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# **PREFACE**

### Dear NRI Patrons.

## Season's greetings and warm wishes.

We are happy to share quarterly NRI Newsletter for October'2024. State Bank of India is pioneer in providing excellence in services through customer centric products & services for NRI Customers.

We are continuously striving to update and upgrade our technology to make banking easy and convenient for our valued customers. Global NRI Centre, Ernakulam, one stop solution for NRI customers has been serving NRIs since 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017. To give thrust on making the banking easier and more convenient, Bank has opened **2<sup>nd</sup> Global NRI Centre** at Patiala (Punjab). These two dedicated centres are supported by 434 specialised/intensive NRI Branches in India, Foreign Offices in 29 countries,45 Exchange Houses and 5 Banks in Middle east.

SBI has introduced **Amrit Vrishti** Deposit scheme for a fixed tenure of **444** days with attractive interest rate. We have also improved NRE Non-Callable Deposit scheme for your long-term investment with higher returns.

We are continuously spreading our wings to imbibe and integrate with digital transformation happening worldwide for providing a much richer experience to our esteemed customers.

We are sanguine that you will continue to patronise us. Being a Brand Ambassador of our Bank, we trust that you will share your experience with your near and dear ones to strengthen your Bank further.

We thank you for your continued patronage.

With warm regards,

(Team NRI)

State Bank of India

Corporate Centre, Mumbai

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# **NEWS FROM INDIA**

### **HOW WILL BUDGET 2024 CHANGES AFFECT NRIs?**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a series of undernoted initiatives to enhance economic engagement with the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) community.

- Easing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Overseas Investment (OI) norms including promoting the use of the Indian Rupee for overseas investments which will make easier for NRIs to invest in India.
- Reduction of holding period from 36 months to 24 months for long-term capital assets like bonds, debentures and gold etc., offering quicker returns on investments.
- Short-term capital gains on listed equity shares and equity-oriented mutual funds will be subject to a
  higher tax rate, increasing from the current 15% to 20%. Other short-term capital gains will continue
  to be taxed according to the income tax slab rates that apply to individual taxpayers.
- Long-term capital gains for listed equity shares and equity-oriented mutual funds will see a modest hike from 10% to 12.5%.
- The exemption limit for such long-term capital gains will be enhanced from the existing Rs 1 million to Rs 1.25 million.
- The tax rate for long-term capital gains on assets other than the equities and mutual funds has reduced from 20% to 12.5%, but the benefit of indexation which allows for the adjustment of the purchase cost based on inflation will be eliminated.

(Source: economictimes.indiatimes.com, Jul 26, 2024, 06:03:00 PM IST)

### NRIS ARE BUYING MORE HOUSES IN INDIA THAN BEFORE

NRIs are looking for properties that offer not only luxury but also ample space, privacy, and exclusive amenities that aligned with the high standards of living abroad.

Investments by non-resident Indians (NRIs) into the Indian real estate market has surged over the past 20 months, growing at 15-20 per cent and their share in total investments in the sector is expected to rise to a 20 per cent from 10-15 per cent earlier.

(Source: https://www.thehindubusinessline.com, September 20, 2024, at 12:35 PM)

### FAST TRACK IMMIGRATION-TRUSTED TRAVELLER PROGRAMME (FTI-TTP)

India has launched its first Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveller Programme for High-Net-Worth Individuals, CEOs, businessmen, and OCI cardholders. FTI-TTP aims to facilitate international mobility with faster, smoother, secure immigration clearance. The registration under FTI-TTP will be valid up to five years, or until the validity of the passport, whichever comes first. The programme is operational at major airports including Delhi and Mumbai, offers faster immigration clearance through e-Gates. Personal data of enrollees is secure and not shared.

