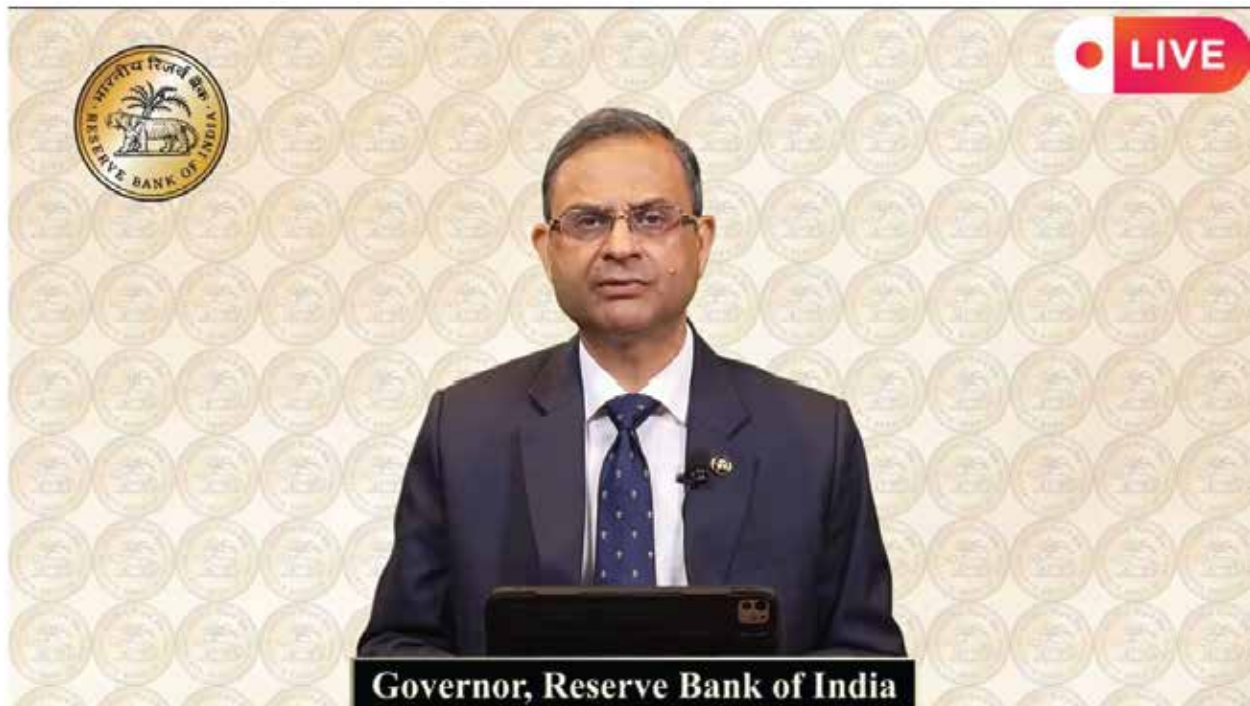


<https://indianexpress.com/article/business/rbi-mpc-meeting-live-updates-april-2026-sanjay-malhotra-mpc-repo-rate-10624752/>

RBI Policy Meeting April 2026 LIVE: Disruptions in Hormuz likely to impact growth this year, says Governor Sanjay Malhotra

RBI Repo Rate Cut, RBI Monetary Policy Meeting April 2026 Today LIVE News Updates: RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra leads the MPC meet amid US-Iran tensions and rising oil prices. Will the repo rate stay at 5.25%? Get the latest on India's monetary policy stance.



RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra during the monetary policy decisions announcements today (RBI)

RBI MPC Meeting April 2026 LIVE: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its latest monetary policy decision, has kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25% and stance 'neutral'. The decision follows the end of the Governor Sanjay Malhotra-led Monetary Policy Committee's (MPC) three-day meeting held from April 6. The rate-setting panel, chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra, meets every two months to review key economic indicators and determine the policy stance. The policy decision was hailed by various sectors.

This RBI's decisions come at a time of heightened global uncertainty, largely driven by escalating tensions in West Asia. The ongoing conflict involving the United States and Iran has disrupted critical energy supply routes, particularly the Strait of Hormuz, triggering a sharp spike in crude oil prices. Although a temporary two-week ceasefire has been agreed upon, easing some immediate concerns, the broader economic impact continues to weigh on global and domestic markets. Rising oil prices have already begun to ripple through the Indian economy. The country, which relies heavily on imports for its energy needs, is particularly vulnerable to supply disruptions. A significant portion of its crude imports passes through the Strait of Hormuz, making any blockage or slowdown in that corridor a direct risk to supply and costs. As prices surged, the rupee weakened sharply, while equity markets saw heightened volatility alongside notable foreign investor outflows.

The impact is not limited to currency and markets. Higher fuel costs are feeding into broader inflationary pressures and raising input costs across multiple sectors, including aviation and hospitality. Air India on Tuesday had raised its fuel surcharge for the second time since the war began on February 28. Concerns are also emerging around supply chains, especially for fertilisers and other critical imports from the Gulf region. At the same time, uncertainties in the Middle East could affect remittance flows, which form an important part of India's external inflows.

 Apr 8, 2026 11:45 AM IST

RBI MPC repo rate decision LIVE Updates: Realty sector hails repo rate decision

The real estate sector has hailed the RBI's decision to maintain status quo on the repo rate at 5.25% and a 'neutral stance'.

Director Strategy of Whiteland Corporation Sudeep Bhatt welcomed the decision, saying: "The stance is significant for the real estate sector. It means stable home loans which directly boost housing demand, while improving liquidity for developers."

Yashank Wason, Managing Director of Royal Green Realty said the unchanged repo rate will benefit both buyers and developers. "For homebuyers, unchanged interest rates mean manageable EMIs which will improve the rate of potential purchasers. For developers this unchanged stance will accelerate the project launches and completion timeline."

CEO and president of Jindal Realty Abhay Mishra said the RBI's decision offers a sense of continuity at a crucial time for the real estate sector. "It reassures homebuyers by keeping borrowing costs stable and helps sustain demand momentum. For developers, it provides clarity for planning and execution."

CEO of Newstone Rajat Bokolia said the unchanged repo rate translates to stable home loans, directly improving housing demand.