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MINISTRY OF POWER- CONFERMENT OF POWER TO M/S GADAG POWER INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED WITH RESPECT TO PLACING OF TELEGRAPH LINES AND POSTS

Ministry of Power vide Notification No. S.O.1109(E) dated 02.03.2026, under section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003, confers all the powers to M/s Gadag Power India Private Limited for villages in Karnataka mentioned in the said Notification, which telegraph authority possesses under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 with respect to placing of telegraph lines and posts for the purposes of a telegraph established or maintained, by Government or to be established or maintained subject to terms and conditions mentioned in the said Notification.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY- THE EXPLOSIVES (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Notification No. G.S.R. 154(E) dated 03.02.2026 notifies the Explosives (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further amending the Explosives Rules, 2008. The amendment introduces additional safety and regulatory provisions for fireworks shops, including requirements such as location in a single-storey building with independent entry and emergency exit, installation of fire extinguishers and fire detection systems, and maintenance of safety distances such as a minimum three-metre clearance from adjacent structures and fifty-metre distance from educational institutions, hospitals, medical diagnostic centres and religious places along with other fire safety and compliance requirements.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE-

AMENDMENT OF NOTIFICATION NO S.O.1533(E) DATED

14.09.2006

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 1165(E) dated 05.03.2026 in exercise of the power conferred under Section 3(2) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 further amends the notification of the Government of India in the erstwhile Ministry of Environment and Forests, number S.O.1533(E), dated the 14.09.2006. It replaces Para 3 (6), 3(7) and inserts a new para, in Para 4 the words “In the absence of a duly constituted SEIAA or SEAC, a Category ‘B’ project shall be considered at the Central Level as a Category ‘B’ project” shall be deleted. Para 5 shall be replaced with the following:- “The term of the EAC and SEAC shall be for a period of four years and the EAC/SEAC shall be re-constituted upon expiry of its term” and such other paras shall be replaced, inserted.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- THE NATURAL GAS (SUPPLY REGULATION) ORDER, 2026

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification No. S.O. 1232(E) dated 09.03.2026, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 read with clauses (d) and (f) of sub-section (2) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, makes the order namely, the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026. The Order is passed for Regulation of production, supply and distribution, Gas redistribution, Implementation mechanism of pooling of gas, Directions to gas producers, marketers and pipeline operators, Overriding effect on existing contractual arrangements, Furnishing of information.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS) (SIXTH AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide notification No. L-7/1/OS44(59)-CERC dated 10.03.2026 amends the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Appointment of Consultants) Regulations, 2008. It amends Regulation 4, 5 , 6, 7, 8. It also inserts New Regulation 8C- other conditions of Service.

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

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R. 164(E) dated 10.03.26, amends the Drugs Rules, 1945 by omitting 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.”

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

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R. 173(E) dated 11.03.2026, amends the Drugs Rules, 1945 by inserting sub rule (g) (i) after sub rule (g) of rule 74, sub rule (j) after sub rule (i) of rule 74A, sub rule 3(a) after sub rule (3) of rule 74B, sub rule (f) (i) after sub rule (f) of rule 78 and such other provisions.

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FSSAI- THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF FOOD BUSINESSES) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

Food Safety and Standards Authority India vide Notification No. RCD-01002/1/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI-Part(1) dated 11.03.2026, has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026, further amending the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011. The amendment revises the definition of “petty food business operator”, provides for instant grant of registration upon submission of required documents, and deems street food vendors registered under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 as registered under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. It also introduces provisions regarding validity and suspension of licenses for non-payment of fees or non-submission of returns and establishes a framework for periodic inspection and food safety audits of food businesses. [**View Notification**](#)



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MINISTRY OF COAL- MINISTRY OF COAL DECLARES INTENT TO PROSPECT FOR COAL IN SAKHIGOPAL-B KAKURHI COAL BLOCK, ANGUL DISTRICT, ODISHA

The Ministry of Coal vide Notification S.O. 1251(E) dated 11.03.2026, issued under sub-section (1) of section 4 of the Coal Bearing Areas (Acquisition and Development) Act, 1957, has declared its intention to prospect for coal in the Sakhigopal-B Kakurhi Coal Block located in Angul District, Odisha. The notified area covers approximately 651.697 hectares across multiple villages in Talcher tehsil. Persons interested in the land may submit claims for compensation or related documents to the office of the Collector and District Magistrate, Angul within ninety days from the date of publication of the notification.

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FSSAI- ADVISORY REGARDING MANDATORY REGISTRATION /LICENSE BY MILK PRODUCERS (OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF DAIRY COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES) / MILK VENDORS

Food Safety and Standards Authority India issued Advisory on 11.03.2026 regarding the mandatory registration/license by Milk Producers (other than members of dairy cooperative societies) / Milk Vendors. Operating without registration/license will lead to initiation of strict and appropriate action.

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

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution vide Notification No. G.S.R. 175(E) dated 12.03.2026, amends the Legal Metrology (Central) Rules, 2011 by omitting Rules, 16, 21 and 21A.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF USER FOR ETHANE PIPELINE IN BHARUCH DISTRICT, GUJARAT

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 1303(E) dated 12.03.2026, issued under Section 6(1) of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, declares the acquisition of the Right of User in specified land located in Suva village (Vagra Taluka) and Shera village (Hansot Taluka) in Bharuch District, Gujarat for laying a pipeline for transportation of liquid ethane. The pipeline is to be laid by Reliance Ethane Pipeline Limited from the Dahej Manufacturing Division to Parvat, connecting with existing pipeline facilities. The Right of User in the said land shall vest in Reliance Ethane Pipeline Limited from the date of publication of the notification, free from all encumbrances.

