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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY- THE BOILER ATTENDANTS' (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 09(E) dated 06.01.2026, notified the Boiler Attendants' (Amendment) Rules, 2026. The amendment modifies Form C of the Boiler Attendants' Rules, 2025 by enhancing the permissible aggregate total heating surface of boilers that may be attended by a boiler attendant from “not exceeding 150 square meters to not exceeding 200 square meters”, subject to the condition that such boilers are located within a radius of thirty meters in the same premises, belong to one owner, and are assisted by the number of firemen as considered necessary by the Chief Inspector of Boilers.

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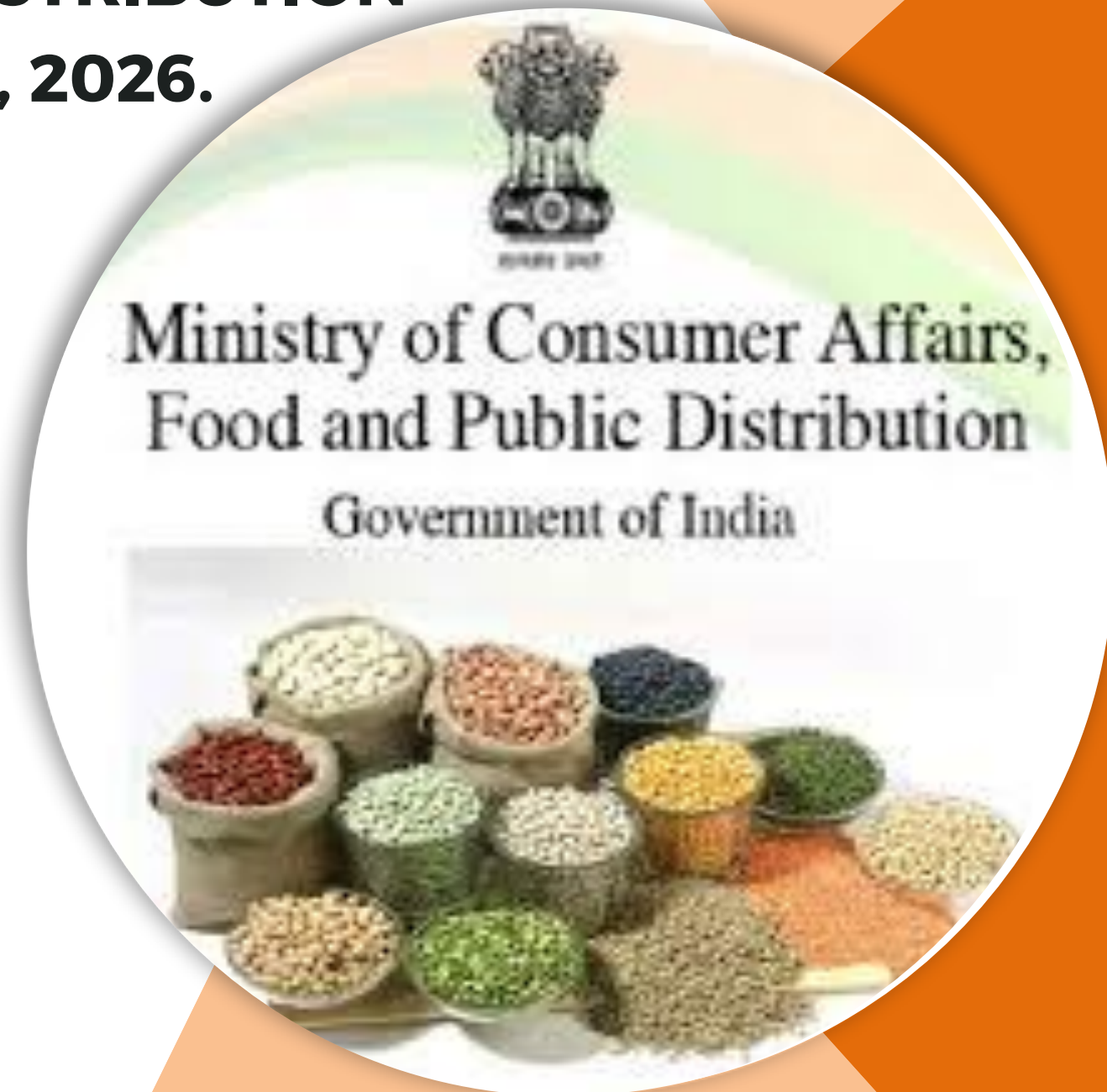
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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION- THE LEGAL METROLOGY (GENERAL) AMENDMENT RULES, 2026.

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Consumer Affairs) vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 10(E) dated 07.01.2026, notified the Legal Metrology (General) Amendment Rules, 2026. Through this amendment, in the Legal Metrology (General) Rules, 2011, the existing Part VII-A of the Eighth Schedule has been substituted with a new Part VII-A, prescribing revised metrological and technical requirements for non-invasive non-automated sphygmomanometers, including specifications relating to accuracy, safety, construction, marking, verification and testing procedures.

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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 18(1)(b) OF THE AIR (PREVENTION & CONTROL OF POLLUTION) ACT, 1981

The Central Pollution Control Board vide No. CP-11/16/2025/IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 12.01.2026 issued directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding installation and connectivity of Online Continuous Emission Monitoring System (OCEMS) and PTZ Camera in air polluting industries operating in NCR-Delhi.

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

Ministry of Mines vide Notification G.S.R 22(E) dated 12.01.2026 amends the Minerals (other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016. In Minerals (other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 the Rule 45(a) (7)- the words (i) “Zirconium and caesium in” shall be substituted with “and Zirconium in”, (ii) “Zirconium sponge and caesium metal” shall be substituted with “Zirconium sponge”. In Rule 45(b)(11) sub rule (12) shall be inserted.

