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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

1. Subscription to Floating Rate Savings Bonds, 2020 (Taxable) through RBI Retail Direct Portal

The Reserve [Bank of India \(RBI\)](#) vide press release dated 23rd October 2023 has expanded the basket of products offered through its Retail Direct Portal by allowing individual investors to subscribe to Floating Rate Savings Bonds (FRBs), 2020.

You can access the RBI Press release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56614

2. Appointment of Whole-Time Director (s)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide notification dated 25th October 2023 directed the banks to have at least two wholetime directors including the MD&CEO, on their Boards. Banks that do not meet the requirement will have to submit the names for the RBI's approval within four months. Banks need prior approval from the banking regulator for the appointment of wholetime directors.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12551&Mode=0>

3. Reserve Bank of India (Financial Statements - Presentation and Disclosures) Directions, 2021: Presentation of unclaimed liabilities transferred to Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a directive dated 25th October 2023 that addresses the presentation of unclaimed liabilities transferred to the Depositor Education and Awareness (DEA) Fund. These new guidelines, outlined in RBI/2023-24/71, are aimed at enhancing the transparency and consistency of financial statements of commercial and cooperative banks.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12552&Mode=0>

4. Strengthening of customer service rendered by Credit Information Companies and Credit Institutions

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its endeavor to improve the customer service provided by Credit Information Companies (CICs) and Credit Institutions (CIs), has issued

a comprehensive directive dated October 26, 2023, this directive emphasizes enhancing the grievance redress mechanism and customer service in this sector.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12553&Mode=0>

5. Framework for compensation to customers for delayed updation/ rectification of credit information

The Reserve [Bank of India](#) (RBI) vide notification dated 26th October 2023 released the framework for compensation to customers for delayed updation or rectification of credit information by credit institutions (CIs) and credit information companies (CICs).

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12554&Mode=0>

6. Non-Callable Deposits - Master Direction on Interest Rate on Deposits

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued Master Directions on 'interest rate on deposits' whereby it has been decided that (i) the minimum amount for offering non-callable TDs may be increased from Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 1 crore and (ii) these instructions shall also be applicable for Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE) Deposit/Ordinary Non-Resident (NRO) Deposits.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12555&Mode=0>

7. RBI invites comments on draft Master Direction on Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services

The Reserve Bank of India vide press release dated October 26, 2023 has placed the draft master direction on managing risks and the code of conduct in outsourcing financial services for public comments.

You can access the RBI press release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56630

8. Review of Instructions on Bulk Deposits for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on October 26, 2023, announced that the bulk deposit limit for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) has been increased from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 1 crore. The bulk deposit limit for scheduled commercial and small finance banks is Rs 2 crore and above. For RRBs, the limit has been increased from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 1 crore. The move is expected to provide a more level playing field for banks.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12556&Mode=0>

9. Review of Financial Information Provider (FIP) under Account Aggregator Framework

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide notification dated 26th October 2023 has revisited the role of Financial Information Providers (FIPs) within the Account Aggregator (AA) Framework. This change involves the replacement of 'Pension Fund' with 'Central Recordkeeping Agency'.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12557&Mode=0>

10. Joining the Account Aggregator Ecosystem as Financial Information User

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide notification dated 26th October 2023 informed that RBI has observed that certain entities, which are eligible to join Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem as Financial Information Provider (FIP), have onboarded as Financial Information User (FI-U) only. Consequently, such entities are accessing financial information from other FIPs but are not providing the financial information held by them. As such, with a view to ensure efficient and optimum utilisation of the AA ecosystem, therefore, it has been decided that regulated entities of the Bank joining the AA ecosystem as FI-U shall necessarily join as FIP also, if they hold the specified financial information and fall under the definition of FIP.

You can access the RBI Notification here:

<https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12558&Mode=0>

11. Regulatory Sandbox: Reserve Bank of India Announces Opening of Fifth Cohort

The Reserve Bank of India announced vide Press Release dated October 27th, 2023 that the Fifth Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox (RS) will be theme neutral and further announced opening of application window for the Fifth Cohort to eligible entities. Innovative products/ services/ technologies cutting across various functions in RBI's regulatory domain would be eligible to apply. The application for the Fifth Cohort may be submitted from October 30, 2023 to November 30, 2023. A scanned copy of the application together with enclosures (maximum size 10 MB), may be forwarded through email.

You can access the RBI Press release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56637

12. 604th Meeting of Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide press release dated October 27th 2023, informed that the 604th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India was held in Rishikesh under the Chairmanship of Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor. The Board reviewed global and domestic economic and financial developments, including challenges posed by evolving geopolitical conflicts. The Board also discussed the functioning of various Sub-Committees of the Central Board, the Ombudsman Scheme and activities of select Central Office Departments.

You can access the RBI press release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56640

13. RBI announces rate of interest on Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2034

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide press release dated October 27th 2023 announced the rate of interest on Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2034 (GOI FRB 2034) applicable for the half year October 30, 2023 to April 29, 2024 shall be 8.10 per cent per annum.

You can access the RBI Press Release here:

https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=56643

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

1. Companies (Management and Administration) Second Amendment Rules, 2023

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide notification dated 27th October 2023 released the Companies (Management and Administration) Second Amendment Rules, 2023 and informed that the same shall come into force with effect from 27st October 2023.

You can access the MCA Notification here:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=V3%252Bs0RbuEeWqXU8iWRM0SA%253D%253D&type=open>

2. Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Second Amendment Rules, 2023

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide notification dated 27th October 2023 released the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Second Amendment Rules, 2023 and informed that the same shall come into force with effect from 27st October 2023.

You can access the MCA Notification here:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=Z5zV%252FFCPufGIB7bT%252BHHK%252FQ%253D%253D&type=open>

3. Limited Liability Partnership (Third Amendment) Rules, 2023

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide notification dated 27th October 2023 released the Limited Liability Partnership (Third Amendment) Rules, 2023 and informed that the same shall come into force with effect from 27st October 2023.

You can access the Notification here:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=174Uq4fp39PgAUh7CLq%252FxA%253D%253D&type=open>

4. National Single Window System (NSWS) for the incorporation of companies

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) informed all the stakeholders that the Ministry has integrated with National Single Window System (NSWS) for the Incorporation of Companies and LLPs. Incorporation services can also be availed through NSWS portal.

You can access the news here:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/dms/getdocument?mds=cr9F9%252F8lGDiyypPxTWd6oQw%253D%253D&type=open>

5. Companies Incorporation Third Amendment Rules 2023 dated 20.10.2023

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide notification dated 20th October 2023 released the Companies Incorporation Third Amendment Rules 2023 and informed that the same shall come into force with effect from 21st October 2023.

You can access the MCA Notification here:

<https://www.mca.gov.in/bin/ebook/dms/getdocument?doc=Mzc0Nzk4OTM4&docCategory=Notifications&type=open>

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