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Executive Summary

This document tracks the various key economic and policy decisions made by the Central Government between **16th June, 2026 and 30th June, 2026**. Some of the important announcements and policy updates are as follows:

I. Economic Growth And Structural Reforms

- A. **RBI Overhauls Lead Bank Scheme To Strengthen Credit Planning And Financial Inclusion:** The Reserve Bank of India issued revised guidelines under the Lead Bank Scheme, strengthening State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs), introducing dedicated sub-committees for priority sectors, and improving coordination between banks and state governments for district-level credit planning.
- B. **India-UK Comprehensive Economic And Trade Agreement (CETA) To Take Effect from 15th July, 2026:** The India-UK CETA along with the Social Security Agreement (Double Contribution Convention) will come into force on 15th July, 2026, providing duty-free access to nearly 99% of Indian exports to the UK and enhanced market access in 137 services sub-sectors, while extending social security exemption for Indian professionals to five years.
- C. **Cabinet Approves Additional ₹ 30,000 Crore Investment In NIIF:** The Union Cabinet has approved an additional government investment commitment of ₹ 30,000 crore in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), taking the total commitment to ₹ 60,000 crore to support new infrastructure-focused funds.

II. Infrastructure, Technology And Sustainability

- A. **Bureau Of Port Security (BoPS) Constituted:** The Central Government constituted the Bureau of Port Security as a dedicated body to strengthen security oversight of vessels and port facilities across the country.
- B. **Telecommunications Authorisation Framework Operationalised Under The 2023 Act:** The Department of Telecommunications activated the new Telecom eServices Portal and notified rules for captive telecommunication services, marking the transition to a modern digital authorisation regime under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.
- C. **The Government has amended the Coal Blocks Allocation Rules, 2017:** This was done to allow insurance surety bonds as an alternative to performance bank guarantees for coal block allocatees. The reform reduces financing costs, improves liquidity for mining companies, and is expected to accelerate coal mining projects while maintaining financial safeguards.



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III. Human Development And Social Welfare

- A. **Drugs Rules Amended To Expand Schedule H2 For High-Risk Medicines:** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare expanded Schedule H2 to cover all vaccines, antimicrobials, narcotic & psychotropic drugs, and anticancer drugs from 2027 onwards, significantly strengthening prescription monitoring and traceability of high-risk medicines.
- B. **DISHA 2.0 Approved With ₹ 255 Crore Outlay (2026–31):** The Ministry of Law and Justice approved DISHA 2.0 with a new VIDHI-Sanjeevani component featuring an AI-powered multilingual Nyaya Setu chatbot to improve access to justice, targeting 3 crore beneficiaries over five years.
- C. **Surrogacy And ART Rules Amended For Digital Registration:** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare notified amendments introducing a standardised digital registration and renewal framework for surrogacy clinics and ART banks through the National Registry portal with five year validity.
- D. **Vision Document On Drug Control (2026–2029) Released:** The Ministry of Home Affairs released a national strategy adopting a “Detect, Disrupt and Destroy” approach with mandatory financial investigations, strengthened Anti-Narcotics Task Forces, and dedicated NDPS courts.

IV. National Security And Foreign Policy

- A. **Prime Minister Commissions Three Indigenously Built Naval Ships:** The Prime Minister commissioned three indigenously constructed naval vessels, marking a significant step towards self-reliance in warship building under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. The induction of these advanced platforms will enhance the Indian Navy's maritime surveillance, combat readiness, and force projection capabilities while strengthening indigenous defence manufacturing and reducing dependence on foreign platforms.
- B. **Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 Notified:** The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 to strengthen regulatory oversight on foreign funding. The amendments introduce stricter compliance requirements and improved monitoring mechanisms, which will curb the misuse of foreign contributions, enhance transparency, and strengthen national security by ensuring greater accountability over external funding flows.

V. Rural And Agricultural Transformation

- A. **Multiple Digital Initiatives Launched For Agricultural And Rural Governance:** NAFED launched the NAFEX.in auction portal, DRISHTI inventory management system and KALYAN Scholarship, while the Ministry of Agriculture mandated end-to-end digitalisation of insecticide licensing. Additionally, an AI-enabled Rural Internal Audit Portal was launched to strengthen governance of rural development programmes.



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B. Smart Warehouse Management System Launched For Foodgrain Storage: The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution launched a Smart Warehouse Management System to modernise foodgrain storage operations and improve efficiency in the public distribution system.



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I. Economic Growth And Structural Reforms

A. Policy Updates

1. RBI Revises Lead Bank Scheme Framework To Strengthen Credit Planning And Financial Inclusion – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [RBI](#), [BS](#)

RBI has issued revised guidelines under the Lead Bank Scheme (LBS) to strengthen credit planning, financial inclusion and banking outreach across States and districts. The updated framework enhances the role of **State Level Bankers' Committees** (SLBCs), introduces dedicated sub-committees for agriculture, MSMEs, financial inclusion and digital payments, and strengthens monitoring of credit deployment through district and state-level review mechanisms. It also requires States and banks to prepare action plans aligned with the **National Strategy for Financial Inclusion 2025-30**, improve banking penetration in unbanked rural centres and expand digital payment adoption. The reforms will improve credit delivery to priority sectors, enhance coordination between banks and state governments, expand banking access in underserved regions, and strengthen monitoring and accountability in district-level financial planning.

2. SEBI Reintroduces Open-Market Share Buybacks For Listed Companies - Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [SEBI](#), [BS](#)

SEBI has reintroduced the open-market route for share buybacks, reversing its earlier decision to phase out the mechanism. The regulator has also **simplified the transmission of securities** for deceased investors and relaxed borrowing norms for mutual funds to improve liquidity management. The reintroduction of open-market buybacks will provide companies with greater flexibility in capital allocation, improve market efficiency and shareholder value creation, while the accompanying reforms strengthen investor protection and ease of doing business in India's capital markets.

3. Cabinet Approves Additional Investment Commitment Of ₹ 30,000 Crore In National Investment And Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) – Ministry of Finance

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The Union Cabinet has approved an additional Government of India investment commitment of **₹ 30,000 crore** towards new and upcoming funds of the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), taking the Centre's total commitment to NIIF to ₹ 60,000 crore. This additional commitment will be used to set up NIIF Infrastructure Fund II, the successor to NIIF's first infrastructure-focused flagship fund, with a proposed target corpus of close to ₹ 30,000 crore, will invest across transportation, energy, digital infrastructure, urban infrastructure, e-mobility and other nationally important projects, while also supporting NIIF's new fund strategies and successor bilateral and strategic funds.



4. **RBI Issues Master Direction On Credit Derivatives - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [RBI](#)

RBI has issued the Credit Derivatives Directions, 2026, effective 25th June, 2026, replacing the 2022 framework. The Directions permit Credit Default Swap (CDS), Total Return Swaps on corporate bonds, and credit index derivatives in Over-The-Counter (OTC) and on exchanges, with products linked to eligible **INR corporate bonds**, debentures and money market instruments. They define market-makers (major banks, Standalone Primary Dealers, Upper/Middle Layer NBFCs and key development institutions) and non-retail users (insurers, pension funds, mutual funds, AIFs, FPIs, and large companies), allowing FPIs to sell CDS protection up to 5% of outstanding corporate bonds, and put in place standardised settlement, reporting and governance to deepen credit risk hedging and corporate bond market development.

5. **RBI Exempts Certain Low-Risk NBFCs From Registration Provisions Under Revised Framework - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

RBI has issued a notification exempting NBFCs that neither access public funds nor have customer interface, from the applicability of certain regulatory registration requirements under the RBI Act, 1934, subject to conditions including asset size below ₹ 1,000 crore, annual board certification of non-reliance on public funds, and mandatory disclosure as “Unregistered Type I NBFC” in financial statements. The exemption framework will come into effect from 1st July, 2026. The measure formalises a proportionality principle in NBFC regulation, aligning compliance burden with actual risk to depositors and consumers rather than treating all non-bank lenders as equivalent, entities structured purely for corporate treasury or intra-group financing gain lighter oversight, while the mandatory disclosure tag preserves regulatory visibility.

