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## 1. GLOBAL UPDATES

### EU INVESTS \$439 MILLION IN ALTERNATIVE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The European Commission announced that it will allocate €422 million (USD\$439 million) to 39 alternative fuel infrastructure projects, aimed at supporting the transition to cleaner transport.

Selected projects will focus on areas including the installation of public electric recharging stations for both heavy-duty and light-duty vehicles, the development of hydrogen refueling stations and onshore power installations in ports, in addition to electrifying airports and providing infrastructure shipping fuels such as ammonia and methanol.

Date: 07/02/2025

### AMAZON-BACKED X- ENERGY RAISES \$700 MILLION TO ACCELERATE SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

Nuclear technology company X-Energy announced that it has raised \$700 million in a Series C-1 financing round, with proceeds aimed at accelerating the development of the company's small modular nuclear reactor technology.

The announcement represents an upsizing of the funding round, following an initial \$500 million capital raise announced in October 2024, and led by Amazon's Climate Pledge Fund, alongside an agreement with Amazon to bring more than 5 GW of projects online across the U.S. by 2039.

Date: 06/02/2025

## 2. JUDGEMENTS

### SAYYED MOHAMMED SABIR USMAN VS UNION OF INDIA

CITATION: ORIGINAL  
APPLICATION NO. 49/2021

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
DINESH KUMAR SINGH AND  
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL  
VEL

DATE: 03/02/2025

For direction may be issued to the Respondents (Government Authorities) to demolish the illegal structures which is a residential and commercial project, without Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate, in violation of the terms & conditions of Environmental Clearance dated 25.06.2007 further that an amount of EDC may be levied from respondent No.8 based on the 'polluter pays' principle. Respondent No.8- M/s. Castle Realtors Pvt. Ltd./Project Proponent shall deposit a Bank Guarantee of Rs.50 lakhs for installation of Organic Waste Converter (OWC) with appropriate capacity and solar system within a period of six months from the date of uploading of this Judgment. The said Bank Guarantee shall be deposited with the MPCB within one month from the date of uploading of this Judgment. An amount of Rs. 2.02 crore shall be deposited by respondent No.8 with the MPCB, which shall be utilized for improvement of the environment in the area in question within one month.

Since the project is ongoing, in case at any point of time, Respondent No.8- M/s. Castle Realtors Pvt. Ltd./Project Proponent exceeds the permissible area of 31,389.89 sq. mtrs., it will be incumbent upon it to seek fresh EC under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006

### RAJIV AGGARWAL VS HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CO

CITATION: ORIGINAL  
APPLICATION NO. 52/2025

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA,  
HON'BLE JUSTICE ARUN  
KUMAR TYAGI AND  
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ  
AHMAD

DATE: 04/02/2025

In this the applicant has alleged air and water pollution by Respondent No. 4, Chitra Manufacturers LLP. The plea of the applicant is that Respondent no. 4 is engaged in the manufacturing of parts of the JCB machines and is located in the densely populated residential area.

The court disposed the O.A. directing the HSPCB to duly consider the complaint of the Applicant and take appropriate steps in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible preferably within three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

# K SEKHARAN VS STATE OF KERALA

CITATION: ORIGINAL  
APPLICATION NO. 7/2025

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA,  
DR. ARUN KUMAR VERMA

DATE: 04/02/2025

The rejection of an application for a mining lease. The petitioner's application was rejected due to the pendency of an earlier application for the same area.

The Court held that all applications should be considered on their merits.

# BABASAHEB MAHADEV PATIL VS M/S SHIKSHAN MAHARSHI MOHEKAR AGRO INDUSTRIES LTD.

CITATION: ORIGINAL  
APPLICATION NO. 146/2024

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
DINESH KUMAR SINGH AND  
DR. VIJAY KULKARNI

DATE: 04/02/2025

The applicant has no locus to file present Original Application and is also not an aggrieved party to the present proceedings.

Application for revocation of the closure order shall be disposed of within a period of two weeks from the date of uploading of this order and prior to that, calculation of EDC amount shall be done by giving an opportunity of hearing to the party concerned and whatever amount is found to be appropriate to be levied from respondent No. 1 as per the rules, the same shall be levied within a period of one month from the date of uploading of this order.

