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SARTHAK-PDS: Rs 25,530 crore

Technology-led ration distribution.
G-sec auction on 29 May.

Rs 25,530
cr

CENTRAL SHARE

81.35 cr

NFSA PERSONS

Rs 28,000
cr

G-SEC AUCTION

Original concept illustration | Figures from cited sources

PDS

Cabinet approval.

RBI

Underwriting.

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Editor's briefing and contents

A short edition: the Cabinet's SARTHAK-PDS approval and an RBI underwriting auction notice.

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Reading guide

2 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 6-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Banking and RBI

RBI announces underwriting auction for Rs 28,000 crore government securities on 29 May

27 May 2026 | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI announced an underwriting auction for sale of government securities worth Rs 28,000 crore on Friday, 29 May 2026: 6.68% GS 2040 (Rs 17,000 crore) and 7.43% GS 2076 (Rs 11,000 crore).

Each Primary Dealer has a minimum underwriting commitment of Rs 405 crore for the 2040 security and Rs 262 crore for the 2076 security, with the same minimum bidding commitment in the ACU auction. Bids go through the e-Kuber system from 9:00 to 9:30 AM on auction day.

Key facts

Auction date: 29 May 2026; total Rs 28,000 crore

6.68% GS 2040: Rs 17,000 crore; MUC Rs 405 crore per PD

7.43% GS 2076: Rs 11,000 crore; MUC Rs 262 crore per PD

ACU bids on e-Kuber, 9:00 to 9:30 AM

Exam takeaway: A Minimum Underwriting Commitment is the amount each Primary Dealer must underwrite in an auction.

One-minute recall: RBI underwriting auction 29 May 2026: Rs 28,000 crore; GS 2040 and GS 2076 (RBI).

Reserve Bank of India

Government Schemes

Cabinet approves SARTHAK-PDS with Rs 25,530 crore Central share in the 16th Finance Commission cycle

27 May 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved continuation of the 'Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in PDS' (SARTHAK-PDS) as an umbrella scheme for the 16th Finance Commission cycle, with an outlay of Rs 25,530 crore as Central share. It also revised norms of central assistance for intra-State movement and handling of foodgrains and FPS dealers' margin.

The umbrella integrates the scheme for assistance to State agencies for intra-State movement of foodgrains and FPS dealers' margin under NFSA and the SMART PDS scheme. It aims to modernise PDS using AI, machine learning, NLP and blockchain, State Command Control Centres and unified databases, supporting the 81.35 crore persons covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013.

Key facts

Scheme: SARTHAK-PDS (umbrella); approved by CCEA

Central share: Rs 25,530 crore; 16th Finance Commission cycle

Integrates: intra-State movement and FPS margin scheme with SMART PDS

Coverage: 81.35 crore persons under NFSA

Exam takeaway: FPS means Fair Price Shop; the FPS dealers' margin is the commission paid to ration shop owners.

One-minute recall: SARTHAK-PDS: Rs 25,530 crore Central share; integrates SMART PDS; 81.35 crore NFSA beneficiaries (PIB, 27 May).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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SARTHAK-PDS: Scheme for Assistance in Ration Transport and Handling-Income with Automation in PDS.

NFSA: National Food Security Act, 2013.

FPS: Fair Price Shop.

MUC: Minimum Underwriting Commitment.

ACU: Additional Competitive Underwriting.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is SARTHAK-PDS?

What is MUC?

How many people does NFSA cover?

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 2 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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