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Polity & Governance

GS2

Constitutional Amendments · Delimitation · Federalism · Representation

17 April 2026 (contextually current July 2026)

Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026: Delimitation Drive Falls 54 Votes Short — A Landmark Constitutional Moment

What happened: The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026, which proposed raising Lok Sabha strength to 850 seats (815 from states, 35 from UTs) and reverting to a strict population-proportional formula, secured only 298 votes on April 17 — falling 54 short of the two-thirds majority (352 votes) required under Article 368. The government consequently withdrew the companion Delimitation Bill 2026. The bills had

additionally sought to use the 2011 Census for delimitation, and would have enabled Women's Reservation (33%) on the new seats. This is India's most significant parliamentary constitutional moment since the passage of the Women's Reservation Act 2023.

Why it matters for UPSC: This is a textbook case for Article 368 (amendment procedure), Article 82 (readjustment of seats after Census), the federal dimension of delimitation, and the political economy of representation. Prelims test the constitutional majority required; Mains tests the federal vs democratic tension — southern states that controlled population fear losing seats to northern states with higher fertility.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ Bills: Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026 + Delimitation Bill 2026 + UT Laws (Amendment) Bill 2026
- ▶ Proposed Lok Sabha strength: 850 seats (from 543); formula: population-proportional
- ▶ Vote tally: 298 in favour, 230 against; 352 needed (2/3 of those present and voting)
- ▶ Delimitation Commission: SC Judge (chair) + CEC/Election Commissioner + State Election Commissioner
- ▶ Census to be used: 2011 (not waiting for 2026 Census)
- ▶ Southern states' concern: Faster population growth in North India = northern states gain more seats
- ▶ Article 82: Mandates seat readjustment after every Census; frozen since 1977 (until 2026 attempt)

💡 TEACHING HOOK

The "Frozen Clock" dilemma: India's Lok Sabha seats were frozen at 543 since 1977 (via constitutional amendments in 1976 and 2002) to protect states that successfully controlled population growth. The 2026 attempt to unfreeze them failed at the constitutional bar — 298 votes was not a two-thirds majority. For UPSC: Article 368 has two tiers — simple majority (ordinary laws) vs. two-thirds majority + ratification by half the states (constitutional amendments). Delimitation required only two-thirds of Parliament, but the NDA fell short by 54 votes.

📖 PYQ LINKAGE

"The orders of the Delimitation Commission are not subject to judicial review." — [Tests finality of Delimitation Commission orders.] | [UPSC Mains 2020](#) "Discuss the issue of creeping federalism. Is the demand for political and financial autonomy of states coming at the cost of national integration?" (Delimitation's federal dimension maps directly to this theme.)

GS3

Labour Codes · Social Security · Inclusive Growth · Unorganised Sector

29 June 2026 · Source: Gazette of India / BusinessToday

EPF Scheme 2026 Notified: 74-Year-Old Provident Fund Architecture Replaced Under Code on Social Security 2020

What happened: The Ministry of Labour and Employment notified the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) Scheme 2026, replacing the EPF Scheme 1952, effective June 29, 2026. The new scheme operationalises part of the Code on Social Security 2020 — one of four Labour Codes passed to consolidate 44 central labour laws. Key changes include: a digital-first UAN-linked framework, simplified partial withdrawals, voluntary contributions above wage ceilings, and three transition schemes (VISHWAS, AMNESTY, and Employees' Enrolment Campaign 2026) to regularise legacy compliance gaps.

