

President Assents to Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026

President Droupadi Murmu gave presidential assent to the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

A bill amending the 1971 Act to provide Vande Mataram equal statutory protection as the National Anthem.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- **President Droupadi Murmu** gave assent to the **Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026**.
- The legislation grants **Vande Mataram** statutory legal protection on par with the **National Anthem**.
- Deliberate insult to or disruption during the singing of the **National Song** is made a **punishable offence**.
- The legislation amends the **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971**.
- The Bill was passed by both the **Lok Sabha** and **Rajya Sabha** before receiving presidential assent.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act** was originally enacted in **1971**.

Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay wrote Vande Mataram in his **1882** Bengali novel Anandamath.

Rabindranath Tagore sang Vande Mataram for the first time politically at the **1896 Calcutta session** of the INC.

The **Constituent Assembly** adopted Vande Mataram as the National Song on **January 24, 1950**.

Article 51A(a) mandates that citizens must respect the Constitution, **National Flag**, and National Anthem.

Jana Gana Mana was composed by Rabindranath Tagore and adopted as the National Anthem on **January 24, 1950**.

Under **Article 111** of the Constitution, the **President** gives assent to Bills passed by Parliament.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act 2026 gives Vande Mataram equal legal protection as the National Anthem.

Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for Polity questions covering Fundamental Duties (Article 51A), Presidential Assent (Article 111), and statutory laws governing National Symbols.

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