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MINISTRY OF POWER- THE ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

The Ministry of Power vide Notification G.S.R. 186(E) dated 13.03.2026 has notified the Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending Rule 3 of the Electricity Rules, 2005 under the Electricity Act, 2003. The amendment clarifies the requirements for a Captive Generating Plant, including definitions of captive user, ownership and special purpose vehicle. It reiterates that captive users must hold at least 26% ownership and consume at least 51% of the electricity generated annually, and provides provisions for proportionate consumption, verification of captive status by nodal agencies or the National Load Despatch Centre, and levy of cross-subsidy surcharge where the captive conditions are not fulfilled.

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FSSAI- IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED TURNOVER THRESHOLD FOR FOOD BUSINESSES UNDER FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF FOOD BUSINESSES) REGULATIONS, 2011

Food Safety and Standards Authority India issued an Order dated 13.03.2026, has implemented revised turnover thresholds for categorization of Food Business Operators under the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Regulations, 2011. As per the order, food businesses with turnover up to ₹1.5 crore will require Registration; those with turnover above ₹1.5 crore and up to ₹50 crore will require a State License; and businesses with turnover above ₹50 crore will require a Central License. The revised thresholds supersede earlier orders relating to turnover criteria and will come into effect from 01.04.2026.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- THE FERTILISER (INORGANIC, ORGANIC OR MIXED) (CONTROL) (THIRD) AMENDMENT ORDER, 2026

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O. 1335(E) dated 16.03.2026 has issued the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Third Amendment Order, 2026 to further amend the Fertiliser (Control) Order, 1985. The amendment introduces new specifications for fortified fertilisers, including NPK 14-22-14 with sulphur, zinc, and boron, and sulphur with nitrogen (10-0-0-75). It also revises provisions relating to biofertilisers by allowing viable count specifications for capsule-based products, amends standards for non-edible de-oiled cake fertilisers, and updates specifications for nano fertilisers, including scope expansion and parameter changes.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- DRAFT INSECTICIDES (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R. 190(E) dated 17.03.2026, has issued draft Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to amend the Insecticides Rules, 1971. The draft proposes changes to licensing provisions, including allowing a single licence for multiple sale/stock locations within the same jurisdiction, and enabling endorsement for additional insecticides or sale locations during the licence period. It also revises fee structures, introduces reduced fees for rural areas, and mandates submission of a certificate from the principal along with an option to file a nomination certificate. Additionally, a new nomination form is proposed to facilitate transfer of licence to family members in case of the licensee's death. Objections and suggestions have been invited within 30 days of publication.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (FURNISHING OF INFORMATION) ORDER, 2026

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification No. 1411(E) dated 18.03.2026, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 read with clause (i) of sub section (1) of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 makes an order namely The Petroleum and Natural Gas (Furnishing of Information) Order, 2026. This order specifies designation of nodal agency, entities required to furnish information, manner of furnishing information, overriding effect, order not in derogation of any other order.

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FSSAI- COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK FOR E-COMMERCE FBOS UNDER ONDC MODEL

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) issued an Order dated 18.03.2026, outlining compliance obligations for e-commerce Food Business Operators (FBOs) under the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) model. It clarifies that e-commerce entities facilitating food transactions must obtain an FSSAI license and comply with food safety regulations, while introducing a decentralized model where responsibilities are shared between buyer apps and seller apps. The order clearly defines the roles of each entity, such as ensuring accurate product information, displaying licenses, maintaining food safety standards, providing shelf-life details, handling delivery through trained personnel, avoiding misleading claims, and enabling consumer grievance redressal. It also mandates traceability, transparency, and proper documentation like invoices with FSSAI details, and requires platforms to delist non-compliant products.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- DECLARATION OF RIGHT OF USER FOR LAYING THE PETROLEUM PIPELINE IN TAMIL NADU

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 1412(E) dated 19.03.2026 issued under section 6 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, declared the acquisition of the right of user in land specified in the schedule appended to the notification by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited.