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

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 171 (E) dated 12.01.2026 issued Schedule specifying the land in which Right of User and laying the pipeline vests in GSPL INDIA GASNET LIMITED (GIGL) instead of Central Government and GIGL shall be exclusively liable for any compensation and no suit, claim or legal proceeding would lie against Central Government on any matter relating to the pipeline.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- THE GREENHOUSE GASES EMISSION INTENSITY TARGET (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2025

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification G.S.R 25(E) dated 13.01.2026 notified the Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity Target (Amendment) Rules, 2025. Through this amendment the “SCHEDULE” shall be re-numbered as “THE FIRST SCHEDULE” thereof and after THE FIRST SCHEDULE, as so numbered, the new schedule shall be inserted namely THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

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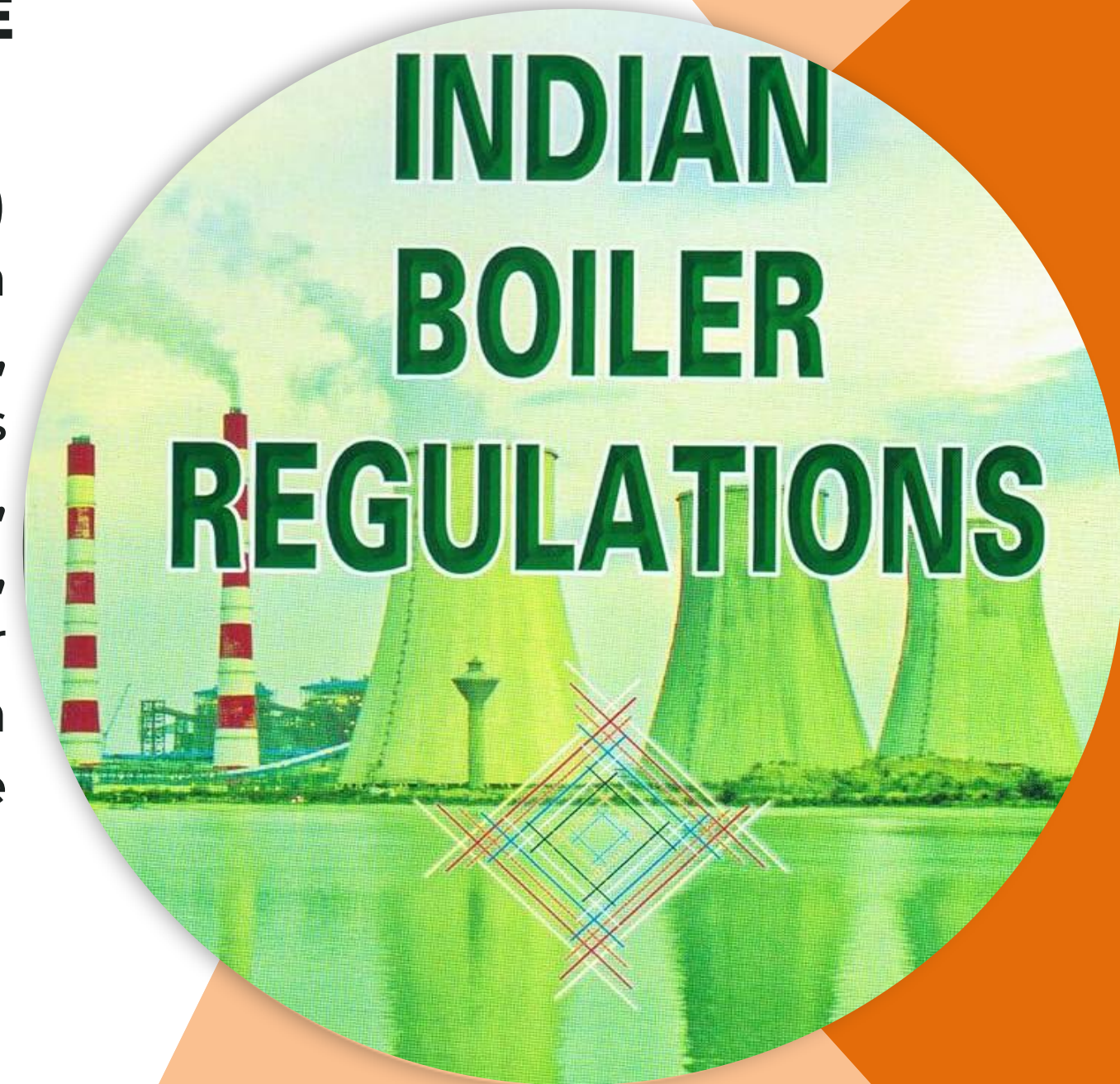


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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY- DRAFT OF THE INDIAN BOILER REGULATIONS, 2026

Ministry of Commerce and Industry vide Notification No. G.S.R 31(E) dated 14.01.2026, published draft Indian Boiler Regulations, 2026, in exercise of powers conferred under section 40 of the Boilers Act, 2025, superseding the Indian Boiler Regulations, 1950. The draft regulations prescribe updated provisions relating to applicability, definitions, general and technical requirements, materials, design, manufacture, inspection, certification, and recognition of boiler and boiler component manufacturers, and invite objections or suggestions from stakeholders within thirty days from the date of publication before finalisation.

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

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 221(E) dated 15.01.2026 issued under section 6 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, declared the acquisition of the right of user in specified parcels of land in the State of Odisha for laying a petroleum pipeline. The notification pertains to the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited pipeline project from Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) to Raipur (Chhattisgarh). Upon publication of the declaration, the right of user in the notified land vests in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, free from all encumbrances, subject to compensation provisions under the Act.