6. **RBI Exempts Fresh Long-Term NRE Deposits From CRR And SLR Requirements - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [RBI](#), [Hindu BusinessLine](#)

RBI has amended the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) Directions, 2025, to exempt fresh **Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE)** term deposits with a tenor of three years or more from CRR and SLR requirements. The exemption applies to eligible deposits mobilised by banks between 19th June and 30th September, 2026, including deposits renewed upon maturity. By reducing reserve maintenance requirements on such deposits, the measure will nudge long-term NRI deposit inflows by enabling banks to offer more competitive returns. It will strengthen the banking system liquidity, support credit growth and contribute to external sector stability by attracting foreign currency inflows into the Indian financial system.



7. **RBI Issues Master Directions on Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [RBI](#)

The RBI has issued the Reserve Bank of India (Trade Receivables Discounting System) Directions, 2026 on 23rd June, 2026, replacing the earlier draft directions. The final Directions consolidate the regulatory framework for TReDS platforms, including requirements related to net worth (minimum ₹ 25 crore with extended timeline for existing entities), expansion of credit guarantee options for financiers, mandatory validation of MSME sellers, transparent multi-financier bidding process, and clear obligations regarding assignment of receivables. The Directions also align governance and cybersecurity requirements with the broader Payment System Operator framework. The move aims to strengthen the operational efficiency, transparency, and regulatory oversight of TReDS platforms, thereby improving working capital access for MSMEs through invoice discounting.

8. **Central Excise Rules Amended To Expand Export Facilitation Countries – Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has amended the Central Excise Rules, 2017 to extend specified export-related provisions to additional countries by **including Maldives and Mauritius** alongside existing partner countries, effective immediately. The amendment broadens the scope of excise-related export facilitation by extending procedural and compliance relaxations to additional partner countries, thereby easing export processes and improving trade connectivity with select regional and strategic markets.

9. **Government Introduces Risk-Based Quality Compliance Framework For Industry – Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#), [TOI](#)

The Ministry through the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), has notified the Transition Facilitation (Quality Control) Order, 2026, introducing a risk-based compliance framework under Quality Control Orders (QCOs). The order allows eligible manufacturers to source inputs from **BIS Scheme-II** (Self-Declaration of Conformity) certified suppliers through a risk-based approval mechanism, based on factors such as technical capability, regulatory compliance history and supply-chain strengthening commitments, while extending simplified compliance provisions to manufacturers with proven compliance records. The reform will reduce certification bottlenecks and production disruptions, accelerate technology adoption, strengthen domestic value chains and improve supply-chain resilience, while maintaining product quality standards and consumer protection.



B. Announcements

1. India-UK Comprehensive Economic And Trade Agreement And Social Security Pact To Take Effect From 15th July, 2026 – Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Source: [PIB](#)

India and the United Kingdom have announced that the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Agreement on Social Security, also known as the Double Contribution Convention (DCC), will enter into force on 15th July, 2026, following the completion of ratification procedures by both countries. Under the agreement, nearly **99% of India's exports** to the United Kingdom by tariff lines will receive duty-free access, while Indian service providers will gain enhanced market access across 137 sub-sectors, including IT, professional, education and business services. The accompanying social security agreement exempts Indian professionals and employers from dual social security contributions during temporary assignments in the United Kingdom, with the exemption period extended from three years to five years. The agreement will strengthen bilateral trade and investment, improve the competitiveness of Indian exports, facilitate professional mobility and support India's integration into global value chains.

2. Central Excise Duties on Petroleum Products Revised – Ministry of Finance

Source: [Ministry of Finance](#), [Financial Express](#)

The Ministry of Finance has revised the export duties on petroleum products with effect from 1st July, 2026. The export duty on petrol has been increased to **₹ 4 per litre** (from ₹ 1.5 per litre), while the export duty on diesel has been reduced to **₹ 8.5 per litre** (from ₹ 14 per litre). The export duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) has also been lowered to ₹ 7.5 per litre (from ₹ 12.5 per litre). These revisions are part of the government's regular fortnightly review of windfall taxes on petroleum products, aimed at balancing domestic fuel availability and responding to global crude oil price movements.

3. RBI Releases Draft Guidance On Model Risk Management For Regulated Entities – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Source: [RBI](#)

RBI has issued a draft on Regulatory Principles for Model Risk Management to establish a comprehensive governance framework for the regulation of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning models used by regulated entities, covering both traditional statistical models and systems used in credit assessment, risk management, fraud detection and customer services. The framework **mandates risk-based model** classification, independent validation, continuous monitoring, board-level oversight, and comprehensive model inventories and documentation. It mandates explainability, bias mitigation, human oversight, cybersecurity controls, customer disclosures, grievance redressal mechanisms and scrutiny of third-party and generative AI models. The guidance will promote the safe and responsible



adoption of advanced analytics and AI technologies across India's financial sector while strengthening transparency, consumer protection and operational resilience.

4. RBI Introduces Pilot Framework For Compensation To Victims Of Digital Banking Fraud – Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Source: [RBI](#), [The Hindu](#)

RBI has introduced a pilot framework to provide compensation to customers who suffer losses due to digital banking fraud. Under the framework, eligible victims of small-value fraudulent electronic transactions (up to ₹ 50,000) may receive compensation of **up to ₹ 25,000** or 85% of the loss amount, whichever is lower. The compensation mechanism will be implemented as a one-year pilot from 1st January, 2027. The move will enhance customer protection in the digital payments ecosystem and encourage faster resolution of fraud complaints by banks. This is one of the first structured compensation frameworks introduced by the RBI for victims of digital fraud.

5. Government Withdraws Temporary Restrictions on Petrol and Diesel Sales – Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has withdrawn the temporary restrictions on the retail sale and distribution of petrol (Motor Spirit) and diesel (High Speed Diesel) through Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies with effect from 1st July, 2026. These restrictions, which were imposed on 12th June, 2026 amid disruptions caused by the West Asia crisis, included a cap of 200 litres per day on diesel sales at retail outlets and directed industrial and commercial consumers to procure fuel through designated consumer pumps. The restrictions have now been lifted following an improvement in the domestic fuel supply situation, restoring normal sale and distribution arrangements across the country.

6. Government Restores Commercial LPG Supplies And Withdraws Emergency Sectoral Restrictions – Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Source: [PIB](#)

The Government has restored supplies of Non-Domestic Packed LPG to the levels that existed before the West Asia crisis and withdrawn the sectoral restrictions that were imposed during that period. Bulk LPG supplies have also been partially resumed, while the earlier practice of diverting certain light hydrocarbon streams (propane and butane) exclusively to make LPG has been reduced, reflecting improved domestic production and increased imports. The decision restores normal fuel availability for industrial and commercial consumers, supports petrochemical production, and balances energy security with the continued expansion of PNG connectivity.



7. New Development Bank Specified As A Body Corporate Under The Companies Act, 2013 - Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has specified the New Development Bank (NDB), the multilateral development institution established under a 2014 Fortaleza agreement among Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, as a “body corporate”. This specification clarifies NDB's legal status within India's corporate law framework, enabling regulatory recognition of the institution for purposes of corporate transactions, compliance, and interactions with Indian entities. The move aligns with India's deepening institutional engagement with BRICS multilateral mechanisms and facilitates smoother legal and financial operations for NDB-linked activities in India, including infrastructure financing, co-lending arrangements, and project partnerships.