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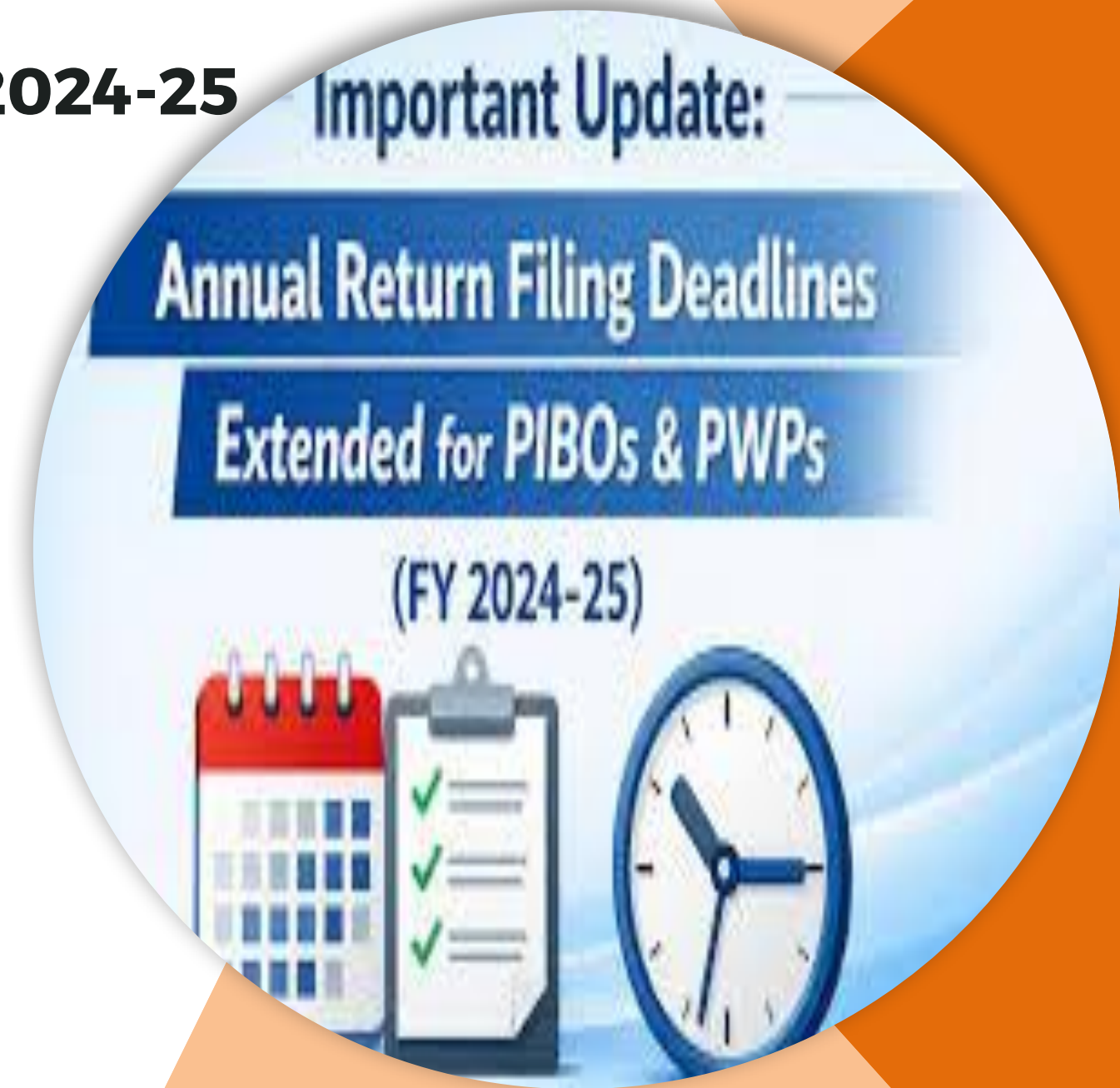


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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- EXTENSION OF ANNUAL RETURN FILING BY REGISTERED PIBOS FOR FY 2024-25

Central Pollution Control Board vide Order No. CP-20/28/2023-UPC-II-HO-CPCB-HO-Part(1) dated 20.03.2026 has extended the Annual Return filing till 31.03.2026 for all registered PIBOs.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TARIFF) (SECOND AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification No. L-1/268/2022/CERC dated 20.03.2026 notified the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026. It primarily focuses on integrating energy storage systems (ESS) into power generation and transmission frameworks, defining key terms such as battery systems, capacity, efficiency, and operational parameters, while establishing norms for tariff determination, supplementary charges, capital expenditure, depreciation, and operational costs related to ESS. The amendment also outlines procedures for approval, cost recovery, and tariff computation for energy storage systems, including provisions for additional capitalization, regulatory approvals, and performance norms like round-trip efficiency and availability factors.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION) (FIRST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide No. RA-14026(11)/1/2022-CERC dated 24.03.2026, amends the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) Regulations, 2022. The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026 amends the Principal Regulation by inserting definitions, changing the words and expression in Regulation, by substituting provisions, inserting new Regulations and substituting Appendix-1.

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FSSAI- THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (LABELLING AND DISPLAY) FIRST AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

FSSAI vide Notification F. No. STD/SP-08/A1.2022/N-01 dated 24.03.2026 has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Labelling and Display) First Amendment Regulations, 2026, effective from 1 July 2027, amending the 2020 regulations. Key changes include exemption of RDA and serving details for infant nutrition products, revised provisions for minimally processed foods and nutraceuticals, and enhanced labelling requirements for non-retail packages with flexibility to provide information through documents or electronic means. The amendment also updates provisions on fortified food labelling, advertisement warnings (including for pan masala), and ingredient declarations to improve clarity and consumer awareness.

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

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification No. S.O. 1530(E) dated 24.03.26, has declared its intention to acquire the right of user in land for laying a natural gas pipeline from “TMAA to Kavitam EPS” by ONGC in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Issued under the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, the notification covers specified land parcels across villages in West Godavari district. Affected persons may file objections within 21 days with the designated competent authority

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD (CONSUMER PROTECTION) REGULATIONS, 2025

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification No. PNGRB/ConsumerAffairs/18/BoardAgenda(1)/2025 (E-. 6367) dated 24.03.2026, notified the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Consumer Protection) Rules, 2025, which establishes a comprehensive framework to safeguard consumer rights in the petroleum and natural gas sector. It defines key terms, identifies different categories of consumers (such as PNG, CNG, LPG, and retail fuel users), and clearly lays out their rights, including safety, information, choice, grievance redressal, and fair service. The rules mandate companies to maintain quality standards, transparent pricing, proper grievance handling systems, and timely service delivery. A structured four-level grievance redressal mechanism is introduced, along with defined turnaround times (TAT) for resolving complaints and provisions for escalation up to the regulatory board or ombudsman. Additionally, the document specifies compensation mechanisms for service deficiencies, delays, or safety issues, ensuring accountability of service providers.

