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PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVE SAFETY ORGANISATION- CIRCULAR ON HYDROGEN GAS CYLINDERS CASCADE MOUNTED ON THE CHASSIS OF A VEHICLE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROGEN BY ROAD

Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organisation vide Circular No. C.VIII(3)125/CIR/GCR dated 02.02.2026 states that as per Rule 20 of the Gas Cylinder Rules, 2016, Hydrogen Gas Cylinders Cascade mounted on the chassis of a vehicle can be used for transportation of Hydrogen gas after complying with provision of Schedule-VI of the said Rules. This transportation does not require any licence under the said Rules 2016. However, the cylinders shall be PESO approved and License in Form E&F is essential for filling and storage of compressed gas in these cascades. And License in Form D is also essential for import of such gas cylinders.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- DECLARATION OF RIGHT OF USER FOR LAYING THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN THE AREA IN ANDHRA PRADESH

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 470(E) dated 02.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, has declared the acquisition of the right of user in the land specified in the Schedule for laying a natural gas pipeline by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited. The pipeline is proposed for transportation of natural gas from MDUAA QPS to TOTTARAMUDI GAIL Point in Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema District, Andhra Pradesh, and the right of user in the said land shall vest in ONGC Limited, free from all encumbrances, with ONGC being solely liable for compensation under the Act.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- ACQUISITION OF LAND SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE FOR LAYING PIPELINE IN MEHSANA, GUJARAT

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 471(E) dated 02.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, declared its intention to acquire the right of user in the land specified in the Schedule for laying a pipeline by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited. The proposed pipeline is for interconnection from Drill Site JTN#10 to Jotana GGS through Ranipur, Modipur and Jotana villages in Jotana Taluka of Mehsana District, Gujarat, for public interest purposes.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- ACQUISITION OF LAND SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE FOR LAYING PIPELINE IN DEVINAPURA AND MITHA VILLAGES, MEHSANA, GUJARAT

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 472(E) dated 02.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, declared its intention to acquire the right of user in the land specified in the Schedule for laying a pipeline by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited. The proposed pipeline is for interconnection from Drill Site JTN#212 to JTN#41 HDR through Devinapura and Mitha villages, in Mehsana District, Gujarat, for public interest purposes.

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BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS- AMENDMENT TO NOTIFICATION NO. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1396) DATED 01 JANUARY 2026

Bureau of Indian Standards vide Notification No. HQ-PUB-BIS (1415) dated 03.02.2026 amends Notification No. HQ-PUB013/1/2020-PUB-BIS (1396) dated 01 January 2026 published on 06.01.2026. SI No. 01, column (4) of schedule — ‘Add IS 1285: 2023 Wrought Aluminium and Aluminium Alloys — Extruded Round Tube and Hollow Sections for General Engineering Purposes — Specification (Fourth Revision) after IS 733 - 1983 Specification for Wrought Aluminium and Aluminium Alloy Bars, Rods and Sections (For General Engineering Purposes) (Third Revision)’.

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MINISTRY OF COAL- DRAFT ON THE COAL MINES (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) (FIRST AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Coal vide Notification no. G.S.R. 101(E) dated 03.02.2026 notifies draft rules named as the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) (First Amendment) Rules, 2026. These rules amend the Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Rules, 2014, in rule 2, after clause (i), the following shall be inserted— ‘(ia) “performance bank guarantee” means and includes a bank guarantee or an insurance surety bond or any other financial instrument of similar nature as may be specified by the Central Government’.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE- DRAFT ON THE NEW DRUGS AND CLINICAL TRIALS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R. 97(E) dated 03.02.2026 notifies draft rules known as the New Drugs and Clinical Trials (Amendment) Rules, 2026. These rules tend to amend the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 by inserting the Clause (x) in Rule 77 after clause (ix) and clause (ix) in Rule 82 after clause (viii).

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE- DRAFT ON THE NEW DRUGS AND CLINICAL TRIALS (..AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R. 98(E) dated 03.02.2026 notifies draft rules known as the New Drugs and Clinical Trials (..Amendment) Rules, 2026. In the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019, the sub-rule (3) of rule 17 shall be omitted and the sub-rule (4) of rule 17 shall be substituted, namely: — “On receipt of application in Form CT-01 under sub-rule (1), the authority designated under sub-rule (1) shall scrutinise the documents and information furnished with the application, and if satisfied that the requirements of these rules have been complied with, grant final registration to Ethics Committee in Form CT-03; or if not satisfied, reject the application, for reasons to be recorded in writing”.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- AUTHORIZATION FOR OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE FOR INTEGRATION OF BIJAPUR REZ IN KARNATAKA

