

1. National News

A. Parliament Passes Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026 (Creation of NTC)

- **In-Depth Explanation:** Parliament passed the **Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026**, repealing the earlier 2021 Act to overhaul the governance of specialized adjudicatory bodies across India. The landmark legislation establishes the **National Tribunals Commission (NTC)**, an independent, judiciary-dominated regulatory body responsible for overseeing member appointments, performance appraisals, and disciplinary proceedings across tribunals (including NCLT, NGT, CESTAT, SAT, and CAT).
- **Constitutional Linkage:**
 - **Articles 323-A & 323-B** (inserted by the 42nd Amendment, 1976) empower Parliament to create administrative and subject-specific tribunals.
 - The Bill comes in response to the Supreme Court's landmark ruling in *Madras Bar Association v. Union of India* (2026), which mandated an independent NTC to shield tribunal members from executive influence.
- **Key Provisions:**
 - **Chairperson Tenure:** 5 years or until age 70.
 - **Member Tenure:** 5 years or until age 67.
 - **Selection Timelines:** Recommendations must be submitted within 3 days by the Secretariat, and executive appointment finalized within 3 months.

B. Constitutional Protections on Arrest (*Vihaan Kumar v. State of Haryana*)

- **In-Depth Explanation:** Reinforcing fundamental rights under **Article 22(1)** of the Constitution, the Supreme Court ruled

that law enforcement agencies must directly and meaningfully communicate written grounds of arrest to accused individuals at the moment of detention.

- **Key Directives:** Mandates standardized arrest memos in vernacular languages and strict compliance with the maximum 24-hour presentation requirement before a magistrate.

C. NITI Aayog Strategy for \$30-Trillion Economy

- **In-Depth Explanation:** NITI Aayog released a strategic roadmap identifying **12 high-priority manufacturing sectors** (including Advanced Chemicals, Technical Textiles, Telecom Hardware, and Solar PV) to expand India's manufacturing Gross Value Added (GVA).
- **Targets:**
 - **Textiles:** Target \$100 Billion in exports and \$350 Billion overall market size by FY30.
 - **Chemicals:** Scale domestic chemical market from ~\$210 Billion to \$310 Billion by FY30.

2. International News

A. Former Supreme Court Chief András Baka Elected President of Hungary

- **In-Depth Explanation:** The Hungarian Parliament elected **András Baka**, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hungary, as the country's new President. Baka secured 140 votes in the National Assembly, succeeding former President Tamás Sulyok following constitutional revisions.

B. Danube River Drought Triggers Romanian Energy Crisis

- **In-Depth Explanation:** Severe heatwaves and prolonged drought along the Danube River basin reduced water levels to historic



lows in Romania. This curtailed hydroelectric output from the Iron Gates power stations and severely disrupted inland trade routes along Eastern Europe.

3. Economics & Banking

A. Barclays Private Clients Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses 2026

- **Top Rank:** The **Ambani family** (Reliance Industries) retained the **#1 spot** as India's most valuable family business for the 3rd consecutive year, valued at **₹25.8 Lakh Crore**.
- **1st-Generation Enterprise:** Led by the **Gautam Adani family** with a valuation of **₹19.6 Lakh Crore**.
- **Top 5 Ranking:**
 1. Ambani Family (₹25.8 Lakh Cr)
 2. Bajaj Family (₹7.70 Lakh Cr)
 3. Birla Family
 4. Jindal Family
 5. Mahindra Family (₹5.15 Lakh Cr)

4. Defense News

A. Indian Navy Launches NGOPV 'Shruti' at GRSE Kolkata

- **In-Depth Explanation:** Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) launched 'Shruti' (Yard 3037), the 2nd vessel under the 11 Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV) project for the Indian Navy.
- **Capabilities:** Equipped with indigenous stealth features, remote weapon stations, and long-range surveillance sensors for EEZ surveillance, anti-piracy operations, and coastal defense.

B. Deployment of 'GARUD' High-Resolution Binoculars

- **In-Depth Explanation:** The Ministry of Defence inducted the indigenously developed **GARUD High-Resolution Binoculars** for frontline Army and Border Security Force (BSF) units to enhance night-vision capability and cross-border reconnaissance.

6. Appointments

- **Dr. Bhooma V.G. (Retd. IRPS):** Selected to lead the prestigious **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute** in Mauritius to expand bilateral institutional cooperation.
- **András Baka:** Elected as the **President of Hungary**.
- **Xavi Hernández:** Appointed as the new Head Coach for the **Netherlands Men's National Football Team**.

7. Awards & Honors

Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026

- **Conferring Body:** Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- **Context:** Awarded to frontline forest staff, wildlife researchers, and village anti-depredation squads for exemplary service under **Project Elephant** and conflict management in elephant corridors.

