



MONTHLY COMPLIANCE ROUNDUP

MAY 2026

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

The month saw **1019** legal and regulatory changes across Centre and States and across various categories.

REGULATORY CHANGES IN MAY 2026

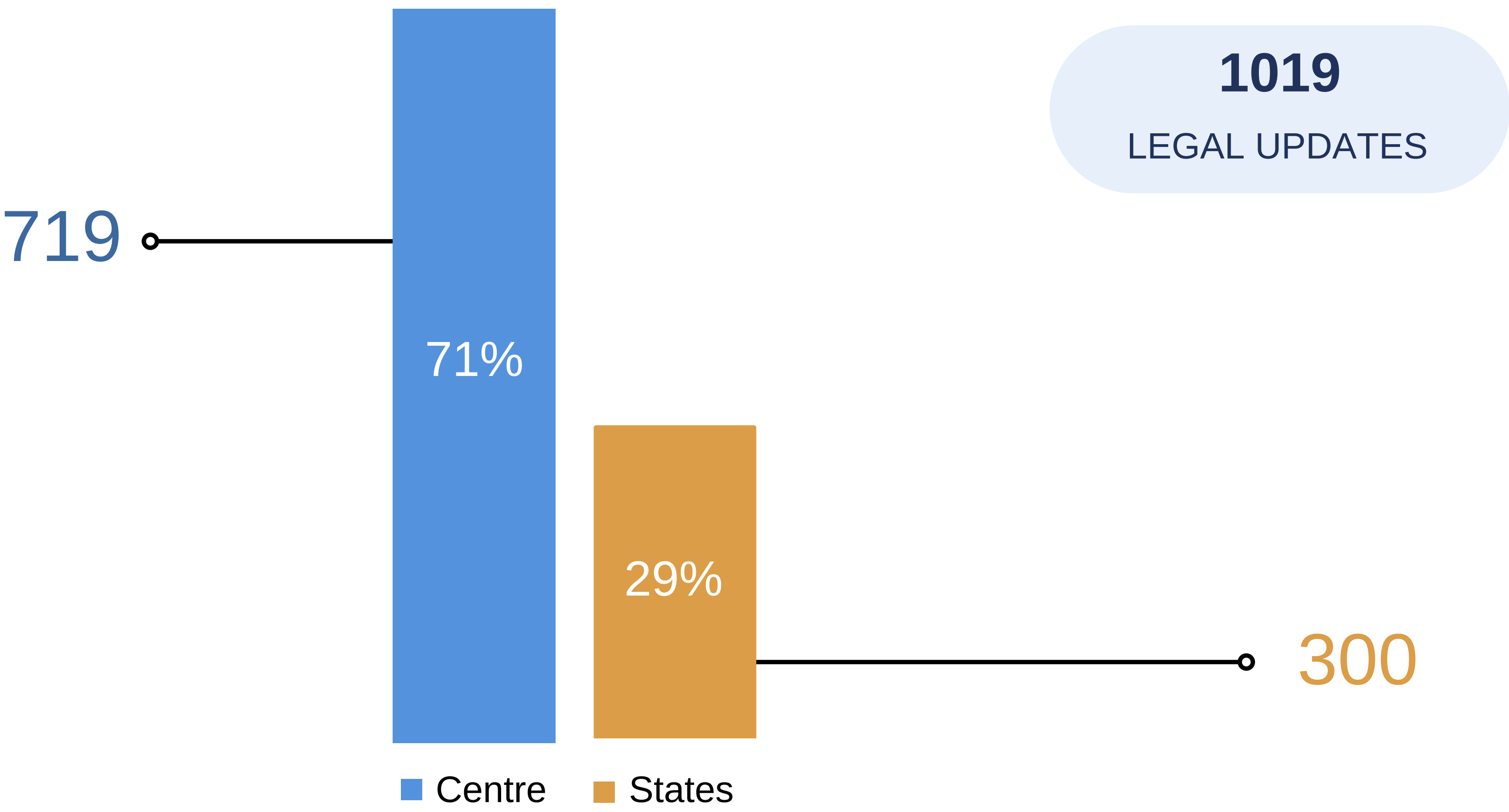
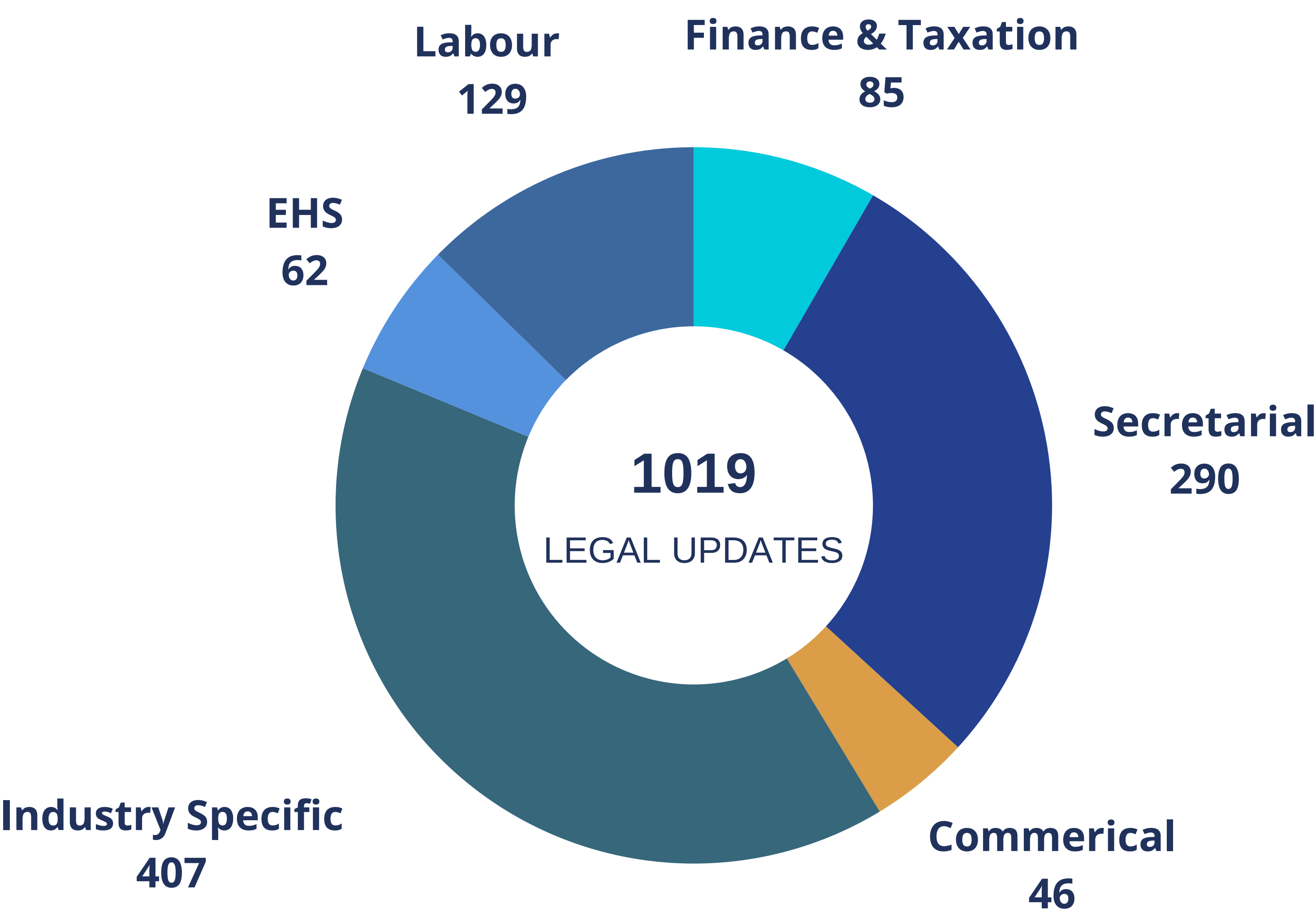


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Fig 2: Compliance Category Statistics



