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MINISTRY OF FINANCE

1. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana - Loan Limit raised to ₹20 Lakh from ₹10 Lakh.

The Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), launched by the Prime Minister on April 8, 2015, has played a pivotal role in empowering noncorporate, non-farm small and micro enterprises by providing loans of up to ₹10 lakh. To strengthen support for aspiring entrepreneurs, the finance minister announced an increase in the loan limit to ₹20 lakh during the Union Budget 2024-25 on July 23, 2024. This new limit took effect on October 24, 2024.

For more information, you can access the press release here:

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=2069170®=3&lang=1>

INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY BOARD OF INDIA

1. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Centralized Electronic Listing and Auction Platform for the Sale of Assets under Liquidation Process.

Currently, the liquidators in the various liquidation process are selling the assets through various auction platforms and the details of a company's assets are typically made public only at the time of the auction notice. This practice leads to information asymmetry, as potential buyers have limited time to assess the value of the assets, often resulting in lower recovery rates. A centralised listing and auction platform where details of all assets under liquidation of CD are continuously available to the public provides an effective solution to these problems. To address the above challenges, IBBI has collaborated with the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) to facilitate the auction of assets through the eBKray platform which is presently owned and managed by PSB Alliance Private Limited (a consortium of 12 public sector banks). eBKray has been conducting auctions for assets mortgaged to public sector banks under the SARFAESI Act for the past five years.

For more information, you can access the press release here:

<https://ibbi.gov.in/uploads/legalframework/77e7f6034a0c4dab174712fbf00920a6.pdf>

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

1. Note Sorting Machines: Standards issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

With a view to further strengthen the banknote sorting architecture across the country, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) after due consultation with Reserve Bank of India and other stakeholders, had published the standards for Note Sorting Machines (NSM) – 'IS 18663: 2024' in the 'Gazette of India' on March 19, 2024. The standards are available at https://www.services.bis.gov.in/tmp/LITD42522283_07032024_1.pdf. As a step further in this regard, it has been decided that effective May 01, 2025, banks should deploy only such NSM models that conform to the aforesaid Indian Standards and are duly certified by BIS.

For more information, you can access the RBI notification here:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12745&Mode=0>

2. RBI launches the November 2024 round of the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households.

The Reserve Bank of India has been regularly conducting Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH). The November 2024 round of the survey is being launched. The survey aims at capturing subjective assessments on price movements and inflation, based on their individual consumption baskets, across **19** cities, viz., Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi and Thiruvananthapuram. The survey seeks qualitative responses from households on price changes (general prices as well as prices of specific product groups) in the three months ahead as well as in the one year ahead period and quantitative responses on current, three months ahead and one year ahead inflation rates. The results of this survey provide useful inputs for monetary policy. The agency, M/s Hansa Research Group Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai has been engaged to conduct the survey of this round on behalf of the Reserve Bank of India. For this purpose, the selected households will be approached by the agency and they are requested to provide their response. Other individuals, who are not approached by the agency can also participate in this survey by providing their responses using the linked survey schedule.

For more information, you can access the press release here:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=58992

3. Rate of interest on Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2034.

The rate of interest on Government of India Floating Rate Bond 2034 (GOI FRB 2034) applicable for the half year October 30, 2024 to April 29, 2025 shall be 7.53 per cent per annum.

It may be recalled that FRB 2034 carries a coupon, which has a base rate equivalent to the average of the Weighted Average Yield (WAY) of last three auctions (from the rate fixing day i.e., October 30, 2024) of 182 Day T-Bills, plus a fixed spread (0.98 per cent).

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4. Premature redemption under Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption due on November 04, 2024 (Series I of SGB 2018-19).

In terms of [GOI Notification F.No.4\(8\) – W&M/2018 dated April 13, 2018](#) (SGB 2018-19 Series I - Issue date May 04, 2018) on Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme, premature redemption of Gold Bond may be permitted after fifth year from the date of issue of such Gold Bond on the date on which interest is payable. Accordingly, the next due date of premature redemption of the above tranche shall be November 04, 2024. Further, the redemption price of SGB shall be based on the simple average of closing gold price of 999 purity of previous three business days from the date of redemption, as published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd (IBJA). Accordingly, the redemption price for premature redemption due on November 04, 2024, shall be **₹7,929/- (Rupees Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine only)** per unit of SGB based on the simple average of closing gold price for the three business days i.e., October 29, 30 and 31, 2024.

For more information, you can access the press release here:

https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=59010

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