

MONTHLY COMPLIANCE

ROUNDUP

MARCH 2026



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

The month saw **1,046** legal and regulatory changes across Centre and States and across various categories.

REGULATORY CHANGES IN MARCH 2026

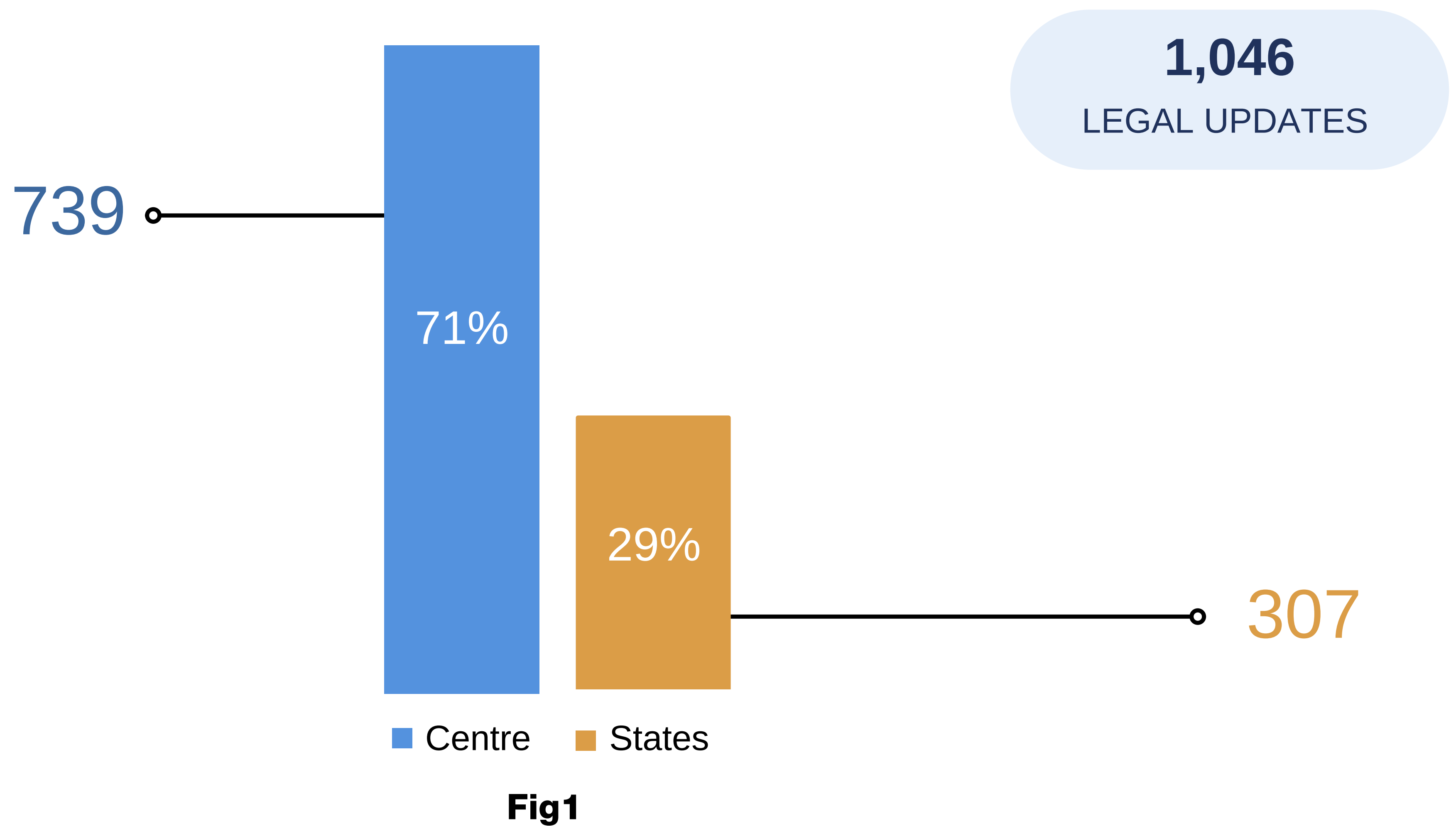
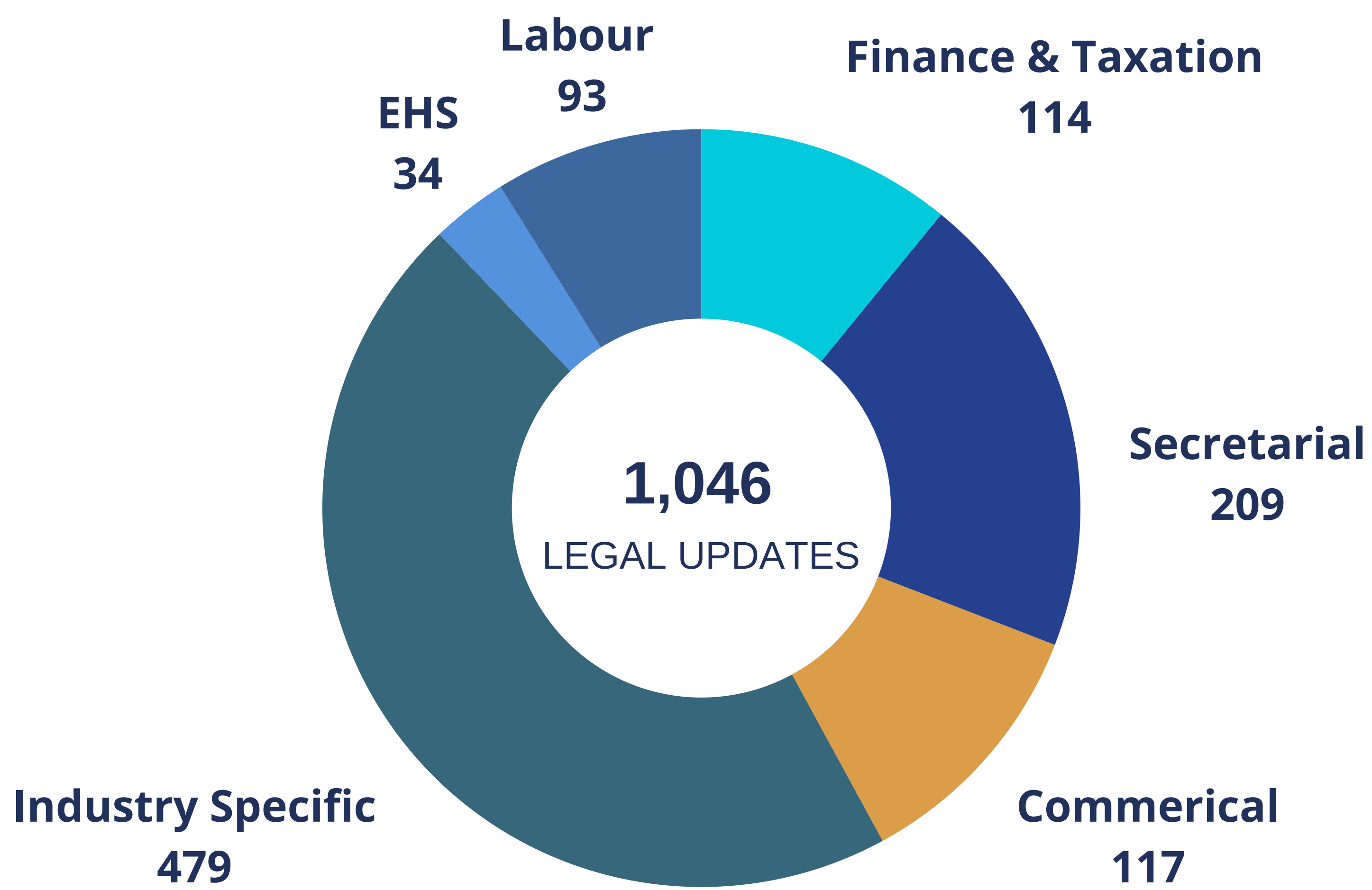