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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- EXTENSION OF TIMELINE FOR CONNECTIVITY TO NEW OCEMS PORTAL OF CPCB IN COMPLIANCE OF DIRECTION DATED 11.03.2026 AND 16.03.2026.

Central Pollution Control Board vide Letter No. IT-11/10/2025-IT-HO-CPCB-HO dated 25.03.2026 has extended the compliance timeline by 15 days i.e. 10.04.2026 regarding connectivity with New OCEMS Portal of CPCB for industries in Delhi-NCR.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- WEIGHT OF BAGS OR PACKETS IN WHICH THE BIO FERTILISER IS TO BE PACKED FOR SALE

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O. 1567(E) dated 25.03.2026, specifies the weight of bags or packets in which the Bio fertiliser is to be packed for sale as per the table specified in the said Notification.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- FERTILISERS TO BE MANUFACTURED IN INDIA FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O. 1570 (E) dated 25.03.2026 in pursuance of clause 20 A of Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985 notifies the specification of fertilisers to be manufactured in India for a period of three years from the date of publication of the said Order.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE-

**FERTILISERS TO BE IMPORTED INTO INDIA FOR A PERIOD OF
THREE YEARS**

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O. 1573 (E) dated 25.03.2026 in pursuance of clause 20 A of Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985 notifies the specification of fertilisers to be imported into India for a period of three years from the date of publication of the said Order.

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MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS- FIXATION OF PRICES AS CEILING PRICES EXCLUSIVE OF GST FOR THE SCHEDULED FORMULATIONS WITH DOSAGE FORM & STRENGTH AND UNIT SPECIFIED.

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers vide Notification No. 1581(E) dated 25.03.2026, fixes the prices as specified in column (5) of the table specified in the said notification as ceiling prices exclusive of Goods and Services Tax applicable, if any, in respect of the Scheduled formulations specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table with the dosage form & strength and unit specified respectively in the corresponding entries in columns (3) and (4).

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MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS- FIXATION OF PRICES AS RETAIL PRICES EXCLUSIVE OF GST FOR THE FORMULATIONS WITH STRENGTH, UNIT AND NAME OF MANUFACTURER AND MARKETING COMPANY SPECIFIED

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers vide Notification No. 1590(E) dated 25.03.2026, fixes the prices as specified in column (6) of the table specified in the said notification as the retail price, exclusive of Goods and Services Tax, if any, in relation to the formulation specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) of the said Table with the strength, unit and name of manufacturer & marketing company, as specified in the corresponding entries in columns (3), (4) and (5).

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- THE FERTILISER (INORGANIC, ORGANIC OR MIXED) (CONTROL) FOURTH AMENDMENT ORDER, 2026

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O. 1547(E) dated 25.03.2026 notified the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Fourth Amendment Order, 2026. It amends Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985, in Schedule VI, in Part A, “Specifications of Biostimulants”,- (a) in sub-heading 1, “Humic and Fulvic acid and their derivatives”, after serial number (31) and the entries relating thereto, the serial numbers and entries shall be inserted as provided in the said Notification.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (END-OF-LIFE-VEHICLES) RULES, 2025.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O.1619(E) dated 27.03.2026, introduced draft amendments to the Environment Protection (End-of-Life-Vehicles) Rules, 2025. The Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Amendment Rules, 2026 strengthens Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) obligations for vehicle manufacturers by requiring detailed reporting of materials used in vehicles, ensuring environmentally sound management of waste such as steel, tyres, batteries, e-waste, and plastics, and mandating compliance through a centralized online portal. It also introduces responsibilities for insurance companies to channel end-of-life vehicles to authorized scrapping facilities, and mandates minimum usage of recycled steel in new vehicles over specified timelines. Additionally, revised EPR targets and compliance mechanisms have been outlined to enhance recycling efficiency and circular use of materials in the automobile sector. [View Notification](#)



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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- DRAFT NOTIFICATION FOR ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE AROUND THE BOUNDARY OF SATKOSIA TIGER RESERVE, ODISHA.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 1618(E) dated 27.03.2026 notifies draft for the area to an extent of 0 to 14.61 kilometre around the boundary of Satkosia Tiger Reserve in the State of Odisha as the Satkosia Tiger Reserve, Eco-sensitive Zone and other details such as extent and boundaries of Eco-sensitive Zone, Zonal Master Plan for Eco-sensitive Zone, measure to be taken by State Government and boundary description of the Eco-sensitive Zone around Satkosia Tiger Reserve.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA- BILL ON THE JAN VISHWAS (AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS) ACT, 2026

Government of India vide Extraordinary Notification dated 27.03.2026 introduced bill on the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026. A Bill to amend certain enactments for decriminalising and rationalising offences to further enhance trust-based governance for ease of living and doing business.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS- DRAFT CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Road Transportation and Highways vide Notification No. G.S.R. 214(E) dated 27.03.2026 notifies draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2026. The draft provides that, for tippers and dumpers, the load body covering system installed as per Rule 138-B will not be considered while measuring the overall height of vehicles. It also clarifies that certain fittings such as rear-view mirrors, guard rails, rubber beading, side foot steps, and load body covering systems will be excluded from height calculation. Further, the amendment mandates that from 1 April 2027, all tippers and dumpers must be equipped with an electrically, mechanically, or hydraulically operated system to fully cover the load body, along with an audio-visual alert system in the driver's cabin to indicate if the cover is open or unsecured.

