

Parliament Passes Prevention of Insults to National Honour Amendment Bill 2026

Parliament passed the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to grant statutory protection to Vande Mataram.

An amendment to the 1971 Act extending statutory protection and legal penalties for disrespecting the National Song, Vande Mataram.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **Parliament** passed the **Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026**.
- The Bill amends the **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971** to protect **Vande Mataram**.
- It extends statutory protection to the **National Song** Vande Mataram similar to the **National Anthem**.
- The Act prescribes **legal penalties** for intentionally obstructing or disrespecting the singing of **Vande Mataram**.
- The amendment relies on the **Constituent Assembly** declaration of **January 24, 1950** by **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act** was enacted in **1971** to prohibit disrespect to national symbols.

On **January 24, 1950**, **Dr. Rajendra Prasad** declared Jana Gana Mana as National Anthem and Vande Mataram as National Song.

Vande Mataram was originally composed in Sanskrit by **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay** in his **1882** novel **Anandamath**.

Vande Mataram was first sung in a political context during the **1896 Indian National Congress** session by **Rabindranath Tagore**.

Section 2 of the 1971 Act prohibits insults to the Indian **National Flag** and the Constitution of India.

Section 3 of the 1971 Act prescribes punishment for intentionally preventing the singing of the **National Anthem**.

Article 51A(a) of the Constitution states that it is the **Fundamental Duty** of every citizen to respect the National Flag and National Anthem.

REVISION FLASHCARD

The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill 2026 grants statutory protection to Vande Mataram equal to the National Anthem.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1, 2, 2A, 4 Unit 5 Indian Polity covering Constitutional Symbols, Acts, and Fundamental Duties.

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