern West Khasi Hills, and East Jaintia Hills districts shall begin contributing under Section 29 of the Code from the notified date. Accordingly, employees in these regions will become eligible for benefits under Chapter IV of the Code, administered by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). This extension enhances social security coverage in Meghalaya by bringing additional districts under the ESI framework, ensuring access to medical and related benefits for employees working in notified establishments. [Notification No. S.O. 1649(E)]

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Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ) on March 30, 2026, issued the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026 to further amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. The following amendments have been stated: • In section 4 of the principal Act, sub-section (2) shall be omitted. • In section 6 of the principal Act,— (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "District Magistrate", the words "District Magistrate, after examining the recommendation of the authority and, if he considers either

necessary or desirable, after taking the assistance of other medical experts" shall be substituted; (b) after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:— "(4) The person who has been issued a certificate of identity under sub-section (1) and is so declared as a transgender person within the definition under this Act shall be entitled to change the first name in the birth certificate and all other official documents relating to the identity of such person.". • In section 7 of the principal Act,— (a) in sub-section (1), for the words "such person may", the words "such person shall" shall be substituted; (b) after sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:— "(1A) The medical institution in which the person who has undergone surgery to change gender, either as male or female, shall furnish the details of such person to the concerned District Magistrate and the authority in such form and manner as may be prescribed."; (c) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:— "(2) A person referred to in sub-section (1) shall also make an application to the District Magistrate who shall, on receipt of an application along with the certificate issued by the Medical Superintendent or Chief Medical Officer, and on being satisfied with the correctness of such certificate, issue a certificate indicating change in gender in such form and manner and within such time, as may be prescribed."; (d) sub-section (3) and the proviso shall be omitted. It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

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ESIC issued circular regarding the Simplification of procedure for extension of Certificate of Coverage (COC) cases under Article 7.2 of the Social Security Agreement between India and Japan

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 27, 2026, issued circular regarding the Simplification of procedure for extension of Certificate of Coverage (COC) cases under Article 7.2 of the Social Security Agreement between India and Japan. Following a bilateral meeting between India and Japan, procedures for extension of Certificate of Coverage (CoC) under the Social Security Agreement (SSA) have been simplified to improve ease of doing business and living. • Extension up to 8 years (beyond 5 years) can now be granted without consultation between the two countries if specific conditions are met (e.g., project delays, successor issues, children's schooling, nearing retirement). • Regional Offices can directly issue CoC for such cases without requiring prior approval/NOC from Japan, speeding up the process. Additional provisions: • Pending cases (awaiting Japan's consent) can now be processed under the new simplified procedure. • Liaison agencies may still consult each other in specific cases if needed. • The new process is effective immediately. Instructions to Regional Offices: • Publicize the new guidelines and assist applicants. • Ensure proper verification, documentation, and record-keeping. • Submit monthly reports of CoCs issued to the Head Office for sharing with Japan. Overall, the changes aim to streamline CoC extensions, reduce delays, and enhance cross-border workforce mobility between India and Japan. [Notification No: IWU/7(13)2008/Japan/E-55049/51]

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PFRDA notified regarding the Implementation of Multiple NAVs framework

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of Multiple NAVs framework. PFRDA has revised the Investment Management Fee (IMF) structure for Pension Funds, introducing differentiated charges for Government and Non-Government subscribers effective April 01, 2026. Additionally, the charge structure for Point of Presence (PoPs) under NPS schemes, including NPS Vatsalya and NPS Lite, has been updated, with such charges to be adjusted through Net Asset Value (NAV). To implement these changes, a multiple NAV framework will be introduced within schemes from April 01, 2026. During the transition, system upgrades by Central Recordkeeping Agencies and Pension Funds may temporarily restrict certain transactions on CRA platforms, though new subscriber registrations and contributions will continue. Stakeholders are advised to plan transactions accordingly, with normal services resuming from April 02, 2026.

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PFRDA notified regarding permitting the Points of Presence for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for distribution of Pension Schemes

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding permitting the Points of Presence for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for the distribution of Pension Schemes. The following has been stated: • This circular is in continuation of earlier circulars (Sept 23 and Oct 16, 2025) regarding engagement of Pension Agents by Points of Presence (PoPs). • Pension Agents are key intermediaries providing last-mile connectivity for the distribution of the National Pension System and expanding outreach. • The Authority has clarified and expanded the scope of “any other person” to include new categories such as PACS, MSME associations, CA/CS/CMA professionals, CFA/CFP holders, SHG-based sakhis, GDS, and fintech/digital platforms. • Engagement of these entities is subject to PoP Board approval and compliance with the regulatory guidelines of respective authorities. • PoPs will remain fully responsible for acts/omissions of Pension Agents, including adherence to KYC, AML, and CFT norms under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. [Notification no. - PFRDA/2026/20/REG-POP/04]

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ESIC issued Clarification on The New Amnesty Scheme, 2025

Mar 26, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 25, 2026, issued clarification on The New Amnesty Scheme, 2025. The clarification under the New Amnesty Scheme, 2025 states that the requirement for employers to seek permission from courts for out-of-court settlement is only procedural and should not be interpreted as a mandatory pre-condition. The scheme is an administrative mechanism to facilitate dispute resolution and does not require prior court approval to avail its benefits. In cases where matters are pending before courts, parties are only required to inform the court about the settlement and seek appropriate orders for disposal or withdrawal of the case. Employers opting for the scheme must undertake to file affidavits before the court to withdraw pending appeals or petitions in line with the settlement. Field offices are directed to process settlements as per scheme provisions and ensure proper filing before courts for closure of cases. This clarification aligns with principles under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, and does not impact cases already settled under the scheme. [Circular No. P-11/14/Amnesty Scheme/2023-Rev II]

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ESIC issued a communication declaring a drug batch as Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) due to misbranding

Mar 25, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 20, 2026, issued a communication declaring a drug batch as Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) due to misbranding. The affected product is "Vildagliptin + Metformin Tablets (Vilglip-M 1000)" supplied by M/s Jammu Pvt. Ltd., where the composition of 'Vildagliptin' did not conform to IP 2022 standards as per laboratory testing. Based on the test report, the drug has been classified as "Misbranded (Minor Defect)" and failed to meet prescribed pharmacopoeial specifications. The issue was identified by the Government Analyst, Food & Drugs Laboratory, Jammu, under Report No. CFDL/J/2025-2026/1748 dated February 26, 2026. ESIC has directed all concerned institutions to immediately stop usage of the affected batch, recover the cost along with testing charges from the supplier, initiate action as per tender conditions, and maintain records of actions taken to ensure compliance and patient safety. [Reference No. e-U-25/12/NSQ/2022-MedV (E-12328)/0]

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MoLE issued All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural and Rural Labourers – February, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) on March 20, 2026, issued All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural and Rural Labourers – February, 2026. The Labour Bureau, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, has released the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Agricultural Labourers (AL) and Rural Labourers (RL) with base year 2019=100 for February 2026. These indices are compiled using data collected from 787 sample villages across 34 States and Union Territories. For February 2026, the All-India CPI for Agricultural Labourers declined by 0.50 points to 136.57, while the index for Rural Labourers decreased by 0.39 points to 136.51. Similarly, the Food Index showed a decline of 1.04 points for Agricultural Labourers and 0.86 points for Rural Labourers, indicating a marginal easing in food prices during the month compared to January 2026. On a year-on-year basis, inflation for Agricultural Labourers stood at 2.57%, while for Rural Labourers it was recorded at 2.37% in February 2026. Food inflation for the same period was 2.51% for Agricultural Labourers and 2.25% for Rural Labourers, reflecting moderate price increases over the previous year.

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ESIC issued notification regarding the Revocation of NSQ Order

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 20, 2026, issued notification regarding the Revocation of NSQ Order. The earlier declaration of "Not of Standard Quality (NSQ)" for the drug Augpen LB

625 (Amoxycillin + Clavulanate + Lactic Acid Bacillus tablets/capsules) under RC-157, Batch No. ZO5AF24052, has been revoked with immediate effect. This action follows a re-evaluation of the drug sample. The revocation is based on the test report issued by the Central Drugs Laboratory, which, upon appellate testing, has classified the concerned batch as “Of Standard Quality.” Accordingly, the earlier NSQ status stands withdrawn, and the batch is now considered compliant with quality standards. [Notification No.: e-U-25/12/NSQ/2022-MedV (E-12328)/86]

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ESIC issued circular regarding the Strengthening of Drug Testing Mechanism in ESI Institutions

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on January 13, 2026, issued circular regarding the Strengthening of Drug Testing Mechanism in ESI Institutions, The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with approved testing laboratories of the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India to ensure the quality of drugs procured by its institutions. As part of this process, ESI institutions were instructed to submit details of drug samples sent for testing—such as item name, rate contract (RC) details, and batch number—to the designated Website Content Manager for uploading on the ESIC headquarters website, thereby avoiding duplication of testing. However, it has been observed that some institutions are not following the prescribed procedure and are instead sending drug testing data directly to the RC Cell at ESIC Headquarters. This deviation has been viewed seriously by the authorities. Therefore, all ESI institutions and hospitals have been once again directed to strictly adhere to the established process by submitting testing details and information on Not of Standard Quality (NSQ) drugs in the prescribed formats directly to the Website Content Manager, with a copy marked to the RC Cell for information. [Notification No.:U-25/12/RC/Testing_of_Drugs/2025-Med._V (E-1211687)/08]

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ESIC notified regarding ensuring the timely payment of GeM Dues, including MSME Payments, within 10 Days

Mar 24, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 23, 2026, notified regarding ensuring the timely payment of GeM Dues, including MSME Payments, within 10 Days. All units are instructed to ensure timely payments through GeM, with all dues (including MSME payments) to be cleared within 10 days of CRAC generation. Any delay beyond this period shall be justified and properly explained in the monthly GeM pendency report. Units shall also closely monitor pending payments and ensure prompt clearance to avoid delays. [Notification no. - D-36012/11/2021-GEN]

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BOPTER Instructions for Uploading RoP for CoP (NATS 1.0)

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Labour

The authority, Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BOPT (ER)), on issuance of this communication, provided detailed instructions to establishments for uploading the Record of Progress (RoP) on the NATS 1.0 Portal for generation of Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) for registered apprentices. The communication outlines a step-by-step process including accessing the official portal, logging in using establishment credentials, navigating to the RoP section, and completing quarterly progress details for each apprentice. It also specifies special instructions for prematurely terminated apprentices and requires establishments to confirm completion of RoP upload via email. Further, it clarifies that CoP will be generated only after successful submission and verification of RoP data, and will be made available on the establishment dashboard for download and distribution. The communication ensures streamlined processing and proper certification of apprentices under the NATS framework.

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ESIC issued a notification regarding SOP Update on Name-Based Email ID Creation

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding SOP Update on Name-Based Email ID Creation. The following has been stated: It has issued an update to its Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding the creation of name-based official email IDs through Eforms. This revision refers to the earlier SOP dated January 05, 2026, and introduces changes for specific categories of users. The updated SOP applies to: 1. New users who require the creation of an official email ID. 2. Existing users whose name-based email IDs were created after the system migration but are unable to access Eoffice due to the non-creation of their email IDs in the NIC LDAP. The detailed procedure is provided in the attached SOP, and the update has been implemented with the approval of the competent authority. Please refer to the document attached below for more details. [File No. - I-19011/1/2025-ICT]

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MoCI notified regarding the Index of Eight Core Industries (Base Year: 2011-12=100) for February, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Index of Eight Core Industries (Base Year: 2011-12=100) for February, 2026. The following has been stated: • It states that the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) recorded a 2.3% growth in February 2026 compared to February 2025, indicating a moderate improvement in key infrastructure sectors. Positive growth was seen in cement, steel, fertilizers, coal, and electricity, while crude oil production declined. • The final growth rate for January 2026 was 4.7%, and the cumulative growth for April–February 2025–26 stood at 2.9% (provisional). • The eight core industries—coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizers, steel, cement, and electricity—together account for about 40% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), making them crucial indicators of overall industrial performance. [Press release: 2243014]

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MoW&CD issued a notification regarding Women & Child Welfare and Empowerment Initiatives

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoW&CD) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding Women & Child Welfare and Empowerment Initiatives. The following has been stated: - •The Ministry of Women and Child Development runs three key schemes: Mission Shakti, Saksham Anganwadi & Poshan 2.0, and Mission Vatsalya for women and child welfare. •Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes: Sambal (safety measures like OSCs, WHL, BBBP) and Samarthya (empowerment programs like PMMVY, HEW). •SANKALP: Hub for Empowerment of Women acts as a central coordination and support system for scheme access and convergence. •The Department of Science and Technology promotes women in STEM through WISE-KIRAN, supporting ~900 women in 2025–26. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2241722]

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EPFO issued a notification regarding payment to the Overseas Bank Accounts of International Workers & their beneficiaries belonging to SSA countries

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding payment to the Overseas Bank Accounts of International Workers & their beneficiaries belonging to SSA countries. The following has been stated: - •The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has simplified procedures for transferring benefits to overseas bank accounts of International Workers (IWs) from countries having Social Security Agreements (SSA) with India. •Claims will be processed at regional offices, with overseas bank details recorded for direct transfer, and payments can be made in India, the home country, or a third country as per SSA provisions. •Verification of foreign bank accounts can be done through attested bank documents by the employer or a competent SSA authority. •Delhi (North Regional Office) will act as the nodal office for filing tax forms (Form 15CA/15CB) under the Income Tax Act, 1961, with support from a designated Chartered Accountant. •Proper documentation, tax compliance, and maintenance of control registers are mandatory, with monthly reconciliation and strict adherence to earlier EPFO instructions. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: WD/Payment toIW/Ja■an/2025/E-102072/49]

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EPFO issued a notification regarding clarification on linking PAN to the Establishment Profile and the introduction of new functionality for manual verification of PAN in cases of minor mismatch in Establishment Name between EPFO records and PAN database

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on March 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding clarification on linking PAN to the Establishment Profile and the introduction of new functionality for manual verification of PAN in cases of minor mismatch in Establishment Name between EPFO records and PAN database. The following has been stated: - •The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation portal allows linking of PAN to establishment profiles through API validation with the Income Tax database, enabling auto-linking when names match. •For proprietorships, the owner's PAN must be linked after updating Form-5A exactly as per PAN details; similar specific procedures apply for branches and trusts/societies. •In case of name mismatch, employers can resubmit the name as per PAN for re-validation and record maintenance. •Most mismatches are minor (spelling, abbreviations, punctuation), causing unnecessary delays. •A new manual verification facility now allows field offices to approve PAN linking in minor mismatch cases after due diligence, with provision for remarks and supporting document checks. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: E-1226217]

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EPFO issued notification regarding the Timely conclusion of proceedings relating to assessment or levy of PD in IBC cases

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on March 17, 2026, issued notification regarding the Timely conclusion of proceedings relating to assessment or levy of PD in IBC cases. The circular addresses issues in filing Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) claims under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC), where claims are often rejected due to delays or inflated and improperly assessed dues. It highlights concerns that EPF authorities sometimes raise demands without properly identifying beneficiaries or incorrectly place liability on principal employers instead of compliant contractor establishments, leading to litigation and ineffective recovery. Given the strict timelines under IBC, the document stresses the need for accurate, evidence-based assessment of EPF dues and timely filing of claims to improve recovery chances. It mandates that assessment work in all IBC-related cases will now be handled by senior officers (RPFC-I or RPFC-II) at the Regional Office level, with hearings conducted on a day-to-day basis and all pending cases to be completed by May 31, 2026. All existing cases must be transferred to the concerned Regional Office officers within 7 days, with reporting to the Head Office. Additionally, Zonal ACCs will conduct 100% administrative scrutiny of decided cases and monthly reviews of pending cases to ensure accountability and consistency. Overall, the directions aim to ensure uniformity, timely processing, accurate assessment, and improved recovery of EPF dues in insolvency cases while reducing litigation and inefficiencies. [Notification No. IB8V/2920254e-120360/16388]

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Indian Diaspora and Migrant Workers (Protection and Welfare) Bill, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Rajya Sabha on March 13, 2026, introduced the Indian Diaspora and Migrant Workers (Protection and Welfare) Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Indian Diaspora and Migrant Workers (Protection and Welfare) Act, 2026, aims to protect NRIs and migrant workers facing distress abroad, including recruitment fraud, trafficking, exploitation, and cyber fraud. •It guarantees rights such as consular assistance,

legal aid facilitation, grievance redressal, and protection of property and civil interests in India. •The Act proposes setting up a National Commission for Welfare of Indian Diaspora and Migrant Workers to oversee welfare, coordinate with Indian missions, and address grievances. •The Commission will also monitor recruitment agents, blacklist fraudulent employers, and assist in the repatriation and rehabilitation of distressed workers. •It establishes a grievance redressal system, nodal officers in embassies, awareness programmes, and parliamentary oversight through annual reporting. The detailed Bill is given in the document below. [Bill No. XXXVII of 2026]

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MoSPI notified regarding the revision of the base year of the Index of Industrial Production from 2011-12 to 2022-23

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the revision of the base year of the Index of Industrial Production from 2011-12 to 2022-23. The following has been stated: • The revision includes updating the methodology, item basket, weights, data sources, and factory coverage, along with adopting a chain-linked approach to capture structural changes and emerging sectors. • A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC-IIP) has been constituted to guide methodological improvements. • The revised IIP series is expected to be released in May 2026. • Additionally, the base year revisions for CPI (12 February 2026) and GDP (February 27, 2026) have already been completed and released, as informed by Rao Inderjit Singh in the Rajya Sabha. [Press release id: 2240624]

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MoLE FAQs on Labour Codes Implementation Clarifications

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on November 21, 2025 (effective date of Labour Codes) issued clarifications through FAQs addressing key interpretational and implementation issues under the Labour Codes, particularly the Code on Wages, 2019, Code on Social Security, 2020, Industrial Relations Code, 2020, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020. The clarifications provide guidance on wage definition, inclusion of variable components like overtime, distinction between wages and minimum wages, and applicability of gratuity and social security provisions. The FAQs clarify that components such as overtime allowance form part of wages, subject to the 50% cap rule, and that fixed-term employment applies only to direct employees and not contract labour. Gratuity provisions under the Code on Social Security, 2020 are applicable prospectively from November 21, 2025, with eligibility for fixed-term employees upon completion of one year of service. Further, ESI coverage continues at the ■21,000 threshold while adopting the new wage definition, and gratuity liability in contract labour cases rests with the contractor as employer. Additionally, under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, leave provisions apply primarily to workers (including certain supervisors), with a carry-forward limit of 30 days and no cap on encashment at separation. Overtime is payable beyond 8 hours per day or 48 hours per week at double wages, and crèche facilities are gender-neutral. The FAQs also clarify precedence between Central and State rules and reinforce that provisions of Labour Codes prevail over inconsistent State laws, subject to more beneficial conditions for employees.

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ECI notified regarding the General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry, 2026 PAID HOLIDAY

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the General Elections to Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Puducherry, 2026 PAID HOLIDAY. The communication informs that the Election Commission has announced the 2026 General Elections to the Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, and the UT of Puducherry. Polling is scheduled on April 9, 2026 for Assam, Kerala, and Puducherry; April 23, 2026 for Tamil Nadu; and April 23 and April 29, 2026 for West Bengal. It highlights the provisions of Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which mandate that all eligible employees must be granted a paid holiday on the day of polling. Employers are prohibited from deducting wages for such leave, and even employees not ordinarily entitled to wages on that day must be paid. Non-compliance by employers may result in a fine. The directive further clarifies that this benefit applies to all categories of workers, including those working in shops, establishments, and shift-based roles, as well as daily wage and casual workers. Importantly, employees working outside their registered constituency are also entitled to a paid holiday to enable them to vote. The Commission has instructed all authorities to ensure strict compliance with these provisions and to issue necessary instructions to concerned organizations, reinforcing the importance of facilitating voter participation. [Notification No. 78/EPS/2026]

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MoCI Releases WPI Data for February 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI) on March 16, 2026 released the latest Wholesale Price Index (WPI) data for February 2026. The announcement was made through a press release by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the ministry. According to the release, the annual rate of inflation based on the Wholesale Price Index stood at 2.13% (provisional) in February 2026 compared to February 2025. The increase in inflation was primarily driven by higher prices in sectors such as other manufacturing, basic metals, textiles, food articles, and non-food articles. The overall WPI index for all commodities rose to 158.2 in February 2026, compared to 157.8 in January 2026. Among major groups, Primary Articles recorded 3.27% inflation, Manufactured Products 2.92%, while Fuel & Power continued to show negative inflation at –3.78%. The WPI Food Index inflation stood at 1.85% during the month. The next WPI data release for March 2026 is scheduled for April 14, 2026. [Press Release ID: 2240515]

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ESIC issued amendment in Brand name for Item no.322 in DGESIC RC-155 and Item no. 2076 in DGESIC RC-160 in r/o M/s. Bajaj Healthcare Limited

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 10, 2026, issued issued amendment in Brand name for Item no.322 in DGESIC RC-155 and Item no. 2076 in DGESIC RC-160 in r/o M/s. Bajaj Healthcare Limited. The drug supplied by M/s. Bajaj Healthcare Limited shall continue to adhere to composition, strength, etc as approved under the respective DGESIC Rate Contract & conform to the standards and specifications as per the Drug & Cosmetic Act and any amendments thereof. The aforesaid amendment has been given in the track mode. Kindly find the document below. [File no. U-25/12/RC/Amendment/Dosage/Misc/2025-Med.V (E:1237671)/72]

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ESIC issued the revised and updated D.O. Letter of Pharmacy in the Dhanvantri Module for Monthly Assessment

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 09, 2026, issued the revised and updated D.O. Letter of Pharmacy in the Dhanvantri Module for Monthly Assessment. The following has been stated: • It has revised the data collection procedure for the Pharmacy component (Point No. 8) in the Dhanvantri Module under its Monthly Assessment mechanism to streamline monitoring and avoid duplication of reporting. The revised instructions discontinue the earlier practice of submitting the same information through emails in addition to the D.O. letter, thereby simplifying the data compilation process at both institutional and headquarters levels. • All ESIC institutions are required to submit Monthly Assessment data through the Dhanvantri Module by the 7th of every month, and the submitted data will be reviewed during a Monthly Review Meeting held on the 10th of every month at ESIC Headquarters. • The revised guidelines aim to ensure uniformity, accuracy, and timely monitoring of pharmacy-related performance across ESIC institutions, and all concerned authorities have been directed to ensure strict compliance with the updated reporting requirements. • Click here for the DO Letter Steps Guide. [Notification no. - U-25/12/DOInfo/2025/Med-V (e-File No.1313221)/71]

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ESIC notified regarding the Procurement of Drugs under DG -ESIC Rate Contract 165 to 169

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the Procurement of Drugs under DG -ESIC Rate Contract 165 to 169. The following has been stated: • It has approved additional pharmaceutical items under Rate Contracts (RC) 165 to 169, which are valid up to December 10, 2027, or until finalization of a new rate contract, whichever is earlier. The approved list (Annexure-A) includes medicines supplied by companies such as Novartis Healthcare Private Limited and Reliance Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. • The newly included items comprise drugs like Brolucizumab Injection, Inclisiran Injection, Asciminib Tablets/Capsules, Dabrafenib Tablets/Capsules, Human Immunoglobulin Injection, and Paracetamol Injection, along with their specified unit rates and supplier preferences (L1, L2, L3). • Additionally, the validity of the rate contract for Paracetamol Injection (Item No. 1541 under RC-165) will remain effective until December 10, 2027, or until a new rate contract is finalized, whichever occurs earlier. [Notification no. -

U-25/12/165to169/2024-MedicalV(E-754406)/81]

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MoS&PI issued the Consumer Price Index on Base 2024=100 for February 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoS&PI) on March 12, 2026, issued the Consumer Price Index on Base 2024=100 for February, 2026. The following has been stated: • According to a press release, India's Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation for February 2026 stood at 3.21% (provisional), higher than 2.74% in January 2026, indicating a 47 basis point rise in year-on-year inflation. • Rural inflation was 3.37%, while urban inflation was 3.02%. Food inflation measured by the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) was 3.47%. • Prices of some vegetables, such as tomato, peas, and cauliflower, declined month-on-month, while items like silver jewellery, gold jewellery, and copra recorded high inflation. [Press release id - 2238889]

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MSDE Portal Upgrade for Rebate in Apprenticeship Training Period

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on February 18, 2026, issued an Office Memorandum regarding the implementation of a portal upgrade to address issues related to rebate in the apprenticeship training period. The Ministry noted that the portal was not granting rebate in certain cases due to mismatches between the trade or specialization entered by candidates during registration and the master trade/specialization list on the portal. This issue arose because the earlier system allowed free-text entries, which often resulted in spelling errors or case-sensitivity mismatches, preventing the system from recognizing eligible rebate conditions. To resolve the issue, the portal has been updated to allow trade or specialization selection only through a standardized drop-down list, thereby eliminating manual errors. In cases where previous entries appear as blank or null, establishments must ask candidates to update their trade or specialization through their login. Once updated, establishments will be able to generate apprenticeship contracts with the applicable rebate in training duration as per the portal's eligibility matrix. [Notification No. File No.: AP-1710212O24-Olo DIR(AT) (E-65440)]

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ESIC issued a notification regarding the specifications of PoE and Non-PoE L2 and L3 Network Switches

Mar 10, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on March 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding Specifications of PoE and Non-PoE L2 and L3 Network Switches. The following has been stated: - •The ICT Division has revised the technical specifications for Layer-2 and Layer-3 network switches under the IT

Hardware Procurement Policy for ESI locations. •The updated Annexure-A provides detailed requirements for PoE and Non-PoE switches, including port capacity, performance, security features, networking protocols, and management functions. •PoE switches are recommended only where future use of CCTV cameras or IP phones is expected, as they are more expensive than Non-PoE switches. •All switches must meet minimum performance standards, certifications, and a 5-year onsite OEM warranty with vendor support in India. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: I/25/2025-ICT(Comp no. 1516989)]

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EPFO issued a notification regarding leveraging forthcoming Nidhi Aapke Nikat (NAN 2.0) for systematic resolution of pending consumer forum cases

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on March 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding leveraging forthcoming Nidhi Aapke Nikat (NAN 2.0) for systematic resolution of pending consumer forum cases. The following has been stated: - •Around 3,219 cases are pending before District and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums related to EPFO service grievances, such as pension calculation, interest credit, profile correction, and claim delays. •EPFO offices have been directed to review and identify cases that can be resolved administratively to reduce unnecessary litigation. •The Nidhi Aapke Nikat (NAN 2.0) programme on March 27, 2026, will be used to contact members, verify documents, and facilitate on-the-spot grievance resolution. •Zonal and Regional Offices must monitor the process, document outcomes, and submit reports, with the aim of completing the resolution exercise by March 31, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Legal/2026/2/Misc/E-1265224]

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MoSPI issued the Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index for the Month of January 2026

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on March 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index for the Month of January 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The Quick Estimate of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is released on the 28th of every month by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, based on production data received from industries through source agencies. • The IIP growth rate for January 2026 is 4.8%, lower than 7.8% in December 2025, indicating a moderation in industrial growth. • Sector-wise growth in January 2026 shows Mining growing by 4.3%, Manufacturing by 4.8%, and Electricity by 5.1%, with the overall IIP index rising to 169.4 from 161.6 in January 2025. • Within manufacturing, 14 out of 23 industry groups recorded positive growth, with the top contributors being manufacture of basic metals (13.2%), motor vehicles and trailers (10.9%), and other non-metallic mineral products (9.9%). • Under use-based classification, Infrastructure/Construction goods (13.7%), Intermediate goods (6.0%), and Primary goods (3.1%) led the growth, while Consumer non-durables declined by 2.7% in January 2026 [Release ID: 2234512]

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MoLE issued the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for December 2025 and January 2026

Mar 05, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers on base 2016 = 100. The following has been stated namely: - • The table presents the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) for 88 centres across different states in India for December 2025 and January 2026, issued by the Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour & Employment. • It shows centre-wise index values, indicating slight increases or decreases in CPI-IW between December 2025 and January 2026 for locations such as Guntur, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata. • The All-India CPI-IW index increased from 148.2 in December 2025 to 148.6 in January 2026, reflecting a marginal rise in the overall cost of living for industrial workers [Notification No. 5/1/2021-CPI]

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ESIC notified regarding the Declaration of Drug "Not of Standard Quality" on Testing for Ondansetron 8 mg Tablets

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Declaration of Drug "Not of Standard Quality" on Testing The following has been stated namely: - • A batch (F510767) of Ondansetron 8 mg Tablets (Ondoc 8) manufactured by Morepen Laboratories Limited has been declared "Not of Standard Quality (NSQ)" after failing the dissolution test at S1 and S2 levels as per I.P., based on the Government Analyst's report. • Medical Stores are directed to immediately stop use and withdraw the affected batch from all substores, dispensaries, and patient care areas, and ensure it is not accepted in future supplies. • The vendor must be informed to replace the stock within 15 days or refund the payment; failing which, risk purchase action and recovery of testing costs (if any) shall be initiated as per DGESIC tender terms and conditions. [Notification No. U-25/12/NSQ/2021-MedV (E-1119)/65]

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PFRDA notified regarding the effective date of NPS Vatsalya Scheme Guidelines 2025

Mar 04, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the effective date of NPS Vatsalya Scheme Guidelines 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • All the provisions of the NPS Vatsalya Scheme Guidelines 2025 shall be deemed to come into effect from February 23, 2026. [Notification No. PFRDA/2026/14/NPS-Vatsalya/02]

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MoLE issued the FAQs regarding Maternity Benefit Provisions, Gratuity Rules, etc.

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on February 10, 2026, issued FAQs The following topics were covered under the FAQs namely: - • General Framework & Registration, such as the procedures under the Social Security Rules mandatory in digital mode. • The Schemes, Rule-Making & Social Security Funds which includes questions such as, “Can Social Security Funds be merged with general government accounts?” • Questions regarding the Maternity Benefit Provisions. • Questions regarding the Gratuity Rules.

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PFRDA issued the guidelines for Operational Activities to be followed by Point of Presence (PoPs) performing activities of NPS Lite

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on February 27, 2026, issued the guidelines for Operational Activities to be followed by Point of Presence (PoPs) performing activities of NPS Lite. The following has been stated: • It has issued the revised Operational Guidelines for Points of Presence (PoPs) under NPS Lite, effective from April 01, 2026. The guidelines comprehensively prescribe uniform procedures and service standards for PoPs handling NPS Lite operations, superseding earlier instructions. • They detail norms relating to subscriber onboarding, including KYC compliance and documentation, structured contribution collection and timely remittance to the Trustee Bank, reconciliation processes, and coordination with the Central Recordkeeping Agency (CRA). • The circular mandates defined service timelines, reporting obligations, and maintenance of proper records to ensure transparency and auditability. It also strengthens risk management and fraud prevention mechanisms, requiring internal controls, AML/CFT compliance, and periodic certification. • Further, PoPs shall establish robust grievance redressal systems and submit periodic reports to PFRDA. Overall, the revised framework aims to standardise operations, enhance accountability, and improve efficiency and transparency in the functioning of NPS Lite. [Notification no. - PFRDA/2026/12/SUP-POP/04]

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MoSDE notified regarding the Portal Upgrade in the Rebate in Training Period

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSDE) on February 18, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Portal Upgrade in the Rebate in Training Period. The following has been stated namely: - • The portal was not granting training period rebate in certain cases due to mismatch between the candidate’s entered trade/specialization and the master trade list. • The issue occurred because the trade/specialization field previously allowed free text entry, leading to spelling errors and case-sensitivity mismatches, resulting in contracts being generated without rebate. • The portal has now been updated to allow selection of trade/specialization only through a drop-down list, eliminating spelling and case-sensitivity errors. • Earlier free-text entries have been made blank/null. Establishments must ask candidates to update their trade/specialization via their login to enable generation of contracts with eligible rebate. • Contract

generation matrix: o Blank/Null trade → Contract cannot be created (candidate must update). o Different trade from master list → Contract generated without rebate. o Matching qualification and trade as per master list → Contract generated with rebate. [Notification No. AP-17/02/2024-O/o DIR(AT) [E- 65440]]

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MoCI notified regarding the index of eight core industries (base year: 2011-12=100) for January, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on February 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the index of eight core industries (base year: 2011-12=100) for January, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) grew by 4.0% (provisional) in January 2026 compared to January 2025. The cumulative growth for April–January 2025-26 stands at 2.8%, while December 2025 growth was finalized at 4.7%. • Sectors Showing Positive Growth (Jan 2026): Cement (10.7%), Steel (9.9%), Electricity (3.8%), Fertilizers (3.7%), and Coal (3.1%) recorded year-on-year growth. • Sectors Showing Decline (Jan 2026): Crude Oil (-5.8%) and Natural Gas (-5.0%) declined, while Petroleum Refinery Products remained unchanged (0.0%) year-on-year. • Strong growth was seen in Steel (9.8%) and Cement (9.1%), moderate growth in Fertilizers (1.9%) and Electricity (0.8%), marginal rise in Refinery Products (0.1%), while Coal (-0.3%), Crude Oil (-2.1%) and Natural Gas (-3.4%) declined. • The Eight Core Industries (Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement, Electricity) together account for 40.27% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), making ICI a key indicator of industrial performance [Press Release: 2230777]

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ESIC notified regarding the downward Rate Revision for Item No. 1813 under DESIC RC-167 of the approved pharmaceutical firm M/s Merck Specialties Private Limited

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | Labour

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on February 25, 2026, notified regarding the downward Rate Revision for Item No. 1813 under DESIC RC-167 of the approved pharmaceutical firm M/s Merck Specialties Private Limited. It notifies a downward revision of rates under the DGESIC Rate Contract for Item No. 167 (RC 1813 – L1), Cetuximab Injection 500 mg/100 ml (Erbitux) manufactured by Merck Healthcare KGaA, Germany. The approved rate has been reduced from ■79,055.09 per vial to ■73,000 per vial (GST extra as applicable). The difference in rates is to be recovered for all supply orders placed on or after December 11, 2025. The revision has been issued at the request of M/s Merck Specialties Private Limited. The drug shall continue to conform to the composition, strength, standards, and packaging approved under the DGESIC Rate Contract and comply with the provisions of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act and related amendments. All DDOs are directed to recover the excess amount paid (rate difference) from subsequent bills of the firm and maintain proper records. [Notification no. - U-25/12/RC/RateRevision/2026/Med.V (E:1550528)/58]

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MoP&NG issued a notification regarding temporary relaxation for the distribution of PDS Kerosene

Mar 30, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) on March 29, 2026, issued a notification regarding temporary relaxation for the distribution of PDS Kerosene. The following has been stated: - •The Government permits up to two designated PSU OMC service stations per district in PDS SKO-free States/UTs to store and distribute kerosene (SKO) up to 5,000 litres. •Agents, dealers, and licensed tank vehicles are exempt from requiring additional licences for decanting SKO at these stations. •Distribution is strictly for cooking and lighting purposes, with mandatory compliance with safety norms and record-keeping. •The notification is effective immediately and will remain valid for 60 days or until further orders. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.O. 1630(E)]

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Draft Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 28, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on March 27, 2026, issued the Draft Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Amendment Rules, 2026, further to amend the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025. The following has been amended: • Major amendments are made in Rule 4, where clause 4(1)(viii) is substituted to mandate producers to declare detailed data of vehicles introduced in the domestic market from FY 2005–06 to 2024–25, including material composition such as steel, tyres, oil, batteries, e-waste, and plastic, to be submitted by June 30, 2026, in Form 9. Further, a new clause 4(1)(xii) imposes an obligation on producers to ensure minimum use of recycled steel. • Additionally, new sub-rules 4(8), 4(9), and 4(10) expand EPR obligations to cover multiple waste categories, including steel scrap, used oil, waste tyres, batteries, e-waste, and plastic waste for all vehicles introduced in the market, including self-use vehicles. • The amendment further inserts Rule 8A and 8B, bringing insurance companies and insurers within the regulatory framework by requiring their registration on a centralized portal, mandating proper disposal of ELVs through registered scrapping facilities, and assigning oversight responsibility to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI). • The Schedule, particularly Clause 7, is comprehensively revised to prescribe progressive EPR targets for steel recovery for both non-transport and transport vehicles, increasing from 8% in initial years to as high as 70% and 75% respectively in the long term. It also allows carry-forward of up to 30% of EPR targets for four subsequent years. Lastly, Form 1 is substituted to provide a detailed format for annual returns including waste-wise compliance and recycler certification details, and a new Form 9 is introduced for declaration of historical vehicle and material data. • Any objection or suggestion with respect to the said draft amendments may forward the same to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003 or electronically at email address: sohsmd-mef@gov.in, by May 27, 2026. [Notification no. - S.O. 1619(E)]

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CPCB notified the extension of Annual Return Filing by registered PIBOs for FY 2024-25

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 20, 2026, notified the extension of Annual Return Filing by registered PIBOs for FY 2024-25. As per the provisions of the EPR Guidelines for Plastic Waste Management India, the original deadline for filing Annual Returns for FY 2024–25 by registered Producers, Importers, and Brand Owners (PIBOs) was June 30, 2025. Subsequently, the Central Pollution Control Board, through its notice dated December 23, 2025, extended the timeline for filing Annual Returns for both PIBOs and Plastic Waste Processors (PWPs) until January 31, 2026. As per Clause 12.9 of the Guidelines, the Central Government may allow an extension of up to nine months for filing Annual Returns, subject to reasons recorded in writing. In line with this provision and the Office Memorandum dated March 20, 2026 issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the deadline for filing Annual Returns for FY 2024–25 by PIBOs has been further extended as a special case until March 31, 2026, to facilitate compliance and address practical difficulties in filing returns on the EPR portal for plastic packaging. All PIBOs that have not yet filed their Annual Returns are required to do so by March 31, 2026, failing which they may be liable for Environmental Compensation under the applicable guidelines for violations of Plastic Waste Management Rules. This notice is not applicable to entities that have already completed filing their Annual Returns for FY 2024–25. [Notification No. CP-20/28/2023-UPC-II-H■-■■CB-HO-Part(1)]

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CPCB invites comments on the proposed Definition of “Biodegradable Material”

Mar 23, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 20, 2026, invites comments on the proposed Definition of “Biodegradable Material”. The following has been stated: • The CPCB, through an Office Order dated December 17, 2025, has constituted a multi-stakeholder committee comprising representatives from MoEF&CC, BIS, CPPRI, CII, DBT, FSSAI, IIP, IITs (Roorkee & Hyderabad), CSIR-IITR, and NIIST to develop a standardized definition of “biodegradable material” for product packaging. • The committee has proposed that biodegradable material should be capable of decomposing in soil, freshwater, and marine environments under natural conditions, achieving at least 90% biodegradation within two years, without leaving microplastics or toxic residues. • It has invited comments and suggestions from stakeholders and the public, which shall be submitted via email by March 26, 2026 (12:00 Hrs) before finalizing the definition. [Notification no. - CP-20/12/2022-UPC-II-HO-C■■■■-■■]

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BBNDA Revised Door-to-Door Waste Collection User Charges

Mar 19, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh Development Authority (BBNDA), through a corrigendum, has revised the monthly user charges for door-to-door solid waste collection applicable across its jurisdiction in Himachal Pradesh. The revised structure introduces category-wise charges for households, commercial establishments, institutions, and industrial units. Key highlights include ■50/month for households, ■800/month for commercial complexes (e.g., dhabas, sweet shops), ■1500/month for restaurants, and ■2000/month or higher for hotels, hospitals, and large establishments. Industrial units are charged based on area, ranging from ■1500/month (up to 1000 sq. m.) to ■25,000/month (above 50,000 sq. m.). Additional provisions apply for services like dumper trips and special waste handling. The charges are based on the polluter pays principle, with BBNDA retaining the authority to revise rates periodically. Payments are to be made directly to authorized door-to-door waste collectors, who are required to collect both dry and wet waste daily (except Sundays). The rates apply only where services are provided by certified collectors, and proportionate deductions are allowed in case of non-collection. [Corrigendum to Notification No. BBNDA-06-PMU File/SWMP-10017-28]

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CAQM Issues Framework for Targeted IEC Campaigns to Control Air Pollution in NCR

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on March 3, 2026, issued directions to the governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi to implement a framework for targeted Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns aimed at controlling air pollution in the National Capital Region. The framework focuses on raising awareness and encouraging behavioural change among stakeholders responsible for major pollution sources such as vehicular emissions, road dust, construction and demolition activities, municipal waste burning, agricultural residue burning, industrial emissions, thermal power plants, and diesel generator sets. It recommends targeted outreach programs including workshops, training sessions, digital campaigns, school programs, stakeholder meetings, and community awareness initiatives. States and authorities have been advised to prepare detailed State-level IEC Action Plans and designate a nodal department or agency to coordinate such activities. Municipal corporations and development authorities in the region are also required to prepare and implement year-round IEC campaigns aligned with sector-specific pollution control strategies to strengthen public participation in air pollution mitigation. [Notification No. F. No. 21011/01/2022-TEC]

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CPCB issued the Guidelines for Storage and Handling of Waste Solar Photo-Voltaic Modules or Panels or Cells under E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022

Mar 18, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 2026, issued the Guidelines for Storage and Handling of Waste Solar Photo-Voltaic Modules or Panels or Cells under E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022. The following has been stated namely: - • The Guidelines are intended to provide technical guidance w.r.t. transport, handle and store the waste solar photo-voltaic panels or modules or cells including their components, consumables, parts and spares (hereinafter will be referred as Solar Waste) in an environmentally sound manner which shall protect the health and environment. • The guidelines shall be

applicable to the Producers, manufacturers, photo-voltaic panels or modules or cell. • The solar energy expansion supports sustainability, however improper management of end-of-life solar waste may pose environmental and health risks. • The Guidelines for Transportation, handling and Storage of Solar photo-voltaic modules, panels or cells waste has been stated.