# **NEWS FROM INDIA**

The trusted travellers programme is a replica of the US global entry programme but tailored to suit Indian needs, at international airports, said officials. The decision was made after the US offered to include India in its trusted travellers programme. The US Global Entry provides the pre-check benefit and expedited US Customs and Border Protection screening for international air travellers when entering the United States with valid documents.

(Source: economictimes.indiatimes.com, Sep 20, 2024, 12:27:00 PM IST)

### RICH NON-DOMS ARE UNLIKELY TO MOUNT A MASS EXODUS FROM UK

The UK plans to abolish its 'non-dom' tax regime, causing concerns about a potential exodus of wealthy individuals. Some financers are already moving to more tax-friendly countries like Dubai, Switzerland, or Italy.

People who live in the UK but who can plausibly claim somewhere else as their permanent home, or domicile, may opt for a special tax treatment known as the "remittance basis," which exempts them from paying anything on foreign income or capital gains unless these are brought into the country. Until now, non-domiciled individuals have also been exempted from inheritance tax on their overseas wealth, whereas UK-domiciled residents are liable to pay a rate of 40% (after allowances) on their worldwide assets.

(Source: economictimes.indiatimes.com, Sep 20, 2024, 12:27:00 PM IST)

# CANADA TO FURTHER LIMIT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PERMITS, TIGHTEN FOREIGN WORKER RULES

The Canadian government plans to reduce immigration by cutting foreign student permits and tightening rules for temporary workers starting next year. This move aims to address the rapid growth of the temporary resident population and alleviate pressures on housing costs and public services. For 2025, Canada will reduce international student permits by 10% from this year's levels, maintaining this limit through 2026. This represents a 36% decline from the 2023 numbers. However, Universities in Canada has indicated that the country is already on track to undershoot this year's target due to fewer applications from foreign students.

(Source: economictimes.indiatimes.com, Sep 19, 2024, 07:44:00 AM IST)

### **UK LAUNCHES MAJOR E-VISA TRANSITION DRIVE**

The UK government launched a major drive urging all immigrants across the country, including Indians, who are using a physical immigration document to take immediate action to transition to an eVisa.

As part of plans to fully digitise the UK border and immigration system, all those using a physical biometric residence permit (BRP), a passport containing a visa vignette sticker or ink stamp confirming their "indefinite leave to enter/remain" in the country, or biometric residence card (BRC) as evidence of their immigration rights will be switched over to an entirely online system by next year.

(Source: economictimes.indiatimes.com, Sep 18, 2024, 02:49:00 PM IST)

# **NEWS FROM INDIA**

### INDIA-UAE IMEEC GETS A LEG UP DURING ABU DHABI CROWN PRINCE VISIT

The launch of the India-UAE virtual trade corridor and MAITRI interface aims to streamline trade under the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. The Virtual Trade Corridor will reduce administrative processes, logistics costs, and enhance ease of doing business. MAITRI integrates Indian and UAE portals to optimize efficiencies and regulatory compliance.

MAITRI is a Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface that integrates multiple Indian operational portals to facilitate interfacing with UAE portals. It optimises efficiencies, leverages technologies, eases regulatory compliance, streamlines operations and enhances transparency. MAITRI is also scalable, secure, unified and credible.

(Source: economictimes.indiatimes.com, Sep 11, 2024, 10.10:00 PM IST)



# **EXECUTION OF REVISED LOCKER AGREEMENT**

### Having a Locker with SBI ??

Coming Home this Festive Season?

!! Do not forget to execute the revised locker agreement at your SBI branch!!

If you are unable to visit your home branch, NO WORRIES....we have a solution!

### Alternate 1:

- Submit a request letter along with revised locker agreement duly executed in presence of official at SBI's foreign offices or Indian Embassy
  officials.
- · Agreement to be stamped in terms of stamp duty as applicable in concerned foreign geography.
- Dispatch it to your SBI branch in India where it needs to be stamped as per terms of respective state.
- · In case the locker is held jointly with a resident Indian, the joint hirer should visit the branch and sign in presence of Bank officials.

