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Dear NRI Customers,

“ We are delighted to reach you through our monthly newsletter – NRI Info Beam, January 2026 edition. We request you to please share with us your valuable feedback and suggestions as we strive to take our services to the next level. ”

IND Rupee Gain – A deposit par excellence

IND Rupee Gain (IRG) Deposit continues to stand tall with its unmatched return. The readers will recall that IRG is a Deposit in Foreign Currency coupled with a Forward Contract. The maturity proceeds of IRG is paid in INR into NRE SB Account. What makes it a unique product is the superior return it gives compared to the traditional Term Deposits. For instance, while the NRE Fixed deposit gives an average return of 6.55% presently (for the ‘one day less than 2 Years’ maturity), IRG in USD gives a corresponding return of around 8.59% as per the prevailing Forward Premium for USD. It has the added attraction of being tax free in India and freely repatriable, just like NRE Deposit. Minimum amount of IRG is USD 10,000 or its equivalent in other eligible currencies. It does pay to go for IRG.



Present market condition makes 'IND Rupee Gain' deposit all the more attractive.

Recent Happenings

Monetary Policy Committee Meeting

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in its meeting from December 3 to 5, 2025, has decided to reduce the policy repo rate to **5.25** per cent. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate shall stand adjusted to 5.00 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 5.50 per cent.

The next MPC Meeting is scheduled to happen on February 4, 5, and 6, 2026.

Federal Open Market Committee.

In the FOMC meeting held on December 9 – 10, 2025, the Committee had decided to lower the target range for the federal funds rate by 1/4 percentage point to 3-1/2 to 3-3/4 percent.

The next FOMC Meeting is scheduled to happen on January 27 – 28, 2026.

Impact of US\$ strengthening on Indian students studying abroad

The strengthening of the US dollar against the Indian Rupee, reaching 90-91 levels, has significantly increased the cost of education for Indian students abroad, with budgets rising by 7 – 8% due to depreciation alone. This trend has inflated tuition fees, living expenses, and loan repayments, particularly in the United States. While this poses a major challenge for families, it can also create opportunities for students to repay loans faster if they earn in dollars.

The depreciation of the rupee comes as a boon to NRIs sending money to India in that they get more rupee per dollar or any currency pegged to dollar. It is hoped that the rupee may recover some of the lost ground once there is appreciable development in the trade talks going on between India and the USA.

Updates with respect to US, H1B Visa

US, Department of Homeland Security has announced new regulations governing the process by which USCIS (United States Citizenship and Immigration Services) selects H-1B registrations for unique beneficiaries for filing of H-1B petitions. The new rule lays down a weighted selection process that will favour allocating H-1B visas to higher-skilled and higher-paid Alien while maintaining the opportunity for employers to secure H-1B workers at all wage levels. The changes are effective from Feb. 27, 2026, and will be in place for the FY 2027 H-1B cap registration season.

US Remittance Tax

As readers will recall, the USA had proposed a remittance tax under the ‘One Big Beautiful Act’. Originally fixed at 5%, it has been reduced to 1% finally. It applies to only non-US citizens and is tipped to kick in from 1 January 2026.

In a departure from the original proposal, there are critical exemptions for commonly used remittance channels. The following are not subject to the 1% remittance tax.

- ★ Transfers from US Bank accounts and financial institutions
- ★ Money sent using US-issued debit or credit cards

This means that most NRIs sending money to India using mainstream channels may not be affected, if the transfer originates from a US-based financial source.

UPI Recognized as World’s Largest Real-Time Payment System by IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) report on ‘Growing Retail Digital Payments (The Value of Interoperability)’ dated June 2025 had recognized Unified Payments Interface (UPI) as the world’s largest retail fast-payment system (FPS) by transaction volume. Further, as per ACI Worldwide report on ‘Prime Time for Real-Time’ 2024, UPI has around 49% share in the global real-time payment system transaction volume.

The detailed comparison illustrating UPI’s current status and market share against other leading international real-time payment platforms is given in the table below.