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CAQM issued order on Revocation of actions under Stage I ('Poor' Air Quality, AQI: 201-300) of extant schedule of GRAP in Delhi

Mar 17, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National capital Region and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) on March 16, 2026, issued order on Revocation of actions under Stage I ('Poor' Air Quality, AQI: 201- 300) of extant schedule of GRAP in Delhi. The Commission for Air Quality Management has revoked Stage-I restrictions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across the NCR with immediate effect, following improvement in air quality. The decision comes after a review by the GRAP Sub-Committee, which noted that Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) improved to 119 (moderate category) on March 16, 2026, supported by favorable meteorological conditions and positive forecasts from India Meteorological Department and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology. Accordingly, the earlier order invoking Stage-I actions (for "Poor" air quality) has been withdrawn. However, all State Governments, GNCTD, and concerned agencies have been directed to continue enforcing existing pollution control measures, guidelines, and regulations issued by CAQM, MoEFCC, and pollution control boards to prevent deterioration in air quality. The Commission has also emphasized strict implementation of sector-specific measures, particularly dust mitigation, and adherence to timelines under its comprehensive air pollution control policy to sustain the improved AQI levels. [Order No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM-1574 DT]

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CPCB Extends National Control Room for Enforcement of Single Use Plastic Ban

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 9, 2026, issued an office order extending the National Control Room (NCR) established to monitor the nationwide enforcement of the ban on identified single-use plastic (SUP) items, implemented under the framework of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. The National Control Room, initially set up to oversee the enforcement campaign from December 2025 to February 2026, has now been extended for six months from March 1, 2026, to August 31, 2026. The control room will supervise enforcement actions across states, coordinate with State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) and Pollution Control Committees (PCCs), provide clarifications to stakeholders, and support nationwide awareness initiatives related to the SUP ban. The NCR will also monitor compliance activities and compile weekly progress reports for submission to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, ensuring coordinated implementation of the plastic ban across the country. [Notification No. CP-20/35/2023-UPC-II-HO-CPCB-HO]

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MoEFCC notified the Status of Enforcement Actions across key sectors for Abatement of Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR reviewed by the CAQM

Mar 16, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on March 13, 2026, notified the Status of Enforcement Actions across key sectors for Abatement of Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR reviewed by the CAQM. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) held the 24th meeting of its Sub-Committee on Safeguarding and Enforcement to review actions taken by NCR State Governments, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, and the Government of Punjab to control air pollution in the region. The meeting assessed enforcement measures across multiple sectors contributing to pollution and reviewed compliance with statutory directions, advisories, and orders issued by the Commission. Key discussions focused on the vehicular sector, including identification of traffic congestion hotspots, installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at border entry points, enforcement against older polluting vehicles, and the phasing out of diesel auto-rickshaws by December 31, 2026, replacing them with CNG or electric alternatives. The progress of cleaner mobility initiatives for vehicle aggregators, delivery services, and e-commerce entities was also reviewed. The committee also evaluated measures to reduce road dust, construction and demolition waste, and stubble burning, including increased mechanical road sweeping, better waste processing, and the promotion of paddy straw-based biomass pellets in brick kilns. Additionally, actions related to municipal solid waste management, industrial emission standards, expansion of air quality monitoring stations, and enforcement inspections were reviewed. Authorities committed to strengthening enforcement and regularly monitoring pollution control measures across the Delhi-NCR region. [Release ID: 2239872]

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MoEFCC issued draft amendment to notification on the Requirement of Prior Environmental Clearance for New, Expansion, or Modernization Projects

Mar 14, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on March 05, 2026, issued the Draft notification regarding the amendment to the number no. S.O.1533(E), dated September 14, 2006, which states “Requirement of Prior Environmental Clearance for New, Expansion, or Modernization Projects under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986” The following has been stated namely: - • The following sub paragraph has been inserted in paragraph 3 namely: - “(6a) In addition to the constitution of SEIAA as above, there shall also be a Standing Authority on Environment Impact Assessment (SAEIA) for each State/UT which shall be constituted by the Central Government, under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and shall comprise of ex-officio Members as deemed appropriate. The SAEIA which shall discharge the functions of SEIAA in the event of SEIAA being nonfunctional due to expiry of its term or on account of any other circumstances for a maximum period of 6 months in each case subject to another extension of up to maximum period of 6 months. The SAEIA shall also discharge the functions as mentioned at para 8(iiia) and such other tasks as may be entrusted to it by the Central Government from time to time related to the implementation of this notification within the State/UT. The SAEIA may function as per the scenarios mentioned at Appendix VI.” • The following sub paragraph has been inserted in paragraph 5 namely: - “(ca) A Standing Committee on Environment Impact Appraisal (SCEIA) for each State/UT shall be

constituted by the Central Government comprising of ex-officio Members, which shall discharge the functions of SEAC in the event of SEAC(s) being non-functional due to expiry of its term or on account of any other circumstances for a maximum period of 6 months in each case subject to another extension of up to maximum period of 6 months. The SCEIA shall also discharge such other tasks as may be entrusted to it by the Central Government from time to time related to the implementation of this notification within the State/UT. The SCEIA may function as per the scenarios mentioned at Appendix VI" • Appendix VI has been substituted. objections or suggestions may be sent within 60 days to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change or send it at the e-mail address: diriapolicy-moefcc@gov.in within 30 days [Notification No. S.O. 1165(E)]

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CPCB issued an extension of the National Control Room for six months for the effective implementation of the ban on identified single-use plastic items

Mar 11, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 09, 2026, issued an extension of the National Control Room for six months for effective implementation of the ban on identified single-use plastic items. The following has been stated: - • The Central Pollution Control Board has extended the National Control Room (NCR) to oversee the enforcement of the ban on identified single-use plastic items across India. •The control room was initially set up for the December 2025–February 2026 enforcement campaign. •It will now continue functioning from March 01, 2026, to August 31, 2026, to monitor compliance and coordinate actions by SPCBs and other authorities. •The NCR will also provide guidance, support awareness activities, and submit weekly reports to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: CP-20/35/2023-UPC-II-H■-C■■■-■■]

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Explosives (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 06, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), on March 05, 2026, issued the Explosives (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Explosives Rules, 2008. The following has been stated namely: - • In rule 83, sub-rule (4), for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:- "(a) be located on the ground floor of a single-storeyed building with independent or standalone activity, having an independent entrance and emergency exit opening directly to open space and having doors opening outwards;"; • In rule 83, sub-rule (4), after clause (f), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(g) have not less than two or more fire extinguishers of Dry Chemical Powder (DCP) type and Carbon dioxide (CO_2) type be placed at strategic points.". [Notification no. G.S.R. 154(E)]

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Draft Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 03, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on February 25, 2026, issued the Draft Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) Rules, 2016. The following has been amended: • The amendments permit the use of ISO tank containers for above-ground storage of compressed gases subject to proper anchoring and structural certification, and increase the permissible number of mounded storage vessels in one group from six to nine. • Rule 47 relating to No Objection Certificate has been omitted along with consequential references, and certain provisions in Rules 50 and 51 concerning transport permissions have been modified to allow grant or renewal of permission in Form LS-2B for import and/or transport of compressed gas in ISO tank containers for up to ten years. • Application forms have been rationalised, including the revision of Form AS-4, the omission of Form LS-2A, the substitution of Form LS-2B with detailed safety conditions, and the deletion of the application fee. • The amendments also clarify permissible LNG dispensing categories and introduce comprehensive safety, inspection, fire protection, and operational compliance requirements, thereby modernising the framework and strengthening safety oversight. • Objections or suggestions, if any, to these draft rules may be sent to the Director (Explosives), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Room No. 252 'A', Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001 or Email: expl-dipp@nic.in, by April 01, 2026. [Notification no. - G.S.R. 147(E)]

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Disaster Management (Removal of Difficulty) Order, 2026

Mar 02, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), on March 02, 2206, issued the Disaster Management (Removal of Difficulty) Order, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • In section 5, sub-section (3), the words "experts and consultants", shall be omitted. • In section 5, section 75, in sub-section (2), in clause (aa), the words "experts and consultants", shall be omitted. [Notification no. S.O. 1104(E)]

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CPCB issued the Guidance Document for Registration of Collection Agent-2 at EPR Portal for Used Oil Management

Mar 01, 2026 | Central | EHS

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on January 15, 2026, issued the Guidance Document for Registration of Collection Agent-2 at EPR Portal for Used Oil Management. The following has been stated namely: - • This SoP shall be applicable to the Collection Agent of used oil, who get registered as "Collection Agent-2" on the Used Oil EPR portal • The Guidance for filling of Applications by Collection Agent has been stated in the SoP. • Once the application is submitted by Collection Agent, the CPCB will follow the procedure prescribed for processing the application for grant of registration.

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Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Andaman & Nicobar Administration notified regarding the temporary suspension of the sale of Sawn Timber at the Government Saw Mill, Betapur

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the temporary suspension of the sale of Sawn Timber at the Government Saw Mill, Betapur. It states that applications for the sale of sawn timber and other mill products at the Government Saw Mill, Betapur, have been temporarily suspended with effect from April 01, 2026, due to ongoing physical stock verification. The suspension applies to the general public, SSI units, government departments, and contractors, and will remain in force until the verification process is completed. Normal receipt of applications and sales activities will resume once the process is concluded and officially notified. [Notification no. - Tim/30-MA/V0l-29/920]

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Draft Code on Wages (A & N Islands) Rules, 2026

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The Andaman and Nicobar Administrator on January 28, 2026, issued the Draft Code on Wages (A & N Islands) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The rules regulate the fixation and payment of minimum wages, working hours, wage deductions, record maintenance, and enforcement mechanisms for employers and employees. • They ensure that minimum wages fixed by the administration are not lower than the floor wage determined by the Central Government and that wages are determined considering factors such as family consumption, housing, clothing, fuel, education, and medical expenses. • The rules also prescribe working conditions, including a maximum of 48 working hours per week, mandatory rest intervals, and a weekly rest day. • Employers shall maintain wage registers, issue wage slips to employees, and preserve records for inspection. Deductions from wages cannot exceed 50% of the wages in a wage period, and excess deductions shall be carried forward. • Authorities such as the Inspector-cum-Facilitator and labour authorities are empowered to inspect establishments, address wage-related complaints, and enforce compliance with the Code.

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Draft Guidelines for Operations of Night Sea Kayaking (Basic) in A& N Islands

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The Government of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, on February 25, 2026, issued the Draft Guidelines for Operations of Night Sea Kayaking (Basic) in A& N Islands. The following has been stated namely: - • In this regard, the draft guidelines have been placed in the public domain for seeking suggestions, comments, and inputs from the general public, tourism stakeholders, various departments, etc. The draft guidelines are available on the official website of the Directorate IP&T of at https://tourism.andamannicobar.gov.in. Comments/suggestions/inputs may be submitted to this Directorate of IP&T within 15 days, i.e., on or before

March 12, 2026. • In case no comments are received from the general public, tourism stakeholders, or concerned departments by March 12, 2026, it will be presumed that they have no comments to offer. [Notification No. F.No.-17065/134/2022-AWSS-Tourism-TOURISM AN/486]

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Govt. of Andaman and Nicobar Islands issued a notification regarding the payment of Municipal Dues

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The Government of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, on February 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding Payment of Municipal Dues. The following has been stated: - •Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council has directed residents and commercial establishments to clear Property Tax, Water Charges, and Market Rent dues by March 31, 2026. •Payments can be made at the SVPMC office via Debit/Credit Card or Demand Draft, or online through the official portal. •Failure to pay by the deadline will invite action under A&N Municipal Regulations, including disconnection of domestic and commercial water connections from April 01, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.No. PBMC/7/18/2018/ROR-5597]

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Andhra Pradesh

Govt. of AP issued the Eighth amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of electricity) Regulation, 2005

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on March 23, 2026, issued the Eighth amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of electricity) Regulation, 2005. This shall take effect from April 01, 2026. The following has been amended: • The amendment proposes key changes to how fuel and power purchase cost adjustments (FPPCA) are calculated and recovered. The amendment removes the existing monthly cap of ■0.40 per unit on FPPCA pass-through to consumers, which currently delays cost recovery and leads to large “true-up” adjustments later. • Under the amendment, FPPCA will be computed using a specified formula that reflects actual monthly fuel and power purchase costs, allowing immediate monthly pass-through or refund of cost variations, enhancing tariff predictability and cost-reflectivity, reducing retroactive tariff shocks, and improving financial stability for distribution licensees. • The amendment also includes detailed procedural provisions for computation, billing, reporting, and true-up/down mechanisms. The detailed notification attached below. [Notification no. - APERC/Secy/F.No. S-19(Vol-IV)/D.No.185]

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Andhra Pradesh govt. issued the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on February 13, 2026, issued the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Duty Act, 1939. The following has been stated namely: - • Section 7A shall be inserted which states “Notwithstanding the repeal of section 7, the duty recovered from any person or class of persons for the full amount of duty paid pursuant to the Amendment Act, 2021 and G.O.Ms. No.7 dated 8th April, 2022, between 26th August, 2021 and 19th December, 2024 shall be deemed to have been recovered with the sanction of the State Government.” • Section 11 which states “Validation” has been inserted namely: - “Notwithstanding any judgment, decree or order of any Court or other authority to the contrary, any electricity duty levied, charged or collected or purporting to have been levied, charged or collected before the commencement of this Act and any action taken or thing done before the commencement in relation to such levy or collection under the provisions of the Principal Act shall be deemed to be as valid and effective as if such levy or collection or action or thing had been made, taken or done under the Principal Act as amended by this Act” • Section 12 which states “Power to issue Notifications” has been inserted namely: - “The State Government, may by notification published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette issue Notifications for carrying out all or any of the purposes of the Principal Act. (1) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such Notification may provide for the rate of duty which shall not be less than 6 paise (Rs. 0.06) per unit of energy and not be more than 100 Paise (Rs. 1.00) per unit of energy for different consumer categories” [L. A. Bill No. 3 of 2026]

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Andhra Pradesh Govt. issued the Andhra Pradesh Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on March 05, 2026, issued the Andhra Pradesh Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Andhra Pradesh Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1963. The following has been stated namely: - • Section 3-C which states “Levy of Road Safety Cess” has been inserted namely: - “There shall be levied and collected an additional tax called “Road Safety Cess” by the Licensing Authority, at the time of registration of motor vehicles liable to pay life tax, at the rates specified in the Tenth Schedule for the purpose of implementation of road safety measures.” • The Tenth Schedule has been inserted. It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect on and from the January 13, 2026. [L. A. Bill No. 14 of 2026]

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Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on February 13, 2026, issued the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, 1955, and Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965. The following has been amended to the Municipal Corporations Act, 1955: • “Infectious disease” is now defined as any disease notified by the Government for a specific area or entire State. • The term “leper” has been omitted from disqualification provisions, ensuring no exclusion based on leprosy. The following has been amended to the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965: • References to persons suffering from leprosy have been removed from sections relating to disqualification for membership. • Section 287 was substituted to allow authorities to prevent or expel persons with infectious diseases from markets. • Section 309 revised to align the definition of “infectious disease” with the government notification-based approach. • The existing schedule V has been removed as part of legal rationalisation. [L. A. Bill No. 1 of 2026]

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Andhra Pradesh Assigned Lands (Prohibition of Transfers) Amendment Bill, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on February 26, 2026, issued the Andhra Pradesh Assigned Lands (Prohibition of Transfers) Amendment Bill, 2026, further to amend the Andhra Pradesh Assigned Lands (Prohibition of Transfers) Act, 1977. It shall be deemed to have come into force with effect from December 01, 2025. The following has been amended: • The Amendment Bill introduces significant changes to the regulation of assigned lands in Andhra Pradesh by permitting limited use of such lands for specified public purposes, particularly for projects like green/renewable energy, which were earlier restricted. It aims to

balance the original objective of protecting assigned lands (granted to weaker sections) with the need for infrastructure and developmental activities. • The amendment allows leasing of assigned lands under regulated conditions, ensuring that ownership rights of beneficiaries are not completely alienated. • Safeguards are incorporated to prevent misuse, including government oversight and restrictions on transferability, while enabling economic utilisation of land. • Overall, the amendment reflects a shift towards controlled flexibility in land use policy while retaining protective intent for beneficiaries. The detailed notification is attached below. [L. A. Bill No. 10 of 2026]

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Andhra Pradesh Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on March 06, 2026, issued the Andhra Pradesh Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Andhra Pradesh Value Added Tax Act, 2005. The following has been amended: • The Amendment makes a specific change to Schedule VI by including Reliance BP Mobility Limited in the list of notified “Oil Companies” under Explanation IV. This inclusion ensures that transactions between oil companies are not treated as first sales, thereby maintaining the existing tax structure where VAT is levied at the point of first sale to a non-oil company. • The amendment gives retrospective effect from March 31, 2020, aligning with the transfer of marketing authorisation from Reliance Industries Ltd. to the said company. • It is primarily a clarificatory and enabling amendment to validate prior government notification and facilitate smooth commercial operations, without altering tax rates or creating any financial implications for the State. The detailed notification is attached below. [L. A. Bill No. 18 of 2026]

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AP Govt Allows 24×7 Operations for Shops in Major Urban Areas

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on March 12, 2026 issued a notification granting exemptions to shops and commercial establishments under the Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Act, 1988 to enable 24/7 operations in Urban Local Bodies with a population exceeding 4 lakh. Under the order, establishments are exempted from provisions of Sections 7(1), 7(2), 15(1), and 15(2) of the Act, allowing round-the-clock functioning subject to labour safeguards. The conditions include maximum weekly working hours of 48 hours, payment of overtime wages for additional work, provision of weekly holidays, and compensatory holidays for work on notified holidays. The notification also allows maintenance of statutory registers in soft copy instead of physical registers and mandates online submission of employee returns through the government portal. The government has clarified that the exemption may be withdrawn at any time if the prescribed conditions are violated. [Notification No. G.O.Ms. No.5]

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AP Govt Amends Excise Rules on Compounding of Offences

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on March 13, 2026 issued a notification amending the Andhra Pradesh Excise (Compounding of Offences) Rules, 1973 under the powers granted by the Andhra Pradesh Excise Act, 1968. The amendment modifies the Schedule under Rule 4 of the rules. Specifically, at Sl. No. 2A in Column 2, the phrase referring to the validity “till the date of notification issued under the same clause (a)(i)” has been replaced with the specific date “28.02.2026.” This change clarifies the cut-off date applicable for the compounding of certain excise offences under the relevant provision of the Act, thereby bringing greater certainty in the implementation of the rule. [Notification No. G.O.Ms.No.166, Revenue (Excise-II)]

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Andhra Pradesh Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on March 04, 2026, issued the Andhra Pradesh Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 to repeal and amend certain enactments for decriminalising and rationalising certain offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and ease of doing business in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh Government has proposed amendments to multiple State laws to promote trust-based governance, improve ease of living, and enhance the business environment. The move addresses concerns that existing laws impose imprisonment for minor procedural or technical violations, leading to unnecessary litigation, burden on courts, and discouragement of investment. Inspired by the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023, the State plans to decriminalize minor offences by replacing imprisonment provisions with monetary penalties, updating fines to reflect current economic realities, and allowing compounding of certain offences. The amendments will apply to several key Acts related to municipal governance, excise, land reforms, industrial development, and regulatory administration. Additionally, two outdated laws related to drainage cess and non-delta drainage areas will be repealed. The reforms also propose administrative adjudication mechanisms, graded penalties based on severity, and improved regulatory transparency. Overall, the Bill aims to create a balanced, non-adversarial regulatory framework that strengthens investor confidence, reduces legal burdens, and enhances citizen trust in governance. [L. A. Bill No. 13 of 2026]

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Draft Code on Social Security (Andhra Pradesh) Rules, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Labour, Factories, Boilers and Insurance Medical Services Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh on February 23, 2026, issued the Draft Code on Social Security (Andhra Pradesh) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The rules provide for the registration of establishments through an online labour portal, where employers shall submit applications electronically. If the application is complete, a registration certificate is issued immediately or within seven days, failing which the registration is deemed approved and automatically generated. Employers shall update any changes in establishment details within thirty days and ensure continuous compliance, as registration may expire if no activity is recorded for twenty-four months. •

The rules also allow cancellation of registration if it is obtained through false information, after allowing the employer to respond. Employers may also apply for cancellation when an establishment is closed after clearing all dues. Additionally, employers are required to display the registration certificate at the workplace and use the registration number in official compliance documents. • Further, the rules provide for the constitution of the Andhra Pradesh Unorganised Workers Social Security Board to oversee welfare schemes for unorganised workers. The board consists of representatives of workers, employers, and the government, and its members generally hold office for a fixed tenure. • The rules also lay down procedures for the administration of social security benefits such as gratuity, maternity benefits, and employee compensation, along with mechanisms for claims and dispute resolution. For effective implementation, the government may appoint Inspector-cum-Facilitators to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Code. • The objections and suggestions, if any, should be addressed to the Commissioner of Labour, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, through the dedicated web portal of the Labour Department and also email address: aplabourcodes2026@gmail.com or may be submitted in the Office of the Commissioner of Labour, Andhra Pradesh, Papaiah Street, Seetharampuram, VIJAYAWADA-520010, by April 09, 2026. The detailed notification is attached below. [Notification no. - G.O.Rt.No.43]

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Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on February 13, 2026, introduced the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 2026 to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, 1955 and the Andhra Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1965. The amendment aims to provide relief to property owners during the construction phase by modifying provisions related to vacant land taxation. The Bill introduces a provision for 50% waiver of Vacant Land Tax during the construction period of a building. This period is defined as the time from the grant of construction permission until the earliest of the following: issuance of the occupancy certificate, completion of construction, or expiry (including extended validity) of the building permission. However, the benefit of such tax waiver will not apply to unauthorized constructions undertaken without requisite approvals from municipal corporations, municipalities, urban development authorities, or other competent authorities. The amendment seeks to incentivize lawful construction while ensuring compliance with regulatory approvals. [L.A. Bill No. 2 of 2026]

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Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on February 18, 2026, issued the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Act, 1994. The following amendments have been stated: • In clause (34) of section 2, after the words “the first day of January”, the following words shall be added, namely,- “the first day of April, the first day of July and the first day of October.”. The Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 is hereby repealed. It shall be deemed to have come into force on and from December 23, 2025. [L. A. Bill No. 4 of 2026]

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Andhra Pradesh Govt. issued amendments to the AP Excise (Grant of license of selling by Bar and conditions of license) Rules 2025

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on March 13, 2026, issued amendments to the AP Excise (Grant of license of selling by Bar and conditions of license) Rules 2025. The following amendments have been stated:
• The Rule 13(8) (c) shall be read as; Rule 13(8)(c) :- No selection for grant of a bar licence shall be conducted, unless a minimum of four applications are received for that particular bar. In such case, the last date and time fixed for receipt of applications for that particular bar shall be extended till such date, as the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise may direct. Provided that in case four or more applications are not received even after extension of last date and time and no selection process is conducted, the non-refundable application fee(s) shall be returned/refunded to the applicant(s). [Notification No. G.O.Ms.No.165, Revenue (Excise-II)]

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Andhra Pradesh Govt. issued notification on Lifetime Registration for Shops and Establishments with 20+ Employees

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Government of Andhra Pradesh on March 12, 2026, issued notification on Lifetime Registration for Shops and Establishments with 20+ Employees. The notification issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh allows all shops and commercial establishments employing 20 or more workers to obtain a Lifetime Registration Certificate under the Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Act, 1988. This provision comes into effect from the date of publication of the notification and grants such establishments an exemption from the requirement of periodic renewal under Section 4 of the Act. However, this exemption is subject to certain conditions. Establishments must submit a Combined Annual Return in Form-B as prescribed under the Andhra Pradesh (Issuance of Integrated Registration and Furnishing of Combined Returns Under Various Labour Laws by Certain Establishments) Act, 2015. This ensures continued regulatory compliance and reporting despite the lifetime registration benefit. Additionally, employers are required to pay the prescribed registration fees at the time of new registration or renewal of existing registration, as per the applicable schedules under the Andhra Pradesh Shops and Establishments Rules, 1988. Fees for any subsequent changes or issuance of duplicate registration certificates must also be paid as notified from time to time. Overall, the notification simplifies compliance by introducing lifetime registration while retaining essential reporting and fee requirements to ensure regulatory oversight. [Notification No. G.O.Ms.No.4, Labour Factories Boilers & Insurance Medical Services (Lab-I)]

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Andhra Pradesh Fire Service (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on March 4, 2026, introduced a bill to amend the Andhra Pradesh Fire Service Act, 1999. The amendment, proposed to come into force retrospectively from December 1, 2025, aims to strengthen fire safety regulations, align definitions with existing building rules, and enhance the operational framework of fire and disaster response services in the State. The Bill introduces and revises several key definitions, including “Building” (aligned with the Andhra Pradesh Building Rules, 2017), “Building Fire Safety Supervisor,” “Fire Prevention and Life Safety Measures,” “High-rise building,” and “Qualified agency.” It also expands the scope of fire services by recognizing them as emergency services for disasters beyond fire incidents, thereby enabling broader disaster response functions. Additionally, it defines the role of the Director General of State Disaster Response and Fire Services, granting powers related to policy formulation, regulation, training, and operational control. Further, the Bill introduces provisions for mandatory Provisional Fire No Objection Certificate (NOC) for specified categories of buildings such as high-rise structures, institutional, industrial, hazardous buildings, and large commercial or residential premises. These measures aim to ensure stricter compliance with fire safety standards and improve preparedness for fire and disaster situations across various occupancies. [L.A. Bill No. 12 of 2026]

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Andhra Pradesh Allopathic & AYUSH Medical Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly on February 18, 2026, introduced a bill to amend the Andhra Pradesh Allopathic Private Medical Care Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2002. The amendment aims to broaden the scope of the Act by incorporating AYUSH systems of medicine alongside allopathic treatment, with effect from a date to be notified by the State Government. The Bill revises key definitions to include AYUSH systems such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy within the scope of “medical treatment” and “modern medicine,” aligning them with the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010. It also expands the definition of private medical care establishments to cover institutions offering AYUSH services, including hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres, and laboratories providing treatment, diagnosis, or care under recognized systems of medicine. Additionally, the amendment updates provisions relating to the composition and procedure of regulatory and appellate authorities, ensuring representation and applicability across all recognized systems of medicine. This move is intended to create a more inclusive regulatory framework for both allopathic and traditional healthcare systems in the State. [L.A. Bill No. 5 of 2026]

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APERC issued the Clarification on Classification of Illegal Restoration of Electricity Supply During Disconnection Period (LT & HT Services)

Mar 14, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on February 26, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Clarification on Classification of Illegal Restoration of Electricity Supply During Disconnection Period (LT & HT Services) The following has been stated namely: - • APEPDCL requested clarification on how to classify illegal restoration of electricity supply during the disconnection period for LT and HT services, referring to provisions in the GTCS inspection checklist. • Earlier provisions classified it

differently: o LT Services: Appendix III, Sl.No.14 – Unauthorized Use of Electricity o HT Services: Appendix IV-B, Sl.No.14(6) – Theft of Energy • This difference created scope for varied interpretations during field inspections, even though the nature and outcome of the activity are the same in both LT and HT cases. • The Commission clarified that illegal restoration of supply during the disconnection period should be treated as “Unauthorized Use of Electricity” for both LT and HT services. • In Appendix IV-B (HT Inspection Report), Sl.No.14(6) under Indicative of Theft is deleted and added under “Indicative of Unauthorized Use of Electricity” as Sl.No.4. [Notification No. Proceedings/Engg/AD(Tr.)/ 18/2026]

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Draft Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulation, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on March 06, 2026, issued the Draft Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulation, 2026. The following has been stated: • It aims to establish a structured framework for ensuring a reliable electricity supply in the state. The regulation requires distribution licensees to forecast demand, procure adequate generation capacity, and maintain planning reserve margins while meeting reliability indicators such as Loss of Load Probability (LOLP). • It also aims to ensure an optimal mix of power sources, including renewables, storage, and flexible resources, reduce dependence on short-term markets, strengthen grid resilience, and support long-term power planning. • The comments, suggestions, and objections on the Draft Regulation, if any, may be sent by email to commn-secy@aperc.in or by post to the Commission’s office at Kurnool, to reach the undersigned by March 27, 2026.

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APERC issued a notification regarding the Draft Second Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulation, 2025, and the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Green Energy Open Access, Charges and Banking) Regulation, 2024

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) on February 19, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Draft Second Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulation, 2025, and the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Green Energy Open Access, Charges and Banking) Regulation, 2024. The following has been stated: - •The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission notified the APERC (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulation, 2025 on September 12, 2025, followed by its first amendment on December 05, 2025, and earlier issued the Green Energy Open Access Regulation, 2024 on May 02, 2024, with a first amendment on December 04, 2025. •Based on stakeholder representations, the Commission has now issued a draft second amendment to allow Renewable Hybrid Energy Projects to connect at the same or different interconnection points, instead of a

single point. •A corresponding amendment to the Green Energy Open Access Regulation has also been proposed to clarify metering, scheduling, energy settlement, deviation accounting, and applicable charges. •The draft amendments have been placed for public consultation, and stakeholders may submit comments by March 12, 2026, after which the Commission will finalise the amendments. URL: https://www.aperc.gov.in/admin/upload/DraftSecondAmendmenttoAPERCRETariffRegulationNo.6of2025.pdf https://www.aperc.gov.in/admin/upload/DraftSecondAmendmenttoRegulationN03of2024Dt19022026.pdf The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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APPCB issued directions to Municipal Bodies for Preventing Open Waste Burning and Controlling Air Pollution

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) on January 01, 2026, issued directions to Municipal Bodies for Preventing Open Waste Burning and Controlling Air Pollution. Due to worsening air quality across cities and towns, authorities have directed municipal bodies to take urgent action against key pollution sources such as solid waste burning, vehicular emissions, industrial activities, and construction dust. Particular concern has been raised over open burning of unsegregated municipal waste—including tyres, plastics, painted materials, and e-waste—which releases toxic pollutants like particulate matter, dioxins, and furans, posing serious health risks, especially for vulnerable populations. To ensure compliance with environmental regulations, Municipal Corporations have been instructed to strictly prohibit the burning of mixed waste in public places, dump yards, streets, and vacant lands, especially during the Bhogi festival period. They are also required to undertake extensive public awareness campaigns through multiple outreach channels to inform citizens about the environmental and health hazards associated with such practices and promote responsible waste management. [Notification No.12022/6/2022-SS-CL-APPCB- 1198]

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Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh Govt. issued Fixation of MRP for Alcoholic Beverages under Revised Excise Duty Framework in Arunachal Pradesh

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Arunachal Pradesh

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh on February 25, 2026, issued Fixation of MRP for Alcoholic Beverages under Revised Excise Duty Framework in Arunachal Pradesh. The Government had earlier revised the ad-valorem excise duty rates on alcoholic beverages effective October 01, 2024, and issued a cost card for determining the Maximum Retail Price (MRP). In continuation, exercising powers under the Arunachal Pradesh Excise Rules, 1994, the authority has now fixed the MRP of alcoholic beverages for civilian sale in the State, based on proposals from manufacturers and in the interest of revenue. The revised MRPs are detailed in Annexures I to IV and will remain in force until further orders. [Notification No. T-E-13014/9/2024/225]

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APETNC Measures for Monitoring and Regulation of Bulk Spirit and Liquor Transportation

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Arunachal Pradesh

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh Office of the Tax, Excise & Narcotics Commissioner (APETNC), on February 10, 2026, issued an order prescribing measures for monitoring and regulating the transportation of bulk spirit and liquor in view of the forthcoming Assam Legislative Assembly Elections. The objective is to prevent illicit movement of liquor and ensure strict regulatory control during the sensitive election period. The order mandates that all manufacturing units and bonded warehouses must transport bulk spirit and liquor only through GPS-enabled vehicles integrated with Digi-Lock systems to ensure traceability and security. Additionally, jurisdictional officers are directed to constitute dedicated teams for conducting both surprise and routine inspections of liquor dealers and bonded warehouses to strengthen enforcement. Further, all enforcement authorities have been instructed to maintain heightened vigilance to prevent unauthorized inter-state movement of liquor. The directions are to be strictly complied with by all Assistant Commissioners, Superintendents, and Excise Officers to ensure effective monitoring and regulatory compliance. [Notification No. T-E-13014/10/2025/975]

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Assam

Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026

Mar 21, 2026 | State | Assam

The Government of Assam on March 07, 2026, issued the Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Act, 2026 to further amend the Assam Value Added Tax Act, 2003. The following amendments have been stated: •In Section 10, for sub-section (1A), the following shall be substituted namely,- "(1A) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the retail 'on' license holder for potable liquor mentioned in the Fourth Schedule, except country spirit, shall pay output tax on sale made by him at the rate of six percent without any set-off of the tax paid by him at the time of purchase of such potable liquor. The Government may by notification published in the Official Gazette from time to time vary the above rate of tax of "On" license holders and such rate of tax may vary for urban and rural areas." It shall come into force at once. [Notification No. LGL.02/2026/18]

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Assam Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 21, 2026 | State | Assam

The Finance (Taxation) Department Assam (ATD), on March 13, 2026, issued a notification amending the Assam Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017, based on the recommendations of the GST Council, under section 164 of the Assam GST Act, 2017. The amendment introduces the Assam Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026, effective from February 1, 2026. Key changes include substitution in Rule 9, where the authority level is modified from “Assistant Commissioner” to “Superintendent of Taxes”, and insertion of a new Rule 31D in the principal rules. Overall, the notification updates procedural and administrative provisions under the Assam GST framework to streamline implementation and governance. [Notification No. 1/2026-State Tax (Rate)]

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Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Assam

The Finance Department, Govt. of Assam on March 13, 2026, issued the Assam Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026. They shall come into effect from March 13, 2026. In rule 8, in sub-rule (1), in clause (xvi), the punctuation mark ';" shall be inserted at the end, and thereafter, following new clauses shall be inserted, namely: - "(xvii) Indian Oil Petronas Private Limited; (xviii) Reliance BP Mobility Limited (Jio-BP); (xix) Purba Bharti Gas Private Limited; (xx) North East Gas Distribution Company Limited; (xxi) Adani Total Gas Limited." [Notification no. - FTX.766966/23]

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Assam Tenancy Rules, 2025

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Assam

The Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, Assam (DoHUA), on January 22, 2026, issued a notification finalizing the Assam Tenancy Rules, 2025 after considering objections and suggestions received from the public on the draft rules published earlier in July 2025. The rules have been framed under the powers conferred by Section 44 of the Assam Tenancy Act, 2021. These rules provide the procedural framework for implementation of tenancy law in Assam, including definitions of key terms such as appeal, applicant, memorandum, and parties, along with processes relating to Rent Authority, Rent Court, and Rent Tribunal. The rules aim to standardize procedures for filing applications, appeals, and handling tenancy disputes. The rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette, thereby operationalizing the provisions of the parent Act and strengthening the legal mechanism governing landlord-tenant relationships in the state. [Notification No. DoHUA.274141/165]

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Assam Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) (Amendment) Act, 2025

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Assam

The Government of Assam on February 03, 2026, issued the Assam Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) (Amendment) Act, 2025 to further amend the Assam Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020. The following amendments have been stated: • in section 2, o for clause (1),, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "(1) "agricultural produce" means all produce, whether processed or not, of agriculture, horticulture, apiculture, sericulture and forest excluding trees grown on private land, specified in the schedule or any other produce as may be notified by the State Government from time to time;" o in clause (2), (a) in the first line, in between the words "an" and "occupant", the words "owner or" and in the second line, in between the words "and" and "is engaged" the words "a sharecropper" shall be inserted; (b) in the Explanation 1, in the first line, for the words "famers", and in the third line, for the word "farmer", the word "agriculturist" shall be substituted, o after clause (2), the following new clause (2a) shall be inserted, namely:- "(2a) "Autonomous Council means any autonomous council established under an Act of the Assam State Legislature;" • In the principal Act, in section 3, o in sub-section (1), in the third line, for the words and punctuation mark "in the state subject to fulfillment of such criteria," appearing in between the words and punctuation mark "produce," and "as may be" the words "in such area" shall be substituted; o in the first proviso, in the first line, in between the words "Council" and "shall be" and in the second line, in between the words "Council" and "concerned", the words "or an Autonomous Council" shall be inserted; o in the second proviso, in the second line, in between the words "Council" and "within thirty" the words "or an Autonomous Council" shall be inserted. • In the principal Act, for section 4, the following shall be substituted- "4. After the expiry of the period specified in the notification issued under section 3 of the Act and after considering such objections and suggestions as may be received before such expiry and after making such inquiry as may he necessary, the State Government may, hy another notification, declare the area specified in the notification Issued under section 3 or any portion thereof to be a delineated market area and marketing of all or any of the kinds of agricultural produce specified in the notification issued under section 3 shall be regulated under this Act in such delincated market arca. The notification issued under this section shall also be published in such arca in the manner as may be prescribed." • In the principal Act, section 5 shall be omitted • In the principal Act. in section 7. in sub-section

(1). in the second and fourth line, for the word and figure "section 5" appearing in between the words "unde■" and "of the", the word and figure "section 6" shall be substituted; • In the principal Act, in section 8, in sub-section (1), in the first line, for the word and figure "section 5" appearing in between the words "under" and "of the", the word and figure "section 6" shall be substituted. • In the principal Act, in section 9, in sub-section (1), in the second line, for the word and figure "section 5" appearing in between the words "under" and "of the", the word and figure "section fi" shall he substituted. • In the principal Act, section 14 shall be omitted. • In the principal Act, in section 51, in sub-section (2), in the first line, the words "other than an ex-officio member" appearing in between the words "Board" and "may" shall be deleted. • In the principal Act, in section 106, for sub-section (1), o in the third line, for the word "principal market yard or sub-market yard" appearing in between the words "into the" and "for sale", the words "delineated market area" shall he substituted; o for the second proviso, the following shall he substituted, namely:- "Provided further that, if on any agricultural produce market fee has already been levied and collected in any delineated market arca by the market committee of such area, and if such agricultural produce is sold or processed in any other delineated market area within the State or exported outside the State it shall be exempted from the levy of market fee." • In the principal Act, section 143 shall be omitted. It shall come into force at once. [Notification No. LGL.196/2017/100]

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Bihar

Bihar Govt. issued extension of Time Limit for Filing Appeals before GST Appellate Tribunal (Bihar)

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar on March 19, 2026, issued extension of Time Limit for Filing Appeals before GST Appellate Tribunal (Bihar). The Government of Bihar has notified June 30, 2026, as the last date for filing appeals before the Appellate Tribunal under the Bihar GST Act, 2017, for cases where the order was communicated before April 1, 2026. For orders communicated on or after April 1, 2026, appeals must be filed within three months from the date of communication of the order. [Notification No. S. O. 91]

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BRERA issued a notification regarding the launch of the New Online System for Real Estate Project Registration

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Bihar Real Estate Regulatory Authority (BRERA) on January 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding the launch of the New Online System for Real Estate Project Registration. The following has been stated: - •A new online system for filing applications for registration of real estate projects will become operational from midnight of January 31, 2026. •All applications must be submitted through the new system starting 00:00 hrs on February 01, 2026. •The existing application filing system will cease to function after 11:59 PM on January 31, 2026. •This update is issued to facilitate a smooth transition for all stakeholders in the real estate sector. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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Bihar Jan Vishwas (Provisions) Bill, 2026

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Bihar

The Government of Bihar on February 26, 2026, issued the Bihar Jan Vishwas (Provisions) Bill, 2026 to amend certain Acts to decriminalise and rationalise offences and to further improve trust-based governance for Assamese in living and doing business. The Acts specified in column (4) of the Schedule are amended to the extent and in the manner specified in column (5) of the Schedule of the table. All the revision of fines and penalties of the various provisions of the Acts mentioned in the Schedule. It shall come into force on such date as the Government of Bihar may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify, and different dates may be appointed for the amendments to different laws specified in the Schedule. Kindly find the Table attached to the document below. [Notification No. V.S.V.-06/2026-1120/V.S.]

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Chandigarh

Chandigarh Administration issued the amendment to the older notification under the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Chandigarh

The Labour & Employment Department, Chandigarh Administration on March 18, 2026, issued the amendment to the older notification no. 12/2/149-HII(2)-2025/12994, dated August 14, 2025, under the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958. The following has been amended: • Condition No. 6 shall be substituted with “6. No employee shall be required to work for more than 10 hours in a day or 48 hours in a week.” • Condition No. 13 shall be substituted with “13. The spread over of an employee shall not exceed 12 hours in a day, inclusive of an interval for rest.” • Condition No. 15(i) shall be substituted with “(i) The total number of overtime hours worked by an employee does not exceed one hundred forty-four within a period of [any one quarter]; and”. [Notification no. - 535694-HII(2)-2026/3140]

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Chandigarh Administration issued a notification under Section 28 of the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Chandigarh

The Chandigarh Administration (CA) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification under Section 28 of the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958, as applicable to the Union Territory of Chandigarh. The notification aims to streamline regulatory compliance for establishments covered under multiple labour laws. It provides that establishments already registered under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 shall be exempted from complying with registration requirements under Sections 13 and 13A of the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958. This step is intended to eliminate duplication in the registration process. The exemption will be effective from the date of issuance of the notification and is aimed at simplifying procedural compliances and reducing regulatory burden for businesses operating in Chandigarh. [Notification No. 535694-HII(2)-2026/3143]

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Punjab Excise Bonded Warehouse (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Chandigarh

The Excise & Taxation Department, Chandigarh Administration on March 10, 2026, issued the Punjab Excise Bonded Warehouse (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Punjab Excise Bonded Warehouse Rules, 1957, as in force in the Union Territory of Chandigarh. These Rules shall come into force with effect from April 01, 2026. The following has been amended: • Rule 2 has been amended to prohibit the grant of new B.W.H.-2 (Bottling Plant) licences for the Excise Policy Year 2026–27, mandate intimation of ownership changes, restrict transfer without approval (■5 lakh fee), and require quarterly quality testing reports; licences may not be renewed after two breach cases. • Under Rule 3(A), the licence fee for D-2

(redistillation) has been fixed at ■4,00,000 for 2026–27. • In Rule 4, renewal fee for B.W.H.-2 licences is set at ■65,00,000, with a mandatory Fire Safety Certificate and requirement of separate premises for L-1B/L-13 licences. • Further, leasing of bottling plants is prohibited, operations are regulated (including overtime fees), and a ■30 lakh bank guarantee is mandatory. • Strict penalties are introduced for violations, including suspension/cancellation and compounding fees ranging from a minimum of ■1 lakh to ■20 lakh or more, depending on the number of violations. [Notification no. - E&T/ETO(X)-2026/ 4139]

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Punjab Distillery (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Chandigarh

The Excise and Taxation Department, Chandigarh Administration (CETD) on March 10, 2026, notified the Punjab Distillery (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026 under the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, to revise provisions related to distillery regulations in the Union Territory. The amendment, effective from April 1, 2026, substitutes clause (kk) under Rule 93 to introduce a revised framework for label registration fees for approval of liquor labels intended for sale in Chandigarh. This change is aimed at streamlining the process of label approvals and rationalizing fee structures applicable to manufacturers and suppliers. The notification strengthens regulatory oversight in the excise regime while ensuring clarity and uniformity in fee applicability for labeling approvals within the Union Territory. [Notification No. E&T/ETO(X)-2026/4137]

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DoPRCA issued the Tip Sheet and FAQs on Energy Conservation & Sustainable Building Code

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Chandigarh

The Department of Public Relations Chandigarh Administration (DoPRCA) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Energy Management Cell/SDA Launches Tip Sheet and FAQs on Energy Conservation & Sustainable Building Code. The following has been stated namely: - • Tip Sheet and FAQs have been issued on the Energy Conservation & Sustainable Building Code (ECSBC) to raise awareness about energy-efficient and sustainable building practices. • The documents were jointly prepared with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and were formally launched by Prerna Puri, Secretary Engineering, in the presence of other officials. • The Tip Sheet provides practical guidance on energy-efficient building design and appliances, while the FAQs clarify ECSBC provisions, helping architects, builders, and citizens comply with norms and promote energy conservation in Chandigarh.