8. Books & Authors

- **Book Title:** Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles
- **Author:** **Ram Nath Kovind** (14th President of India, 2017–2022)
- **Released By:** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**
- **Key Focus:** Highlights Kovind's journey from rural Kanpur to Rashtrapati Bhavan, offering insights into constitutional governance and democratic institutions.

9. Sports News

- **IAMGAME 2026 Conclave:** Olympic Gold Medallist **Abhinav Bindra** roped in to headline India's flagship sports conclave at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- **Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026:** India clinched its maiden overall title.
- **Commercial Railway Branding:** **Sprite Tejas Express** became India's first fully brand-named passenger train under non-fare revenue schemes.

10. Art, Culture & Festivals

- **IIHT SUTRA 2026:** Union Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated the 1st National Conclave of Indian Institutes of Handloom Technology (IIHTs) in New Delhi to promote handloom modern technology.
- **Karkkidaka Vavu:** Traditional ancestral homage ritual observed across Kerala on the New Moon day of the Malayalam month Karkkidakam.

11. Important Days

- **August 14 — Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas):** Instituted to honor the memories and human tragedy of those affected by the 1947 Partition of India.
- **August 12 (Recent Focus) — World Elephant Day:** India shelters ~22,446 Asian Elephants (~60% of the global wild population).

12. Birth & Death Anniversaries

- **Sri Aurobindo Ghose (15 August 1872):** Eve of 154th birth anniversary; celebrated philosopher, freedom fighter, and spiritual leader.

- **Vikram Sarabhai (12 August 1919):** Remembered on his birth anniversary week as the visionary pioneer of the Indian Space Programme.

Practice MCQs (For UPSC, SSC, Banking & Railways)

Q1 With reference to the Tribunals Reforms Bill 2026, consider the following statements:

1. It creates the National Tribunals Commission (NTC) chaired by an independent judicial authority.
2. The administrative tribunals are established under Article 323-B of the Constitution.
3. The Chairperson of the NTC holds office for a term of 5 years or until attaining the age of 70 years.

Q1 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only
- (B) 1 and 3 only
- (C) 2 and 3 only
- (D) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: (B)

Explanation: Statement 1 is correct (NTC is a judicial-led commission). Statement 2 is INCORRECT because Administrative Tribunals fall under Article 323-A, whereas Article 323-B covers other specialized matters (tax, elections, etc.). Statement 3 is correct (Chairperson age limit is 70 years).

Q2 Who is the author of the recently released book titled "Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles"?

- (A) Pranab Mukherjee
- (B) Ram Nath Kovind
- (C) Venkaiah Naidu

- (D) Draupadi Murmu

Answer: (B)

Explanation: *The autobiography of former President Ram Nath Kovind titled Triumph of the Indian Republic was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.*

Q3 'Shruti', recently seen in the news, is a/an:

- (A) Indigenous Anti-Submarine Torpedo
- (B) Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV)
- (C) Earth Observation Satellite launched by ISRO
- (D) High-Altitude Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Answer: (B)

Explanation: 'Shruti' (Yard 3037) is the second Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) launched by GRSE Kolkata for the Indian Navy.

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- (D) Draupadi Murmu

Answer: (B) Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially released "Triumph of the Indian Republic", the autobiography of Ram Nath Kovind, who served as the 14th President of India from 2017 to 2022.

Q2. Dr. Bhooma V.G. (Retd. IRPS) has been selected to lead which institution located in Mauritius?

- (A) Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre

- (B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute

- (C) Rajiv Gandhi Skill Institute

- (D) Mahatma Gandhi Institute

Answer: (B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute

Explanation: Dr. Bhooma V.G., a retired Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS) officer, was selected to head the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute in Mauritius.

Q3. Every year, August 14 is observed in India as which important commemorative day?

- (A) National Handloom Day
- (B) Partition Horrors Remembrance Day
- (C) Good Governance Day
- (D) Kargil Vijay Diwas

Answer: (B) Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

Explanation: August 14 is commemorated annually as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas) to recall the pain and suffering of millions during Partition.

Q4. What was the total value of India's domestic defence production achieved in Financial Year 2025-26?

- (A) ₹98,000 Crore
- (B) ₹1.25 Lakh Crore
- (C) ₹1.78 Lakh Crore
- (D) ₹2.10 Lakh Crore

Answer: (C) ₹1.78 Lakh Crore

Explanation: As highlighted by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, India's domestic defence production reached a record high of ₹1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26.

Q5. What is the target set by the Government of India for annual defence exports by the year 2029?