### Alternate 2:

- A Power of Attorney (POA) can be executed in favour of a Resident Indian to sign the locker agreement on behalf of primary NRI locker holder.
- The POA must be irrevocable, executed before & authenticated by an Indian Consul / Vice Consul / representative of Central Govt.
- . POA to be stamped in terms of stamp duty as applicable in concerned foreign geography.
- · Dispatch it to your POA holder in India where it needs to be stamped as per terms of respective state and for submission in your SBI branch

### Where to find the revised locker agreement format?

Please visit our website <a href="https://www.bank.sbi">www.bank.sbi</a> => Information & Services => Safe Deposit Lockers => Safe Deposit Locker Agreement => Download both available files for submission

# **DO YOU KNOW**

### RESIDENT OCI CARDHOLDERS ELIGIBLE FOR LOANS TO STUDY ABROAD

The Reserve Bank of India has clarified that Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders residing in India are eligible for education loans for studies abroad. However, OCIs residing outside India can only get loans from Indian banks for studying in India only.

(Source: economictimes.indiatimes.com, Sep 10, 2024, 12:26:00 PM IST)

# SBI HAS OPENED 2ND DEDICATED PROCESSING CELL (GLOBAL NRI CENTRE) AT PATIALA

- To serve the valuable NRI diaspora of the Bank,2nd SBI Global NRI Centre has been opened at Patiala (Punjab).
- Now Bank has 2 centralized back-office outfits for processing entire gamut of non-financial requests/services of NRI customers.
- Activation of Internet Banking and despatch of Cheque Books and ATM cards.
- Dedicated Help Desk/ Customer support team for NRIs.
- Speedy resolution of technical issue faced by NRIs customers.
- · Call back service for NRI Customers.

### CUSTOMER CAN CREATE VIRTUAL DEBIT CARD THROUGH INB OR YONO.

With increase in usage of e-commerce and PoS for accepting payment from customers, adoption of debit card has also increased substantially. Customers now prefer contactless, cashless mode of payment for goods and services. Debit Card technologies have also adapted to these changes and new form factors (wearables, tokenisation of card in mobile devices) have evolved to fulfil customers' need of fast and secure digital payments. With these in mind, SBI has launched Virtual Debit Card for the convenience of customers including NRIs. The salient features are as under: -

### **Product Features:**

- o Instant generation of Debit card and no Annual Maintenance Charge.
- o Used for PoS transaction (Contactless), e-Com, International, E-mandate
- o Contactless limit for Tokenised payments: Max. Rs.5,000/- per transactions.
- o Daily Purchase Limit e-Com-Rs.50,000/-
- o Validity: 5 Years

# **DO YOU KNOW**



### RE-INITIATION OF OTP OVER EMAIL WITH ENHANCED SECURITY

Now, OTP is being sent to customer's registered e-mail address for their INB transactions **in addition to** OTP through SMS. Customers were facing challenges in receiving OTP on mobile due to network issue, travelling etc. After this additional facility, online transactions will be smoother and hassle free.

# DO YOU KNOW



# **SBI SECURE OTP APP**

SBI Secure OTP is an OTP generation App for verifying transactions done through SBI Internet Banking and Yono Lite SBI App. SBI users can generate OTP at the time of performing transaction in SBI Internet Banking/ Yono Lite SBI application.