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- EXEMPTION AND PERMISSION FOR FACILITATING DISTRIBUTION OF PDS SKO IN PDS SKS FREE STATES/UTS FOR COOKING AND LIGHTING PURPOSES ONLY

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification No. 1630(E) dated 29.03.2026, exempts and permits, subject to the conditions specified in the said Notification, for facilitating distribution of PDS SKO in PDS SKO free States/UTs for cooking and lighting purposes only.

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MINISTRY OF MINES- THE MINERAL (AUCTION) SECOND AMENDMENT RULES, 2026

Ministry of Mines vide Notification No. G.S.R. 223(E) dated 30.03.2026, notified Mineral (Auction) Second Amendment Rules, 2026 to improve efficiency, transparency, and flexibility in the mineral auction process. It emphasizes the use of a unified online mining portal for automatic issuance of letters of intent upon fulfillment of payment and security requirements, reducing procedural delays. The amendment also provides relief by waiving auction premiums for certain minor minerals if their value is below a specified threshold and allows exclusion of non-feasible portions of mining blocks due to environmental or infrastructural constraints. Additionally, it revises timelines for payments, extends execution periods for mining leases and prospecting licenses under specific conditions, and ensures refunds in cases where auctions are annulled due to reasons beyond the bidder's control.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (MEASURES RELATING TO SAFETY AND ELECTRIC SUPPLY) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification F No. CEA-PS-16/1/2021-CEI Division dated 30.03.2026 notifies the Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Amendment Regulations, 2026 effective 1st April 2027. It amends Regulation 2 by adding new clauses, Chapter XA by adding new clause under Additional safety requirements for battery energy storage systems and adds Regulation 137 that gives list of relevant standards.

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MINISTRY OF MINES- THE MINERALS (OTHER THAN ATOMIC AND HYDRO CARBONS ENERGY MINERALS) CONCESSION (SECOND AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Mines vide Notification No. G.S.R. 222(E) dated 30.03.2026 notifies the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026. The amendments allow inclusion of newly discovered minerals and adjoining areas in existing leases with State approval, introduce provisions for deep-seated minerals, and streamline procedures for exploration and lease expansion. They also revise conditions for sale from captive mines, mandate prior exploration for certain leases, and prescribe additional payments for included areas, strengthening regulation and efficient mineral development.

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MINISTRY OF STEEL- THE COOKWARE, UTENSILS AND CANS FOR FOODS AND BEVERAGES (QUALITY CONTROL) ORDER, 2026

Ministry of Steel vide Notification No. S.O.1661(E) dates 30.03.2026, notifies the Cookware, Utensils and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2026. The order mandates compulsory BIS certification and use of the Standard Mark for stainless steel utensils, domestic sinks, and metal cans used for food and beverages, in accordance with relevant Indian Standards. It provides phased implementation timelines for different categories of enterprises and exempts exports, existing stock (for a limited period), and goods imported for research purposes, thereby ensuring quality compliance while allowing transitional flexibility.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- ORDER ON THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (DEVIATION SETTLEMENT MECHANISM AND RELATED MATTERS) REGULATIONS, 2024

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Order dated 31.03.2026 in Petition No. 9/SM/2025, has determined the framework for computation of deviation for wind and solar (WS) generators under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024 from 01.04.2026 onwards. The Order provides for a phased transition in the deviation calculation formula through introduction of the 'X' factor, gradually shifting the basis from available capacity to scheduled generation, along with tightening of permissible deviation bands. It follows stakeholder consultations and data analysis, and aims to improve forecasting discipline, enhance grid reliability, and progressively align renewable energy generators with conventional generators while balancing operational and financial concerns.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- THE PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. G.S.R. 237(E) dated 31.03.2026, notifies the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to strengthen regulatory framework and promote circular use of plastics. Key changes include revised definitions (such as end-of-life disposal and plastic waste processors), mandatory compliance with BIS standards for recycled plastic, and expanded enforcement powers to local bodies including Panchayats. The draft also introduces graded targets for mandatory use of recycled plastic content in packaging across categories from 2025–26 onwards, along with provisions for carry-forward of shortfalls and a certificate-based compliance mechanism. Additionally, it mandates reuse obligations for rigid plastic packaging and provides for constitution of State-level monitoring committees to ensure effective implementation and oversight.

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DELHI- GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI NOTIFIES BOUNDARIES OF CENTRAL, NORTH, WEST AND SOUTH FOREST DIVISIONS

The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, Department of Forests and Wildlife, vide Notification No. F.14(115)/DCF(P&M)/Land/2025-26/17013 dated 02.03.2026, has notified the revised boundaries of the Central, North, West and South Forest Divisions in Delhi, superseding the earlier notification dated 20.01.2021. The notification specifies the jurisdiction of each forest division across various revenue districts and sub-divisions/tehsils, along with the detailed list of villages and areas falling under each division as provided in the appendix, and the same shall come into force with immediate effect.