- (A) ₹25,000 Crore
- (B) ₹40,000 Crore
- (C) ₹50,000 Crore
- (D) ₹75,000 Crore

Answer: (C) ₹50,000 Crore

Explanation: The Ministry of Defence has set a target of achieving ₹50,000 crore in annual defence exports by 2029.

Q6. India achieved an all-time high defence export figure of how much in Financial Year 2025-26?

- (A) ₹18,250 Crore
- (B) ₹28,400 Crore
- (C) ₹38,424 Crore
- (D) ₹45,100 Crore

Answer: (C) ₹38,424 Crore

Explanation: Defence exports surged to ₹38,424 crore in FY 2025-26, up over 5,500% from ₹686 crore recorded in FY 2013-14.

Q7. Which train became India's first brand-named train under Indian Railways' non-fare revenue initiative?

- (A) Amrit Bharat Express
- (B) Sprite Tejas Express
- (C) Vande Bharat Express
- (D) Mahamana Express

Answer: (B) Sprite Tejas Express

Explanation: The Tejas Express branded with Sprite became India's first brand-named passenger train.

Q8. In which sporting event did India win its maiden overall title in August 2026?

- (A) Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026
- (B) World Archery Championships 2026

(C) Asian Shooting Championship 2026

(D) Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship 2026

Answer: (A) Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026

Explanation: India secured its maiden overall title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026.

Q9. The 'Gramin Gyan Setu App' was recently launched in which Indian state?

- (A) Rajasthan
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (B) Gujarat

Explanation: The Gramin Gyan Setu App was officially launched in Gujarat to provide digital knowledge access to rural communities.

Q10. The 'Sahkar Nav-Kranti' programme focused on Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) was hosted at which venue?

- (A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- (B) BSE International Convention Centre, Mumbai
- (C) GIFT City, Gandhinagar
- (D) NSE Complex, Chennai

Answer: (B) BSE International Convention Centre, Mumbai

Explanation: The 'Sahkar Nav-Kranti' event was held at the BSE International Convention Centre in Mumbai to strengthen technology and banking infrastructure for UCBs.

Q11. Which organization launched the 'Bank in a Box' integrated technology platform for Urban Cooperative Banks?

- (A) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- (B) National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies (NUCFDC)
- (C) Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)
- (D) State Bank of India (SBI)

Answer: (B) National Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks and Credit Societies (NUCFDC)

Explanation: NUCFDC launched 'Bank in a Box' to help UCBs access affordable, high-tech banking and security services.

Q12. Who authored the book titled "Operational Risk Management – A Practical Guide to Urban Co-operative Banks"?

- (A) Urjit Patel
- (B) G. P. Mistry
- (C) N. S. Vishwanathan
- (D) Michael Patra

Answer: (B) G. P. Mistry

Explanation: Former RBI Deputy General Manager G. P. Mistry wrote this guide on risk management specifically for Urban Cooperative Banks.

Q13. NUCFDC exchanged an MoU with which premier university to boost cybersecurity capabilities for Urban Cooperative Banks?

- (A) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)
- (B) Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)
- (C) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)
- (D) Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Answer: (A) National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)

Explanation: The MoU between NUCFDC and NFSU aims to offer specialized cybersecurity and digital forensic tools to cooperative banks.

Q14. Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with which body to advance language technology?

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) ISRO
- (C) C-DAC
- (D) University Grants Commission (UGC)

Answer: (A) NITI Aayog

Explanation: DIBD (under MeitY) collaborated with NITI Aayog to integrate local language interfaces across national initiatives.

Q15. Union Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated 'IIHT SUTRA 2026', the first National Conclave of IIHTs, in which city?

- (A) Varanasi
- (B) Kolkata
- (C) New Delhi
- (D) Bengaluru

Answer: (C) New Delhi

Explanation: The conclave was inaugurated by Textile Minister Giriraj Singh in New Delhi to focus on handloom education and innovation.

Q16. What was the central theme of the 'IIHT SUTRA 2026' Conclave?

- (A) "Handlooms for Global Fashion"
- (B) "IIHTs: Weaving the Future of the Indian Handloom Sector – Educate. Innovate"
- (C) "Atmanirbhar Textiles and Sustainable Weaving"
- (D) "Digitalizing Indian Looms"

Answer: (B) "IIHTs: Weaving the Future of the Indian Handloom Sector – Educate. Innovate"

Explanation: This theme brought together researchers, industry leaders, and students to discuss modernizing the handloom industry.

Q17. "Handloom Change Makers", a publication celebrating the achievements of alumni, was released by which Ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (B) Ministry of Textiles
- (C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- (D) Ministry of Skill Development

Answer: (B) Ministry of Textiles

Explanation: The Ministry of Textiles released "Handloom Change Makers" during IIHT SUTRA 2026.

Q18. Which special event was organized by the Development Commissioner (Handlooms) to honor women in the weaving sector?