8. Jan Vishwas Amendments For Allied And Healthcare Professions Act Effective From 1st July, 2026 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has appointed 1st July, 2026, as the date on which provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026, relating to the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, shall come into force. This brings into effect the Jan Vishwas compliance and **penalty reforms** for the allied and healthcare professions regulatory framework. The move is intended to **streamline enforcement** and reduce excessive criminalisation, while supporting smoother regulation of allied health professionals.

9. Jan Vishwas Amendments For Drugs And Cosmetics Act To Come Into Force On 30th June, 2027 - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has notified the implementation timelines for the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 with respect to two key health sector laws. The provisions relating to the **Clinical Establishments** (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 have been brought into force with immediate effect, thereby decriminalising minor and procedural violations for hospitals and clinical establishments and replacing them with administrative penalties. In contrast, the amendments to the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act**, 1940 have been notified to come into force from 30th June, 2027, giving regulators and the industry adequate time to align compliance systems. In both cases, minor and procedural lapses will now be addressed through administrative penalties, while stringent penal provisions for offences affecting public health and consumer safety will continue to remain in force.



10. SEBI Proposes Common Advertisement Code For Specified Regulated Entities - Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Source: [SEBI](#)

SEBI has released a consultation paper proposing a Common Advertisement Code (CAC) for specified regulated entities, replacing the current fragmented, entity-specific advertisement frameworks for intermediaries such as stock brokers, depository participants, investment advisers, research analysts, online bond platform providers, portfolio managers and mutual funds/AMCs. The proposed framework will shift from prior approval of advertisements to **post-issue reporting within 24 hours**, permit celebrity endorsements under defined conditions, recognise ratings and rankings issued by a registered past risk and return verification agency, clarify what constitutes an “advertisement”, and provide an illustrative list of communications that will not be treated as advertisements. All existing entity-specific and exchange-specific advertisement codes will be subsumed into a single technology-enabled CAC with a common reporting portal, which will **reduce regulatory complexity and compliance burden** while strengthening transparency and investor protection across regulated entities.

11. SEBI Aligns Securitisation Framework And Eases Municipal Bond Norms - Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Source: [SEBI](#), [MoneyControl](#)

SEBI has issued a circular aligning the securitisation framework with RBI guidelines by relaxing the obligor concentration limit for single-asset transactions and strengthening governance norms, including restrictions on originator representation on the SPDE board. The circular also eases municipal bond regulations by permitting refinancing of existing debt, allowing retail incentives, and relaxing compliance timelines. These changes will provide greater flexibility to banks and NBFCs in securitisation, improve governance standards, and enable municipalities to raise funds more efficiently.

12. Government Introduces Improvement Notice Mechanism Under Legal Metrology Act - Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has introduced an Improvement Notice mechanism under the Legal Metrology Act to provide a chance for regulated entities to correct specified first-time non-compliances before **punitive action is taken**. Legal Metrology Officers will be able to issue written notices highlighting procedural or documentation deficiencies and allowing making corrections within a defined period in areas such as registration, packaging and record-keeping. This reform will significantly reduce immediate penalties and prosecution for inadvertent technical violations, particularly benefiting MSMEs and small traders, while enabling enforcement agencies to focus resources on serious and repeat offenders.



II. Infrastructure, Technology And Sustainability

A. Policy Updates

1. NHAI Adopts Predictive Asset Management Framework For National Highway Maintenance – Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The MoRTH, through the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), has initiated a transition towards predictive asset management for the operations and maintenance of National Highways. The framework will utilise **Network Survey Vehicles, drones, AI-powered dashcam analytics** and pavement health assessments to monitor asset conditions, identify deterioration at an early stage and enable timely interventions. NHAI is also integrating data from multiple monitoring systems into a centralised asset intelligence ecosystem to support predictive monitoring and risk-based decision-making. The initiative will enhance highway longevity, optimise maintenance expenditure and improve service quality across the National Highway network.

2. India And Japan Adopt Implementation Rules For Joint Crediting Mechanism Under Paris Agreement – Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The Ministry has announced the adoption of the Rules of Implementation for the **India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)** under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. The framework establishes governance arrangements, project approval procedures, third-party validation and verification systems, sustainable development safeguards and national registries for the issuance and transfer of carbon credits. Operationalising the mechanism will facilitate collaboration on projects that reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions while supporting sustainable development objectives in India. The initiative will promote low-carbon investments, technology transfer and capacity building, while contributing to the climate commitments of both countries under their Nationally Determined Contributions.

3. Transmission Schemes Approved For Evacuation Of 6 GW Renewable Energy From Rajasthan REZ Phase IV – Ministry of Power

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has notified multiple interstate transmission schemes under the Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) route to evacuate 6 GW of renewable energy from the Bikaner Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in Rajasthan. The projects include new 765/400 kV substations, transmission lines and associated grid infrastructure across Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. The initiative will strengthen interstate transmission capacity, improve grid reliability and enable efficient integration of renewable energy into the national grid, supporting India's clean energy transition.



4. **Government Invites Stakeholder Comments On Proposed Revision Of Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) Exemption List For Medical Devices - Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Department of Pharmaceuticals, ET](#)

The Department of Pharmaceuticals has invited stakeholder comments on proposals to add, delete and modify entries in the Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) Exemption List for medical devices, with comments open until 15th July, 2026. The review follows industry representations seeking the **inclusion of over 350 medical devices** and the removal of 235 devices, based on changes in domestic manufacturing capacity and import dependence. The proposed revision seeks to strike a balance between promoting domestic medical device manufacturing under the Make in India initiative and ensuring continued access to advanced technologies that are not adequately produced in India, with significant implications for public procurement, import policy and healthcare accessibility.

5. **Bureau Of Port Security (BOPS) Constituted For Security Of Vessels And Port Facilities - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Central Government has constituted the Bureau of Port Security (BoPS) as a dedicated body responsible for the security of vessels and port facilities across the country. BoPS will be headed by the **Director General of Maritime Administration**, who will also serve as the Director General of BoPS until further orders, providing a single point of leadership for maritime and port-security functions. Establishing BoPS will strengthen institutional oversight of port and vessel security, will improve coordination across agencies and ports, and will support safer, more resilient maritime trade and logistics.

6. **Telecom Authorisation Portal Activated Under Telecommunications Act, 2023 - Department of Telecommunications**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has operationalised the Telecom eServices Portal for the acceptance of applications for fresh telecommunication service authorisations and the migration of existing licences under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, following the gazette notification of the authorisation and migration rules on 23rd June, 2026. The new framework is built on a “digital by design” principle and replaces the earlier Unified License, Unified License (VNO), Standalone License and Registration regime, applications for which were suspended since 10th November, 2025, pending this transition. The shift will streamline market entry for new telecom players, reduce procedural complexity, and align India's licensing architecture with modern digital governance standards, strengthening the regulatory ecosystem under the 2023 Act.



7. Telecommunications (Authorisation For Captive Telecommunication Services) Rules, 2026 Notified – Ministry of Communications

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Communications has notified the Telecommunications (Authorisation for Captive Telecommunication Services) Rules, 2026 under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, establishing a regulatory framework for authorisation and operation of captive telecom networks, including eligibility conditions, security requirements, data localisation norms, compliance reporting, inspection mechanisms, and mandatory use of trusted telecom equipment and approved sources. The rules formalise a regulated framework for captive telecom networks, strengthening cybersecurity and operational oversight of private communication systems while enabling secure enterprise adoption and enhancing resilience of critical telecom infrastructure in India.

8. Foundation Stone Laid For Bharat Coal Gasification & Chemicals Limited (BCGCL) In Odisha – Ministry of Coal

Status: Initiated | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The Government has laid the foundation stone of Bharat Coal Gasification & Chemicals Limited (BCGCL) at Lakhanpur, Jharsuguda, Odisha, to promote coal gasification and downstream chemical production. The project is a key component of the Government's broader coal gasification programme, which aims to attract investments of **₹2.5–3 lakh crore**, facilitate the development of around 25 coal gasification projects, and generate nearly **50,000** direct and indirect employment opportunities across coal-bearing regions. The initiative will strengthen domestic value addition in coal, reduce import dependence on chemicals and feedstocks, and advance India's energy security and industrial self-reliance.