1 FINANCE AND TAXATION UPDATES

There were 85 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 07, 2026, issued circular on Implementation of Safeguard Duty on import of "Non-Alloy and Alloy Steel Flat Products".
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 06, 2026, updated the Master Direction - Money Changing Activities.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 30, 2026, notified the Foreign Exchange Management (Authorised Persons) Regulations, 2026
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 04, 2026, notified regarding the Extension of the validity of the circulars issued under Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962, to mitigate challenges arising from ongoing disruptions in maritime routes due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 04, 2026, issued a notification regarding unauthorised and misleading campaigns promising Loan Waivers.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 30, 2026, issued amendment in Customs CVD Notification - Revision of Tariff Codes for Specified Goods.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on May 15, 2026, amended an older notification No. 06/2026-Central Excise, dated March 26, 2026, related to Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on petroleum products.
- The Department of Income Tax on May 15, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Excel utility for ITR-1 and ITR-4 available for filing.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on May 14, 2026, issued a circular regarding the identification and import clearance of Hazardous cargo.
- The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) on May 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding Sunset review investigation concerning anti-dumping duty imposed on the imports of "Phthalic Anhydride" from China PR, Korea RP, and Thailand.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E) on May 08, 2026, issued the Social Security (Central) Rules, 2026.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 10, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Amendment in Export Policy of Feathers.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 22, 2026, notified regarding the premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2021-22 Series-I due on May 25, 2026.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on March 11, 2026, issued an advisory regarding launch of the Unified Application Dashboard for Council for Leather Exports (CLE) LPCOs under the SWIFT 2.0 framework through the Indian Customs Electronic Gateway (ICEGATE) portal. The initiative aims to provide single-window digital access for trade users to manage licenses, permits, certificates and other VION compliance requirements across participating government agencies.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), on May 21, 2026, issued an advisory informing taxpayers and stakeholders about proposed functional enhancements in the E-Way Bill (EWB) portal aimed at improving data quality, traceability and operational efficiency within the EWB system.

- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on May 20, 2026, issued the Health Security se National Security Cess (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Health Security se National Security Cess Rules, 2026.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) on May 18, 2026, issued update on Filing of Annexure-B for Refund Applications involving Accumulated ITC using the offline utility in GST portal.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on May 08, 2026, issued the procedure for filing amendment declarations in Form CE DEC-01 for Central Excise taxpayers covered under the Chewing Tobacco, Jarda Scented Tobacco and Gutkha Packing Machines (Capacity Determination and Collection of Duty) Rules, 2025. The advisory refers to Notification No. 05/2025-Central Excise (N.T.) dated December 31, 2025, which introduced the relevant compliance framework for such manufacturers.
- The Department of Income Tax on May 26, 2026, issued a notification regarding Online filing and Excel Utility of ITR-2 for A.Y 2026-27.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 22, 2026, issued the Implementation of Section 51A of UAPA, 1967: Updates to UNSC's 1267/1989 ISIL (Da'esh) & Al-Qaida Sanctions List: Removal of 7 Entries.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF), on May 22, 2026, issued a notification amending Notification No. 47/2021-Customs (ADD) dated August 26, 2021 relating to levy of anti-dumping duty under the Customs Tariff Act 1975.

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2 SECRETARIAL UPDATES

There were 290 regulatory updates in this category

- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on May 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding renewal of Broker Indemnity Insurance Policy.
- The India International Bullion Exchange IFSC Limited (IIBX) on May 08, 2026, issued circular regarding the Submission of Periodic Internal Audit Report to the Exchange.
- The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on May 08, 2026, issued a circular regarding the review of Volatility Scan Range (VSR) for option contracts in the Commodity Derivatives Segment.
- The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), on May 8, 2026, issued Circular Ref. No. 26/2026 announcing a mock trading ses session for the Commodity Derivatives Segment scheduled on Saturday, May 9, 2026. The mock exercise is being conducted under the Exchange's contingency and disaster recovery preparedness framework and will not involve any new software version release.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on May 6, 2026, informed Depository Participants (DPS) that the Annual Bill for the financial year 2026-27 has been uploaded to the respective Billing Folders in the CDSL system. The billing files include annual maintenance and related charges applicable to DPs.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on May 06, 2026, notified regarding the Transaction Charges for BSE FOCUSED IT Index Futures & Options Contracts.
- The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), on April 27, 2026, issued a circular notifying amendments to its Business Rules, specifically Rule 18.1.1, concerning the penalty structure for failure or delay in submission of Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) reports.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on May 14, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of new numbers for making outbound calls to members for BSE STAR Mutual Fund segment.