(For Registration process, Functionalities and FAQs, please visit https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbf\_secureotp.html)

### SBI DHAN LAKSHMI FCNR(B) DEPOSITS (LIMITED PERIOD OFFER)

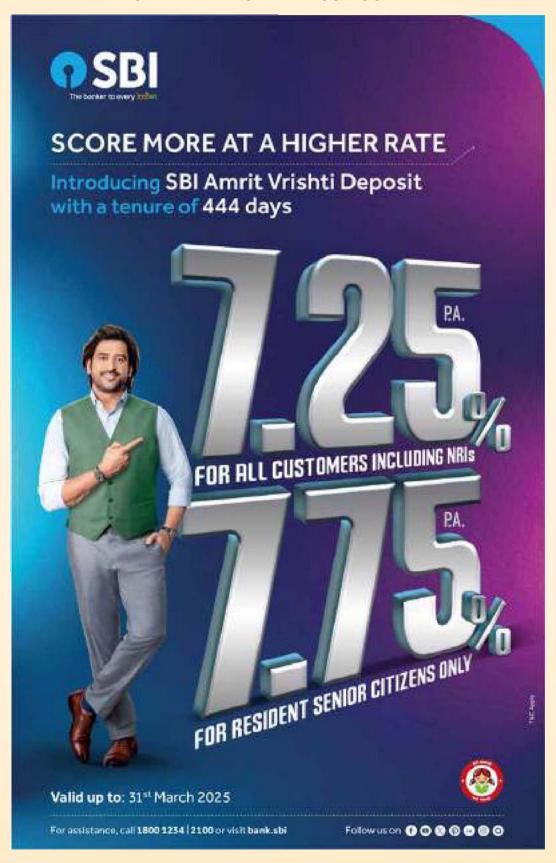
Now get higher yield for your USD Deposits.

Eligible Amount: \$ 100,000/- to less than \$ 375,000/-,

Tenor: Minimum 1 year to less than 2 years.

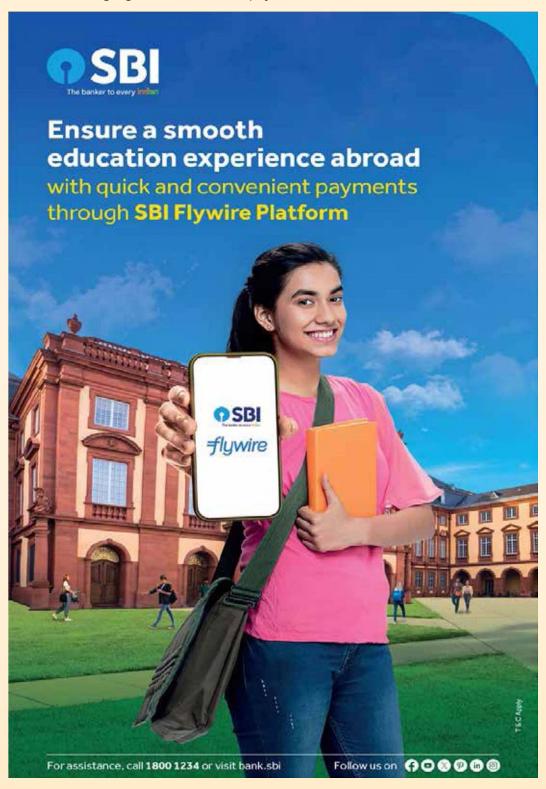


### SBI AMRIT VRISHTI DEPOSIT SCHEME



### **SBI-FLYWIRE TIE UP**

SBI has entered tie up with Flywire Corporation, a global payments enablement and software company, to provide a fully digital checkout experience for cross-border education payments for the students going abroad for study. This Tie up will provide a streamlined and completely digital experience to the students and families, when making high-value education payments to Educational Institutions abroad.



### NRE-NCD: IMPROVED NRE NON-CALLABLE DEPOSIT SCHEME

Suitable for NRIs/PIOs, who prefer long term investments with higher returns



For details, please refer our website: @bank.sbi/ web/nri/accounts/nre-non-callable-term-deposits

# **FCNR(B) PREMIUM DEPOSIT SCHEME**

### Now available in 6 currencies (USD, GBP, EUR, CAD, AUD and JPY)

FCNR (B) Premium Deposit Account is a Unique Deposit Product which provides higher yield through booking of Forward Contract on Maturity Value of FCNR(B) Deposit.