9. Coal Blocks Allocation Rules Amended To Permit Insurance Surety Bonds In Place Of Bank Guarantees – Ministry of Coal

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Coal has notified the Coal Blocks Allocation (Amendment) Rules, 2026, allowing successful coal block allocatees to furnish an **insurance surety bond** as an alternative to the **mandatory performance bank guarantee**. Existing allocatees who have already submitted bank guarantees may also replace them with insurance surety bonds. The amendment reduces the financial burden on coal block developers by freeing up bank credit, improving liquidity, lowering financing costs, and facilitating faster implementation of coal mining projects while maintaining financial security for the Government.



10. ₹ 7,100 Crore Incentive Package Announced To Boost Semiconductor Manufacturing – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [Mint](#)

The Ministry has announced a ₹ 7,100 crore incentive package to support the growth of India's semiconductor sector. The initiative will attract investments of approximately ₹ 15,000 crore and generate around 4,700 direct employment opportunities. The incentives will support the development of semiconductor manufacturing capabilities, strengthen domestic supply chains and promote advanced electronics production. The measure forms part of the Government's broader strategy to enhance technological self-reliance, reduce import dependence and position India as a global hub for semiconductor and electronics manufacturing.

11. Jan Vishwas Amendments To Coir Industry Act Brought Into Force – Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has notified 22nd June, 2026 as the commencement date for the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 amendments relating to the Coir Industry Act, 1953. The amendments decriminalise specified minor offences and rationalise the penalty framework by replacing criminal penalties with administrative enforcement for select compliance violations. The reforms reduce the compliance burden on coir manufacturers and enterprises, promote ease of doing business in the sector, and align the Coir Industry Act with the Government's broader trust-based regulatory and decriminalisation framework while retaining enforcement for serious violations.

B. Announcements

1. Digital India BHASHINI Division And GeM Sign MoU To Enable Multilingual Public Procurement – Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Source: [PIB](#), [DD India](#)

The MeitY has facilitated a Memorandum of Understanding between the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) and the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to strengthen **multilingual access across India's public procurement ecosystem**. The partnership will integrate BHASHINI's language technologies into GeM's digital platforms through translation APIs, multilingual glossaries, domain-specific language models, voice-enabled services and Generative AI solutions. It will enable procurement-related information and services to be accessed in 22 Indian languages. The initiative aims to reduce language barriers in seller onboarding, platform navigation and stakeholder engagement, thereby improving participation by MSMEs, startups, entrepreneurs and regional businesses. It will enhance the inclusiveness of Government procurement while further strengthening the multilingual digital public infrastructure and digital governance framework.



2. PM e-Drive Scheme Parameters Notified For Fully Electric Ambulances - Ministry of Heavy Industries

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has issued detailed norms under the PM e-Drive Scheme for demand incentives for fully electric ambulances meeting AIS-125 (Part-1) requirements, covering patient transport (Type-B), basic life support (Type-C) and advanced life support (Type-D) categories. The demand incentive per vehicle will be the lower of ₹ 30,000 × battery capacity (kWh) or 35% of ex-factory price, with separate invoicing for additional equipment. The notification sets minimum range, maximum energy consumption and performance benchmarks, prescribes five-year/1,25,000 km warranties for battery, motor and vehicle, and defines phased localisation requirements for components like battery management systems, DC-DC converters and vehicle control units, encouraging domestic manufacturing and faster deployment of clean, high-performance ambulances under government health schemes.

3. Draft Amendments Proposed To Strengthen Vehicle Scrappage Framework - Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has issued draft amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021, to strengthen the regulatory framework governing End-of-Life Vehicles (ELVs) and vehicle scrapping facilities. The proposed amendments expand the definition of ELVs, formally recognise the VScrap portal as the centralised digital platform for scrappage-related processes, and require a Certificate of Vehicle Scrapping issued by a registered facility for cancellation of vehicle registration in most cases. The draft rules also introduce enhanced equipment, maintenance and compliance requirements for registered vehicle scrapping facilities, to improve traceability, environmental safeguards and operational standards across the vehicle scrappage ecosystem.

4. Draft Telecommunication (Assignment Of Spectrum Through Administrative Process) Rules, 2026 Issued For Comments- Ministry of Communications

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has published draft Telecommunication (Assignment of Spectrum through Administrative Process) Rules, 2026 under the Telecommunication Act, 2023, proposing a framework for assigning spectrum administratively for categories listed in the Act's First Schedule. The draft defines eligibility conditions, application procedures and spectrum charges, including percentage-of-AGR formulas for radio backhaul and nominal fees (₹ 1,000 per band) for testing, trials, experiments and demonstrations in regulatory sandboxes. It also sets non-interference conditions and



reporting requirements for temporary assignments. The rules simplify non-auction spectrum allocation and support the deployment and testing of new telecom and rail communication technologies.

5. **Indian Railways To Overhaul Wagon Design Policy To Enable Industry-Customised Freight Solutions - Ministry of Railways**

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has initiated a comprehensive review to the existing **wagon design policy**, with a directive to finalise the new policy within 15 days. Under the proposed framework, industries will be empowered to propose customised wagon designs tailored to the handling, loading, unloading, and transportation requirements of specific commodities such as steel coils, cement, and salt while safety responsibility will vest with RDSO and the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety (CCRS). The reform will attract new freight streams into the railway ecosystem, advance the vision of Green Logistics (rail being ~90% more environment-friendly than road), reduce dependence on imported diesel, and lower logistics costs for key industrial sectors.

6. **₹ 5,028 Crore Development Pipeline And New O&M And Marina Agreements Announced For Mumbai Port - Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

Source: [PIB](#)

The Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, marked the 154th Foundation Day of Mumbai Port Authority by underscoring a ₹ 5,028 crore development pipeline aimed at transforming one of India's oldest ports into a modern, sustainable and future-ready maritime hub. During the programme, he dedicated two key agreements, an **Indira Dock operations and maintenance (O&M) agreement** and a Mumbai Marina agreement and highlighted that these projects reflect the Centre's commitment to building world-class port infrastructure, improving logistics efficiency, promoting cruise tourism, and strengthening coastal shipping. The development pipeline and new agreements will deepen Mumbai Port's role as a pillar of India's maritime ecosystem, enhance its competitiveness, and will create new economic and employment opportunities across the wider coastal economy.

7. **Indian Railways Approves ₹ 200 Crore Optical Fibre Cable Project Across South Eastern Railway - Ministry of Railways**

Source: [PIB](#)

Indian Railways has approved a ₹ 200 crore project to lay a 48-fibre Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) backbone over 1,696.2 route kilometres in Adra (545.4 RKm), Chakradharpur (392.3 RKm), Kharagpur (339.9 RKm) and Ranchi (418.6 RKm) divisions of South Eastern Railway, strengthening the **digital communication network** that underpins safe and efficient train operations. The high-capacity OFC backbone will improve reliability and speed of operational communications, support modern



railway technologies and will reinforce the digital foundation for future capacity expansion across the South Eastern Railway network.

8. **Jan Vishwas Act Provisions Operationalised Across Maritime Laws – Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has notified the commencement of Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 reforms **across multiple maritime legislations**, including the Merchant Shipping Act, Inland Vessels Act, Marine Aids to Navigation Act, Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, Recycling of Ships Act, and the Seamen's Provident Fund Act. The notifications operationalise the decriminalisation of specified minor and procedural offences by replacing criminal prosecution with proportionate administrative penalties, reducing compliance burden for the shipping, ports and inland waterways sectors while retaining stringent enforcement for serious safety, environmental, labour and maritime security violations.

