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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

1. Withdrawal of ₹2000 Denomination Banknotes - Status

Reserve Bank of India, vide press release dated 03.07.2023, as per data collected from major banks indicated that out of the total banknotes in ₹2000 denomination received back from circulation, about 87% is in the form of deposits and the remaining around 13% has been exchanged into other denomination banknotes. RBI further requested the members of the public to utilise the next three months to deposit and/or exchange the ₹2000 banknotes held with them to avoid any rush in the last few days before September 30, 2023.

Press Release can be accessed from here:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55972

2. The Reserve Bank launches its Centralised Information Management System (CIMS) at the 17th Statistics Day Conference

Reserve Bank of India, vide press release dated 30.06.2023, organised its 17th Annual Statistics Day Conference as a part of the 'National Statistics Day' celebrations in the memory of Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, who made invaluable contributions to the Indian statistical system and economic planning and launched its Centralised Information Management System (CIMS).

Press Release can be accessed from here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55962

3. India's International Investment Position (IIP), March 2023

Reserve Bank of India, vide press release dated 30.06.2023, gave India's International Investment Position.

Press Release can be accessed from here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55960

4. India's External Debt as at the end of March 2023

Reserve Bank of India, vide press release dated 30.06.2023, gave major developments relating to India's external debt as at end-March 2023 with major highlights mentioned therein.

Press Release can be accessed from here:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55959

5. RBI releases the Financial Stability Report, June 2023

Reserve Bank of India, vide press release dated 28.06.2023, released the 27th issue of the [Financial Stability Report \(FSR\)](#), which reflected the collective assessment of the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) on risks to financial stability and the resilience of the Indian financial system.

Press Release can be accessed from here:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55943

6. Developments in India's Balance of Payments during the Fourth Quarter (January-March) of 2022-23

Reserve Bank of India, vide press release dated 27.06.2023, Preliminary data on India's balance of payments (BoP) for the fourth quarter (Q4), *i.e.*, January-March 2022-23, are presented in [Statements I \(BPM6 format\)](#) with its key features mentioned therein.

Press Release can be accessed from here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55933

7. Remittances to International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)

Reserve Bank of India, under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) vide notification dated 22.06.2023, directed that Authorised Persons may facilitate remittances by resident individuals under purpose 'studies abroad' as mentioned in Schedule III of Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transactions) Rules, 2000 for payment of fees to foreign universities or foreign institutions in IFSCs for pursuing courses mentioned in the gazette notification.

Notification can be accessed from here:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12518&Mode=0>

8. Status of MIFOR as a Significant Benchmark

Reserve Bank of India, vide notification dated 23.06.2023, notified inter-alia, the financial benchmarks administered by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) viz., Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MIFOR) and Modified Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MMIFOR) as 'significant benchmarks'.

Notification can be accessed from here:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12519&Mode=0>

9. Portfolios of Deputy Governors

Reserve Bank of India, vide press-release dated 21.06.2023, releases the list of portfolios of Deputy Governors.

Notification can be accessed from here:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55896

10. Minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting, June 6 to 8, 2023

Reserve Bank of India, vide its press release dated 22.06.2023, gave minutes of the 43rd Monetary Policy Meeting. The MPC reviewed the surveys conducted by the Reserve Bank to gauge consumer confidence, households' inflation expectations, corporate sector performance, credit conditions, the outlook for the industrial, services and infrastructure sectors, and the projections of professional forecasters. The MPC also reviewed in detail the staff's macroeconomic projections, and alternative scenarios around various risks to the outlook. Drawing on the above and after extensive discussions on the stance of monetary policy, the MPC adopted the resolution therein.

Notification can be accessed from here:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=55899

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA

1. Trading supported by Blocked Amount in Secondary Market

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, read with Section 10 of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 vide notification dated 23.06.2023, decided to introduce a supplementary process for trading in secondary market based on blocked funds in investor's bank account, instead of transferring them upfront to the trading member, thereby providing enhanced protection of cash collateral. The said facility shall be provided by integrating Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mandate service of single-block-and-multiple-debits with the secondary market trading and settlement process and hereinafter referred as 'UPI block facility' and gave feature of the framework.

Circular can be accessed from here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/trading-supported-by-blocked-amount-in-secondary-market_73071.html

2. Implementation of circular on upstreaming of clients' funds by Stock Brokers (SBs)/ Clearing Members (CMs) to Clearing Corporations (CCs)

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 vide notification dated 30.06.2023, implemented a circular on upstreaming of clients' funds by Stock Brokers (SBs)/Clearing Members (CMs) to Clearing Corporations (CCs).

Circular can be accessed from here:

<https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/implementation-of-circular-on-upstreaming-of-clients-funds-by-stock-brokers-sbs-clearing-members-cms-to-clearing-corporations-ccs-73314.html>

3. Disclosure of Information on Issuers Not Cooperating (INC) with CRAs

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11 (1) of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 read with the provisions of Regulation 20 of CRA Regulations vide notification dated 27.06.2023, released SEBI (Credit Rating Agencies) Regulations, 1999 (“CRA Regulations”) that inter-alia require every CRA to carry out periodic reviews of all published ratings during the lifetime of the securities, unless the rating is withdrawn.

Circular can be accessed from here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/disclosure-of-information-on-issuers-not-cooperating-inc-with-cras_73172.html

4. Standardised approach to valuation of investment portfolio of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 vide notification dated 21.06.2023, standardised approach to valuation of investment portfolio of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) by giving the manner of valuation, responsibility etc.

Circular can be accessed from here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/standardised-approach-to-valuation-of-investment-portfolio-of-alternative-investment-funds-aifs-_72924.html

5. Modalities for launching Liquidation Scheme and for distributing the investments of Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) in-specie

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 vide notification dated 21.06.2023, provided flexibility to AIFs to deal with investments of their schemes which are not sold due to lack of liquidity during the winding up process, by either selling such investments to a new scheme of the same AIF (‘Liquidation Scheme’) or distributing such unliquidated investments in-specie.

Circular can be accessed from here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/modalities-for-launching-liquidation-scheme-and-for-distributing-the-investments-of-alternative-investment-funds-aifs-in-specie_72922.html

6. Issuance of units of AIFs in dematerialised form

SEBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 vide notification dated 21.06.2023, amended the earlier circular related to dematerialisation of AIFs and provided with certain requirements.

Circular can be accessed from here:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jun-2023/issuance-of-units-of-aifs-in-dematerialised-form_72921.html

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

1. Ministry of Finance vide notification dated 21.06.2023 in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (a) of sub-section (1) read with sub-section (4) of section 8 of The Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Central Government hereby appoints Shri Swaminathan Janakiraman (DoB: 4.2.1964), Managing Director, State Bank of India to the post of Deputy Governor (DG), Reserve Bank of India, for a period of three years from the date of joining the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Notification can be accessed here:

https://financialservices.gov.in/sites/default/files/English%20Swaminathan%20Janakiraman_0.pdf

2. Ministry of Finance vide notification dated 28.06.2023 in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 (41 of 1999), the Central Government nominated Dr. M. P. Tangirala, Additional Secretary, Department of Financial Services as part-time member of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India with immediate effect and until further order.

Notification can be accessed here:

<https://financialservices.gov.in/sites/default/files/IRDAI%20Notification-eng.pdf>

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