

Rajya Sabha Discusses National Honour Amendment Bill Amid Parliament Session

The Rajya Sabha took up the National Honour Amendment Bill for discussion during the Monsoon Session of Parliament.

It is a proposed legislative amendment related to national symbols and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Rajya Sabha** took up the **National Honour Amendment Bill** for discussion on Day 5 of the Monsoon Session.
- The proposed legislation seeks to amend provisions regarding respect for national symbols, including the national song **Vande Mataram**.
- **CPI** Member of Parliament **Sandosh Kumar** opposed the Bill during the proceedings in the Rajya Sabha.
- The **Chair** instructed members to strictly confine their remarks to the subject of the bill during parliamentary debates.
- Both **Houses of Parliament** experienced brief adjournments following debates and opposition disruptions during the session.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

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

Article 51A(a) of the Indian Constitution makes it a **Fundamental Duty** to abide by the Constitution and respect the National Flag and National Anthem.

Fundamental Duties were incorporated into **Part IV-A** of the Constitution through the **42nd Constitutional Amendment Act** of **1976**.

The national song **Vande Mataram** was composed in Sanskrit by **Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay** in his novel **Anandamath** published in **1882**.

Vande Mataram was sung for the first time at a political meeting at the **1896 Kolkata session** of the Indian National Congress by **Rabindranath Tagore**.

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

The **Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971** strictly prohibits disrespect to the National Flag, the **Constitution of India**, and the National Anthem.

REVISION FLASHCARD

The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act was enacted in 1971, enforcing respect for national symbols under Article 51A(a).

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for TNPSC Group 1, 2, 2A & 4 exams under Unit 5 (Article 51A, National Honour Act 1971, National Song).

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