Chhattisgarh

All Fee Expenses Reimbursement and Royalty Reimbursement Rules, 2025

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Chhattisgarh

The Government of Chhattisgarh on March 09, 2026, issued the All Fee Expenses Reimbursement and Royalty Reimbursement Rules, 2025 for the implementation of water charges expenditure reimbursement and royalty reimbursement provided at points 6 and 7 of Chapter B-2 under "Industrial Investment Promotion Package for Large Enterprises of Core (Steel) Sector" provided at point number 27 of the table mentioned in clause 12.5 of the Industrial Development Policy 2024-30. Summary of Eligibility & Process The rules define clear conditions for reimbursement of certain input costs for steel production: 1. Eligibility Conditions Water Charges: Reimbursement is allowed only for water used within the steel plant for production, capped at 25 cubic meters per tonne of steel. Iron Ore Royalty: Royalty paid to the State Government is eligible for reimbursement up to 1.6 tonnes of iron ore per tonne of steel, provided the ore is sourced from: The unit's captive mine in the State, or Purchases from NMDC or other approved agencies. Coal Charges: Payments made to the State Government for coal are eligible for reimbursement up to 1.0 tonne of coal per tonne of steel, if sourced from: The unit's captive mine, or SECL or other approved suppliers. 2. Application Process Eligible units must hold a Production Certificate or Production Continuity Certificate under the Industrial Development Policy 2024–30. Applications must be submitted online to the Directorate of Industries along with: An affidavit (Annexure-1) A supporting certificate related to iron ore/coal usage (as applicable) 3. Claim Submission Timeline Claims must be submitted every six months after commencement of commercial production. The first claim should be filed by September 30 or March 31 (whichever comes earlier) within the financial year. It must also be filed within 6 months of production start or rule issuance, whichever is later. Subsequent claims follow fixed periods: April 1 – September 30 October 1 – March 31 Late submissions will not be accepted. 4. Approval Authority Claims are reviewed and approved by the Commissioner/Director of Industries or an authorized Additional/Joint Director. Overall, the framework ensures reimbursement is tied to actual production usage with strict quantity caps and a time-bound, structured filing process. [Notification No. GENS-2101/1483/2026-C&I]

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Govt. of Chhattisgarh issued amendments in Chhattisgarh Foreign Liquor Rules, 1996

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Chhattisgarh

The Government of Chhattisgarh on February 26, 2026, issued amendments in the Chhattisgarh Foreign Liquor Rules, 1996. The following amendments have been stated: • For condition number (4) (b) of Form FL-2 (a) (Class Restaurant Bar License), the following condition number (4) (b) shall be substituted, namely:- "(4) (b) It shall be mandatory for the licensee to lift the minimum guaranteed quantity fixed monthly. If the licensee does not lift the minimum guaranteed quantity of spirit or beer fixed for any month, the Collector may impose a penalty at the rate of Rs. 1140/- per quart bottle of spirit and Rs. 160/- per quart bottle of malt liquor on the quantity of spirit or beer less lifted, which shall not be refundable. Explanation: Magnum bottle of Foreign Liquor (Sprint) shall be calculated in multiples of 1.30 quart bottle and pint bottle/can of Foreign Liquor (Malt) shall be calculated in multiples of 0.50 quart bottle. • For condition number (4) (c) of Form FL-2(a) (Class Restaurant Bar Licence), the following condition number (4) (c) shall be substituted, namely:- "(4) (c) The licensee may sell wine and ready to drink beverages (Low Alcoholic Beverages) i.e. beverages

with alcohol strength up to 10% (v/v) (excluding malt) as per the requirement. However, the said quantity lifted shall not be adjusted against the annual/monthly minimum guaranteed quantity fixed for this license." • In place of condition number (5) of Form FL-2 (a) (Class Restaurant Bar License), the following condition number (5) shall be substituted, namely:- "(5) In addition to the EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) affixed by the concerned Foreign Liquor Unit on the liquor bottle sold in the bar, the licensee shall deposit the prescribed price of EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) for one month in the treasury as per the minimum guaranteed quantity fixed for one month for the Foreign Liquor FL.2 (a) (Level Restaurant Bar License) license, and shall obtain the supply of EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) from the office of the Excise Officer in charge of the concerned district and shall maintain a daily account by mentioning the EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) number in the prescribed register daily. Each liquor bottle supplied to the licensee permit wise shall be supplied to the bar only after the respective EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) is affixed separately at the designated place on the bottle in the liquor shop itself. The red coloured EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) is affixed on the bottle. Even in case the wine/ready to drink liquor is supplied by the licensee, it will be mandatory to obtain EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) for each item and paste it before supply from the liquor shop. If the liquor is supplied by the licensee in pint bottles, then it will be mandatory to affix EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) on both the pint bottle pieces. • In place of condition number (4) (c) of Form FL-3 (Hotel Bar License), condition number as under (4) (c) shall be substituted, namely:— "(4) (c) The Foreign Liquor FL-3 (Hotel Bar Licence) licence shall be issued with an EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) in addition to the EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) affixed by the concerned Foreign Liquor Unit on the bottles of liquor sold in the bar. The license holders will deposit the fixed price of 1 month's advance EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) in the treasury as per the minimum guaranteed quantity fixed for the month, will get the EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) supplied from the office of the Excise Officer in charge of the concerned district and will maintain the daily account by mentioning the EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) number in the prescribed register every day. Each liquor bottle supplied to the licensee permit wise will be supplied only after the concerned EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) is pasted separately at the designated place on the bottle in the liquor shop itself. The EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) will be red in colour. Even in case the wine/ready to drink liquor is supplied by the licensee, it will be mandatory to obtain EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) for each item and paste it before supply from the liquor shop. If the liquor is supplied by the licensee in pint bottles, then it will be mandatory to affix EAL (Excise Adhesive Label) on both the pint bottle pieces. [File No. RULE/125/2026-EXCISE(10)]

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Govt. of Chhattisgarh issued the amendment in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Chhattisgarh Rules, 1975

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Chhattisgarh

The Government of Chhattisgarh on February 27, 2026, issued the amendment in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Chhattisgarh Rules, 1975. The amendment introduces provisions relating to the delegation of financial and administrative powers within the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board. It specifies the authorities competent to approve travel allowances, medical reimbursement, and official tours of officers and employees, including tours outside the State. The amendment also provides powers to sanction special pay or allowances for employees holding additional responsibilities for a limited period and lays down financial limits for sanctioning contingent expenditure and procurement of items from the local market. [Notification no. - GENCOR/11766/2025-HOUSING]

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Office of the Excise Commissioner, Chhattisgarh issued notice Inviting Offers for Registration and Supply of Foreign Liquor in the State Of Chhattisgarh

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Chhattisgarh

The Office of the Excise Commissioner, Chhattisgarh on February 26, 2026, issued notice Inviting Offers for Registration and Supply of Foreign Liquor in the State Of Chhattisgarh. The Department of Excise, Chhattisgarh has invited online rate offers for registration of Brands/Labels for the financial year April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. The offers are to be submitted through the official portal of the Excise Department. Manufacturers, firms, companies, or corporations lawfully engaged in the production of IMFL, FMFL, Malt, Wine, and RTD (Ready to Drink) beverages are eligible to participate and enter into a rate contract for supply during FY 2026–27. In the case of FMFL, offers are invited from foreign manufacturers owning distilleries, breweries, or blending units located outside India. Such proposals must be submitted through an Indian-registered firm or company acting as the supplier on behalf of the foreign manufacturer. The last date for submission of rate offers at the office of the Excise Commissioner, Raipur, is June 23, 2026 up to 5:30 PM, and the offers will be opened on July 7, 2026 at 11:00 AM. Participating firms are required to deposit a non-refundable registration fee of ■1,00,000 through e-challan. Additionally, an application fee of ■50,000 (non-refundable and non-adjustable) must be paid for obtaining the Login ID and Password to submit rate offers. Applicable taxes, if any, must be borne by the applicant. A pre-bid meeting will be held at Vanijyik Kar–GST Bhavan, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur, with details to be communicated separately. The application form, terms and conditions, and related documents can be downloaded from the official website of the Chhattisgarh Excise Department. No offline offers will be accepted. [Notification No. RATE OFFER/2026-27/1200]

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Govt. of Chhattisgarh issued a notice inviting offers for registration and supply of country liquor

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Chhattisgarh

The Government of Chhattisgarh, on February 26, 2026, issued a notice inviting offers for registration and supply of country liquor. The following has been stated namely: - • Online Rate Offers are invited for Brands/Labels of Country Liquor, from Companies/firms/proprietorship having license C.S.IB/C.S.IBB issued by Excise Department of Chhattisgarh under the provisions of Chhattisgarh Country Spirit Rules, 1995 (as amended) for entering into rate contract with EXCISE COMMISSIONER, CHHATTISGARH for supply of COUNTRY LIQUOR (CL) for the period from 1st April, 2026 to 31st March, 2027. Distilleries/Bottling Plants of Chhattisgarh holding C.S.IB/C.S.IBB License and other relevant licenses as prescribed under the provisions of Chhattisgarh Excise Act, 1915 (as amended) and Chhattisgarh Country Spirit Rules, 1995, (as amended), as well as registered with Excise Department for the supply of country liquor, are eligible to apply for rate offer in prescribed format. • The last date for submission of online rate offers is 16-03-2026 by 17:30 hrs. which shall be opened on 17-03-2026 at 11:00 hrs. The participating firms shall deposit a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) towards registration of supplier through e-challan only in the Treasury head 0039-800-0761. [Notification No. EX/DISTILLERY/RATEOFFER/2026-27/1202]

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Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Govt. issued the by-law to regularise the unauthorised development in the Municipal Council areas

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli

The Government of Dadra and Nagar Haveli on February 17, 2026 issued the by-law to regularise the unauthorised development in the Municipal Council areas in Daman District and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto applicable to Daman Municipal Council. The following has been stated namely: - • This by laws is only a one time relief and shall have a sunset clause as mandated by the council • The Application for unauthorised development has been stated in the by-laws • The Grant or refusal to regularise unauthorised development has been stated. This shall come into force on February 17, 2026. [Notification No. 3/1-623/DMC/25-26/4123]

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Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu declared March 31, 2026, a dry date on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

The Excise Department, U.T. Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu on March 30, 2026, declared March 31, 2026, a dry date on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti. On the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti, the administration has ordered that all licensed liquor shops and establishments will remain closed on March 31, 2026 (Tuesday). This declaration enforces a dry day across the Union Territory, prohibiting the sale and service of liquor. All license holders are required to strictly comply with the order, failing which strict action will be taken. [Notification no. - 3/1153/EXC-ADM/2025-26/432]

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Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation (5th Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 30, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

The U.T. Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, on March 27, 2026, issued Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation (5th Amendment) Rules, 2025, to amend the Goa, Daman, & Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1982. The following has been stated: - •The Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu has amended the Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 2025 under the relevant Act. •The amendment introduces mandatory use of Turtle Excluder Devices (TED) in fishing trawlers. •A TED is a device that allows sea turtles to escape from trawl nets. •No trawl net can be used for fishing without installing a TED before the cod end of the net. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: SFD /1/2(Rule-Act)/2025-26/327]

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U. T. Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu notified regarding the strict enforcement of the ban on the use of Pet Coke and Furnace Oil in Industries

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu

The U. T. Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu on January 16, 2026, notified regarding the strict enforcement of the ban on the use of Pet Coke and Furnace Oil in Industries. The Pollution Control Committee pursuant to Order dated December 13, 2023, has mandated that all industries discontinue the use of Pet Coke and Furnace Oil as fuel on or before June 08, 2024, with no further extension permitted. The order is being strictly enforced in view of deteriorating ambient air quality and to safeguard public health and the environment in the Union Territory. Any industrial unit found violating the directive, including continued use of Pet Coke or Furnace Oil beyond the stipulated date, shall face immediate closure under Section 31A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, without prior notice, along with penal action under Section 37 of the said Act. [Notification no. - PCC/DDD/PET-

COKE-FO(WP)(C)13029/1985/CPCB/(DMN)/19-20/13]

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Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu,Goa

Draft Goa, Daman & Diu Registration of Tourist Trade (3rd Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu,Goa

The U.T. Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu on March 12, 2026, issued the Draft Goa, Daman & Diu Registration of Tourist Trade (3rd Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Goa, Daman and Diu Registration of Tourist Trade Rules, 1985. The following amendments have been stated: • In Rule 3 (1) - the fees for registration for following categories has been amended. • In Annexure "A" (Part-E) of Rule 3 Bed & Breakfast/Homestay Establishment ("E" Category), the condition namely "The Owner/promoter of the Establishment alongwith his/her families is physically residing in the same establishment in the suitable locality." shall be omitted. • In Annexure "A" (Part-E) of Rule 3, under point (b), for the words "Minimum one lettable room and maximum 6 rooms" the words: "Minimum one lettable room and maximum 8 rooms" shall be substituted. • In Annexure "A" (Part-E) of Rule 3, after point (j), a new point (k) will be inserted as "(k) The documents required for the registration of the Homestay / Bed & Breakfast will be as decided by the prescribed authority. The draft of the Goa, Daman & Diu Registration of Tourist Trade (3rd Amendment) Rules, 2026 has issued for inviting objections and suggestions if any, in writing to the Director-cum Joint Secretary (Tourism), 4th Floor, Vidhyut Bhavan, Secretariat, Daman from all persons likely to be affected thereby on or before the expiry of 30 days from the date of the publication of the said Notification in the Official Gazette. [Notification No: 6/141/DDT/2016-17/22]

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Daman and Diu

Administration of U.T. of Daman & Diu notified regarding the extension of the time limit for Filing Appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Daman and Diu

The Administration of U.T. of Daman & Diu on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the extension of the time limit for Filing Appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal. The Government has issued a notification specifying the time limit for filing appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal. It provides that for all cases where the order was communicated before April 01, 2026, appeals may be filed up to June 30, 2026. For orders communicated on or after April 01, 2026, the appeal shall be filed within three months from the date of communication of the order. The notification has been issued on the recommendation of the GST Council to ensure clarity and adequate time for taxpayers to approach the Appellate Tribunal. [Notification no. - DMN/UTGST/GST Council Meeting/02/2025/4232]

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Delhi

Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) on March 19, 2026, issued the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026, further to amend the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2005. This shall take effect from March 19, 2026. A proviso has been added to Regulation 12(1) stating that the additional surcharge for persons availing General Network Access (GNA) or Open Access shall be reduced linearly from the year of grant and will be eliminated within four years. It further clarifies that no refund, adjustment, or recovery can be claimed for surcharge already paid under existing regulations. The surcharge shall not apply to the extent of contract demand maintained with the distribution licensee and will apply only to those Open Access consumers who are or have been consumers of the concerned distribution licensee. [Notification no. - 17(17)/Engg. /DERC/2017-18/OA/5842]

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Delhi Govt. issued notification regarding Submission of sample of each approved brand on quarter basis by all the L-1 licensees

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on March 23, 2026, issued notification regarding Submission of sample of each approved brand on quarter basis by all the L-1 licensees. The Excise Department has reiterated its earlier instructions requiring all L-1 licensees to regularly submit samples of all approved IMFL (Indian Made Foreign Liquor) brands to the Excise Control Laboratory on a quarterly basis to ensure quality standards. Specifically, licensees must submit samples of each approved brand for the quarter January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 without fail. This directive reinforces compliance with periodic testing requirements to maintain the quality of liquor supplied. [Circular No. L-1/Ex./IMFLIMisc./2024-25/ 72y-3730]

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GNCTD issued guidelines for transition of SKU validity and barcode operations in the eAbkari system for the new Excise Year 2026–27

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) on March 31, 2026, issued guidelines for transition of SKU validity and barcode operations in the eAbkari system for the new Excise Year 2026–27. The circular outlines a structured process to ensure continuity of trade while maintaining regulatory control over product registration and inventory tracking. All existing SKUs will automatically expire on March 31, 2026 at 23:59:59, and trading using such SKUs will not be permitted unless validity is extended. Extension will be granted automatically upon approval of the same brand for the licensee in the new excise year.

However, activities such as import permit placement and generation of new barcodes will be allowed only for newly created SKUs. Licensees may continue to trade existing stock under old SKUs until depletion, while new products will be assigned fresh SKU IDs with revised GTIN rules. Compliance with the prescribed SOP is mandatory to ensure seamless transition and traceability, failing which regulatory action may be initiated. [Circular No. F.No. Exc-MO017/Comp No. 350159/1/2026-1MFL]

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Delhi Excise Renewal & Grant of L-23/L-23F Licenses 2026-27

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Office of the Commissioner of Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Tax, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, on March 19, 2026, issued a circular approving the renewal and grant of new L-23 and L-23F licenses for the licensing year 2026–2027. The approvals shall be on the same terms and conditions as applicable in the Excise Years 2022–23, 2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26. The circular mandates that all licensees must strictly comply with the provisions of the Delhi Excise Act, 2009 and the Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, along with instructions issued by the Excise Department from time to time. Eligible L-23 and L-23F licensees are required to apply for grant or renewal, as applicable, along with a Fixed Deposit of ■10,000 in favour of the Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Delhi as a security deposit. The circular has been issued with the approval of the competent authority. [Circular No. L-1(27)/Ex/CSD/2011-12/Pt.File-I/3695-370]

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DGHS issued revision of EWS Income Limit for Treatment in Identified Private Hospitals

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) on March 18, 2026, issued revision of EWS Income Limit for Treatment in Identified Private Hospitals. As per the decision of a Special Committee (in compliance with directions of the Delhi High Court), the income eligibility criterion for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) patients seeking treatment in identified private hospitals has been revised. The annual income limit has been increased from ■2,20,000 to ■5,00,000, thereby expanding eligibility for EWS benefits. All Medical Superintendents and Nodal Officers are directed to strictly implement the revised limit and continue following existing instructions for EWS patient treatment. Non-compliance with these directions will be treated seriously. [Notification No. F.13(906)/DG11S/11Q/EWS/2025/13-19]

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Govt. of NCT of Delhi issued a circular regarding the renewal of L-8 & L-14 Excise Licenses

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of NCT of Delhi, on March 18, 2026, issued a circular regarding renewal of L-8 & L-14 Excise Licenses. The following has been stated: - •The Government of NCT of Delhi has decided to renew

L-8 and L-14 excise retail licenses (for “off” premises consumption) for the period April 01, 2026, to March 31, 2027. •Licenses are granted to government corporations like Delhi Consumer's Co-operative Wholesale Store, Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation, Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation, and Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation. •Renewal is subject to payment of ■2,00,000 license fee (for both L-8 and L-14) by March 31, 2026, and compliance with the Delhi Excise Act, 2009, and Rules, 2010. • The government may revise fees, and delays in payment will attract penalties as decided by the competent authority. [Circular No.: F. No.Exc-A012/1/2026/348895/639-45]

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Govt. of Delhi notified regarding the Renewal and Grant of Excise Licenses for 2026–27 under Delhi Excise Rules, 2010

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Department of Excise, Entt. & Luxury T■■, Govt. of Delhi on March 17, 2026, notified regarding the Renewal and Grant of Excise Licenses for 2026–27 under Delhi Excise Rules, 2010. The Competent Authority has approved the renewal and grant of L-6, L-6FG, L-6FE, L-8, L-10, L-14, L-23, L-23F, and L-30 licenses for the 2026–27 excise year on the same terms as 2025–26. Concerned departments are directed to issue necessary circulars for implementation under the applicable rules. [Notification no. -Exc-PB/2/2026/337432/487-491]

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Delhi Govt. issued notification regarding approval for renewal and grant of new L-30 licenses for licensing year 2026-2027

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on March 19, 2026, issued notification regarding approval for renewal and grant of new L-30 licenses for licensing year 2026-2027. The Competent Authority has approved the renewal and grant of new L-30 licenses for the licensing year 2026–27 on the same terms and conditions as previous excise years (2022–23 to 2025–26). The license fee structure requires online payment of ■10,000 for 3 years and ■20,000 for 5 years, along with any additional renewal fees applicable under Rule 41 of the Delhi Excise Rules, 2010. License holders must comply with the provisions of the Delhi Excise Act, 2009, relevant rules, and instructions issued by the Excise Department from time to time. [Notification No. L-30/EX/144/IMFL/2024-25/3690-94]

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Delhi Govt. notified regarding the Half-Day Holiday in Delhi for Phool Walon Ki Sair

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Half-Day Holiday in Delhi for Phool Walon Ki Sair. The Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has declared Thursday, March 19, 2026, as a half-day

holiday (after 2:00 PM) for all government offices, autonomous bodies, and public sector undertakings under the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi. This holiday is observed in celebration of the Phool Walon Ki Sair, a traditional cultural festival in Delhi. [File No. 53/34/2016/GAD/CN/1668-1711]

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Delhi Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2026

Mar 13, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on March 11, 2026, issued the Delhi Shops and Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2026 to further amend the Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954, in its application to the National Territory of Delhi. The following amendments have been stated: • Section 8 has been amended as follows: (1) In Section 8 of the principal Act, for the words “nine hours”, shall be substituted by the words the words “ten hours inclusive of rest interval and lunch break”. (2) In Section 8 of the Principal Act, in the first proviso, for the words "but not exceeding 54 hours in any week subject to the conditions that the aggregate hours so worked shall not exceed 150 hours in a year" shall be substituted by "but not exceeding sixty hours in any week subject to the conditions that the aggregate hours so worked shall not exceed one hundred forty four hours in a quarter”. • In Section 11 of the Principal Act, for the words "ten and a half hours in any commercial establishment or for more than twelve hours in any shop" shall be substituted by the words "twelve hours". • Substitution of Section 14: For Section 14 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:— "(1) No young person shall be required or permitted to work whether as an employee or otherwise in any establishment during night. (2) Women shall be entitled to be employed in all establishments to work and they may also be employed, with their consent between 9.00 PM to 7.00 AM during the summer season and between 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM during the winter season subject to the conditions at sub-clause (i) to (vi):- (i) Written consent of women employees shall be required before employing them in night shifts. (ii) The employer will provide adequate CCTV Surveillance, Security and proper Transport facility to the women employees including employees of contractors during the night shifts. (iii) No employer of any shop or establishment shall knowingly employ a woman in any establishment during six weeks following the day of her confinement or miscarriage. (iv) a minimum of two women employees shall be employed during the period mentioned in sub-section (2). (v) The employer of such shops and establishment shall be required to abide by the provisions of Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Work Place (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 as amended from time to time. (vi) Such other conditions as may be notified in this regard by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi from time to time. It shall come into force on such date as the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. [Notification No. F.14 (104)/LA/2026/jtsecylaw/374-385]

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Delhi Govt. issued the List of holidays for the year 2026

Mar 08, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on March 02, 2026, issued the issued the List of holidays for the year 2026. The list of holidays for the year 2026 to be observed in the administrative offices of central government located at Delhi/New Delhi is attached to the document below.

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Delhi Govt. notified regarding the Renewal of License in form of L-15/L-15F and L-16/L-16F

Mar 03, 2026 | State | Delhi

The Government of Delhi on February 25, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Renewal of License in form of L-15/L-15F and L-16/L-16F. The following has been stated namely: - • The Competent Authority has approved renewal of all existing L-15/L-15F and L-16/L-16F excise licenses for the period April 01, 2026 to March 31, 2027, subject to payment of prescribed license and additional fees. • Licensees must apply online through the EABKARI portal using their EXD ID and password and pay the applicable renewal and additional fees within the prescribed timelines. • Licensees must ensure that the licensed premises remain in their legal possession during the license period, as required under Section 13(1) of the Delhi Excise Act. • The annual license fee for FY 2026–27 has been revised with a 10% increase on both Indian Liquor and Foreign Liquor components across all categories of hotels/restaurants. • Separate annual fee structures have been prescribed for: • L-15/L-15F licenses (hotel-based), • L-16/L-16F licenses up to 75 seat covers, • L-16/L-16F licenses above 75 seat covers. • Motels classified by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, will pay license fees based on their classification category until reclassification. • Under the 24x7 Scheme, 4-Star, 5-Star, 5-Star Deluxe and above category hotels, and Deluxe Motels must pay an additional 50% of the basic annual license fee for round-the-clock liquor service. • Five-Star and above category hotels that already have permission for additional L-16/L-16F units (24x7) must apply afresh for such permission for the new licensing year. • Licensees opting to pay the license fee in two installments (initial 6 months) must pay the second installment by September 29, 2026 with 12% annual interest; failure will attract double the second installment amount. • Timeline for renewal fee payment: • March 01–31, 2026: License fee + 25% additional annual fee. • From 01 April 2026 onwards: License fee + 100% additional annual fee. Additional area fee (75% of annual license fee, if applicable) must also be paid at the time of renewal. [Notification No. Exc-HCR/2/2025-HCR-Excise/1858]

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Goa

Indian Stamp (Goa Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa, on March 30, 2026, issued the Indian Stamp (Goa Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, further to amend the Indian Stamp Act, 1899, as in force in the State of Goa. The following has been stated: - •Under the Indian Stamp Act, 1899 (as applicable in Goa), a new clause is added for conveyance in company mergers, demergers, or reconstructions. •Applies to transactions approved under the Companies Act, 1956 and Companies Act, 2013. •Stamp duty fixed at 5% of market value/consideration, capped at ■10 crore. It shall come into force at once. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 8/1/2026-LA/120]

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Goa Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on March 27, 2026, issued the Goa Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Goa Value Added Tax Rules, 2005. The following amendments have been stated: • For rule 6 of the Goa Value Added Tax Rules, 2005, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:— "6. Composition of Tax".— (1) Any registered dealer covered under Schedule 'E' to the Act may apply within thirty days from the date of commencement of financial year or from the date of commencement of validity of registration certificate, or from the date of notification issued by the Government under subsection (4) of Section 5 of the Act and a new class of dealers or class of goods are included in Schedule 'E' to the Act, as the case may be, to the Appropriate Assessing Authority in Form VAT-XIII to compound the tax assessable. Every such application shall be accompanied by documentary proof of payment of fees as applicable as per these rules. The time limit of 30 days shall be reckoned from the date of submission of application or the date of full payment of applicable fees, whichever is later. (2) Any registered dealer who has failed to apply for composition under sub-rule (1) above may submit an application for composition of tax to the Appropriate Assessing Authority beyond said thirty days, but not later than 180 days from the date of commencement of financial year or from the date of commencement of validity of registration certificate, or from the date of notification issued by the Government under sub-section (4) of Section 5 of the Act and a new class of dealers or class of goods are included in the Schedule 'E' to the Act, as the case may be, on payment of a late fee of Rs. 100/- per day of delay, apart from applicable fees. The time limit of 180 days shall be reckoned from the date of submission of application or the date of full payment of late fee, whichever is later. (3) Every application filed under sub-rule (2) above shall be accompanied by documentary proof of payment of applicable fees and the late fee calculated as per sub-rule (2). Any application filed without making full payment of late fee as applicable shall be ab-initio invalid and shall not be processed further. (4) The dealer shall not be eligible for composition of tax in case he,— (i) makes sales in the course of inter-State trade or commerce within the meaning of Section 3 of the Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 (Central Act 74 of 1956); (ii) brings any goods in the State of Goa or to whom any goods are dispatched from any place outside the State; (iii) makes consignment sale/stock transfers; (iv) makes sales in the course of import of goods into or export of the goods out of the territory of India, within the meaning of Section 5 of the said Central Sales Tax Act, 1956 (Central Act 74 of 1956); (v) receives any goods for sale on consignment basis or effects sales on

behalf of the principal; (vi) is a non-resident dealer; and (vii) exceeds the limit of turnover, specified in column 3 of Schedule 'E' to the Act at any time during the year; (5) The Appropriate Assessing Authority upon scrutiny of application received from the dealer under sub-rule (1) or (2) if satisfied that it is in order shall grant him the Composition Certificate in Form VATXIV. The dealer to whom composition certificate is granted shall: (a) display the certificate in VAT FORM XIV at a conspicuous place at his principal place of business and all additional places of business; (b) display the following message at least at two prominent and visible places at his principal place of business and all additional places of business with minimum letter size of not less than 2 cms. namely:— "COMPOSITION DEALER, NOT AUTHORISED TO COLLECT VALUE ADDED TAX (VAT)" (6) The option of composition availed of by a registered dealer shall continue to be in force till the time the dealer voluntarily opts out of the composition scheme. The date from which the registered dealer shall be treated as having opted out of the composition scheme shall be the date as mentioned in the opt out application in Form VAT-XIIIA, and such date shall be on or after submission of such written opt out application with full payment of applicable fees. The date of submission of opt out application shall be reckoned from the date of submission of opt out application or the date of full payment of late fee, whichever is later. (7) A dealer to whom a certificate of composition of tax in Form VAT-XIV has been granted, if violates any conditions prescribed under these rules at any time, such certificate of composition shall stand automatically invalid from the date of such violation and the dealer shall cease to be eligible for composition from such date. The input tax credit on the stock held by the dealer on the date of such ineligibility shall be allowed to him in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (1) of Rule 7 of these rules. (8) The payment of the amount of composition tax at the rate specified in Schedule 'E' to the Act shall be made by the respective dealer every month in Form VAT-V in the Government treasury, within 30 days from the expiry of each month to which the payment relates. (9) The dealer to whom the composition certificate has been granted, shall file return of his sales for every quarter in Form VAT-IV, within 30 days from the end of the quarter along with documentary proof of payment of composition levy for each month of the quarter. (10) The dealer to whom composition certificate has been granted may at his option, instead of filing quarterly returns, may file a single return of his sales for financial year in VAT-IV within thirty days of the end of financial year along with documentary proof of payment of composition levy for each month of the financial year. (11) The Appropriate Assessing Authority shall finally dispose every application received under this rule within 30 days from the date of the submission of application or the date of full payment of fees/late fees as applicable, whichever is later. (12) The Appropriate Assessing Authority shall, before rejecting any application under this rule, afford a reasonable opportunity of hearing to the applicant and may reject the application by recording reasons for the same. • In rule 46 of the Principal Rules, — (i) against entry (ix), for the expression "on application to the Commissioner for composition of tax-Rs. 500/-" the expression "opting in for composition Scheme in Form VAT XIII-Rs. 700/-" shall be substituted; (ii) against entry (x), for the expression "on application to the commissioner for renewal of certificate of composition - Rs. 1000/-" the expression "opting out of composition scheme in Form VAT XIIIA-Rs. 900/- " shall be substituted. They shall come into force from April 01, 2026. [Notification No. 4/5/2005-Fin(R&C) (155)/31349]

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Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on March 20, 2026, issued the Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026 to establish a comprehensive regulatory and accreditation framework governing the establishment, operation, and recognition of Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga Centres within the State of Goa. Goa, traditionally known

for its coastal tourism, is now repositioning itself as a safe, sustainable, and diversified destination offering high-value, year-round experiences. As part of this shift, wellness tourism has been identified as a priority sector under the State's tourism strategy. The focus is on building a regenerative tourism model that promotes sustainability, community participation, cultural preservation, and long-term resilience. The State aims to develop a structured wellness ecosystem that combines preventive healthcare, Ayurveda, yoga, holistic therapies, and nature-based experiences. Establishing and regulating quality wellness facilities is seen as essential to support this vision, while also promoting local livelihoods and balanced regional development, especially in rural and hinterland areas. Accordingly, the Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026 has been introduced as a comprehensive framework to organize, regulate, and promote the sector. The policy seeks to position Goa as a globally recognized wellness destination by ensuring high standards, safety, authenticity, and ethical practices. It aims to create a robust regulatory and accreditation system, curb unauthorized or substandard centres, and enhance visitor confidence. Additionally, it focuses on generating employment, encouraging skill development and entrepreneurship, and aligning with national standards, particularly those of the Ministry of AYUSH. The policy applies to all wellness, Ayurveda, and yoga centres in Goa, whether standalone or part of hotels and resorts. It governs their registration, accreditation, quality standards, and monitoring. While accreditation is generally voluntary, it becomes mandatory for centres seeking official recognition or promotion under Goa Tourism initiatives. The policy is applicable to both existing and new establishments, subject to specified compliance timelines and conditions. The notification shall come into force from March 20, 2026. [Notification No. 3/(5298)-2026/DT/6849]

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Goa Govt. issued notification on 24-Month Verification Period for Fuel Dispensers in Goa

Mar 13, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on March 12, 2026, issued notification on 24-Month Verification Period for Fuel Dispensers in Goa. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, issued a notification on December 18, 2025 regarding the verification period for fuel dispensers used for petrol and diesel. Following this notification, the Government of Goa has announced that all fuel dispensers in the state must undergo verification once every twenty-four (24) months. This rule will apply across the entire state of Goa and will come into force with retrospective effect from January 01, 2026. This means the two-year verification cycle for fuel dispensers will be considered effective from that date. [Notification No. 16/1/ENF/CLM-2026/156]

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Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholars Scheme, 2025

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Goa

The Directorate of Higher Education, Goa, on March 12, 2026, issued the Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholars Scheme, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Directorate of Higher Education, Goa, notified the Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholars Scheme 2025 to encourage Goan students to pursue Postgraduate and PhD studies in reputed institutions in India and abroad. •Applicants must be 35 years or below, residents of Goa (generally 15 years), and have at least 60% marks in the qualifying degree with strong academic performance. •40 scholars annually (up to 50 in special cases) will be selected through screening and

interview based on academic record, extracurricular achievements, institution reputation, and interview performance. •Selected candidates will receive ■6 lakh for studies in India or ■15 lakh for studies abroad, disbursed via Direct Benefit Transfer. •Applications are submitted online to the Directorate, and the scheme is funded through the Higher Education Promotion Fund (HEPF) managed by the department. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: ACAD-II/MPGSS-2025/182/DHE/2025-26/10884]

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Govt. of Goa issued a notification regarding prohibitory Orders around the Porvorim Assembly Complex during the legislative session

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa, on March 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding prohibitory Orders around Porvorim Assembly Complex during the legislative session. The following has been stated: - •The District Magistrate, North Goa, has prohibited assembly of five or more persons, processions, carrying weapons, use of loudspeakers, slogan shouting, and burning of fire within a 500-meter radius of the Assembly Complex at Porvorim and Panaji Police Station jurisdiction. •The restrictions are imposed in view of the 13th session of the 8th Goa Legislative Assembly. •The order does not apply to public servants on duty or genuine marriage/funeral processions with prior written permission. •The restrictions are effective from 10:00 a.m., March 06, 2026, until the Assembly session ends on March 27, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: DI/INF/AXP/SAG/PD/UH/2026/1286]

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Govt. of Goa notified regarding the prohibition of strike in any form in all transport services

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa, on February 09, 2026, notified regarding the prohibition of strike in any form in all transport services. Government of Goa under Goa Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1988 and in the public interest prohibits strike in any form in All Transport Services for the carriage of passengers or goods by land or water in the State of Goa with immediate effect. [Notification No. DI/NB/AXP/SAG/UB/UH/2026/1235]

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Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Restrictions on Transportation of Liquor

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa, on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the Restrictions on Transportation of Liquor. The following has been stated namely: - • The Department of Finance (Revenue and Control) has announced restrictions on liquor in the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the City of Panaji, North Goa District, due to the

polling day and counting of votes for the General Election of the City of Panaji. From March 10, 11, and 13, 2026, transportation of liquor from one place to another within this area will be prohibited. • Additionally, limits have been set on possession: a maximum of three quart bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) or other foreign liquor (excluding beer) and six bottles of 650 ml beer per person including their family, or three quart bottles of country liquor per person including their family, will be allowed within the specified area. [Notification No. DI/INF/AXP/SAG/PD/SN/2026/1278]

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Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Paid Holiday on March 11, 2026, for the Panaji Municipal Corporation Election Polling Day

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the Paid Holiday on March 11, 2026, for the Panaji Municipal Corporation Election Polling Day. The Government has declared Wednesday, March 11, 2026, as a paid holiday on account of the Polling Day for the General Election to the Corporation of the City of Panaji. The holiday will apply to all establishments in the State of Goa, including commercial and industrial undertakings, government departments, and other establishments. It also extends to daily wage and casual workers employed in any business, trade, industrial unit, or government establishment, provided they are entitled to vote in the said election. [Notification no. - DI/INF/AXP/SAG/PD/SN/2026/1273]

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Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Closure of Liquor Sale in Panaji on Polling and Counting Days for Corporation Elections, 2026

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the Closure of Liquor Sale in Panaji on Polling and Counting Days for the Corporation Elections, 2026. The Government has directed that all licensed premises selling liquor within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the City of Panaji in North Goa District shall remain closed on March 10, 11, and 13, 2026, in view of the polling and counting of votes for the General Elections to the Corporation of the City of Panaji. However, establishments holding Bar and Restaurant licenses may keep their restaurants open solely for serving food, while the bar counters must remain closed and no liquor shall be served on these days. Such establishments are also required to display a notice/board clearly stating that liquor will not be served and that only food service is available. [Notification no. - DI/INF/AXP/SAG/PD/SN/2026/1277]

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Goa Govt. issued Paid Holiday on account of the Bye Election

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on February 26, 2026, issued Paid Holiday on account of the Bye Election. The Government has declared March 08, 2026 (Sunday) as a paid holiday for employees who are eligible to vote in the bye-elections for 14 vacant wards across various Village Panchayats in Goa, including areas in Pernem, Bicholim, Bardez, Salcete, Ponda, Quepem, and Canacona Talukas. The holiday is intended to enable voters to participate in the polling process. The order applies to all establishments in the State, including businesses, trade units, industrial undertakings, government departments, and other organizations. It also covers daily wage and casual workers, ensuring that they receive paid leave on the polling day. This measure has been introduced to facilitate voter participation and ensure that employees are not deprived of their wages while exercising their right to vote in the bye-elections. [Notification No. DI/INF/AXP/SAG/PD/SN/2026/1270]

Goa Govt. issued Restriction On Sale Of Liquor

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa March 02, 2026, issued Restriction On Sale Of Liquor. The Department of Finance (Revenue and Control) has ordered the closure of all licensed liquor-selling premises on March 07, 08, and 09, 2026 in specified wards across several Village Panchayats in Pernem, Bicholim, Bardez, Salcete, Ponda, Quepem, and Canacona Talukas. The restriction applies due to the polling and counting of votes for the bye-election to 14 vacant wards of Village Panchayats. During these dates, the sale and service of liquor will not be permitted in the notified wards. However, establishments holding “Bar and Restaurant” licenses may keep their restaurant sections open solely for serving food, while the bar counters must remain closed. Additionally, such establishments must clearly display a notice within their premises stating that no liquor will be served and that the restaurant is open only for food service during the specified period. [Notification No. DI/INF/AXP/SAG/PD/SN/2026/1279]

Govt. of Goa notified regarding the verification of the Principal Place of Business of Taxpayers in cases where GST Registration Welcome Letters sent to the given Address are returned undelivered

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Goa

The Department of Finance, Govt. of Goa on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the verification of the Principal Place of Business of Taxpayers in cases where GST Registration Welcome Letters sent to the given Address are returned undelivered. The following has been stated: • The circular provides that where system-generated GST welcome letters sent by registered post are returned undelivered with remarks such as “incorrect address” or “no such person,” the Centralised Registration Cell shall forward such cases within three working days to the jurisdictional State Tax Officer (STO) for immediate field verification. • The STO shall conduct physical verification of the declared principal and additional places of business, examine uploaded documents, record statements, take photographs, and ascertain the genuineness of the taxpayer’s existence. If the entity is found non-existent or the address fictitious, action for cancellation of registration shall be initiated under Section 29(2) of the GST law; if the taxpayer exists but address discrepancies are found, amendments under Section 28 shall be directed. • A detailed report shall be submitted within 30 days, and further action must be taken promptly within statutory timelines without awaiting additional instructions. Such taxpayers are to be monitored for at least six months for compliance and suspicious ITC utilisation. [Notification no. - CST/26-5/CRU/2025-26/5648]

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Goa Govt. notified regarding Holiday on March 11, 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa on February 25, 2026, issued the notification declaring Holiday on March 11, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • This is due to the General Elections to the Corporation of the City of Panaji. • This is applicable to every person employed in any business, trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishment and entitled to vote at the aforesaid General Elections, throughout the State of Goa. • The aforesaid holiday shall be a "paid holiday" [Notification No. 37/3/2019-GAD-III/897]

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Govt. of Goa notified regarding the Prohibition on Transport and Restriction on Possession of Liquor in Panaji during Polling and Counting Days

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Goa

The Government of Goa, on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the Prohibition on Transport and Restriction on Possession of Liquor in Panaji during Polling and Counting Days. The following has been stated namely: - • During this period, individuals may possess only limited quantities of liquor without a permit—up to three quart bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liquor or foreign liquor (other than beer) along with six 650 ml bottles of beer, or three quart bottles of country liquor, including for their family. The notification remains effective on the specified dates. • It overrides earlier Government Notifications dated 28-08-2014, specifically for the stated election period. • This Notification shall remain in force from March 10, 2026, March 11, 2026 and March 13, 2026, on account of Polling day and Counting of votes for the General Elections to the Corporation of the City of Panaji in North Goa District of the State of Goa. [Notification No. 2/3/2024-Fin(R&C)(B)/31039]

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Government of Goa declared a dry day in Panaji on account of the Municipal Elections

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Goa

The government of Goa on February 27, 2026, declared a dry day and ordered the closure of all licensed premises “for the sale of liquor” on March 10, 2026, March 11, 2026, and March 13, 2026, within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of the City of Panaji, North Goa District. This directive has been issued under Rule 99(4) of the Goa Excise Duty Rules, 1964, in view of Polling Day and Counting of Votes for the General Elections to the Corporation. However, establishments holding a “Bar and Restaurant” licence may keep their restaurant section open for serving food only. The bar counter must remain closed, and no liquor may be served on the specified dates. Such premises must also display a notice clearly stating that liquor will not be served and that only food is available. [Notification No. 2/3/2024-Fin(R&C)(A)/31038]

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Draft Goa Land Revenue (Record of Rights and Register of Cultivators) (Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Goa

The Department of Revenue, Govt. of Goa on February 26, 2026, issued the Draft Goa Land Revenue (Record of Rights and Register of Cultivators) (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to further amend the Goa Land Revenue (Record of Rights and Register of Cultivators) Rules, 1969. In Rule 10, in sub-rule (1), in the Proviso, after Clause (vi), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- (vii) Order of reclassification has been issued by the Government under Section 24 of the Code. All objections and/or suggestions to the said draft rules may be forwarded to the Secretary (Revenue) to the Government of Goa, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa, by March 13, 2026. [Notification no. - 16-27-2010/RD/242]

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Gujarat

GERC issued the Draft Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) on March 11, 2026, issued the Draft Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to further amend the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, 2024. The following has been stated namely: - • These Regulations shall extend to the whole of the State of Gujarat • Regulation 1(4) which states the "Short Title, Extent and Commencement" has been substituted namely: - "The Banking Charge specified in the Regulation 17.6 shall be effective from the date of notification of these Regulations up to 30th June 2026 or earlier date on which the Commission notifies such charges through a separate notification of Regulation" • Regulation 17.6 which state "Banking Facility and Charges" been substituted namely: - "(viii) The Banking Charge at rate of Rs. 1.50 per unit shall be effective from the date of notification of these Regulations up to 30th June 2026 or earlier date on which the Commission notifies such charges through a separate notification of Regulation. Thereafter, the banking charge for the period starting from the separate notification by Regulations notified by the Commission shall be applicable." [Notification No. GERC/Tech/GEOA/2026/]

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Draft GERC Green Energy Open Access (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) on March 11, 2026, issued draft regulations titled Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026. These regulations are proposed under the powers conferred by Sections 39, 40, 42, 61 and 86 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, to amend the existing 2024 Green Energy Open Access framework applicable across the State of Gujarat. The draft amendment primarily revises provisions relating to banking charges for green energy. It proposes that the banking charge specified under Regulation 17.6 will remain effective from the date of notification until June 30, 2026, or until a revised charge is notified earlier by the Commission. This ensures a defined interim period for applicability of current charges while allowing flexibility for future revisions through separate notifications. Further, the amendment specifies that the banking charge shall be ■1.50 per unit during this interim period. After the expiry of this period or issuance of a new notification, the applicable banking charges will be determined as per subsequent regulations notified by the Commission. The draft regulations will come into force upon publication in the Official Gazette. [Notification No. GERC/Tech/GEOA/2026/……]

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Govt. of Gujarat notified regarding the Crop Calendar and Harvesting Period of Mustard & Gram, as well as Summer Green Gram (Moong)

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Co-Operation Department, Govt. of Gujarat on February 13, 2026, notified regarding the Crop Calendar and Harvesting Period of Mustard & Gram, as well as Summer Green Gram (Moong). For the procurement of Mustard and Gram during 2025–26, the Government has notified the crop calendar and harvesting periods as required under MSP guidelines. For the Rabi season, Mustard and Gram will be sown during October–November and harvested in February–March. For the Summer season, Green Gram (Moong) will be sown during February–March and harvested in May–June. [Notification no. - GKH/24/2026/ACD/Mis/e-file/2/2026/0657/K7]

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Gujarat Govt. notified regarding the Prohibition of Strike in Essential Services in Khambhat Municipality

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Government of Gujarat on February 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Prohibition of Strike in Essential Services – Khambhat Municipality The following has been stated namely: - • The Government of Gujarat has prohibited employees connected with essential services under Khambhat Municipality from going on strike or abstaining from work. • The order is issued in public interest to ensure continuity of emergency and essential municipal services and prevent hardship to the public. • The order will remain in force for six months. This shall come into force on February 13, 2026. [Notification No. GHV-18/2026/UDUHD/MIS/e-file/18/2026/0950/R Section]

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Gujarat Govt. issued an amendment to the older notification stating the supply of online money gaming, supply of online gaming other than online money gaming and supply of actionable claims in casinos

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Gujarat

The Government of Gujarat on January 30, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification no. (GHN-70) GST202315. 15(5) (1) GST Cell, dated October 01, 2023, stating the supply of online money gaming, supply of online gaming other than online money gaming, and supply of actionable claims in casinos. The following has been amended, namely: - • It states that after clause (iii), a new clause (iv) has been inserted to include pan masala, unmanufactured tobacco (other than tobacco leaves), cigarettes, other manufactured tobacco products (excluding bidis), and specified inhalation products containing tobacco or nicotine where RSP is declared on the package. • The amendment clearly defines “retail sale price” and provides rules for situations involving multiple, altered, or area-specific RSP declarations to ensure uniform valuation. These changes will come into force from February 01, 2026. [Notification no. 19/2025- State Tax]

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Haryana

Department of Labour, Haryana, issued a notification regarding exemptions for Shops & Establishments

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Department of Labour, Haryana, on March 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding exemptions for Shops & Establishments. The following has been stated: - •Haryana Government allows shops and commercial establishments registered online (self-certification) to operate beyond standard opening/closing hours and weekly off provisions. •Women can work night shifts (8 PM–6 AM) with separate approval under specified conditions. •Employees cannot work more than 48 hours per week and 10 hours per day, with total duty (including rest) capped at 12 hours daily. •Overtime must be paid at double the normal wage rate, and a rest break of at least 30 minutes is required after 6 hours of work. •All other labour laws must be followed, and the notification must be displayed at the workplace; exemption does not override other government or police rules. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 11/26/2025–4Lab.]