Amount: Minimum USD 10000 or equivalent, Tenor: Minimum 1 year to 5 years.



for Latest Interest Rate, please refer our bank website @bank.sbi/web/nri/ accounts/fcnrb-premium-account

### **TIE UP WITH REMITLY**



### **FX-OUT-SEND MONEY OVERSEAS**



# **LOAN AGAINST NRI DEPOSITS**

Deposit	NRE/NRO	FCNR(B) Deposit			
	Time Deposit				
Purpose	Personal purpose (including acquisition of flat / house in India for own				
	residential use) or for carrying on business activities except for re-lending or				
	carrying out agricultural/ plantation activities or for investment in real estate				
	business. Loan amou	nt cannot be repatriated abroad.			
Type of facility	Demand Loan	Rupee Loan			
	Overdraft	Demand loan/Overdraft			
		Foreign Currency Demand Loan			
		Demand Loan (USD/GBP/EURO)			
Loan Outside India	Available	Available			
Period of Loan	Up to remaining	Rupee Loan			
	period of maturity	Up to remaining period of maturity			
		Foreign Currency Demand Loan			
		• Up to 1/2/3 years			
		Up to remaining period of maturity			
Minimum Loan	No Limit	Rupee Loan-RS.25000/-			
		FCDL-\$ 25000/€ 15000/€ 20000			
Maximum Loan	No Limit No Limit				
Repatriable	NO NO				
Repayment of Loan	Adjustment of underlying Deposit.				
	Fresh Inward Remittance				
	From NRO/NRE Account (The repayment from NRO account will be withing)				
	the cap of USD 1 Mi	he cap of USD 1 Mio per FY.			
Interest Charged	Monthly intervals.				
	For latest interest rate kindly visit				
	https://bank.sbi/web/interest-rates/interest-rates/loan-schemes-				
	interest-rates/loan	terest-rates/loan-against-securities-and-consumer-durable-loans			
Premature Withdrawal	Not available.				
Loan to Third party	Available (In Rupee and in India)				
Period of Loan	Up to remaining	Rupee loan- Up to remaining period of maturity			
	period of maturity	FCL: Up to 1.2. or 3 year or the remaining period			
	of maturity				
Others: - Please visit http	os://bank.sbi/web/nri/loa	ns/loan-against-deposits for more details.			



For more details, please refer our bank website @bank.sbi/web/nri/ accounts/ nre-sukoon-current-account

# SEAMLESS BANKING KNOWS NO BORDERS Online NRI Account opening now available on YONO SBI YONO DSBI The Is till Part Total Total Total Service of Opening NRI FINRO Track Application Status Service of Opening NRI FINRO Tra

# SBI NRE SUKOON CURRENT ACCOUNT

# THE SALIENT FEATURES ARE AS UNDER: -

- To park overseas earnings remitted to India.
- If someone does not want to earn INTERST but wants a running account which fulfil his banking needs including investment.
- Amount in NRE Sukoon Current Account is freely repatriable.
- Free Cheque Book, ATM Card and INB Facility.
- No Account Keeping Charge
- No minimum Balance

# NRI ACCOUNT OPENING THROUGH YONO APP

NRI account opening (NRE/ NRO Savings/ Current Account) process is made available on YONO SBI App through self-assist journey

# **SBI WHATSAPP BANKING**



# PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT SCHEME (PIS) FOR NRI/OCI



(For details: Please refer our bank website Equity Trading - NRI (bank.sbi) or visit Open NRI Demat & Trading Account for investment in India (sbisecurities.in)



# **NEWS FROM FOREIGN OFFICES**





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# SBI TIE -UP WITH SBI CANADA BANK TO PROVIDE HASSLE FREE SERVICES TO ITS NRI CUSTOMERS

SBI and SBI Canada Bank entered into an agreement for facilitating NRI Services. This will help Indian students and other professionals who could not be able to open accounts from India while moving to Canada due to paucity of time. They may now approach SBI Canada Bank branches for processing the NRE/NRO account opening with SBI. Tie up with SBI will also facilitate easy resolution of services related matters pertaining to NRI accounts.