The Ministry of Power vide Order S.O. 485(E) dated 03.02.2026, issued under section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has authorized M/s Bijapur REZ Transmission Limited to exercise the powers of a telegraph authority for laying an overhead transmission line under the transmission scheme for integration of Bijapur REZ in Karnataka. The approved transmission line, namely the Bijapur PS–Raichur New 400 kV double circuit line, will pass through specified villages across Bijapur (Vijayapura), Yadgir and Raichur districts of Karnataka, subject to stipulated terms and conditions and in public interest.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- AUTHORIZATION FOR OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE UNDER ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

The Ministry of Power vide Order No. S.O. 486(E) dated 03.02.2026, issued under section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has authorized the concerned transmission licensee to exercise the powers of a telegraph authority for laying an overhead transmission line under the approved transmission scheme. The authorization enables installation and operation of the specified transmission line for strengthening power transmission infrastructure, subject to prescribed terms and conditions and compliance with applicable statutory provisions, in public interest.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- AUTHORIZATION FOR OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE FOR 300 MW SOLAR POWER PROJECT AT BIKANER, RAJASTHAN

The Ministry of Power vide Order S.O. 487(E) dated 03.02.2026, issued under section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has authorized M/s Deshraj Solar Energy Private Limited to exercise the powers of a telegraph authority for laying an overhead transmission line under the transmission scheme for providing connectivity to its 300 MW Solar Power Project at Bikaner, Rajasthan. The approved transmission line will run from the project's generation switchyard at Karnisar Bhatiyar village to Bikaner-III (ISTS PS) and will pass through specified villages in Bikaner district, Rajasthan, subject to stipulated terms and conditions and in public interest.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS- DRAFT FOR THE CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES (...AMENDMENTS) RULES, 2025

Ministry of Road and Transportation and Highways vide Notification No. G.S.R. 99(E) dated 03.02.2026 notifies draft rules known as the Central Motor Vehicles (...Amendments) Rules, 2025. It amends Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989 by substituting Rule 126 with new Rule 126 Prototype of every motor vehicle to be subject to test.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS- DRAFT FOR THE CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES (...AMENDMENTS)

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Ministry of Road and Transportation and Highways vide Notification No. G.S.R. 100(E) dated 03.02.2026 notifies draft rules known as the Central Motor Vehicles (...Amendments) Rules, 2025. It amends Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, in Rule 93, in sub rule (1), in clause (A), in sub-clause (VI), after the sixth proviso a Table, a proviso shall be inserted and in Rule 93, in sub-rule (1), in clause (A), in sub-clause (VII), after the fifth proviso a Table, a proviso shall be inserted.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY- DRAFT ON THE AMMONIUM NITRATE (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Notification No. G.S.R. 104(E) dated 04.02.2026 notifies draft rules known as the Ammonium Nitrate (Amendment) Rules, 2026. These rules amend Ammonium Nitrate Rules, 2012, in rule 21- (A) in sub-rule (1), after word "Consignors", the words "or Consignee" shall be inserted. (B) in sub-rule (1), after words "holding valid licence in Form P-4" the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: - "subject to (a) if transport vehicle is provided by the consignee, the Ammonium Nitrate should be transported on the strength of transport licence of consignee. (b) if transport vehicle is provided by the consignor, the Ammonium Nitrate should be transported on the strength of transport licence of consignor." (C) in sub-rule (6) after word "Consignor" and before the words "shall ensure delivery", the words "or Consignee", shall be Inserted. In the said rules, in rule 38, in sub-rule (e) after word "office-bearers", the words "or occupier" shall be inserted.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER FOR MUMBAI (REFINERY) TO RASAYANI (MAHARASHTRA) BY BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 554(E) dated 04.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, has declared the acquisition of the right of user in the land specified in the Schedule for laying a pipeline by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited. The proposed pipeline is for transportation of petroleum products from Mumbai (Refinery) to Rasayani (Maharashtra), and the right of user in the said land shall vest in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, free from all encumbrances, with Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited being solely liable for compensation under the Act.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER FOR VISAKHAPATNAM-RAIPUR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PIPELINE BY HPCL

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 555(E) dated 04.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 6 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, has declared the acquisition of the right of user in the land specified in the Schedule for laying a pipeline by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited. The proposed pipeline is for transportation of petroleum products from Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) to Raipur (Chhattisgarh), and the right of user in the said land shall vest in HPCL, free from all encumbrances, with HPCL being solely liable for compensation under the Act.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS-

VEHICLE SCRAPPAGE POLICY AND ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, through a Press Release issued by the Press Information Bureau on 04.02.2026, informed that as of 30.01.2026, a total of 129 Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities are operational across 21 States and Union Territories, and over 4.30 lakh vehicles have been scrapped under the Vehicle Scrappage Policy. The Ministry also highlighted the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2025–26, under which incentives amounting to ₹2,000 crore have been extended for scrapping of old vehicles and establishment of Automated Testing Stations. Further, the Press Release outlined key road safety initiatives, including implementation of the Cashless Treatment of Road Accident Victims Scheme, 2025, measures for rectification of accident black spots, mandatory road safety audits, electronic enforcement of traffic rules, and enhanced incentives for Good Samaritans, aimed at improving road safety and reducing fatalities nationwide.