9. **INCOIS Launches Specialised El Niño Bulletins To Safeguard India's Marine And Coastal Sectors – Ministry of Earth Sciences**

Source: [PIB](#)

The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences has launched specialised El Niño bulletins to provide early-warning information on evolving El Niño conditions and their likely impacts on India's marine, fisheries, and coastal sectors. The bulletin confirms that the El Niño event is developing and will peak during November, 2026–January, 2027, with tailored advisories for stakeholders. This announcement strengthens India's climate-risk management and ocean information services infrastructure by institutionalising regular, science-based advisories for vulnerable coastal economies.

III. **Human Development And Social Welfare**

A. **Policy Updates**

1. **Drugs Rules Amended To Expand Schedule H2 For High-Risk Medicines – Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has notified the Drugs (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 2026, expanding Schedule H2 of the Drugs Rules, 1945 to cover all vaccines, all antimicrobials, all narcotic and psychotropic drugs under the NDPS Act, and all anticancer drugs. The amendments will come into force from 1st July, 2027, while the provision covering all antimicrobials will take effect from 1st July, 2028. The amendment significantly expands the regulatory tracking and record-keeping framework for high-risk medicines, strengthening prescription monitoring, improving traceability across the pharmaceutical supply chain,



supporting antimicrobial stewardship, and helping curb misuse and diversion of critical drugs.

2. DISHA 2.0 Approved To Strengthen Access To Justice Through Digital And AI-Enabled Services – Ministry of Law and Justice

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Law and Justice has approved the continuation of the Central Sector Scheme Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA) as DISHA 2.0 for the period 2026–31 with an **approved outlay of ₹ 255 crore**. The restructured scheme comprises four components: Tele-Law, Nyaya Bandhu, Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme (LLLAP), and the newly introduced **VIDHI-Sanjeevani component**. The new component will establish a centralised digital platform featuring an AI-powered multilingual Nyaya Setu chatbot and integrated programme monitoring systems to support technology-enabled justice delivery. DISHA 2.0 aims to expand legal aid, strengthen legal awareness and improve access to justice across the country, with a targeted cumulative outreach of 3 crore beneficiaries during the implementation period.

3. Amendment to Representation in Disability Rights Bodies – Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry, through the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), has amended its earlier notification dated 13th October, 2022 under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, substituting select members of the concerned committee, including representatives from the Ministries of Education and Rural Development and nominated members representing persons with neurological and blood-related disabilities, thereby updating the institutional composition responsible for disability-related coordination. The revised composition updates inter-ministerial and stakeholder representation in disability governance, strengthening institutional responsiveness and alignment with current policy and administrative requirements.

4. Ministry Of Health And Family Welfare Rationalises FSSAI Licensing And Registration Requirements - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The Ministry has notified the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Businesses) Amendment Regulations, 2026, to rationalise compliance requirements under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The amendments **limit mandatory record-keeping** and First In, First Out/First Expired, First Out (FIFO/FEFO) stock rotation requirements to food manufacturing businesses, exempting retailers and other non-manufacturing food businesses. The reforms will reduce compliance costs, particularly for MSMEs, while supporting risk-based



regulation, ease of doing business and simplified compliance without compromising food safety and traceability standards.

B. Announcements

1. Surrogacy (Regulation) Amendment Rules Notified On Registry Fee And Renewal Process - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has notified the Surrogacy (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026, introducing a standardised digital framework for the registration and renewal of surrogacy clinics under the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021. The rules mandate online applications through the National Registry portal, prescribe renewal fees and timelines, exempt government-run institutes from renewal fees, and provide for five-year registration validity. The amendments will improve regulatory oversight, streamline compliance, and enhance transparency and accountability in the regulation of surrogacy services.

2. Assisted Reproductive Technology Rules Amended On Registration Fee Utilisation And Renewal Conditions - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has notified the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026, introducing a standardised digital framework for the registration and renewal of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics and banks under the ART Act, 2021. The amendments prescribe renewal fees based on the category of establishment, mandate online applications through the National Registry portal, exempt government-run institutions from renewal fees, and provide five-year registration validity. The reforms strengthen regulatory oversight, improve transparency and compliance, and standardise the functioning of ART clinics and banks while ensuring better accountability in assisted reproductive services.

3. Government Operationalises Jan Vishwas Act Reforms For Drugs, Cosmetics, And Food Safety Laws - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has operationalised key reforms under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026, relating to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The reforms decriminalise minor and procedural violations by replacing criminal prosecution with administrative penalties, while retaining stringent penalties for offences affecting public health and consumer safety. The framework introduces adjudicating authorities and an appellate mechanism to ensure faster dispute resolution. The reforms will reduce regulatory compliance burden, improve ease of doing business and promote a more



transparent, proportionate and trust-based regulatory framework while preserving robust consumer protection safeguards.

4. Composition Of National ART And Surrogacy Board Revised For One Year - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has revised the composition of the National Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Board for a period of one year, superseding the 11th November, 2024 notification and amending an earlier 4th May, 2022 provision. The change specifies that Chairpersons of the States or Union Territories of Bihar, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Rajasthan and Sikkim shall serve as ex officio members of the Board, strengthening representation from these jurisdictions. This adjustment updates the governance structure overseeing ART and surrogacy regulation, ensuring broader state-level inputs into national policy and oversight.

5. Union Health Minister To Release ‘SUMAN Roadmap 2030’ For Maternal And Newborn Health – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has indicated that it will release the ‘SUMAN Roadmap 2030’ as a strategic plan to strengthen maternal and newborn healthcare under the Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN) initiative. The roadmap outlines priority interventions, quality-of-care measures and timelines for reducing maternal and neonatal deaths, with a focus on assured, respectful and free-of-cost services for pregnant women and newborns. Implementing this roadmap will guide States in closing critical gaps in maternity and newborn care and will help India move towards the goal of ending preventable maternal and newborn mortality by 2030.

6. Nirbhay Chetna Initiative Launched to Sensitise Male Elected Representatives on Women’s Safety and Gender Equality – Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched Nirbhay Chetna, a national initiative under the Nirbhaya Fund to sensitise male elected representatives on women’s safety, gender equality, and gender-responsive governance. The programme aims to train over 17.5 lakh male Panchayat representatives through a **cadre of 28,500 Master Trainers** across States and Union Territories. By focusing on male leadership at the grassroots, the initiative will foster more inclusive and gender-sensitive decision-making in Panchayats, improve the implementation of women-centric schemes, and gradually shift social attitudes towards women’s safety and dignity in rural India.



7. Unified Health Interface Launched As Interoperable Network For Digital Health Services – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has launched the Unified Health Interface (UHI) under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) as an open, interoperable digital network enabling patients to discover, book and access verified healthcare services across any UHI-enabled application. Built on open standards and integrated with Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) and national health registries, the platform will strengthen the digital health ecosystem by improving access to verified healthcare services, promoting interoperability across health-tech platforms, and expanding digital healthcare delivery, particularly in underserved areas.

8. Drug Registry Launched To Standardise Medicine-Related Information Across The Healthcare Ecosystem – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has launched the Drug Registry under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) as a standardised digital repository of medicine-related information, integrating details such as drug composition, dosage forms, brands and regulatory status for use across healthcare systems. The Registry will improve interoperability across digital health platforms, support safer prescribing and e-pharmacy services, reduce medication errors, and strengthen regulatory oversight through a single verified source of medicine information.

9. eSushrut@Clinic Launched As Light ABDM-Enabled HMIS For Small Clinics – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has launched eSushrut@Clinic, a cloud-based Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) developed by C-DAC under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) for small and mid-sized clinics. The platform enables digital patient registration, appointments, prescriptions, billing and health record management while integrating with ABHA and national health registries. The platform will accelerate the digitisation of primary healthcare facilities, improve continuity of care through interoperable digital health records, and strengthen the adoption of ABDM across small private clinics.

10. Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK) Launched To Strengthen Child Health And Early Childhood Development – Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK), integrating Home-Based Newborn Care (HBNC) and Home-Based Care for Young Child (HBYC) into a single programme providing community-based healthcare for children from birth to three years. The programme introduces risk-based monitoring, structured home visits and regular child health



sessions through frontline health workers. It strengthens early detection of health and developmental risks, improves continuity of care, and enhances child survival, nutrition and early childhood development through an integrated community-based healthcare framework.

11. FCRA 2.0 Portal And e-OCI Card Launched To Strengthen Digital Governance - Ministry of Home Affairs

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Home Affairs has launched the FCRA 2.0 Portal and the e-OCI Card to modernise foreign contribution regulation and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) services. The FCRA 2.0 Portal digitises applications, renewals and compliance processes with integrated verification and real-time monitoring, while the e-OCI Card enables end-to-end digital OCI services and simplifies document management for OCI cardholders. The initiatives strengthen transparency and oversight of foreign funding, reduce compliance and processing time, improve service delivery for over 5 million OCI cardholders, and advance the Government's digital governance agenda through secure, technology-driven public services.

12. Government Approves Amendments To Khadi And Village Industries Commission Act, 1956 – Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Source: [PIB](#)

The Government has approved amendments to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) Act, 1956 to modernise the regulatory framework for the khadi and village industries sector. The amendments align the definition of rural areas with current legislation, revise investment limits in line with MSME classifications, strengthen institutional governance through broader representation, and promote branding, exports, innovation, digitalisation and Geographical Indication (GI) protection. The reforms will improve the competitiveness of the khadi sector, strengthen rural entrepreneurship and employment, facilitate greater market access for village industries, and align the sector with India's evolving MSME and rural development framework.

13. Jan Vishwas Act Provisions Operationalised Across Food Safety, Fisheries And Urban Governance Laws – Multiple Ministries

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Government has notified the commencement of Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 provisions across multiple sectoral laws, including the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the Maritime Zones of India (Regulation of Fishing by Foreign Vessels) Act, 1981, and an urban governance law administered by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The reforms **reduce criminal liability** for minor regulatory violations, lower compliance costs for regulated entities, accelerate administrative resolution of routine cases, and enable regulators to focus



enforcement resources on serious offences affecting public health, marine resource protection, and urban governance.

14. Jan Vishwas Amendments To Apprentices Act Brought Into Force – Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has notified 22nd June, 2026 as the commencement date for the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 amendments to the Apprentices Act, 1961. The amendments decriminalise specified minor offences and rationalise the penalty framework by replacing criminal prosecution with administrative enforcement for select compliance violations. This will reduce the compliance burden for establishments engaging apprentices while preserving regulatory oversight of apprenticeship training.

IV. National Security and Foreign Policy

A. Policy Updates

1. Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026 Notified To Strengthen Oversight Of Foreign Funding – Ministry of Home Affairs

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#), [ET](#)

The Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026, introducing a detailed framework for the classification of religious activities and strengthening compliance requirements for organisations receiving foreign contributions. The rules provide greater clarity regarding activities eligible under the religious category while excluding proselytisation from permissible faith-based activities under the FCRA framework. The amendment also enhances reporting and regulatory oversight mechanisms to improve transparency and accountability in the utilisation of foreign funds. The measure will strengthen oversight of foreign contribution inflows, reduce the risk of misuse or diversion of foreign funds for unlawful activities, enhance regulatory transparency, and reinforce national security while ensuring that foreign contributions are utilised strictly.

2. Prime Minister Commissions Three Indigenously Built Naval Ships To Strengthen Maritime Security - Prime Minister's Office

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#), [IndianExpress](#)

The Ministry of Defence has commissioned INS Dunagiri (stealth frigate), INS Agray (anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft) and INS Sanshodhak (hydrographic survey vessel) into the Indian Navy. Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau and built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)** with over 75% indigenous content and participation from more than 200 MSMEs, the vessels enhance India's maritime combat capability, coastal security and hydrographic survey capacity. The induction strengthens India's defence indigenisation, boosts



domestic shipbuilding and MSME participation, and improves the Navy's operational readiness and maritime domain awareness in the Indo-Pacific.

3. Prime Minister's Visit to Seychelles Delivers Key Outcomes in Development and Security Cooperation - Prime Minister's Office

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** High | **Source:** [PIB](#)

The Prime Minister visited Seychelles. During the visit, India extended a **Line of Credit of ₹ 1,250 crore** to support the country's development priorities. Several agreements and MoUs were signed in the areas of UPI, health, agriculture, shipping, space, extradition, and capacity building. Seychelles announced its decision to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI). Both sides also agreed to deepen cooperation in maritime security and defence. The visit marked 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

B. Announcements

1. The United States Approves Sustainment Support Package For Apache Helicopters And M777A2 Howitzers - Ministry of Defence

Source: [News On Air](#)

The United States has formally notified of a proposed Foreign Military Sales (FMS) package valued at approximately **\$ 230 million** for the sustainment of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters. The package includes engineering, technical and logistics support, personnel training, technical publications and other lifecycle maintenance services to enhance the operational readiness and serviceability of the Apache fleet operated by the Indian Army. The proposal will strengthen long-term maintenance capabilities, improve fleet availability and mission readiness, and further deepen India-US defence cooperation.

2. Delegation Of Financial Powers To DRDO 2026 (DFP-2026) Released To Strengthen Defence R&D - Ministry of Defence

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Defence has released the Delegation of Financial Powers to DRDO 2026 (DFP-2026), expanding financial and administrative powers within the Department of Defence R&D to expedite research, testing, procurement and project execution. The framework also streamlines funding for innovation programmes, extra-mural research and industry-academia collaboration. The reforms will accelerate the development and induction of indigenous defence technologies, improve project execution, strengthen collaboration with industry and academia, and enhance India's self-reliance in defence research and capability development.



V. Rural And Agricultural Transformation

A. Policy Updates

1. Jan Vishwas Amendments For Handlooms (Reservation Of Articles For Production) Act, 1985 Commenced - Ministry of Textiles

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has appointed 16th June, 2026 as the date on which the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 will come into force in so far as it relates to its Schedule and the corresponding entries concerning the Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985. This step formally operationalises the Jan Vishwas decriminalisation and penalty-rationalisation package for offences under the handloom reservation law, which protects specific articles for exclusive production by handlooms. The change will ease criminal liabilities for minor procedural or documentation lapses by handloom producers and traders, while maintaining statutory protection for reserved items and enabling more proportionate, trust-based enforcement in the handloom sector, thereby supporting compliant growth and reducing regulatory friction for weavers and cooperatives.

B. Announcements

1. Smart Warehouse Management System Launched To Modernise Foodgrain Storage Operations – Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry has launched the Smart Warehouse Management System (SWMS) to modernise foodgrain storage operations through the integration of Artificial Intelligence, **Internet of Things (IoT)** technologies and data analytics. The platform will enable real-time monitoring of warehouse operations, inventory management and stock movement across the food storage network, improving operational efficiency, transparency and inventory visibility. The initiative forms part of the Government's broader efforts to modernise agricultural logistics and enhance food security infrastructure through digital technologies. The system will reduce storage inefficiencies, support data-driven decision-making, and strengthen foodgrain management across the public distribution system.

2. NAFED Launches NAFEX.in Auction Portal, DRISHTI Inventory Management System, ERP Portal And KALYAN Scholarship - Ministry of Cooperation

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Cooperation has launched NAFEX.in for transparent agricultural produce auctions, the DRISHTI inventory management system for pulses and oilseeds, an ERP portal to digitise NAFED operations, and the NAFED-KALYAN Scholarship, under which 1% of NAFED's profits will support the higher education of farmers' children. The initiatives strengthen digital governance in agricultural marketing, improve inventory management and price discovery, and expand farmer welfare through direct education support.



3. Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2026 Mandate End-To-End Digitalisation Of Insecticide Licensing And Compliance - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has notified the Insecticides (Amendment) Rules, 2026, mandating end-to-end digitalisation of licensing, compliance, inspections and record-keeping across the insecticide supply chain. This will improve transparency and traceability, curb the circulation of counterfeit and unregistered pesticides, and strengthen regulatory oversight to protect farmers and agricultural productivity.

4. AI-Enabled Rural Internal Audit Portal Launched To Strengthen Governance Of Rural Development Programmes - Ministry of Rural Development

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Rural Development has launched an AI-enabled Rural Internal Audit Portal, a unified digital platform for managing risk-based and compliance audits across its schemes. Developed by the Office of the Chief Controller of Accounts (CCA) in collaboration with NIC, the portal digitises the entire audit process, from planning and observations to compliance tracking and analytics. The platform will improve financial oversight, transparency, accountability and data-driven monitoring of rural development expenditure.



Annexure - I: Miscellaneous Policy Updates

A. Policy Updates

1. **RBI Issues Comprehensive Master Direction On Kisan Credit Card Scheme - Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [RBI](#)

RBI has issued a revised Master Direction on the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme, consolidating the regulatory framework governing short-term crop loans, allied agricultural activities and investment credit for farmers. The updated framework standardises the assessment of credit limits for crop cultivation and allied activities, while incorporating provisions relating to insurance, cost escalation and investment requirements. The Master Direction repeals and consolidates multiple earlier circulars and guidelines issued since 1998, intending to simplify implementation and ensure greater uniformity in agricultural credit delivery across the banking system. The revised framework will improve access to institutional credit for small and marginal farmers, reduce reliance on informal lending channels and support the adoption of modern agricultural practices through more flexible credit assessment and repayment provisions aligned with crop cycles.

2. **Copper Products Quality Control Order Amended To Extend Import Relaxation For AC/R Manufacturing Inputs - Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

Status: Completed | **Impact Level:** Medium | **Source:** [Gazette of India](#)

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has amended the Copper Products (Quality Control) Order, 2024 to extend a conditional exemption for imports of inner grooved copper tubes used in air-conditioning and refrigeration manufacturing. The amendment permits eligible manufacturers to import specified quantities up to 30th November, 2026, **capped at 50%** of the average imports during FY 2024-25 and 2025-26, subject to record-keeping and reporting requirements. The amendment ensures uninterrupted availability of copper inputs for AC and refrigeration manufacturing by allowing controlled imports under defined limits, while maintaining regulatory oversight through time-bound exemptions and compliance requirements under the quality control framework.

B. Announcements

1. **Chairperson And Members Appointed To National Statistical Commission - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**

Source: [PIB](#)

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Dr. Saibal Chattopadhyay as Chairperson and Prof. Shubhabrata Das, Shri Satyendra Bahadur Singh and Dr. Madhavan Mukund as Members of the National Statistical Commission (NSC). The appointments strengthen the Commission's role in setting statistical standards, improving the quality and credibility of official statistics,



coordinating statistical activities across governments, and advising on national statistical policies.

2. **India Emerges As World's Top Ship Recycling Nation In 2025 – Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways**

Source: [PIB](#)

India has emerged as the world's top ship recycling nation in 2025, with its global market share rising to 35.4%, according to UNCTAD. The country **recycled 2.99 million gross tons** of ships in 2025, registering a nearly 60% increase over the previous year. This achievement enabled India to meet the Maritime India Vision 2030 target of becoming the global leader in ship recycling, five years ahead of schedule. The growth has been driven by key policy measures, including the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019, alignment with the Hong Kong Convention, financial support for yard modernisation, and the Ship-breaking Credit Note Scheme. India's rise as the world leader in ship recycling will boost the circular economy, generate employment, support domestic shipbuilding, and strengthen India's position in the global maritime sector while promoting environmentally responsible recycling practices.

3. **Pre-test Of Census Of India, 2027 Extended Across Selected Areas – Ministry of Home Affairs**

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry, through the Office of the Registrar General of India, has extended the provisions of the Census Act, 1948 to conduct the pre-test phase of the Census of India, 2027 in selected sample areas across States and Union Territories, including self-enumeration from 1st–5th July, 2026, field enumeration from 6th–18th July, 2026, and a revisional round from 19th–20th July, 2026. The notification formalises the operational framework for testing census systems and digital processes ahead of Census 2027. This is to validate enumeration methodology and digital workflows, improving data accuracy, operational efficiency, and field readiness for the full census exercise.

4. **NHAI Signs MoU With NCAER To Establish India's First Transportation Economics Research Centre – Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**

Source: [PIB](#)

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) to establish the NHAI Centre for Economics of Transportation, Mobility and Logistics. It will be housed at NCAER, with NHAI providing institutional support for a period of ten years. It will do applied research across **National Highway economics, freight logistics**, toll policy, asset monetisation, modal integration, road safety interventions, and technology adoption in operations and maintenance, with its outputs directly informing policy formulation for the MoRTH and NHAI. It will



improve the quality of long-term investment decisions, enhance the efficiency of asset monetisation strategies, and support more informed and sustainable development of India's rapidly expanding National Highway network.

5. **Pahadpur To Be Developed As A Solar Village In Odisha – Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**

Source: [PIB](#)

The MNRE has announced the development of Pahadpur village in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district as a Solar Village, to ensure solar power generation and access across all households. The initiative seeks to promote the **adoption of renewable energy** at the village level and strengthen clean energy infrastructure in rural areas. It will improve rural energy security, reduce household electricity costs, create local employment in solar installation and maintenance, support a reliable power supply for agricultural and rural enterprises, and promote greater energy self-reliance through decentralised renewable energy generation.

6. **Passports (Amendment) Rules, 2026 - Fee Revision - Ministry of External Affairs**

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of External Affairs has notified the Passports (Amendment) Rules, 2026, revising the fee structure under the Passports Rules, 1980 with effect from 1st July, 2026. The amendment updates charges for passport issuance and re-issuance, including separate rates for 36-page and 60-page passports, differentiated fees for adults and minors, and higher charges for lost or damaged passports. Tatkaal service fees have also been revised upward. The rules retain existing validity provisions and provide a **10% fee concession** for minors up to 8 years and senior citizens above 60 years on fresh applications. This will marginally increase the cost of passport services, particularly for Tatkaal and replacement categories, while maintaining targeted concessions for vulnerable groups. It reflects periodic rationalisation of user charges rather than any structural change in passport administration.

7. **TRL Compass Platform Launched And MOU Signed With DSCI To Standardise Technology Readiness Assessments - Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to GoI**

Source: [PIB](#)

The Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, in collaboration with DSCI, has launched the **TRL Compass Platform** to standardise Technology Readiness Level (TRL) assessments across India's research ecosystem and signed an MoU to promote its adoption. The platform will improve evaluation of publicly funded technologies, strengthen technology transfer, and accelerate commercialisation of research and innovation.



8. Digital India Bhashini Division Signs MOU With Assam Innovation & Startup Foundation To Advance Multilingual AI And Language Technology - Ministry of Electronics & IT

Source: [PIB](#)

The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Assam Innovation & Startup Foundation (AISF)** to promote language technology, multilingual AI solutions, and digital inclusion in Assam under the BHASHINI Rajyam initiative. The MoU covers integration of BHASHINI Language Translation APIs into official platforms, development of voice-enabled services in Assamese and other regional dialects, enrichment of linguistic datasets through Bhashadaan, and enablement of startups and innovators to build multilingual AI applications leveraging BHASHINI's technology stack. By expanding BHASHINI's reach, which already powers over 800 Government websites and processes more than 1.5 crore inferences daily into Assam's startup ecosystem, this partnership strengthens India's digital public infrastructure while addressing linguistic barriers to governance and service delivery at the regional level.