Why it matters for UPSC: Labour Codes (2019–2020) are a sustained GS3 theme. UPSC tests what each code subsumes, how they affect unorganised workers, and the coverage extension logic. EPF Scheme 2026 is the first operational rollout from the Social Security Code — a milestone after 5+ years of stalled implementation. The "12% each" contribution formula and partial withdrawal triggers are MCQ-ready facts.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ Replaces: EPF Scheme 1952 (74 years); parent law: Code on Social Security 2020
- ▶ Contribution rate: Unchanged — Employee 12% + Employer 12% of wages
- ▶ New: Voluntary contributions above wage ceiling; streamlined partial withdrawals (illness, education, marriage, housing)
- ▶ 3 Transition Schemes: VISHWAS 2026 (resolve legacy disputes), AMNESTY 2026 (regularise compliance), Enrolment Campaign 2026

- ▶ Digital first: UAN portability, automated KYC, AI-driven compliance monitoring
- ▶ MNEMONIC — 4 Labour Codes (WISS): Wages, Industrial Relations, Social Security, Safety-Health-Working Conditions
- ▶ EPF Scheme 2026 = operationalising the "S" (Social Security Code) of WISS

💡 TEACHING HOOK

WISS → **the 4 Labour Codes mnemonic: Wages Code (2019), Industrial Relations Code (2020), Social Security Code (2020), Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code (2020).** India's old 44 central labour laws → consolidated into these 4. EPF Scheme 2026 operationalises the Social Security Code's provident fund chapter. UPSC loves: "How many laws were consolidated into the Code on Social Security?" (Answer: 9 laws including EPF & MP Act 1952, ESI Act 1948, CMPF Act 1948, etc.)

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

"With reference to the Code on Social Security 2020, which statements are correct? (1) It subsumes the EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1952. (2) It applies to all establishments employing 10 or more persons." | **UPSC Mains GS3 2019:** "Discuss the challenges in providing social security to unorganised sector workers in India." (EPF extension to gig workers under SS Code = direct answer example)



International Relations

GS2

India-Japan · Special Strategic Partnership · Indo-Pacific · Defence Co-development

1–3 July 2026 · Source: MEA / PMO India / Vajiram & Ravi

India-Japan 16th Annual Summit 2026: First Defence Co-Development, 129 MoUs & Year of Shared Horizons (2027)

What happened: Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi visited New Delhi (July 1–3, 2026) for the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit — her first bilateral visit to India since taking office. The two countries signed 129 MoUs across AI, critical minerals, clean energy, semiconductors, and pharmaceuticals. The summit's standout announcement was the first-ever India-Japan defence co-development project: the Naval Radio Antenna Programme. India and Japan declared 2027 the "India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons" marking 75 years of diplomatic ties.

Why it matters for UPSC: India-Japan is tested in Prelims (Quad membership, bilateral frameworks) and Mains (Indo-Pacific strategy, defence self-reliance, economic security). The AI + critical minerals cooperation connects to GS3. The 1,000-biogas plant initiative (Japanese green tech + Indian dairy cooperatives) is a crisp MCQ factoid. The Naval Radio Antenna Programme signals a new tier of defence industrialisation cooperation.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ Framework: Special Strategic and Global Partnership (established 2014)
- ▶ 129 MoUs: AI, critical minerals, semiconductors, pharma, clean energy, economic security
- ▶ First defence co-development: Naval Radio Antenna Programme (India-Japan)
- ▶ AI deal: 500 Indian AI professionals to join Japan's tech sector by 2030
- ▶ Biogas: 1,000 biogas + organic fertiliser plants in India (Japanese green tech + Indian dairy cooperatives)
- ▶ Infrastructure: Japan reaffirmed Mumbai–Ahmedabad HSR (Shinkansen technology, Japanese ODA)
- ▶ 2027 = "India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons" (75 years of diplomatic ties)

💡 TEACHING HOOK

India-Japan relationship upgrades ladder (memorise): 2000 = Global Partnership → 2006 = Strategic & Global Partnership → 2014 = Special Strategic & Global Partnership → 2022 = 5-year cooperation roadmap → 2026 = First defence co-development. Japan is India's top ODA donor (Bullet Train funded by JICA-ODA). FOIP (Free and Open Indo-Pacific) concept originated from Japan's PM Abe speech (Nairobi, 2016). Quad =

India + Japan + USA + Australia — all anchored in Indo-Pacific stability. Always remember: Japan is the only country with which India has a dedicated "2+2" dialogue AND annual PM-level summit.