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PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES SAFETY ORGANISATION- THIRD PARTY USE OF STORAGE SHED FOR NON-BULK STORAGE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS LICENSED UNDER PETROLEUM RULES, 2002

Government of India, Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation vide Circular No. VIII(3)125/Circular/Petroleum dated 05.02.2026 states that the License for storage of petroleum under Rule 141 of the Petroleum Rules, 2002, is issued in the name of applicant, who has registered the lease deed/sale deed of his land. The Licensee may allow use of storage spaces by 3rd party logistics company and allow sharing of storage space subject to compliance of provisions of Petroleum Rules, 2002 and conditions of License. And responsibility for compliance lies with licensee and the storage quantity shall not exceed the licensed capacity.

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CENTRAL DRUGS STANDARD CONTROL ORGANISATION- CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND IMPORT REGISTRATION NUMBERS FOR IMPORT OF COSMETICS UNDER THE COSMETICS RULES, 2020

Government of India, Directorate General of Health Services, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (Cosmetics Division), on 06.02.2026, empowered under Rule 16 of the Cosmetics Rules, 2020 keeping in view of Rule 15(3) and Rule 36 of the Cosmetics Rules, 2020, passed an order to cancel the Registration Certificate and Import Registration Numbers issued to the M/s Kult App Private Limited from the date of issue of the said Order. The table consisting of the Application type, CDSCO File no., RC No./IRN no. and validity is attached in the Order.

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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- SUSPENSION OF OCEMS VERIFICATION CERTIFICATE FOR MODEL: GAZ-CEMS AND GAZ-SPM ISSUED BY CSIR-NPL ON 12.12.2025.

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) vide Notice No. CP-14/38/2025-AQMN-HO-CPCB-HO/731 dated 08.02.2026, Suspends OCEMS Verification Certificate for Model: Gaz-CEMS and Gaz-SPM make M/s Advance Analytik, manufactured by M/s Advance Analytik KFT issued to M/s Advance Enviro Solutions with immediate effect due to revocation of authorization of M/s Advance Enviro Solutions by their Principal M/s Advance Analytik KFT.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE-

DRAFT NOTIFICATION ON EXTENT AND BOUNDARIES OF ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 667(E) dated 09.02.2026 notifies a draft on an area to an extent varying from 0 kilometre to 6.7 kilometres, with a mean distance of 2.65 kilometres from the boundary of Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary in Punalur Taluk of Kollam district in the Kerala as the Eco-sensitive Zone and other details such as Measures that needs to be taken by the State Government, List of activities prohibited or to be regulated within the Eco-sensitive Zone, Monitoring Committee for Monitoring the Eco-Sensitive Zone Notification, Terms of Reference of the Monitoring Committee and boundary descriptions of Sanctuary.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- AUTHORIZATION TO PNRPPL FOR 220 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

The Ministry of Power, vide Order S.O. 672(E) dated 09.02.2026, has authorized M/s Project Nine Renewable Power Private Limited under Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to exercise powers of the Telegraph Authority for laying a 220 kV single-circuit overhead transmission line on double-circuit towers. The transmission line forms part of the connectivity system for its proposed 295 MW Wind Power Project in Aspari Tehsil, Kurnool District, Andhra Pradesh, extending from the Generation Pooling Station at Joharapuram Village to Ananthapuram PS (ISTS). The approval, granted for 25 years, is subject to compliance with statutory provisions, prior consent of concerned authorities, electrical inspection clearance, and adherence to directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in W.P. No. 17038/2025.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- AUTHORIZATION TO TORRENT POWER LIMITED FOR 220 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN GUJARAT

