



GLOBAL CONNECT

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MANAGING DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Patrons,

Season's greetings and warm wishes.

We are delighted to present NRI Newsletter "Global Connect" for the month of July 2022. State Bank of India has always been a pioneer in providing excellence in services through Customer centric Product & Services to our NRI Customers.

SBI has declared its financial Results for the Financial Year ended 31st March,2022 and we are glad to share with you that SBI has registered a net profit of 31,676 Crore. Net Profit of the Bank grew by 55.19% Year on Year (YOY) basis. This would not have been possible without your continuous support.

We are striving hard to offer you excellence in service with our 436 dedicated and specialised NRI Branches/ NRI Intensive Branches. Global NRI Centre, Ernakulam has been set up to provide one stop services to our NRI Customers. Digitisation of services is the need of the hour and we are continuously trying to enrich further our digital offerings.

We are sanguine that you will continue to bank with us. Being a Brand Ambassador of our Bank, we trust that you will refer your near and dear one to strengthen the bond further.

We thank you for your continuous patronage. We will continue to strive for maintaining digital leadership with constant innovations for providing delightful and unmatched customer experience.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy.

(Alok Kumar Choudhary)
Managing Director
(Retail Banking & Operations)

NEWS FROM INDIA

INDIANS BAGGED 3.01 LAKH (I.E. 74 %) H-1B VISAS DURING FISCAL 2021

A recent report released by the US Department of Homeland Security shows that India-born individuals continued to bag a significant portion of H-1B Visas allotted during fiscal 2021.

During fiscal 2021, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approved 4.07 lakh H-1B applications, a figure slightly lower than that of the preceding year, which stood at 4.26 lakh. In both years, India-born individuals bagged more than 74% of the approved Visas.

China, the second most common country of birth, lagged behind significantly with only 50,328 China-born individuals obtaining an H-1B Visa – this was 12.4% of the total approved during fiscal 2021. Similarly in the previous year, 51,597 China-born individuals (or 12.1% of the total) were successful in obtaining H-1B Visa.

FM NIRMALA SITHARAMAN URGES INDIAN DIASPORA TO BECOME PARTNERS IN GROWTH OF COUNTRY

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has urged the Indian diaspora to become partners in growth of the country during the next 25 years as it attains 100 years of Independence.

Addressing the Indian community in the Silicon Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, she highlighted the contributions of the community in innovation and research.

“FM highlighted the stellar contribution of Indian diaspora in US, especially their role in innovation and research. FM also spoke about structural reforms undertaken by GOI and exhorted the community to become partners in the growth of India during the Amrit Kaal” a Finance Ministry tweet. The journey of India to 100 years from its 75th year of Independence has been termed as Amrit Kaal (The Finance Minister visited US to attend IMF-WB Spring Meetings 2022)

GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATING POSTAL BALLOT FACILITY FOR NRIs.

Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra told members of the Indian community in South Africa and Mauritius that the facility to extend postal ballot facility for NRI electors is being contemplated. He also told members of the Indian community that extension of Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot System (ETPBS) facility to overseas voters is being contemplated.

FDI Inflows/ Outflow

- The month of May 22 witnessed the worst selling from FIIs/FPIs ever since the pandemic happened. In May 2022, FII/FPIs offloaded Indian equities worth INR 54,292 Crores. Despite the significant outflows, the market remained resilient and were down by little over 10% from its all-time high as the month ended.

MD (IB, T&S) INTERACTING WITH CUSTOMERS IN UAE.



NEW UPDATES: BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS (2022-23)

NRI TAXATION (2022-23)

Income earned in India by Non- Resident Indians is taxable and subject to TDS (Tax Deduction at Source). The rate of the tax depends on the source of income. The source can be salary received in India or payments for services provided in India, real estate income, capital gains on transfer of assets located in India, income from fixed deposits or interest on savings accounts, etc.

Interest earned on NRE accounts and FCNR accounts is not taxable. However, interest on the NRO account is taxable.

TAX CHANGES IN BUDGET 2022

Income Tax: There are no major changes in the existing taxation regime for NRIs. The Income Tax slabs for FY 2022-23 remain unchanged from FY 2021-22 for individuals and corporations.

Taxpayers can now update IT Returns within 2 years from end of the relevant assessment Year.

E-Passport To Be Rolled Out

E-passports with embedded chips and futuristic technology will be rolled out. Reserve Bank of India will launch a central digital currency in 2022-23.

CENTRE WITHDRAW 5% TCS ON TOUR PACKAGES TO NRIs VISITING INDIA

In a major relief to Non Resident Indians visiting home, Indian government has announced that domestic tour operator is now not required to collect tax on sale of overseas tour packages to non-resident individuals visiting India.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has relaxed the provision of Tax Collected at Source of 5% under section 206C(1G) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

DIGITAL INITIATIVES:

To offer comfort and convenience to our customers, SBI has undertaken many digital initiatives. Some of the initiatives which are under development are:

- 1) Extending NRI Account Opening Process through YONO App for NRI customers.
- 2) UPI facility for NRI customers for instant financial transactions.
- 3) Re-initiation of OTP over email (in addition to SMS over mobile) with enhanced security.