Thereafter, the said amount shall be utilized for restoration of the area in question.

# SHRI OMPRAKASH SOMANI VS STATE OF RAJASTHAN

CITATION: EXECUTION  
APPLICATION NO. 12/2023

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
VINIT KUMAR MATHUR

DATE: 05/02/2025

The court was informed that the state authorities, police and the Panchayati Raj department undertook multiple operations to remove illegal encroachments on Dharma talab, Raila, and adjacent areas between October 2023 and January 2025.

Out of the total encroached area of 0.8638 hectares, encroachment has been successfully cleared from 0.4438 hectares. The remaining 0.42 hectares (comprising 0.3162 hectares of commercial land and 0.1038 hectares occupied by nine residential houses) remains subject to the stay order passed by the High Court, Jodhpur bench.

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# HAMESHWARI NISHAD VS STATE OF CHHATTISGARH

CITATION: ORIGINAL  
APPLICATION NO.  
265/2024(CZ)

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
SHEO KUMAR SINGH AND  
DR. VIJAY KULKARNI

DATE: 05/02/2025

The Grave environmental concerns associated with the dumping of municipal solid waste on Khasra No. 148/1, situated at Ward No. 55 forming part of Village Pulgaon Tehsil and District Durg at Chhattisgarh.

At present there are no violation of Solid Waste Management Rule, 2016 and it is not desirable to proceed further. Since no objection has been filed, thus no further action is required by the Tribunal. However, the respondents are directed to comply the Municipal Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

# DUSHYANT GUPTA & ORS VS. STATE OF MP

CITATION: ORIGINAL  
APPLICATION NO. 267/2024(CZ)

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
SHEO KUMAR SINGH AND DR.  
VIJAY KULKARNI

DATE: 05/02/2025

The grievance of the applicant is the conservation and promotion of green area and water source/stream within the radius of 30 meters of the adjoining closed lime mines of Madan Mohan Choubey Ward situated in Katni town of Madhya Pradesh State.

Since no violation has been found, thus no further action is required on part of this Tribunal.

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# RAM WATI SONI VS. NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

CITATION: ORIGINAL  
APPLICATION NO. 1227/2024

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
ARUN KUMAR TYAGI  
NARASIMHA AND DR. AFROZ  
AHMAD

DATE: 06/02/2025

The case is related to status report by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi regarding lack of amenities in an unauthorized colony in Delhi.

The report stated that in unauthorized colonies of Delhi roads, drains and sewer lines are being constructed or maintained by the MCD. Further, the sewer lines in such colonies are constructed and maintained by the Delhi Jal Board and roads are being constructed by Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) or Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC).

# BOSCO CRUZ FERNANDES ALIAS CRUZ AUSTIN FERNANDES VS GCZMA & ORS

CITATION: CIVIL APPEAL NO.  
2375/ 2025

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
DINESH KUMAR SINGH AND  
HON'BLE DR. VIJAY  
KULKARNI

DATE: 06/02/2025

The case is related with legality of a construction by Bosco Cruz Fernandes in Goa.

The tribunal found that the construction was indeed illegal as it fell within a prohibited zone and had been built without proper permissions.

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# JITENDRA VS. SADIYA & ORS.

CITATION: CIVIL APPEAL NO.  
2209/2025

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE  
SANJAY KAROL AND  
HON'BLE JUSTICE PRASHANT  
KUMAR MISHRA

DATE: 07/02/2025

The Supreme Court enhanced motor accident compensation to over ₹20 lakh for a laborer who suffered amputation, ruling that in the absence of concrete evidence, notifications under the Minimum Wages Act can be used to assess monthly income.

Notifications Under Minimum Wages Act Can Be Considered in Absence of Evidence to Evaluate Monthly Income.