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DELHI- CAQM ISSUES FRAMEWORK FOR TARGETED INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) ACTIVITIES FOR AIR POLLUTION ABATEMENT IN NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) vide communication F. No. 21011/01/2022-IEC dated 03.03.2026 has issued a framework for targeted Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to address air pollution in the National Capital Region. The framework identifies major pollution sources such as vehicular emissions, road dust, construction and demolition activities, municipal waste burning, stubble burning, industrial emissions and diesel generator sets, and advises NCR States and GNCTD to prepare State-level IEC Action Plans and undertake awareness and capacity-building activities involving stakeholders and the public.

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MAHARASHTRA- THE MAHARASHTRA LIFTS, ESCALATORS AND MOVING WALKS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

The Government of Maharashtra vide L.A.Bill No. VII of 2026 dated 04.03.2026, amends the Maharashtra Lifts, Escalators and Moving Walks Act, 2017. The Bill proposes amendments to various provisions of the Act, including modification of certain definitions and substitution of specific terms relating to lifts, escalators and moving walks. It also introduces revised provisions concerning the regulation, installation, inspection and certification framework under the Act to strengthen safety and administrative mechanisms for such equipment in the State.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH- THE HIMACHAL PRADESH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (2ND AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025

The Government of Himachal Pradesh vide Notification No. L.L.R.-D.(6)-28/2025-Leg. Dated 05.03.2026, amends the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994. The Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation (2nd Amendment) Act, 2025 amends Section 36 (1) of the Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, by omitting the words “and thereafter at the expiration of every two and half years” and substituting Section 36 (2) with new provision. Further repeals The Himachal Pradesh Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

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GUJARAT- DRAFT GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR GREEN ENERGY OPEN ACCESS) (FOURTH AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) vide Notification No. GERC/Tech/GEOA/2026 dated 11.03.2026 amends the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, 2024. By this amendment the Banking charges 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. And 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.

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ANDHRA PRADESH- ANDHRA PRADESH NOTIFIES IMPLEMENTATION OF CEA SAFETY AND ELECTRIC SUPPLY REGULATIONS, 2023

The Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O. Ms. No. 17 dated 11.03.2026 issued the Andhra Pradesh Directorate of Electrical Safety (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Order, 2026 to implement the Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2023. The order notifies 33 kV as the voltage limit for self-certification, requires annual inspection by Electrical Inspectors for installations above 33 kV, and prescribes 10 kW as the capacity above which generating units must be inspected before commissioning, along with inspection provisions for certain electrical installations and multi-storeyed buildings.

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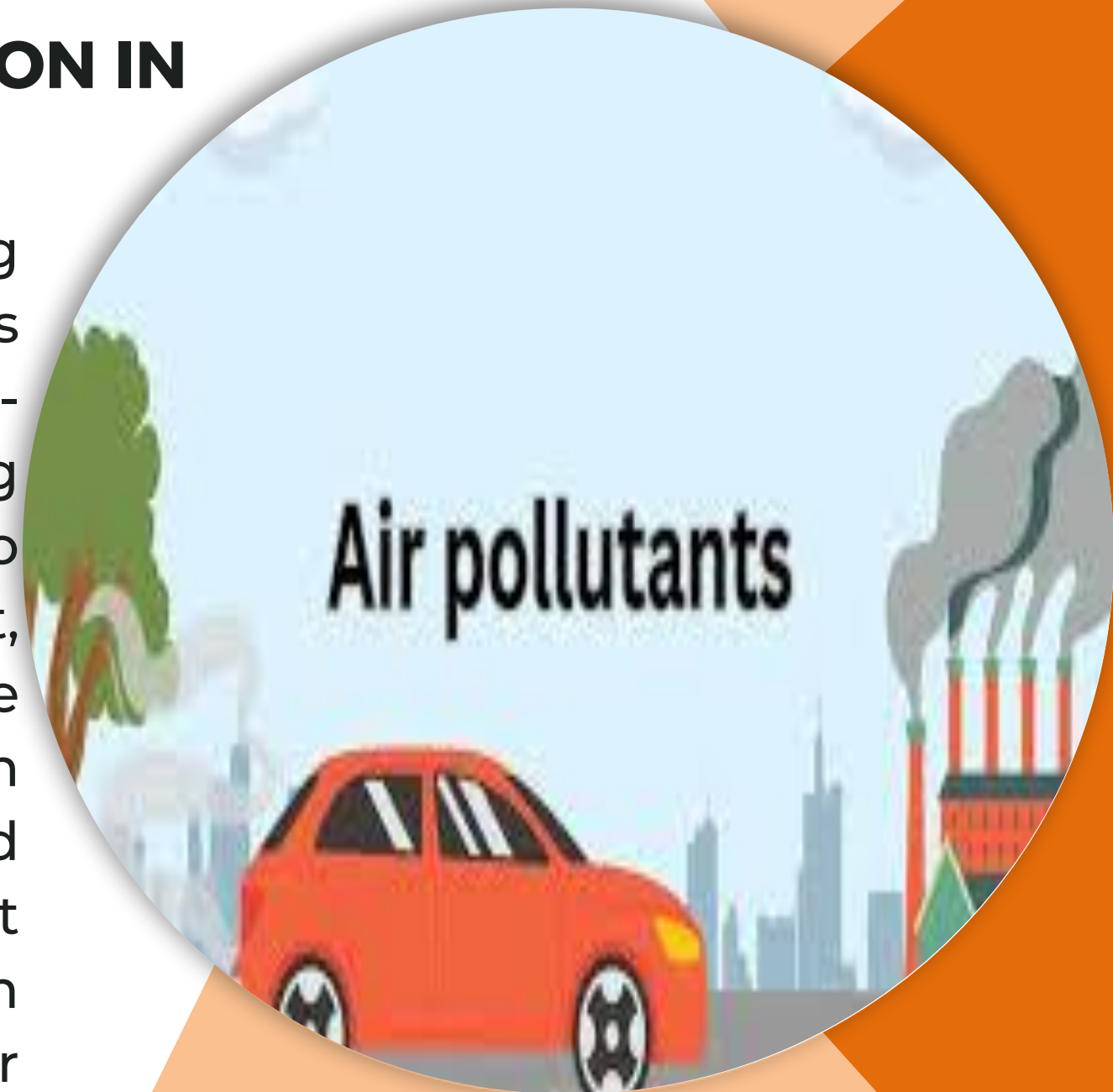
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DELHI- CAQM REVIEWS STATUS OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ACROSS KEY SECTORS FOR ABATEMENT OF AIR POLLUTION IN DELHI-NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), in its meeting held on 13.03.2026, reviewed the status of enforcement actions undertaken across key sectors for abatement of air pollution in Delhi-NCR. The review covered measures in the vehicular sector (including control of polluting vehicles, ANPR implementation, and transition to cleaner mobility), road dust and construction waste management, prevention of stubble burning, and municipal solid waste management. It also assessed enforcement of industrial emission standards, expansion of air quality monitoring infrastructure, and progress under annual action plans. The Commission emphasized strict compliance with its directions and noted commitments from concerned agencies to intensify targeted actions for effective air pollution control in the region.