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Haryana Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2025

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on February 23, 2026, issued the Haryana Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2025. This shall take effect from October 30, 2025. The following has been stated: • The Act aims to promote ease of living and ease of doing business by decriminalising certain offences and rationalising penalties under various state laws. It provides that penalties prescribed under the amended laws may increase by 10% every three years. • The Act also establishes a mechanism for the imposition of penalties by a competent authority with the right of appeal to an appellate authority, ensuring principles of natural justice. If the penalty amount is not paid, it can be recovered as arrears of land revenue. • Additionally, the Act amends provisions in several older laws (such as certain Punjab-era statutes applicable in Haryana) mainly by replacing criminal punishments with monetary penalties and updating penalty limits. [Notification no. - Leg. 11/2026]

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Haryana Registration and Regulation of Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 08, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on March 02, 2026, issued the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Travel Agents Act, 2025. The Government of Haryana on March 02, 2026, issued the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Haryana Registration and Regulation of Travel Agents Act, 2025. The following amendments have been stated: • In section 7 of the principal Act,- (i) in clause (g), for the sign ":" existing at the end, the sign and word "; or"shall be substituted; and (ii) after clause

(g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(h) violated any provision of this Act:". After section 22 of the principal Act, the following section shall be added, namely:- "23. Act not in derogation of any other law.- The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of provisions of any other Central Act for the time being in force except specifically provided under this Act and in case of any inconsistency in provisions other than specifically provided under this Act, the provisions of Central Act shall have overriding effect to the extent of inconsistency.". [Bill No. 3- HLA of 2026]

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Haryana Govt. notified regarding the harvesting period of Arhar

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on February 17, 2026, issued the notification regarding the harvesting period of Arhar. • The Harvesting period is from November 01, 2026 to December 31, 2026 • The procurement period is from December 01, 2026 to December 30, 2026. [Notification No. 33–Agri. II (I)-2026/924]

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Haryana Govt. notified regarding the harvesting period of Nigerseed

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on February 17, 2026, issued the notification regarding the harvesting period of Nigerseed. • The Harvesting period is from November 01, 2026 to November 15, 2026 • The procurement period is from November 01, 2026 to November 30, 2026. [Notification No. 33–Agri. II (I)-2026/952]

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Haryana Govt. notified regarding the harvesting period of Sunflower seed

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on February 17, 2026, issued the notification regarding the harvesting period of Sunflower seed. • The Harvesting period is from June 01, 2026 to June 15, 2026 • The procurement period is from June 01, 2026 to June 30, 2026. [Notification No. 33–Agri. II (I)-2026/904]

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Haryana Govt. issued the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Haryana

The Government of Haryana on February 19, 2026, issued the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, to further amend the Haryana Development and Regulation of

Urban Areas Act, 1975. The following has been stated namely: - • In section 7A after the word "lease", the words "or exchange deed" shall be substituted. [Notification No. 12/2026]

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Himachal Pradesh

Department of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh, issued a notification regarding an amendment to the Himachal Pradesh Taxation (on Certain Goods Carried by Road) Act, 1999

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh, on March 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment to the Himachal Pradesh Taxation (on Certain Goods Carried by Road) Act, 1999. The following has been stated: - •Amendment issued under the Himachal Pradesh Taxation (on Certain Goods Carried by Road) Act, 1999, revises Schedule I. •Item No. 22 (Packaged Drinking Water) has been updated in the tax schedule. •The tax rate is now fixed at ■3 per 10 litres. •This replaces the earlier rate applicable to the commodity. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: EXN-A(3)-3/2023-Loose]

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Himachal Pradesh Goods and Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 18, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Goods and Services Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2025 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017. The following amendments have been stated: • After rule 9, the following rule shall be inserted, namely: - “9A. Grant of registration electronically. - Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 9, any person who has applied for registration under rule 8 or rule 12 or rule 17, shall, upon identification on the common portal based on data analysis and risk parameters, be granted registration electronically by the common portal, within three working days from the date of submission of application.”. • In the said rules, in sub-rule (1) of rule 10, after the words and figure "under rule 9,", the words, letters and figures "rule 9A and rule 14A," shall be inserted. • In the said rules, after rule 14, the following rule shall be inserted, namely: - “14A. Option for taxpayers having monthly output tax liability below threshold limit. – (1) Any person who has made application for registration under rule 8 and who determines that his total output tax liability on supply of goods or services or both made to registered persons on account of central tax and State tax or Union territory tax and integrated tax and compensation cess, does not exceed two lakh and fifty thousand rupees per month, shall have an option to get registration electronically, in accordance with the provisions of this rule. (2) Any person, other than a person notified under sub-section (6D) of section 25, who has not opted for authentication of Aadhaar number, shall not be eligible for grant of registration in terms of this rule. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in rule 11, a person registered under this rule in a State or Union territory shall not be eligible to obtain another registration in the same State or Union territory under this rule against the same Permanent Account Number. (4) Upon successful authentication of Aadhar number, the applicant referred to in subrule (1) shall be granted registration electronically by the common portal, within three working days from the date of submission of application. (5) The registered person who intends to withdraw from the option availed under subrule (1), shall file an application, in FORM GST REG-32, duly signed or verified through electronic verification code on the common portal, either directly or through a Facilitation Centre notified by the Commissioner: Provided that the registered person shall not be allowed to file such

application unless he has furnished, - (a) returns for a period of minimum three months, where such application is filed before 1st April, 2026; (b) returns for a period of minimum one tax period, where such application is filed on or after 1st April, 2026; and (c) all the returns due for the period from the effective date of registration till the date of application for withdrawal: Provided further that the registered person shall be allowed to file such application where no proceedings under section 29 have been initiated against such registered person. (6) Where there is any change in particulars furnished in FORM GST REG-01 by the person who has been granted registration under this rule, the said registered person shall get the particulars amended under rule 19 before filing an application for withdrawal under sub-rule (5). (7) Based on data analysis and risk parameters on the common portal, the provisions of sub-rule (4A) of rule 8 relating to authentication of Aadhaar number or biometricbased Aadhaar authentication, taking photograph of the applicant along with verification of original copy of documents uploaded along with registration application in FORM GST REG-01, shall, so far as may be, apply to application for withdrawal filed under sub-rule (5). (8) The provisions of sub-rules (5) and (6) of rule 8 relating to issuance of acknowledgment, shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to the application filed under subrule (5). (9) The application filed for withdrawal under sub-rule (5), shall be verified in accordance with the provisions of rule 9. (10) Upon verification under sub-rule (9), the proper officer shall issue an order in FORM GSTREG-33 allowing the application for withdrawal from the option availed under sub-rule (1) or order for rejection of application in FORM GST REG05, within a period specified under rule 9, as the case may be, which shall be made available to the registered person on the common portal. (11) The registered person who has received an order issued under sub-rule (10) allowing withdrawal shall be able to furnish the details of output tax liability on supply of goods or services or both made to registered persons, exceeding the output tax liability as referred toin sub-rule (1), from the first day of succeeding month in which the said order has been issued. (12) A registered person to whom an order under sub-rule (10) has been issued, shall not amend the details furnished in respect of output tax liability so as to exceed the limit of the output tax liability specified in sub-rule (1) for the period prior to the first day of succeeding month in which the said order has been issued. (13) Where proceedings for cancellation of registration have been initiated by the proper officer after the filing of withdrawal application and the said proceedings are pending, the withdrawal application under sub-rule (5) shall be rejected by the proper officer and the provisions in relation to approval of application on deemed basis under sub-rule (5) of rule9, shall not be applicable in such case.”. They shall be deemed to have come into force from November 01, 2025. [Notification No. EXN-F(10)-2/2025-Vol-I]

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Government of Himachal Pradesh Jawali Notification of Outdoor Advertisement Bye-Laws, 2025

Mar 28, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on November 27, 2025 has notified the “Outdoor Advertisement Bye-Laws, 2025” under the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994. The bye-laws aim to regulate outdoor advertisements and hoardings within the municipal limits to ensure orderly development and public safety. The bye-laws mandate prior written permission from the Executive Officer for display of advertisements, while specifying exemptions for certain categories such as government notices, business-related displays, and election-related advertisements. It also imposes strict restrictions on placement of hoardings, including prohibition near highways, water sources, trees, sharp turns, and ecologically sensitive areas, along with size limits and safety considerations. Further, detailed provisions have been introduced regarding advertisement zoning, road safety, illumination standards, and prohibition of distracting or hazardous displays. These

measures are intended to preserve environmental aesthetics, ensure traffic safety, and maintain regulatory control over advertisement activities in the Municipal Council Jawali area. [Notification No. MC/JWL/Adv.Bye-Laws-2025-1146]

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Government of Himachal Pradesh Amendment to Himachal Pradesh Lease Rules, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 23, 2026 has notified the Himachal Pradesh Lease (Amendment) Rules, 2026 after publication of draft rules and no objections being received within the stipulated period. The amendment has been made under the Himachal Pradesh Village Common Lands Vesting and Utilization Act, 1974 and the Himachal Pradesh Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1972. The amendment primarily revises Rule 7 of the Himachal Pradesh Lease Rules, 2013 by prescribing that lease of land by the State Government shall not exceed 40 years in general. However, an exception has been provided for leases granted in favour of HIMUDA, where the lease period may extend up to 80 years. These amended rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official e-Gazette of Himachal Pradesh. [Notification No. Rev-D (G)6-12/2016]

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Draft Himachal Pradesh Lease (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 23, 2026, issued the Draft Himachal Pradesh Lease (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Lease Rules, 2013. The following amendments have been stated: • In Rule 4 of the Himachal Pradesh Lease Rules, 2013 after sub- rule (vii), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:- (viii) The construction of residential houses purely for private /non-commercial use. If any person likely to be affected by this amendment has any objection (s) or suggestions(s) to make in respect of these rules, he may send the same to the Addl. Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla171002 within 30 days from the date of publication of these draft rules in Rajpatra (e-Gazette), Himachal Pradesh. [Notification No. Rev-D(G)6-9/2019-Part-1]

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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 2025

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on November 27, 2025, issued the Himachal Pradesh Municipality, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025. The byelaws outline the framework for issuance and regulation of trade licenses within the Municipal

Council area. A temporary trade license is issued for short durations (1–30 days) for activities at fairs, events, or mobile vending setups, while regular trade licenses are granted for one year and must be obtained by applying to the Executive Officer in the prescribed format. The municipal area is treated as a single zone, and definitions are provided for various business types such as superstores, e-commerce, and cloud kitchens. The process includes provisions for renewal, transfer, closure, and modification of licenses. Licenses can be renewed within specified timelines with applicable penalties for delays, and no additional documents are required except a no-dues certificate. Transfer is generally restricted except in case of death of the licensee, while modifications are allowed for limited changes like mobile number, subcategory, or address within the same ward. Temporary licenses are also available for vendors and event-based activities, with prescribed fees. The byelaws further specify fees and charges, including nominal fees for transfer, closure, and temporary licenses, as well as separate charges for film shooting permissions based on budget categories. Various conditions for grant of license are also prescribed, such as mandatory registration with the Labour & Employment Department, compliance with permitted trade activities, maintenance of records, payment of municipal dues, and adherence to inspection requirements. The Executive Officer has the authority to impose conditions, and licensees must ensure no encroachment on public spaces and display the license prominently at business premises. [Notification No:-MC/JWL/Trade.Bye-Laws-2025- 1145]

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Himachal Pradesh Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 20, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Value Added Tax Act, 2005. The following has been stated: • The act is amended to introduce a new definition of “Orphan and Widow Cess” under Section 2. • A new Section 6-A is inserted to levy this cess in addition to VAT, on petrol and high-speed diesel at the point of first sale. o The cess rate will be notified by the Government, with a maximum limit of ■5 per litre. o The collected amount will be credited to the Orphan and Widow Welfare Fund. o The fund will be utilized specifically for the welfare of orphans and widows. [Bill No. 2 of 2026]

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Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye - laws 2018 of Municipal council Jawali for municipal solid waste management & disposal

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on November 27, 2025, issued the Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye - laws 2018 of Municipal council Jawali for municipal solid waste management & disposal. The Municipal Council is required to establish an integrated Solid Waste Management (SWM) system aimed at minimizing waste disposal and maximizing resource recovery. The approach prioritizes waste prevention through reduction and reuse at source, followed by recycling of materials, composting of organic waste, and recovery of energy from non-recyclable waste using technologies such as biomethanation and incineration. Residual waste should be scientifically disposed of in sanitary landfills as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. The system must be environmentally sustainable, focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through recycling, waste-to-energy initiatives, and landfill gas utilization. Citizens and waste

generators play a key role and are responsible for segregating waste into biodegradable, non-biodegradable, and domestic hazardous categories using color-coded bins. Segregated waste must be handed over to authorized collectors through a daily door-to-door collection system, for which a user fee is applicable. Bulk waste generators, such as large institutions, are required to process biodegradable waste within their premises and ensure proper disposal of other waste streams. Special provisions exist for event organizers, street vendors, and handling of specific waste types like sanitary, construction, and hazardous waste. Littering, burning, or improper disposal of waste is strictly prohibited and subject to penalties, while awareness campaigns are encouraged to promote responsible waste management practices. The Municipal Council is responsible for ensuring efficient primary collection and transportation of waste from all areas, including households, slums, and commercial establishments, using suitable collection vehicles. It must also integrate informal waste pickers into the system by recognizing them, forming self-help groups, and providing identity cards. Separate collection systems are to be maintained for street sweeping waste and horticulture waste. Fixed timings for waste collection must be followed, typically in the early morning for residential areas and during the day for commercial areas. Additionally, ward-level offices should be established to support waste management operations and address public grievances effectively. These bye – laws shall come into force from the date of their adoption by the Municipal council and already being implemented in the municipal area. This shall apply to Municipal council Jawali municipal area. [Notification No:- MC/JWL/D2D.Bye-Laws-2025- 1148]

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Municipal Corporation Palampur Erection, Exhibition, Afixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye-Laws 2025

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Corporation Palampur on September 25, 2025, issued the Municipal Corporation Palampur Erection, Exhibition, Afixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye-Laws 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • These Bye-laws shall be applicable within the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation Palampur • No advertisement shall be erected, exhibited, affixed or retained upon or over any land building, wall boarding, frame, post or structure or upon in any vehicle or shall be displayed in any manner, whatsoever in any place within the Municipal area including private land and buildings without the written permission of the Commissioner • Applicant or the person concerned, intending to erect, exhibit and affix the advertisement hoardings within the area of the Corporation, shall in writing submit the detail of the location/site, size of hoarding to occupied for such installation • Whosoever, is found guilty of affixing, erecting and exhibiting the advertisement hoarding at a place other than the place(s) specified/notified by the Corporation, the rate of penalty shall be rupees 2000 per square feet per day to be calculated from the date of erection/affixation of such unauthorized hoarding and till its removal by the concerned or by the Corporation. This shall come into force on September 25, 2025. [Notification No. 6602]

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Himachal Pradesh Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat maintenance of Pariwar Register Rules, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 06, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat maintenance of Pariwar Register Rules, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The Making of Pariwar Register Record and its Revision has been stated in the Rules. • Every application for obtaining the copy of the Records of the Pariwar Register shall be made to the official/officer designated • The Director may from time to time issue instructions /clarifications for the smooth implementation of these Rules • Forms are attached to the Annexure. This shall come into force on March 06, 2026. [Notification No. MCT/2026-1951]

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HPUD – Amendment in Street Vendors Scheme

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of Urban Development, Government of Himachal Pradesh (HPUD) on March 13, 2026, notified amendments to the Himachal Pradesh Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Scheme, 2016, to strengthen regulation, compliance, and fee structure for street vendors. The amendments revise key provisions, including reducing the survey and renewal cycle from five years to three years, introducing mandatory police verification and PAN submission for vendors, and giving preference to bonafide Himachali residents for issuance of vending certificates. It also introduces stricter compliance norms, including cancellation of vending certificates in cases of serious violations such as food contamination. Further, the notification rationalizes vending fees based on vendor category and urban local body (Nagar Panchayat, Municipal Council, Municipal Corporation), prescribes structured fee rates for stationary, mobile, and other vendors, and introduces zoning restrictions (e.g., no vending within 5 meters of sensitive areas). It also mandates numbering of vending zones for better identification and regulation. [Notification No. UD-F(10)-9/2016-I-L]

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HP Govt. issued the amendment to the Himachal Pradesh Taxation (on Certain Goods Carried by Road) Act, 1999

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The State Taxes and Excise Department, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on March 18, 2026, issued the amendment to the Himachal Pradesh Taxation (on Certain Goods Carried by Road) Act, 1999. The following has been amended in Schedule I of the act: • The amendment substitutes the tax rate for Item No. 19 (Clinker) to ■130 per ton under Schedule I. • It also inserts new entries (Sr. No. 23–26) prescribing tax rates for fly ash blocks, fly ash bricks, ceramic/surface tiles, and PVC/wooden paneling or flooring at specified rates. [Notification no. - EXN-A(3)-1/2026]

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Himachal Pradesh Municipal (2nd Amendment) Act, 2025

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 07, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Municipal (2nd Amendment) Act, 2025, further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994. The following has been amended: • Key amendments include the insertion of a new definition of “Audit Agency” under Section 2 and changes in Section 14 and Section 24 to clarify the tenure of municipal councils and mandatory acceptance of resignation within 15 days. • The Act revises financial and administrative provisions such as Section 66 (user charges recovery as arrears of property tax) and enhances penalties across several sections including Sections 82, 83, 111, 113–115, 126–129, 133–135, 184, 191–200, 207, 211, 216, 221, 227 and 240, mainly by increasing fines from earlier lower limits to higher ranges (e.g., ■2,000–■5,000). • Further, Section 255 is amended to provide for audit of municipal accounts by the Principal Accountant General and State Audit Department, and Section 271 introduces provisions for dissolution of municipal councils when areas are converted into municipal corporations. • Importantly, a series of amendments in Sections 304-A to 304-S significantly revise penalty provisions by reducing imprisonment terms but increasing fines up to ■20,000 and introducing continuing penalties. • Overall, the amendments focus on strengthening audit mechanisms, improving administrative clarity, and enhancing the penalty framework for better municipal compliance. [Notification no. - Act No. 7 of 2026]

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Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Public Works Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 12, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Aerial Ropeways Rules, 1972. This shall come into effect from March 18, 2026. The following has been amended: • A key amendment is in Rule 3, where a new requirement mandates submission of detailed land particulars, including Khasra numbers and ownership details, to ensure transparency and facilitate public objections. The approval process has been made more rigorous and structured by introducing a multi-stage mechanism involving survey authorization, submission of a Detailed Project Report, scrutiny by the Inspector and Ropeways Expert Committee, and finally, public consultation before government sanction. • Additionally, a provision has been inserted allowing promoters to seek extension of time for completion of projects, subject to government approval. • Further, the amendment aligns the rules with contemporary legal standards by replacing the outdated Land Acquisition Act, 1894, with the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. • A major policy shift is seen in Rule 7, where the power to fix tariffs for transportation of passengers, animals, and goods has been transferred from the government to the promoter, thereby promoting ease of doing business and private sector participation. • At the same time, a new Rule 8-A introduces compulsory comprehensive insurance coverage, with government-notified uniform rates and a clear obligation on promoters to ensure prompt settlement of claims, thereby strengthening passenger protection. • A new provision requires that ropeways closed due to defects can be reopened only after inspection and recommendation by the Inspector and Expert Committee. Stringent penal provisions have been introduced through Rules 12-A to 12-C, prescribing fines for violation of bye-laws, non-compliance by promoters, and unlawful interference, with penalties extending up to ■5 lakh and even license suspension or cancellation in case of safety violations. • Moreover, a comprehensive framework has been added through Rules 15 to 23, which lays down detailed technical standards based on international and national norms (ISO/BIS), operational safety requirements such as signalling, trained personnel, and communication systems, as well as governance provisions relating to financial reporting, audit, arbitration, and public consultation in bye-law making. [Notification no. - PWD(C)A(3)1/2024]

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Draft Municipal Corporation Una (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on March 10, 2026, issued the Draft Municipal Corporation Una (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Municipal Corporation Una Bye-laws, 2026 mandate compulsory registration of pet dogs above 3 months with fees, vaccination proof, and issuance of a registration token. •Owners must ensure hygiene, vaccination, sterilization, proper care, and prevent nuisance, with a limit of two dogs per family (unless permitted). •Stray or unregistered dogs can be seized, and owners are liable for penalties and damages, and must report dog bite incidents within 24 hours. •Breeders and dog care centres must register, maintain records, and comply with specific fees and operational conditions. •Violations can attract fines up to ■5,000 plus daily penalties, and appeals can be made to the Commissioner within 30 days. Any objections or suggestions may be submitted within 30 days from March 18, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MCU/Bye Laws Pet Registration/2026 – 605]

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DRAFT Municipal Corporation Una Erection, Exhibition, Affixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye Laws, 2025

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Corporation Una (MCU), on September 23, 2025, notified the “Municipal Corporation Una Erection, Exhibition, Affixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye-Laws, 2025” under the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, after inviting and considering public objections and suggestions. The bye-laws establish a comprehensive framework regulating advertisement hoardings within the municipal limits, mandating prior written permission for any installation, defining application procedures, and specifying conditions for approval, location, size, and display. They also prohibit unauthorized hoardings, restrict installations in sensitive areas, and ensure compliance with safety, aesthetics, and public interest considerations. Further, the bye-laws prescribe penalties for violations, including daily fines, removal of unauthorized hoardings, and possible withdrawal of civic amenities. They also provide for compounding of offences and summary trial, thereby ensuring effective enforcement and orderly regulation of advertisement activities within the jurisdiction of the Corporation. [Notification No. MCU/Estate/Bye-Laws/2025-1998]

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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh issued a notification regarding the revision of Door-to-Door Garbage Collection Charges in the Rampur Municipal Council

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on March 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding the revision of Door-to-Door Garbage Collection Charges in Rampur Municipal Council. The following has been stated: -

•The Municipal Council Rampur has revised user charges under Door-to-Door Bye-laws, 2018 (already in force since 1 Oct 2018). •As per Resolution No. 144 dated December 17, 2025, new monthly garbage fees have been fixed for shops, hotels, and commercial establishments (ranging from ■300 to ■1000 depending on type/size). •Household garbage collection charges have been increased from ■50 to ■80 per month. •The revised charges will be in force from April 2026, and further details can be obtained from the council office. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.:6543]

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Government of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the Authorization of District Officers to Exercise Powers under the Essential Commodities Act in Sirmour District

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Authorization of District Officers to Exercise Powers under the Essential Commodities Act in Sirmour District. The notification issued by the Collector of Sirmour District, Himachal Pradesh, supersedes the earlier notification dated February 25, 1993. Exercising powers under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the Collector has authorized the Additional District Collector/Additional District Magistrate and all Sub-Divisional Magistrates in the district to act as “Collector” under the Act. These officers are empowered to perform functions and exercise powers under the Act within their respective territorial jurisdictions. [Notification No.: FDS/SMR]

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Nagar Panchayat Bhunter (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Nagar Panchayat Bhunter, District Kullu HP on December 10, 2025, issued the Nagar Panchayat Bhunter (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025. The bye-laws mandate that every dog owner within Nagar Panchayat Bhunter must register their dog by paying a one-time registration fee of ■500 and an annual license fee of ■500. Registration can be done online through the Citizen Seva Portal or offline at the Panchayat office, and a license can be downloaded upon fee payment. Dogs must be vaccinated before registration, and the registration remains valid for 12 months. The rules also define the responsibilities of dog owners, including ensuring proper breeding control, immunization, neutering, and overall care of the pet. Owners must carry disposable bags while taking dogs in public places and are required to clean up any excreta. Adequate shelter, food, and medical care for the dog must be ensured. Unregistered or unclaimed dogs found in public places may be removed and dealt with by authorities if not claimed within seven days. Specific guidelines are provided for breeders and dog care centres. They must register with the Nagar Panchayat, maintain detailed records of breeding, vaccination, and buyers, and ensure that buyers are capable of caring for the animals. Breeders and care centres are required to pay ■5000 as a one-time registration fee and ■500 per dog annually as renewal charges. Non-compliance with these bye-laws attracts penalties, including a fine of up to ■1000 and an additional daily fine of ■100 for continuing violations. The new bye-laws also repeal earlier rules from 1984, while safeguarding actions already taken under the previous regulations. [Notification No. NPB/2025-2419]

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Nagar Panchayat Kandaghat (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Byelaws, 2025

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Nagar Panchayat Kandaghat, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on October 29, 2025, issued the Nagar Panchayat Kandaghat (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Byelaws, 2025. This shall come into force from March 13, 2026. The following has been stated: • The bye-laws aim to regulate the registration and control of pet dogs within their jurisdiction under the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994. Registration of pet dogs above three months of age has been made mandatory, with a one-time registration fee of ■200 and an annual license fee of ■200, along with vaccination proof and photographs. Each family is permitted to keep a maximum of two dogs, and registered dogs shall wear a metal token issued by the registration authority. • The bye-laws also prescribe responsibilities for dog owners, including vaccination, controlling dogs in public places, cleaning dog excreta, ensuring proper care, and preventing nuisance or injury to others. • Guidelines are introduced for dog breeders and dog care centres, requiring registration, record-keeping, and payment of prescribed fees, with restrictions such as the prohibition of dog care centres in residential houses. • Authorities are empowered to seize unregistered or stray dogs and inspect premises. At the same time, violations of the bye-laws may attract a fine up to ■10,000 and an additional ■100 per day for continuing offences. [Notification no. - NPKGT/PET/124/25]

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Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Eighteenth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 27, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Eighteenth Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules, 2014. The following has been stated namely: - • The following sub-rule has been inserted under Rule 16 namely: - “(7) The fee for availing Premium FAR (Floor Area Ratio) in Real Estate Projects use shall be as specified” This shall come into force on February 27, 2026. [Notification No. TCP-A(3)-2/2021]

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Himachal Pradesh Municipality(Grant of License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises) Bye-Laws 2025

Mar 16, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 06, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Municipality, (Grant of License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises) Bye-Laws 2025. The following has been stated: These Bye Laws shall apply to all shops/premises falling within the Municipal limits, which may not be used without a license for the purpose specified in Sections 125, 126, 127, 128, read with Section 202 and 214 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994, as per Annexure-I and Annexure-II for storage of any Article within the municipal limits. Definitions – (a) "Act" means the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994 (Act No 12 of 1994). (b) "Authorized Officer" means Sr. Executive Officer or any other Officer specifically

authorized by the Sr. Executive Officer. (c) "Inspector" means Sanitary Inspector or any other Official of the Municipal Council duly authorized by the Sr. Executive Officer. (d) "License" means a written permission granted by the Sr. Executive Officer or any other official /Officer duly authorized by the Sr. Executive Officer in favour of the person, owner & occupier for sale/storage of articles specified in Annexure-I & II of these Bye-Laws. Procedure for obtaining License - Any person who wants to operate/run any business/trade as specified in Annexure-I and/or store any article as specified in Annexure-II within the areas of the Municipal Council shall apply for a license on the prescribed Form-A online to the Sr. Executive Officer of the concerned Municipal Council. Renewal of license - The License shall be renewed automatically after expiry of the period of the license on deposit of the requisite/ prescribed license fee by the applicant. The license shall be renewed without any late fee and extra document within one month after the expiry of the license. The license shall be renewed with a penalty of 50% of the license fee within the next month, and after that period, the license shall be renewed with a penalty @ 10/- per day and Rs. 500/- as compounding fee. In that case, a fresh Trade license shall be required to be issued. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Nagar Panchayat Kandaghat Erection, Exhibition, Affixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye-laws 2025

Mar 16, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on October 29, 2025, issued the Nagar Panchayat Kandaghat Erection, Exhibition, Affixation of Advertisement and Hoarding Bye-laws 2025. The following has been stated: 1. Definitions -This section explains important terms used in the bye-laws: o Act: Refers to the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. o Applicant: Any person or organization applying for permission to place advertisements or hoardings on government, semi-government, or private buildings/land. o Authorized Officer: An officer authorized by the Nagar Panchayat or its Secretary. o Hoarding: Any advertisement displayed on land, buildings, structures, vehicles, or through cinematography. o Place: Locations approved by the Corporation for installing hoardings. o Permission: Approval granted by the Secretary or authorized officer. o Special Judicial Magistrate 1st Class: The magistrate having jurisdiction over the Nagar Panchayat area. 2. Prohibition of Advertisement without Written Permission No advertisement or hoarding can be erected, displayed, or retained in the municipal area (including private property) without written permission from the Secretary. Government advertisements showing achievements of the Central or State Governments are exempt from this rule. 3. Renewal of License The License shall be renewed automatically after expiry of the period of the license on deposit of the requisite/ prescribed license fee by the applicant. The license shall be renewed without any late fee and extra document within one month after expiry of the license. The license shall be renewed with a penalty of 50% of the license fee within the next one month and after that period the license shall be renewed with the penalty @ 10/- per day and Rs.500/- as compounding fee. In that case a fresh Trade license shall be required to be issued. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Draft Municipal Corporation Baddi - Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises ByeLaws, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Corporation Baddi, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on March 10, 2026, issued the Draft Municipal Corporation Baddi - Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises ByeLaws, 2026. The following has been stated: • The draft byelaws aim to regulate commercial activities within the municipal limits of Baddi. The bye-laws mandate that no person or business operator can start or carry on any trade, business, or storage activity in any premises without obtaining a valid trade license from the Municipal Corporation. • They define key authorities such as the Commissioner, authorised officers, and inspectors responsible for granting licenses, inspection, and enforcement. The provisions also regulate the use of premises and storage of specified goods listed in the schedules, ensuring compliance with municipal safety, sanitation, and regulatory standards. • Suggestions and objections, if any, may be submitted in the Office of Municipal Corporation, Baddi, by April 09, 2026. [Notification no. - M.Corp./Baddi/Bye Laws(Trade License)/2026-(2)]

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Municipal Council Nerchowk, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Council Nerchowk, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on February 26, 2026, issued the Municipal Council Nerchowk (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025. This shall come into force from March 09, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Byelaws regulate the licensing of businesses and storage activities within the municipal limits of Nerchowk under the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994. The byelaws make it mandatory for any person operating a trade, business, or storage activity in municipal premises to obtain a trade license from the Executive Officer, with licenses issued for periods ranging from 1 year to a maximum of 15 years. • The byelaws prescribe procedures for grant, renewal, transfer, modification, and closure of trade licenses, including automatic renewal on payment of fees and penalties for delayed renewal. They also introduce temporary trade licenses for fairs, festivals, and events (1–30 days) and specify separate permission fees for film shooting within municipal limits. • A fee structure based on the scale of business (small, medium, large), trade type, and zone category has been introduced, with areas classified into Zone A, B, and C, where higher-priority commercial areas attract higher license fees. The byelaws also require applicants to provide self-declarations about premises, maintain records, and comply with municipal regulations and inspections. • The regulations further establish penalties for violations, including fines, suspension, or cancellation of licenses, and introduce a cross-municipal compliance mechanism, where defaulters of municipal services such as property tax, water, or garbage collection may be restricted from obtaining or renewing trade licenses until dues are cleared. [Notification no. – 398]

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Municipal Corporation Palampur (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-Laws, 2025

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on September 25, 2025, notified the Municipal Corporation Palampur (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-Laws, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Municipal Corporation Palampur issued the Registration and Control of Pet Dogs Bye-Laws, 2025 under the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. •It makes registration of pet dogs above three months of age mandatory with a ■500 one-time registration fee and ■500 annual license renewal fee. •A family can keep a maximum of two dogs, and owners must ensure vaccination, proper care, and prevent dogs from causing nuisance or defecating in public places. •Guidelines and registration requirements are also prescribed for dog breeders and dog care centres, including specific registration and license fees. •Penalties and dog impounding may be imposed for violations, and the rules come into force from the date of publication in the official Gazette. They shall come into force from March 09, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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Draft Municipal Corporation, Baddi Advertisement Byelaws 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Corporation Baddi, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on March 07, 2026, issued Draft Municipal Corporation, Baddi Advertisement Byelaws 2026. The following has been stated: • The bye-laws require that no advertisement, hoarding, or display device can be erected on any land, building, wall, or structure without prior written permission from the Municipal Commissioner, except for certain exempted categories such as limited self-advertisements within premises or government notices. • The bye-laws further prescribe standards for advertisement design and placement to ensure road safety, stating that advertisements shall not imitate traffic signals, create glare, or distract drivers through flashing or moving displays. They also prohibit advertisements that promote nudity, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, violence, discrimination, or any content that violates public morality or existing laws. • For advertisements on municipal land exceeding 50 square feet, allotment shall generally be made through a tender process, typically for three years. Applicants seeking permission for advertisements on private property must submit required documents, including the property owner's consent, site plans, and structural safety certification. • Advertisement fees are required to be paid in advance and are determined based on the size, category, and location of the advertisement. The bye-laws also provide for the establishment of an Advertisement Regulation Committee to assist in zoning, planning, and the implementation of advertisement policies. Non-compliance may lead to penalties, including fines and daily penalties for continuing violations, and the Municipal Commissioner has the authority to remove unauthorized advertisements. • Objections or suggestions, if any, may be submitted in writing to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Baddi, by April 6, 2026. [Notification no. - M.Corp./Baddi/Bye Laws (Advertisement)/2026-(1)]

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Chowari Nagar Panchayat (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on November 21, 2025, issued the Chowari Nagar Panchayat (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • The procedure for Registration of Dogs has been stated in the Bye-laws • The Duties and responsibilities of the owner has been stated in the Bye-Laws • The Guidelines for Breeders has been stated in the Bye-laws • The Applications are attached in the Annexures. This shall come into force on November 21, 2025. [Notification No. 891]

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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh issued a notification regarding the maximum profit margin fixed for Essential Commodities in Bilaspur

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on February 27, 2026, issued a notification regarding the maximum profit margin fixed for Essential Commodities in Bilaspur. The following has been stated: - •The District Magistrate of Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, issued a notification under the Himachal Pradesh Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Order, 1977, to regulate profit margins on essential commodities. •The order fixes maximum wholesale and retail profit margins for items such as food grains, pulses, sugar, edible oil, milk products, fruits, vegetables, and other daily-use goods. •Dealers are prohibited from charging margins higher than those specified in the notification. •The order also prescribes conditions for wholesale transactions, pricing display, and issuance of purchase and sale forms in vegetable markets. •The notification will come into force from the date of its publication in the official Gazette, and authorities have been directed to ensure strict compliance. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: DC-FCSFO162024-PMC-OISTT. CONTROLLER FCs CA-(BIL)]

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Municipal Council Bilaspur (Property Taxation) Bye-laws-2025

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on March 06, 2026, notified the Municipal Council Bilaspur (Property Taxation) Bye-laws-2025. The following has been stated: - •The Municipal Council Bilaspur (Property Taxation) Bye-laws, 2025 regulate property tax assessment and collection within the Bilaspur municipality. •The bye-laws introduce an assessment list system for all taxable land and buildings, including details of ratable value and liable taxpayers. •Property tax is calculated using a unit area method based on factors such as location zone, structure type, age of building, occupancy, and usage. •Annual tax bills will be issued for each property unit, with payment deadlines, rebate provisions, and penalties for late payment or non-compliance. These Bye-laws shall come into force from March 06, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.:/MCB/2025/2774]

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Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises ByeLaws, 2025, Mandi Municipal Corporation

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on March 03, 2026, notified the Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises ByeLaws, 2025, Mandi Municipal Corporation. The following has been stated: - •Municipal Corporation Mandi has notified Trade License Bye-Laws, 2025 for regulating the use of premises and storage of specified articles within municipal limits. •Businesses must obtain a trade license before operating or storing listed items, with licenses issued for up to five years (April–March cycle) and renewable on payment of the prescribed fee. •License fees vary by business size (small, medium, large) and specific conditions apply for transfer, renewal, inspection, and compliance. •Violations, false declarations, or repeated breaches may lead to penalties, suspension, or cancellation of the trade license under the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. These Bye Laws shall come into force from March 06, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MC.MND-CSP-TL- 2285]

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Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation (2nd Amendment) Act, 2025

Mar 08, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on March 05, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation (2ndAmendment) Act, 2025 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. The following amendments have been stated: • In section 36, in sub-section (1), the words “and thereafter at the expiration of every two and half years”, shall be omitted; and • In section 36, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:— "(2) The term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Corporation shall be five years from the date of election, as such, unless in the mean time he resigns his office as Mayor or Deputy Mayor or unless in the case of Deputy Mayor is elected as the Mayor and he shall cease to hold his office on the expiry of his term of office: Provided that if the office of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor is vacated or falls vacant during the tenure on account of death, resignation or no-confidence motion, a fresh election within a period of one month of the vacancy shall be held from the same category, for the remainder period. ”. [Act No. 4 OF 2026]

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Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Seventeenth Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 08, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 27, 2026, issued Draft Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning (Seventeenth Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules, 2014. The following have been stated: • In Rule 13 and 14 of the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules, 2014, for the words and sign "Appendix1 to 9," the words and sign "Appendix-1 to 9 and Appendix-11," shall be substituted, respectively. • In Appendix-1 of the Himachal Pradesh Town and Country Planning Rules, 2014, in serial number III General Regulations, after Regulation 34, following new Regulation shall be inserted, namely:- "35. Electric Vehicle Charging point: For all

commercial, public & semi public buildings and Real Estate Projects, the electric vehicle charging point shall be made as per provisions in the Amendments in Model Building Bye-Laws, (MBBL - 2016) for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (amended from time to time)". These rules shall come into effect from February 27, 2026. [Notification No. TCP-A(3)-2/2025]

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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the mandatory Aadhaar Authentication for benefits under “Mukhya Mantri Kshay Rog Nivaran Yojana”

Mar 08, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on February 26, 2026, notified regarding the mandatory Aadhaar Authentication for benefits under “Mukhya Mantri Kshay Rog Nivaran Yojana”. The following has been stated: • The scheme aims at providing support to TB and DR-TB patients and ASHA workers. The notification has been issued under Section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, to ensure targeted delivery of benefits and prevent duplication or misuse. Beneficiaries are required to provide their Aadhaar number for authentication while applying for the scheme. • Persons who do not yet possess Aadhaar shall enrol for Aadhaar and can temporarily avail benefits by submitting the Aadhaar enrolment ID along with other valid identity documents such as voter ID, passport, ration card, or driving licence. • In cases where biometric authentication fails, alternative methods such as OTP-based authentication or offline Aadhaar verification (QR code/e-KYC) may be used. The concerned department is also required to facilitate Aadhaar enrolment, create awareness among beneficiaries, and ensure that no genuine beneficiary is denied benefits due to authentication failure, by following the exception handling mechanism under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) guidelines. [Notification no. - HEALTH-A-B (15)-20/2025]

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Nagar Panchayat Chowari Outdoor Advertisement Bye-laws 2025

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on November 21, 2025, notified the Nagar Panchayat Chowari Outdoor Advertisement Bye-laws 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Government of Himachal Pradesh notified the Nagar Panchayat Chowari Outdoor Advertisement Bye-Laws, 2025, to regulate outdoor advertisements and hoardings within the jurisdiction of Chowari under the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994. •The bye-laws introduce rules requiring prior permission from the Nagar Panchayat for displaying advertisements, along with zoning restrictions, structural safety norms, and road-safety criteria. •They prohibit advertisements in certain areas such as highways, environmentally sensitive locations, and places causing traffic hazards, and restrict objectionable or unlawful advertisement content. •The regulations also prescribe procedures for permission, advertisement fees, penalties for violations, and removal of illegal hoardings, and come into force immediately after publication in the official gazette. These Bye-laws shall come into force from March 05, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 889]

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Nagar Panchatat Chowari, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on November 21, 2025, issued the Nagar Panchatat Chowari, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises) Byelaws 2025. These Byelaws shall apply to all shops/premises falling within the Municipal limits which may not be used without license for the purpose specified in Section 125,126,127, 128 read with section 202 and 214 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994 as per Annexure I and Annexure II for storage of any Article, within the municipal limits. The key provisions are as stated: • The License shall not be valid for any other purpose, except for the items/articles for which it granted under these Bye Laws, • The permission shall, unless specified otherwise in the license, be valid in the entire MC limits, subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Secretary. • The owner/ occupier of the premises shall have to produce the license before the Inspector or the licensing officer at any point of time as may be ordered by them. • The Secretary shall have a right to impose or alter any of conditions in the license as may be deemed fit by him/her under the provisions of Section 214 of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Act, 1994. • The applicant shall submit a self-declaration regarding information submitted by him/her about the premises to be used for business/trade viz. type of business, area, approval of map and nature of property i.e. commercial and domestic etc. to be true to the best of his knowledge and belief. • The licensee shall maintain proper record of the articles kept for sale or storage in the premises as may be required by the Licensing Officer. Further the licensee shall comply with all the directions and instructions issued to him by the Secretary or the Licensing Officer from time to time. • The licensee will ensure timely payment of Municipal dues, • Time period for issue of License. -The license shall be issued as per the time lines notified/ specified for this service under Public Service Guarantee Act, 2011. Kindly find the detailed regulations provided in the document below. [Notification No. 890]

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Nagar Panchayat Gagret (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of Urban Development Nagar Panchayat Gagret on January 19. 2026, issued the Nagar Panchayat Gagret (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025. The key provisions are as stated: • Registration of Dogs Mandatory registration for any dog kept or brought within Nagar Panchayat Gagret limits. Registration must be done: On or before April 1 each year, or Within 7 days of arrival. • Fees: ■50 one-time registration fee. ■50 annual license fee. Exemption: Dogs brought for show purposes for less than one week. Registration valid for 12 months (April 1 to March 31). Owner must ensure vaccination before registration. After registration, a metal ticket (collar tag) will be issued at the owner's cost. • Duties & Responsibilities of Dog Owners Responsible for controlled breeding, immunization, neutering, and licensing. Dogs without a metal tag found in public places may be removed; if unclaimed within 7 days, action will be taken by the Veterinary Public Health Officer. A person temporarily in charge of the dog is deemed the owner in absence of the actual owner. Owners must: Carry disposable bags while taking dogs out. Ensure dogs do not defecate on roads/streets/drains. Clean and properly dispose of excreta; failing which, a fine may be imposed. • Guidelines for Breeders Must be registered with Nagar Panchayat Gagret. Must maintain records

of: Pups born/died, Pedigree, Vaccination details, Buyers' details. Must ensure buyers are knowledgeable about dog care. Fees for breeders: ■50 per dog (one-time registration), ■50 per dog annual renewal fee. This is in addition to normal registration/license fees. • Penalties Failure to comply (including non-registration) attracts: ■500 fine. Additional fine up to ■50 per day for continued violation. [Notification No. NPG/2025/35]

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The Municipal Council Jawalamukhi Outdoor Advertisement Bye-laws 2025

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on February 16, 2026, issued the Municipal Council Jawalamukhi Outdoor Advertisement Bye-laws 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • Classification of advertisement devices. • The categories of the advertisement devices: - • Category 1: Large-format advertisement, mainly fixed on billboards / uni-poles and bridges/buildings (both public and private) • Category 2: Advertisement mounted on public amenities, like public toilets, garbage collection points, Single Poles, etc. • Category3: Fleets, fliers and transport-related infrastructure. • Category4: Advertisement devices for self-advertising in commercial areas.

