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RBI discontinues IFR for banks

CCyB stays inactive.
Kerala swears in new CM.

18 May

IFR DISCONTINUED

CCyB

NOT ACTIVATED

20

KERALA MINISTERS

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Satheesan oath.

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Editor's briefing and contents

Two RBI regulatory decisions, Kerala's swearing-in and a new UIDAI chief lead this edition.

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Reading guide

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Banking and RBI

RBI discontinues Investment Fluctuation Reserve for banks following market-risk capital charge

18 May 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI issued final Amendment Directions on the Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) on 18 May 2026, after examining feedback on its draft. The draft proposed dispensing with the IFR for bank categories that maintain a capital charge for market risk and follow the revised norms on classification, valuation and operation of the investment portfolio, with remaining Regulated Entity categories to comply with IFR as on balance sheet dates instead of continuously.

The Hindu BusinessLine reported that, with effect from 18 May, the commercial bank directions say the IFR requirement 'has been discontinued', and that the IFR balance as of 17 May would be transferred below the line to reserves.

Key facts

Issued: 18 May 2026, final Amendment Directions

IFR dropped for banks with market-risk capital charge and revised investment norms

Other REs: comply with IFR as on balance sheet dates

Basis: draft feedback examined; harmonised across RE categories

Exam takeaway: The IFR is a reserve banks built from investment gains to cushion losses on investments.

One-minute recall: RBI (18 May 2026): IFR requirement discontinued for banks under revised investment-portfolio norms; others on balance sheet dates.

[Reserve Bank of India](#)

RBI keeps countercyclical capital buffer inactive after reviewing indicators

18 May 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI said on 18 May 2026, after a review and empirical analysis of CCyB indicators, that it is not necessary to activate the Counter-Cyclical Capital Buffer at this point in time.

The framework in the Commercial Banks - Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy Directions, 2025 provides that the CCyB would be activated as and when circumstances warrant, normally pre-announced, with credit-to-GDP gap as the main indicator.

Key facts

Decision: CCyB need not be activated now

Date: 18 May 2026

Main indicator: credit-to-GDP gap

Framework: Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy Directions, 2025

Exam takeaway: CCyB is an extra capital cushion banks build in good times to absorb losses in downturns.

One-minute recall: RBI 18 May 2026: no need to activate CCyB now; credit-to-GDP gap is main indicator.

[Reserve Bank of India](#)

National and International Affairs

V. D. Satheesan sworn in as Kerala Chief Minister with 20 Ministers

18 May 2026 | The Hindu

The Hindu reported that V. D. Satheesan was sworn in as Kerala's Chief Minister along with 20 Ministers on Monday, 18 May 2026 at the Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram. Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar administered the oath.

The Hindu's live report lists 11 Congress Ministers and five Indian Union Muslim League Ministers

among those sworn in.

Key facts

Sworn in: 18 May 2026, Central Stadium, Thiruvananthapuram

Oath administered by: Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Council: Chief Minister plus 20 Ministers

Announced as CM on 14 May

Exam takeaway: A Governor administers the oath to a State's Chief Minister.

One-minute recall: Kerala: V D Satheesan sworn in CM with 20 ministers, 18 May 2026 (Hindu).

The Hindu

Appointments, Awards and Important Days

Saurabh Vijay assumes charge as CEO of UIDAI

18 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said Saurabh Vijay assumed charge as Chief Executive Officer of the Unique Identification Authority of India on 18 May 2026. He is a 1998-batch IAS officer of the Maharashtra cadre and a civil engineer from IIT-Delhi.

He was earlier Principal Secretary (Expenditure) in Maharashtra's Finance Department and has served as Director at the President's Secretariat and as Advisor to the Executive Director at the World Bank.

Key facts

Post: CEO, UIDAI

Officer: Saurabh Vijay, IAS 1998, Maharashtra cadre

Joined from: Principal Secretary (Expenditure), Maharashtra

Date: 18 May 2026

Exam takeaway: UIDAI issues Aadhaar numbers.

One-minute recall: Saurabh Vijay assumes charge as UIDAI CEO, 18 May 2026 (PIB).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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IFR: Investment Fluctuation Reserve.

CCyB: Counter-Cyclical Capital Buffer.

Credit-to-GDP gap: Indicator of excess credit.

Regulated Entity: Entity regulated by RBI.

UIDAI: Unique Identification Authority of India.

Rapid-revision prompts

What happened to IFR?

Is CCyB active?

Who is Kerala's CM?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 4 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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