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Forex reserves at US\$ 729.3 billion

Buyback notice. CBG price.

\$729.3 bn

FOREX RESERVES

Rs 30,000 cr

BUYBACK CEILING

Rs 2,110

CBG PRICE PER MMBTU

Original concept illustration | Figures from cited sources

RBI

Reserves, buyback.

Energy

CBG pricing.

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Editor's briefing and contents

Weekly reserves data, a bond buyback announcement and a biogas pricing clarification lead this edition.

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Reading guide

3 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

Government announces Rs 30,000 crore buyback of four securities, auction on 3 September 2026

28 August 2026 (announcement) | Reserve Bank of India

The RBI announced that the Government of India will buy back securities through auction for an aggregate Rs 30,000 crore (face value). The securities are 7.33% GS 2026, 5.74% GS 2026, 8.15% GS 2026 and 8.24% GS 2027, with no notified amount for individual securities.

Offers are to be submitted on the e-Kuber system on 3 September 2026, between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. The result is to be announced the same day and settlement is on 4 September. This is an announcement; the result is a separate release.

Key facts

Aggregate ceiling: Rs 30,000 crore

Securities: four, maturing Oct 2026 to Feb 2027

Auction date (scheduled): 3 September 2026

Settlement (scheduled): 4 September 2026

Exam takeaway: The same four securities featured in the 6 August buyback result.

One-minute recall: Rs 30,000 crore buyback announced (RBI, 28 August 2026).

Reserve Bank of India

Economy and Finance

India's forex reserves at US\$ 729.328 billion as on 21 August 2026

Week ended 21 August 2026 (published 28 August) | Reserve Bank of India

RBI's Weekly Statistical Supplement extract shows India's total reserves at US\$ 729,328 million (Rs 69,81,330 crore) as on 21 August 2026, up US\$ 12,422 million over the week and US\$ 38,221 million above end-March 2026.

The previous reading was US\$ 716,907 million as on 14 August 2026.

Key facts

Total reserves: US\$ 729,328 mn

Weekly rise: US\$ 12,422 mn

Rise over end-March 2026: US\$ 38,221 mn

Reference date: 21 August 2026

Exam takeaway: The rise coincides with the FCNR(B) swap inflows.

One-minute recall: Forex reserves at US\$ 729.328 bn (RBI WSS, published 28 August 2026).

Reserve Bank of India

Government Schemes

PIB clarifies revised CBG price of Rs 2,110 per MMBtu under GOBARdhan

29 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB's Petroleum Ministry note said that under the GOBARdhan Scheme the CBG price has been fixed at Rs 2,110 per MMBtu, against about Rs 1,478 per MMBtu under the existing system linked to 85 per cent of the retail selling price of CNG, an increase of approximately 43 per cent.

It said this is the procurement price paid to CBG producers, not the price paid by CNG or household PNG consumers, and the Government will provide affordability support of Rs 10 per kg of CBG. The note rebuts a newspaper article.

Key facts

New CBG price: Rs 2,110 per MMBtu

Earlier: about Rs 1,478 per MMBtu (85% of CNG retail price)

Increase: approximately 43%

Government support: Rs 10 per kg of CBG

Exam takeaway: This follows the GOBARdhan Cabinet approval of 6 August 2026.

One-minute recall: CBG pricing under GOBARdhan (PIB, 29 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Rapid revision and vocabulary

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Forex reserves: Foreign currency assets, gold, SDRs and reserve tranche.

Buyback: Early repurchase of government securities.

CBG: Compressed Biogas.

MMBtu: Million British thermal units.

WSS: Weekly Statistical Supplement.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is in forex reserves?

What is a buyback?

What is CBG?

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

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