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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the Leasing of Toll Collection Rights for FY 2026–27

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of State Taxes & Excise, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the Leasing of Toll Collection Rights for FY 2026–27. The Government has notified April 01, 2026, as the effective date from which the right to collect tolls on mechanical vehicles passing over road infrastructure will be leased out for the financial year 2026–27 (April 01, 2026, to March 31, 2027). The toll collection rights will be granted through an E-Auction process in the interest of revenue. The terms and conditions of the lease will be determined separately by the Commissioner of State Taxes & Excise, Himachal Pradesh, with the approval of the State Government. [Notification no. - EXN-F(1)-2/2026]

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Draft Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises Bye-Laws, 2023, Solan Municipal Corporation

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Corporation of Solan, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on January 30, 2026, issued the Draft Grant of Trade License for Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in a Premises Bye-Laws, 2023, Solan Municipal Corporation. The following has been stated: • The bye-laws require any person intending to run a trade or store listed articles to obtain a trade license from the Municipal Corporation by submitting an application in the prescribed form. Businesses are categorized as small, medium, and large based on the area of the

premises, and license fees are prescribed accordingly. • A license may be granted for a period of up to five years and must be renewed after expiry; renewal within one month is allowed without a late fee, while renewal during the following month attracts a penalty of 50% of the license fee, after which a fresh license is required. • The license is non-transferable except in the case of the death of the licensee, where it may be transferred to legal heirs for the remaining validity period. The licensee shall comply with various conditions, including using the premises only for the licensed purpose, displaying the license when required, maintaining records of stored or sold articles, paying municipal dues, and allowing inspection by authorized officers. • The licensing authority may refuse to grant a license to persons suffering from contagious diseases, those convicted of unlawful sale or storage of articles, habitual violators of the bye-laws, or persons below 18 years of age. • The bye-laws also prescribe penalties for violations, including suspension of the license, fines, and cancellation in cases of repeated violations or submission of false information, with penalties up to ten times the license fee. • Additionally, annexures specify the types of businesses and articles that require a license for operation or storage within municipal limits. • Objection(s) or suggestion(s) with regard to these bye-laws may be sent to the office of the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Solan by post, in person, or through email on mcorp.solan@gmail.com, by April 02, 2026. [Notification no. - MC-SLN(F)-Trade License (6)-1/2021]

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Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye - laws 2018 of Nagar Panchayat Gagret for municipal solid waste management & disposal

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 10, 2026, issued the Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye - laws 2018 of Nagar Panchayat Gagret for municipal solid waste management & disposal. The Nagar Panchayat shall establish an integrated Municipal Solid Waste Management (SWM) system aimed at reducing waste disposal and maximizing resource recovery. The system prioritizes waste reduction and reuse at source, followed by recycling, composting of organic waste, and waste-to-energy solutions such as bio-methanation, RDF production, and incineration. Residual inert waste shall be scientifically disposed of in sanitary landfills as per the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. The overall approach must remain environmentally friendly, focusing on minimizing greenhouse gas emissions through recycling, energy recovery, and landfill gas capture. Segregation at source is mandatory for all waste generators, who must separate waste into three categories: biodegradable (green bin), non-biodegradable (blue bin), and domestic hazardous waste (red bin). Citizens must hand over segregated waste to authorized collectors and pay a fixed monthly user fee for door-to-door collection. Bulk waste generators, large institutions, event organizers, street vendors, and horticulture waste generators have specific responsibilities for segregation, on-site processing (as far as possible), and proper disposal. Mixing of biomedical, e-waste, hazardous, or industrial waste with municipal waste is strictly prohibited, and burning, burying, or littering of waste is punishable with fines. The Nagar Panchayat is responsible for ensuring daily door-to-door collection of segregated waste from households, slums, commercial establishments, and institutions. Collection must be carried out using suitable vehicles, with prescribed timings (generally 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM for households and 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM for commercial areas). Separate collection of street sweeping waste, horticulture waste, and other specific waste streams must be ensured. Vehicles used for collection must follow prescribed operational standards, including alarm systems. Additionally, the Nagar Panchayat must integrate authorized waste pickers and informal collectors into the formal waste management system by recognizing their organizations, issuing identity cards, and promoting Self Help Groups. Ward-level offices or centres should be established

for effective waste management and grievance redressal. Regular awareness campaigns involving RWAs, NGOs, and public representatives should be conducted to promote citizen participation and compliance.

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Kullu Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on February 24, 2026, issued the Kullu Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025 The following has been stated namely: - • Guidelines for Breeders:- • Breeders must register with Municipal Council Kullu. • Maintain records of birth, death, pedigree, and vaccination. • Maintain buyer information and ensure they understand dog care. • Pay Rs.5,000 as one-time registration and Rs.1,500 annually per dog (in addition to regular registration fees). • Straying Dogs:- Any registered dog found straying will be seized and kept in a designated place. • Welfare of Dogs:- Owners must provide adequate space, food, shelter, and medical care. [Notification No. MCK/SI/Pet Dogs/2025/1232]

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Jawalamukhi Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Municipal Council Jawalamukhi, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on March 03, 2026, issued the Jawalamukhi Municipal Council (Registration and Control of Pet Dogs) Bye-laws, 2025. The following has been stated: • The bye-laws mandate compulsory registration of pet dogs above three months of age within the Municipal limits, require owners to register dogs with prescribed fees and documentation (including vaccination certificates), and impose annual licensing fees. • Owners shall ensure control, proper care, and cleaning up after their dogs in public places, and are responsible for any damage caused. • A maximum of two dogs per family is allowed. Provisions include registration tokens, inspection by officials, seizure of unregistered dogs, and specific guidelines for dog breeders and dog care centres, including separate registration and fee requirements. • The bye-laws also set procedures for the disposal of deceased dogs and empower Municipal authorities to enforce compliance. Violations attract fines up to ■5,000 with additional daily penalties for continued breaches.

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Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 26, 2026, issued the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2024. The

following amendments have been stated: In the Schedule appended to the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2024- (i) in sub-item (b) of item 3, after clause (iii), the following new clause (iv) shall be inserted, namely:- ■ "(iv) above 25 MW. – (iv) same fee as specified against item 3(a) above." (ii) in item 17, in column 4, for the figures and signs ■10,000/-■, the figures and signs ■15,000/- shall be substituted.; and (iii) in item 20, in column 4, for the figures and signs, ■40,000/-■, the figures and signs ■50,000/- shall be substituted. The Draft Regulations are hereby published for the information of all the persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said Draft Regulations will be taken into consideration, after the expiry of thirty (30) days from the date of their publication in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, together with any objections/suggestions which may within the aforesaid period be received in respect thereto [Notification No. HPERC/151-Vol-III]

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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the proposed amendment to Schedule-II of the Himachal Pradesh Toll Act, 1975

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of State Taxes & Excise, Government of Himachal Pradesh, on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the proposed amendment to Schedule-II of the Himachal Pradesh Toll Act, 1975. The following has been stated namely: - • The amendment seeks to substitute the existing Entry No. 11 in Schedule-II. As per the proposal, Entry No. 11 will now cover all private light motor vehicles registered under the Motor Vehicles Act in the State of Himachal Pradesh. • All objections and suggestions received in writing to the Commissioner of State Taxes and Excise, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9, within March 29, 2026. [Notification No. EXN-F(1)-2/2026]

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Govt. of Himachal Pradesh notified regarding the revised Schedule–I of the Himachal Pradesh Toll Act, 1975 (Effective from April 01, 2026)

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Department of State Taxes & Excise, Government of Himachal Pradesh, on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the revised Schedule–I of the Himachal Pradesh Toll Act, 1975 (Effective from April 01, 2026). The following has been stated namely: - • The Governor of Himachal Pradesh has substituted Schedule–I with revised toll rates effective from April 01, 2026. The updated schedule specifies vehicle categories and corresponding toll charges for the financial year 2026–27, along with quarterly and annual rate calculations. For cars, jeeps, vans, and light motor vehicles (goods vehicles up to 7,500 kg GVW), the yearly toll is ■170, while passenger vehicles (up to 12+1 capacity) are charged ■130 annually. • Light commercial vehicles, including goods vehicles exceeding 7,500 kg but less than 12,000 kg GVW, are charged ■320 annually, and passenger vehicles exceeding 12+1 up to 32+1 capacity are charged ■200 annually. Quarterly tolls are calculated as a multiple (30–35 times) of the per-day rate, and annual tolls are generally four times the quarterly amount or 90 times the daily rate, as specified. The revised schedule standardizes toll collection rates based on vehicle type and usage category. [Notification No. EXN-F(1)-2/2026]

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Draft Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, on February 23, 2026, issued the draft Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026, to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2026. The following has been stated:- In rule 16, after sub-rule (5), the following sub-rule shall be added, namely: - (6) “In order to ensure accurate verification and delivery of gold and other precious metals to consumers, every retailer engaged in the sale of such commodities shall install and use a non automatic weighing instrument with verification scale interval (e) of 1 milligram (mg) on the premises. Such instruments shall be duly verified and stamped in accordance with the provisions of the applicable legal metrology laws and shall be employed for all transactions involving the weighment of gold or precious metals offered for sale to consumers.” [Notification No. FDS-A (3)-3/2025]

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Nagar Panchayat Jubbal, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises) Byelaws 2025

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on November 25, 2025, issued the Nagar Panchayat Jubbal, (Grant of Trade License for Trade Activities, Use of Premises and Storage of Articles in Premises) Byelaws 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • These Byelaws shall apply to all shops/premises falling within the NP limits which may not be used without license. • The Procedure for Obtaining License has been stated. • The License Fee has been stated. This shall come into force on November 25, 2025 [Notification No. NP/JBL-2025-1651]

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Municipal Council Ghumarwin Tobacco Control and Regulation Bye-Laws, 2025

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on December 12, 2025, issued the Municipal Council Ghumarwin Tobacco Control and Regulation Bye-Laws, 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • These Bye-Laws shall extend to the whole Municipal Area of Ghumarwin • The provisions of "The Himachal Pradesh Prohibition of Sale of Loose Cigarettes and Beedies and Regulation of Retail Business of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2016" (Act No. 17 of 2016), including all definitions, prohibitions, and penalties, are hereby adopted and shall be enforced with the same rigor within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council Ghumarwin. • "Permanent Shop/Retail Outlet" shall mean a premises or structure used for the sale of tobacco products that is fixed to the ground with permanent foundations or a permanent floor structure • No person shall sell, offer for sale, or permit the sale of loose cigarettes or loose beedies This shall come into force on December 12, 2025. [Notification No. MCG/Tobacco License/2025]

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Govt. of HP issued the corrigendum to the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act, 2025

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Himachal Pradesh

The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 25, 2026, issued the corrigendum to the Himachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Act, 2025. In Section 22, clause (a), sub-clauses (i) and (ii), for the word “five”, the word “six” shall be read. [Notification no. - LLR-D (6)-22/2025-Leg]

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Jammu Kashmir

Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir notified regarding the Use of the term “Tea” for products not derived from Camellia Sinensis

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Jammu Kashmir

The Government of Jammu & Kashmir, on February 16, 2026, notified regarding the Use of the term “Tea” for products not derived from Camellia Sinensis. The following has been stated namely: - • The Food and Drugs Administration, Jammu & Kashmir has observed that some Food Business Operators (FBOs) are marketing products such as “Rooibos Tea,” “Herbal Tea,” and “Flower Tea” that are not derived from the plant Camellia sinensis. As per Regulation 2.10.1 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, only products obtained from Camellia sinensis (including Kangra Tea, Green Tea, and Instant Tea) can be labeled as “Tea.” • Additionally, Regulation 5(1) of the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) Regulations, 2020 requires that the name of the food must clearly indicate its true nature on the front of the package. Therefore, using the term “Tea” for herbal or plant-based infusions not derived from Camellia sinensis is misleading and constitutes misbranding under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. • Such products may instead be classified as proprietary foods or regulated under the Food Safety and Standards (Approval for Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients) Regulations, 2017, depending on their ingredients. [Notification No. FADA-Adm/37/2021-05]

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Karnataka

Govt. of Karnataka issued a corrigendum regarding an older notification related to tax rate revision on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

Mar 30, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka, on March 27, 2026, issued a corrigendum regarding an older notification No. FD 20 CSL 2026, dated March 24, 2026, related to tax rate revision on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). The following has been stated: - •In the Notification, the words “with immediate effect” shall be deemed to have been omitted. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: FD 20 CSL 2026]

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Draft Karnataka Excise (Bottling of Liquor) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on March 24, 2026, issued the Draft Karnataka Excise (Bottling of Liquor) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Karnataka Excise (Bottling of Liquor) Rules, 1967. The amendment states that Rule 18 shall be omitted. The objections or suggestions may be addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government, Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru -01, by March 31, 2026. [Notification no. FD 03 PES 2026]

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Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on March 24, 2026, issued the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 2014. The rules shall take effect from March 24, 2026. It states that under Rule 26, sub-rule (1), clause (d), the words “eight meters” have been substituted with “six meters”. [Notification no. - HD 01 CNA 2026]

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Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on March 24, 2026, issued the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 2014. The following amendments have been stated: In the Karnataka Cinemas (Regulation) Rules, 2014, in rule 26, in sub-rule (1) in clause (d), for the words "Eight meters" the words "Six meters" shall be substituted. They shall come into force from March 24, 2026. [Notification No. HD 01 CNA 2026]

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Government of Karnataka issued a notification to revise the tax rate on Liquefied Natural Gas

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka (GoK) on March 24, 2026, issued a notification under Section 8-A of the Karnataka Sales Tax Act, 1957 to revise the tax rate on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). The amendment has been made in exercise of powers read with the Karnataka General Clauses Act, 1899. As per the notification, the tax payable by dealers under Section 5(1) of the Act on the sale of LNG has been reduced to 5%. This reduction is aimed at rationalizing tax rates and potentially promoting the use of cleaner fuel alternatives. The revised tax rate shall come into effect from April 1, 2026 and will apply to all eligible transactions of LNG under the Act. [Notification No. FD 20 CSL 2026]

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KRERA notified regarding the extension of the last date to submit the Quarterly Report

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) on February 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the extension of the last date to submit the Quarterly Report. The following has been stated namely: - • The deadline for submitting Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) for Quarter 1, Quarter 2, and Quarter 3 of FY 2025–26 has been extended. • The earlier deadline February 20, 2026 should now be read as 31 March 2026. • All concerned are required to submit the QPRs on or before March 31, 2026, while all other provisions of the earlier circular remain unchanged. [Notification no. RERA/ACCOUNTS/CR/127599/2025-26]

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Government of Karnataka issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Rules, 2014

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka (KSG), on March 13, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Rules, 2014 under the powers conferred by Section 19 of the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Act, 1964. The draft rules have been published to invite objections and suggestions from all persons likely to be affected. The proposed amendment specifically relates to Rule 26, where in sub-rule (1), clause (d), the term “eight meters” is proposed to be substituted with “six meters.” This change indicates a revision in the prescribed measurement requirement under the existing cinema regulation framework. The draft rules will be taken into consideration after seven days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette, and stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions to the State Government within the stipulated period. [Notification No. HE 01 CNE 2026]

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Karnataka Tax on Profession, Trades, Callings and Employments (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on March 18, 2026, issued the Karnataka Tax on Profession, Trades, Callings and Employments (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Karnataka Tax on Profession, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 1976. In section 10, in sub-section (1), after the second proviso, the following provisos shall be inserted, namely: - "Provided also that, every enrolled person who has paid the tax payable by him under this Act for a year shall be deemed to have furnished the return for that year. Provided also that, the Commissioner may, by notification, exempt any class of enrolled persons from furnishing the return, subject to such conditions and safeguards as may be specified in such notification." [LA Bill No. 08 of 2026]

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Karnataka Introduces Bill to Regulate Advertisements and Municipal Fees

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on March 13, 2026, introduced the Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Law (Amendment) Bill, 2026 on 2026, proposing amendments to the Karnataka Municipalities Act, 1964 and the Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, 1976. The bill proposes the introduction of provisions requiring payment of advertisement fees for displaying advertisements on land, buildings, structures, or public spaces within municipal areas. Municipal councils and corporations will be empowered to determine the rates and conditions for such fees, subject to limits prescribed by the state government. Certain advertisements such as notices for public meetings and elections will remain exempt from the fee. The bill also introduces stricter controls on unauthorized advertisements, including mandatory written permission from municipal authorities, penalties and fines for violations, interest on unpaid fees, and powers for municipal officials to remove or demolish illegal advertisements and recover related costs. [Notification No. LA Bill No. 05 of 2026]

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Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on March 10, 2026, issued the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Karnataka Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, 1993. The following has been stated: • The Act introduces provisions enabling the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in Panchayat elections to modernize the voting process. • New provisions are inserted to ensure secrecy of voting and regulate the handling, storage, and counting of votes recorded in EVMs. • The amendments empower the State Election Commission to prescribe procedures and guidelines for the conduct of Panchayat elections using electronic voting systems. • Penalty and procedural provisions relating to tampering, misuse, or interference with voting machines or the election process have also been strengthened to safeguard electoral integrity. [LA Bill No. 03 of 2026]

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Karnataka Jnana Bhandar Manuscripts and Digitisation Bill, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka, on March 10, 2026, issued the Karnataka Jnana Bhandar Manuscripts and Digitisation Bill, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Karnataka Jnana Bhandar Manuscripts and Digitisation Act, 2026, establishes the Karnataka Manuscripts Authority to survey, preserve, and digitise manuscripts related to Karnataka's heritage. •The Authority will maintain a State Register of Manuscripts, promote conservation, translation, research, and regulate access and use of manuscripts. •A Karnataka Manuscript Conservation and Digitisation Mission will digitise at least 5 lakh folios annually and provide public access through the Karnataka Jnana Bhandara Portal. •The Act also mandates reporting of manuscript holdings and imposes penalties for damage or illegal export of heritage manuscripts. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: LA Bill No. 02 of 2026]

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Karnataka Excise (Lease of the Right of Retail Vend of Beer) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Government of Karnataka on March 05, 2026, issued the Karnataka Excise (Lease of the Right of Retail Vend of Beer) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Karnataka Excise (Lease of the Right of Retail Vend of Beer) Rules, 1976. The following has been amended, namely: • The amendments replace the term "Deputy Commissioner" with "Deputy Commissioner of Excise" in Rules 3, 4, 4-A and 7, thereby clarifying the competent authority responsible for granting and administering beer retail vending leases. • A new proviso in Rule 4 allows the Deputy Commissioner of Excise to grant leases for vending bulk beer to license holders under Forms CL-4, CL-6A, CL-7, CL-9, CL-9A, CL-17 and CL-18 issued under the Karnataka Excise (Sale of Indian and Foreign Liquors) Rules, 1968. It further provides that the related RVB licences will be auto-generated electronically after payment of the prescribed fee. • The amendment also omits Rule 12 of the principal rules and updates Form II by replacing references to "Deputy Commissioner" with "Deputy Commissioner of Excise" for both grant and renewal of licences. These changes mainly streamline licensing authority references and enable the electronic generation of attached RVB licences. [Notification no. - FD 09 PES 2025]

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KRERA issued a circular regarding Imposing penalty for Non-Submission and Delay in Submission of Annual Audit Report for the Financial Year 2022-23

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) on February 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding imposing a penalty for Non-Submission and Delay in Submission of the Annual Audit Report for the Financial Year 2022-23. The following has been stated: - •The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016

requires promoters to submit an Annual Audit Report (Form-7) for each registered project. •Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority has decided to impose penalties for non-submission or delayed submission of the FY 2022-23 audit report. •Penalty ranges from ■20,000 to ■1,00,000 per financial year, depending on the total estimated project cost. •Promoters have a final chance to submit the report without penalty until March 31, 2026, failing which recovery action will begin from April 01, 2026. [Circular No.: RERA/Accounts/CR/129/2023-24]

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KRERA issued a circular regarding the penalty for delay in quarterly updates

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) on February 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding penalty for delay in quarterly updates. The following has been stated: As per rules, promoters of registered real estate projects are required to submit quarterly updates of their projects through the K-RERA web portal within 15 days from the end of each quarter. These updates must be filed by July 15 (Q1), October 15 (Q2), January 15 (Q3), and April 15 (Q4). Earlier, the Authority had issued a circular dated March 09, 2020, prescribing delay fees for the late submission of quarterly updates. However, this circular was challenged by some promoters before the High Court of Karnataka. The High Court, in its order dated September 19, 2025, quashed the circular but clarified that the Authority may impose such fees or penalties through a procedure recognized by law. In view of this decision, K-RERA has now introduced a revised penalty mechanism for delay or non-submission of quarterly updates. Accordingly, the Authority has decided to levy a penalty of ■25,000 for each quarterly update not submitted or submitted late for the period starting from Quarter-2 of FY 2017-18 to Quarter-4 of FY 2024-25. Based on the number of quarters in each financial year, the total penalty may range from ■25,000 to ■1,00,000 per financial year for each project. The Authority has also provided a final opportunity to promoters to submit all pending quarterly updates without payment of penalty up to March 31, 2026. If promoters fail to comply within this period, they will be required to pay the applicable penalty while submitting the updates. Further, from April 01, 2026, the Authority will initiate recovery proceedings for such penalties in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Rules, and Regulations. The aforesaid Circular will come into effect from February 07, 2026. [Notification No-RERA/Accounts/CR/127599/2025-26]

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KRERA issued a circular regarding the penalty for the delay/Non-Submission of the Annual Audit Report

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Karnataka

The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (KRERA) on February 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding penalty for the delay/Non-Submission of the Annual Audit Report (Form-7). The following has been stated: Under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 and the Karnataka Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Rules, 2017, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) requires promoters to submit an Annual Audit Report (Form-7) for their registered projects. As per Section 4(2)(l)(D) of the Act, promoters must get their project accounts audited by a practicing Chartered Accountant within six months after the end of each financial year and submit a certified statement confirming that the funds

collected for the project were used only for that project and withdrawals were made according to the stage of completion. K-RERA had enabled online submission of the Annual Audit Report on its portal and published the format of Form-7 on October 13, 2022. Although the deadline for submitting the report for FY 2023-24 was extended until December 31, 2024, several promoters failed to comply despite multiple notices. Therefore, under Section 60 of the Act, the Authority has decided to impose penalties for delay or non-submission of the Annual Audit Report based on the project cost, ranging from ■20,000 to ■1,00,000 per financial year. However, promoters are given a final opportunity to submit the report without penalty until March 31, 2026. If they fail to comply, the Authority will initiate penalty recovery proceedings from April 01, 2026. The circular came into effect on February 07, 2026. [Notification No: RERA/Accounts/CR/129/2023-24]

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Kerala

Kerala Govt. issued the Kerala Nativity Card Bill, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on March 07, 2026, issued the Kerala Nativity Card Bill, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • The card to certify that a person is a Keralite, and to allow to use the same as an accepted authoritative document for various services rendered by the Government of Kerala, and for social requirements and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. • Any person who requires a nativity card under this Act shall submit an application before the authority concerned in the prescribed manner and in the prescribed form along with the documents and fee, as may be prescribed • The Modification of entries in Nativity Card has been stated. • Any person whose details are required to be entered in the nativity card, shall be bound, on the requisition of the Tahsildar for preparing or modifying the entries in the nativity card. [Notification No. KLS/943/2026-Legin1]

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Kerala Govt. issued Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial Workers for the month of February 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Department of Economics & Statistics, Kerala on March 17, 2026, released the Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Industrial Workers for the month of February 2026 Vide G.O.(MS) No.103/2013/LBR. dated August 31, 2013, of the Labour and Skills (E) Department, Government of Kerala, and the G.O.(MS) No. 34/2015/LBR. dated March 26, 2015, published in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.19 (Vol. IV) dated May 12, 2015. Linking factors approved in G.O (MS) No .34/2015/LBR. dated March 26, 2015, have been used with effect from April 2015. Based on the old series 1998-99 = 100 for all centers. [Notification No. DES/1129/2025-P3(1)]

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Govt. of Kerala issued an amendment to the older notification regarding the Online Sale of Toddy Shops

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Tax Department, Govt. of Kerala on March 11, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification no. G. O. (P) No. 115/2023/TAXES dated September 04, 2023, regarding the Online Sale of Toddy Shops. In the said notification, in the Appendix, under the heading “ANNUAL RENTAL OF TODDY SHOPS FOR THE YEARS 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026”, under the sub-heading “THIRUVANANTHAPURAM”,— • against the entry “Chirayinkeezhu” in column (3), after the shop number 10 in column (4) the following entries shall respectively be inserted, in column (4), (5) and (6), namely:— “11 Keezhattingal 120600”. • against the entry “Varkala” in column (3), shop number 10 in column (4) and the entries against it in columns (5) and (6) shall be omitted. [Notification no. - S. R. O. No. 347/2026]

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Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on March 11, 2026, issued the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Amendment Rules, 2026 to further amend the Kerala Foreign Liquor (Compounding, Blending and Bottling) Rules, 1975. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 11, for sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:— "(3) No liquor processed in a batch shall be issued until a sample thereof has been analysed and certified by the Chemical Examiner or the Bureau of Indian Standards that the sample confirms with Food Safety and Standards (Alcoholic Beverages) Regulations, 2018.". [Notification No. G. O. (P) No. 21/2026/Taxes]

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Kerala Forest (Restriction on cutting and selling of sandal trees and grant of licence for possession and transport of sandalwood and sandalwood oil) Rules, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Forest and Wildlife Department, Govt. of Kerala on March 07, 2026, issued the Kerala Forest (Restriction on cutting and selling of sandal trees and grant of licence for possession and transport of sandalwood and sandalwood oil) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Kerala Forest (Restriction on cutting and selling of sandal trees and grant of licence for possession and transport of sandalwood and sandalwood oil) Rules, 2012. The following has been stated: • The amendments introduce a definition of "bonafide use," allowing limited personal use of sandalwood for ritualistic or medicinal purposes. • The procedure for inspection and permission has been streamlined by requiring forest authorities to process applications within specified timelines. Certain sub-rules have been omitted to reduce regulatory hurdles. • The rules now provide a clearer process for cutting, removal, processing, and accounting of sandalwood obtained from private lands, including maintaining a separate government account for sale proceeds to ensure payment to landowners. • Additionally, a structured appeal mechanism has been introduced allowing appeals against orders of the Authorised Officer to higher forest authorities and the State Government, thereby improving transparency and administrative efficiency. [Notification no. - G.O.(P)No.10/2026/F&WLD]

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Kerala Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on March 04, 2026, issued the Kerala Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2026 in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 64 read with Section 40(4) of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. Through this amendment, the Government has modified Rule 35 of the Kerala Wild Life (Protection) Rules, 1978, particularly regarding the declaration requirement for possession of certain wildlife items such as animals, animal articles, trophies, and salted or dried skins derived from animals listed

in Schedule I of the Act. The amendment revises the earlier declaration timeline which previously required submission before September 30, 1991. Under the revised provision, individuals possessing such specified wildlife items must now make the required declaration within forty-five days from the commencement of the Kerala Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Rules, 2026. The rules came into force with immediate effect upon publication in the Kerala Gazette. [Notification No. S.R.O. No. 298/2026]

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Kerala Finance Act, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on March 10, 2026, issued the Kerala Finance Act, 2026. The following amendments have been stated: • Kerala Finance Act, 2025 (3 of 2025), in Chapter III, General Amnesty Scheme, 2025 after section 13, the following section shall be inserted, namely:■ "13A. Special waiver in respect of small arrears.— (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the relevant Acts or in the scheme, the entire amount of arrears of tax, surcharge, interest, cess or penalty covered by a specified order passed under the relevant Act shall be deemed to have been settled under the scheme, where,■ (a) the arrears of tax or surcharge in such order does not exceed fifty thousand rupees; and (b) the arrears of tax or surcharge relates to any financial year up to and including the financial year 2017-18; and (c) such order has been issued on or before the 31st day of March, 2027: Provided that, in the case where the evidence, details and records pertaining to the penalty levied are not utilized or not liable to be utilized for any best judgment assessment under the relevant Act, the tax or surcharge relating to such penalty shall be deemed to be the arrears of tax or surcharge.". • In section 20, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and after the sub-section (1) so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:■ "(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Kerala Revenue Recovery Act, 1968 (15 of 1968), waiver of arrears under section 13A of this scheme shall be applicable to those cases in which revenue recovery proceedings have been initiated and the designated authorities shall have the power to settle such amounts towards amount payable and in cases where the arrears of tax, surcharge, interest or penalty are waived under section 13A, the revenue recovery proceedings against such applicants shall be deemed to have withdrawn on the 1st day of April, 2026 which shall then be binding on the revenue authorities and such applicants shall not be liable for payment of any collection charge leviable by such revenue authorities.". [Notification No. 12/Leg. A2/2026/Law]

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Kerala Govt. amended an older notification under the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on February 28, 2026, issued a notification to amend notification no. G. O. (P) No. 58/2008/TD, dated March 19, 2008 and published as S.R.O. No. 291/2008 in the Kerala Gazette No. 558 dated March 19, 2008 under the Kerala Abkari Shops Disposal Rules, 2002. The following amendments have been stated: • In the schedule to the said notification, in "II. INDEX", under the heading "TODDY SHOPS", under the sub-heading "Thiruvananthapuram Division-112", against serial numbers 10 and 11, for the figures "10" and "15" in column (3), the figures "11" and "14" shall respectively be substituted; • In the Appendix,

under the heading "1. Thiruvananthapuram Division", - (1) under the sub-heading "Chirayinkeezhu Taluk-Chirayinkeezhu Range-■■■", after shop number 10 in column (1), the following entries shall respectively be inserted in column (1), (2), (3) and (4), namely:- "11 Keezhattingal" Surrender North-Keezhattingal village boundary. East--Keezhattingal village boundary. South-Keezhattingal village boundary. West--Keezhattingal village boundary.", (2) under the sub-heading "Varkala Taluk Varkala Range-Tolly", shop number 10 in column (1) and the entries against it in columns (2), (3) and (4) shall be omitted. [Notification No. S. R. O. No. 276/2026]

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Kerala Govt. notified the deadline for Filing GST Appeals before Appellate Tribunal

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on March 09, 2026, notified the deadline for Filing GST Appeals before Appellate Tribunal. The Government of Kerala has issued a notification under Section 112(1) of the Kerala State Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, based on the recommendations of the GST Council, regarding the timeline for filing appeals before the Appellate Tribunal. The notification specifies that June 30, 2026 will be the last date to file appeals before the Appellate Tribunal for cases where the order being appealed was communicated to the concerned person before April 01, 2026. For orders communicated on or after April 01, 2026, appeals must be filed before the Appellate Tribunal within three months from the date of communication of the order to the person filing the appeal. [Notification No. S. R. O. No. 328/2026]

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Department of Labour and Skills (E), Kerala, issued a notification regarding the proposal to Revise Minimum Wages for Private Hospital Employees

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Department of Labour and Skills (E), Kerala, on March 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding the proposal to Revise Minimum Wages for Private Hospital Employees. The following has been stated: - •The Government of Kerala issued a proposal to revise minimum wages for employees in the private hospital sector under the Code on Wages Act, 2019. •The proposal will replace the earlier notification issued in 2018 and introduce revised pay scales for administrative, nursing, paramedical, and healthcare staff. •Hospitals are categorized based on the number of beds or employees, with additional allowances and dearness allowance linked to CPI. •Annual increments and service weightage for completed years of service are also included in the wage structure. •Objections or suggestions may be submitted within two months. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: LBRD-E1/13/2025-LBRD]

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Abkari (Amendment) Act, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on March 09, 2026, published the Abkari (Amendment) Act, 2026, after the Bill passed by the Kerala Legislative Assembly received the assent of the Governor on March 7, 2026. The amendment has been enacted to further modify provisions of the Abkari Act, 1077, which governs the regulation of manufacture, possession, sale, and transport of liquor and intoxicating substances in the State. The Act has been brought into force with immediate effect upon publication. Specifically, Section 29 of the principal Act has been amended by inserting the words “and vinegar” after the word “bread” in clause (a) of sub-section (2). This change expands the scope of the provision relating to substances that may be manufactured or used under the specified regulatory framework. [Notification No. 29/Leg. A1/2026/Law]

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Kerala Foreign Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Kerala

The Government of Kerala on February 17, 2026, issued the Foreign Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953. The following has been stated namely: - • Rule 28 for the first sentence, the following sentences shall be substituted, namely: – “No FL-3, FL-11 licensed premises shall be kept open before 10 O’clock in the morning and after 12 O’clock in the midnight. No FL-4A licensed premises shall be kept open before 11 O’clock in the morning and after 11 O’clock in the night.” • In FORM F.L.3, under the heading “CONDITIONS” in condition No. 20 – (a) For the figures, symbols and words “11 O’clock in the morning and after 11 O’clock in the night”, the figures, symbols and words, “10 O’clock in the morning and after 12 O’clock in the midnight” shall be substituted. This shall come into force from February 17, 2026 [Notification No. S. R. O. No. 194/2026]

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Lakshadweep

Govt. of Lakshadweep issued a notification regarding mandatory Aadhaar use in Lakshadweep Shipping Services

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Lakshadweep

The Government of Lakshadweep, on March 01, 2026, issued a notification regarding mandatory Aadhaar Use in Lakshadweep Shipping Services. The following has been stated: - •The Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration has mandated Aadhaar authentication or proof of enrollment for all passengers booking cargo and travel tickets to ensure transparency in subsidized shipping services. •Passengers lacking an Aadhaar number must apply for enrollment before registering for services, with the Department facilitating enrollment centers in areas where none exist. •Until an Aadhaar number is assigned, individuals may access services by presenting an enrollment slip alongside alternative identification such as a Passport, PAN card, or Voter Identity Card. •Effective from its publication in March 2026, this notification requires the Department to conduct wide media publicity to ensure public awareness of these new requirements The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: LD-10003/9/2025-PORT-PSA]

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Madhya Pradesh

Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued a notification regarding the revision of the Minimum Wages in the State

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh, on March 31, 2026, issued a notification regarding the revision of the Minimum Wages in the State. The following has been stated: - •The Labour Commissioner, Madhya Pradesh, revised minimum wages with VDA effective from April 01 to September 30, 2026, based on CPI. •General scheduled employments (67 sectors) have updated monthly wages ranging from ■12,425 (unskilled) to ■16,769 (highly skilled). •Industry-specific daily wage rates are defined for sectors like slate pencil, printing press, agriculture, and government workers. •Piece-rate wages are specified for the bidi and agarbatti industries with fixed rates per 1,000 units. •New employments are added as per the High Court order, and daily wages are rounded as per standard rules. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Number 1/11/Invest./Five/20241 6445-6650]

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Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy (Revision-II) Regulations 2021(Fifth Amendment) [ARG-33(II)(v) of 2026]

Mar 27, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on March 20, 2026, issued the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy (Revision-II) Regulations 2021(Fifth Amendment) [ARG-33(II)(v) of 2026] to further amend the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy (Revision-II) Regulations 2021 [RG-33(II) of 2021]. The following amendments have been stated: • Regulation 3.1 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under, namely: "3.1 The minimum share of renewable energy power purchase to ensure minimum share of consumption from renewable energy sources by obligated entities, who are electricity distribution licensees, open access consumers and captive users as percentage of total electrical energy consumption (hereinafter referred to as the Renewable Purchase Obligation) for each category, shall be as per the details given in the Table below (For open access consumers and captive users, this requirement applies to electricity consumption from sources other than distribution licensee): (a) The obligation under the Wind energy component shall be met by energy produced from Wind Power Projects commissioned after 31 March 2024. (b) The obligations under the Hydro energy component shall be met by energy produced from Hydro Power Projects, commissioned after 31 March 2024: Provided that the obligation under the Hydro energy component may also be met out of the free power being provided to the State or Distribution Licensee from such Projects: Provided further that the obligation under the Hydro energy component may also be met from Hydro Power Projects located outside India, as approved by the Central Government, on a case-to-case basis. (c) The obligation under the Distributed renewable energy component shall be met from the energy generated from renewable energy projects that do not exceed 10 MW in size and shall include solar installations under all configurations (net metering, gross metering. virtual net metering, group net metering, behind the meter installations and any other configuration)

and other renewable energy sources notified by the Central Government Provided that the compliance against Distributed renewable energy obligation shall ordinarily be considered in terms of energy (kilowatt hour units): Provided further that in case the obligated entity is unable to provide generation data against Distributed renewable energy installations, the reported capacity shall be converted into Distributed renewable energy generation in terms of energy by a multiplier of 4kilowatt-hour per kilowatt per day (kWh/kW/day). (d) The obligation under the other renewable energy component may be met by electrical energy produced from any renewable energy project other than specified in (a). (b) and (c). Other renewable energy shall include, but not limited to, electrical energy generated from all- (i) Wind Power Projects: (ii) Solar Power Projects; (iii) Hydro Power Projects, including free power, commissioned before 1st April, 2024; and (iv) Co-firing of biomass pellets and charcoal produced from Municipal Solid Waste. These Regulations shall come into force from March 20, 2026. These Regulations shall extend to the whole of the State of Madhya Pradesh. [Notification No. MPERC/2026/401]

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M.P. Govt. issued notification regarding the arrangements for execution of licenses for retail shops selling cannabis, bhangghota and cannabis sweets for the year 2026-27

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on March 16, 2026, issued notification regarding the arrangements for execution of licenses for retail shops selling cannabis, bhangghota and cannabis sweets for the year 2026-27. The notice outlines the process for execution of licenses for retail shops selling Bhang, Bhangghota, and Bhang sweets across 43 districts of Madhya Pradesh for the year 2026–27 (April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027). Licenses will primarily be granted through renewal, and where renewal is not applicable, through a tender process as per the schedule provided. Detailed information such as reserve price, earnest money, and past consumption data can be obtained from the respective district excise offices. If tenders are not completed on scheduled dates, the Collector may reschedule the process. Key conditions include: • No new retail shops will be opened for 2026–27. • No existing shops from 2025–26 will be closed. • The reserve price for each shop will be fixed by increasing the 2025–26 annual license fee by 10%, with special calculation rules for shops executed multiple times during that year. Overall, the framework ensures continuity of existing shops with a structured renewal/tender mechanism and standardized pricing guidelines. [Notification No. 7-Contract/Bhog/E-1085629/2026]

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Chhattisgarh Govt. issued amendment in the Chhattisgarh Factories Rules, 1962

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Chhattisgarh on March 09, 2026, issued amendment in the Chhattisgarh Factories Rules, 1962. The following amendments have been stated: • In rule 107,- (1) For Paragraph 3 of Schedule II, the following shall be substituted, namely:- “3. Prohibition relating to women and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be employed for working in baths involving Electrolyting, plating or oxidation of metal articles using electrolyte containing acids, bases or salts of metals such as chromium, nickel, cadmium, zinc, copper, silver, gold, etc. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in the Schedule on such

condition that the occupier of every factory carrying out operations under this schedule shall ensure that engineering controls (enclosed system), air monitoring system, use of specialized PPEs including impermeable gloves and face shields, regular medical monitoring, Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) of chemicals are as per the Chhattisgarh Factories Rule 124-B and regular safety trainings shall be provided while employing them." (2) For Paragraph 3 of Schedule III, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "3. Prohibition relating to women and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be permitted to work in process containing lead or any compound of lead relating to manufacture and repair of electrical accumulators or in any room in which manipulation of raw oxide or lead or pasting is carried on. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory ensures automated processes to minimize direct exposure, regular blood lead level monitoring and regular safety training while employing them." (3) For Paragraph 4 of Schedule IV, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "4. Prohibition relating to woman and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be employed or permitted to work in any operations relating to glass manufacturing. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory ensures heat gradient, cooling system, limited exposure period, respiratory protection, heat stress monitoring, engineering controls, rotation programme and regular safety training while employing them." (4) For Paragraph 4 of Schedule VI, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "4. Prohibition relating to women and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be employed or permitted to work in any operations specified in paragraph 3. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory ensures automated handling system, enclosed procedures, respiratory protection, monthly blood lead monitoring and other medical surveillance and regular safety training while employing them." (5) For Paragraph 1 of Schedule VII, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "1. Prohibition relating to women and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be employed or permitted to work or to enter any building where the production of petrol gas from petrol is carried on. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory provides remote monitoring system, gas detection equipment, emergency response training, self-contained breathing apparatus and regular safety training while employing them." (6) For Paragraph 4 of Schedule X, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "4. Prohibition relating to women and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be employed or permitted to work in any lead process or related to lead processes in printing presses and type foundries. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory ensures automation of lead management, enclosure of lead processes, respiratory protection, regular blood tests and regular safety training while employing them." (7) For Paragraph 5 of Schedule XII, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "5. (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be employed or permitted to work in any place connected with the manufacture of pottery or in any place where such work is carried on. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in the work specified in the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory ensures the use of wet methods for dust abatement, local exhaust ventilation, respiratory protection, lead free glaze where possible and regular safety training while employing them." (8) For Paragraph 15 of Schedule XVIII, the following shall be substituted, namely :- "15. Prohibition relating to women and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be permitted to be employed in solvent extraction plant. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in

the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory ensures the use of enclosed extraction system, vapor recovery and monitoring system, air monitoring system, use of special personal protective equipment (PPE) and regular safety training while employing them." (9) For Paragraph 8 of Schedule XX, the following shall be substituted, namely:- "8. Prohibition relating to women and young persons.- (1) Pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons shall not be employed or permitted to work in any manganese process involving manufacture and operation of manganese and its compounds. (2) Women and persons other than pregnant women/lactating mothers/young persons, may be employed in work specified in the Schedule on such condition that the occupier of the factory ensures automation of high-hazard tasks, respiratory protection, health monitoring, use of special personal protective equipment (PPE) and regular safety training while employing them." [Notification No. ESTB/296/2026-LABOUR]

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Govt. of MP notified regarding the compliance with statutory registration and licensing provisions in the engagement of contract labour/outsourced employees by departments, divisions, and corporations

Mar 14, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Labour Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the compliance with statutory registration and licensing provisions in the engagement of contract labour/outsourced employees by departments, divisions, and corporations. The following has been stated: • The circular states that many government departments, boards, corporations, and especially construction agencies are engaging contract labour and outsourced employees through contractors or agencies. In several cases, it has been observed that the registration of the principal employer and licensing of contractors is not completed on time, mainly due to a lack of procedural knowledge or failure to inform the labour office about the work order in time. • To ensure legal compliance and protection of workers' interests, departments are advised to review the registration status of establishments employing 50 or more contract workers, ensure contractors possess valid licences before issuing work orders, share copies of work orders with the labour office, verify completion of registration and licensing formalities, and confirm statutory compliance before commencement of work. • In case of any procedural or technical difficulty, officials may seek guidance from the regional labour office or Assistant Labour Commissioner. [Notification no. - 227/Off. L.A./Ninth/Enforcement/2025/5286]

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Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued a notification regarding revised minimum wage rates effective under the Minimum Wages Act and payment of arrears

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh, on February 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding revised minimum wage rates effective under the Minimum Wages Act and payment of arrears. The following has been stated: - •The Madhya Pradesh High Court heard petitions filed by the M.P. Textile Mills Association challenging the revised minimum wage notification issued on March 4, 2024. •The notification had increased minimum wages for workers in scheduled employment from April 01, 2024. •The court initially stayed the implementation through orders dated May 8 and May 21, 2024. •Later, orders dated February 10, 2025, and March 20, 2025,

allowed the revised wages, including Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA), to become effective again. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 227/Offla/Nine/Enforcement/2024/4157-356]

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Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Nidhi (Sanshodhan) Adhiniyam, 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on February 27, 2026, issued the Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Nidhi (Sanshodhan) Vidheyak, 2026 to further amend the Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Nidhi Adhiniyam, 1982. The following amendments have been stated: • In Section 2, in clause (4), in the opening of the paragraph, after the word "Employer", the words "or occupier" shall be inserted. • In Section 4, in sub-section (1), for the words "the Fund", wherever it occurs, the words "the Fund and Slate Pencil Fund" shall substituted; • In Section 4, for opening paragraph of clause (b) of sub-section (3), the following paragraph shall be substituted, namely:- "Such number, as may be prescribed, of representatives of employers and employees, to be nominated by the State Government, of whom one each may be an occupier and slate pencil worker from the slate pencil industry.". • After sub-section (1) of Section 16 of the principal Act, the following sub-section shall be Inserted, namely:- "(1-a) the Inspectors appointed under Madhya Pradesh Slate Pencil Karmkar Kalyan Nidhi, 1982 shall be construed as appointed under this Act, upon repeal of the said Act: Provided that the posts transferred from the Madhya Pradesh Slate Pencil Workers' Welfare Board shall be treated separate from the posts under the Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Mandal and all transferred posts from Madhya Pradesh Slate Pencil Workers' Welfare Board to Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Mandal shall be treated as supernumerary.". • After Section 30 of the principal Act, the following section shall be Inserted, namely:- "30-A. The Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Mandal shall be the legal successor of the Madhya Pradesh Slate Pencil Workers Welfare Board. All funds, schemes, contributions, posts, powers, assets (including land, buildings, vehicles, furniture and other movable and immovable assets), liabilities, sanctioned posts, existing staff, income sources, expenditure commitments and notified regulation of the Board under Madhya Pradesh Slate Pencil Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1982 shall stand transferred to the Madhya Pradesh Shram Kalyan Mandal constituted under this Act." [Notification No. 2245-33-twenty-one A]

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Madhya Pradesh Govt. issued the Nirman Shramik Rain Basera Yojana 2026

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on February 27, 2026, issued the Nirman Shramik Rain Basera Yojana 2026 The following has been stated namely: - • The “Nirman Shramik Rain Basera Yojana 2026” has been notified by the Madhya Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board under the provisions of the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act. • The scheme is applicable across the entire State of Madhya Pradesh. • It applies to building and other construction workers who are registered with the Board and hold valid identity cards under Section 12 of the Act. • The objective of the scheme is to provide safe, clean night shelter accommodation and food facilities to migrant construction workers who move within the state in search of employment. • Night shelters will be established on government-owned land in Gram Panchayat, Nagar Panchayat, Municipal Council, and

Municipal Corporation areas, based on local demand assessment and recommendations of the district-level committee. This shall come into force on February 27, 2026. [Notification No. BSKM-2026, 827411]

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Govt. of MP issued the Madhya Pradesh SpaceTech Policy, 2026

Mar 03, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on February 28, 2026, issued the Madhya Pradesh SpaceTech Policy, 2026. The following has been stated: • The policy aims to attract investments across upstream, midstream, and downstream segments of the space ecosystem, including launch vehicle systems, propulsion systems, avionics, guidance and navigation systems, telemetry, tracking and command systems, satellite communication, space situational awareness, ground stations, and space data analytics. • The policy emphasizes infrastructure development through dedicated SpaceTech parks, incubation centres, skill development hubs, and common testing facilities. It seeks to promote R&D, encourage industry–academia collaboration, and support startups and MSMEs through incentives, capital subsidies, fiscal benefits, and simplified regulatory mechanisms. • Further, the policy envisions development of a digital portal for streamlined approvals and monitoring, promotion of innovation in satellite manufacturing and embedded systems, and leveraging Madhya Pradesh's astronomical and geospatial significance (including Ujjain's historic meridian relevance). • Overall, the policy provides a comprehensive framework to build a robust space technology ecosystem in the State, boost employment, enhance technological self-reliance, and contribute to India's growing space economy.