The Ministry of Power, vide Order S.O. 671(E) dated 09.02.2026, has authorized Torrent Power Limited under Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to exercise powers of the Telegraph Authority for laying a 220 kV double-circuit overhead transmission line under the transmission scheme for providing 160 MW connectivity near Navsari, Gujarat. The project involves development of the TPL (Bhatar) – Navsari (New) (GIS) 220 kV D/C line, partly utilizing an existing line and partly through new construction, passing through specified villages in Navsari and Surat districts. The approval, granted for 25 years, is subject to compliance with statutory provisions, prior consent from concerned authorities, electrical inspection clearance, and adherence to directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. (Civil) No. 838/2019 concerning the Great Indian Bustard area, wherever applicable.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- AUTHORIZATION TO SPRNG ENERGY

PRIVATE LIMITED FOR 220 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN GUJARAT

The Ministry of Power, vide Order S.O. 673(E) dated 09.02.2026, has authorized Sprng Energy Private Limited under Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to exercise powers of the Telegraph Authority for laying a 220 kV single-circuit overhead transmission line (on double-circuit towers) under the transmission scheme for providing connectivity to its proposed Solar Power Project in Banaskantha district, Gujarat. The line will extend from the Generation Switchyard at Bharadwa village (Suigam/Vav Tehsil) to Radhanesda Pooling Station, passing through specified villages in Banaskantha district. The approval, granted for 25 years, is subject to compliance with statutory provisions, prior consent from concerned authorities, electrical inspection clearance, and adherence to directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P. (Civil) No. 838/2019 relating to the Great Indian Bustard area, wherever applicable.

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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- DIRECTION TO RAJASTHAN STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (RSPCB) IN CASE OF JOINT INSPECTION OF BHIWANDI INDUSTRIAL AREA.

Central Pollution Control Board vide F. No. CP-99/96/2025-UPC-I-HO-CPCB-HO dated 11.02.2026 gave directions under Section 18(1)(D) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to RSPCB to take necessary action and ensure compliance in case of Bhiwandi Industrial Area.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS- ADVISORY TO STATES ON COMPLIANCE WITH BUS SAFETY STANDARDS FOLLOWING SLEEPER BUS FIRE INCIDENTS

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways on 11.02.2026 has issued an advisory to all States and Union Territories to ensure strict compliance with AIS:052 and AIS:119 at the time of vehicle registration and fitness inspection under Rule 62 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, following recent fatal sleeper bus fire incidents on the Jaisalmer-Jodhpur and Kurnool-Bengaluru routes. The Government observed multiple safety violations in the Jaisalmer incident, including excessive bus length, non-compliant emergency exits, inadequate roof hatches, obstruction to emergency doors, absence of a compliant Fire Detection & Suppression System, and improper structural modifications that should have been identified during certification. In the Kurnool-Bengaluru case, discrepancies were noted in the registration certificate indicating only seating capacity. As informed by Union Minister Nitin Jairam Gadkari in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha, there are 49,616 registered sleeper coaches in the country as of 6 February 2026, and 886 bus body builders have been accredited to date. [**View Notification**](#)



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THE COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT - CAQM ISSUES TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL NORMS FOR MECHANIZED ROAD SWEEPING TO CURB ROAD DUST IN NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has issued a detailed circular dated 11.02.2026, prescribing technical and operational norms for deployment and utilization of Mechanized Road Sweeping Machines (MRSMs) across the National Capital Region (NCR) to mitigate road dust and reduce PM10 and PM2.5 levels. The norms categorize MRSMs into large, medium, and small variants based on road Right of Way (RoW), mandate CNG/electric-operated machines with integrated water spraying and dust filtration systems and prescribe minimum operational coverage standards per shift. The circular also directs agencies to adopt structured fleet planning, ensure alternate-day sweeping, deploy handheld vacuum cleaners for footpaths, and follow scientific disposal of collected dust. The initiative aims to standardize road sweeping practices across NCR for measurable and sustained abatement of dust pollution. [View Notification](#)



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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION- THE LEGAL METROLOGY (PACKAGED COMMODITIES) AMENDMENT RULES, 2026

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution vide Notification No. G.S.R. 128(E) dated 13.02.2026 notifies the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2026. It amends Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 by inserting a sub-rule “(10A) Every e-commerce entity selling imported products shall provide the product listings of such imported products in a searchable and sortable filter specifying the country of origin.”, in Rule 6, after sub-rule (10).