Fig 2: Compliance Category Statistics



1 FINANCE AND TAXATION UPDATES

There were 114 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 05, 2026, notified the Income-tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026 further to amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on February 27, 2026, notified regarding the Sunset review investigation concerning the anti-dumping duty on imports of "Methyl Acetoacetate" originating in or exported from China PR.
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- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on February 28, 2026, issued extension of Deferred Payment of Customs Duty benefits to 'Eligible Manufacturer Importer' (EMI).
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF), on March 01, 2026, notified that the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) introduces deferred Customs Duty payment facility for Eligible Manufacturer Importers as announced in the Union Budget 2026-27.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on February 27, 2026, issued Guidelines for Operational activities - to be followed by Point of Presence (PoPs) performing activities of National Pension System (NPS) including NPS Vatsalya.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 12, 2026, amended an older notification No. 45/2025-Customs, dated October 24, 2025, related to the customs exemption.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 11, 2026, notified regarding the Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Phthalic Anhydride" from Taiwan.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 10, 2026, issued circular regarding the Charge structure of Point of Presence (PoP) for Common Schemes under NPS for Legal Entities (other than Government).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 09, 2026, notified regarding the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) High Risk and other monitored jurisdictions -February 09-13, 2026.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF), on March 10, 2026, notified regarding the Levy of fee for the amendment or cancellation of export documents in cases of withdrawal of export consignments due to force majeure circumstances.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 18, 2026, notified Income Tax Offices to Remain Open on March 31, 2026 Despite Holiday.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on March 19, 2026, issued a notification amending tariff valuation provisions under Section 14(2) of the Customs Act, 1962. The amendment substitutes Table-1, Table-2, and Table-3 of Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), originally dated August 3, 2001.
- The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) on March 18, 2026, issued notification on Initiation of sunset review investigation of anti-dumping duties imposed on imports of "Calcined Gypsum Powder" Originating in or exported from Iran, Oman, Saudi Arabia and UAE.

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 20, 2026, issued the Income-Tax Rules, 2026.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the Initiation of an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Calcined Gypsum Powder" Originating in or exported from Egypt.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) on March 16, 2026, issued advisory regarding confirmation of "Tax Liability Breakup, As Applicable" in GSTR-3B.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the premature redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption of SGB 2019-20 Series-IV due on March 17, 2026.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, exempted Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) falling under heading 2710 from the whole of Special Additional Excise Duty leviable under section 147 of the Finance Act, 2002. The exemption is subject to the condition that it shall not apply to goods cleared for export, except in cases where exports are made by Public Sector Oil Companies to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, issued the Central Excise (Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Central Excise Rules, 2017.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on March 25, 2026, issued Extension of Due Date for Issuance of TDS Certificates for December 2025 Quarter.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) under the Ministry of Finance on March 24, 2026, introduced a Payment Aggregator facility on the ICEGATE platform to simplify and enhance customs duty payment mechanisms as part of its trade facilitation initiatives.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Beta Naphthol originating in or exported from China PR.

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2 SECRETARIAL UPDATES

There were 209 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on March 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding SOP for Handling Cyber Incident and Amendments to DP Operating Instructions Annexure 11.1.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on February 24, 2026, issued a Bulletin for February 2026.
- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the applicability of Event-based Additional Surveillance Margin (E-ASM) till March 24, 2026.
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 05, 2026, issued the Formats for submission of System Audit report and Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) report for Vendors providing Colocation as a Service (CaaS) facility.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on March 04, 2026, notified regarding the Regulatory Reporting by AIFs.
- The India International Exchange (INX) on March 03, 2026, issued a circular regarding payment of IFSCA Turnover Fees for the month of February 2026.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment.
- The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (India INX) on March 13, 2026, issued circular regarding the Introduction of Bidding for IPOs through India INX iBBS Platform.
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a circular regarding Mock trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026 - Revision of Order-to-Trade Ratio (OTR) framework - No new version release.
- The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on March 12, 2026, issued a circular regarding the settlement Price of Options on Futures contract that expired.



- The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading Session on March 14, 2026.
- The authority, National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), on March 19, 2026, issued a circular to clearing members regarding the release of collateral, in reference to the Securities and Exchange Board of India circular dated July 27, 2022, on the settlement of running accounts of client funds.
- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Participation of Members in Exchange-Conducted Mock Trading Drills.
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on March 19, 2026, issued circular regarding the Operational guidelines and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Introduction of Closing Auction Session (CAS) in the Equity Segment.
- The India International Exchange (India INX) on March 19, 2026, issued circular regarding PR Mock Trading on Saturday, March 21, 2026.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on March 18, 2026, issued circular regarding the Acceptance of Electronic Fixed Deposit Receipts (eFDRs).
- The Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) on March 16, 2026, notified regarding the Validation of KYC Records with KRA as on March 26, 2026.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2025, for the Electronic Gold Receipts segment (PR).
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), on March 25, 2026, issued a communiqué informing Depository Participants (DPs) about amendments made to Chapter 2 of the DP Operating Instructions relating to account opening and the rights and obligations of Beneficial Owners and DPs. These changes have been incorporated pursuant to directions received from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its letter dated September 25, 2025.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on March 25, 2026, issued advisory for Stakeholders for Name Reservation and Incorporation of Company and LLP.
- The National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding the e-Stamping System Downtime on March 31, 2026, for Uttar Pradesh and Odisha.
- The Government, on March 23, 2026, issued the Corporate Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to further amend the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, and the Companies Act, 2013.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 25, 2026, issued the Addendum to SEBI Circular on Borrowing by Mutual Funds.