- The India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Limited (India ICC), on May 13, 2026, informed members and clearing banks that it will conduct operations from its Disaster Recovery (DR) Site from May 18, 2026 to May 22, 2026. The circular has been issued in reference to an earlier circular issued by India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (India INX) regarding DR site operations. [Circular No. 20260513-1]
- The Bombay Stock Exchange Limited (BSE) on May 14, 2026 informed members about the implementation of new 1600 series outbound calling numbers for handling BSE technical support queries. The change has been introduced pursuant to amendments made by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to the Telecom Commercial Communications Customer Preference Regulations (TCCCPR), 2018 aimed at strengthening consumer protection against unsolicited commercial communications.
- The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on May 14, 2026, issued a circular regarding Product Movement between partitions.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on May 15, 2026, issued a circular regarding permitted use of fresh borrowings for InvITs where Net Borrowings exceed forty-nine percent of the value of InvIT assets.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on May 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding the applicability of the Short Term Additional Surveillance Measure (STASM).
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on May 13, 2026, issued the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Model Bye-Laws and Governing Board of Insolvency Professional Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to further amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Model Bye-Laws and Governing Board of Insolvency Professional Agencies) Regulations, 2016.
- The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on May 22, 2026, regarding the submission of the Half-Yearly Net Worth Certificate as on March 31, 2026.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on May 22, 2026, notified regarding the Use of Escalation Email IDs for Investment Advisers (IAs).
- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on May 21, 2026, issued a circular regarding the System Testing Mock for Mumbai Rainfall (RAINMUMBAI) contracts on May 23, 2026.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on May 22, 2026, notified regarding the Use of Escalation Email IDs for Investment Advisers (IAs).
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on May 19, 2026, issued the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Pre-Packaged Insolvency Resolution Process) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to further amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Pre-Packaged Insolvency Resolution Process) Regulations, 2021.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on May 19, 2026, issued circular regarding the Net Asset Value (NAV) Of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).



- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on May 15, 2026, issued a circular reviewing the Volatility Scan Range (VSR) applicable for option contracts in the Commodity Derivatives Segment for the month of June 2026. The circular has been issued in continuation of Circular No. 0136/2026 dated April 15, 2026, and pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) circular dated January 11, 2021 on review of VSR for commodity
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on May 27, 2026, issued the amendments to DP Operating Instructions Chapter 10 - Account Closure.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Limited (MCX) on May 28, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Mock Trading Session scheduled for May 30, 2026.
- The NSE IFSC Limited (NSE IX) on May 26, 2026, notified regarding the Submission of the System Audit Report for the period ended March 31, 2026.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on May 27, 2026, notified regarding the Procedure for deposit and storage of Nickel Cathodes Contracts at MCXCCL Accredited Warehouses.
- The National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) on May 25, 2026, issued a circular regarding the withdrawal of the e-BG request.

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3 COMMERCIAL UPDATES

There were 46 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Home Affairs on May 06, 2026, issued the Indian Stamp (Punjab Amendment) Act, 2001, as extended to the Union Territory of Chandigarh
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding the validity of Ad-hoc norms under Para 4.12 (vi) of HBP-2023.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding extension in Minimum Import Price (MIP) Condition of specific items covered under Chapter 48 of ITC HS, 2022, Schedule -I (Import Policy).
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on April 30, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS).
- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I) on May 14, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Wholesale Price Index for April 2026.
- The Ministry of Rural Development, on May 11, 2026, notified July 1, 2026 as the date from which the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA), along with all rules, notifications, schemes, orders and guidelines framed thereunder shall stand repealed.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (MoCAF&PD) on April 27, 2026, notified regarding the Fees for verification of weights and measures by the Government Approved Test centres approved under the Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Rules, 2013.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on April 30, 2026, issued the amendments to the Bureau of Indian Standards (Conformity Assessment) Amendment Regulations, 2026.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I) on May 08, 2026, notified the Air Conditioner and its related Parts, Hermetic Compressor and Temperature Sensing Controls (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Air Conditioner and its related Parts, Hermetic Compressor and Temperature Sensing Controls (Quality Control) Order, 2019.



- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) on May 20, 2026, issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (..... Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) on May 19, 2026, issued a notification regarding Aadhaar Authentication for Khadi Gramodyog Vikas Yojana.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment in the import policy of Silver covered under ITC (HS) codes 71069221 and 71069229 of Chapter 71 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule - I (Import Policy).
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on April 10, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS).
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on May 29, 2026, issued the date of establishment of the amendment to primary batteries and switches for domestic purposes.
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) on May 25, 2026, notified 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 Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on May 15, 2026, notified amendments to multiple Indian Standards in exercise of powers under Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. The amendments have been established with effect from May 14, 2026.

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4 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC UPDATES

There were 407 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) on April 30, 2026, issued the Policy for Exemption from Film Certification.
- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on May 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding the fixation of the retail price of Benzathine Benzylpenicillin Injection.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on May 8, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Payments Banks -Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy) Second Amendment Directions, 2026 to amend the framework governing inclusion of quarterly profits in Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital for Payments Banks under the existing Master Direction issued in November 2025.
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on May 06, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Withholding payout for certain trades dated May 05, 2026.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on May 06, 2026, notified of the implementation of the process for prior approval and risk assessment through the single-window system (ePAAS).
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on April 21, 2026, issued extension of time for Inviting feedback/comments of stakeholders on the Draft amendments to Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 05, 2026, issued draft Prudential Norms on Specified Non-financial Assets (SNFA) Directions.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on April 30, 2026, issued a Consolidated list of Public Comments on the proposed IFSCA (Finance Company) (Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on May 14, 2026, issued a notification regarding the validation of KYC records with KYC Registration Agencies (KRAS) and the freezing of non-compliant demat accounts.
- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) on May 12, 2026 cancelled the registration of the cosmetic product "Elementre - MD Peel-Tri AHA" imported by M/s Glow Global LLP under Registration Certificate No. RC/COS-005139 issued under the Cosmetics Rules, 2020. The order was passed after scrutiny revealed that the product contained a total Alpha Hydroxy Acid (AHA) concentration of 60% with a pH range of 1.5 to 2.5, despite claims of "patient tolerance," raising concerns regarding safety and misleading claims.
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on May 14, 2026, issued a circular announcing the launch of the new NEAT Adapter application for the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) segment.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 13, 2026, issued clarifications on Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and PostShipment Export Credit under Export Promotion Mission - Niryat Protsahan.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW), on May 13, 2026, notified the Coastal Shipping (Strategic Plan and National Database) Rules, 2026 under the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025. The rules establish a regulatory framework for voyage reporting, creation of a national coastal shipping database, and preparation of a National Coastal and Inland Shipping Strategic Plan to strengthen coastal trade operations and maritime data management.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 14, 2026 released data relating to External Commercial Borrowings (ECB), Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCB) and Rupee Denominated Bonds (RDB) for the month of March 2026. The data covers borrowings raised under both the Automatic Route and the Approval Route.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC), on May 12, 2026, issued directions to Universities and Colleges offering law courses regarding implementation of recommendations emerging from the Director Generals and Inspector Generals of Police (DGsP/IGSP) Conference 2025. The communication emphasizes the need for legal educational institutions to study the paradigm shift in the justice delivery system introduced through the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, particularly its increased emphasis on the use of forensic science in criminal justice administration.
- The Department of Pharmaceuticals (DoP), on April 30, 2026, issued amendments to the Uniform Code for Marketing Practices in Medical Devices 2024 (UCMPMD) to streamline compliance requirements relating to foreign training of healthcare professionals (HCPs). The revised provisions remove the requirement for prior approval from the Department of Pharmaceuticals or any other authority for foreign training programmes, while mandating that medical device companies disclose programme details, participant information, justification, and estimated expenditure to their respective industry associations at least one month in advance for public disclosure.
- The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission on May 21, 2026, issued the second amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulation, 2025.
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on May 21, 2026, issued a circular regarding the fee and other charges for the assignment of spectrum for Public Mobile Radio Trunking Service and its terms of payment.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on May 22, 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 7 entries.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) on May 18, 2026, notified that Aadhaar is mandatory for availing benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan Scheme (PM-KUSUM).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on May 19, 2026, invites comments on the draft "Reserve Bank of India (Capital Adequacy) Amendment Directions, 2026".
- The Ministry of Communications (MoC) on May 15, 2026, notified regarding the revised Telecom Equipment Standards under the Telecommunication Act, 2023.
- The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) on May 20, 2026, issued Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
- The National Dental Commission in May 2026 issued a communication to all dental institutions and concerned universities directing strict compliance with regulatory circulars issued under the National Dental Commission Act, 2023 for maintaining standards of dental education and teaching.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) on May 20, 2026, issued the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Vessels) Rules, 2026.
- The NPCI Bharat Bill Pay Ltd., through Circular No. NPCI/2026-27/BBPS/004 dated May 15, 2026, announced the introduction of two additional settlement cycles under the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) framework with effect from June 1, 2026. The additional ninth and tenth settlement cycles have been introduced to mitigate settlement risk and improve the overall efficiency of the settlement mechanism for Operating Units (OUs).