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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986.

The Central Pollution Control Board vide F. No. CP-23/21/2024-WM-I-HO-CPCB-HO (C. No. 19282)/11467 dated 15.01.2026 issued direction under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for non-compliance to Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016, to take corrective measures immediately to ensure compliance.

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

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade vide Order S.O. 219 (E) dated 15.01.2026 notified The Cookware, Utensils and Cans for Foods and Beverages (Quality Control) Order, 2026. The Order seeks to regulate the quality of cookware, utensils, and cans intended for use with foods and beverages by prescribing mandatory quality standards to ensure consumer safety and product compliance.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) FUND RULES, 2026

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification G.S.R. 35(E) dated 15.01.2026, the central Government in consultation with Comptroller and Auditor General of India notifies the Environment (Protection) Fund Rules, 2026 for proper utilization, administration, collection of amounts of environmental protection fund.

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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION- AMENDMENT IN THE ORDER S.O. 2359(E) DATED 27.05.2025 OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food and Public Distribution vide Order S.O. 245(E) dated 16.01.2026, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the Central Government makes the amendments in the order of the Government of India in the Department of Food and Public Distribution published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part (II) Section-3, Sub Section (ii) vide S. O. 2359(E) dated 27th May 2025. In the said Order, Para 2(i) shall be replaced with the new para introducing the new stock limits of Wheat for all States and Union Territories.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- EXTENT OF THE BOUNDARY OF KUMBHALGARH WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN

The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change vide Notification S.O.238 (E) dated 16.01.2026, Extended the zero to one kilometre around the boundary of Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary in the State of Rajasthan as Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary and provided details of it.

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CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- NOTICE ON “REMOVAL OF DIFFICULTIES” FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EPR GUIDELINES FOR PLASTIC PACKAGING

Central Pollution Control Board vide F. No. CP-20/80/2021-UPC-II-HO dated 19.01.2026, states the measures that has to be undertaken to facilitate the implementation of the RPR Guidelines in view of the Amendment to Plastic Waste Management Rules dated 30.10.2023.

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FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA- DRAFT FOR THE FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS (LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF FOOD BUSINESS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India vide Notification F. No. REG-11013/1/2026-Regulation-FSSAI dated 20.01.2026, notifies draft for the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2026. (a) In sub regulation 2.1.13 related to Food Safety Compliance Return, the clause 3 and 4, (b) in schedule 2, Annexure 2 related to Conditions of License, S. No. 14, (c) in schedule 4, part II, related to General Requirements on Hygienic and Sanitary Practices to be followed by all Food Business Operators applying for License, clause 5.2.5, shall be substituted with the new clauses mentioned in the notification.

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COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS- REVOCATION OF ACTIONS UNDER STAGE IV (SEVERE+' CATEGORY) OF GRAP AND INTENSIFYING ACTIONS UNDER STAGE-I. II & III OF EXTANT GRADED RESPONSE ACTION PLAN (21.11.2025)

Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas vide Order No. 120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM1544DT dated 20.01.2026, sub-committee revoked its order dated 17.01.2026 for invoking actions under Stage-IV with immediate effect and action under Stage-I, II & III of the revised GRAP shall however, remain in force and be implemented as per the modifies GRAP dated 21.11.2025.

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MINISTRY OF COAL- LAND SO VEST IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SHALL VEST IN THE GOVERNMENT COMPANY SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Ministry of Coal vide Notification S.O.307(E) dated 20.01.2026, the Central Government directs that the said land measuring 861.701 hectares (approximately) or 2129.27 acres (approximately) land in or over the South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Seepat Road, P. B. No. 60, District-Bilaspur 495006, Chhattisgarh so vested shall with effect from 18th October 2025, instead of continuing to so vest in the Central Government shall vest in the Government company subject to terms and conditions stated in the said notification.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- AMENDMENT IN NOTIFICATION NO. S.O. 135 (E), DATED 07.01.2025

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O..302.(E) dated 20.01.2026, the Central Government makes amendment in the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub –section (ii), vide number S.O. 135 (E), dated the 7.01.2025, in paragraph 1, for serial number (iii) and the entries relating thereto, certain serial number and entries shall be substituted with special Secretary or Joint Secretary or Deputy Secretary, Housing and Environment Department or Member Secretary, Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board, Government of Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar and n paragraph 5, under the table, against the sl. No.3, in column (3), after entry “Sukma”, the entry “Raipur” shall be inserted.

