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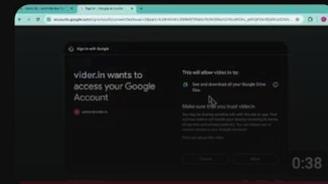
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HOW TO START A COMPANY IN INDIA: EASY PROCESS AND IMPORTANT COMPLIANCE



CA Sayli Hemant Gadakh

Starting a company in India has become much easier due to digital processes and government reforms. Today, entrepreneurs can register a company online without visiting multiple offices. However, while incorporation is simple, maintaining proper compliance is equally important for long-term success.

Choosing the Right Business Structure

The first step is selecting the appropriate business structure. The most common options are:

Private Limited Company – Suitable for startups, growing businesses, and companies planning to raise investment.

Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) – Ideal for professionals and service-based businesses.

One Person Company (OPC) – Best for single entrepreneurs who want limited liability benefits.

The choice depends on the nature of business, future expansion plans, funding requirements, and compliance capacity.



Company Registration Process

Company registration in India is done online through the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) portal.

Basic Steps Involved:

- Obtaining Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)
- Applying for Director Identification Number (DIN)
- Name approval
- Filing incorporation forms (SPICe+) with required documents
- Issuance of Certificate of Incorporation, along with PAN and TAN

If documentation is proper, the process generally takes 7 to 10 working days.



Post-Incorporation Compliance

Many entrepreneurs believe that once the company is registered, the work is complete. In reality, compliance begins after incorporation.

Key Compliance Requirements:

- Filing Annual Return and Financial Statements with ROC
- Conducting Board Meetings as per Companies Act
- Maintaining proper books of accounts
- Filing GST and TDS returns, if applicable

Non-compliance can lead to heavy penalties and legal complications.

Special Regulatory Approvals

Certain businesses require additional approvals. For example, companies intending to operate as NBFCs must obtain registration from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and comply with prescribed financial norms.

Conclusion

Starting a company in India is now a smooth and digital process. However, ease of incorporation should not lead to negligence in compliance.

Proper planning, correct structure selection, and timely filings ensure sustainable growth and credibility in the market.

Entrepreneurs should always seek professional guidance to avoid future legal and financial risks.

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STATUTORY UPDATE & COMPLIANCE CALENDAR

STATUTORY UPDATES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

INCOME TAX

CBDT Published Draft Income Tax [Rules](#) & [Forms](#), 2026

GST

GSTN [advisory](#) on Update on Advisory on Interest Collection and Related Enhancements in GSTR-3B.

GST

GSTN [advisory](#) on Facility for Withdrawal from Rule 14A.

MCA

MCA vide [General Circular No.01/2026](#) provides opportunity to allow companies to file their documents related to Annual Return and Financial Statements in the MCA-21 registry, or to file for dormancy/closure, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred u/s 460 read with section 403 of the Companies Act, 2013, has decided to condone the delay in filing the above-mentioned documents with the Registrar, wherever applicable, through a Scheme namely "Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026"

COMPLIANCE CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2026

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02.03.2026 Monday	Form 26QB	<p>Due Date for Furnishing of Challan-cum-Statement in respect of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) u/s 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 30 & 31A of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in January 2026.</p> <p>*Section 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment on Transfer of Certain Immovable Property other than Agricultural Land.</p>
02.03.2026 Monday	Form 26QC	<p>Due Date for Furnishing of Challan-cum-Statement in respect of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) u/s 194-IB of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 30(2B), (6B) & 31A(4B) of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in January 2026.</p> <p>*Section 194-IB of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment of Rent by certain Individuals or Hindu Undivided Family.</p>
02.03.2026 Monday	Form 26QD	<p>Due Date for Furnishing of Challan-cum-Statement in respect of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) u/s 194M of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 30(2C), (6C) & 31A(4C) of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in January 2026.</p> <p>*Section 194M of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment of certain sums by certain Individuals or a Hindu Undivided Family.</p>
02.03.2026 Monday	Form 26QE	<p>Due Date for Furnishing of Challan-cum-Statement in respect of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) by Specified Persons u/s 194S of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 30(2D) & (6D) and 31A(4) & (4D) of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in January 2026.</p> <p>*Section 194S of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment on transfer of Virtual Digital Asset (VDA).</p>
05.03.2026 Thursday	SEZ Monthly	<p>Due date for furnishing the Monthly Performance Report (MPR) by SEZ Units and Developers for the month of February 2026 to the Development Commissioner.</p>
07.03.2026 Saturday	Challan No. ITNS 282	<p>Due Date for Deposit of Commodities Transaction Tax (CTT) collected for February 2026.</p> <p>- Challan No. ITNS 282</p> <p>- Link for e-Payment of Commodities Transaction Tax</p>

