

ESG BULLETIN



Domestic News

SEBI Rolls Out Framework for Social, Sustainability, and Sustainability-Linked Bonds Under ESG Debt Securities

- SEBI mandates rigorous pre- and post-issuance disclosures and third-party reviews for social, sustainability, and sustainability-linked bonds. Issuers must align ESG bonds with global standards such as ICMA Principles or Climate Bonds Standard to qualify for ESG labeling. New rules aim to boost investor confidence and ensure ESG integrity through transparency and verifiable impact.

L&T lists India's first ESG bonds worth ₹500 crore on NSE

- In an official statement, the company said that it has successfully raised ₹500 through Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) at competitive Coupon rate of 6.35%.

HPCL Commits \$231M to Build 24 Compressed Biogas Plants Across India

- Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) will invest ₹20 billion (\$231 million) over the next two to three years to construct 24 compressed biogas (CBG) plants through its subsidiary, HPCL Renewable and Green Energy Ltd.

International News

Barclays' Climate Arm to Invest £500m in Climate Tech by 2027

- Barclays supports more climate tech startups with a £500 million investment by 2027.
- Climate tech firms fail to attract venture capital investments because they operate in a high-stakes environment.
- Investors are dubious about claims made by UK banks, following reports of their recent interests.

Unlocking ESG Capital: CGIF Powers Sustainable Bonds in ASEAN+3

- Across the ASEAN+3 region, which includes Southeast Asia, China, Japan, and South Korea, governments and businesses are increasingly embracing sustainable finance to help meet ambitious climate goals. With global climate finance needing to reach \$9 trillion by 2030, and Asia-Pacific requiring an estimated \$2 trillion annually to align with the Paris Agreement, the pressure to mobilize capital is mounting.

Goldman Sachs Launches Emerging Markets Green and Social Bond ETF

- The fund adheres to the EU's UCITS framework and will be listed on major European exchanges, with a 0.55% expense ratio.
- Leveraging a \$15B ESG bond team, the launch expands Goldman's active ETF presence in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, amid growing investor demand.

Upcoming Events And Conferences

National Conference on Responsible Business Conduct

Integrating ESG for Viksit Bharat

📅 Date : 2nd & 3rd July 2025

📍 Location : Taj Palace, New Delhi

Did You Know?

Climate Finance Taxonomy - It serves as a critical tool to align financial markets with global sustainability goals. By classifying economic activities based on their environmental impact, it helps investors identify green assets, reduces greenwashing, and channels capital toward truly sustainable development.

Thrive Engagements for the month of June

On the occasion of **World Environment Day**, we organized a series of engaging sessions focused on promoting sustainable living. Employees actively participated in a bio-enzymes making workshop, learning how to create natural cleaning solutions at home. An e-waste drive was also conducted to encourage responsible disposal of electronic waste. The day concluded with a sapling planting activity, reinforcing our collective commitment to a greener and healthier planet.



What is the role of a climate finance taxonomy?

- a) To replace all local environmental laws
- b) To classify economic activities by climate impact and guide green investments
- c) To calculate company profits in ESG sectors
- d) To monitor carbon emissions in developing countries

Why is third-party review important in ESG bond issuance?

- a) To ensure faster listing on stock exchanges
- b) To verify alignment with ESG standards and prevent greenwashing
- c) To reduce underwriting costs
- d) To guarantee fixed returns to investors

Test your ESG knowledge!

Answer the quiz questions above and send your responses by replying to this email. Let's see how many of you get it right!