PYQ LINKAGE

"Quad aims at freedom of navigation and overflight in the Indo-Pacific." — [Standard Quad MCQ; today's summit deepens the context.] | "India's relations with Japan are undergoing a positive transformation. Discuss areas of convergence and challenges." (Today's summit = live update to this question)

GS2

Act East Policy · India-Indonesia · Critical Minerals · Defence Exports · Indo-Pacific

6–8 July 2026 · Source: The Print / Business Standard / Indian Defence News

PM Modi in Jakarta: BrahMos Second Battery, Nickel Critical Minerals & Indo-Pacific Rebalancing Define India-Indonesia Summit

What happened: PM Modi arrived in Jakarta (July 6, today) for a bilateral summit with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto. The three-day visit has three focus pillars: (1) BrahMos second missile battery deal (est. \$300 million) — Indonesia seeks a second battery over the March 2026 contracted one; (2) Critical minerals — Indonesia holds the world's largest nickel reserves but China controls ~75% of refining; India aims to establish joint venture processing plants to bypass Chinese dominance; (3) Deepening of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership covering healthcare, pharmaceuticals, education, space, and maritime cooperation.

Why it matters for UPSC: India-Indonesia is a rising ASEAN bilateral that UPSC is increasingly testing. Critical minerals (nickel, lithium, cobalt) are a GS3 topic linked to EV supply chains, energy transition, and strategic autonomy. BrahMos exports illustrate India's defence manufacturing ambition under Aatmanirbhar Bharat and the Defence Export Target (US\$5 billion by 2025). This is India's "Act East Policy" in action — economic + defence deepening with a major Indo-Pacific partner.

KEY FACTS

- ▶ India-Indonesia: Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (upgraded May 2018)
- ▶ BrahMos: Only supersonic cruise missile available for export; range 290 km; speed Mach 3; India-Russia JV
- ▶ Indonesia seeks 2nd BrahMos battery over contracted March 2026 one; deal ~\$300 mn
- ▶ BrahMos operators in SE Asia: Philippines (first) → Vietnam (recent) → Indonesia (third, pending)
- ▶ Nickel: Indonesia = world's largest reserves; critical for EV battery cathodes; China controls ~75% of refining
- ▶ India's plan: Joint venture nickel-processing plants in Indonesia — supply chain diversification
- ▶ Modi's 3-nation "Ocean Diplomacy" tour: Indonesia + 2 others — Act East + Indian Ocean security focus

TEACHING HOOK

The Critical Minerals Geopolitics Triangle: Nickel in ground (Indonesia) → Refined nickel (China controls) → EV battery cathodes → whoever controls refining controls the EV transition globally. India's play: build processing capacity IN Indonesia to access nickel at source, bypassing Chinese intermediaries. This directly connects to India's National Critical Minerals Mission (2024) and the PM Gati Shakti logic of building processing infrastructure abroad. For UPSC GS3: "What is the geopolitical significance of critical minerals?" — always answer with the China-Indonesia-India triangle as a live example.

PYQ LINKAGE

"BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile developed as a joint venture between India and Russia." — [Straightforward MCQ; BrahMos is IN-RU JV, not purely Indian.] | UPSC Mains GS2 2022: "India's Act East Policy has moved beyond rhetoric. Substantiate with recent developments in India's engagement with Southeast Asia." (BrahMos to Philippines/Vietnam/Indonesia + Nickel JV = top-tier examples)



Defence & Security

GS3

Defence Modernisation · Aatmanirbharta · Tri-Service Jointness · Internal Security

1 July 2026 · Source: The Tribune / ETV Bharat / IBG News

General Dhiraj Seth Unveils 'VIJAY' Roadmap as India's 31st Army Chief: Vigilance, Jointness & Yodha First

What happened: General Dhiraj Seth assumed charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff on June 30, 2026, succeeding General Upendra Dwivedi. His VIJAY roadmap — an acronym-based five-priority framework — is aligned with the Ministry of Defence's Decade of Transformation (2023–2032). VIJAY = Vigilance (border preparedness), Innovation & Transformation (tech-led modernisation), Jointness & Integration (tri-service synergy + civilian fusion for Viksit Bharat 2047), Aatmanirbharta (indigenous solutions — "Winning Our Wars with Indigenous Solutions"), Yodha First (soldier-centric decision-making, including veterans and families).