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07.03.2026 Saturday	Challan No. ITNS 285	Due Date for Deposit of Equalisation Levy by the Deductor of Specified Services Received or Receivable during February 2026. - Challan No. ITNS 285 - Link for e-Payment of Equalisation Levy
07.03.2026 Saturday	Challan No. ITNS 282	Due Date for Deposit of Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collected for February 2026. - Challan No. ITNS 282 - Link for e-Payment of Securities Transaction Tax
07.03.2026 Saturday	Challan No. ITNS 281	Due date for Deposit of Tax Deducted/Collected at Source (TDS/TCS) for February 2026. However, all sums deducted by an office of the Government shall be paid to the credit of the Central Government on the same day where tax is paid without the production of an Income-tax Challan. - Link for Challan No. ITNS 281 - Link for e-Payment of TDS/TCS Challan
07.03.2026 Saturday	Form 27C	Due Date for e-Filing Declarations received during the month of February 2026 by a Seller, which are made by a Buyer for obtaining Goods without Collection of Tax (TCS) u/s 206C(1A) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 37C of the Income Tax Rules, 1962]. - Form 27C - Form 27C FAQs
07.03.2026 Saturday	Form ECB-2	Due Date for Reporting Actual Transactions of External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (For All Categories & Any Amount of Loan) for February 2026 through the Designated Authorised Dealer (AD) Category-I Bank To The Director, Department of Statistics & Information Management (DSIM), Balance of Payments Statistics Division, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), C-8/9, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051.
10.03.2026 Tuesday	GST SRM-II	Due Date for Filing Monthly Statement of Inputs used and the Final goods produced by the Manufacturer of PAN Masala and Tobacco Products for February 2026.

Date	Form	Description
10.03.2026 Tuesday	GSTR-7	Due Date for Filing Monthly Return of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) u/s 51 of The Central Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 and Deposit of TDS by Specified Class of Persons for February 2026.
10.03.2026 Tuesday	GSTR-8	Due Date for Filing Monthly Return of Tax Collected at Source (TCS) u/s 52 of The Central Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 and Deposit of TCS by e-Commerce Operator for February 2026.
11.03.2026 Wednesday	GSTR-1	Due Date for Filing Details of Outward Supplies of Goods or Services for February 2026 where, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Taxpayers whose Turnover exceeds ₹5 Crores in the Previous Financial Year or any quarter in the Current Financial Year. Regular Taxpayer whose Turnover does not exceed ₹5 Crores & who has NOT OPTED for QRMP Scheme (Quarterly Return & Monthly Payment Scheme)
13.03.2026 Friday	GSTR-1 (IFF)	End Date for Furnishing Details of Outward Supplies (B2B) of Goods & Services for February 2026 (M2) by, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Taxpayer whose Turnover does not exceed ₹5 Crores & has OPTED for QRMP Scheme (Quarterly Return & Monthly Payment Scheme) <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Invoice Furnishing Facility (IFF) is a facility under the QRMP scheme for small taxpayers, who can choose to upload their B2B outward supply invoices each month, for the first two months of the quarter. The B2B Invoices relating to the last month of the quarter & B2C Invoices for three months of the quarter are to be uploaded in the GSTR-1 Return. Filing IFF (Invoice Furnishing Details) by a taxpayer opting for the QRMP Scheme for M1 (January 2026) and M2 (February 2026) of a Quarter is an *OPTIONAL ACTIVITY. However, filing Form GSTR-1 for M3 (March 2026) of the Quarter is mandatory.
13.03.2026 Friday	GSTR-5	Due Date for Filing Monthly Return by Non-Resident Taxable Person for February 2026.
13.03.2026 Friday	GSTR-6	Due Date for Filing Monthly Return by Input Service Distributor (ISD) for February 2026.