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), on May 27, 2026, issued an Information Note extending the timelines for submission of comments and counter-comments on its Consultation Paper concerning the Regulatory Framework for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Communication. The consultation paper had originally been released on April 30, 2026, with deadlines fixed as May 28, 2026, for comments and June 11, 2026, for counter-comments.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on May 21, 2026, issued a circular clarifying the applicability of the fee structure prescribed under the "Fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in IFSC or persons seeking guidance under the Informal Guidance Scheme" circular dated March 2, 2026, to existing Ancillary Service Providers (ASPs) and existing TechFin entities operating in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC).

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5 EHS (ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY) UPDATES

There were 62 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 19, 2026, issued a notification regarding the review of implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Used Oil and the submission of the Action Taken Report.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on May 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding State Preparedness to Eliminate Stubble Burning in 2026.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on May 07, 2026, issued a notification regarding the enforcement of Jan Vishwas Amendments for RERA Provisions.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 18, 2026, issued the Guidelines for Imposition of Environmental Compensation (EC) under the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Second Amendment Rules, 2023.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on May 15, 2026, notified regarding the CAQM's 28th Full Commission Meeting, which reviews Key agenda items about the Prevention and Control of Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences on April 30, 2026, issued the Draft Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdiction Bill, 2026.
- The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) on April 28, 2026, issued the Online Module for filling permission of non-refillable gas cylinders meant for export purposes under the Gas Cylinders Rules, 2016.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on April 01, 2026, issued a notification regarding restrictions on the production of Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) while granting environmental clearance.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), on March 20, 2026, circulated guidelines for the utilization and management of slurry generated from marble and granite processing units in compliance with directions issued by the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The guidelines were prepared pursuant to the NGT Principal Bench order dated September 28, 2022 in O.A. No. 164/2022, later transferred to the Southern Zone Bench, Chennai and renumbered as O.A. No. 78/2024 (SZ). The guidelines aim to prevent unregulated dumping of marble and granite slurry on land and low-lying areas and provide a framework for storage, handling, utilization, database management, and regulatory oversight.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on May 26, 2026, issued Draft Notification to Amend ICRZ 2019 for Permitting Storage of LAB, N-Paraffin, and CBFS in CRZ Areas (Excluding CRZ-IA).
- The Ministry of Defence (MoD) on May 22, 2026, notified regarding the Enforcement of Amendments to Cantonments Act, 2006 under Jan Vishwas Act, 2026.
- The Ministry of Fisheries Animal Husbandry and Dairying, on May 15, 2026, issued a notification appointing July 1, 2026 as the effective date for enforcement of specific provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 relating to the Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009.