- (A) 'Nari Shakti On Looms'
- (B) 'Srijan: Voices from the Loom'
- (C) 'Weavers of Tomorrow'
- (D) 'Kala Sagar'

Answer: (B) 'Srijan: Voices from the Loom'

Explanation: 'Srijan: Voices from the Loom' was organized to celebrate and amplify the voices of female handloom weavers across India.

Q19. World Organ Donation Day is observed globally on which date every year?

- (A) August 10
- (B) August 12
- (C) August 13
- (D) August 15

Answer: (C) August 13

Explanation: World Organ Donation Day is observed annually on August 13 to encourage people to become organ donors.

Q20. World Organ Donation Day commemorates the first successful organ transplant, which took place in which year?

- (A) 1947
- (B) 1954
- (C) 1968
- (D) 1975

Answer: (B) 1954

Explanation: The first successful kidney transplant took place in 1954 between identical twins Ronald and Richard Herrick.

Q21. Shri Ram Nath Kovind served as the President of India during which tenure?

- (A) 2012-2017
- (B) 2014-2019
- (C) 2017-2022
- (D) 2015-2020

Answer: (C) 2017-2022

Explanation: Ram Nath Kovind was the 14th President of India, serving from July 25, 2017, to July 25, 2022.

Q22. What was the contribution percentage of the private sector in India's total domestic defence production in FY 2025-26?

- (A) 15%
- (B) 24%
- (C) 32%
- (D) 45%

Answer: (B) 24%

Explanation: Private sector firms contributed 24% (approx. ₹42,700 crore) to the total domestic defence output in FY 2025-26.

Q23. Which fighter aircraft were deployed by the Indian Air Force (IAF) from 101 Squadron for joint operations with Malaysia?

- (A) Sukhoi Su-30MKI
- (B) Dassault Rafale
- (C) LCA Tejas
- (D) Mirage 2000

Answer: (B) Dassault Rafale

Explanation: IAF deployed 4 Dassault Rafale fighters from the 101 Squadron alongside C-17 Globemasters for the exercise in Malaysia.

Q24. Lok Sabha referred the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 to which committee?

- (A) Public Accounts Committee (PAC)
- (B) Estimates Committee
- (C) Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)
- (D) Business Advisory Committee

Answer: (C) Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC)

Explanation: The FCRA Amendment Bill, 2026 was sent to a JPC for clause-by-clause scrutiny following objections raised by opposition parties.

Q25. Which awards are presented in India to acknowledge outstanding efforts in elephant conservation?

- (A) Gaj Gaurav Awards
- (B) Tiger Conservation Medals
- (C) Aranya Mitra Awards
- (D) Vanya Jeevan Puraskar

Answer: (A) Gaj Gaurav Awards

Explanation: The Gaj Gaurav Awards are conferred on Project Elephant foundation days and wildlife events to honor frontline workers.

Q26. The renewed MoU for establishing uniform quality standards for medicinal plants across AYUSH systems has been extended for how many years?

- (A) 2 years
- (B) 3 years
- (C) 5 years
- (D) 7 years

Answer: (B) 3 years

Explanation: The renewed MoU extends for 3 years to ensure standardized quality parameters across Ayurveda, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa, Unani, and Homoeopathy.

Q27. What is the long-term annual domestic defence production target set by the Government for 2029?

- (A) ₹2 Lakh Crore
- (B) ₹2.5 Lakh Crore
- (C) ₹3 Lakh Crore
- (D) ₹4 Lakh Crore

Answer: (C) ₹3 Lakh Crore

Explanation: The Government aims to scale domestic defence production to ₹3 lakh crore annually by 2029.

Q28. Dr. Bhooma V.G., selected to head the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute in Mauritius, retired from which civil service?

- (A) Indian Foreign Service (IFS)
- (B) Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS)
- (C) Indian Revenue Service (IRS)
- (D) Indian Administrative Service (IAS)

Answer: (B) Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS)

Explanation: Dr. Bhooma V.G. is a retired officer of the Indian Railway Personnel Service (IRPS).

Q29. India currently exports defence equipment and platforms to how many countries?

- (A) Over 50 countries
- (B) Over 65 countries
- (C) Over 80 countries
- (D) Over 100 countries

Answer: (C) Over 80 countries

Explanation: According to official MoD data, Indian defence products are currently exported to more than 80 countries worldwide.

Q30. Which vessel was recently delivered by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) as part of its commercial export order?

- (A) MS Heinz
- (B) MV Vikram
- (C) INS Nireekshak
- (D) INS Kalvari

Answer: (A) MS Heinz

Explanation: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) successfully signed and delivered vessel MS Heinz to German shipping logistics company HS Schiffahrts