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Date	Form	Description
14.03.2026 Saturday	GSTR-2B	<p>Auto-drafted ITC (Input Tax Credit) Statement generated based on acceptance given by the Receipt through IMS Dashboard on the Information furnished by the Suppliers in their respective GST Returns for February 2026 i.e.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All the B2B Information/Documents Filed by Suppliers in their IFF (Invoice Furnishing Facility) or Monthly/Quarterly GSTR-1• GSTR-5 Filed by NRTP (Non-Resident Tax Payer)• GSTR-6 Filed by ISD (Input Service Distributor) &• Information of IGST paid on import of goods filed in ICEGATE
15.03.2026 Sunday	Challan No. ITNS 280	Due Date for Quarterly Deposit of First Installment (15%) of Advance Tax for the 4th Quarter of FY 2025-26 i.e., January to March 2025.
15.02.2026 Sunday	EPFO	Due Date for Filing Monthly ECR (Electronic Challan cum Return) in case of EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation) for February 2026.
15.02.2026 Sunday	ESIC	Due Date for Monthly Payment of e-challan in case of ESIC (Employees' State Insurance Corporation) for February 2026.
15.03.2026 Sunday	Form 24G	Due Date for Furnishing Monthly Statement by an Office of the Government where Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) / Tax Collected at Source (TCS) for February 2026 has been paid without the production of Income Tax Challan.
15.03.2026 Sunday	Form 3BB	Due Date for Furnishing Monthly Statement to the Director General of Income Tax (Intelligence), New Delhi by a Stock Exchange under clause (d) of proviso to clause (5) of Section 43 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 6DDA(v) of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in respect of Transactions in which Client Codes have been modified after registering in the system for February 2026.
15.03.2026 Sunday	Form 3BC	Due Date for Furnishing Monthly Statement to the Director General of Income Tax (Intelligence & Criminal Investigation), New Delhi by a Recognised Association under clause (e) of proviso to clause (5) of Section 43 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 6DDC(v) of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in respect of Transactions in which Client Codes have been modified after registering in the system for February 2026.

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Date	Form	Description
17.03.2026 Tuesday	Form 16B	Due Date for Issue of TDS Certificate u/s 203 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 31(3A) of Income Tax Rules, 1962] for Tax Deducted u/s 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in January 2026.
17.03.2026 Tuesday	Form 16C	Due Date for Issue of TDS Certificate u/s 203 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 31(3B) of Income Tax Rules, 1962] for Tax Deducted u/s 194-IB of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in January 2026.
17.03.2026 Tuesday	Form 16D	Due Date for Issue of TDS Certificate u/s 203 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 31(3C) of Income Tax Rules, 1962] for Tax Deducted u/s 194M of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in January 2026.
17.03.2026 Tuesday	Form 16E	Due Date for Issue of TDS Certificate u/s 203 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 31(3D) of Income Tax Rules, 1962] for Tax Deducted u/s 194S of the Income Tax Act, 1961 in January 2026. *Section 194S of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment on transfer of Virtual Digital Asset (VDA).
20.03.2026 Friday	GSTR-1A	Due Date for Filing Amendment of Outward Supplies of Goods or Services for February 2026. *Note: GSTR-1A gets activated after the filing date or due date of GSTR-1 (both monthly or quarterly), whichever is later. You can file GSTR-1A anytime before filing GSTR-3B of the same tax period.
20.03.2026 Friday	GSTR-3B	Due Date for Filing Monthly Return for February 2026 where, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Taxpayer whose Turnover exceeds ₹5 Crores in the Previous Financial Year or any quarter in the Current Financial Year. Regular Taxpayer whose Turnover does not exceed ₹5 Crores & who has NOT OPTED for QRMP Scheme (Quarterly Return & Monthly Payment Scheme).
20.03.2026 Friday	GSTR-5A	Due Date for Filing Monthly Return by OIDAR Service Provider (Online Information & Database Access or Retrieval Services) where a person located outside India made a supply to a Non-Taxable Person (Consumer) in India for February 2026.