COUNTRIES	TRANSACTION VOLUME (IN BILLIONS)	% SHARE OF GLOBAL REAL-TIME PAYMENT PLATFORM
India	129.3	49%
Brazil	37.4	14%
Thailand	20.4	8%
China	17.2	6%
South Korea	9.1	3%
Others	52.8	20%
Total	266.2	100%

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

9 January commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India in 1915. This day has been named Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) since 2003 to celebrate the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. Since 2015, under a revised format, PBD Convention has been organised once every 2 years. 18 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conventions have been organised till date.

Interest Rate on FCNR (B) Deposit

Foreign Currency Non- Resident Deposit FCNR (B) rates w.e.f. 01.01.2026

CCY	1 yr to <2 yrs	2yrs & above to < 3 yrs	3 yrs& above to <4Yrs	4 yrs& above to <5Yrs	Exactly 5 Years
USD	5.50	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.50
GBP	4.50	3.00	3.00	2.50	3.00
EUR	1.50	1.80	1.50	1.25	1.50
JPY	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.14
CAD	4.00	3.50	3.40	3.00	3.10
AUD	3.60	3.50	2.05	2.30	2.45
CHF	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05
SGD	3.00	0.40	0.49	0.55	0.61

Interest Rate on RFC Term Deposit

RFC Term deposit rates w.e.f. 01.10.2025

CCY	1 yr to <2 yrs	2yrs & above to < 3 yrs	3 yrs
USD	5.50	4.00	3.75
GBP	4.50	3.00	3.00
EUR	1.50	1.80	1.50
JPY	0.10	0.13	0.12
CAD	4.00	3.50	3.40
AUD	3.60	3.50	2.05
CHF	0.01	0.01	0.02
SGD	3.00	0.40	0.49

NRE/NRO Term Deposit rates

Period	REVISED INTEREST RATE (PER ANNUM)	
	Less Than RS. 3 Crore	
1 year	6.10	
Above 1 < 2 Yrs	6.20	
2 < 3 Yrs	6.15	
3 < 5 Yrs	6.05	
5 Yrs	6.00	
Above 5 Yrs	6.00	

* minimum period of NRE deposit is 1 year. NRO term deposit is available for 7 days onwards.
Interest rate for deposit more than 3 crore updated on our website

PERIOD	Interest Rate LESS THAN RS. 3 Cr
IND Secure 444 Days Term Deposit (NRO and NRE)	6.45
IND Green 555 Days Term Deposit (NRO and NRE)	6.40

Ease of doing digital transactions – get OTP through e-Mail registered with the Bank.

We have pleasure to inform that our Non-Resident patrons now have the option to get the OTP through the email and mobile phone simultaneously for transactions done via Mobile Banking and Internet Banking. What is more, the facility of email OTP can be enabled / disabled through IndSMART application (Both Mobile & Web version) by the following navigation:

Click on Three Lines (Left Side Top Corner) >> Service Request >> Email Services >> Enable/Disable OTP on Email >> Select Toggle Button to enable or disable >> Enter Transaction PIN.

This facility comes as a perfect hedge against the chance of mobile phone OTP failing to reach you. Do go ahead and enjoy this add-on.

We are here to serve you:

- ▶ Availability of 24/7 secure digital banking service.
- ▶ Dedicated desk to serve NRI customer.
- ▶ Remittance/Deposits can be made in a range of currencies like USD, GBP, EUR, AUD, CAD, JPY, CHF and SGD.
- ▶ Attractive interest rates for FCNR and NRE term deposit.

Toll Free Number for our Non Resident Customers

List of countries from which Toll Free calls can be made to our Customer Care Centre.

Country	International Toll Free Number
Bahrain	+97380004138
Canada	18557772333
Malaysia	1800811173
Singapore	8004923021
Saudi Arabia	8008501325
UAE	800035702688
UK	8000150930
USA	18553003112
Qatar	00800101177

Further, our existing, universal Customer Care No. has changed and the new Number is **+91 22 4444 2888**

NR Desk

Phone: +91 44- 2813 4346

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