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- MONTHLY ESCALATION RATES APPLICABLE FOR JANUARY 2026 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYMENT FOR PROCUREMENT OF POWER BY DISTRIBUTION LICENSEES

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification No. Eco-M1/2026-CERC dated 17.02.2026 notifies monthly escalation rates applicable for January 2026 for the purpose of payment for Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees as per the Power Purchase Agreement entered into under the Guidelines for Determination of Tariff by Bidding Process for Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees dated 19.01.2005, Guidelines for long term Procurement of Electricity from Thermal Power Stations set up DBFOO basis and sourcing fuel as provided under Model Bidding Documents including allocation of coal under B (I), B(III) and B(IV) of SHAKTI Policy dated 6.03.2019.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY AFFAIR- DRUGS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Health and Family Affairs vide Notification No. G.S.R. 135(E) dated 16.02.2026, in exercise of the power conferred under Section 12 and 33 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 amends the Drugs Rules, 1945 by substituting Rule 121-A with new Rule 121-A Test for Bacterial endotoxins-Pyrogens.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- DRAFT NOTIFICATION FOR ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE AROUND THE BOUNDARY OF DAYING ERING MEMORIAL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 878(E) dated 17.02.2026 notifies draft for Eco-Sensitive Zone around the boundary of Daying Ering Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary of Arunachal Pradesh. It contains the details such as extent and boundaries of the Eco-Sensitive Zone, Zonal Master plan for Eco-Sensitive Zone, Measures to be taken by the State Government, etc.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- DIRECTION TO OIL COMPANIES TO SELL ETHANOL BLENDED MOTOR SPIRIT WITH PERCENTAGE OF ETHANOL UP TO TWENTY PER CENT

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification No. S.O. 860(E) dated 17.02.2026 directs that oil companies shall sell Ethanol Blended Motor Spirit with percentage of Ethanol up to twenty per cent as per Bureau of Indian Standards specifications and having minimum RON of 95, in the States and UTs subject to exception.

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COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT- REVOCATION OF STAGE-II GRAP MEASURES IN DELHI-NCR AMID IMPROVED AIR QUALITY

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), vide Order No. 120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM/560DT dated 18.02.2026, has revoked actions under Stage-II ('Very Poor' Air Quality) of the extant Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) with immediate effect, following improvement in Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI), which was recorded at 214 on 18.02.2026. Based on favourable meteorological conditions and forecast by IMD/IITM indicating AQI likely to remain in 'Poor/Moderate' category in the coming days, the Sub-Committee on GRAP decided to withdraw Stage-II measures. However, Stage-I actions under GRAP will continue to remain in force across the NCR, with directions to all concerned agencies to strictly implement and intensify measures to prevent further deterioration of air quality.

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CAQM REVOKES GRAP STAGE-II IN DELHI-NCR AS AQI

IMPROVES

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change via PIB on 18.02.2026 states that the Sub-Committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), has revoked all actions under Stage-II of GRAP across the Delhi-NCR region with immediate effect, in view of sustained improvement in air quality. Stage-II had been invoked on 19.10.2025 following a rising AQI trend. As per the AQI Bulletin of the Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi's daily average AQI improved. Considering favourable meteorological conditions and forecasts by IMD/IITM indicating AQI likely to remain in the 'Poor' to 'Moderate' category, the Sub-Committee decided to lift Stage-II restrictions. However, all actions under Stage-I of GRAP shall continue to remain in force and implementing agencies have been directed to maintain strict vigilance to prevent deterioration in air quality.

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FSSAI- VALIDITY OF FSSAI RECOGNITION OF FOOD TESTING LABORATORIES

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on 19.02.2026 has issued a notification clarifying the validity period of recognition granted to food testing laboratories under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and the rules and regulations framed thereunder. The Authority has specified that the recognition of food testing laboratories shall remain valid subject to continued compliance with prescribed accreditation requirements, including valid NABL accreditation and adherence to FSSAI guidelines. The notification further outlines conditions regarding renewal, suspension or withdrawal of recognition in case of non-compliance, thereby ensuring quality, reliability and uniform standards in food testing across the country.

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MINISTRY OF COAL- INTENSION TO ACQUIRE OF LAND IN RANIGANJ COALFIELDS BLOCK, PASCHIM BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL

The Ministry of Coal vide Notification S.O. 940(E) dated 20.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, has given notice of its intention to acquire 17.68 hectares (approximately 43.6696 acres) of land along with all rights therein in the Raniganj Coalfields Block situated in District Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal. The acquisition pertains to specified plots in the villages of Dendua, Basudebpur and Ramdi under Police Station Salanpur, following satisfaction that coal is obtainable in the said land. Objections, if any, may be filed within thirty days in accordance with section 8 of the Act.

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CENTRAL DRUGS STANDARD CONTROL ORGANISATION- TESTING OF DRUGS FOR GRANT OF PERMISSION FOR IMPORT/MANUFACTURE OF NEW DRUG FOR SALE OR FOR DISTRIBUTION AND ISSUANCE OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR IMPORT OF DRUGS, ETC.