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Date	Form	Description
25.03.2026 Wednesday	PMT-06	Due Date for depositing GST in Electronic Cash Ledger for February 2026 (M2) by, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Taxpayer who has opted for Quarterly Filing of GSTR-3B under QRMP Scheme (Quarterly Return & Monthly Payment Scheme) either by Fixed Sum Method or Self Assessment Method
28.03.2026 Saturday	GSTR-11	Due Date for Filing Monthly Statement of Inward Supplies by UIN Holder (Unique Identification Number Holders) in order to avail GST Refund for the Inward Supplies received by them for February 2026.
30.03.2026 Monday	Form 26QB	Due Date for Furnishing of Challan-cum-Statement in respect of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) u/s 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 30 & 31A of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in February 2026. *Section 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment on Transfer of Certain Immovable Property other than Agricultural Land.
30.03.2026 Monday	Form 26QC	Due Date for Furnishing of Challan-cum-Statement in respect of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) u/s 194-IB of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 30(2B), (6B) & 31A(4B) of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in February 2026. *Section 194-IB of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment of Rent by certain Individuals or Hindu Undivided Family.
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30.03.2026 Monday	Form 26QE	Due Date for Furnishing of Challan-cum-Statement in respect of Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) by Specified Persons u/s 194S of the Income Tax Act, 1961 [Rule 30(2D) & (6D) and 31A(4) & (4D) of the Income Tax Rules, 1962] in February 2026. *Section 194S of the Income Tax Act, 1961: Payment on transfer of Virtual Digital Asset (VDA).
31.03.2026 Tuesday	Challan No. ITNS 285	Due Date for Quarterly Deposit of Equalisation Levy by the Non-Resident e-Commerce Operator providing e-Commerce Supply or Services made/provided/facilitated during the 4th Quarter i.e., January to March 2026.

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Date	Form	Description
31.03.2026 Tuesday	Form 3CEAD	Report by a parent entity or an alternate reporting entity or any other constituent entity, resident in India, for the purposes of sub-section (2) or sub-section (4) of section 286 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (assuming reporting accounting year is April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024).
31.03.2026 Tuesday	Form 67	Due Date for furnishing Statement u/r 128 of the Income Tax Rules, 1962 in respect of Income from a Country or Specified Territory outside India and Foreign Tax Credit Claimed.
31.03.2026 Tuesday	GST Annexure-IX	Form for declaration by a Registered Person supplying hotel accommodation service declaring the premises as not a "Specified Premises" for the FY 2026-27.
31.03.2026 Tuesday	GST Annexure-V	Form for exercising the option for the FY 2026-27 by a Goods Transport Agency (GTA) for payment of GST on the GTA Services supplied by him under Forward Charge Mechanism (FCM).
31.03.2026 Tuesday	GST Annexure-VI	Form for exercising option for the FY 2026-27 by a Goods Transport Agency (GTA) intending to revert under Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) to be filed before the commencement of any financial year.
31.03.2026 Tuesday	GST Annexure-VII	Form for declaration by a Registered Person supplying hotel accommodation service declaring the premises to be a "Specified Premises" for the FY 2026-27.
31.03.2026 Tuesday	GST CMP-02	<p>Due Date for furnishing Application to opt-in for Composition Scheme for the FY 2026-27 to pay Tax under Section 10 of the Central Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017</p> <p>Note: Persons cannot opt for the Composition Levy if you are/you make:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any supply of goods that are not liable to be taxed under this Act • Inter-state outward supplies of goods • Supplies through electronic commerce operators who are required to collect tax under Section 52 of the Central Goods & Services Tax Act, 2017 • A manufacturer of Notified Goods • A Casual Taxpayer • A Non-Resident Foreign Taxpayer • A person registered as an Input Service Distributor (ISD) • A person registered as a TDS Deductor/Tax Collector
31.03.2026 Tuesday	GST RFD-11	Due Date for furnishing Letter of Undertaking (LUT) in respect of Export of Goods or Services or Both for the FY 2026-27 without Payment of IGST (Integrated Goods & Services Tax).

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Date	Form	Description
31.03.2026 Tuesday	Income Tax Updated Return u/s 139(8A)	Due Date for furnishing Return of Income u/s 139(8A) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for the FY 2020-21 (AY 2021-22) whether or not any person has furnished a Return of Income u/s 139(1)/139(4)/139(5) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and such Return must be accompanied by an Additional Tax equal to 70% of the aggregate of Tax and Interest Payable.

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