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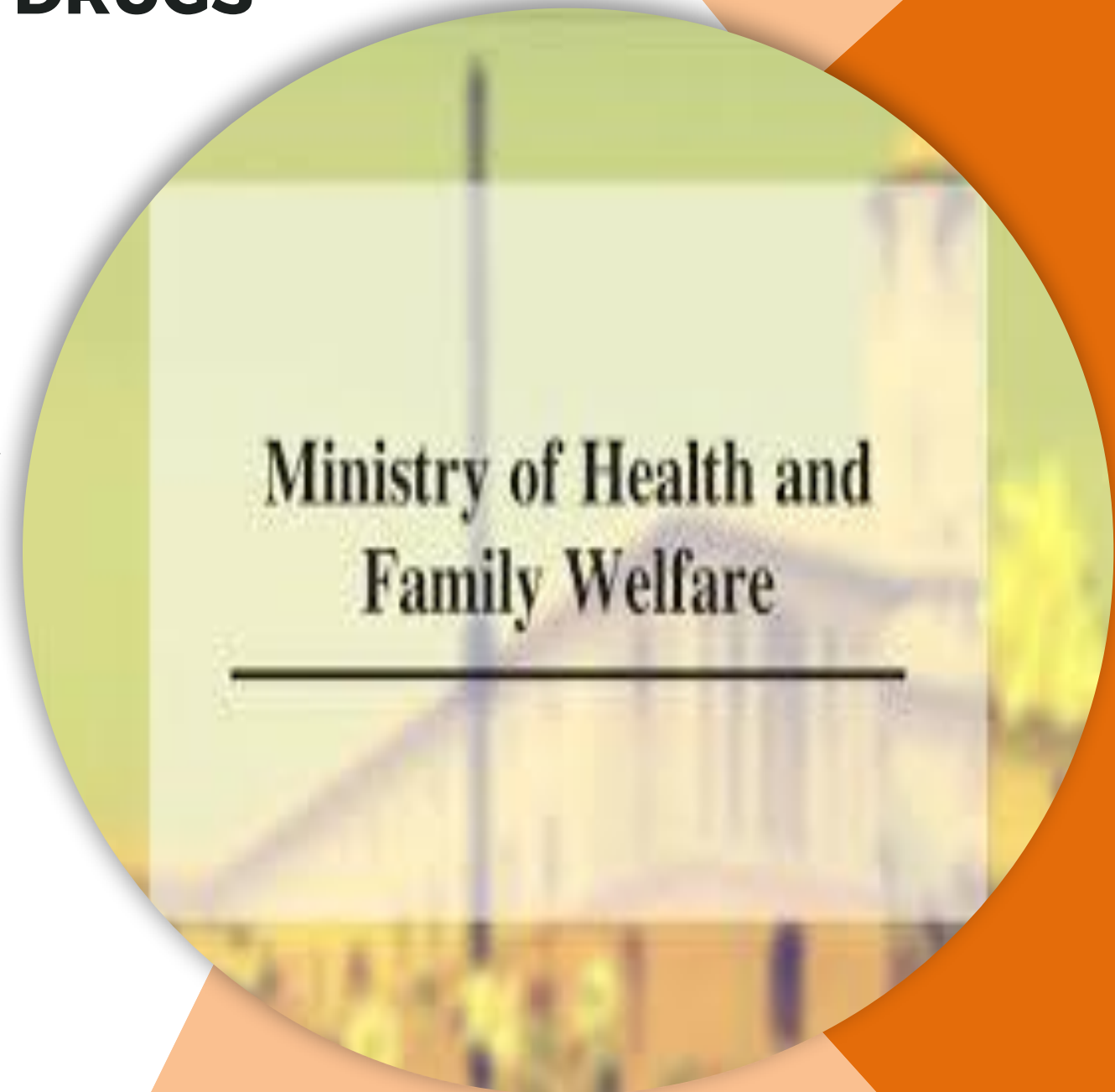
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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE - THE NEW DRUGS AND CLINICAL TRIALS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Health and Family Welfare, vide Gazette Notification G.S.R. 46(E) dated 20.01.2026, notified the New Drugs and Clinical Trials (Amendment) Rules, 2026. Through this amendment, the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 have been substantially revised to introduce the concept of “permission or prior intimation” for manufacture of new drugs and investigational new drugs for clinical trials, bioavailability and bioequivalence studies, examination, testing and analysis. The amendment reduces regulatory timelines from ninety to forty-five working days in several provisions, streamlines approval processes, prescribes conditions for manufacture based on prior intimation, and provides revised procedures for suspension, cancellation and appeal, along with corresponding changes in relevant application forms under the Eighth Schedule.

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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD- THE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS REGULATORY BOARD (TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS INCLUDING SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PETROLEUM REFINERIES AND GAS PROCESSING PLANTS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2026

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board vide Notification F. No. PNGRB/Tech/8-T4SR&GP/(1)/2023-Volume(2) (E-4318) dated 20.01.2026, notified the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Refineries and Gas Processing Plants) Amendment Regulations, 2026. Through this amendment, the PNGRB (Technical Standards and Specifications including Safety Standards for Petroleum Refineries and Gas Processing Plants) Regulations, 2023 have been revised to strengthen safety, technical, environmental and energy management requirements, including provisions relating to prevention of fugitive emissions, updated technical references and standards, third-party inspection and maintenance of critical equipment, energy and environmental management systems, fire protection, electrical and control system backups, and other operational safety measures applicable to petroleum refineries and gas processing plants. [**View Notification**](#)



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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS- CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES (SECOND AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026: LINKING HIGHWAY USER FEE CLEARANCE WITH VEHICLE SERVICES

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, through a Press Release issued by the Press Information Bureau dated 20.01.2026, informed that the Government of India has notified the Central Motor Vehicles (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026, amending the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. Through this amendment, provisions have been introduced to strengthen compliance with National Highway user fee payments by defining “unpaid user fee” and linking its clearance with vehicle-related services, including transfer of ownership, renewal of certificate of fitness and grant of national permits, along with corresponding changes to Form 28 and promotion of electronic processes.

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THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- REVIEW OF CAQM ENFORCEMENT MEASURES ON AIR POLLUTION IN NCR (JAN 2026)

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, through a Press Release issued by the Press Information Bureau dated 22.01.2026, informed that the 124th meeting of the Enforcement Task Force (ETF) of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) was held on 21.01.2026 to review inspections and enforcement actions carried out across the National Capital Region (NCR). During the review period from 07.01.2026 to 19.01.2026, the Commission's flying squads conducted extensive inspections across industries, diesel generator (DG) sets, construction and demolition activities, road dust and biomass/municipal solid waste burning, leading to identification of violations and recommendation of enforcement actions including closures, sealing of DG sets and issuance of show cause notices.