DO YOU KNOW:

1) **Process to surrender vacant Locker.**

If the intention of Locker hirer is merely to surrender a locker that has already been cleared of its contents, the key could be surrendered by the hirer through any person authorised by Locker hirer. The authorised person should produce a specific letter of authority and a letter of surrender signed by the Locker hirer. Specific Letter of authority should contain attested signature of the authorised person. A simple letter addressed to the Bank having all the above-mentioned details will serve the purpose.

2) **How to apply for PAN Card?**

Please visit website: <https://www.tin-nsdl.com/services/pan/pan-index.html> and fill up the Application Form.

3) **Can NRI invest in PPF?**

NRIs are not allowed to invest in PPF. However, if NRIs opened a PPF account before they became an NRI, they can continue it until maturity. In case they want to withdraw the investment before maturity, then you can do so after five years from the date of account opening. Proceed of PPF to be deposited in NRO Accounts. Extension of PPF in case of NRIs is not permissible.

4) **Can Sukanya Samridhi Yojna (SSY) be opened for NRIs?**

NRIs are not eligible to open Sukanya Samridhi account for their daughters. At any time after the SSY account is opened, if the beneficiary (girl child) becomes a non-resident, then **the guardian is required to intimate the bank within one month.** No interest will be paid from the date of the change in her residential status and the account will be considered as 'closed'.

Amount: Minimum USD 10000.00, Tenor: Minimum 1 year to 5 years.

Interest Rates For latest Interest Rate, please refer our bank website @bank.sbi/web/nri

Features of Recurring Deposit Account

Amount – Minimum Rs 100 deposit monthly

Tenor Min.: 1 year and **Max.:** 10 years

Tax Implication

NRE-RD: Interest income is exempted from India income tax

NRO-RD: Tax deducted at Source on interest earned will be 30.00% plus surcharge

Repatriability of Principal

NRE-RD: Freely Repatriable

NRO-RD: Funds upto USD One million permitted to be repatriated per Financial Year out of the balance in NRO account, subject to payment of applicable taxes and submission of required application forms

INTEREST RATE CORNER:

FCNR (B) Deposit Accounts

Effective from 10th July 2022, Interest rate on FCNR(B) deposit will be as under:

FOREIGN CURRENCY NON-RESIDENT (BANKS) A/Cs [FCNR (B)]					
Maturities	1yr - less than 2 yrs	2 yrs - less than 3 yrs	3 yrs - less than 4 yrs	4 yrs - less than 5 yrs	5 yrs only
USD	2.85	3.00	3.10	3.15	3.25
GBP	2.00	2.35	2.45	2.45	2.45
CAD	2.30	2.87	3.12	3.17	3.17
AUD	1.20	1.70	2.05	2.30	2.45
EURO	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.15
JPY	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05

RESIDENT FOREIGN CURRENCY (RFC) ACCOUNT			
Maturities	1 yr - less than 2 yrs	2 yrs - less than 3 yrs	3 years only
USD	2.85	3.00	3.10
GBP	2.00	2.35	2.45
EURO	0.01	0.01	0.01

Additional interest rate (DIR) up to 0.50% available beyond certain amount.

INTEREST RATES ON NRO/NRE TERM DEPOSITS (% P.A.) W.E.F. 15TH JULY 2022:

Maturity period	NRO		NRE	
	Below Rs. Two Crore	Rs. Two Crore and above	Below Rs. Two Crore	Rs. Two Crore and above
7 days to 45 days	2.90	3.50	-	-
46 days to 179 days	3.90	4.00	-	-
180 days to 210 days	4.40	4.25	-	-
211 days to less than 1 year	4.60	4.50	-	-
1 year to less than 2 years	5.30	5.25	5.30	5.25
2 years to less than 3 years	5.35	4.25	5.35	4.25
3 years to less than 5 years	5.45	4.50	5.45	4.50
5 years and upto 10 years	5.50	4.50	5.50	4.50

FOR YOUR INVESTMENT AND LOAN NEEDS, YOU MAY REFER TO FOLLOWING LINKS.

SBI Life:	https://www.sbilife.co.in/en/services/nri-corner
SBI Mutual fund:	https://bank.sbi/web/nri/investments/mutual-funds
For Equity Trading	https://bank.sbi/web/nri/investments/equity-trading
Home Loan	https://bank.sbi/web/nri/loans/home-loan
Car Loan	https://bank.sbi/web/nri/loans/car-loan

Please visit our exclusive portal for NRIs at 'NRI Services' Section of www.bank.sbi for more details.

Details of our Global NRI Centre for any customer related queries:

State Bank of India - Global NRI Centre: 56/170, 2nd Floor, Panampilly Nagar, Ernakulam, Kerala

Ph No: 91-484-2326343, 91-484-279-6700 [Email ID: customercare.nri@sbi.co.in](mailto:customercare.nri@sbi.co.in)

Phone No of Customer Care - 18001234, 1800112211, 18004253800 and 08026599990

Your feedback is important to us. We welcome your suggestions and views to improve our products and services.

Please write to us at cm.nri@sbi.co.in

Beware of Phishing:

SBI does not seek any confidential information through email or over phone. Do not click on any link which has come through email from an unexpected source. It may contain malicious code or could be an attempted phishing attack.

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