Government of India, Director General of Health Services, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) vide Circular dated 23.02.2026 issued that the applications are being received by CDSCO for Grant of permissions for import/manufacturing of new drugs for sale or for distribution and issuance of Registration Certificate for import of drugs, etc. Applicants are examined by CDSCO and NOC for testing is issued considering certain parameters such as Type of formulation. Dosage form, CQAs, general characteristics of the product, Product development reports, etc.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF USER FOR ONGC PIPELINE IN MEHSANA DISTRICT, GUJARAT

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 966(E) dated 24.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, has declared its intention to acquire the right of user in land for laying a pipeline from Drill Site JTN#22 to Jotana GGS via JTN#74, 36, 14 & 57 in villages Laxmipura (Ta. Mehsana) and Mankanaj, Modipur & Jotana (Ta. Jotana), District Mehsana, Gujarat, by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited. The notification invites objections, if any, from interested persons within 21 days from the date of publication.

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MINISTRY OF POWER – CONFERMENT OF POWERS UNDER SECTION 164 TO KORBA POWER LIMITED FOR DEDICATED TRANSMISSION LINE IN CHHATTISGARH

The Ministry of Power vide Order S.O. 989(E) dated 24.02.2026, issued under section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has conferred upon M/s Korba Power Limited (formerly Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited) the powers of the Telegraph Authority under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 for laying a 400 kV D/C (Quad Moose) dedicated transmission line from its Thermal Power Project switchyard at Korba to the 400/765 kV Champa Pooling Station in Chhattisgarh. The approval, granted for 25 years, is subject to compliance with statutory requirements, obtaining necessary clearances from concerned authorities, and adherence to applicable regulations under the Electricity Act, 2003.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE – NOTIFICATION OF SAWANTWADI DODAMARG ECOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREA IN SINDHUDURG DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification S.O. 976(E) dated 24.02.2026, issued under section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, has notified an area of 212.59 square kilometres comprising 25 villages in Sawantwadi and Dodamarg talukas of Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra, as the Sawantwadi-Dodamarg Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA). The notification prohibits activities such as mining, new thermal power plants, red category industries and large construction projects, while regulating other specified activities, and provides for a monitoring mechanism for conservation and sustainable development of the region.

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MINISTRY OF POWER – CONFERMENT OF SECTION 164 POWERS TO SOLARCRAFT POWER INDIA 7 PRIVATE LIMITED FOR TRANSMISSION LINE CONNECTING WIND POWER PROJECT IN KARNATAKA

The Ministry of Power vide Order S.O. 1021(E) dated 25.02.2026, issued under Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has conferred upon M/s Solarcraft Power India 7 Private Limited the powers of the Telegraph Authority under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 for laying a 220 kV single circuit transmission line on double circuit towers from Village Hiroli (Taluka Aland, District Kalaburagi, Karnataka) to Solapur Pooling Station (ISTS). The 40.228 km transmission line, forming part of the connectivity system for its proposed Wind Power Project, will pass through parts of Karnataka and Maharashtra. The approval is valid for 25 years and is subject to statutory compliances and necessary clearances from concerned authorities.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- DECLARATION OF INTENT TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF USER FOR ONGC PIPELINE IN THIRUVARUR DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 1016(E) dated 25.02.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, has declared its intention to acquire the right of user in land for laying a pipeline under the land to The Competent Authority, Cauvery Asset Pipeline, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd, Neravy, Karaikal - 609 604, Puducherry. And a schedule is being attached to the said notification containing description of area.

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FSSAI- DRAFT FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (PACKAGING) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India vide Notification No. SS-T0FA(NOTI)/7/2025-Standard-FSSAI dated 26.02.2026, notifies draft Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Amendment Regulations, 2026. This draft amends the Food Safety and Standards (Packaging) Regulations, 2018 by adding clauses in regulation (2) relating to definitions in sub regulation (1), after clause (i).

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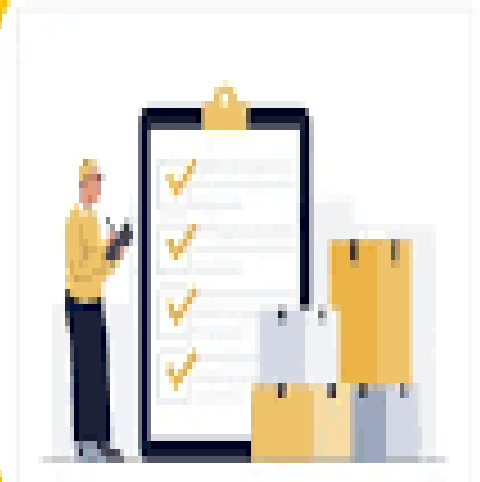
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TRIPURA- ONLINE PORTAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR LICENSES FOR MANUFACTURER, REPAIRER AND DEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Government of Tripura, Office of the Controller, Legal Metrology Gorkhabasti, Agartala vide Notification no. F.6(9)/LM/2020/44 dated 02.02.2026 notifies the online portal for the purpose of applying for licenses for manufacturing, repairer and dealer of weights and measures under the Tripura Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 and the procedures and documents required for online submission of application are specificized in Annexure-A attached to the said Notification.