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DELHI- REVOCATION OF ACTIONS UNDER STAGE I ('POOR' AIR QUALITY, AQI: 201- 300) OF EXTANT SCHEDULE OF GRAP IN DELHI-NCR

Commission for Air Quality Management vide Order No. 120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM-1574DT dated 16.03.2026 revokes its order dated 14.10.2025, invoking actions under Stage-I ('Poor' Air Quality) of the extant GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect.

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MAHARASHTRA- THE MAHARASHTRA MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, NAGAR PANCHAYATS AND INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIPS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2026

Government of Maharashtra vide Extraordinary Notification No. 28 dated 17.03.2026 amends the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965. The Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Amendment) Act, 2026 amends Section 51A-1A, Section 342B-1A of the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships Act, 1965. Further it repeals the Maharashtra Municipal Councils, Nagar Panchayats and Industrial Townships (Third Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

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PUNJAB- THE PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CODE, STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AND RELATED MATTERS) (1ST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Government of Punjab vide Notification No. PSERC/Seey/Regu.201 dated 18.03.2026, has issued the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to amend the 2024 Regulations. The amendment revises provisions relating to excess demand by consumers, introducing penalties and potential classification as unauthorized use in case of repeated defaults. It also substitutes Regulation 16 to provide a detailed framework for release of electricity connections in “abandoned colonies,” including responsibilities of distribution licensees, promoters, and residents, along with applicable charges. Additionally, a clarification has been made regarding responsibility for providing service cables, shifting it from the distribution licensee to the promoter in certain cases.

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DELHI- CAQM ETF REVIEWS AIR POLLUTION ENFORCEMENT; EMPHASISES STRICTER INSPECTIONS AND COMPLIANCE IN NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), in its meeting held on 18.03.2026, reviewed enforcement and inspections undertaken across the National Capital Region (NCR) during the reporting period from 19.02.2026 to 13.03.2026. The review covered key sectors such as construction and demolition, industries, road dust, and diesel generator sets. During the reporting period, inspections led to proposed closure of 14 units, sealing of 27 DG sets, and issuance of show cause notices to 20 units. The Commission emphasized stricter inspections, timely compliance by entities, and stronger inter-agency coordination. It also noted the overall enforcement progress, with large-scale inspections and regulatory actions undertaken, and stressed the need for continued robust enforcement to curb air pollution in the region.

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MEGHALAYA- MEGHALAYA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD INVITES PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITIES TO STRENGTHEN WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board issued Public Notice No. MSPCB/SWM-2/Vol-III/2023/2025-26 dated 18.03.3036, inviting proposals from individuals, community groups, NGOs, and other stakeholders to establish Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) for efficient collection, sorting, and processing of recyclable dry waste such as paper, plastic, metal, glass, and textiles. This initiative aligns with the Ministry of Environment's guidelines to strengthen waste management systems by enabling proper segregation and supporting waste pickers and recyclers. Interested parties are required to submit detailed project reports by 13th April 2026 to be considered for financial assistance, aiming to improve sustainable waste management across residential, commercial, and institutional sectors in Meghalaya.

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UTTAR PRADESH- RELAXATION IN STANDARD LIST OF APPROVED FUELS STIPULATED UNDER DIRECTION NO. 65 DATED 23.06.2022

Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board vide letter dated 19.03.2026 permits the temporary use of alternate fuels such as High-Speed Diesel (HSD), Biomass and RDF pellets in place of natural gas by industries/ hotels/ restaurants/ other enterprises in NCR of Delhi as an interim arrangement for a period of one month. And in case of limitation of availability of such alternative fuels, the use of coal/kerosene would also be permitted for said temporary period.