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Govt. of MP declared a public holiday for Holi 2026

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh on March 01, 2026, declared a public holiday for Holi 2026. The Government declares March 4, 2026 (Wednesday) as an additional public and general holiday on the occasion of Holi under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. Earlier, March 3, 2026 (Tuesday) had already been declared a public and general holiday in the annual holiday list for 2026 vide notification dated December 29, 2025. [Notification no. - 03-01/2025/1/4]

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Govt. of Madhya Pradesh issued an amendment to Draft Madhya Pradesh Nagar Tatha Gram Niyam, 2012

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Madhya Pradesh

The Government of Madhya Pradesh, on February 27, 2026, issued an amendment to Draft Madhya Pradesh Nagar Tatha Gram Niyam, 2012. The following has been stated namely: - • After Rule 15, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:— 15-A. Notwithstanding anything contained in the aforesaid Rule 15, the

provisions of the Madhya Pradesh Integrated Township Rules, 2026 shall prevail. • Any objection or suggestion received from any person with respect to the said draft amendment before the expiry of the period specified above shall be considered by the State Government and or before March 13, 2026. [Notification No. UDH/3/0299/2025/18-5]

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on March 23, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2026, further to amend the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023. The following has been stated: - •The amendment to the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023, adds a new university entry to Part II of its Schedule. •It includes Subhadra's Novel Bhosale Private (SNBP) University, Pune, with headquarters at Chikhali, Pimpri-Chinchwad. •The university will operate multiple campuses at Mamurdi, Wakad, and Rahatani in Pune. •It is sponsored by Subhadra's Educational Society, Yerawada, Pune. The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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Maharashtra Private Skills Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on March 24, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Private Skills Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to amend the Maharashtra Private Skills Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2024. The following has been stated: - •The amendment to the Maharashtra Private Skills Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2024, adds two new private skill universities to Part II of its Schedule. •These are Pasha Patel SkillTech University, Lodga (Latur), sponsored by Phoenix Foundation Sanstha, and FUEL Skill Tech and Entrepreneurship University, Pune, sponsored by FUEL Trust. •Both sponsoring bodies have fulfilled the requirements under Section 5 of the Act, as verified by the Government-appointed committee. •Under Section 6, the State Government can approve such universities by amending the Schedule through legislation. •The amendment enables the formal establishment and regulation of these universities to promote skill-based education in Maharashtra. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: Mah. L. C. BILL No. VIII 2026]

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Department of Industry, Energy, Labour and Mining, Maharashtra issued a notification regarding draft amendments to the Maharashtra Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2017

Mar 30, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Department of Industry, Energy, Labour and Mining, Maharashtra, on March 28, 2026, issued a notification regarding draft amendments to the Maharashtra Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2017. The following has been stated: - •Governance Process Reengineering (GPR) aims to simplify government processes, reduce delays, and improve efficiency,

transparency, and citizen-centric service delivery. •It promotes e-governance by enabling online access to services, reducing paperwork and physical visits to offices. •Under GPR, registration and intimation services under the Maharashtra Shops and Establishments Act, 2017, have been selected for reform. •Changes have been made to Rule 5(2) of the 2018 Rules and related forms to reduce information and document requirements. •Time limit in Rule 5(2) is reduced from seven working days to one working day. •Certain fields in Form A and Form F are removed, and ownership/rental details of business premises are newly structured. •Proof of establishment requirements are updated, allowing multiple document options (e.g., electricity bill, tax receipt, 7/12 extract). •Additional requirement added for proof of establishment address in the Schedule. Any objections or suggestions may be submitted within 7 days. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MDUVA-1225/Q.No.213/Labour-10]

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Govt. of Maharashtra notified regarding the statewide POSH Committee Audit within One Month

Mar 29, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 01, 2026, notified regarding the statewide POSH Committee Audit within One Month. Chairperson Rupali Chakankar has instructed all district collectors and divisional commissioners in Maharashtra to conduct an audit of Internal Complaints Committees under the POSH framework within one month. All government, semi-government, local bodies, corporations, and autonomous institutions shall ensure that these committees are properly constituted and operational. Authorities have been warned to immediately address gaps or non-compliance, failing which legal action may be initiated. A consolidated compliance report is to be submitted to the Commission within 30 days.

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MGST Relaxation in Registration and Return Filing under the Profession Tax Act

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Maharashtra Goods and Services Tax Department (MGST), on March 13, 2026, issued a trade circular providing relaxation in registration and filing of returns under the Maharashtra Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act due to technical issues faced on the newly migrated mahagst portal. The circular was issued in reference to the Finance Department notification dated February 28, 2026, and addresses difficulties reported by taxpayers in meeting compliance timelines for March 2026. To manage system load and ensure timely tax payments, the authority has continued the tax payment facility while temporarily disabling registration and return filing functionalities. An alternative mechanism has been introduced allowing taxpayers to make payments using PAN. Payments made through PAN within due dates will be treated as valid discharge of tax liability. Additionally, taxpayers unable to register must apply for registration by April 30, 2026, to regularize such payments. The relaxation is limited to compliances due in March 2026 and applies only to PTRC and PTEC taxpayers meeting prescribed payment timelines. The circular is clarificatory in nature and intended to ease compliance difficulties without altering legal provisions under the Act. [Notification No. CST/ACSTHQ-3/PT/25-26/B-3]

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Wild Life (Protection) (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 17, 2026, issued the Wild Life (Protection) (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2026 further to amend the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, in its application to the State of Maharashtra. The following amendments have been stated: • In section 12 of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, in its application to the State of Maharashtra, in the proviso, (i) in clause (a), after the words and figure "in Schedule I" the words, figures and letters "excluding Leopard Panthera pardus specified in entry at serial No. 43 in Part A: MAMMALS in Schedule I," shall be inserted; (ii) in clause (b), after the words "any other wild animal" the words, figures and letters "including Leopard Panthera pardus specified in entry at serial No. 43 in Part A: MAMMALS in Schedule I," shall be inserted. It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint. [L. A. BILL No. XXIV OF 2026]

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DIT Aadhaar Authentication for MahaSarthi Portal

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Department of Information Technology, Government of Maharashtra (DIT), on March 20, 2026, issued a notification permitting the use of Aadhaar authentication for identity verification on the MahaSarthi portal, following approvals from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). The notification is in accordance with the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 and the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance Rules, 2020. The notification provides that Aadhaar authentication shall be used for voluntary identity verification during user registration and generation of a unique MAHA ID on the MahaSarthi portal. Authentication may be conducted through Yes/No or e-KYC methods, with the objective of creating authenticated digital records to facilitate efficient delivery of government schemes and services in Maharashtra. It is further clarified that Aadhaar authentication is strictly voluntary, and alternative identification methods such as Ration Card, Driving License, PAN, Voter ID, APAAR ID, or ABHA ID must be accepted. No individual shall be denied services for not opting for Aadhaar authentication, and prior consent of the Aadhaar holder is mandatory. [Notification No. UCD-1725/C.R.355/TT]

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Maharashtra Unaided Private - Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 04, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Maharashtra Unaided Private - Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. The following has been stated namely: - • Section 6A which states “Manner of admission in Government Institution, etc.” has been inserted namely: - “The provisions of sections 3, 4, 5

and 6 in respect of the Regulations of Admissions and section 10 in respect of CET Cell shall mutatis mutandis apply to Government institution, Government aided institution and Public University Departments or institutes.". • Section 10 has been substituted namely: - “Chapter III-A – Maharashtra State Common Entrance Test Cell 10 – State Common Entrance Test Cell” • Section 14 which states “Procedure to be adopted by Fees Regulating Authority” has been substituted. [L.A. Bill No. VI of 2026]

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Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat (MLS), on March 16, 2026, introduced the Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026 in the Legislative Assembly to amend the Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1958. The Bill proposes revisions in the taxation structure for certain categories of motor vehicles, particularly focusing on older non-transport vehicles and specific vehicle types. The Bill seeks to amend the Fifth Schedule by revising lump sum tax rates applicable to non-transport vehicles that have completed 15 years from the date of first registration. The revised tax structure differentiates between vehicle types (two-wheelers, petrol, and diesel vehicles) and emission standards (BS-VI and above vs. BS-IV and below), generally imposing higher tax on older and more polluting vehicles. Additionally, the Bill proposes an amendment to the Sixth Schedule by introducing a cap on tax payable for cranes, limiting it to a maximum of ■30 lakh. These changes aim to rationalize tax rates and align them with environmental considerations and revenue objectives. [Bill No. L.A. BILL No. XXIII OF 2026]

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Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Act, 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 17, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Act, 2026, further to amend the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965. It shall be deemed to have come into force on December 26, 2025. The following has been amended: • The amendment inserts a new sub-section (3A) in Section 51A-1A and Section 341B-1A of the principal Act, providing that a person elected as both President and Councillor may hold both posts simultaneously, but shall have only one vote (either as President or Councillor), with the President having a casting vote in case of a tie. • Further, the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats, and Industrial Townships (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, is repealed, while ensuring that all actions taken under the Ordinance are saved and deemed valid under the amended Act. [Act no. VI of 2026]

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Maharashtra Urban Development Control and Promotion Rules (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 13, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Urban Development Control and Promotion Rules (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Maharashtra Urban Development Control and Promotion Regulations, 2020. The following has been amended: • The bill introduces changes to the existing urban development control and promotion rules to improve planning, regulation, and development processes in urban areas. • The amendment primarily aims to update and rationalize development control regulations applicable to urban planning authorities in Maharashtra. It enables the State Government and planning authorities to revise and standardize development norms, including building regulations, land use planning, and development permissions, to ensure more efficient urban growth. • The amendment also strengthens the implementation of unified development control and promotion rules, allowing consistent planning standards across municipal corporations and other urban local bodies. • Further, the bill seeks to streamline the approval and regulatory framework for urban development projects, making procedures clearer for developers and planning authorities. It promotes better coordination between state authorities and local planning bodies in enforcing development regulations and ensures that urban development takes place in accordance with approved plans and policies. [L.A. BILL No. X of 2026]

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Govt. of Maharashtra notified regarding the implementation of a uniform policy for all banks on Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges applicable to revenue collected through debit card transactions on government portals

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Finance Department, Govt. of Maharashtra on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the implementation of a uniform policy for all banks on Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges applicable to revenue collected through debit card transactions on government portals. The following has been stated: • This Government Resolution deals with Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charges on debit card payments made through government portals. Earlier, as per the Government of India notification, MDR charges (up to ■2,000 transactions) were reimbursed by the Centre till December 31, 2019, to promote digital payments, but this scheme was discontinued thereafter. • Subsequently, different state portals were following inconsistent MDR practices, with charges sometimes borne by the government and sometimes by customers. Referring to updated central guidelines, it is clarified that no MDR will be paid by government portals, and such charges shall be borne by the customer/cardholder. • Accordingly, the state government has decided that no MDR charges will be paid by the Maharashtra Government to banks or payment gateways going forward. Departments are instructed not to approve or process any MDR-related expenditure after the date of this order. • All existing agreements with banks/payment service providers shall be amended accordingly, and the change shall be clearly displayed on respective government portals. • Overall, the decision aims to standardize MDR policy and shift the cost burden to users, ensuring uniform implementation across all state digital platforms. [Notification no. - Sankirna-2020/Pr.Kr.17/Kosha Prasha-4]

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Maharashtra Self-financed Schools (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 12, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Self-financed Schools (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to further amend the Maharashtra Self-financed Schools (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2012. The following amendments have been stated: • In the preamble of the Maharashtra Self-financed Schools (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act"), the words "to upper-primary or secondary or higher secondary school, as the case may be," shall be deleted. • In section 3 of the principal Act,- o in sub-section (1), for the words "such as primary or upper-primary or secondary or higher secondary, or up-gradation of the existing school to upper-primary or secondary, or higher secondary school, as the case may be" the words "such as primary or secondary or secondary and higher secondary or up-gradation of the existing school" shall be substituted; o sub-section (4) shall be deleted. • In section 13 of the principal Act, in sub-section (2), for the words "be punished with fine which shall not be less than five lakh rupees but which may extend to ten lakh rupees" the words "be punished with fine which shall not be less than ten lakh rupees but which may extend to twenty lakh rupees" shall be substituted. • In section 18 of the principal Act, after the words "the State Government" the words ", the Commissioner" shall be inserted. • In section 20 of the principal Act, for the words and figures "section 21 of the Indian Penal Code" the words, figures and brackets "section 2 (28) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023" shall be substituted. [L. A. BILL No. XVI OF 2026]

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Maharashtra Introduces Bill to Nominate Expert Councillors in Zilla Parishads

Mar 16, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on March 12, 2026, introduced the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis (Second Amendment) Bill, 2026 to amend the Maharashtra Zilla Parishads and Panchayat Samitis Act, 1961. The bill proposes insertion of a new provision in Section 9 enabling the Collector to nominate councillors with special knowledge or experience in Zilla Parishad administration. The number of such nominated councillors will be ten percent of the total elected councillors or a minimum of five persons, whichever is higher. However, these nominated members will not have voting rights in meetings nor be eligible to become President, Vice-President, or committee chairpersons of the Zilla Parishad. The bill also amends Section 10 to clarify that the tenure of nominated councillors will be co-terminus with the duration of the Zilla Parishad. The amendment aims to bring expert input into local governance while maintaining the decision-making authority of elected representatives. [Notification No. L.A. Bill No. XV of 2026]

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Indian Partnership (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 16, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 11, 2026, issued the Indian Partnership (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2026 further to amend the Indian partnership act, 1932, in its application to the state of

Maharashtra. The following amendments have been stated: • In section 58, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be inserted: - "(1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (1A), the Registrar of the area in which any place of business of a plantation is situated or is proposed to be situated shall, on the official website, - (a) Name of the pedhi, PAN number and e-mail address of the pedhi; (b) The nature of the business of the farm; (c) the place of business or principal place of business; (d) the names of any other places where the business is carried on; (e) Date of joining the firm by each partner: (f) Full names and permanent addresses, email addresses and mobile phone numbers of all partners; (g) Period of production, This can be done by filing an online application in the prescribed format, paying the prescribed online fee and submitting a certified copy of the partnership deed. The statement shall be digitally signed by all the partners or their agents specifically authorized in this regard.". • In section 58, for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted:- (2) The partners who digitally sign the application shall upload the information on the official website, and shall also verify the application entered in the online form mentioned in sub-section (1). The necessary supporting documents from the applicant shall also be uploaded on the official website.". • In sub-section (1) of section 59 of the principal Act, after the words "by registered representation", the words "by digital means" shall be inserted. [Bill No. 12 of 2026]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued a trade circular regarding an update on the Professional Tax

Mar 15, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 13, 2026, issued a trade circular regarding an update on the Professional Tax. The following has been stated: • The circular allows Professional Tax (PT RC & PT EC) payment without portal login due to multiple complaints about the tax portal. • Employers and taxpayers shall complete PT payment for March 2026 or annual PT EC by March 15, 2026. • The online services for new registration and return filing are temporarily disabled until further notice from the department. • An alternate payment facility using PAN number has been introduced for taxpayers who are not yet registered. • Such taxpayers shall apply for Professional Tax registration online before April 30, 2026, to remain compliant. The detailed circular is given in the document below. [Circular No.: CST/ACSTHQ-3/PT/25-26/B- 315]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued the Draft State Energy Conservation Policy 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 09, 2026, issued the Draft State Energy Conservation Policy 2026. The following has been stated: - •To mitigate global warming and future energy shortages, the Maharashtra government is implementing the "State Energy Conservation Policy," designating MAHAURJA to enforce the Energy Conservation Act, 2001. •The policy mandates energy audits for large industrial consumers and provides financial assistance for MSMEs, aiming for 20% to 30% energy savings across the industrial and government sectors by 2030. •New commercial buildings must adhere to the 2025 Energy Conservation Building Code, while government facilities are required to adopt star-rated appliances and install electric vehicle charging stations. •Additionally, the state will focus on replacing outdated water pumps in local bodies to achieve significant energy reductions and reduce carbon emissions by 1000 MW by 2032 The detailed notification is given in the document below.

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Govt. of Maharashtra notified regarding the development of an AI chatbot for the Textile Department in the State

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Cooperation, Marketing and Textiles Department, Govt. of Maharashtra on March 06, 2026, notified regarding the development of an AI chatbot for the Textile Department in the State. The following has been stated: • The State has decided to implement a 150-day action plan, based on the earlier Government Resolution dated June 02, 2025. In line with this initiative, the department decided to develop an AI chatbot to improve services and information access related to the textile sector. Three companies submitted proposals for this project, and after evaluating their quotations under the prevailing procurement policy, Ketonic India Pvt. Ltd. was selected as it offered the lowest quotation. Accordingly, the Government granted administrative approval to the proposal for developing the AI chatbot for the Textile Department. • The resolution also specifies the financial arrangement for the project. An amount of ■6.00 lakh will be utilized from the prize funds received by the department under the Rajiv Gandhi Administrative Dynamism (PRAGATI) Campaign and Competition 2024–25, announced through a Government Resolution dated March 26, 2025, for developing an online portal to distribute grants to textile institutions. • This amount has already been credited to the department's account and will be used for developing the AI chatbot. The remaining ■3.80 lakh will be funded from the departmental budget under Demand No. V-2 (Major Head 2851 – Village and Small Industries) is related to administrative expenditure and implementation of the Maharashtra Textile Policy 2023–28. • The resolution also states that the work order and service agreement with the selected company will be issued separately. [Notification no. - Policy-1125 / P. No. 122 / Tex-5]

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Govt. of Maharashtra directs districts to conduct POSH Internal Committee (IC) Audit

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Women Commission of Maharashtra State, on February 28, 2026, directed districts to conduct POSH Internal Committee (IC) Audits. The following has been stated: • It has directed all districts in Maharashtra to conduct a special audit of Internal Committees (ICs). The directive follows observations that many government, semi-government, local bodies, corporations, autonomous institutions, and private establishments have either not constituted Internal Committees or are not functioning effectively. • District authorities have been instructed to verify whether Internal Committees are properly constituted with required members, examine complaints received and actions taken, check pending cases and their reasons, review implementation of disciplinary decisions, confirm submission of annual reports, ensure awareness and training activities, and verify display of IC information boards at workplaces. • Where Internal Committees have not been established or are incomplete, authorities shall direct the immediate constitution of the committees and initiate action for non-compliance. The audit report on the functioning of ICs shall be submitted to the Maharashtra State Women's Commission within 30 days, and legal action should be proposed in cases where violations of the POSH Act are found. [Notification no. - MMAA/Feb-26/POSH/Ka-05/361]

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Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 05, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Maharashtra Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2023. The Government has amended the Schedule, by inserting a new Entry 10 in Part II. The amendment adds Subhadra's Educational Society, Yerawada, Pune as the sponsoring body for establishing Subhadra's Novel Bhosale Private (SNBP) University, Pune. The notification specifies the headquarters at Chikhali (Pimpri-Chinchwad) and recognizes its campuses at Mamurdi, Wakad, and Rahatani in Pune district under the newly established private university. [Bill no. - L. A. BILL No. VIII OF 2026]

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Maharashtra Settlement of Arrears of Tax, Interest, Penalty or Late Fee (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on March 10, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Settlement of Arrears of Tax, Interest, Penalty or Late Fee (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2026, further to amend the Maharashtra Settlement of Arrears of Tax, Interest, Penalty or Late Fee Act, 2025. The following has been stated: - •The Maharashtra Settlement of Arrears of Tax, Interest, Penalty, or Late Fee (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2026, amends the 2025 Act with the assent of the Governor. •The deadline for settlement under the scheme has been extended from December 31, 2025, to March 31, 2026. •It allows taxpayers to withdraw appeals on distinct issues to avail settlement benefits while continuing other appeals. •Payments made after December 31, 2025, until the Act's commencement are validated and cannot be claimed for refund. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MAHENG/2009/35528]

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Maharashtra Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on March 04, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966. The following has been stated namely: - • In Section 22A, after sub-section (7), the following of Mah. XLI sub-section shall be added, namely :- "(8) The Gairan land included within the area of municipal corporation or municipal council for which a final Development Plan is notified as per the provisions of the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning Act, Mah. 1966, shall, with prior permission of the State Government be used for the purposes designated for such land in such final Development Plan."" • In section 230, sub-section (1), the words "by post" the words shall be inserted, namely:- "or through electronic mail service" • In section 230, sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be added, namely:- "Provided that, such notice may also be served by any other electronic communication in such form and in such manner, as the State Government may by rules

provide.". [L. C. BILL No. II OF 2026]

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Maharashtra Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on March 05, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2026, further to amend the Maharashtra Stamp Act. The following has been stated: - •The bill proposes amendments to Section 52A of the Maharashtra Stamp Act, 1958, increasing the pecuniary limit from ■5 lakh to ■20 lakh. •It also includes the Joint Inspector General of Registration and Superintendent of Stamps as an additional authority for refund approvals. •The amendment introduces a new jurisdiction structure allowing different officers to approve refunds within specified monetary limits up to ■1 crore. •The objective is to decentralize powers and speed up refund processing due to the rising number of high-value property transactions. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: MAHBIL/2009/40123]

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Maharashtra Lifts, Escalators and Moving Walks (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The government of Maharashtra, on March 04, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Lifts, Escalators and Moving Walks (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Maharashtra Lifts, Escalators and Moving Walks Act, 2017. The following has been stated: • In Section 2, in clause (1), for the words and figures “the factories act, 1948” the words and figures “the occupational safety, health and working conditions code, 2020” shall be substituted. • In Section 3(1), after clause (a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely: - “(a-1) the superintending engineer;” • For sub-section (2), the following sub-sections shall be substituted, namely: - o "(2) The Chief Electrical Inspector shall exercise the powers and perform the functions assigned under this Act and shall be responsible for control, monitoring and coordination thereunder. o (2A) The Superintending Engineer so appointed shall, in addition to the powers conferred on him under this Act, exercise the powers of an Electrical Inspector within the area of his jurisdiction."; o (3) in the marginal note, after the words "Chief Electrical Inspector" the words ", Superintending Engineer" shall be inserted. Please refer to the document attached below for more details.

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued a Guidelines for disability screening, assessment and issuance of certificates

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on March 05, 2026, issued a Guidelines for disability screening, assessment and issuance of certificates. The following has been stated namely: - • The Government of

Maharashtra on December 14, 2023, under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, disability certificates must be issued only through the official medical boards authorized by the government. These certificates are to be used as valid proof for availing benefits provided to persons with disabilities. If any doubts arise regarding the authenticity of a disability certificate submitted by an employee or candidate, the concerned department must send it to the issuing medical authority or board for verification. • If the certificate is found to be incorrect or fraudulent, appropriate action can be taken against the concerned person under the relevant rules. The resolution also clarifies that departments and educational institutions must verify certificates properly before granting benefits and follow the official procedures prescribed by the government. [Notification No. Divyang-2026/P.No.64/Rua-2 E.No. 1575676]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued the User Manual - E-704 Utility

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Commercial Tax Department, Govt. of Maharashtra on February 23, 2026, issued the User Manual - E-704 Utility. The Manual explains the procedure for taxpayers to use the online utility on the MAHAGST portal for filing and uploading required data or forms electronically. The manual guides users on downloading the utility/template, entering transaction details in the prescribed format, validating the data, and uploading the file on the portal through the dealer login. After uploading, the system checks the correctness of the data and generates an acknowledgement or error report if any discrepancies are found. The utility ensures standardized electronic submission of information such as returns, declarations, or applications, enabling faster processing and reducing manual errors. Taxpayers are required to download the latest template, fill all mandatory fields correctly, validate the file, and then upload it through the portal; once successfully submitted, the application or document is registered in the system, and an acknowledgement can be downloaded for record.

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued the SOPs for Providing International Employment Opportunities to Skilled Manpower in the Construction Workers and Home-based Caregiver Sectors

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Department, Govt. of Maharashtra on March 05, 2026, issued the SOPs for Providing International Employment Opportunities to Skilled Manpower in the Construction Workers and Home-based Caregiver Sectors. The following has been stated: • The SOPs aim to establish a structured mechanism for identifying overseas job opportunities notified internationally, selecting and training eligible candidates, and facilitating their placement abroad through authorized agencies. • The resolution provides for coordination between government departments, skill development institutions, and recruitment agencies to ensure proper skill certification, language and pre-departure training, and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. • The initiative is intended to enhance global employment prospects for skilled workers from Maharashtra while ensuring transparency, worker protection, and standardized procedures in overseas recruitment. [Notification no. - Sankirna-2026 / P. No. 04 /

Vyashi-4]

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Govt. of Maharashtra issued a circular regarding the adoption of TReDS Platform for payment of pending payments of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises/Contractors

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on March 05, 2026, issued a circular regarding the adoption of TReDS Platform for payment of pending payments of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises/Contractors. The following has been stated namely: - • The following procedure is hereby initiated by this Government Decision for the payment of dues of interested Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises/Contractors under the schemes of State Roads (Roads and Bridges) and Major District Roads (Roads and Bridges) under the Public Works Department through the Red Receivable Electronic Discounting System (TReDS) Platform. • At the Regional Department level, the Chief Engineer concerned at the Government level will be informed about agreeing with the designated RED Platform Provider. • The Contractors/Entrepreneurs registered under the Red Receivable Electronic Discounting System (TReDS) will be eligible to receive payments through this system. The bank interest and platform charges for making payments through TReDS will be deducted from the payment of the MSME buyers/contractors. The said bank interest and platform charges will not be reimbursed by the Government; in this regard, the written consent of the Contractor will be taken. [Notification No. BGM-2025/Pro.No.137/Arv-1]

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Maharashtra State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra, on February 28, 2026, issued the Maharashtra State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Maharashtra State Tax on Professions, Trades, Callings and Employments Act, 1975. The following has been stated namely: - • In rule 11, sub-rule (3), (1) in clause (a), for the figures and words "31st of March" the figures and words shall be substituted with:- "15th of March". • In rule 11, clause (c), for the words "last date" the figures and words shall be substituted with:- "15th day". [Notification No. 2026/C.R.4/Taxation-3]

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Maharashtra Govt. issued the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Government of Maharashtra on February 22, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, to

further amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. The following has been stated namely: - • The title shall be changed to Maharashtra Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) and Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Fees). • Section 2 which states “Definitions” the following has been inserted namely: - “(a-1) "aided institution" means Private Professional Educational Institution, which is receiving aid or grant-in-aid on account of salaries to its employees from the Central Government, the State Government or the local authority” • Section 6-A has been inserted namely: - "6A. The provisions of sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 in respect of the Regulations of Admissions and section 10 in respect of CET Cell shall mutatis mutandis apply to Government institution, Government aided institution and Public University Departments or institutes." • Chapter III-A has been substituted which states “Maharashtra State Common Entrance Test Cell” This shall come into force from February 22, 2026. [Notification No. MAHENG/2009/35528]

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Maharashtra Government notified regarding the Mid-Week Holidays for State Printing Presses

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Maharashtra

The Industry, Energy, Labour & Mining Department, Government of Maharashtra on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the Mid-Week Holidays for State Printing Presses. It has amended the holiday schedule for state government printing presses under the Directorate of Government Printing, Stationery & Publications, Mumbai. Effective from March 01, 2026, these government printing offices will observe two mid-week holidays — the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. On these days, the printing presses will remain closed, while regular working hours will continue on all other Wednesdays and other working days. This change has been made taking into account operational requirements and feedback from employee representative bodies, and it applies specifically to the printing establishments under the Directorate. [Notification no. - MULESA-2026/P.Kr.06/Industry-4]

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Meghalaya

Meghalaya Identification. Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (Amendment) Act, 2024

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya on March 13, 2026, issued the Meghalaya Identification. Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers (Amendment) Act, 2024 to further amend the Meghalaya Identification, Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers Act, 2020. The following amendments have been stated: • In Section 2 of the Meghalaya Identification, Registration (Safety & Security) of Migrant Workers Act, 2020, after the existing clause (k), the following new clause (1) shall be inserted, namely,- "(1) "Inspector" means the Inspector appointed by the Government for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act. • After Section 3 of the Principal Act, the following new Section 3A shall be inserted, namely.- "3A. (1) The Registering Officers, within the limits of their jurisdiction, shall be responsible for imposing penalties for any contravention under the Act. (3) The Registering Officers may appoint any Subordinate Officers under their control, to assist in the enforcement of the Act." • In section 4 of the Principal Act, after sub-section (2), the following proviso shall be added, namely.- "Provided that notices are issued by the competent authority, i.e., the Registering Officer, or any other subordinate officers appointed, under whose jurisdiction the establishment falls, to the offending employer/owner and after a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of receipt of such notice, failure to comply to such notice shall render him liable to a further fine the amount of which shall not be less than Rupees five thousand and may extend upto Rupees one lakh. Notwithstanding above, repeated failure to register shall invite a simple imprisonment to a term upto 3 (three) months." It shall come into force from March 13, 2026. [Notification No. LL(B).15/2020/66]

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Government of Meghalaya Use of Commercial LPG Cylinders by Establishments in East Jaintia Hills

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya, on March 18, 2026, issued an order directing all commercial establishments within the district to comply with prescribed LPG usage norms. The order mandates that businesses such as hotels, restaurants, canteens, and street vendors must use only 19 kg commercial LPG cylinders for their operations. It further clarifies that the use of 14.5 kg domestic LPG cylinders for commercial purposes is prohibited as it violates provisions under the LPG (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000. The authority has warned that strict action will be taken against violators under the applicable legal provisions, ensuring enforcement of proper LPG usage in commercial establishments. [Order No. KHT/SUP-06/2016/Pt-I/104]

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MSPCB Invitation for Setting up Material Recovery Facilities

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB), on March, 2026, issued a public notice inviting proposals for setting up Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) in line with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The notice highlights the responsibility of local authorities to establish facilities for segregation and management of recyclable waste such as paper, plastic, metal, glass, and textiles. In this regard, proposals are invited from individuals, community groups, NGOs, and other stakeholders for collection, sorting, and processing of dry waste generated from residential, commercial, and institutional sources. Interested applicants are required to submit detailed project reports (DPRs) in hard copy to the Board on or before April 13, 2026, for consideration of financial assistance. This initiative aims to strengthen waste management infrastructure and promote recycling through organized systems. [Notification No. No.MSPCB/SWM-2/Vol-III/2023/2025-26/]

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MSPCB issued circular regarding the Processing Fees for Authorization under Bio-Medical Waste (Management) Rules 2016

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) on February 25, 2026, issued circular regarding the Processing Fees for Authorization under Bio-Medical Waste (Management) Rules 2016. The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board has issued a revised authorization fee structure for Government Health Care Facilities under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, superseding its earlier circular dated October 3, 2024. As per the resolution passed in its 94th meeting held on February 5, 2026, government healthcare facilities are now required to pay annual authorization fees based on their bed capacity. Facilities with up to 50 beds will pay ■1,500 per year, those with up to 200 beds ■3,000, up to 500 beds ■5,000, and facilities with more than 500 beds ■7,000 annually. For non-bedded government healthcare units such as dispensaries, sub-centres, wellness centres, veterinary institutions, and laboratories, a one-time authorization fee of ■1,250 has been prescribed. Additionally, other institutions involved in the collection, storage, transportation, treatment, or disposal of biomedical waste must obtain authorization by paying annual fees based on their capital investment. Entities with investment below ■25 lakh will pay ■6,250 per year, those above ■25 lakh will pay ■12,500 per year, while government institutions under this category will pay ■2,000 annually. [Circular No. MSPCB/Gen-2(Pt-III)/2025-2026/ 16]

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Indian Institute of Public Health Shillong, Bill, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya on February 25, 2026, issued the Indian Institute of Public Health Shillong Bill 2026. The following has been stated: • The bill seeks to establish the Indian Institute of Public Health Shillong as an institution of national importance dedicated to education, research, and training in the field of public health. The Bill provides for the incorporation of the institute as a statutory body with perpetual succession and a governing structure consisting of a Board of Governors, Director, and other authorities to oversee administration, academic functions, and policy decisions. • The Bill empowers the institute to provide postgraduate and doctoral education, undertake research, offer training, and grant degrees, diplomas, and other academic distinctions in public health and related disciplines. It also allows the institute to collaborate

with national and international organisations, establish campuses, create academic departments, and undertake capacity-building programmes to strengthen public health systems. • Further, the legislation lays down provisions relating to funding, accounts, audit, staff appointments, and service conditions, including grants from the Central Government. It also authorises the institute to frame statutes, ordinances, and regulations for governance, academic standards, and operational matters to ensure effective functioning and advancement of public health education and research in India. [Notification no. - LB.44/LA/2026/2]

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Govt. of Meghalaya issued a notification regarding the deadline for filing appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya, on February 25, 2026, issued a notification regarding the deadline for filing appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal. The following has been stated: - •Under the Meghalaya Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, the Government of Meghalaya notified timelines for filing appeals before the GST Appellate Tribunal. •For orders communicated before April 01, 2026, appeals can be filed up to June 30, 2026. •For orders communicated on or after April 01, 2026, appeals must be filed within three months from the date of communication of the order. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: ERTS(T)3/2025/467]

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Meghalaya Govt. issued Public Health Advisory: Meningococcal Disease

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya on February 26, 2026, issued Public Health Advisory: Meningococcal Disease. Health authorities have reported suspected cases of meningococcal infection, with the State Surveillance Unit and the District Surveillance Unit East Khasi Hills leading an active investigation in East Khasi Hills. Case investigations, contact tracing, laboratory review, and enhanced surveillance are underway, and officials state the situation is currently under control with no new suspected cases elsewhere. The public is advised to follow preventive measures such as mask use when unwell or in crowds, good respiratory and hand hygiene, and maintaining overall health, and to seek immediate medical care if symptoms like high fever, severe headache, vomiting, or rash appear. Authorities urge calm, discourage misinformation, and encourage use of the 14410 helpline for urgent assistance. [Notification No. Health.21/2020/Pt.VIII/139]

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Nagaland

Nagaland Shops and Establishments (1st Amendment) Bill, 2025

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Nagaland

The Government of Nagaland, on March 13, 2026, issued the Nagaland Shops and Establishments (1st Amendment) Bill, 2025, to amend the Nagaland Shops and Establishments Act, 1986. The following has been stated: - •The Bill, introduced in the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on March 09, 2026, aims to regulate work and employment conditions in shops and commercial establishments across the state. •It applies to Town Committee areas and other specified regions, targeting establishments that employ 20 or more persons, though registration remains mandatory for all. •Key definitions are provided for terms such as "apprentice," "child" (under 14 years), "commercial establishment," "employer," and "wages". •Extensive exemptions are listed, including government offices, specific banks, pharmacies, and shops dealing in perishables or funeral articles. •Standard working hours are capped at 10 hours per day or 48 hours per week, with overtime strictly limited to 12 total daily hours. •Employees working more than eight hours a day or 48 hours a week are entitled to overtime pay at double their ordinary wage rate. •Establishments must provide a rest interval of at least 30 minutes after six hours of work, and total daily "spread over" cannot exceed 12.5 hours. •Weekly requirements include closing shops for one full day and providing a minimum of one and a half days of holiday for employees in commercial or entertainment establishments. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: AS/LEG-05/NSE-1/2026/1211]

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Nagaland Media Accreditation Rules, 2025

Mar 29, 2026 | State | Nagaland

The Government of Nagaland on February 27, 2026, issued the Nagaland Media Accreditation Rules, 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • The Composition of Press/Media Accreditation Committee has been stated in the Rules. • The Tenure of the committee has been stated • The procedure for cancellation of accreditation has been stated in the Rules. • The various privileges attached to the accreditation card has been stated. • Applications are attached in the Rules. This shall come into force on February 27, 2026. [Notification No. IPR/MEDIA/6-2/2016/43]

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Odisha

Odisha Govt. notified regarding the Mukhyamantri Poshan Yojana

Mar 29, 2026 | State | Odisha

The School and Mass Education Department, Odisha on February 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mukhyamantri Poshan Yojana The following has been stated namely: - • The Government of Odisha launched Mukhyamantri Poshan Yojana to provide hot cooked mid-day meals to Class IX & X students in Government and aided schools. • The scheme aims to improve nutrition, increase enrolment, attendance, and retention, and ensure equitable access to food. • Initially, the unit cooking cost was ■10.94 per student per day, aligned with the PM POSHAN scheme. • The cost has now been revised to ■14.74 per student per day (effective May 01, 2025) to maintain parity and improve meal quality. • The additional financial requirement will be met through the scheme's budget allocation, with approval from the Finance Department. This is effective from April 01, 2025. [Notification No. 2100–SME-EL2-EL2-0156/2024-SME]

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Odisha Govt. issued the Scheme Guidelines for UTKARSH ITI Yojana

Mar 29, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Skill Development and Technical Education Department, Odisha on February 17, 2026, issued the Scheme Guidelines for UTKARSH ITI Yojana (Scheme for Upgradation of ITIS as Zonal ITIs). The following has been stated namely: - • The Government of Odisha has launched UTKARSH ITI Yojana to upgrade 5 Government ITIs as zonal centres to strengthen the TVET ecosystem. • The scheme focuses on modern infrastructure, smart classrooms, digital learning systems, and industry-aligned trades (e.g., robotics, semiconductor, CNC, 3D printing). • Key objectives include enhancing employability, promoting entrepreneurship, introducing future-ready skills, and supporting nearby ITIs through knowledge sharing. • Implementation will be handled by the Skill Development Department, ensuring compliance with national training standards (DGT/NCVT norms). • The scheme has a budget of ■500 crore, to be implemented over FY 2025–26 to 2027–28, aiming to build a skilled, industry-ready workforce. [Notification No. 707–PT3-SDTE-ITI-SCH-0003/2025-SDTE]

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Odisha Jan Vishwas Act, 2025

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha on January 22, 2026, notified the Odisha Jan Vishwas Act, 2025, after receiving the Governor's assent on January 17, 2026. The Act aims to amend various state enactments to decriminalise and rationalise offences, thereby promoting trust-based governance and improving ease of living and doing business in the State. The Act provides for amendments to multiple existing laws listed in the Schedule, including the Odisha Nurses and Midwives Registration Act, 1938, Odisha Municipal Act, 1950, and Odisha Prevention of Gambling Act, 1955. These amendments largely replace criminal punishments

such as imprisonment with monetary penalties and enhance penalty amounts for various regulatory contraventions. Further, the Act introduces a mechanism for periodic revision of fines and penalties, providing that the minimum prescribed fines or penalties under the affected enactments will increase by ten per cent every three years from the commencement of the Act. The legislation also repeals the Odisha Jan Vishwas Ordinance, 2025, while saving actions already taken under the ordinance. [Notification No. 1855-I-Legis-27/2025/L]

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Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Odisha, issued a circular regarding the maintenance of a database of fire-risk premises under the Odisha Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Rules, 2017

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Odisha, on March 07, 2026, issued a circular regarding the maintenance of a database of fire-risk premises under the Odisha Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Rules, 2017. The following has been stated: - •Under the Odisha Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Rules, 2017, authorities must identify and ensure safety compliance of fire-risk premises. •Odisha Fire & Emergency Services is directed to maintain a detailed physical and digital database of all such premises at the fire station level. •Data must be compiled within set timelines and updated quarterly, with mandatory submission of Fire Safety Certificates (FSC) and Recommendations (FSR) to respective fire stations. •In case of absence of designated officers, a substitute officer (not below Station Officer rank) must be nominated, and strict compliance is required with any deviation treated seriously. [Circular No.: Fire Prevention Circular Order No. 01/ FPW]

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Govt. of Odisha issued the Odisha Tourism (Amendment) Policy, 2026

Mar 15, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Tourism Department, Govt. of Odisha on January 19, 2026, issued the Odisha Tourism (Amendment) Policy, 2026, to further amend the Odisha Tourism Policy, 2022. The following has been stated: • The amended policy aims to position Odisha among the top tourism destinations in Asia for eco and cultural tourism in alignment with Vision 2047. It introduces expanded objectives such as achieving 5 crore domestic tourists and 7 lakh foreign tourists annually by 2047, increasing tourist stay duration, creating 25 lakh tourism-related jobs, and expanding high-quality accommodation infrastructure across the state. • The amendment broadens the definition and scope of tourism units, covering hotels, resorts, wellness centres, eco-resorts, adventure tourism projects, caravan parks, water-based tourism, heritage properties, museums, theme parks, cruise tourism, and Odia cuisine restaurants. It also clarifies eligibility criteria, minimum investment requirements, and infrastructure standards for different tourism projects. • A major feature of the amendment is the enhanced investment incentives, including Capital Investment Subsidy (CIS) of up to 30% of eligible capital investment, with higher incentives for projects owned by women, SC/ST entrepreneurs, differently-abled persons, and projects located in special tourism zones such as KBK districts, Chilika, Hirakud, Similipal, Bhitarkanika and other notified areas. Special incentives are also introduced for electric

boats, caravans, and art-and-craft theme complexes. • The policy further provides CAPEX and OPEX incentives for restaurants promoting authentic Odia cuisine, including reimbursement of electricity charges and support for expansion in major Indian cities and tourist destinations. • The amended policy also promotes new tourism segments such as caravan tourism, inland river cruises, water-based tourism, wellness tourism, and adventure tourism. It encourages development of tourism infrastructure like caravan parks, marinas, ropeways, houseboats, boat clubs, and tented accommodation. • Additional incentives are provided to promote MICE tourism (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) and destination weddings, especially during the off-season period to boost hotel occupancy. • Further, the policy strengthens institutional and administrative mechanisms by establishing bodies such as the State Tourism Promotion Council (STPC) and State Tourism Advisory Council (STAC) to guide tourism development, review policy implementation, and promote collaboration between government and industry. It also introduces a structured procedure for registration, approval, and disbursement of incentives to tourism projects to ensure transparency and efficient implementation. [Notification no. - 2154■TCT-RC-MISC-0008/2022/TSM]

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Draft Odisha Code on Social Security Rules, 2026

Mar 14, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Labour and E.S.I Department, Govt. of Odisha on February 16, 2026, issued the Draft Odisha Code on Social Security Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Draft Code aims to implement the provisions of the Social Security Code within the state by consolidating and replacing earlier labour welfare rules relating to gratuity, maternity benefits, employees' insurance, and unorganised workers' social security. • The rules provide for the constitution and functioning of social security institutions such as the Odisha Unorganised Workers' Social Security Board and the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board to administer welfare schemes for workers. • They lay down provisions regarding the composition of these boards, tenure of members, powers, meetings, administrative procedures, and financial management. • The draft rules also outline procedures for matters such as nomination and payment of gratuity, appeals and dispute resolution mechanisms, and the functioning of Employees' Insurance Courts. • In addition, the rules enable the implementation of various welfare schemes including insurance coverage, medical assistance, and educational benefits for workers and their families, while promoting digital processes for registration, applications, record maintenance, and administration to improve transparency and efficiency in delivering social security benefits. [Notification no. - 1160■LESI-LR-POL-0004/2026/LESI]

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Odisha Govt. issued the Draft Odisha Industrial Relations Rules, 2026

Mar 14, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha on February 16, 2026, issued the Draft Odisha Industrial Relations Rules, 2026. The following has been stated namely: - • They extend to the whole State of Odisha and matters for which the State Government is the appropriate Government • The settlement arrived at in the course of conciliation proceedings or a written agreement between the employer and worker arrived at otherwise than in the course of conciliation proceedings shall be in Form-I • The Bi-Partite Forums has been stated in Chapter II and Trade Unions has been stated in chapter III • Chapter IV states regarding the Standing Orders • Chapter X

states regarding the “Special Provisions Relating to Lay-Off, Retrenchment and Closure in Certain Establishments” Objections and suggestions may be addressed to the Special Secretary to Government, Labour & ESI Department, or at e-mail : labsec.or@od.gov.in within 30 days. [Notification No. 1154■LESI-LR-POL-0002/2026/LESI]

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Odisha Government notified regarding the Prohibition of Tobacco■Mixed Food Products

Mar 14, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha on February 09, 2026, notified regarding the Prohibition of Tobacco■Mixed Food Products. The following has been stated: • The Government prohibits the manufacture, processing, packaging, storage, transport, distribution, and sale of any food products containing tobacco or nicotine in the state. The ban covers products such as gutkha, pan masala with tobacco, zarda, khaini, and other flavoured or scented chewable tobacco products, including those sold in separate sachets but intended to be mixed and consumed together. • The decision follows health concerns highlighted by the International Agency for Research on Cancer and directions of the Supreme Court of India to strictly enforce the prohibition on tobacco-mixed food products. • The notification aims to protect public health, particularly due to the high prevalence of smokeless tobacco use in Odisha. [Notification no. - 2065—PT1-HFW-DCMA-MISC-0052/2025-H&F.W.]