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THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- REVOCATION OF ALL STAGE III RESTRICTIONS ACROSS DELHI-NCR.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, through a Press Release issued by the Press Information Bureau dated 22.01.2026, informed that the Sub-Committee on the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has revoked all Stage III restrictions across Delhi-NCR with immediate effect. The decision was taken in view of the improvement in air quality levels and favourable meteorological forecasts, while clarifying that actions under Stages I and II of the extant GRAP shall continue to remain in force and be strictly implemented to prevent further deterioration of air quality.

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THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- EXPANSION OF CARBON CREDIT TRADING SCHEME TO 208 CARBON-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, through a Press Release issued by the Press Information Bureau dated 22.01.2026, informed that the Government of India has notified Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity (GEI) targets for 208 additional carbon-intensive industries under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS). Through this notification dated 13.01.2026, sectors including Petroleum Refineries, Petrochemicals, Textiles and Secondary Aluminium have been brought under the compliance mechanism of the Indian Carbon Market, thereby expanding the coverage of obligated entities required to meet specified emission intensity reduction targets.

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE- DRAFT DRUGS (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2025

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R.51(E) dated 22.01.2026, notifies draft for Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2025. In the Drugs Rules, 1945, in Rule 96, in sub-rule (1), after clause (xiii), following clause shall be inserted, namely:- “(xiv) Antimicrobial drugs and their preparations shall bear a conspicuous blue vertical strip on the left side running throughout the body of the label without disturbing the other conditions printed on the label.”

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MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS- DECLARATION OF RIGHT OF USER FOR LAYING THE PETROLEUM PIPELINE FROM VISAKHA (ANDHRA PRADESH) TO RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas vide Notification S.O. 351(E) dated 22.01.2026 issued under section 6 of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962, declared the acquisition of the right of user in the land specified in the schedule appended to the notification. The notification jointly vest in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Visakhapatnam Vijayawada Petroleum Product Pipeline as well as in the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited for laying Product pipeline from Visakha (Andhra Pradesh) to Raipur (Chhattisgarh) for initial 7.175 Km in Visakhapatnam District free from all encumbrances.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO ASH UTILIZATION OF NOTIFICATION, 2021

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O.369(E) dated 23.01.2026, notifies draft amendments to Ash Utilization Notification, 2021. In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (v) of sub-section (2) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with rule (5) of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, the Central Government suggests draft amendments to Ash Utilization Notification, 2021 (i) in sub-paragraph (3),- (a) the words, letters and figures “Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)” will be replaced with the words “Central Electricity Authority”; (b) after the words and figure “Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,” the words and figure “Central Pollution Control Board,” will be inserted, and such other amendments.

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

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India vide Notification F. No. REG-11013/1/2026-Regularions-FSSAI dated 27.01.2026, notifies draft of the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Amendment Regulations, 2026. Through this Regulation the earlier the Food Safety and Standards (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulations, 2011 shall be amended by substituting Regulation 2.1- (a) in schedule 2, Annexure 3 related to Conditions of License, for S. No. 8, (c) in schedule 4, part II, related to General Requirements on Hygienic and Sanitary Practices to be followed by all Food Business Operators applying for License, for provision 5.2.5.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- THE CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION (GRANT, REFUSAL OR CANCELLATION OF CONSENT) AMENDMENT GUIDELINES, 2026

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification G.S.R. 62(E) dated 27.01.2026, in exercise of powers conferred under section 21A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, notified the Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026. Through these amendments, the Government has revised the procedural framework for grant of consent to establish and operate industrial plants, introduced concepts such as Registered Environment Auditors and a unified online portal, rationalised validity and fee provisions, enabled consolidated consent and authorisation for waste management, and streamlined timelines and inspection mechanisms to strengthen transparency, efficiency and ease of compliance.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- THE CONTROL OF WATER POLLUTION (GRANT, REFUSAL OR CANCELLATION OF CONSENT) AMENDMENT GUIDELINES, 2026

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. G.S.R. 63(E) dated 27.01.2026, in exercise of powers conferred under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, notified the Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Amendment Guidelines, 2026. Through these amendments, the Government has revised the procedural framework for grant, refusal and cancellation of consent to establish and operate, introduced digital and time-bound consent mechanisms, strengthened monitoring and inspection provisions, and streamlined compliance requirements to enhance transparency, efficiency and ease of doing business while ensuring effective water pollution control.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE- FIXATION OF MAXIMUM PRICE PER BAG FOR SULPHUR COATED UREA.

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare vide Notification No. S.O.390(E) dated 28.01.2026, in pursuance of sub-clause (1) of clause 3 of the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985, hereby fixes with effect from the date of issue of this notification, the price specified in column (4) of the Schedule to Rs. 254.00/- as maximum price per bag of the size specified in column (3) i.e. 40 kg, at which the fertilizers specified in the corresponding entries in column (2) i.e. Sulphur Coated Urea, of the schedule shall be sold by a dealer, manufacturer, importer or pool handling agency to growers of tea, coffee or rubber plantations or to cultivators.

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MINISTRY OF COAL- LIST OF ENTITIES TO CARRY OUT EXPLORATION OF COAL AND LIGNITE.

Ministry of Coal vide Notification of No. S.O.397(E) dated 28.01.2026, in exercise of the powers conferred by the second proviso to sub- section (1) of section 4 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, notifies list of entities to carry out exploration of coal and lignite along with its Certificate number of accreditation.