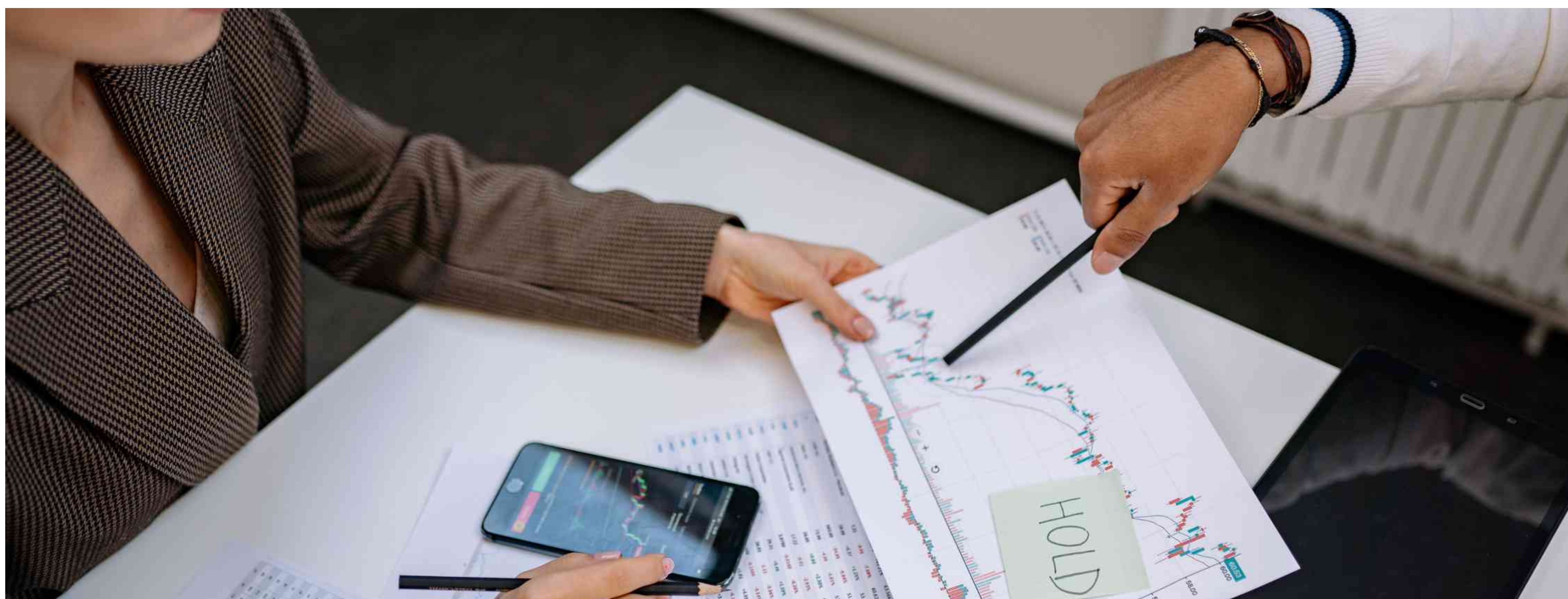
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3 COMMERCIAL UPDATES

There were 117 regulatory updates in this category

- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS).
- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI) on March 02, 2026, reviews EXIM Logistics Amid Geopolitical Developments, Reaffirms Trade Continuity Measures.
- The Central Marks Department III (CMD) on February 24, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Extension in implementation of Amendment No.1 to IS 368: 2014.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on February 24, 2026, notified the date of establishment of the Indian Standards related to Information Technology - Generic Cabling for Customer Premises.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 13, 2026, issued a notice regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for the Commodity Derivatives segment.
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- The Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the Mock Trading Session on March 14, 2026.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 17, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Date of Establishment and the Date of Withdrawal for Indian Standard Particulars such as Information and Documentation Number. International Standard Music.



- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding consultation on rejuvenation of Export-Oriented Industrial Clusters.
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on March 14, 2026, issued the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Regulation of Supply and Distribution) Order, 2000.
- The Rajya Sabha, Govt. of India on March 13, 2026, issued the Asset Tokenisation (Regulation) Bill, 2026.
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MoHI) on March 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding the amendment to PMP for N2 and N3 categories of e-Trucks under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 23, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Rubber Hoses for Welding.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on March 26, 2026, notified regarding the Levy of Special Additional Excise Duty on Aviation Turbine Fuel.
- The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAFPD) on March 26, 2026, issued a notification regarding the advisory to prevent unfair trade practices relating to the levy of LPG charges.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 17, 2026, amended its earlier notification under the BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018 to provide revised concessions in the annual minimum marking fee for various categories of enterprises.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 19, 2026, issued the amendments to Guidelines for Interest Subvention Support for Pre- and Post-Shipment Export Credit under Export Promotion Mission - Niryat Protsahan.

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4 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC UPDATES

There were 479 regulatory updates in this category

- The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) on March 05, 2026, notified regarding the computation of the retail price of Magnesium bisglycinate Eq. to elemental Magnesium 250 mg+ Vitamin D3 IP 1000 IU for M/s Alkem Health Science (A Unit of Alkem Laboratories Ltd) (Manufacturer) & M/s Alkem Laboratories Ltd. (Marketer).
- The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding Order on Monthly Stockholding Limit, Release Quota Regulation, and Compliance Requirements for Sugar Mills - March 2026.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSD&E), on February 26, 2026, issued an amendment in the Common Norms for Skill Development Schemes Sixth Amendment, 2026.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on March 02, 2026, notified regarding the fee structure for the entities undertaking or intending to undertake permissible activities in the IFSC or persons seeking guidance under the Informal Guidance Scheme.
- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), on March 02, 2026, issued an alert on theft of Lantus® SoloStar® (Insulin Glargine Injection IP, r-DNA origin, 100 IU/mL Batch No. 5F0347B of M/s Sanofi India Limited during transit.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping And Waterways (MoPSW) on March 11, 2026, issued the Marine Aids to Navigation (Vessel Traffic Services) Rules, 2026.
- The India International Exchange (IFSC) Ltd. (INDIA INX) on March 13, 2026, notified regarding the PR Mock Trading on Saturday, March 14, 2026.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on March 10, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Small Finance Banks Prudential Norms on Declaration of Dividends) Repeal Directions, 2026.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Frequently Asked Questions on Credit Rating Agencies ("CRAS").
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on March 11, 2026, issued the Draft Drugs (..... Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Drugs Rules, 1945.
- The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) on March 10, 2026, issued a circular regarding online applications for grant of license in Form 28-D/28-DA for r-DNA products.
- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on January 6, 2026 issued a circular to standardize the classification of surveillance findings and enhance aviation safety oversight in alignment with ICAO Annex 19. The circular addresses inconsistencies in existing Level-I (significant) and Level-II (moderate) findings and introduces a new Level-III category for general observations aimed at continuous improvement without triggering enforcement action.
- The authority, Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), on March 18, 2026, issued a communication to all State/UT Drugs Controllers regarding the manufacturing and marketing of Sodium Hyaluronate Eye Drops 0.3% w/v, which has not been approved for sale in India
- The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) on March 03, 2026, notified regarding the issues faced in export shipments through sea routes in view of the evolving situation in the Middle East.

- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), on March 19, 2026, issued a communication to IFSC Banking Units (IBUs) and Finance Company/Units (FC/FUs) regarding implementation of the "Support for Alternative Trade Instruments under Export Promotion Mission (EPM) - Niryat Protsahan" scheme, as announced by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) on March 19, 2026, notified regarding the date of appointment of certain provisions of the National Dental Commission Act, 2023.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX) on March 19, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on March 21, 2026.
- The National E-Governance Services Ltd. (NeSL) on March 13, 2025, issued the notification regarding the Article updation for the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on March 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, March 28, 2026 for Commodity Derivatives segment (PR).
- The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation, on February 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding the implementation of the Risk-Based Premium (RBP) framework. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on March 23, 2026, issued a public notice initiating the empanelment process for breath-analyzer (BA) equipment and related calibration agencies to be used in the civil aviation sector. This move aims to standardize equipment quality, enhance operational reliability, and ensure strict adherence to safety norms prescribed under CAR Section 5, Series F, Part III and Part IV, which govern alcohol testing of aviation personnel such as pilots and crew.
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on March 24, 2026, issued the Reporting System on Accounting Separation (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to further amend the Reporting System on Accounting Separation Regulations, 2016.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on March 25, 2026 has issued a press release announcing special measures to facilitate policyholders during the financial year-end 2025-26. The initiative aims to ensure smooth servicing and avoid any inconvenience to customers.
- The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) on March 23, 2026, issued Call for Proposals for Skilling, Upskilling and Reskilling under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM).
- The National Medical Commission (NMC) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding compliance with the Supreme Court of India judgment dated January 30, 2026, in the case of Yash Charitable Trust & Ors. v. Union of India & Ors. Concerning stem cell therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 25, 2026, issued clarification regarding eligibility of members of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India to conduct annual audit of Investment Advisers.

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5 EHS (ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY) UPDATES

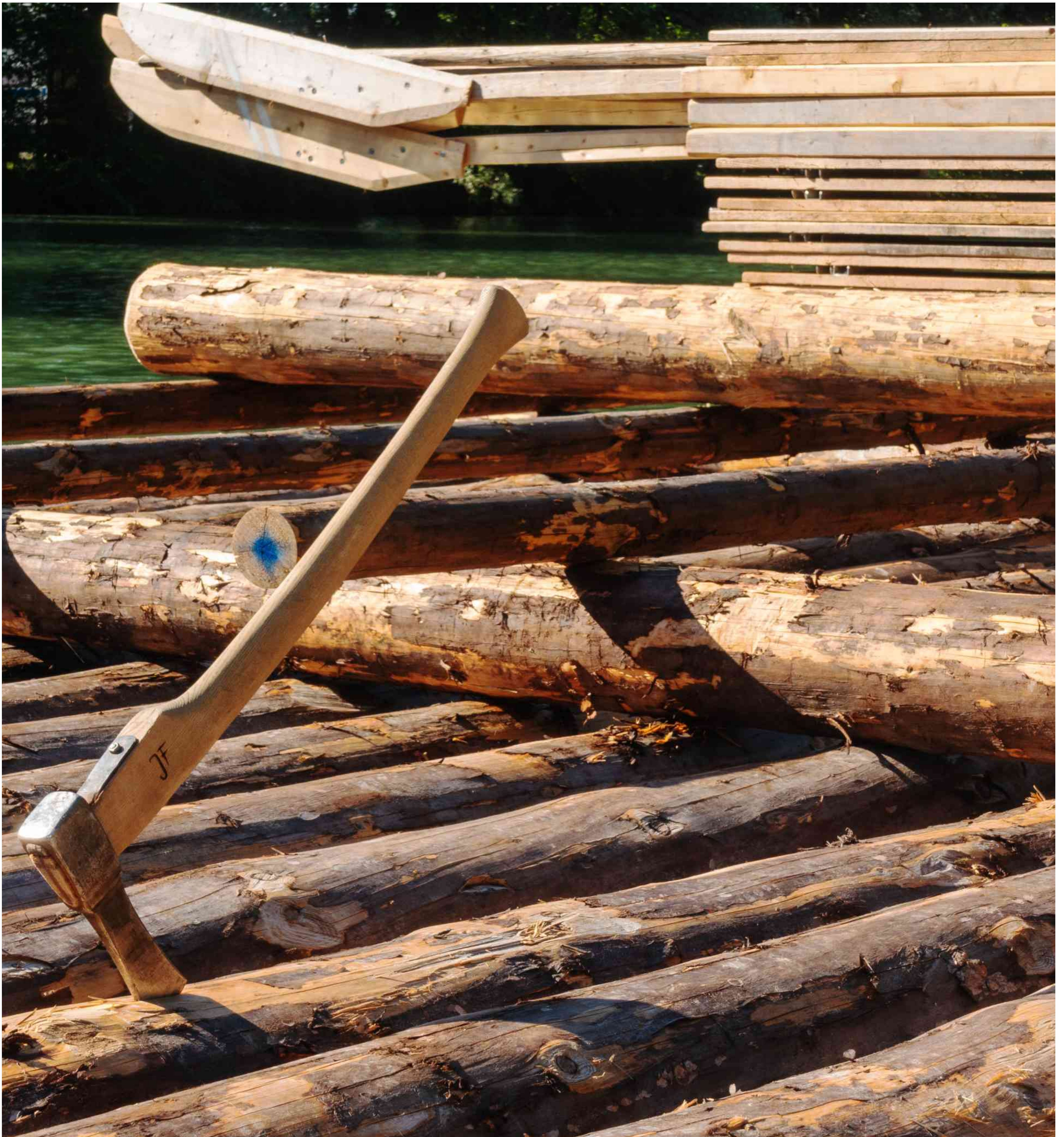
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- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I), on March 05, 2026, issued the Explosives (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Explosives Rules, 2008.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on February 25, 2026, issued the Draft Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Static and Mobile Pressure Vessels (Unfired) Rules, 2016.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), on March 02, 2026, issued the Disaster Management (Removal of Difficulty) Order, 2026.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 09, 2026, issued an extension of the National Control Room for six months for effective implementation of the ban on identified single-use plastic items.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS), on notified regarding the cabinet approves extension of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) period up to December 2028 with enhanced outlay and restructured implementation focusing on structural reforms in rural drinking water supply sector under JJM 2.0.
- The Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh Development Authority (BBNDA), through a corrigendum, has revised the monthly user charges for door-to-door solid waste collection applicable across its jurisdiction in Himachal Pradesh.
- The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on March 3, 2026, issued directions to the governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi to implement a framework for targeted Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaigns aimed at controlling air pollution in the National Capital Region.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 2026, issued the Guidelines for Storage and Handling of Waste Solar Photo-Voltaic Modules or Panels or Cells under E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on March 13, 2026, notified the Status of Enforcement Actions across key sectors for Abatement of Air Pollution in Delhi-NCR reviewed by the CAQM.
- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 20, 2026, invites comments on the proposed Definition of "Biodegradable Material".



- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 20, 2026, notified the extension of Annual Return Filing by registered PIBOs for FY 2024-25.
- The Andaman & Nicobar Administration on March 24, 2026, notified regarding the temporary suspension of the sale of Sawn Timber at the Government Saw Mill, Betapur.
- The Government of Maharashtra on March 17, 2026, issued the Wild Life (Protection) (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2026 further to amend the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, in its application to the State of Maharashtra.

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6 LABOUR UPDATES

There were 93 regulatory updates in this category

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on March 05, 2026, issued a notification regarding leveraging forthcoming Nidhi Aapke Nikat (NAN 2.0) for systematic resolution of pending consumer forum cases.
- The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI) on March 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Index of Industrial Production and Use-Based Index for the Month of January 2026.
- The Ministry of Labour and Employment (MoLE) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers on base 2016 = 100.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on February 27, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Declaration of Drug "Not of Standard Quality" on Testing.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 09, 2026, issued the revised and updated D.O. Letter of Pharmacy in the Dhanvantri Module for Monthly Assessment.
- The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoS&PI) on March 12, 2026, issued the Consumer Price Index on Base 2024-100 for February, 2026.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on February 18, 2026, issued an Office Memorandum regarding the implementation of a portal upgrade to address issues related to rebate in the apprenticeship training period.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on March 10, 2026, issued a notification regarding Specifications of PoE and Non-PoE L2 and L3 Network Switches.
- The Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 20, 2026, issued a notification regarding SOP Update on Name-Based Email ID Creation.



- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding the Index of Eight Core Industries (Base Year: 2011-12=100) for February, 2026.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoW&CD) on March 18, 2026, issued a notification regarding Women & Child Welfare and Empowerment Initiatives.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 25, 2026, issued clarification on The New Amnesty Scheme, 2025.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) on March 20, 2026, notified regarding permitting the Points of Presence for engagement of 'other persons' as Pension Agents for the distribution of Pension Schemes.
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) on March 20, 2026, issued All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural and Rural Labourers -February, 2026.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on January 13, 2026, issued circular regarding the Strengthening of Drug Testing Mechanism in ESI Institutions.

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