

India's New Online Gaming Law — what changes 1 May 2026

One-line answer: Every real-money gaming app must register with **OGRAI** (Online Gaming Regulatory Authority of India). Unregistered = illegal, both to operate and to use.

3 things you MUST know

- **6-month grace** for existing skill-game platforms — until **31 October 2026**. After that, full enforcement.
- **Default ₹10,000/day deposit cap** on every registered app — for your protection.
- **Player penalty** for knowingly using an unregistered app — **up to ₹10,000**.

What still applies

- **30% flat tax** on winnings (§115BBJ of Income Tax Act).
- **State bans** in TN, AP, Telangana — registered apps must geo-block these states.
- **Casinos** in Goa / Daman / Sikkim — preserved under state laws (offline only).

How to complain

- **OGRAI portal** — ograi.gov.in/complaint (live 1 May 2026).
- **cybercrime.gov.in** for any unregistered app.
- **1930** — 24×7 cyber helpline.

Read the full guide

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RTI Wiki — citizen-first legal content. April 2026. **Forward to anyone who plays real-money games.**



Right to Information Wiki

The working reference for India's Right to Information Act, 2005.



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