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ANDHRA PRADESH- THE ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR DETERMINATION OF TARIFF FOR WHEELING AND RETAIL SALE OF ELECTRICITY) EIGHT AMENDMENT REGULATION, 2026

Government of Andhra Pradesh vide Extraordinary Notification No. 96 dated 23.03.2026 notifies the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for determination of Tariff for wheeling and Retail Sale of Electricity) Eight Amendment Regulation, 2026. It amends the formula for Fuel and Power Purchase Cost Adjustment, manner of recovery or refund of FPPCA by the Distribution Licensee and Conditions.

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ANDHRA PRADESH- AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH INTEGRATED CLEAN ENERGY POLICY, 2024

The Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O.MS.No. 18 dated 24.03.2026 has approved amendments to the operational guidelines of the Andhra Pradesh Integrated Clean Energy Policy, 2024 to align them with the updated policy framework. The amendments primarily expand definitions of advanced biofuels and green hydrogen, introduce the option of Insurance Surety Bonds alongside Bank Guarantees, and revise project timelines—especially extending completion periods for large and pumped storage projects. Key changes also include relaxation in timeline extensions due to grid or land-related delays, revised provisions for land allotment of biofuel projects, updated performance guarantee requirements, and procedural clarity for termination, transfer fees, and eligibility criteria. Additionally, certain incentives such as SGST reimbursement for rooftop solar projects have been removed.

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GUJARAT- APPROVED ARR, DETERMINATION OF ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR FY 2026-27

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission vide press note dated 25.03.2026 issued outlines the approval of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR), truing-up for FY 2024–25, and determination of electricity tariffs for FY 2026–27 after public consultation and stakeholder hearings. The Commission maintained existing tariff rates for most consumers while introducing key benefits such as increased rebate for prepaid smart meters, expanded Time of Use (ToU) discounts and applicability, reduced green power tariff, and new solar-hour rebates for certain categories under Torrent Power. It also revised ToU time slots and ensured fair application of charges and discounts. Additionally, the report highlights improved distribution loss performance by most DISCOMs compared to targets, with revised targets set for FY 2026–27, reflecting efforts toward efficiency and consumer benefit.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH- DETERMINATION OF ARR, ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR FY 2026-27

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission through a Press Note dated 25.03.2026 has issued the tariff order for FY 2026–27 for HPSEBL, including truing-up of previous financial periods, performance review, and determination of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR). The ARR is estimated at ₹8636.16 crore, slightly higher than the previous year, while the average cost of supply has marginally decreased to ₹6.75 per unit. Consequently, the Commission has reduced energy charges by 1 paise per unit across all consumer categories. The order also outlines revised tariff rates effective from 1 April 2026 for various categories such as domestic, agricultural, commercial, industrial, and EV charging, reflecting a balanced approach to cost recovery and consumer relief.

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DELHI- THE DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR OPEN ACCESS) (SECOND AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2026

Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification F. No. 17(17)/Engg./DERC/2017-18/OA/5842/1660 dated 27.03.2026 notified the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026. It amends Principal Regulations, 2005 by inserting provisions after Regulation 12(1), which stipulates that for consumers availing General Network Access or Open Access, the additional surcharge shall be reduced progressively on a linear basis from the year such access is granted, and will be completely eliminated within four years, provided the consumer continues to avail the same. It further clarifies that no refund, adjustment, or recovery can be claimed for any additional surcharge already levied or collected under existing Open Access Regulations. Additionally, the surcharge will not apply to the extent that the consumer maintains contract demand with the distribution licensee. Lastly, the additional surcharge is applicable only to those Open Access consumers who are or have previously been consumers of the concerned distribution licensee. [View Notification](#)



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UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH- BAN ON TOBACCO AND INTOXICANTS IN PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENT VEHICLES IN UT OF LADAKH

The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh vide Circular No. 01-Trans(UTL) of 2026 dated 31.03.2026, to ensure public health, road safety, hygiene/cleanliness and discipline in public and Government transport vehicles, the instructions are issued for strict compliance. Instructions such as: Prohibition for Drivers and Conductors to use tobacco and related products or consume intoxicants/prohibited substances while on duty or prior to driving, Prohibition for passengers to use tobacco and related products or consume intoxicants/prohibited substances inside the public transport, Responsibilities of Vehicle Owners and Operators, Enforcement Mechanism.

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UNION TERRITORY OF DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU- APPLICABILITY OF GUIDELINES ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Union Territory Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu vide Circular No. PCC/DDD/ORDER-EODB/2025-26/73 dated 30.03.2026, informed that the uniform consent guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified vide G.S.R.(E) 84 dated 29.01.2025 and G.S.R. 85(E) dated 30.01.2026, have been made applicable in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu in accordance with the PCC/DDD/ORDER-EODB/2025-26/08 dated 11.09.2025 and further amendment have also been implemented with immediate effect.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH- DETERMINATION OF GENERIC LEVELLISED TARIFF FOR SOLAR PV PROJECTS FOR FY 2026-27

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (HPERC), vide Order dated 31.03.2026 in Suo-Motu Petition No. 14/2026, has determined the generic levellised tariff for Solar PV projects (up to 5 MW) for FY 2026–27 under the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017. The Order specifies technology-wise parameters including revised normative capital cost, CUF of 21%, and O&M expenses, while retaining project categorisation based on capacity. It adopts a balanced approach to ensure tariff competitiveness, project viability in hilly terrain, and consumer interest, and continues the single-part tariff structure with a 25-year tariff period to promote distributed solar capacity in the State.

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