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MINISTRY OF COAL- AMENDMENT IN FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE MINES AND MINERALS (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION) ACT, 1957

Ministry of Coal vide Notification No. G.S.R. 64(E) dated 28.01.2026, amends The First Schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957- (i) in PART A, in item 1, for the word "Coal", the words "Coal, including Coking Coal" shall be substituted; and (ii) in PART D, after item 3 and the entry relating thereto, the following item shall be inserted, namely:- "3A. Coking Coal."

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE- THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES, 2026

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O.388(E) dated 28.01.2026, in exercise of powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, superseding the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. Through these rules, the Government has strengthened the regulatory framework for segregation, collection, processing and disposal of solid waste, clearly defined responsibilities of waste generators, local authorities and other stakeholders, promoted source segregation and scientific waste processing, and introduced enhanced compliance and monitoring provisions to ensure environmentally sound management of solid waste across urban and rural areas.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE - DECLARATION OF ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE AROUND JALDAPARA NATIONAL PARK

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 401 (E) dated 28.01.2026, in exercise of powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, notified the area extending up to 13.81 kilometres from the boundary of the Jaldapara National Park in Alipurduar district of West Bengal as the Jaldapara National Park Eco-Sensitive Zone. Through this notification, the Government has specified the extent and boundaries of the eco-sensitive zone, regulated and prohibited certain activities therein, and laid down measures for conservation of wildlife, biodiversity and ecological balance while allowing sustainable livelihood activities for local communities.

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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE - AMENDMENT TO ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION, 2006

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 389(E) dated 28.01.2026, in exercise of powers conferred under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 amended the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006. In the said notification, in the Schedule, under heading, “Physical Infrastructure including Environmental Services”, item 7(h) and the entries relating thereto shall be omitted.

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

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R. 66(E) dated 28.01.2026, notifies The Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2026. In the Drugs Rules, 1945, in rule 43A, for the words “Cochin and Thiruvananthapuram”, the words, “Cochin, Thiruvananthapuram and Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) in Raigad, Maharashtra” shall be substituted.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS- LEVY OF USER FEE FOR USE OF LANES IN THE STATE OF BIHAR

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways vide Notification No. S.O. 396(E) dated 28.01.2026, issued under section 7 of the National Highways Act, 1956 read with the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, has levied user fee for the use of four or more lanes of the Munger to Mirzachauki section of National Highway No. 33 in the State of Bihar. The notification specifies applicable base rates for different categories of vehicles for a net road length of 114.62862 km, additional fee for bypasses costing ₹10 crore or more, and equivalent structure lengths, and authorises the National Highways Authority of India to collect such fee through its officials or contractors.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS- LEVY OF USER FEE FOR USE OF LANES IN THE STATE OF PUNJAB

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways vide Notification No. S.O. 395(E) dated 28.01.2026, issued under section 7 of the National Highways Act, 1956 read with the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, has notified the levy of user fee for the use of four or more lanes of the Greenfield alignment from IT City Chowk to Kurali on National Highway No. 205 A and a part of National Highway No. 205 in the State of Punjab. The notification prescribes vehicle-wise base rates for a net road length of 30.223 km, additional fee for bypasses exceeding ₹10 crore in cost, fee for equivalent structure lengths exceeding 60 metres, and authorises the National Highways Authority of India to collect the fee accordingly.

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

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide Notification No. G.S.R.65(E) dated 28.01.2026, notifies draft for Drugs (Amendment) Rules, 2026. In the Drugs Rules, 1945, in Rule 3A, after sub-rule (8), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely :— “(9) The functions of the laboratory in respect of testing of the following Veterinary Vaccines (Viral & Bacterial) shall be carried out at the Chaudhary Charan Singh National Institute of Animal Health, Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh and the functions of the Director in respect of the said veterinary vaccines shall be exercised by the Director of the said Institute :-”. And a table containing the name of veterinary vaccine attached in the said Notification.

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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION- GUIDELINES FOR VIRTUAL POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) vide Notification F. No. L-1/257/2020/(PMR-4)/CERC dated 28.01.2026, notified the Guidelines for Virtual Power Purchase Agreements. The Guidelines lay down a regulatory framework for Virtual Power Purchase Agreements (VPPAs) as non-transferable, non-tradable Over-The-Counter contracts between renewable energy generating stations and consumers or designated consumers, to facilitate compliance with Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) and Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO). The notification specifies key features of VPPAs, including minimum contract duration, settlement of price differences between the agreed strike price and market settlement price, transfer and extinguishment of Renewable Energy Certificates, payment and implementation arrangements, and dispute resolution mechanisms, while clarifying that such contracts fall under the regulatory jurisdiction of CERC.

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MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS- FIXATION OF RETAIL PRICES FOR CERTAIN SCHEDULED PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS

The Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Pharmaceuticals), through the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) vide Notification No. S.O. 449(E) dated 30.01.2026, issued under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 read with the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, has fixed the retail prices of certain scheduled pharmaceutical formulations. The notification specifies formulation-wise retail prices along with the corresponding strengths and names of manufacturers and marketing companies, provides for supersession of earlier price orders for the same formulations, and mandates recovery of any overcharged amount with interest in case of non-compliance.

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FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF INDIA- DIRECTION REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF NEW STANDARD FOR MEAT SAUSAGES

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) vide Direction dated 30.01.2026 has issued directions regarding new standard meat sausages notified under Food Safety Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) First Amendment Regulations, 2025. Through this direction, FSSAI has prescribed specific regulatory requirements to be complied with by Food Business Operators in relation to the manufacture, processing, labelling and sale of meat sausages, with a view to ensuring compliance with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and the regulations made thereunder.