# SHRI BINOD KUMAR SINGH VS. NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD

CITATION: CRIMINAL APPEAL  
NO. 2214/2025

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE J.K  
MAHESHWARI AND SANDEEP  
MEHTA

DATE: 07/02/2025

The appellant's truck, insured by National Insurance Company, was damaged in a fire during the validity of the insurance policy. The appellant argued that the permit was valid and the authorization fee was required only for inter-state movement, which was irrelevant as the truck was in Bihar at the time of the incident.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the appellant, holding that:

The permit was valid as per the terms and conditions.

The insurer's rejection based on the non-payment of authorization fees for inter-state movement was unfounded since the truck was operating within Bihar. The Court directed the insurer to process and pay the claim with 9% interest from the date of the complaint to the date of payment within 60 days

# D.M. JAGADISH VS. BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ORS.

CITATION: CRIMINAL APPEAL  
NO. 1455/2025

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE B R  
GAVAI AND HON'BLE JUSTICE K.  
VINOD CHANDRAN

DATE: 04/02/2025

Addressing violations of natural justice by a Division Bench of the High Court, which reversed a well-reasoned Single Judge's judgment based on an affidavit without giving the appellant an opportunity to respond.

It reinforces the importance of due process and fairness, which are critical governance values in both public and corporate systems.

# AIRPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA VS PRADIP KUMAR BANERJEE

The case is concerned with disciplinary proceedings and administrative law.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Airports Authority of India, setting aside the judgment of the High Court Division Bench, and upheld the penalty of dismissal from service imposed on an Assistant Engineer for corruption charges.

CITATION: CIVIL APPEAL NO.  
8414/2017

CORAM: HON'BLE JUSTICE J.K  
MAHESHWARI AND SANDEEP  
MEHTA

DATE: 04/02/2025

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## 3. NOTIFICATIONS

S. No.	DATE	CIRCULAR NO.	ISSUING AUTHORITY	IMPACT ON COMPANIES	SOURCE LINK
1.	03/02/2025	No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/C AQM-1235DT	The Commission for Air Quality Management	The notice was issued to revoke its previous order regarding GRAP stage - III with immediate effect. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under Stage-I & II of the extant schedule of GRAP.	<a href="https://caqm.nic.in/WriteReadData/LINKS/1235%20DT%20Grap%20III%20Stage%20Revocation%20Order%20030225773727c8-d610-46ab-ab05-46228d36adfd.pdf">https://caqm.nic.in/WriteReadData/LINKS/1235%20DT%20Grap%20III%20Stage%20Revocation%20Order%20030225773727c8-d610-46ab-ab05-46228d36adfd.pdf</a>
2.	07/07/2025	S.O. 662(E)	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	The notification has been issued as the entry at Sl. No. 2 of the Table has been amended and separate Ceiling Price of synchrobreathe has been increased.	Gazette ID: CG-DL-E-07022025-260824
3.	07/02/2025	S.O. 659(E)	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	The notification has been issued by which National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority fixes/revises the price as specified in column (6) of the table. It also specifies the dosage form & strength.	Gazette ID: CG-DL-E-07022025-260822
4.	07/02/2025	G.S.R. 121(E)	Ministry of Finance	The notification has been issued to bring certain amendment to the Income-tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 2025 by which in Rule 2F for sub-rules (1), (2), (3) and (4) certain substitution has been made. Rule 5A has been inserted. Sub rule 7 has been substituted.	Gazette ID: CG-DL-E-07022025-260812
5.	07/02/2025	G.S.R. 120 (E)	Ministry of Finance	The notification has been issued to bring amendment in the Table, against serial number 6 relating to the State of Gujarat, in column (3), after the entry at (d) and corresponding entry in column (4).	Gazette ID: CG-DL-E-07022025-260806
6.	07/02/2025	RBI/2024-25/111	Ministry of Finance	The notification has been issued to inform that the Bank Rate is revised downwards by 25 basis points from 6.75 per cent to 6.50 per cent with immediate effect.	<a href="https://www.pdicai.org/Docs/RBI-2024-25-111_7220251534824.pdf">https://www.pdicai.org/Docs/RBI-2024-25-111_7220251534824.pdf</a>
7.	07/02/2025	RBI/2024-25/110	Ministry of Finance	The notification has been issued to announce that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has reduce the policy repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) by 25 basis points from	<a href="https://www.pdicai.org/Docs/RBI-2024-25-110_72202515225707.pdf">https://www.pdicai.org/Docs/RBI-2024-25-110_72202515225707.pdf</a>

