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Record RBI surplus to the Centre

About Rs 2.87 lakh crore for 2025-26.
April CPI at 3.5 per cent.

**Rs 2.87
lakh cr**

SURPLUS TRANSFER

3.5%

APRIL CPI

BTR-1

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RBI

Surplus and Bulletin.

Climate

GHG inventory.

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Editor's briefing and contents

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Reading guide

4 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 9-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Banking and RBI

RBI Board approves record surplus transfer of about Rs 2.87 lakh crore to the Centre for 2025-26

22 May 2026 | The Indian Express and Reuters (RBI statement)

The Indian Express reported that the RBI's Central Board on 22 May 2026 approved a record surplus transfer of Rs 2,86,588 crore to the Central Government for the accounting year 2025-26, about 6.7 per cent (Rs 17,998 crore) higher than the Rs 2,68,590 crore transferred in 2024-25. CNBC-TV18 reported it was approved at the 623rd Central Board meeting chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra in Mumbai.

Reuters, citing the RBI statement, put the figure at 2.87 trillion rupees and said the RBI lowered its contingency risk buffer to 6.5% of its balance sheet from 7.5% the previous year. The primary RBI statement was not read for this edition, so figures are attributed to these outlets.

Key facts

Surplus transfer: about Rs 2.87 lakh crore (Rs 2,86,588 crore per Indian Express)

Previous year: Rs 2,68,590 crore; highest-ever payout

Contingency risk buffer: 6.5% of balance sheet (from 7.5%), per Reuters

Meeting: 623rd Central Board meeting, chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra

Exam takeaway: The RBI transfers its annual surplus to the Government under Section 47 of the RBI Act.

One-minute recall: RBI surplus transfer for 2025-26: about Rs 2.87 lakh crore, record; CRB 6.5% (Reuters/Indian Express, 22 May).

The Indian Express and Reuters (RBI statement)

RBI Bulletin May 2026: CPI inflation rose to 3.5 per cent in April

22 May 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI released the May 2026 issue of its monthly Bulletin on 22 May 2026. Its State of the Economy article says CPI inflation rose to 3.5 per cent in April, driven mainly by food inflation, while core inflation remained steady.

It adds that net FDI stayed positive for the second consecutive month in March, and foreign portfolio investors remained net sellers in April and May, though outflows moderated. The views in the article are the authors' and not the RBI's.

Key facts

CPI inflation, April 2026: 3.5 per cent, driven by food

Core inflation: steady

Net FDI: positive for second consecutive month in March

FPIs: net sellers in April and May; pace of outflows moderated

Exam takeaway: The State of the Economy article in the RBI Bulletin carries the authors' views, not the RBI's.

One-minute recall: RBI Bulletin May 2026: April CPI 3.5%, driven by food (RBI, 22 May).

Reserve Bank of India

RBI to conduct Rs 1,50,000 crore 4-day VRR auction on 25 May

22 May 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI announced on 22 May 2026 a 4-day Variable Rate Repo (VRR) auction under the LAF on Monday, 25 May 2026, for Rs 1,50,000 crore, after a review of liquidity conditions. The window is 9:30 to 10:00 AM and the reversal date is Friday, 29 May 2026.

Key facts

Auction date: 25 May 2026

Amount: Rs 1,50,000 crore; tenor 4 days

Window: 9:30 to 10:00 AM

Reversal: 29 May 2026

Exam takeaway: VRR auctions are used to manage liquidity in the banking system.

One-minute recall: RBI 4-day VRR auction, 25 May 2026, Rs 1,50,000 crore (RBI).

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Reports, Indices, Science and Technology

India's first Biennial Transparency Report: GHG inventory workshop held at CSIR-IIP Dehradun

22 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said India has recently submitted its first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR-1) to the UNFCCC. Following this, a three-day workshop on the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory was held from 20 to 22 May 2026 at CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun, jointly by CSIR-IIP and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

Experts from institutions such as CSIR-CIMFR, CMPDI, CII, IIT-ISM Dhanbad and NIAS discussed greenhouse gas accounting for the Energy and Industrial Processes and Product Use (IPPU) sectors.

Key facts

Report: India's first Biennial Transparency Report (BTR-1) to UNFCCC

Workshop: 20 to 22 May 2026, CSIR-IIP Dehradun

Organisers: CSIR-IIP and MoEFCC

Sectors: Energy and IPPU

Exam takeaway: BTRs report a country's emissions and progress under the Paris Agreement's transparency framework.

One-minute recall: India submitted BTR-1 to UNFCCC; GHG inventory workshop 20-22 May 2026 (PIB).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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Surplus transfer: RBI's annual payout to the Centre.

Contingency risk buffer: Reserve against RBI's financial risks.

CPI: Consumer Price Index.

BTR: Biennial Transparency Report.

IPPU: Industrial Processes and Product Use.

Rapid-revision prompts

How large is the surplus transfer?

What was April CPI?

What is BTR-1?

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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