Why it matters for UPSC: Army Chief appointments, defence doctrines, and modernisation frameworks are Prelims constants and GS3 Mains staples. VIJAY links directly to: Theaterization (J-pillar), Aatmanirbharta Defence (A-pillar), civil-military relations (J-pillar's civilian fusion), and the broader Viksit Bharat 2047 framework. UPSC often asks "What are the challenges to India's defence modernisation?" — VIJAY's five pillars form a ready answer structure.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ 31st COAS: Gen Dhiraj Seth (predecessor: Gen Upendra Dwivedi); took charge June 30, 2026
- ▶ VIJAY: Vigilance | Innovation & Transformation | Jointness & Integration | Aatmanirbharta | Yodha First
- ▶ Aligned with: Decade of Transformation 2023–2032 (MoD framework)
- ▶ J-pillar: Strengthen IAF-Navy coordination + military-civil fusion for Viksit Bharat 2047
- ▶ A-pillar: "Winning Our Wars with Indigenous Solutions" — Aatmanirbharta defence target phrase
- ▶ Y-pillar: Soldier + veteran + family welfare at the heart of all decisions
- ▶ Context: INS Trikand deterred piracy (MV Fareeda 5) in Western Indian Ocean, June 2026 — naval preparedness
- ▶ Indus Waters Treaty: India reiterates suspension until Pakistan ends cross-border terrorism (July 3, 2026)

💡 TEACHING HOOK

Each COAS brings an acronym — exam pattern: PRAHAR (Gen Rawat) → SAMARTHYA (Gen Naravane) → VIJAY (Gen Seth). The most exam-critical VIJAY pillar is **J (Jointness)** because it connects to India's long-delayed Theaterization — Integrated Battle Groups (IBGs), Joint Theatre Commands. The J-pillar's "military-civil fusion" echoes the CDS mandate (created December 2019). UPSC GS4 angle: "Yodha First" resonates with the ethical principle of "servant leadership" — the leader exists to serve those on the frontline, not the reverse. Use this in GS4 leadership questions.

📄 PYQ LINKAGE

"With reference to the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), which statements are correct? (1) The CDS is the permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. (2) The CDS serves for a tenure of 3 years." — [CDS architecture and defence jointness are perennial MCQs.]
 "What are the key challenges to India's defence modernisation? How has Aatmanirbharta Bharat addressed them?"
 (VIJAY's A-pillar = direct answer material)



Science & Technology

GS3

Space Technology · Dual-Use Technology · ISRO · Defence Manufacturing · IN-SPACe

June–July 2026 · Source: Raksha Anirveda / The Tribune

DRDO-ISRO Strategic Alliance at Kulasekharapatnam Spaceport: India's Dual-Use Space-Defence Convergence Takes Operational Shape

What happened: DRDO has formalised a strategic roadmap to leverage ISRO's upcoming Kulasekharapatnam Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) Launch Complex in Tamil Nadu for dual-use tactical defence-space missions. The 9.5 sq km facility, budgeted at ~Rs.950 crore, is slated for partial commissioning by late 2026 or early 2027. DRDO's electronics, early-warning, and satellite technologies will combine with ISRO's rapid-launch SSLV capability (72-hour assembly vs. 70 days for PSLV) to deploy India's tactical reconnaissance and communication satellites at a fraction of international costs. A DRDO-ISRO collaboration for Himalayan meteorology using space assets is already operational.

Why it matters for UPSC: Kulasekharapatnam is India's second launch site after Sriharikota. UPSC tests space policy (Indian Space Policy 2023), IN-SPACe framework, SSLV vs. PSLV/GSLV distinctions, and dual-use technology governance. The convergence of civil and defence space represents a new category in GS3 that bridges Science & Technology with Internal Security.