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ANDHRA PRADESH - APERC ORDERS ON LEADING KVARH MEASUREMENT IN LT METERED SERVICES

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC), through a Press Note dated 02.02.2026, addressed concerns regarding higher electricity bills in certain Low Tension (LT) metered services following the installation of smart meters with default unblocked leading kVARh measurement. Considering consumer representations and requests from DISCOMs, the Commission has kept in abeyance its earlier directions issued in the Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY 2019–20 on unblocking of leading kVARh for LT services. APERC has further directed DISCOMs to withdraw excess bills already paid due to leading reactive energy after smart meter installation and to adjust the excess amounts in subsequent bills, in order to safeguard consumer interests while supporting the smart metering programme.

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TRIPURA- THE TRIPURA LEGAL METROLOGY (ENFORCEMENT) (2ND AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Government of Tripura, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department vide Notification No. F.2(1)/LM/2011/42 dated 02.02.2026 notifies the Tripura Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2026. These rules amend the Tripura Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011 by substituting Rule 11 with New Rule 11- Licensing of manufacturer, repairer and dealer of weights and measures, sub (1) of Rule 12 shall be substituted with new sub rule (1), Rule 13 shall be omitted, Rule 14 shall be substituted, after sub rule (3) of Rule 17 a new sub clause 4 shall be inserted, and Schedule IIA shall be substituted and such other changes specified in the said notification.

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DELHI- THE DELHI FOOD SECURITY RULES, 2026

Department of Food, Supplies and Consumer Affairs vide Notification No. F.9(11)/2013/F&S/Admn./NFSA/68-98 dated 04.02.2026 notifies the Delhi Food Security Rules, 2026. These Rules provides eligibility criteria for identification of eligible households to receive food grains at subsidized prices, Internal Grievance Redressal Mechanism, External Grievance Redressal Mechanism, Utilization of institutional mechanism under Section 43 of NFS Act, 2013.

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MANIPUR- SUGNU MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING BYE-LAWS, 2025

Office of the Sugnu Municipal Council, Kakching District, Manipur vide Notification No. 14/2/2025-SMC dated 10.02.2026 notified that in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 212 of the Manipur Municipalities Act, 1994 the Draft, "Sugnu Municipal Council Building Bye-Laws, 2025" is published in the Manipur Gazette for general information as "Sugnu Municipal Council Building Bye-Laws, 2025".

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HARYANA- THE HARYANA MOTOR VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Haryana Government, Transport Department vide Notification No. 22/39/2021-3T(I) dated 11.02.2026 notifies the Haryana Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2026. It amends the Haryana Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993 by substituting Rule 67A with Age for operational various type of transport vehicles under various type of permit.– The age for operation of various type of transport vehicles under various type of permits in the State of Haryana and a table showing the type of permit, Maximum age of vehicle under permit allowed to operate from the date of first registration of the vehicle is given in the said notification.

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BIHAR- BIHAR ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (DEVIATION SETTLEMENT MECHANISM AND RELATED MATTERS) REGULATIONS, 2025

Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification No. BERCC-Case No. 31/2025-01 dated 12.02.2026 notifies the Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2025. These regulations seek to ensure, through a commercial mechanism, that grid users do not deviate from and adhere to their schedule of drawal and injection of electricity in the interest of security and stability of the grid. It specifies adherence to Schedule and Deviation, duties of State Load Despatch Centre and State Entities, computation of Deviation, Normal rate of change for deviations, charges for deviation, accounting charges for deviation pool account, deviation accounting, and such other provisions.

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RAJASTHAN- RSPCB ADOPTS REVISED CPCB SECTOR CATEGORIZATION AND ISSUES FRESH DELEGATION OF POWERS FOR CONSENT AND AUTHORIZATIONS

The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), vide Office Order No. F-12 (PSC-65)/RSPCB/3226-3237 dated 16.02.2026, states that Office Orders dated 21.01.2026 and 30.01.2026, has adopted the revised sector categorization framework issued by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for classification of industries under Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories. The Board has also notified a revised delegation of powers for grant, refusal and revocation of Consent to Establish/Operate under the Water Act, 1974 and Air Act, 1981, and for grant of authorizations under the Hazardous and Other Wastes Rules, 2016, Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, and Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. It has been clarified that applications received on or after 01.02.2026 shall be processed as per the revised categorization and delegation framework, while applications received prior to 01.02.2026 shall be dealt with under the earlier orders.

