

ESG BULLETIN



Domestic News

CIP, BII Launch \$300 Million India-Focused Clean Energy Platform

- UK government-backed British International Investment (BII) and energy infrastructure investment manager Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners (CIP) announced the launch of North Star, a new platform focused on accelerating the development and of renewable energy projects in India.
- The new platform will launch with commitments of \$150 million from both BII and CIP, to invest in solar, wind, hybrid, and energy storage projects.

Sundaram Alternates secures ₹2,500 crore for pioneering ESG-based real estate credit fund

- The fund, named the SA Real Estate Credit Fund V, is the country's first real estate credit fund with a dedicated ESG focus.
- Notably, over 90 percent of the raised capital has already been committed to investments, indicating both the market's maturity and the urgency with which investors are seeking structured, sustainable exposure to real estate.

Mahindra and DBS Bank India unveil green-linked loans for auto dealers in push for sustainable retail

- Mahindra & Mahindra and DBS Bank India have launched a first-of-its-kind ESG-linked loan programme for auto dealerships, incentivizing sustainability through preferential loan rates.
- The initiative aims to advance India's decarbonization goals and could set a precedent for green financing in the automotive retail sector.
- Dealerships that achieve higher sustainability standards will be rewarded with more preferential borrowing rates.

International News

Singapore, World Bank Partner to Scale National Carbon Markets

- Singapore's National Climate Change Secretariat (NCCS) and the World Bank Group announced the launch of the Singapore Carbon Markets Program, a new initiative aimed at supporting countries in developing and scaling national carbon markets.
- The program is designed to address key barriers hindering the growth of carbon markets, while supporting countries in strengthening technical & institutional capacity and digital infrastructure needs.

Microsoft Signs First Major Carbon Removal Deal Since Reportedly Pausing Purchases

- Green energy producer BioCirc and Microsoft announced a new 7-year agreement, with Microsoft to offtake credits representing up to 650,000 tons of carbon removal generated from BioCirc's bioenergy carbon capture and storage (BECCS) platform in Denmark.

HSBC, Temasek-Backed Pentagreen Raises \$800 Million for Asia-Focused Green Transition Fund

- Sustainable infrastructure financing platform Pentagreen Capital announced the second close of the Green Investments Partnership (GIP), with committed capital to the blended finance program reaching \$800 million to back green and sustainable infrastructure opportunities across Southeast and South Asia.

Upcoming Events

CII Climate Action Summit 2026

- 📅 Date : 5th June 2026
- 📍 Location : Mumbai

Did You Know?

Climate disclosure regulations are rapidly reshaping corporate reporting worldwide. Frameworks like the EU's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and IFRS Sustainability Standards (ISSB) are pushing companies to provide standardized, comparable, and audited ESG data. This shift is improving transparency on climate risks, Scope 1-3 emissions, and transition plans, enabling investors to better assess long-term sustainability and financial resilience.



Quiz

What is the primary objective of new ESG disclosure frameworks like CSRD and ISSB?

- To reduce company taxes
- To standardize and improve transparency of sustainability reporting
- To eliminate financial reporting requirements
- To focus only on governance metrics

How do enhanced climate disclosures benefit investors?

- By reducing stock market volatility completely
- By providing comparable data on climate risks and performance
- By eliminating the need for financial analysis
- By guaranteeing company profitability

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!