### **STUDENT GICS IN CANADA**

Bringing your money over to Canada for school can be a complicated and an intimidating process. With YONO SBICA, we make it simple for students from India to get a student GIC and meet the requirements for their student visa application. Luckily, this process is much simpler than it appears, and you can get a GIC quite easily and be prepared for your studies abroad even quicker than you imagined!



# **NEWS FROM FOREIGN OFFICES**



# INTEREST RATE CORNER

# Interest rate on FCNR(B)/RFC deposits (% p.a.) w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

FOREIGN CURRENCY NON-RESIDENT (BANKS) A/Cs [FCNR (B)]

RESIDENT FOREIGN CURRENCY (RFC) ACCOUNT

Maturities	1 yr -	2 yrs -	3 yrs -	4 yrs -	5 yrs	Maturities	1 yr -	2 yrs -	3 years
	less	less	less	less	only		less	less	less
	than	than	than	than			than	than	only
	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs			2 yrs	3 yrs	
USD	5.70	4.55	4.30	3.85	3.90	USD	5.70	4.55	4.30
GBP	4.85	4.75	3.75	3.75	3.65	GBP	4.85	4.75	3.75
CAD	4.20	3.80	3.55	3.60	3.65	EURO	4.00	1.50	1.50
AUD	4.50	4.40	4.30	4.20	4.10				
EURO	4.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50				
JPY	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15				

# Interest Rates on NRO/NRE Term Deposits (% p.a.) w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024:

Maturity period		NRO	NRE		
	Below Rs.	Rs. Three Crore	Below Rs.	Rs. Three Crore	
	Three Crore	and above	Three Crore	and above	
7 days to 45 days	3.50	5.25	NA	NA	
46 days to 179 days	5.50	6.25	NA	NA	
180 days to 210 days	6.25	6.60	NA	NA	
211 days to less than 1 year	6.50	6.75	NA	NA	
1 year to less than 2 years	6.80	7.00	6.80	7.00	
400 Days (Amrit Kalash)					
(For Limited period)	7.10	NA	7.10	NA	
444 Days (Amrit Vrishti)					
(For Limited period)	7.25	NA	7.25	NA	
2 years to less than 3 years	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	
3 years to less than 5 years	6.75	6.50	6.75	6.50	
5 years and up to 10 years	6.50	6.25	6.50	6.25	

# Interest Rates on NRE Non-Callable Term Deposits (% p.a.) w.e.f. 15th June 2024

Maturity Period	Deposit of Rs.100.01 lacs to less than 3.00 Crores	Deposit of Rs.3.00 Crores and above
1 year	7.10	7.30
2 years	7.40	7.40

# Dhan Lakshmi Deposit Scheme (% p.a.) w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

PERIOD	Eligible Amount	RATE	Currency
1 year to less than 2 Years	USD 100,000/- to less than USD 375,000/-	5.85*	USD

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to change in card rate

# ADDRESS OF DIFFERENT WEBSITES AND OUR EMAIL

# FOR YOUR INVESTMENT AND LOAN NEEDS, KINDLY VISIT US ON.

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 https://bank.sbi/web/nri/home for more details.

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.

### **State Bank Senior Executives Driving NRI Business**

SI No	Name (Mr/Ms)	Designation		
1.	G S Rana	Deputy Managing Director, (Retail-Personal Banking & Real Estate)		
2.	Janmejoy Mohanty	Chief General Manager, (Resources)		
3.	Ranjana Sinha	General Manager, (NRI & Salary Package)		
4.	Rajesh Marwaha	Deputy General Manager, (NRI Business Development)		

### **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 unverified source. It may contain malicious code or could be an attempted phishing attack.

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