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6 LABOUR UPDATES

There were 129 regulatory updates in this category

- The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on May 06, 2026, issued circular regarding the Handling of complaints/grievances pertaining to compliance matters.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), on May 8, 2026, notified the Industrial Relations (Central) Rules, 2026 under Section 99 of the Industrial Relations Code, 2020. The rules have been issued after considering stakeholder objections and suggestions received on the draft rules published in December 2025 and will come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on May 05, 2026, issued a circular regarding the applicability of SEBI Regulations relating to Insider Trading, Self-Dealing, and Front Running to NPS investments.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), through the Directorate General of Training (DGT), on April 17, 2026, issued guidelines outlining the schedule and conduct of the 126th All India Trade Test (AITT) for Non-ITI/Fresher apprentices in designated trades. Apprentices who completed training on or before April 15, 2026 are eligible, subject to meeting prescribed criteria.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on April 30, 2026, issued a circular regarding inviting suggestions for the identification of 75 specific and impactful Golden Goals during the 75th year of the establishment of ESIC.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on April 23, 2026, notified regarding the Approval for Optional Trades with a duration exceeding one year.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 12, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Annual Health Check-up Programme for Insured Persons aged 40 and above under the ESI Scheme - Request for Support and Participation.
- The Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region) (BOPTER) on May 12, 2026, issued a notification regarding revision of the existing Central Govt share of stipend payable to apprentices under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).



- The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) on March 30, 2026, issued a notification regarding the revision of Variable Dearness Allowance and Minimum Wages for Agricultural Workers.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), on May 12, 2026, issued a notification appointing authorities for granting sanction of prosecution for offences under Chapter V and Chapter VI of the Code on Social Security, 2020. The notification has been issued in exercise of powers conferred under sub-section (2) of section 136 of the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 08, 2026, issued notification on Monitoring, Management, and Disposal of Near-Expiry, Expired, and Slow-Moving Medicines in ESI Hospitals.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on May 08, 2026, issued the Model Standing Orders, 2026, in supersession of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Central Rules, 1946.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on May 08, 2026, issued the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Central) Rules, 2026.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoL&E) on May 08, 2026, issued the Code on Wages (Central) Rules, 2026.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 18, 2026, notified regarding the Systematic Improvement regarding the Procurement Process.
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) on May 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding the release of CPI Data for Agricultural and Rural Labourers for April 2026.
- The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution, on May 18, 2026, issued an advisory clarifying the permissible use of customary units such as inches, feet, yards, square feet and dozen as supplementary declarations alongside standard SI metric units under the Legal Metrology Act 2009 and rules framed thereunder.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), on May 21, 2026, issued an exposure draft proposing amendments to the PFRDA (Redressal of Subscriber Grievance) Regulations 2015 with the objective of strengthening and expediting grievance redressal mechanisms for subscribers under the National Pension System (NPS). The proposed amendments aim to improve efficiency, accountability and regulatory oversight within the grievance resolution framework.
- The Board of Apprenticeship Training (Northern Region) on May 14, 2026, issued circular on Implementation of Revised Minimum Prescribed Stipend Rates under the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS), with effect from April 01, 2026.



- The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 19, 2026, notified regarding the Regular Updation of Beneficiary List under ESIC Pensioners' Medical Scheme 2006 & Sharing with Empanelled Hospitals
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE), on May 14, 2026, issued a revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for identification and rescue of bonded labourers and prosecution of offenders under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976. The communication has been addressed to all Chief Secretaries and Administrators of States and Union Territories for implementation.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 27, 2026, issued Amendment No. 10/2026 regarding change of overseas manufacturers/manufacturing sites for certain drugs covered under DG ESIC Rate Contracts Nos. 156, 161 and 166. The amendment has been circulated to ESIC medical institutions, hospitals, PGIMSRs, and State ESI Schemes.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on May 28, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Drug Testing Status Report.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJ&E) on May 25, 2026, notified the enforcement date for the provisions of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026.
- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on May 25, 2026, issued Press note on release of the Report of the Technical Advisory Committee on Base Year Revision of the All-India Index of Industrial Production from 2011-12 to 2022-23.
- The Ministry of Rural Development on May 22, 2026, issued the Draft Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (GRAMIN) VB - GRAM G Manner of Payment of Wages and Unemployment Allowance Rules, 2026.

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