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# Corporate Law amendment bill 2026

## MCA

- Decriminalising over 40 minor offences and shifting them to an in-house adjudication system
- faster corporate actions such as mergers with around 75% shareholder approval
- permitting up to two share buybacks in a financial year.
- Small company definition widened-PUC 20 Crores and turnover 200 Crores
- broader equity-linked incentive schemes such as SAR, phantom recognised
- Greater powers to NFRA
- Service of documents to shareholders only in e-mode for certain companies

## Covers amendment to LLP Act

- Provision for conversion from Trust to LLP
- IFSC related provisions are added

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## Proposed amendment in Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014.

### MCA

- Merging 9 existing forms into two e-forms (E-CHNG and E-CON), streamlining processes for name changes, office relocations, and company conversions.
- Increase the DIN application limit from 3 to 5 directors via SPICe+ and make EPFO, ESIC, and bank account openings optional during incorporation.
- physical affidavits are largely eliminated, and name reservation criteria are being strictly standardized to reduce discretionary delays.
- Provision for withdrawal of reserved names before incorporation or change of name
- Option of conversion of section 8 company limited by guarantee to limited by shares.

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## Single Abusive Remark in Workplace email does not Sexual Harassment

### Case Law

- The Punjab & Haryana High Court quashed an FIR registered under Section 354-A IPC against a company director, holding that **a single offensive remark made during a work-related email exchange lacked any sexual intent or overtone and did not meet the threshold for sexual harassment.**
- Senior counsel that the said remarks, though admittedly not made in good taste, must not be taken in isolation while the Complainant said that **the 'f\*\*\* off' remark was sexually coloured**
- The Court observed that while workplace decorum is essential, not every instance of rude or abusive communication constitutes a criminal offence.

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## IBC

### **Report of Supreme Court appointed committee to streamlines Insolvency Resolution Process under Real Estate sector**

- Identified 55 critical issues covering fragmented project structures, absence of reliable data in IM, expiry of regulatory approvals during CIRP.
- Real estate insolvencies to be resolved on a project-by-project basis, shielding financially sound developments and homebuyers from broader bankruptcy proceedings.
- Proposed excluding completed projects from insolvency estates and raising the default threshold to ₹5 crore.
- Mandatory operation of project wise escrow account suggested [Click here for link](#)



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## IBC

### Adoption of International Valuation Standards (IVS) for all valuations under the IBC framework

- IBBI's April 1, 2026 circular makes International Valuation Standards (IVS) mandatory for all valuations under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, effective immediately.
- The move brings India in line with global practices, improving transparency and consistency across CIRP, liquidation, and pre-pack cases—while pushing registered valuers to upgrade to IVS standards.
- Covers valuation under CIRP, Liquidation, Voluntary liquidation, Pre-packaged Insolvency and Personal Guarantors

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## SEBI

### **Relaxation from Master Circular provisions on MPS non-compliance under LODR Regulations, 2015**

- SEBI has granted a one-time relaxation from penal action for listed entities missing MPS compliance deadlines between April 1 and September 30, 2026, citing market volatility due to geopolitical tensions.
- Any penalty notices issued from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 till 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (date of issue of notice) may be withdrawn

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FEMA

## FEMA (Non-debt Instruments) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2026

- Notified on May 2, 2026.
- Allows up to 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector through the automatic route.

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## FEMA (Non-debt Instruments) (Amendment) Rules, 2026

- **March 2026 FDI policy change (Press Note 2, 2026)** introduced a **revised beneficial ownership test** for investments from **land-bordering countries (LBCs)**
- **Legal enforceability required alignment in FEMA NDI Rules**—which has now been done via the **2 May 2026 amendment**.

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## Centre recognises record 55,200 Startups In FY26

### Other Updates

- Over 55,200 startups in FY26—the highest since the Startup India launch—taking total to more than 2.23 lakh.
- Created over 23.36 lakh jobs, including nearly 5 lakh added this year alone
- Rising momentum in deeptech sectors such as AI, spacetech, and robotics.
- Maharashtra has the highest number of registered startups followed by Karnataka.
- Flagships schemes include Fund of Funds for Startups (FFS), Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS), and Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) [Click here for link](#)

## Insights

- [Click here to read our latest article on The Limited Liability Partnership Amendment Bill, 2026](#)



- [Click here to read our latest article on Corporate Laws Amendment Bill, 2026](#)





## Due Dates

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- Shareholding pattern as per regulation 31 - 14th May 2026
- Statement of deviation(s) or variation(s) - 30th May 2026.
- Financial results along with Limited review report/Auditor's report - 30th May 2026
- Disclosures of related party transaction - 30th May 2026
- Secretarial Compliance Report - 30th May 2026
- Reconciliation of Share Capital Report - 30th May 2026
- Annual Return of the Foreign Companies - 30th May 2026
- Annual Return of LLP - 30th May 2026