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RAJASTHAN- RSPCB RECOGNIZES REFUSE DERIVED FUEL (RDF) AS APPROVED FUEL SUBJECT TO TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY CONDITIONS

The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), vide Office Order No. F.14/(5)Admn/RSPCB/Plg dated 16.02.2026, has partially modified its earlier order dated 22.11.2019 to include Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) as an “Approved Fuel” under Serial No. 16, subject to specified technical and regulatory conditions. The order mandates that RDF may be used only in boilers above 8 TPH capacity, which are multi-fuel fired and designed to achieve a minimum temperature of 950°C, along with installation or retrofitting of suitable pollution control devices to meet prescribed emission standards. It further requires compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, and clarifies that any specific directions issued by the Government or the Commission for Air Quality Management, as well as CEPI guidelines, shall prevail over this order.

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RAJASTHAN- THE RAJASTHAN JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) BILL, 2026

Government of Rajasthan vide Notification No. F. 13(04) Visha/Vis/2026 dated 17.02.2026 introduces the Rajasthan Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026 to amend certain enactments for decriminalising and rationalising offences and to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business.

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ANDHRA PRADESH- DRAFT 8TH 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 Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Public Notice dated 18.02.2026 issues draft for 8th Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Regulation 2005. Upon in-dept examination of all the issues in the said Regulation, the commission is in the view of eliminating the existing Rs. 0.4 per unit cap monthly FPPCA pass-through for mitigating all the issues and therefore amending the said Regulation.

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TAMIL NADU- MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF BULK WASTE GENERATORS UNDER SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES, 2026

Greater Chennai Corporation vide the press release dated 18.02.2026 announces the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, mandating the registration of all bulk waste generators to ensure scientific handling and proper disposal of solid waste. The initiative aims to strengthen waste segregation at source, promote environmentally sound processing, and enhance accountability among institutions, commercial establishments, and other high-volume waste producers. Authorities have outlined compliance requirements and emphasized strict monitoring to improve urban sanitation and sustainable waste management practices.

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TAMIL NADU- IMPOSITION OF PENALTY ON VEHICLES CAUSING AIR POLLUTION IN GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

Greater Chennai Corporation vide the press release dated 19.02.2026 announces the imposition of penalties on vehicles contributing to air pollution within its jurisdiction. The measure is aimed at curbing environmental pollution and ensuring compliance with prescribed emission and waste transportation norms. Authorities have warned that strict action and fines will be imposed on violators to safeguard public health and improve air quality across the city.

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DELHI- CAQM ISSUES DIRECTION ON DUST MITIGATION AND MANDATORY DEMOLITION WASTE MANAGEMENT IN DELHI-NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and Adjoining Areas, vide F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM-1563 DT dated 20.02.2026 issued under Section 12 of the CAQM Act, 2021, and has directed stricter measures for mitigation of dust from construction and demolition (C&D) activities and scientific management of demolition waste across Delhi-NCR. The Direction mandates Municipal Corporations and Development Authorities to establish designated C&D waste collection points within a 5 km × 5 km grid, require declaration and prior deposition of demolition waste for projects of 200 sq. meters or more, and ensure verification before issuance of Completion/Occupation Certificates. It also calls for GPS tracking of C&D waste transportation, geo-tagging of facilities, and creation of an integrated web portal for monitoring. The Directions shall come into force from 01.04.2026, and non-compliance may attract penal action under Section 14 of the Act. [**View Notification**](#)



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DELHI- CAQM DIRECTS REVISED PM EMISSION STANDARD OF 50 MG/NM³ FOR INDUSTRIES ACROSS DELHI-NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and Adjoining Areas, vide F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM/1564 dated 20.02.2026 issued under Section 12 of the CAQM Act, 2021, has stipulated a revised maximum permissible particulate matter (PM) emission standard of 50 mg/Nm³ for 17 categories of highly polluting industries, Red category (medium and large) industries, food & food processing and textile units with boilers/thermic fluid heaters, and metal industries with furnaces operating across Delhi-NCR. The revised standard, based on recommendations of the Central Pollution Control Board and a study conducted by Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, shall be applicable from 01.08.2026 for medium and large industries and from 01.10.2026 for remaining industries. The direction overrides earlier norms of 80 mg/Nm³ prescribed under previous CAQM directions and mandates installation/upgradation of Air Pollution Control Devices to ensure compliance.

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