KEY FACTS

- ▶ Kulasekharapatnam SSLV Complex: Tamil Nadu; Area: 9.5 sq km; Cost: ~Rs.950 crore
- ▶ SSLV specs: 3-stage solid fuel rocket; LEO payload ~500 kg; assembly time 72 hours (vs. 70 days for PSLV)
- ▶ India's 2nd launch site: Sriharikota (SDSC SHAR) = primary; Kulasekharapatnam = SSLV dedicated
- ▶ Dual-use mission: Tactical reconnaissance, early-warning, communications satellites for DRDO
- ▶ IN-SPACe: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre — regulator enabling private + defence access
- ▶ NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL): Commercial arm of ISRO for technology transfers and launches
- ▶ PSLV anomaly: ISRO constituted national expert committee to review recent PSLV launch anomaly

TEACHING HOOK

Two Spaceports — Two Logics: Sriharikota (SDSC SHAR) = big rockets (PSLV, GSLV, LVM3), geostationary/polar orbits, months of assembly. Kulasekharapatnam = SSLV only, 72-hour turnaround, small satellite constellation deployment. The dual-use logic: in wartime, India can rapidly replace destroyed military satellites using SSLV's 72-hour assembly. This is "tactical space" — as important as tanks and missiles. For UPSC GS3: always connect ISRO's commercial/civilian mission to the defence dimension — that's the "dual-use" angle examiners look for. IN-SPACe is the gatekeeper for this: private firms and DRDO can now book launches through IN-SPACe.

PYQ LINKAGE

"Consider: (1) SSLV is designed to place satellites weighing up to 500 kg in LEO. (2) SSLV can be assembled in 72 hours." — [SSLV facts are fresh MCQ territory as of 2023–2026.] | UPSC Mains GS3 2023: "India's space programme is transitioning from a government monopoly to a multi-stakeholder model. Examine challenges and opportunities for national security." (Kulasekharapatnam + DRDO-ISRO alliance = top-tier answer example)



India GDP at 8.2% — Six-Quarter High; RBI in "Goldilocks" Mode: Repo at 5.25%, Inflation at 2.5%

What happened: India's GDP rose to 8.2% year-on-year in Q2 FY2025-26, the highest in six quarters, driven by robust private consumption aided by the September 2025 GST rationalisation. The RBI cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.25%, with Governor Sanjay Malhotra describing the moment as a "rare goldilocks period" — high growth AND low inflation. CPI inflation softened to 2.5% in FY26, down from 4.6% in FY25. A US trade deal (February 2026) reduced Indian reciprocal tariffs from 25% to 18%, adding export momentum. Goldman Sachs projects India's real GDP at 6.9% for the full calendar year 2026.

Why it matters for UPSC: GDP metrics, RBI monetary policy, and inflation data are standard Tier-1 Prelims facts. Mains GS3 tests the monetary policy transmission mechanism, inflation-growth trade-offs, the consumption vs investment debate in India's growth model, and the WTO compatibility of bilateral trade deals.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ GDP Growth Q2 FY26: 8.2% (six-quarter high; Q1 was 7.8%)
- ▶ RBI Repo Rate: 5.25% (25 bps cut; Governor: Sanjay Malhotra)
- ▶ CPI Inflation FY26: ~2.5% (below RBI's 4% target; down from 4.6% in FY25)
- ▶ India-US tariff: Reduced 25% → 18% (February 2026 trade deal)
- ▶ Goldman Sachs India GDP forecast: 6.9% for CY2026; 6.8% for CY2027
- ▶ "Goldilocks": High growth + Low inflation simultaneously — rare macroeconomic sweet spot

INDICATOR	FY25	FY26 (CURRENT)	REMARK
GDP Growth (Q2)	~6.8%	8.2%	Six-quarter high
Repo Rate	6.5%	5.25%	Accommodative pivot
CPI Inflation	4.6%	2.5%	Below 4% target
US Tariff on India	25%	18%	Trade deal benefit
Real Consumption Growth	7.0%	~7.7%	GST rationalisation boost

