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Finance Minister addresses the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India

The 621st meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India was held today at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Governor. The Board assessed the global and domestic economic landscape, factoring in the challenges arising from geopolitical developments and financial market volatility.

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, addressed and interacted with the Directors of the Central Board, after the Board meeting. The Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance articulated the strategic vision of the Union Budget 2026-27, which was inspired by the three *Kartavyas*, and delineated expectations from the financial sector toward achieving its goal of *Viksit Bharat*. The Directors expressed their appreciation for the Budget and shared their perspectives.

The Union Finance Minister was accompanied by Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance, Dr. Arunish Chawla, Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, Shri V. Vualnam, Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Shri Arvind Shrivastava, Secretary, Department of Revenue and Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser.

Deputy Governors Shri T. Rabi Sankar, Shri Swaminathan J., Dr. Poonam Gupta, Shri Shirish Chandra Murmu and other Directors of the Central Board - Shri Nagaraju Maddirala, Secretary, Department of Financial Services; Ms. Anuradha Thakur, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs; Shri Satish K. Marathe, Shri S. Gurumurthy, Smt. Revathy Iyer, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Shri Venu Srinivasan, Shri Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel and Dr. Ravindra H. Dholakia - attended the meeting.