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Department of Health & Family Welfare, Odisha, issued a notification regarding DMLT Students’ Registration Till 2025–26

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Odisha, on February 09, 2026, issued a notification regarding DMLT Students’ Registration Till 2025–26. The following has been stated: - •The Government has allowed registration and renewal for students who completed the three-year Vocational DMLT course at Orissa Institute of Engineering & Technology up to the 2025–26 batch, but the course will not be permitted for new batches after that session. •From Academic Session 2026–27, administrative control of the course will shift from the Skill Development & Technical Education Department to the Health & Family Welfare Department. •The course will also be governed by the provisions of the National Commission for Allied Health Professions Act, 2021, and related rules. •The decision has been made to ensure clarity in NOC issuance and student registration procedures. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2264—HFW-MEII-MISC-0010/2018-H&F.W]

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Draft Odisha Municipal (Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha (HUDD) on January 5, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Odisha Municipal Rules, 1953 under the powers conferred by the Odisha Municipal Act, 1950. The draft rules have been published for public information, inviting objections or suggestions within thirty days from the date of publication in the Odisha Gazette. The draft proposes substitution of Rules 92 and 93 to revise procedures relating to contingent expenditure and payment approvals in municipal administration. Under the proposed Rule 92, the Executive Officer may incur contingent expenditure up to ■10,000 without quotations based on certification of quality and price, and up to ■3 lakh on the recommendation of a Local Purchase Committee consisting of specified officials, subject to budget availability and reporting to the municipal council. Further, the draft amendments to Rule 93 revise financial approval limits for payment orders and salary bills. The Executive Officer may approve payment orders up to ■10 lakh and salary bills up to ■25 lakh, while higher amounts will require joint approval of the Executive Officer and Chairperson. Additionally, Rule 332 is proposed to be amended to allow the Executive Officer to grant administrative sanction for works up to ■10 lakh, with higher-value estimates requiring the Chairperson's approval. [Notification No. S.R.O. No. 5/2026]

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Draft Odisha Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha, on February 16, 2026, issued the Draft Odisha Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Government of Odisha issued draft Odisha Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Rules, 2026 under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020. •The draft rules will replace earlier state rules related to dock workers and other labour laws consolidated under the Code. •Employers must apply for establishment registration electronically within 60 days, with provisions for late fees and online verification of details. •Registration certificates will be issued digitally within 15 days, with automatic generation if no decision is made. •The government has invited objections and suggestions within 45 days from February 16, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.:1166-LESI-LR-POL-0003/2026/LESI.]

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Draft Odisha Code on Wages Rules, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha on February 11, 2026, issued the Draft Odisha Code on Wages Rules, 2026. The rules outline the method for calculating and fixing minimum wages under the Code on Wages, 2019. Minimum wages are determined based on a standard working-class family consisting of three adult consumption units and considering factors such as daily nutritional requirements (2700 calories per unit), annual clothing needs, housing rent (10% of food and clothing costs), fuel and electricity (20%), and additional expenses like education, medical needs, recreation, and contingencies (25%). The daily wage rate is used to derive hourly and monthly wages, assuming an eight-hour workday and twenty-six working days per month. The Government of Odisha must consider factors like geographical area, work experience, and skill level (unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled) when fixing minimum wages. A Technical

Committee chaired by the Labour Commissioner is constituted to advise on skill categorization, hazardous or arduous work, and occupational classification, aligning with national skill frameworks. The committee may recommend updates to occupation categories used for wage determination. The rules also provide provisions for working hours, weekly rest days, night shifts, wage periods, and payment conditions. Employees are generally entitled to one weekly rest day with wages, and if required to work on that day, they must receive overtime pay and a substituted rest day. The variable dearness allowance (VDA) linked to the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers is revised twice a year to adjust wages for inflation. Additionally, the rules set procedures for wage deductions, recovery of advances, fines, and dispute resolution, with the Divisional Labour Commissioner acting as the authority in relevant matters. A State Advisory Board is also constituted with representatives from employers, employees, legislators, and experts to advise the state on minimum wage fixation and related labour issues. The said draft notification will be taken into consideration after the expiry of a period of forty-five days from the date on which the copies of the official Gazette in which this notification is published, are made available to the public; Objections and suggestions, if any, may be addressed to the Special Secretary to Government, Labour & ESI Department, Kharavel Bhawan, Bhubaneswar-751001, E-mail: labsec.or@od.gov.in. The objections and suggestions should be sent in the proforma containing column (1) specifying the name and address of the person/organization, column 2 (2) specifying the chapter and rule or sub-rule which is proposed to be modified, column (3) specifying the revised rule or sub-rule proposed to be substituted and column (4) reasons thereof; Objections and suggestions, which may be received from any person with respect to the said draft notification before expiry of the period specified above, will be considered by the State Government. [Notification No.998■LESI-LR-POL-0001/2026/LESI]

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FARD Odisha Prohibition on Use of Animal-Origin Wastes in Aquaculture

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department, Government of Odisha (FARD) on February 5, 2026, issued a notification prohibiting the use, transport, storage, sale and feeding of poultry offal, slaughterhouse wastes, carcasses and other raw animal-origin wastes in aquaculture across the State. The order has been issued following representations from animal welfare organisations, fish farmers' associations and other stakeholders regarding the practice of feeding such wastes to fish in aquaculture farms. The department observed that unprocessed animal-origin wastes generated in urban and peri-urban areas were being transported to aquaculture units and used as feed or feed supplements, raising concerns over biosecurity, food safety and environmental protection. Accordingly, the State Government has imposed a prohibition on these practices in the interest of public health, environmental safety and maintaining the market credibility of aquaculture products from Odisha. The notification also provides for institutional and enforcement measures to ensure compliance with the order. [Notification No. 2184-PT3-FARD-FYPLAN-4FY-0001/2025-FARD]

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Govt. of Odisha issued Guidelines for Leasing of Tourism Properties, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha, on January 13, 2026, issued Guidelines for Leasing of Tourism Properties, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Government of Odisha has issued Guidelines for Leasing of Tourism Properties, 2026, to boost tourism infrastructure and attract private investment. •Existing tourism properties and vacant land parcels will be leased to eligible hospitality players through a transparent online bidding process for development and management. •Projects are categorized into large (above ■125 crore), medium (■10–125 crore), and small (below ■10 crore) based on investment. •The initiative aims to develop star-category accommodation, enhance tourism appeal, create jobs, and position Odisha as a major eco-cultural tourism hub. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 572—TSM-TCT-COOD-MISC-0055/2025]

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Odisha Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2025

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha on January 16, 2026, issued the Odisha Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2025 to further amend the Odisha Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1956. The following amendments have been stated: • For section 4, the following section shall be substituted, namely:- “4. (1) On and from the date of commencement of the Odisha Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, the employer of every establishment employing twenty or more employees shall, within a period of six months from the date of commencement of his business, apply for registration and obtain registration certificate; (2) Every application for registration under sub-section (1) shall be made in such form and in such manner together with such fee, as may be prescribed; (3) The Inspector shall, on receipt of an application under subsection (2), register the establishment and issue a registration certificate to the employer within seven working days in such form, as may be prescribed. If the registration certificate is not issued by the Inspector within a period of seven working days from the date of receipt of application, the registration certificate shall be deemed to have been granted under this Act.”. • In the principal Act, after Section 4, the following section shall be inserted namely :- 4A. The name of the establishment, irrespective of number of Employees, shall be displayed in a sign board in front of the establishment in Odia language prominently in addition to other language if any”. • In Section 7, in sub-section (1),- o for the existing words “nine hours”, the words “ten hours” shall be substituted; o for the first proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:- “Provided that the total number of hours of work including overtime shall not exceed twelve hours in any day:” o in the second proviso, for the word “fifty”, the words “one hundred and forty-four” shall be substituted. • For Section 11, the following section shall be substituted, namely:- “11. Every establishment in the State may remain open 24x7 subject to the condition that every employee shall be given overtime wages as per section 8 and one day weekly holiday as per Section 12. The employees shall be provided access to washroom, drinking water facilities, seating facilities and other basic amenities.”. • After Section 23, the following section shall be inserted, namely:- 23A. The State Government, may by notification in the official Gazette, allow employment of women employees during night with their written consent, subject to such conditions of safety, security and dignity of women, as may be prescribed.”. It shall be deemed to have come into force on November 08, 2025. [Notification No. 1359■I-Legis-24/2025/L]

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Odisha Govt. issued MMSBY – Installation of Smart Meters Phase-I" Scheme for Free Smart Meter Deployment

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha January 13, 2026, issued MMSBY – Installation of Smart Meters Phase-I" Scheme for Free Smart Meter Deployment. The Government of Odisha has launched a scheme called MMSBY – Installation of Smart Meters Phase■I to accelerate the adoption of smart meters in the state. Under this initiative, the government will provide 100% financial assistance for installing smart meters for electricity consumers with Contract Demand (CD) up to 2 kW. Based on the tariff order issued by the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) on 24 March 2025, meter rent for these consumers has been abolished. To support the program, the state government has allocated a one-time grant of ■735 crore for FY 2025–26. The scheme will fund the installation of smart meters for about 2.78 lakh new connections and replacement of around 8.75 lakh existing non-smart meters. It will also cover the unrecovered cost (Written Down Value) of smart meters already installed before 31 March 2025. The initiative aims to accelerate smart metering without adding financial burden on small consumers, while improving billing efficiency, reducing AT&C losses, lowering consumer complaints, and enabling better power system planning using real-time data. The funding will be treated as state capital expenditure and provided to GRIDCO and the state DISCOMs as deferred equity. The Energy Department of Odisha will own the smart meter assets, while DISCOMs will operate and maintain them. The scheme also supports renewable energy initiatives such as PM■KUSUM and PM Surya Ghar, and any revenue from scrapped old meters will be treated as non-tariff income in the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR). [Notification No. 46—ENG-DISCOM-PG-0009/2023-En]

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Odisha Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Odisha

The Government of Odisha, on January 22, 2026, notified the Odisha Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2025, further to amend the Odisha Excise Rules, 2017. The following has been stated: - •Under Rule 153 Licensed IMFL bottling units in the state can now tie up with manufacturers or brand owners outside the state to compound, blend, and bottle liquor on their behalf, subject to government-determined fees. •Similarly, licensed breweries may partner with out-of-state beer manufacturers or brand owners to brew and bottle beer, with the required fee payable before stock is moved to bonded warehouses. They shall come into force on January 22, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: S.R.O. No. 30/2026]

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Pondicherry

Puducherry Govt. notified regarding the 24×7 Operation of Shops & Establishments with Employee Safety Conditions

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Pondicherry

The Government of Puducherry on March 15, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Puducherry Notification Allowing 24×7 Operation of Shops & Establishments with Employee Safety Conditions The following has been stated namely: - • The Government of Puducherry has allowed all shops and establishments to operate 24×7 throughout the year, exempting them from certain provisions of the Shops and Establishments Act, 1964. • Employers must ensure weekly holidays on a rotational basis and display employee leave details prominently at the workplace. • Wages (including overtime) must be credited to employees' bank accounts, and unauthorized overtime work may attract penalties. • Strict conditions are prescribed for women working night shifts (8 PM–6 AM), including consent, safety measures, lighting, CCTV, and access to facilities. • Employers must comply with labour and safety laws, including provisions related to maternity benefits, workplace safety, and prevention of sexual harassment. [Notification No. G.O. Ms. No. 4]

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Puducherry Govt. notified regarding the holiday on April 09, 2026 due to General Elections

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Pondicherry

The Government of Puducherry on March 23, 2026, issued the notification regarding holiday on April 09, 2026 due to General Elections. The following has been stated namely: - • Thursday, April 09, 2026, shall be declared as Public Holiday/Paid Holiday under Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 • This is applicable to all Government Offices/Institutions/Local Bodies/Commercial and Industrial Establishments located in the Union Territory of Puducherry. [Notification No. G.O.Ms.No.25]

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Government of Puducherry issued an extension for the time limit for filing appeals

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Pondicherry

The Government of Puducherry, on March 10, 2026, issued an extension for the time limit for filing appeals under the Puducherry GST Act, 2017. It has extended the time limit for filing appeals before the Appellate Tribunal under the Puducherry GST Act, 2017. For cases where the order was communicated before April 01, 2026, appeals can be filed up to June 30, 2026. For orders communicated on or after April 01, 2026, appeals must be filed within three months from the date of communication. This notification provides a one-time extension for earlier cases while setting a standard time limit for future appeals.

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Govt. of Puducherry notified regarding the registration of establishments under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, and exemption from registration/renewal under the Puducherry Shops and Establishments Act, 1964

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Pondicherry

The Labour Department, Govt. of Puducherry on March 15, 2026, notified regarding the registration of establishments under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020, and exemption from registration/renewal under the Puducherry Shops and Establishments Act, 1964. The following has been stated: • To promote ease of doing business and reduce compliance burden, the government has introduced a single registration system under the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020 (OSHWC Code). Accordingly, all shops and establishments registered under the OSHWC Code are exempted from registration and all provisions of the Puducherry Shops and Establishments Act, 1964, under Section 6 of the Act. • However, employers shall comply with all requirements relating to safety, health, working conditions, and record maintenance under the OSHWC Code. • The exemption does not affect any prior actions taken under the 1964 Act. [Notification no. - G.O.Ms. No. 3]

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Puducherry LD Paid Holiday Declaration for Puducherry Assembly Election 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Pondicherry

The Labour Department Puducherry (LD), on March 2026, issued a circular directing all employers to grant a paid holiday on April 09, 2026, in connection with the General Election to the Puducherry Legislative Assembly. The circular mandates that all factories, industries, shops, and establishments in the Union Territory must provide a paid holiday to employees under Section 135-B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 to enable them to exercise their voting rights. It also clarifies that no wage deduction shall be made, and even employees not ordinarily entitled to wages must be paid for the day. Employers are required to strictly comply, including for shift-based establishments, as any violation will attract penal provisions under the Act. [Circular No. 2127/LAB/AIL/Tt/2026]

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Puducherry Govt. issued an amendment to an older notification related to GST Rate Schedules for Tobacco and Related Products

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Pondicherry

The Department of Commercial Taxes, Govt. of Puducherry on January 31, 2026, issued an amendment to an older notification no. G.O. Ms. No.5, dated September 18, 2025, related to GST Rate Schedules for Tobacco and Related Products. The following has been stated, namely: - • A new entry (S. No. 4A) has been inserted in Schedule II (9%) to include biris under tariff items 2403 19 21 and 2403 19 29. • Schedule III (20%) has been expanded by adding pan masala, unmanufactured tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and other specified tobacco products under new serial numbers 14 to 18. • These additions cover most manufactured and inhalation tobacco products, excluding biris where specified. • Schedule VII (14%), along with all related entries, has been omitted. This notification shall take effect on February 1, 2026. [Notification No. –

19/2025-Puducherry GST (Rate)]

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PBOCWWB Registration of MGNREGA Workers under BOCW Act

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (PBOCWWB), on March 11, 2026, issued directions regarding registration of workers under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (formerly MGNREGA) under the Building and Other Construction Workers Act, 1996. The circular clarifies that work performed under the scheme will now be considered valid for registration under the BOCW Act. The number of days worked under the scheme will count toward the statutory requirement of 90 days of construction work needed for eligibility, along with other sources of employment where applicable. Illustratively, if a worker completes partial days (e.g., 15 or 55 days), the balance must be fulfilled through other work, whereas workers completing 90 or more days under the scheme alone will qualify directly. Field officers have been instructed to ensure strict compliance with these provisions. [Circular No. BOCW:2026:696]

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Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor), (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on March 17, 2026, issued the Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor), (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Punjab Restaurant (Consumption of Liquor) Rules, 1955. The following amendments have been stated: • In form L-52, under the special conditions, the following shall be substituted, namely: - "In order to prevent rowdy and drunken behavior of the public, no tavern will be allowed to function in an open space without surrounded by 4 walls with concrete roof and strictly as per provisions of the Excise Laws. The Tavern shall be located in separate premises from the vend by metes and bounds. Tavern attached to licensing unit to have eight tables (minimum) with seating capacity of 40 persons, to have temperature control system within the premises, clean and modern toilets and cutlery and crockery of good standard and also to be registered with FSSAI. In order to improve the ambience and functioning of Tavern attached to a licensing unit, there shall be provision of metered electric and water supply and there should be proper system of garbage collection and disposal along-with separate kitchen, tiled flooring in kitchen, seating hall and toilets. The licence Fee for the licence in Form-L-52 i.e. Tavern attached with the Licencing Unit shall be Rs. 5,00,000/- for the Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027). All Licensees will have to comply with necessary regulations like Fire Safety, Building-ByeLaws etc. of different Departments at their own risk & cost. It will be mandatory for all the licencees to provide the facility of alcometer to the consumers for voluntary assessment of alcohol level at the licenced premises of the Tavern and a signage at the proper place mentioning clearly the permissible limits of consumption of alcohol as per relevant laws and also mentioning thereof 'Be Safe-Don't Drink and Drive'. In case of any outbreak due to any type of pandemic , the licence fee will be charged only for the operations of the Tavern on pro-rata basis i.e. proportionate reduction in licence fee will be given if the Taverns are not allowed to open during the Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027), because of taverns falling in containment zone or lockdowns announced by the Govt. of India/Chandigarh Administration. No compensation of any type whatsoever in licence fee etc. will be given to the licensees on account of reduction in working hours. The Collector may refuse to grant a licence for Tavern in exercise of the powers

conferred under section 35 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 as applicable to UT, Chandigarh." These Rules shall come into force with effect from April 01, 2026. [Notification No. E&T/ETO(X)-2026/4141]

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Punjab Liquor Licence (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on March 17, 2026, issued the Punjab Liquor Licence (Chandigarh 1st Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Punjab Liquor Licence Rules, 1956. The following amendments have been stated: • In Rule 25, for the clauses, (i), (i)(a), (i)(b), (ii), (iii), (iv) including note (2) & (3), (v), (v)(a) including note (3) & (4), (x), (xiii), the following shall be substituted, namely: - "(i) During the Excise Policy Year 2026-27, The L-10B licence (to permit sale of Imported Foreign Liquor, Imported Beer, Imported Wine, Indian Wine and Ready-to-Drink alcoholic beverages up to 20 degree proof strength (except Indian Made Beer) through organized Departmental Stores.) shall be granted in policy year 2026-27 on the payment of the requisite license fee of Rs. 30 lakh. The L-10B license will be granted only to those Departmental Stores having a minimum annual turnover of Rs. 3 crore from taxable products under GST and will require, a valid active VAT & GST registration, and a minimum operational existence of two years. Provided that the licensee erects a separate screened enclosure in the store for this purpose. Provided further that the department store should have different segments of minimum of six categories of goods out of the following categories: (i) Grocery items (ii) Frozen foods, (iii) Sugary & Bakery items, (iv) Toiletries, (v) Cosmetics, (vi) Gift items (vii) Toys, (viii) Sports items, (ix) Electronic appliances, (x) Apparels, (xi) Office-Stationery, (xii) any other house hold goods. The maximum annual quota of IFL to be lifted by a L-10 B licensee is fixed at 3000 PL. The L-10B licensee shall have to procure their supplies of all type of prescribed liquor from suppliers of U.T., Chandigarh after payment of requisite excise levies as per annexure – 'F'. If the L-10B licensee requests to lift quota beyond the maximum fixed quota of IFL, the L-10B licensee shall be required to pay the additional quota fee, in addition to the applicable excise levies as prescribed in Annexure 'F'. The additional quota lifting fee shall be Rs. 100 per case. The licence shall be non-transferable and non-shiftable, and liquor sale shall be restricted to a separately earmarked area not exceeding 25% of the carpet area of a departmental store having a minimum area of 1000 square feet. Sale hours shall be up to 12 midnight or at par with other retail licences as notified. The Excise & Taxation Commissioner, U.T. Chandigarh, shall have discretion to refuse grant of an L-10B licence in public interest. Any violation of licence conditions shall attract suspension or cancellation under the Excise Policy and the Punjab Excise Act, 1914, as applicable To UT Chandigarh. All L-10B Licensees will make adequate fire safety arrangements." "(i) (a) Licences for retail vend of Beer, Wine and Ready to Drink Beverages in a Hotel (L-3A) or in Restaurant for consumption on the premises (L-4A) or in a Bar (L-5A) will be granted having licence fee of Rs 4,00,000 for the Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027). The licence fee for licences issued in Form L-10A (Retail Vend of Draught Beer in a Restaurant) and L-10AA (Retail Vend of Wine for consumption on the premises) shall be Rs. 1,00,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- respectively for the Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027). In order to shift people from hard liquor to liquor with low alcoholic content, a license in form L-10C may be granted for retail sale of beer to be manufactured by Microbrewery. The licence may also be granted independently on payment of License Fee of Rs 12.00 Lac for Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027). The Excise Duty shall be charged on the basis of its annual installed capacity of fermenting tanks @ Rs 30/- per BL annually and paid in equal quarterly installments and each installment will be paid by 15th of the start of the month of the each quarter failing which an interest @ 1.5% per month to be calculated on daily basis paid along-with the duty. In case of any outbreak due to any

type of pandemic, the licence fee for the licence in form L-10C will be charged on pro-rata basis i.e. proportionate reduction in licence fee will be given if the L-10C Licences are not allowed to open during the Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027), because of L-10C Licences falling in containment zone or lockdowns announced by the Govt. of India/ Chandigarh Administration. No compensation of any type whatsoever in licence fee etc. will be given to the licensees on account of reduction in working hours. The licensee shall arrange to check the quality of raw materials used and the beer produced in the microbrewery by a chemist holding a degree in biochemistry/ specialization in the alcohol technology. The beer produced in the Microbrewery shall be released for sale only after the said chemist certifies that such beer is fit for human consumption on daily basis. Further, the licensee shall get tested the quality of its beer from a Government approved Lab & submit the report of the same on quarterly basis to Collector(Excise). The L-10C licensee shall sell Beer manufactured in his micro- brewery for consumption in lounges on the premises. He shall be allowed to sell Draught Beer in Kegs of 25 Litre and 50 Litre capacity against Excise Permits to licensees L-12C, L-3, L-4 and L-5, L-3A, L-4A and L-5A. The Licensee, shall not pack beer in bottles, CANS or Pouches for sale. The licensee shall arrange to check the quality of Draught Beer before supply to the above mentioned licensees by a chemist holding a degree in biochemistry/ specialization in the alcohol technology and the consignment must contain the manufacturing date and expiry date on it. (A) Hotels and Restaurants will be allowed to apply the licence in form L-3/L-4/ L-5, L-3A/ L- 4A/L-5A, L-10A, L-10AA before the commencement of their operations. However the licence will be granted only after the commencement of the operations of Hotel/Restaurant. The holder of licence in form L-3/L-4/L-5, L3A/4A/5A shall be eligible to apply for the grant of L-10C (Micro-Brewery) licence only after 15 days from the grant of licence in form L-3/L- 4/L-5, L-3A/4A/5A. It will be mandatory for the licensees to provide the facility of alcometer to the consumers for voluntary assessment of alcohol level at the Bar Licence premises of the hotels/ restaurants serving alcohol and a signage at the proper place mentioning clearly the permissible limits of consumption of alcohol as per relevant laws and also mentioning thereof ‘Be Safe-Don’t Drink and Drive’. Further, the hotel/Bars/Restaurants/Pubs licensee shall also mention clearly on the signage board that “Consumption & Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances is prohibited in Law and Punishable with Rigorous Imprisonment and Fine.” Bar Licences to be allowed to have an additional bar in the establishment on payment of 75% of the license fee of the bar and an additional place to serve liquor from the bar on payment of 25% of the license fee of the bar. In case of any outbreak due to any type of pandemic, the licence fee for the licences in form L-3/L-4/ L-5, L-3A/ L-4A/L-5A, L-10A, L-10AA & L-12C will be charged on prorata basis i.e. proportionate reduction in licence fee will be given if these licences are not allowed to open during the Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027), because of these licences falling in containment zone or lockdowns announced by the Govt. of India/ Chandigarh Administration. No compensation of any type whatsoever in licence fee etc. will be given to the licensees on account of reduction in working hours. The bar timings for the purpose of sale, service and consumption will be 11:00 AM to 01:00 AM (past midnight) throughout the Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027), except on dry-days and the last order for liquor will not be booked after midnight i.e. 12 O’clock. However, these timing can be further extended by 02 hours (i.e. upto 03:00AM past midnight with last order not being booked beyond 02:00AM past midnight) on payment of additional annual fee of Rs. 8 Lacs per annum. Category 'A’ Hotels are allowed to serve liquor round the clock to promote tourism. After allowing this facility, the licence fee for Excise Policy Year 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027) of these hotels will be Rs. 30 lacs. Further, Category 'B’ Hotels and Category ‘C’ Hotels can also avail this facility after paying licence fee equivalent to that of Category 'A’ Hotels. All the excise licensees will comply with the directions given with regard to working hours/ time schedule for opening & closing of establishments etc. announced by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, State Disaster Management Authority, U.T., Chandigarh and District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh from time to time to contain the spread of any type of pandemic and No compensation of any type whatsoever in licence fee will be given to the licensees on account of reduction in

working hours. Further, if any licensee violates any of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, State Disaster Management Authority, U.T., Chandigarh and District Magistrate, U.T., Chandigarh from time to time, then his licence may be suspended/ cancelled by the Collector (Excise). Being L-3 Licence holder, the facility of Mini Bar for the occupants in all the rooms of the Category 'A', 'B' and 'C' are allowed in the current Excise Policy 2026-27 (01.04.2026 to 31.03.2027) and will also be covered under the same licence fee. Category 'A' hotels having L-3, L-4 and L-5 licences will be allowed to procure their requirements of Imported liquor (BIO Brands) also from authorized sources outside U.T. Chandigarh on payment of the label registration fee and all the excise levies applicable to L-1F/L-1DF and L-3/L-4/L-5 licensees. To facilitate prospective bar (L-3/L-4/L-5) licensees, the licence fee schedule is fixed as under:- 1. In case, licence is granted on or before 30th September, 100% of the licence fee will be payable. 2. In case, licence is granted after 30th September, only 50% of the licence fee will be payable. Provided that no license (Clubs/Bars etc.) will be renewed in case where adjudication of two breach cases have been finalized against the licensee in an Excise Policy year. Provided further that every Bar licensee shall have to procure their supplies of all type of liquor only from nearest two retail sale vends i.e. L-2/L-14A licensees of U.T., Chandigarh after payment of requisite excise levies as per annexure – 'F'. Provided that where both of the nearest retail sale liquor vends i.e. L-2/L-14A licenses belong to the same entity, the Bar Licensee shall be permitted to procure liquor from the third nearest retail sale liquor vend i.e. L-2/L-14A licensee. Provided further that in the event of non-availability of any particular liquor brand at the aforesaid two nearest retail sale liquor vends i.e. L-2/L-14A licensees, or three nearest retail sale liquor vends i.e. L-2/L-14 Licensee, as the case may be, the Bar Licensee may obtain liquor from any other retail sale liquor vend i.e. L-2/L-14A Licensee after obtaining such non- availability confirmation from above specified nearest vends. These Rules shall come into force with effect from April 01, 2026, in respect of the procedure for the allotment of Liquor vends, Participation Fee, Earnest Money Deposit, Security Amount, Licence fee, Renewal of licences and Excise arrangements; and in respect of other matters. [Notification No. E&T/ 2026/4133]

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Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab, on March 18, 2026, notified the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to amend the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024. The following has been stated: - •The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2026 apply to all licensees and consumers. •Excess demand beyond 10% of sanctioned load (with tariff change) will attract a surcharge and a warning for the first/default cycle; repeated defaults may be treated as Unauthorized Use of Electricity (UUE) with possible disconnection. •Revised Regulation 16 provides a framework for electricity connections in "abandoned colonies," including action against defaulting promoters under PAPRA and the roles of authorities. •Distribution licensees may release connections to residents in such colonies under specified conditions, with recovery of service and development charges. •Amendment clarifies that responsibility for providing service cable (where absent) lies with the promoter instead of the distribution licensee. These Regulations shall come into force on March 18, 2026. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: PSERC/Secy/Regu. 201]

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Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, issued a notification regarding the declaration of Leprosy as a Notifiable Disease

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab, March 14, 2026, issued a notification regarding the declaration of Leprosy as a Notifiable Disease. The following has been stated: - •The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the National Strategic Plan (2023–2027) to eliminate Leprosy and recommended making it a notifiable disease. •Considering its infectious nature, risk of disability, and social stigma, early diagnosis and treatment are emphasized. •The Government of Punjab has declared leprosy a notifiable disease under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. •All healthcare providers must mandatorily report diagnosed cases within two weeks to district authorities. •Reporting ensures access to treatment under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme, follow-up care, prevention measures, and management of drug-resistant cases. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: HFW-HLH405A/1/2026-4H4-I/1343033/2026]

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Punjab Govt. amended an older notification related to the date of appointment for the provisions of the Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on March 13, 2026, issued a notification to amend notification no. S.O. 34/P.A.1/2019/S.1/2019, dated April 08, 2019, related to the date of appointment for the provisions of the Punjab Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2018. The following amendment has been stated: • FOR "except clause (b) of section 8", READ "except clause (ii) of section 8".

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Govt. of Punjab issued the SOP and Timeline for Professional Tax Registration on the PSDT Portal

Mar 17, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Department of Excise and Taxation, Govt. of Punjab on March 13, 2026, issued the SOP and Timeline for Professional Tax Registration on the PSDT Portal. The following has been stated: • The Government has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and defined timelines for processing applications for Professional Tax Registration for Individuals and Organisations through the PSDT Portal. • Applicants receive a temporary registration certificate on the day of application, after which the case is assigned by the Assistant Commissioner of State Tax to a State Tax Officer (STO) for scrutiny of documents. If deficiencies are found, the STO may raise observations; otherwise, the application is forwarded to the District Nodal Officer for final scrutiny. The entire process, including approval or rejection, shall be completed within 14 working days, failing which the application will be automatically approved on a deemed basis. • Rejection of

applications can only be done by the STO or Nodal Officer if the applicant fails to rectify deficiencies after repeated observations or if the application is found unsuitable on merits during scrutiny. [Notification no. - FCS-ET-1202/41/2025-ET-2(7)/12799]

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PSPCL notified regarding the Model Application and Agreement form to be signed by Co-generation Plants

Mar 14, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL) on March 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Model Application and Agreement form to be signed by Co-generation Plants (which does not fulfill the criteria for CPP/CGP as laid in Rule-3 of Electricity Rules-2005) requiring Startup Power. The following has been stated namely: - • Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (PSERC) has approved the Model Application & Agreement form for availing Startup Power by Co-generation plants that do not qualify as CPP under Rule-3 of the Electricity Rules, 2005. • The Startup Power is meant for pre-commissioning activities or during planned/forced outages, and the approved model agreement is circulated for information and necessary action. • Field offices are directed to strictly follow the procedure and ensure meticulous compliance while executing the agreement. [Notification No. 190/195/NPPL]

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Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, issued amendments to the Punjab Food Security Rules, 2016

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Department of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, on March 11, 2026, issued amendments to the Punjab Food Security Rules, 2016. The following has been stated: - •The Punjab Food Security Rules, 2016, have been amended under powers granted by the National Food Security Act, 2013, to revise beneficiary identification criteria. •Several inclusion and exclusion criteria serial numbers have been removed, and transgender individuals have been added as a category after orphans (below 21 years). •Exclusion rules now clarify that families of regular government employees and households with annual income above ■8 lakh will not be eligible. •The state government retains the authority to amend these eligibility criteria fully or partially at any time. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 2FD (893146)-2026/117]

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Govt. of Punjab issued the Industrial and Business Development Policy, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab on March 08, 2026, issued the Industrial and Business Development Policy, 2026. The following has been stated: • The policy seeks to accelerate

economic growth by encouraging the establishment of new industries and the expansion of existing units, while generating large-scale employment opportunities across sectors. • The policy focuses on improving the ease of doing business through simplified regulatory processes, faster approvals, and better investor facilitation. It aims to strengthen industrial infrastructure, logistics, and connectivity, and promote innovation, technology adoption, and skill development to enhance industrial competitiveness within the state. • Further, the policy proposes financial incentives, subsidies, and other support mechanisms for industries, with special emphasis on priority sectors such as manufacturing, MSMEs, startups, and emerging industries. It also encourages sustainable and environmentally responsible industrial development while positioning Punjab as a preferred destination for domestic and global investments. [Notification no. - PIU/Industrial & Business Development Policy-2026/898]

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Govt. of Punjab notified regarding the Sectoral Policies

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab, on March 08, 2026, notified regarding the Sectoral Policies. The following has been stated namely:- • The Government of Punjab has introduced multiple sector-focused policies in 2026 to promote industrial investment. The Punjab Food Processing Policy 2026, ESDM & Semiconductor Policy 2026, and Punjab Electric Vehicle Manufacturing Policy 2026 offer incentives up to 125% of Fixed Capital Investment (FCI) with a maximum cap of ■500 crore, subject to the detailed incentive structure specified in their respective documents. • Similarly, the Punjab Logistics & Warehousing Policy 2026 provides incentives of 100–125% of FCI, also capped at ■500 crore. In contrast, the Punjab Tourism & Hospitality Policy 2026 provides a lower support level, offering 25% of FCI with a maximum limit of ■25 crore. Overall, these policies aim to attract large-scale investments, boost manufacturing, infrastructure, and tourism, and strengthen the economic development of Punjab through structured financial incentives. Detailed notification is attached below. [Notification No. PIU/IBDP-2026/Sectoral Policies/907]

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Department of Industries & Commerce, Punjab, issued the Detailed Schemes & Operational Guidelines, 2026

Mar 09, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Department of Industries & Commerce, Punjab, on March 08, 2026, issued the Detailed Schemes & Operational Guidelines, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The policy aims to promote Punjab as a competitive destination for industrial investment through transparent and hassle-free implementation. •Eligible new and expanding units that applied under IBDP 2022 but have not received post-production incentives can migrate through Form-MU within 90 days of notification. •Industrial units are classified into MSME, Large, and Mega units based on investment and employment criteria under the MSMED Act, 2006. •Fixed Capital Investment (FCI) includes land, buildings, plant and machinery, and equipment, with specified limits and exclusions for certain costs. •Investment made within defined timelines after commercial production is considered for incentives, with revised annual ceilings based on verified FCI. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: PIU/IBDP-2026/DSOG-2026/916]

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PSPCL issued accounting procedure of Smart Pre-paid meters

Mar 08, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) on March 03, 2026, issued accounting procedure of Smart Pre-paid meters. The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has decided to introduce Smart Pre-paid meters for existing electricity connections. Under this system, consumers will pay in advance for their future electricity consumption, allowing them to monitor and manage their electricity usage more actively. Detailed operational guidelines for the prepaid smart meter system have already been issued through earlier commercial circulars and internal memos. Initially, the prepaid smart meter system will be implemented for government connections that are covered under the Single Billing Software, except for Hospitals, Water Works, and Street Lighting. The scheme may later be extended to other categories of consumers based on decisions taken by the competent authority. Consumers will be able to recharge their prepaid electricity accounts through multiple payment channels, including the PSPCL website, PSPCL mobile application, cash counters at PSPCL offices, Customer Service Centers, Punjab Government Sewa Kendras, RTGS/NEFT, and BBPS-enabled banks and digital payment apps such as Paytm, PhonePe, Amazon Pay, PayZapp, Google Pay, and BHIM. [Circular no.: 02/2026]

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PPCB Issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Categorization of Industrial Sectors under “Miscellaneous” Category

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) on December 11, 2025, issued the notification regarding the Standards Operating Procedure (SOP) for "Miscellaneous" category for left-out sectors under Red and Orange category in online portal. The following has been stated namely: - • Directions were issued to harmonize classification of industrial sectors into Red, Orange, Green, White, and Blue categories. • A Committee chaired by the Member Secretary was constituted to decide the categorization of sectors not covered in the CPCB list. • The Committee decided to introduce a “Miscellaneous” category under Red/Orange to cover left-out industrial sectors not classified by CPCB or the Board. • This category allows such industries to obtain consent temporarily until a specific classification is finalized. • While processing applications under Miscellaneous, authorities must ensure that the activity is not already covered under any existing CPCB or Board sector classification. • The Pollution Index (PI) must be calculated as per CPCB methodology and the activity should be placed either in Red or Orange category accordingly. • Details like manufacturing process, raw materials, products, and emission/effluent characteristics must be sent to HQ-2 along with PI calculation for Committee examination. • Certificates issued under Miscellaneous must include a clause requiring the project proponent to obtain revised permission and pay differential fees once official categorization is finalized. • Permissions under Miscellaneous category are valid only for 1 year, cannot be used for major/high-impact industries, and Regional Offices must maintain a record of all such cases and update OCMMS once proper categorization is issued. [Notification No. 40402-20]

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PPCB notified regarding the pollution in water bodies and encroachment on lakes, ponds, etc.

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) on January 05, 2026, notified regarding the pollution in water bodies and encroachment on lakes, ponds, etc. The Board has expressed serious concern over increasing pollution in rivers, lakes, ponds, and other water bodies, along with illegal encroachments on such public water resources. It has directed all concerned authorities and stakeholders to take immediate steps to prevent the discharge of untreated sewage, industrial effluents, and solid waste into water bodies. Local bodies and industries have been instructed to ensure proper treatment and disposal of waste as per environmental norms. The notification also emphasizes the removal of unauthorized constructions and encroachments on lakes, ponds, and drainage channels to restore natural water flow and protect ecological balance. Strict compliance has been mandated, and violations may attract action under relevant environmental laws to safeguard public health and the environment.

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Govt. of Punjab issued the Excise Policy for the Financial Year 2026-27

Mar 05, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Finance Department, Govt. of Punjab on February 25, 2026, issued the Excise Policy for the Financial Year 2026-27. The following has been stated: • It lays down the framework for regulation, licensing, revenue collection, and control of manufacture, sale, and distribution of liquor and other excisable items in the State for the concerned financial year. • The policy outlines the procedure for allotment and renewal of retail liquor vends, licensing conditions, fee structure, and operational guidelines for wholesale and retail trade. It specifies measures to enhance revenue, rationalise licence fees and duties, and streamline allotment processes to ensure transparency and efficiency. • The policy also prescribes compliance requirements, enforcement mechanisms, and penalties to prevent illicit trade and revenue leakage. Provisions relating to minimum guaranteed revenue, security deposits, brand registration, label approvals, and supply chain regulation are included to ensure the orderly functioning of the excise regime. • Overall, the policy aims to balance revenue generation with regulatory control, public order, and responsible sale of liquor during the financial year 2026–27.