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

Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, Delhi Legislative Assembly Secretariat vide Delhi Gazette Notification F. No. 21/7/DJV(AoP)/2026/LAS-VIII/Legn./16198 dated 09.01.2026, published the Delhi Jan Vishwas (Amendment Of Provisions) Bill, 2026 to amend certain laws in its application to the National Capital Territory of Delhi, to decriminalise minor offence and rationalise punishments to promote trust-based governance for enhancing ease of living and doing business.

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KERALA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD-CLARIFICATION ON DISTANCE CRITERIA FOR CEMENT PRODUCTS

The Kerala State Pollution Control Board vide Circular No. KSPCB/1231/2025-SEE-1 dated 13.01.2026 issued circular stating that the Units such as Hallow Block, Solid Cement Bricks, Interlock Cement Bricks (excluding interlock paving tile) that have production capacity greater than or equal to 1 TPD shall follow distance norms as specified in Circulars dated 20.07.2011 and 03.07.2019. All other cement product units with capacities greater than or equal to 1 TPD shall follow general distance criteria with respect to the Green category, as per Circular dated 09.08.2004.

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RAJASTHAN STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- DIRECTIONS TO ETP UNITS AT BALOTRA

The Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB), vide order No. F.05 (Gen-106)/(1)/RPCB/Textile/1213-1220 dated 15.01.2026, issued directions concerning the operation and compliance of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) units located in the Balotra industrial area. The order prescribes specific environmental compliance requirements to be adhered to by the concerned ETP units, with the objective of ensuring effective treatment of industrial effluents and preventing environmental pollution. The directions are binding on the units concerned and are to be implemented within the timelines stipulated by the Board.

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COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS- INVOCATION OF ACTIONS UNDER STAGE III OF SCHEDULE OF GRAP (21.11.2025)

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas via Order No. 120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM/1542DT dated 16.01.2026, in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions, issued a modified schedule of GRAP vide order dated 21.11.205 for implementation with immediate effect in entire NCR by all concerned.

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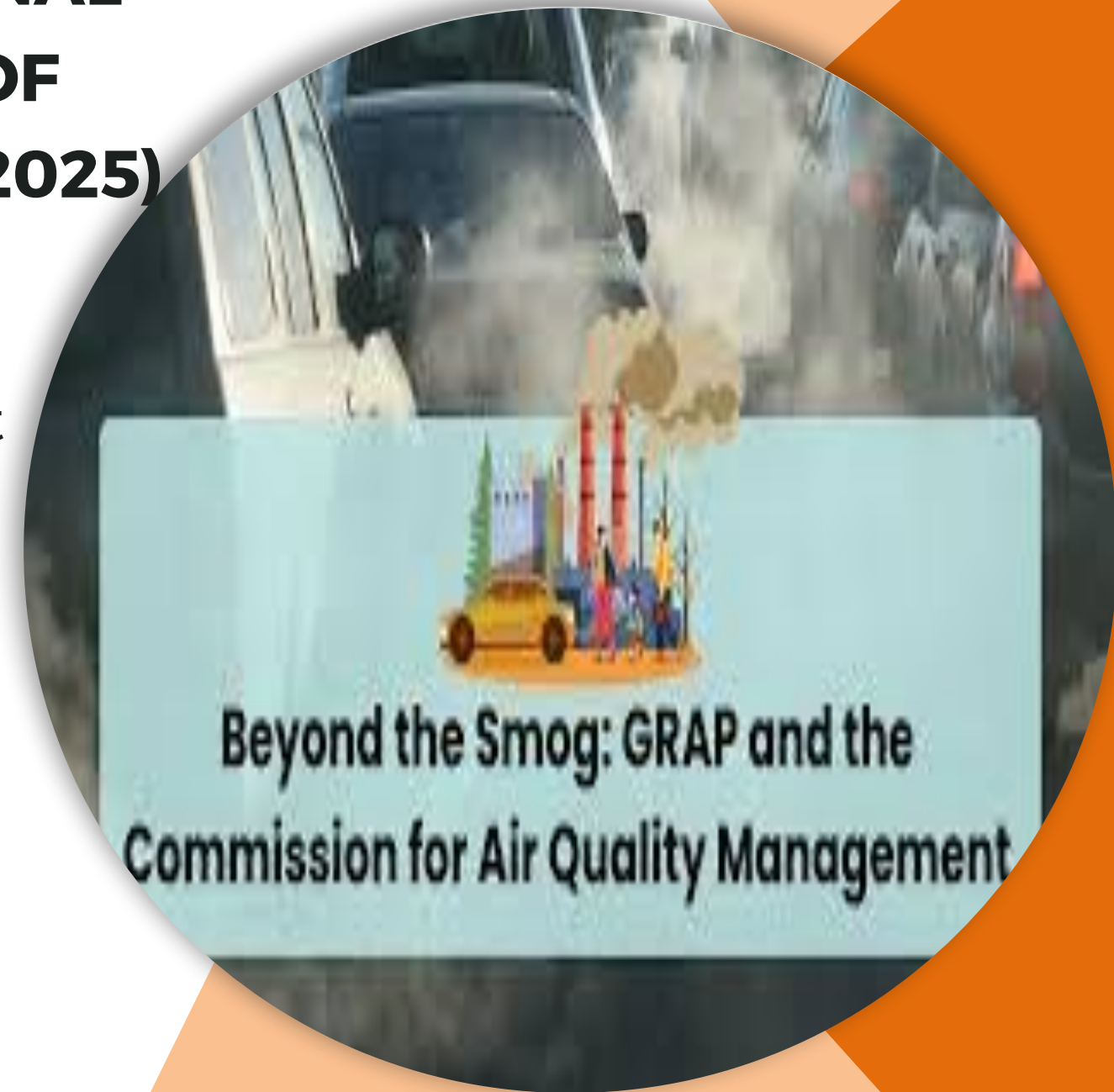
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COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS- INVOCATION OF ACTIONS UNDER STAGE IV OF SCHEDULE OF GRAP (21.11.2025)

The Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas via Order No. 120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM dated 17.01.2026, in pursuance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court directions, issued a modified schedule of GRAP vide order dated 21.11.205 for implementation with immediate effect in entire NCR by all concerned.