💡 TEACHING HOOK

The MPC Decision Tree — exam answer template: RBI cuts rate when: (1) Inflation is controlled (✓ 2.5%), (2) Growth needs support or is already strong (✓ 8.2%), (3) External conditions are favourable (✓ US tariff deal reduces currency pressure). But the Goldilocks moment is fragile: a below-normal monsoon (see E2 card) could spike food inflation in August-September, potentially forcing RBI to pause or reverse future rate cuts. Link E1 (RBI) and E2 (monsoon) explicitly in your Mains answer — that linkage is what earns analytical bonus marks.

📖 PYQ LINKAGE

"The repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends money to commercial banks." — [Standard MPC MCQ.] | **UPSC Mains GS3**

"What are the tools available with the RBI to control inflation? How effective have they been?" (25 bps cut to 5.25% = live example of accommodative stance in a low-inflation environment)

Below-Normal July Monsoon 2026: El Nino, 23% Kharif Sowing Drop & 315 Vulnerable Districts Threaten Food Security

What happened: IMD has forecast below-normal rainfall for July 2026 (less than 94% of the Long Period Average of ~28 cm), following India's driest June in 12 years. July accounts for ~30% of total seasonal rainfall and is the most critical month for Kharif sowing. As of June 25, Kharif crop sowing was at 18.27 million hectares — down 23% from the previous year. IMD identified 315 districts vulnerable to below-normal rainfall, including 111 high-priority districts with limited irrigation access. The primary driver is an emerging El Nino pattern in the Pacific Ocean.

Why it matters for UPSC: Monsoon-agriculture-food security is a perennial GS3 theme. UPSC tests the economic cascade: weak monsoon → Kharif failure → food inflation → RBI policy reversal → dampened growth. The spatial dimension (northwest deficit vs. Bihar/Bengal surplus) and El Nino/La Nina distinction are standard MCQ content. The "LPA" concept and what "deficient" (below 90% LPA) vs "below-normal" (90-96% LPA) mean are factual touchstones.

⚡ KEY FACTS

- ▶ July 2026 forecast: Less than 94% of LPA (LPA ~ 28 cm for July)
- ▶ June 2026: India's driest June in 12 years — delayed/patchy sowing window
- ▶ Kharif sowing: 18.27 mn ha as of June 25 — down 23% year-on-year
- ▶ Vulnerable districts: 315 identified; 111 high-priority (limited irrigation)
- ▶ Key Kharif crops at risk: Rice, oilseeds, maize, cotton, pulses
- ▶ El Nino: Pacific Ocean warming → Indian Ocean moisture suppression → below-normal Indian monsoon
- ▶ Regional split: Delhi, Rajasthan, NW India — below-normal; Bihar, West Bengal — above-normal signals

💡 TEACHING HOOK

The Monsoon-Macro Cascade (exam answer framework): Below-normal monsoon → (1) Kharif crop failure → (2) Food price spike (vegetables, pulses, cereals) → (3) CPI inflation rises → (4) RBI pauses/reverses rate cuts → (5) Credit becomes expensive → (6) Private investment slows → (7) GDP moderates. This cascade directly links today's monsoon story to the GDP-RBI story above (E1). In Mains answers, explicitly demonstrating this linkage earns analytical bonus marks. El Nino vs La Nina: El Nino = warmer Pacific = Indian deficient monsoon; La Nina = cooler Pacific = excess Indian monsoon. Easy test: "El" = "El Nino" = "Excess heat" = less rain in India.

📖 PYQ LINKAGE

"El Nino is a warming of surface water in the Central and Eastern Pacific Ocean and results in below-normal rainfall in India." — [Classic direct MCQ, still asked regularly.] | UPSC Mains GS3 2018: "Examine the impact of irregularities in monsoon on food production and food security. How has the government responded?" (315 vulnerable districts + PMFBY + Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana = answer building blocks)

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