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PPCB issued clarification regarding classification of 'disposal site for disposal of dredged material' from 'desilting/ dredging of dams, reservoirs, weirs, barrages, river & canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep & disaster management'

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) on November 24, 2025, issued clarification regarding classification of 'disposal site for disposal of dredged material' from 'desilting/ dredging of dams, reservoirs,

weirs, barrages, river & canals for the purpose of their maintenance, upkeep & disaster management'. The Central Pollution Control Board issued directions to harmonize the classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White, and Blue categories, which were circulated for adoption by the Punjab Pollution Control Board. A committee constituted by the Board reviewed remaining unclassified sectors and provided recommendations for clarification. Based on these recommendations, disposal sites for dredged material arising from desilting or dredging of dams, reservoirs, barrages, rivers, and canals—when undertaken by government departments for maintenance, upkeep, or disaster management—are not considered commercial or industrial activities and therefore do not require consent or NOC under industrial categorization rules. However, such activities must still comply with applicable environmental safeguards and guidelines issued by relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change and CPCB. [Notification No. SEE(HQ-2/F.no.10/2025/38897-915]

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Punjab Govt. issued the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on February 25, 2026, issued the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, to further amend the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers Act, 2025. The following has been stated namely: - • It shall extend to the whole of the State of Punjab • The preamble shall be substituted, namely: - "to regulate the operations of Crusher Units, Stockists and Retailers in the State of Punjab in respect of raw material and derivatives obtained from the process of crushing or screening" • Section 5 which states "Environmental Preservation Fund" has been substituted. • Section 10 which states "Prohibition of certain activities" has been substituted. [Notification No. 4-Leg./2026]

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Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Department of Mines and Geology, Govt. of Punjab on February 25, 2026, issued the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Punjab Regulation of Crusher Units, and Stockists and Retailers Rules, 2025. This shall come into effect from February 26, 2026. The following has been amended: • The amendments primarily revise procedural and regulatory provisions relating to the operation, licensing, monitoring, and compliance requirements of crusher units, stockists, and retailers dealing with minor minerals. • The changes introduce modifications in licensing conditions, documentation requirements, and operational safeguards to strengthen regulatory oversight. Certain compliance mechanisms have been streamlined, while provisions on inspection, record-keeping, and reporting obligations have been clarified to improve monitoring and transparency. • The amendments also rationalize certain procedural aspects to improve implementation and enforcement by the competent authorities. • Overall, the amendment aims to enhance accountability, ensure stricter regulation of crusher

units and mineral stock handling, and promote better compliance with environmental and mining norms within the State. [Notification no. - G.S.R.15/P.A.6/2025/S.28/Amd.(1)/2026]

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PPCB issued a notification regarding processing of applications under the Punjab Right to Business Amendment Act and the Punjab Right to Business (Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) on February 04, 2026, issued a notification regarding processing of applications under the Punjab Right to Business Amendment Act and the Punjab Right to Business (Amendment) Rules, 2025. The Punjab Right to Business Act, 2020 was enacted to promote ease of doing business by enabling time-bound approvals through self-declaration and issuance of a Certificate of In-Principle Approval (CIPA) valid for 3 years and 6 months. Its scope has been expanded through the 2025 amendment to include certain environmental approvals of the Punjab Pollution Control Board, and a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been introduced to ensure uniform processing of such applications across regional offices. Under the SOP, applications along with prescribed documents are to be electronically circulated by the District Nodal Agency to the Scrutiny Committee within stipulated timelines. Required documents include land ownership or consent, site location plan, master plan marking, manufacturing process flow, and CRO report where applicable. For industries outside approved industrial areas, siting and environmental criteria prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, the State Government, and other competent authorities will apply. Fees for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under applicable environmental laws will be charged for the full CIPA validity period of 3 years and 6 months based on the unit's fixed investment, and such fees will be adjusted when regular approvals are processed. Norms, provisions, and fee structures applicable at the time of filing the Declaration of Intent will continue to apply if regular approvals are sought within the prescribed validity period; otherwise, prevailing norms at the time of application will apply. Time-bound issuance of CIPA has been specified based on the location of the enterprise. Units within approved industrial parks will receive CIPA within 3 working days for new enterprises and 5 working days for existing enterprises, while units outside approved parks will receive decisions within 15 and 20 working days respectively. If no decision is issued within the prescribed time, approval will be deemed granted. Applications will be processed by designated authorities based on industry category and location, in accordance with delegated powers of the Board. Environmental Engineers or competent authorities will process Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate applications, with fees structured according to industry category and approval duration. [Notification No. SEE(HQ-2)/F.no.660/2026/2388]

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PPCB notified regarding the directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories-Charcoal Manufacturing Units

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), on January 22, 2026, notified regarding the directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories-Charcoal Manufacturing Units. The following has been stated namely: - • Reference is invited to letter no. SEE(HQ-2)/F.No.10/2025/10336-54 dated March 19, 2025, no. 11788-806 dated March 28, 2025 and no. 37739-65 dated 11.11.2025, whereby the CPCB directions dated 12.02.2025 and March 25, 2025, along with MoEF&CC Notifications G.S.R. 761(E) and G.S.R. 762(E) both dated 17.10.2025 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories, were circulated for information and adoption/implementation in supersession of earlier classifications. • Subsequently, PPCB vide letter no. 38985-39013 and no. 38869-96 dated November 24, 2025, classified certain left-out sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White categories. Now, CPCB vide letter no. CPCB CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 16.12.2025 has issued directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding classification of Charcoal Manufacturing units under Green/Orange category for adoption and implementation in the State. [Notification No. SEE(HQ-2)/2026/1558]

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PPCB notified regarding the classification of Aviation Service Facility (storing aviation fuel only)

Mar 02, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB), on November 24, 2026, notified regarding the classification of Aviation Service Facility (storing aviation fuel only). The following has been stated namely: - • PPCB has also constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Member Secretary of the Board for deciding the categorization of left-out sectors vide office memorandum no. SEE(HQ2)/F.no.10/2025/89 dated 19.03.2025. • Now, considering the recommendations made by the above-mentioned Committee constituted by the Board, it has been decided to issue the following clarification with respect to the Aviation Service Facility (storing aviation fuel only) • For the facility involving storage of aviation fuel, which necessitates approval/ licensing from the Chief Controller of Explosives (CCE), the CPCB Guidelines/Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Petrol Depots (other than petrol pumps/ retail outlets) having facilities for storing, handling, distribution, transportation, loading or unloading of petrol and which are required to obtain approval/ license from the CCE shall be applicable. Additionally, no separate categorization of such sectors is required and may be considered under category 151.3- Isolated storages (as defined under Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 as amended) under the Orange category classified by CPC■. [Notification No. SEE(HQ-2)/2025/38943]

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Punjab Town Improvement Trust (Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Punjab

The Government of Punjab on February 20, 2026, issued the Punjab Town Improvement Trust (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Punjab Town Improvement Trust Rules, 1939. The following has been stated namely: - • The Rule 4-A has been inserted namely: - “4-A. Municipal Development Fund- (1) Out of

the total income derived from disposal of lands, buildings and other movable and immovable properties vesting in the Trust, after excluding the establishment expenses of the Trust, fifty percent of the remaining income shall be deposited in the Municipal Development Fund during the same financial year. This amount should be deposited on monthly installment basis. This shall also be applicable for total income derived from disposable of lands, buildings and other movable and immovable properties in the Financial Year 2025-26. (2) The amount shall be credited by the Trust towards a specific head of account created by the Government, as may be notified." This shall come into force on February 20, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R.12/P.A.4/1922/Ss.73 and 69-B/Amd.(14)/2026]

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan Fisheries (Amendment) Rules,2026

Mar 29, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Fisheries Department, Rajasthan on March 12, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Fisheries (Amendment) Rules,2026, to further amend the Rajasthan Fisheries Rules 1958. The following has been stated namely: - • Rule 5 which states “Procedure by inviting tender/auction” has been deleted • Rule 5A which states “Allotment of water to the Tribal Fisherman Co-operative Society” has been substituted to state: - “Waters, situated in Scheduled areas of the Rajasthan as referred in clause (1) of Article 244 of the Constitution of India except those areas which are administered by a municipality, may be allotted to the Registered Tribal Fisherman Co-operative Society on reserve price determined under clause (b) of sub-rule (1) of rule 5. Allotment of the B category water shall be made by the Director, Fisheries and C and D category water shall be made by the Fishery Officer of district concerned.” This shall come into force on March 12, 2026. [Notification No. G.S.R.143]

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RSGFD Display of GST Component Separately in BOQ on IFMS 3.0

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Finance Department, Government of Rajasthan (RSGFD) on March 23, 2026, issued a circular directing all construction departments to display the GST component separately in the Bill of Quantities (BOQ) under IFMS 3.0, in line with financial rules and standard operating procedures. The circular mandates that from April 1, 2026, BOQs generated on IFMS 3.0 shall be exclusive of GST. Departments must prepare and upload GST-free Basic Schedule of Rates (BSR) and ensure that all new estimates and tender documents are based on GST-exclusive values. However, for ongoing works and tenders issued prior to this date, the existing GST-inclusive BSR will continue to be available for reference and calculations. Further, GST will be added separately at applicable rates during sanction generation and bill processing stages to ensure transparency in cost estimation and payment. Departments are advised to follow the revised procedure strictly and may contact the IFMS project office in case of any implementation issues. [Notification No. 4(9)/ 2026]

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Rajasthan Govt. issued amendments in the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Seheme-2024

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on March 11, 2026, issued amendments in the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Seheme-2024. The following amendments have been stated: • In the existing Section 3.1.3.1 of the scheme, after the expression "Turnover linked incentive", a new entry shall be inserted by following, namely:- "- Payroll subsidy for eligible textile units" • In the existing Section 3.2.3.2, the entry "either thrust

booster or anchor booster", shall be substituted by the following, namely:- "- either thrust booster or anchor booster or Interest Subvention"':- • After the existing sub section 3.2.3.2.3 of the scheme, a new sub section 3.2.3.2.4, shall be inserted by following, namely:- Interest Subvention o 5% Interest Subvention shall be allowed on term loan taken by a Services Enterprise fTom Financial Institutions or State Financial Institutions or Banks recognized by the Reserve Bank of India, for making an investment in plant & machinery and/or equipment and/or apparatus, for a period of 5 years subject to a maximum of2.5% ofthe eFCI distributed equally over 5 years. o In case where loan amount includes items beyond plant, machinery, equipment or apparatus, Interest Subvention shall be offered in proportion to the plant, machinery, equipment and apparatus in respect of which the term loan has been availed only. • In the section 6.3 of the Scheme, following new entries shall be inserted after the existing entry number 4, namely:- 5. INR 5 crores for GCC 6. INR 2-50 crores for Logistics Infrastructure • In the existing List 9.4, after the expression "Eleetrolyzer Manufacturing" a new entry shall be inserted by following, namely:- "Container Manufacturing" [Order No. F. 12 (32)FD/tax/2024-29]

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Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 2026

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan on March 05, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Act, 2026, further to amend the Rajasthan Municipalities Act, 2009. The following has been amended: • In sub-clause (a) of clause (xix) of section 2, the existing word and punctuation mark “leprosy,” shall be deleted. • In section 24: - o the existing clause (xvii) shall be deleted; o the existing clause (e) of the proviso shall be deleted; and o the existing Explanation shall be deleted. [Bill No. 8 of 2026]

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Govt. of Rajasthan issued the Global Capability Center Policy 2025 (Procedural Guidelines)

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan, on March 09, 2026, issued the Global Capability Center Policy 2025 (Procedural Guidelines). The following has been stated: - •The Rajasthan Global Capability Center Policy 2025 (Procedural Guidelines) applies across the entire state and will remain valid as long as the policy remains in force. •The Industries and Commerce Department is the nodal department for processing incentive applications, with RICCO acting as the supporting implementation agency. •Eligibility and incentives for GCCs will follow provisions of the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS) 2024, with a minimum investment requirement of ■5 crore. •Key incentives include capital subsidy (30% up to ■10 crore), land cost reimbursement, stamp duty and electricity duty exemptions, green incentives, training incentives, and IP creation incentives. •Procedures for claiming these benefits will be governed by the guidelines and amendments under RIPS 2024. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.5(51)Ind./I/2025-06729-8281279]

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Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Government of Rajasthan, on March 05, 2026, issued the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. The following has been stated namely: - • In section 19, which states, “Qualification for election as a Panch or a member”, the existing clause (l) shall be deleted. • In section 19, the existing clause (iv) of proviso shall be deleted. • In section 19, the existing Explanation-I shall be deleted. [BILL No. 7 OF 2026]

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Rajasthan Govt. issued amendment to notification under Rajasthan Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1951

Mar 04, 2026 | State | Rajasthan

The Transport Department, Rajasthan on February 25, 2026, issued the amendment to notification no. F.6(328)/Pari/Tax/Hqrs/2021/17882 Dated 05.08.2022 under the Rajasthan Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1951. The following has been stated namely: - • In the said notification, the existing serial number (i) and (ii) shall be substituted by the following, namely:- "(i) Twenty six percent, in case of non-transport vehicles; and (ii) Sixteen percent, in case of transport vehicles." [Notification No. G.S.R.142]

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Tamil Nadu

Department of Health and Family Welfare, Tamil Nadu, issued an order regarding simplification of the TNCEA Registration & Renewal Process

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Tamil Nadu, on February 13, 2026, issued an order regarding the simplification of the TNCEA Registration & Renewal Process. The following has been stated: - •The Government of Tamil Nadu approved major reforms to simplify registration/renewal of clinical establishments under the TNCEA framework. •Accreditation from bodies like NABH, NQAS, JCI, and NABL will enable fast-track, auto-verified approvals via the portal. •For non-accredited institutions, a streamlined digital process with dynamic document checklists, geo-tagged inspections, and reduced paperwork is introduced. •Redundant requirements (like repeated staff data, third-party agreements for in-house services) are removed, and portal efficiency is improved via e-Sevai integration. •Additional reforms include categorization of laboratories and aesthetic services, online self-declaration with OTP, and simplified document requirements for faster approvals. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.O.(Ms) No: 41]

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Tamil Nadu Govt. declared Public Holiday for Assembly Election Poll Day

Mar 31, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on March 26, 2026, declared Public Holiday for Assembly Election Poll Day. The Election Commission of India has notified April 23, 2026 (Thursday) as the poll day for the General Elections to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, 2026. In view of this, the Government of Tamil Nadu has declared the day as a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. The notification, issued under the authority of the Governor of Tamil Nadu and to be published in the Extraordinary Gazette dated March 26, 2026, ensures that voters are able to participate in the election process without any hindrance. Accordingly, all establishments covered under the Act will observe a public holiday on the poll day to facilitate maximum voter participation across the state. [Notification No. G.O.Ms.No.239]

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Govt. of Tamil Nadu notified regarding the Paid Holiday to workers and other employees of all categories due to General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, 2026

Mar 27, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the Paid Holiday to workers and other employees of all categories due to General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Election Commission of India has scheduled Tamil Nadu Assembly elections on April 23, 2026, and Kerala & Puducherry elections on April

09, 2026. • As per Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, all employees (including casual and daily wage workers) shall be granted a paid holiday on poll day without wage deduction. • The benefit applies even to employees working outside their constituency but registered as voters there. • Employers across industries, including shops, factories, IT/BPOs, shall ensure compliance, failing which penalties may be imposed. [Notification no. - 99/J1/2026-1]

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Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu, on March 14, 2026, issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023. The following has been stated: - •Under the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 2018, amendments have been made to the 2023 Rules regarding school recognition and inspection. •Recognition certificates for private schools will now be valid for 3 years, with renewal also for 3 years. •Existing schools with permanent recognition under the Tamil Nadu Recognised Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 1973 will continue, subject to submission of valid compliance certificates. •Schools with three consecutive compliant terms can opt for extended recognition of 20 years. •Annual inspections are mandatory, and self-financing schools must pay prescribed inspection fees ranging from ■2,000 to ■10,000 based on category. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: G.O.Ms.No.96, School Education (MS)]

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Tamil Nadu Agroforestry Policy, 2026

Mar 12, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on March 04, 3036, issued the Tamil Nadu Agroforestry Policy, 2026. The India State of Forest Report 2023 states that Tamil Nadu has 26,450.22 sq km of forest area and 5,370.72 sq km of tree cover, together accounting for 24.47% of the state's total geographical area (1,30,060 sq km). At the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) held in Glasgow in 2021, India committed to achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2070. As part of its climate goals under the Paris Agreement, India aims to create an additional 2.5–3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent carbon sink by 2030. To reach this goal, the country needs to plant trees on 26 million hectares of additional land to bring 33% of its land under forest and tree cover. Currently, forests and trees together cover 25.17% of India's land, while trees outside forests (TOF) cover 3.41%. Due to climate change and erratic rainfall, agriculture in India has become riskier and less profitable. Agroforestry—the integration of trees with crops and/or livestock—can help address this by: • Improving microclimates • Conserving soil and water resources • Increasing carbon sequestration • Providing additional income for farmers • Supporting sustainable land use and biodiversity Agroforestry also contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly land degradation neutrality (Target 15.3). However, agroforestry expansion in India has faced several challenges: • Strict regulations on tree felling and transport • Lack of quality planting material • Poor marketing infrastructure for timber • Limited credit and insurance • Weak extension and support systems About 65% of India's timber demand is met from trees grown on farms. Tamil Nadu regulates tree cutting and transportation

through laws such as: • Tamil Nadu Hilly Areas (Protection of Trees) Act, 1955 • Tamil Nadu Timber Transportation Rules, 1968 • Tamil Nadu Sandalwood Rules, 1967 • Tamil Nadu Spear Tree (Protection) Act, 1994 Through the Green Tamil Nadu Mission, the state government aims to increase forest and tree cover from 23.6% (2021) to 33% by 2030-31, aligned with the National Forest Policy 1988 and Tamil Nadu State Forest Policy 2018. Experts believe this target can largely be achieved through agroforestry expansion. According to Indian Council of Agricultural Research's Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Tamil Nadu already has about 1.12 million hectares under agroforestry, with strong potential for expansion due to increasing demand for timber and environmental benefits. Agroforestry and Carbon Sequestration India's carbon stock in 2023 is estimated at 7,285.5 million tonnes, increasing annually by 40.75 million tonnes, equivalent to 149.42 million tonnes of CO■. While mature trees store carbon but sequester little additional carbon, young and fast-growing trees in agroforestry systems can capture up to 50 tonnes of carbon per hectare within a 7-year rotation. Conclusion Agroforestry is an important sustainable land-use system that combines trees, crops, and livestock in the same area. It: • Improves climate resilience • Enhances biodiversity • Conserves natural resources • Provides economic benefits for farmers Thus, agroforestry plays a critical role in climate change mitigation and sustainable development in India.

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Tamil Nadu Govt. issued the amendment to the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on March 02, 2026, issued the amendment to the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023. The following has been stated namely: - • The following proviso has been inserted under sub-rule (5) under rule 8 namely: - "Provided that the fee to be paid for every application for grant of certificate of recognition for more than three years shall be Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) for Nursery and Primary Schools and Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) for Middle, High and Higher Secondary Schools or as may be specified by the Government from time to time" • Rule 8-A has been inserted namely: - "Notwithstanding anything contained in these rules, the Primary and Nursery Schools which were in existence on the date of publication of these rules in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette and intend to upgrade shall apply for permission to upgrade in Form I-B and for grant of certificate of recognition in Form II-A subject to the fulfillment of requirements specified in Annexure-III" [Notification No. SRO A-6(b)/2026]

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Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the Draft Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Food Security Rules, 2017

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Co-Operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on February 18, 2026, issued the Draft Amendments to the Tamil Nadu Food Security Rules, 2017. In rule 8, in sub-rule (1), in clause (c), for the entries (i), (iii) and (viii), the following entries shall, respectively, be substituted, namely: - • (i) District Collector – Chairperson • (iii) Sub-Collectors / Revenue Divisional Officers / Deputy Commissioner

(City) South (Civil Supplies) in case of Chennai District Member • (viii) District Supply Officer/ Deputy Commissioner (City) North (Civil Supplies) in case of Chennai District – Convener Objections and suggestions, if any, shall be addressed to the Director of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005, by 5 March 2026. [Notification no. - SRO A-6/2026]

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Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the amendments to the Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Home, Prohibition and Excise Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on February 26, 2026, issued the amendments to the Tamil Nadu Denatured Spirit, Methyl Alcohol and Varnish (French Polish) Rules, 1959. The following has been amended: • In rule 8, in sub-rule (a), under the sub-heading “D.L.2. Licence for possession and use of denatured spirit, methylated spirit or methyl alcohol in the manufacture of specified commodities other than varnish”, - o (a) in clause (2), the following proviso shall be added, namely: “Provided that the industries engaged in continuous manufacturing process shall be exempted to assigning batch number.”; o (b) in clause (3), after the proviso the following proviso shall be added, namely: “Provided further that in respect of industries engaged in continuous manufacturing process the random sample of each product shall be analysed atleast once a month.”; • In rule 10, in sub-rule (V), in clause (i), in sub-clause (a), the following proviso shall be added, namely: “Provided further that the licensee using advanced technical safeguards like Abloy locks, Global Positioning System (GPS) and Geo fencing, shall be exempted from deploying responsible officer of the firm.” [Notification no. - SRO A-6(a)/2026]

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Govt. of Tamil Nadu issued the Registration (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2025

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu, on February 18, 2026, issued the Registration (Tamil Nadu Amendment) Act, 2025, to further amend the Registration Act, 1908. The following has been stated namely: - • After section 34 B of the Registration Act, 1908, the following section shall be inserted, namely: 34-C. Production of original documents.—Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, a document relating to immovable property shall not be registered unless the executor, together with the certificate of lien of the property concerned, obtained within ten days before the date of production, produces the original document of the previous title to the property concerned, which he has acquired by him: Provided that, where a lien in respect of the property is subsisting, the Registrar shall not register such document unless a certificate of no objection has been obtained from the mortgagee: Provided further that, where a contract of sale has been entered into in respect of the property concerned and the same has not been executed, the Registrar shall not register such document unless the time limit for filing a suit for relief under the said contract has expired. Provided further that, where the property concerned is ancestral property and there is no previous original document in respect thereof, the Registrar shall not register such document unless the title deed issued by the Revenue Department in respect of such property is produced: Provided further that, where the previous original document has been lost, the Registrar shall not register such document unless a certificate of non-traceability issued by the Police Department is produced along with an

advertisement published in a local newspaper informing him of the loss of the previous original document: Provided further that, it shall not be necessary to produce a previous original document in respect of a document in which the Government or a statutory body is the executor or in respect of such class of documents as may be notified by the State Government from time to time." [Act No. 1/2026]

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Tamil Nadu Govt. issued the dearness allowance payable with effect from April 01, 2026

Mar 06, 2026 | State | Tamil Nadu

The Government of Tamil Nadu on February 18, 2026, issued the notification regarding the statement showing details of dearness allowance payable with effect from April 01, 2026 based on the average consumer price index of chennai city for the calendar year 2025 in respect of various scheduled employments notified under the minimum wages act 1948 The following has been stated namely: - • This is based on the average consumer price index of Chennai city for the calendar year 2025 in respect of various scheduled employments notified under the minimum wages act 1948. • The following industries have been stated namely: - o Employment in Aerated Water Manufactory o Employment in Agarbathy Manufactory o Employment in Appalam Manufactory o Employment in Automobile Workshop o Employment in Auto Rickshaw & Taxis o Employment in Bakeries and Biscuits Manufactory o Employment in Bleaching or Dyeing or Both o Employment in Bricks and Tiles Manufactory o Employment in Carpentry & Blacksmithy o Employment in Chemical Fertilizer Industry o Employment in Chemical Industry o Employment in Cinema Industry o Employment in Coaching Academics o Employment in Coconut Peeling o Employment in Coffee Curing Works o Employment in Coir Manufactory o Employment in Construction, Maintenance of Roads or in Building Operations o Employment in Construction of Andals. o Employment in Cooking Food o Employment in Cotton Ginning, Pressing and Employment in Cotton Waste o Employment in Distillery Industry o Employment in Distribution of Liquid Petroleum Gas Cylinders o Employment in Domestic Work o Employment in Electronic Industry o Employment in Folding Textiles • The Points for calculating dearness allowance for different base periods has been stated in the notification. This is applicable from April 01, 2026. [Notification No. Z3/3459/2026]

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Telangana

Govt. of Telangana issued the amendment to the Seventh Schedule under section 3 of the Telangana Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1963

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Telangana

The Transport Department, Govt. of Telangana on March 20, 2026, issued the amendment to the Seventh Schedule under section 3 of the Telangana Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1963. In the said Act, in the Seventh Schedule in Section 3 there under, the column No. 8, and the entries relating thereto i.e. Second or more personalized vehicles upto a seating capacity of ten (10) in all owned by an individual (Additional 2% of tax on the rates prescribed in the Third Schedule and Sixth Schedule at the time of registration of new vehicles only) shall be deleted. [Notification no. - G.O.Ms.No. 16]

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Tripura

Govt. of Tripura notified regarding the Grant of Paid Holiday to Employees on the day of Poll on April 09, 2026

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Factories Department, Govt. of Tripura on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the Grant of Paid Holiday to Employees on the day of Poll on April 09, 2026. The following has been stated: • The Election Commission of India has scheduled the bye-election for 56-Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency (Tripura) on April 09, 2026, to fill a vacancy. • As per Section 135B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, employers shall grant a paid holiday to employees in the concerned constituency on polling day. • Authorities are requested to ensure compliance so that all eligible voters can exercise their voting rights. [Notification no. - 19(21)-CEO/CONDT/2008/2860-62]

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Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Diversion of land) (First Amendment), Rules, 2026

Mar 23, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Government of Tripura on March 06, 2026, issued the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms (Diversion of land) (First Amendment), Rules, 2026, to further amend the Tripura Land Revenue and Land Reforms Act, 1960. The following has been stated namely: - • For Rule 3, which states “Self certification for change of classification of land” has been substituted namely: - “Subject to provisions of sub-section 4 of section 20 of the Act, any person desirous of changing the classification of his land shall furnish a self declaration in Form-1, online, and pay such fees and diversion charges, on such portal, as may be notified by the State Government, along-with the following documents: (a) Proof of ownership or lease of the land or certified copy of the Record of Rights (RoR) of the applicant. (b) Identity proof of the applicant. (c) Self declaration if already changed.” • For Rule 4, which states “Revocation or Reversion of altered classification of land” has been substituted namely: - “Subject to provisions of sub-section 4 of section 20 of the Act the Competent Authority, as may be notified by the State Government for this purpose, shall have the power to examine and verify if any classification of land diverted under the provision of rule 3 has been made in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (3) and (4) of section 20 of the Act and revoke or revert such altered classification of land by issuing an appropriate order, recording therein the reasons thereof, as may be deemed appropriate by him, within thirty working days of such diversion.” [Notification No. 4(05)-RCC/2025]

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Draft Tripura Wages Rules, 2026

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Labour Department, Govt. of Tripura on January 20, 2026, issued the Draft Tripura Wages Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The rules empower the government to fix and revise minimum wages for different categories of employees based on skill level, nature of work, and employment sector to ensure fair wages. They also provide for Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) linked to the Consumer Price Index to adjust wages periodically for inflation. • The rules prescribe different wage periods, such as hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly, and require employers to pay wages within specified timelines depending on the wage period. Employers shall also maintain proper records, registers, and wage slips for employees to ensure transparency and compliance with labour laws. • Additionally, the rules mandate that overtime work shall be paid at twice the normal rate of wages, and the government may appoint authorities for inspection, enforcement, and resolution of wage-related claims or disputes. • These provisions aim to strengthen worker protection, improve wage transparency, and align the state's labour framework with the national labour codes. The detailed notification is attached below. [Notification no. - F.22(80)-LAB/ENF/CoW/2025]

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Govt. of Tripura notified regarding the Hotel Star Classification Requirement under Tripura Tourism Policy, 2025

Mar 18, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Tourism Department, Govt. of Tripura on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Hotel Star Classification Requirement under Tripura Tourism Policy, 2025. The Government has removed the requirement of hotel star classification from essential services and licensing provisions under the Tripura Tourism Policy, 2025, as part of the Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Initiative to improve ease of doing business. The change takes immediate effect. [Notification no. - F.4(1)-DoT/Mark/2024/10159-168]

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Tripura Urban Planning and Development Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Mar 15, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Government of Tripura on March 10, 2026, issued the Tripura Urban Planning and Development Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, further to amend the Tripura Urban Planning and Development Act, 2018. The following has been amended: • A new definition has been inserted in section 2, defining it as a temporary planning document prepared during the period when the final Master Plan is still under preparation, outlining land-use zoning and basic regulations to guide construction approvals until the final Master Plan becomes operational. • New sections 66A and 66B have been inserted, empowering the State Government to direct the planning authority to prepare and publish an Interim/Draft Master Plan within three months when a final Master Plan is under preparation. This interim plan will come into force upon publication and remain valid until the final Master Plan is notified. • Additionally, the amendment clarifies that if the Interim/Draft Master Plan is not published within the prescribed period, construction activities may continue under the existing provisions. • Section 78 has also been amended by removing the words "or under preparation," thereby refining the definition of unauthorized development with reference to the applicable Master Plan. [Notification no. - F.8(8)-Law/Leg-I/2026]

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Govt. of Tripura issued a notification regarding the Partial modification of guidelines for recognition / up-gradation of recognition/renewal of recognition for Privately Managed Schools

Mar 11, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Government of Tripura, on March 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Partial modification of guidelines for recognition / up-gradation of recognition/renewal of recognition for Privately Managed Schools. The following has been stated: - •The Directorate of Secondary Education, Tripura, partially modified the 1999 guidelines for recognition, up-gradation, and renewal of privately managed schools. •The change is part of the government's Compliance Reduction and Deregulation Phase-II initiative. •Under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, the requirement of an Essentiality Certificate has been removed and replaced with self-certification by schools. •For approval, authorities now require only the society/trust registration certificate, CA-audited financial statements for the last three years, and valid address proof of the school, effective immediately. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: F.15(12-1)-SE/Un-Aided/2026]

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Tripura Guaranteed Services to Citizens (First Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Tripura

The Government of Tripura, on March 03, 2026, issued the Tripura Guaranteed Services to Citizens (First Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Tripura Guaranteed Services to Citizens Rules, 2020. The following has been stated namely:- • For rule 9, which states, "Right to appeal by the aggrieved citizens", the following rule shall be substituted with:- 9. Online application and automatic appeal. (1) Any eligible person who has not received any notified service within the prescribed time-period may apply for delivery of such service to the Designated Officer, online, on such portal as may be specified by the State Government by issuing notification. Such application shall be acknowledged and dealt in such manner as prescribed in rule 4. (2) Where a notified service is elther rejected or not acted upon within the stipulated time by the Designated Officer, an appeal to the Competent Officer on behalf of the applicant by the electronic service delivery system shall be generated automatically. (3) Such automatic appeal shall be deemed to have been filed under the provisions of section 13 of the Act. (4) The date immediately following the expiry of the stipulated time shall be deemed to be the date of filing of automatic appeal for all purposes under the Act and these Rules. (5) Intimation of such automatic appeal shall be communicated to the applicant and the concerned Designated Officer through electronic means." • A new Rule 9B inserted:- "9B. Powers of Appellate Authority (1) The appellate authority shall have superintendence over all Designated Officers, Competent Officers and their offices in matters of delivery of notified services. (2) He may review and recommend improvements in procedures or processes for better service delivery to the concerned authorities. [Notification No. F.4(1)-RCC/2014/P-II]

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Uttar Pradesh

Govt. of UP notified regarding the additional Public Holiday on March 27, 2026, for Ram Navami

Mar 26, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on March 25, 2026, notified regarding the additional Public Holiday on March 27, 2026, for Ram Navami. The Government has declared March 27, 2026 (Friday) as an additional public holiday on account of Ram Navami under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. Earlier, a holiday was declared for March 26, 2026, and now both days are declared as public holidays. The holiday list notification dated November 17, 2025, stands amended accordingly. [Notification no. - 3-1099/641/2019]

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Uttar Pradesh Minor Minerals (Concession) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

Mar 25, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on February 04, 2026, issued the Uttar Pradesh Minor Minerals (Concession) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Uttar Pradesh Minor Minerals (Concession) Rules, 2021. The following amendments have been stated: • In the Uttar Pradesh Minor Minerals (Concession) Rules, 2021, for the First Schedule set out in Column-I below, the Schedule as set out in Column-II has been substituted. • In the said rules, for the Second Schedule set out in Column-I below, the Schedule as set out in Column-II has been substituted. They shall come into force with effect from February 04, 2026. [Notification No. I/1225960/2026]

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UPMC Regulation of Sky Signs and Advertisements Rules, 2026

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh, on February 2, 2026, notified the Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporation (Regulation of Sky Signs and Advertisements) Rules, 2026, superseding all previous provisions to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework for outdoor advertisements. The rules apply to all Municipal Corporations in the state and mandate that no advertisement, hoarding, or sky sign can be displayed without prior written permission from the Municipal Commissioner or authorized officer. They provide detailed definitions covering various types of advertisements such as digital signs, banners, illuminated signs, roof signs, and temporary displays, ensuring clarity and uniform interpretation. Existing approved advertisement contracts will remain valid until their expiry. The framework introduces structured governance including licensing, fee mechanisms, and technical oversight, along with strict prohibitions on unauthorized displays on public infrastructure like roads, bridges, and buildings. The objective is to regulate urban advertising, ensure public safety, maintain aesthetics, and streamline compliance through standardized procedures across municipal bodies. [Notification No. 151/ IX-9–2026-12J-24]

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Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of licences for Premium retail Vends of Foreign Liquor) (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Excise Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh on January 21, 2026, issued the Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of licences for Premium retail Vends of Foreign Liquor) (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2025, to further amend the Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of Licenses for Premium Retail Vends of Foreign Liquor) Rules, 2020. The following has been amended: • Under Rule 2, definitions have been revised, most notably reducing the security deposit from one-fourth of the licence fee to 10%, to be furnished through e-bank guarantee or other prescribed modes, and expanding the scope of transport permits to include additional licence categories. • Rule 3 has been substituted to allow one or more licences in a mall, along with new provisions mandating CCTV installation, digital payment facilities, and POS machines, while also prohibiting operation in multiplex areas and permitting such vends in large IT/ITES establishments. • Under Rule 5, eligibility conditions remain largely the same, but a cap has been introduced restricting any person/firm/company to a maximum of two licences (FL-4C and FL-4D). • Rule 6 revises grant conditions by introducing a minimum distance restriction of 200 meters from model or composite liquor shops (relaxed to 100 meters in specified urban areas), applicable only to new licences. • Rule 7 simplifies procedural requirements by allowing applicants from outside the state to submit a notarized affidavit in place of a no-dues certificate. A significant change under Rule 9 increases the permissible number of licences per entity from one to two licences. • Rule 13 restructures provisions relating to death of a licensee by introducing a formal nomination and name transfer mechanism, along with rules for renewal and refund. • Rule 14 retains standard business hours (10 AM to 10 PM) but aligns operating hours in malls and airports with their respective functional timings. • Finally, Rule 18 clearly classifies the scope of sale by distinguishing between FL-4C (premium liquor categories) and FL-4D (wine, beer, and low alcoholic beverages), thereby bringing greater clarity and regulation to permissible sales. [Notification no. - 2041/X-License-171/FL-Premium Retail Vends/2025-26]

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Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of Licenses for Retail Sale of Country Liquor) (Nineteenth Amendment) Rules, 2025

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on January 21, 2026, issued the Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of Licenses for Retail Sale of Country Liquor) (Nineteenth Amendment) Rules, 2025 to further amend the Uttar Pradesh Excise (Settlement of Licenses for Retail Sale of Country Liquor) Rules, 2002. The following amendments have been stated: • Rule 3 has been substituted with the following: 3. Settlement of licenses for retail sale (a) Subject to the provisions of these Rules and on payment of the requisite basic license fee and security amount, a retail shop for the sale of country liquor shall be settled or resettled by granting the license in favour of the applicant selected as per rule 10. (b) The licence shall be granted a license in Form C.L.5-C for the retail sale of country liquor in such containers as approved by the Excise Commissioner from time to time for consumption both “On” and “Off” the premises. (c) Licensee/salesman/distiller shall be responsible for the disposal of empty containers at the shop after consumption of liquor as per the Solid Waste

Management Rules, 2016 and as per any guidelines/ rules/directions issued by a Competent Authority or any Competent Court from time to time. (d) Permission to sell beer in retail shops of country liquor which do not have any composite shop or model shop within a 3 km radius, can be granted on application by the licensee subject to fulfilment of the terms and conditions as may be specified by the State Government from time to time. If sale of beer is allowed at such country liquor shops, the licensee will be granted a license in form CL5CC. For the said purpose, the licensing authority shall publish a list of country liquor shops eligible for CL-5CC licenses in the district and applications from interested country liquor licensees shall be invited. Minimum Guaranteed Annual Revenue (MGR) will be fixed in relation to the sale of beer at such shops. This minimum guaranteed annual revenue will be specified by the State Government from time to time as a specific percentage of the average minimum guaranteed annual revenue of beer per composite shop in the district. This will be called as MGR (CL-Beer) which will be imposed additionally in the district. Additional license fee calculated as prescribed by the State Government, will be realized from such shops for permission to sell beer. Consumption of beer will be allowed at CL-5CC shops for which no additional fee will be charged. It will be mandatory to maintain the account of MGR (CL-Beer) and License Fee pertaining to sale of beer fixed for CL-5CC shops at every level. Security equivalent to 10 percent of the License Fee pertaining to sale of Beer for CL5CC shops will also be deposited additionally as per rules. The security provisions for country liquor will remain the same. • Rule 6 has been substituted with the following: 6. Grant of Licence The license will be issued on payment of basic license fee and security amount within the time frame as specified by the Government from time to time and as per the provisions of these rules. The basic license fees shall be deposited preferably through an e-payment platform specified by the State Government and the security amount shall be deposited in the manner prescribed by the Excise Commissioner. Before the grant of CL-5CC license, it will be mandatory for the CL-5C licensee to deposit the calculated license fee and security amount for the sale of beer as per the procedure determined by the State Government. It will be mandatory for the licensee to submit the original solvency certificate of the requisite value or the property certificate in relation to the CL-5C license, issued by the authorized income tax valuer or a copy certified by any other Excise Officer in the office of the District Excise Officer of that district from where he has been granted the license. [Notification No. 2043/X-License-59/Country Liquour/2025-26]

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Uttar Pradesh Govt. issued extension of Time Limit for Filing Appeals before GST Appellate Tribunal

Mar 24, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on February 28, 2026, issued extension of Time Limit for Filing Appeals before GST Appellate Tribunal. The Government of Uttar Pradesh, under the provisions of the Uttar Pradesh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017, has notified June 30, 2026 as the deadline for filing appeals before the Appellate Tribunal in cases where the order was communicated before April 01, 2026. For orders communicated on or after April 01, 2026, appeals must be filed within three months from the date of communication of the order to the concerned person. [Notification No. 97/XI-2-26-9(47)/17-T.C.-302-U.P.Act-1-2017-Order-(371)-2026]

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Draft Uttar Pradesh Industrial Relations Rules 2026

Mar 20, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh, on March 10, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing the Uttar Pradesh Industrial Relations Rules, 2026 under Section 99 of the Industrial Relations Code, 2020 read with Section 24 of the General Clauses Act, 1897. The draft has been published to invite objections and suggestions from stakeholders following the operationalisation of the Code by the Central Government. The State Government noted that earlier Uttar Pradesh Industrial Relations Rules, 2021 were finalized but not enforced due to the Code not being in force at that time. With the Code now operational and draft Central Rules, 2025 issued, the State proposes to frame fresh rules to ensure alignment. The draft rules also propose to supersede earlier frameworks including the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Rules, 1946, Trade Union Regulation, 1927, Industrial Disputes (U.P.) Rules, 1976, and the 2021 Rules. These draft rules will apply across Uttar Pradesh and will come into force upon final publication in the Official Gazette. Stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions within 30 days to the Labour Department, after which the rules will be finalized to establish a uniform industrial relations framework in the State. [Notification No. 251/36-2-2026]

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Draft Uttar Pradesh Code on Wages Rules, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Labour Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on March 10, 2026, issued the Draft Uttar Pradesh Code on Wages Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: • The draft rules lay down detailed provisions for the implementation of the Code on Wages, 2019, in the state, focusing on fair wage determination, timely payment, and worker protection. The rules provide that minimum wages shall be fixed based on skill level (unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, highly skilled), nature of work, and geographical location, while also considering the needs of a standard working-class family to ensure a decent living standard. • They emphasize uniform applicability of minimum wages to all employees across sectors, removing earlier limitations of “scheduled employments,” and mandate timely payment of wages without unauthorized deductions. The rules also regulate working hours, rest intervals, and overtime wages, ensuring workers are compensated fairly for extra work. • Further, provisions are made for bonus payments, maintenance of registers and records by employers, and issuance of wage slips, promoting transparency and accountability. Inspectors-cum-facilitators are empowered to ensure compliance, and mechanisms for claims, dispute resolution, and penalties for non-compliance are clearly defined. The detailed notification is attached below. [Notification no. - 426/XXXVI-03-2026-1901341]

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Draft Uttar Pradesh Social Security Code Rules, 2026

Mar 19, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh, on March 10, 2026, issued the Draft Uttar Pradesh Social Security Code Rules, 2026. The following has been stated: - •The Social Security Code, 2020, was enforced in November 2025, prompting Uttar Pradesh to finalize the Uttar Pradesh Social Security Code Rules, 2026. •The 2026 rules replace earlier state laws on workmen’s compensation, maternity benefits, and unorganized workers’

social security. •Public feedback on the draft rules can be submitted within 45 days to state labour authorities. •The rules establish key bodies like the UP Unorganized Workers Social Security Board and Construction Workers Welfare Board with defined composition and 3-year terms. •These boards handle worker welfare schemes, fund management, and policy recommendations for unorganized and construction workers. •The Social Security Fund will be financed by government and worker contributions, with accounts audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 427../36-3-2026-1319661]

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Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The Government of Uttar Pradesh on February 02, 2026, issued the Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, further to amend the Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporatain Act, 1959. In Clause (i) of Section 115 of the Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1959, the words 'leper homes' shall be omitted. [Notification no.- 12(2)/LXXIX-V-1–2026-2-ka-3-2026]

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UP Govt. issued an amendment to an older notification related to GST Rate Schedules for Tobacco and Related Products

Mar 01, 2026 | State | Uttar Pradesh

The State Tax Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh on January 31, 2026, issued an amendment to an older notification no. 1699/XI-9(47)-17-T.C.-284-U.P. Act-1-2017-Order-(362)-2025 dated September 20, 2025, related to GST Rate Schedules for Tobacco and Related Products. The following has been stated: - • A new entry (S. No. 4A) has been inserted in Schedule II (9%) to include biris under tariff items 2403 19 21 and 2403 19 29. • Schedule III (20%) has been expanded by adding pan masala, unmanufactured tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and other specified tobacco products under new serial numbers 14 to 18. • These additions cover most manufactured and inhalation tobacco products, excluding biris where specified. • Schedule VII (14%), along with all related entries, has been omitted. This notification shall take effect on February 1, 2026. [Notification No. – 27/XI-2–26-9(47)-17-T.C.-301-U.P.Act-1-2017-Order-(370)-2026]

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Uttarakhand

Govt. of Uttarakhand issued a notification allowing Shops and Establishments to operate 24×7

Mar 10, 2026 | State | Uttarakhand

The Government of Uttarakhand, on February 17, 2026, issued a notification allowing Shops and Establishments to Operate 24×7. The following has been stated: - •The Uttarakhand Labour Department issued a notification under the Uttarakhand Shops and Establishments Act, 2017. •It clarifies that there is no restriction on the opening or closing time of shops and establishments in the state. •However, employee working hours, rest periods, and leave must still comply with the provisions of the Act. The detailed notification is given in the document below. [Notification No.: 195 (1)/VIII-1/26-32 (Labour)/2016-TC]

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West Bengal

Govt. of WB notified regarding the exemption of Rural Employment Cess on Tea Estates in West Bengal

Mar 23, 2026 | State | West Bengal

The Finance Department, Govt. of West Bengal on February 18, 2026, notified regarding the exemption of Rural Employment Cess on Tea Estates in West Bengal. The Government has granted a one-year exemption from payment of rural employment cess to tea estates producing green tea leaves, under Section 4(5) of the West Bengal Rural Employment and Production Act, 1976. This exemption applies to cess otherwise leviable under Section 4(2A) of the Act and will be effective from April 01, 2026. [Notification no. - 321-F.T]

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WBFD Exemption from Education Cess for Tea Estates

Mar 23, 2026 | State | West Bengal

The Finance Department West Bengal (FD), on February 18, 2026, issued a notification granting exemption from payment of education cess for specified tea estates in the state. The notification provides that tea estates producing green tea leaves, on which education cess is otherwise leviable under the West Bengal Primary Education Act, 1973, shall be exempted from such cess for a period of one year in public interest. This exemption will be effective from April 1, 2026, offering temporary financial relief to tea estate operators engaged in green tea production. [Notification No. 322-F.T.]

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West Bengal Govt. notified regarding the proper utilization of slow moving and near expiry Drug/ Equipment/OHC

Mar 10, 2026 | State | West Bengal

The Health Department, West Bengal on February 24, 2026, issued the notification regarding the proper utilization of slow moving and near expiry Drug/ Equipment/OHC. The following has been stated namely: - • Due to a sudden drop in consumption of certain Drug/Equipment items in the OHC, there is a risk that the listed items may expire before being used. • Concerned authorities are requested to take necessary steps to utilize the remaining stock before the expiry date to avoid wastage of government resources. [Notification No. KDP/SDH/439]

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