9. Agreement Signed For Construction And Implementation Of Yamuna Water Project Between Rajasthan And Haryana - Ministry of Home Affairs

Source: [PIB](#)

The Governments of Rajasthan and Haryana, in the presence of the Union Home Minister, signed an agreement to implement the Yamuna Water Project, enabling Rajasthan to receive its allocated share of Yamuna waters under the **1994 Upper Yamuna Basin MoU** through a dedicated pipeline network from the Hathnikund Barrage. The project will supply water to Rajasthan's **Sikar, Churu and Jhunjhunu** districts while improving drinking water availability in parts of Haryana. The agreement resolves a nearly three-decade-old inter-state water dispute, strengthens cooperative water governance, enhances long-term drinking water security, and supports groundwater recharge in water-scarce regions of both States.

10. Ministry Releases Model Cinema Regulations to Simplify Licensing and Constitutes Study Group for Film Industry Reforms - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has released Model State Cinema Regulations to help States simplify cinema licensing and has constituted a high-level Study Group to recommend reforms for India's film industry, including financing, emerging technologies and global competitiveness. The initiatives will streamline cinema regulation, improve ease of doing business and support long-term growth of the Indian film sector.



11. Union Territory-level Environment Impact Assessment Authority And Expert Appraisal Committee Constituted For Chandigarh - Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has constituted the Union Territory-level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (UT-EIAA) and Union Territory-level Expert Appraisal Committee (UT-EAC) for Chandigarh under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the 2006 EIA notification, with a three-year tenure for members. The Authority will decide on project clearances based on **recommendations of the UT-EAC**, which includes environmental experts, academics and representatives from the Central Ground Water Board and Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee. The notification sets out decision-making procedures, conflict-of-interest safeguards and Secretariat support, strengthening local capacity and bringing more structured, science-based appraisal to infrastructure and urban projects in the Union Territory.

12. Cross Recessed Screws Quality Control Order Amended To Defer BIS Compliance For Select Products - Ministry of Steel

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Steel has notified the Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2026, deferring the enforcement of BIS certification requirements for products of the **Cross Recessed Screws (Quality Control) Order, 2025** by three years. The amendment immediately extends the compliance timeline for affected manufacturers and importers, allowing the continued production and sale of these products without mandatory BIS certification during the deferred period, thereby preventing supply disruptions and reducing immediate regulatory compliance costs while the phased quality control regime is implemented.

13. Anti-Dumping Duty Imposed On Sulphenamide Accelerators Imported From China, The European Union And The United States - Ministry of Finance

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has imposed an anti-dumping duty on Sulphenamides Accelerators, covering imports from **China, the European Union and the United States of America**. Duty rates range from \$ 75 to \$ 1,748 per metric tonne, differentiated by origin and producer, and will apply for five years. Based on findings of price undercutting and suppressed domestic prices. The measure protects a narrow but structurally important input segment for India's tyre and rubber industry, and the wide duty band by producers suggests, regulators are deliberately preserving competitive tension among compliant overseas suppliers rather than closing the market outright, leaving room for non-injurious import volumes to continue.



14. Telecommunications Authorisation Rules, 2026 Notified To Operationalise Telecommunications Act, 2023 – Ministry of Communications

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Communications has notified the Telecommunications (Authorisation for Provision of Principal Telecommunication Services) Rules, 2026, establishing the authorisation framework under the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and replacing the previous licence-based regime for principal telecommunication services. The rules prescribe eligibility criteria, authorisation procedures, and compliance obligations, including provisions on cybersecurity, consumer protection, trusted telecom equipment, data governance and regulatory reporting. The framework will simplify market entry, strengthen regulatory oversight and network security, and provide a modern, predictable regulatory regime to support the expansion of next-generation digital communication infrastructure.

15. Jan Vishwas Act Provisions Relating To Tea Act Come Into Force – Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has notified the enforcement of provisions relating to the Tea Act, 1953 under the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026, with effect from 24th June, 2026. The notification operationalises decriminalisation and rationalisation of specified minor offences under the Tea Act, replacing criminal penalties with proportionate administrative enforcement. This will **reduce compliance burden** for tea producers and exporters, improve regulatory certainty, and promote ease of doing business while maintaining regulatory oversight of the sector.

16. Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Second Amendment Rules Notified Revising Renewal Fee – Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has notified the Legal Metrology (Government Approved Test Centre) Second Amendment Rules, 2026, which introduces a targeted change in the fee framework governing Government Approved Test Centres responsible for the verification and calibration of specified measuring instruments. Through this amendment, a fee of ₹ 10,000 shall be payable at the time of renewal of recognition of a “Government Approved Test Centres (GATC)” for a period of one year in respect of each piece of equipment, replacing the earlier language and clarifying the perequipment, per-year basis for renewal charges. It standardises renewal costs across approved centres, reinforces annual oversight over test facilities and their equipment portfolios, and may incrementally influence the pricing of calibration and verification services.



17. Haldia Seaport Added To List Of Authorised Immigration Check Posts - Ministry of Home Affairs

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry has amended its earlier notification under the **Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025**, to expand the list of authorised immigration check posts at seaports. Under category “SEAPORTS”, a new entry of **Haldia (West Bengal)** has been inserted, thereby formally designating Haldia port as a seaport where immigration facilities and controls under the Act will operate. This change integrates Haldia into the national network of notified immigration points for maritime traffic, supporting smoother processing of foreign crew and passengers and strengthening regulatory oversight of international movements through one of eastern India’s key ports.

18. UPSC Invites Applications For 186 Drug Inspector Posts Under CDSCO - Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

Source: [UPSC](#)

UPSC has invited online applications for 186 Drug Inspector posts in the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The recruitment will strengthen the regulatory oversight on manufacturing units and enhance drug inspection and quality control across the country.

19. Anti-Dumping Duty On PET Resin Imports From China Extended For Five Years- Ministry of Finance

Source: [Gazette of India](#)

The Ministry of Finance has **extended anti-dumping duty** on imports of PET resin (intrinsic viscosity ≥ 0.72 dl/g) under tariff items 3907 61 10, 3907 61 90, 3907 69 30 and 3907 69 90, originating in or exported from China, following a sunset review. The new notification supersedes 18/2021-Customs (ADD) and maintains duty at **\$ 200.66 per metric tonne** for five years, payable in Indian currency at the customs exchange rate on the bill of entry date. The review found continued positive dumping and injury margins and rising imports despite existing duties, so the measure aims to protect domestic PET producers and stabilise prices in the plastics and packaging sector.

20. NITI Aayog Launches Report On Tourism And Hospitality Sector - NITI Aayog

Source: [PIB](#)

NITI Aayog has released a joint report titled “**Unlocking Growth in Tourism and Hospitality Sector**” in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism. The report focuses on improving the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) by identifying and removing regulatory bottlenecks that slow down hotels, homestays, tour operators, and tourism infrastructure projects. It recommends that central and state governments work together to simplify multi-department approvals, cut down heavy paperwork,



and update visa-related processes to encourage private investment. This new roadmap aims to help tourism businesses grow faster and create more local jobs, making India a more competitive global tourism destination.

21. Applications Invited For Chairperson And Members Of National Sports Board – Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

Source: [PIB](#)

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has invited online applications for the posts of Chairperson and two Members of the National Sports Board under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the National Sports Governance (National Sports Board) Rules, 2026. The appointments will be made through a Search-cum-Selection Committee, and the Board will function as the central authority for recognising National Sports Bodies and ensuring compliance with governance, financial and ethical standards. The recruitment marks the operationalisation of the National Sports Board under the new sports governance framework.



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