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MEGHALAYA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD- PROHIBITION ON USE OF STREAM OR WELL FOR DISPOSAL POLLUTING MATTER, ETC. ALONG THE CATCHMENT/TRIBUTARIES OF RONGKON, RINGRE AND GANDRAK STREAMS, ETC.

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board vide Prohibitory Order No. MSPCB/TB-7(C)/2024/Pt-II/2025-26/113 dated 19.01.2026, in exercise of powers conferred under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 directed prohibition on use of stream or well for disposal polluting matter, etc. along the catchment/tributaries of Rongkon, Ringre and Gandrak Streams, etc. and violators of the order shall be penalised as per the provisions.

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA- THE KERALA MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2026

Government of Kerala vide Notification No. G.O.(P) No. 2/2026/ID dated 19.01.2026 notifies The Kerala Minor Mineral Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2026. Through this amendment, the Kerala Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 2015 have been substantially revised by enhancing and rationalising fees, extending validity periods, introducing additional application and approval requirements for mining-related permissions, providing for transfer of Letter of Intent in case of death of the applicant, strengthening enforcement and penalty provisions, and introducing a star rating system for quarries based on the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF). The amendment also inserts new forms, revises existing forms, omits certain provisions, and streamlines procedures relating to quarrying leases, permits, mining plans, closure plans, and mineral removal, with the objective of promoting sustainable, compliant and efficient minor mineral mining operations in the State.

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TAMIL NADU- BILL FOR THE TAMIL NADU WATER RESOURCES (REGULATION, MANAGEMENT AND AUGMENTAION) ACT, 2026

Government of Tamil Nadu vide Notification No. 32 dated 24.01.2026 introduced a bill for The Tamil Nadu Water Resources (Regulation, Management and Augmentaion) Act, 2026, to provide for regulation, management and augmentation of water resources through participatory governance, to achieve equity, efficiency and sustainability in the use of water resources in the State of Tamil Nadu and to establish an institutional framework for the purpose and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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TAMIL NADU- BILL FOR THE TAMIL NADU PANCHAYATS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2026

Government of Tamil Nadu vide Notification No. 32 dated 24.01.2026 introduced a bill for the Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Amendment) Act, 2026. A Bill to amend for the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 so as to enable the Government to extend the term of office of the Special Officers for a further period of six months upto the 5th July 2026 or until the first meeting of village panchayats, panchayat union councils and the district panchayats, is held after the ordinary elections to the said panchayats, whichever is earlier and to validate the action of the Government having extended the term of Special Officers in the said 28 districts beyond the 5th January 2026.

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TAMIL NADU- BILL FOR THE TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETING (REGULATION) AMENDMENT ACT, 2026

Government of Tamil Nadu vide Notification No. 32 dated 24.01.2026 introduced a bill for the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2026. A Bill to amend the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 33 of the said Tamil Nadu Act 27 of 1989 to enhance the period specified therein to fifteen years and six months in order to extend the tenure of the Special Officers of the said three market committees for a further period of one year and validate the action of the Special Officers of the said three market committees beyond 29th November 2025.

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GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES- THE JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES (CONDUCT OF BUSINESS) (7TH AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2025

Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification No. JERC: 1/2009 dated 27.01.2026 notifies the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Conduct of Business) (7th Amendment) Regulations, 2025. The schedule of fees and charges under Regulation 68 of Chapter VIII of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa & Union Territories (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 and as amended by 4th & 5th amendment from time to time is replaced with New Schedule as specified in the said Notification.

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GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES- THE JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM AND OMBUDSMAN) (FIRST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2025

Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Notification No. JERC-31/2024 dated 27.01.2026 notifies the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025. It amends Regulation 6A, 6(A)(1)(b)(ii), 10, 12, 19, 21, 27, 48(3), Annexure-1 (Timelines) and a sub-clause shall be added after Regulation 6(A)(2) of the Principal Regulations.

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TAMIL NADU- APPROVAL TO THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN TRAILERS IN TAMIL NADU

Ministry of Road Transportation and Highways vide Notification No. S.O. 398(E) dated 28.01.2026, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of Section 58 and sub-Section 3(a) of Section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, hereby accords approval to the registration in Tamil Nadu of trailers with maximum safe laden weight and dimensions as mentioned in the schedule but subject to such conditions appended/mentioned in the said Notification.

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DELHI- THE DELHI LEGAL METROLOGY (ENFORCEMENT) AMENDMENT RULES, 2026

Weights And Measures Department (Department of Legal Metrology) vide Notification F No. 12(2)/W&M/Enforcement/2023/10061-69 dated 28.01.2026, notifies the Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026. In the Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011, Schedule-XI shall be substituted with the Schedule containing the new compounding fees for various offences, specified in the said Notification.

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MEGHALAYA- CONSTITUTION OF STATE LEVEL ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AUTHORITY

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide Notification No. S.O. 417(E) dated 29.01.2026, issued under sub-section (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006, has constituted the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Meghalaya. The notification specifies the composition of the Authority and the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Meghalaya, their tenure of three years, functions, decision-making process, conflict of interest safeguards, and administrative and financial support arrangements to enable appraisal and clearance of projects at the state level in accordance with the prescribed environmental impact assessment framework.

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