				6.50 per cent to 6.25 per cent with immediate effect and the Standing Liquidity Facility provided to Primary Dealers (PDs) (collateralised liquidity support) from the Reserve Bank would be available at the revised repo rate of 6.25 per cent with immediate effect.	
8.	07/02/2025	RBI/2024-25/109	Ministry of Finance	The notification has been issued to announce that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has reduce the policy repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) by 25 basis points from 6.50 per cent to 6.25 per cent with immediate effect. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate and marginal standing facility (MSF) rate stand adjusted to 6.00 per cent and 6.50 per cent respectively, with immediate effect	<a href="https://www.pdica.i.org/Docs/RBI-2024-25-109_72202515139317.pdf">https://www.pdica.i.org/Docs/RBI-2024-25-109_72202515139317.pdf</a>
9.	04/02/2025	DI/INF/AXP/SAG/PD/SN/2025/1150	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare	The notification has been issued to take appropriate action against the online seller of the tobacco products and e-cigarettes and rigorous enforcement of COTPA, 2003 and PECA, 2019.	<a href="https://www.goa.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ADVISO-RY-ON-THE-ONLINE.pdf">https://www.goa.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ADVISO-RY-ON-THE-ONLINE.pdf</a>
10.	04/02/2025	SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD/P/CIR/2025/0000013	Securities and Exchange Board of India	The notification was issued to give broad guidelines on Algorithmic Trading. Regulatory framework is being proposed to facilitate safer participation of retail investors in Algorithmic trading through brokers.	<a href="https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/feb-2025/safer-participation-of-retail-investors-in-algorithmic-trading_91614.html">https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/feb-2025/safer-participation-of-retail-investors-in-algorithmic-trading_91614.html</a>
11.	04/02/2025	G.S.R. 111(E).	Ministry Of Finance	The notification was issued to make certain changes in the previous notification No. 05/2025-Customs dated the 1st February, 2025,	Gazette ID: CG-DL-E-04022025-260763
12.	31/01/2025	F. No. 01/91/180/648 /AM-09/EC/E-21052	Ministry of Commerce and Industry	The notification was issued to inform that Para 2.76 of the Handbook of Procedures 2023, concerning the Track and Trace system for the export of drug formulations is withdrawn with immediate effect.	Gazette ID: CG-DL-E-03022025-260716
13.	03/02/2025	क्रमांक / आब. / ठेका / 2025/562	The Airport Authority	The Airport Authority has issued instructions regarding the operation of restaurants at airports for the financial year 2024-25. These instructions specify that restaurants must adhere to the	<a href="https://excise.cg.nic.in/Uploads/FL_3DAirportRestaurantNirdesh2425.pdf">https://excise.cg.nic.in/Uploads/FL_3DAirportRestaurantNirdesh2425.pdf</a>

				prescribed standards of hygiene, service, and safety protocols.	
14.	04/02/2025	No. L-1/268/2022/C ERC	Central Electricity Regulatory Commission New Delhi	<p>Amendments have been made to the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sub-regulation (9A) is be added.</li> <li>2. Amendment of Regulations 9 &amp; 10 of the Principal Regulations</li> <li>3. Amendment of Regulation 36 of the Principal Regulations</li> <li>4. Amendment of Regulation 37 of the Principal Regulations</li> <li>5. Amendment of Regulation 50 of the Principal Regulations</li> <li>6. Amendment of Regulation 51 of the Principal Regulations</li> <li>7. Amendment of Regulation 55 of the Principal Regulations.</li> <li>8. Amendment of Regulation 64 of the Principal Regulations.</li> <li>9. Amendment of Regulation 70 of the Principal Regulations</li> <li>10. Amendment of Regulation 71 of the Principal Regulations</li> </ol>	<a href="https://www.cerind.gov.in/regulations/197.pdf">https://www.cerind.gov.in/regulations/197.pdf</a>