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ED Director Rahul Navin Gets One-Year Extension



Central Government up to a total period of five years, subject to the prescribed conditions.

Important Laws:

- Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002:
- PMLA aims to prevent money laundering and provide for confiscation of property derived from or involved in money laundering.

FEMA, 1999:

- Foreign Exchange Management Act replaced FERA and focuses on facilitating external trade and payments and promoting orderly development of the foreign-exchange market.

Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018:

- It provides for confiscation of properties of individuals who leave India to avoid criminal prosecution for specified economic offences involving ₹100 crore or more.

About the Enforcement Directorate:

- The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is a specialised financial investigation agency under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance. It primarily enforces the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, and the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018.

Major Functions:

- Investigates money laundering under PMLA.
- Investigates violations of foreign-exchange laws under FEMA.
- Traces and attaches proceeds of crime.
- Pursues confiscation of assets of fugitive economic offenders.
- Cooperates with international agencies in financial investigations and asset recovery.

Tenure of ED Director:

- Under the current legal framework, the Director of Enforcement has a minimum tenure of two years, and the tenure can be extended by the

ED vs CBI:

ED	CBI
Financial investigation agency	Premier central investigating agency
PMLA, FEMA, FEO Act	Prevention and investigation of specified crimes
Ministry of Finance	Department of Personnel and Training
Focus on financial/economic offences	Broader range of criminal offences

Exam Focus Points:

- Current Issue: Rahul Navin gets one-year extension as ED Director.
- Tenure: Extended up to August 2027.
- Approving Body: Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

- ED Ministry: Ministry of Finance – Department of Revenue.
- Key Laws: PMLA 2002 + FEMA 1999 + FEO Act 2018.
- Maximum ED Director Tenure: 5 years.

India–US Navy EOD Exercise 2026



Southern Naval Command:

- Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala.
- It is the training command of the Indian Navy.
- Responsible for training naval personnel and maintaining training establishments.
- Indian Naval Academy: Ezhimala, Kerala, is India's premier naval training institution for officers.

- The Indian Navy and US Navy are conducting the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026 at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- The five-day bilateral exercise aims to enhance interoperability, specialised diving capabilities and professional cooperation between the two navies.
- It includes Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, cross-training, equipment demonstrations and scenario-based practical exercises.
- The exercise is the eighth edition of the specialised bilateral Salvage and EOD training series, which began in 2005.

India–US Defence Cooperation:

- India and the US have developed a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership with defence cooperation as an important pillar.

Major bilateral/multilateral exercises include:

- Malabar – naval exercise involving India, US, Japan and Australia.
- Yudh Abhyas – Army exercise.
- Cope India – Air Force exercise.
- Tiger Triumph – tri-service humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise.
- Vajra Prahar – Special Forces exercise.

What is Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD)?

- EOD refers to specialised military operations for the identification, assessment, neutralisation and safe disposal of explosive hazards such as unexploded ordnance, mines and improvised explosive devices.

For naval forces, EOD expertise is particularly important for:

- Mine and underwater explosive threats.
- Harbour and naval-base security.
- Clearance of underwater obstructions.
- Protection of ships and maritime infrastructure.
- Post-conflict removal of unexploded ordnance.

Mine Warfare:

- Naval mines are underwater explosive devices designed to damage or destroy ships. Mine countermeasure operations involve mine detection, identification and neutralisation.

Exam Focus Points:

- Current Exercise: India–US Navy EOD Exercise 2026.
- Venue: Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- Dates: 10–14 August 2026.
- Edition: 8th.

- Series Started: 2005.
- Core Area: Explosive Ordnance Disposal + specialist diving.

- Key Objective: Interoperability and professional cooperation.

Ashmita Chaliha Wins Korea Masters 2026 Women's Singles Title



- Indian badminton player Ashmita Chaliha won the women's singles title at the VICTOR Korea Masters 2026, defeating China's fourth-seeded Han Qian Xi in the final.
- The victory gave her her maiden BWF World Tour title and made her the first Indian to win the Korea Masters women's singles title.

Badminton World Federation (BWF):

- Established: 1934 as the International Badminton Federation.
- Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- President: Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul

Indian Badminton:

- Prakash Padukone: First Indian to win the All England Open Badminton Championships (1980).
- Saina Nehwal: First Indian badminton player to become World No. 1 in singles.
- P. V. Sindhu: Olympic silver medallist at Rio 2016 and bronze medallist at Tokyo 2020.

About BWF World Tour:

- The BWF World Tour is the elite international badminton circuit organised under the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

Major tournament levels include:

- Super 1000
- Super 750
- Super 500
- Super 300
- Super 100
- The Korea Masters is a Super 300 event, making it an important tournament for world ranking points and international competition.

Exam Focus Points:

- Current Achievement: Ashmita Chaliha wins Korea Masters 2026.
- Sport: Badminton.
- Category: Women's Singles.
- Tournament Level: BWF Super 300.
- Host Country: South Korea.
- Final Opponent: Han Qian Xi of China.
- Key Achievement: Maiden BWF World Tour title.
- Governing Body: BWF.

Amit Shah Launches 'Bank in a Box' and Security Operations Centre for Urban Cooperative Banks

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched 'Bank in a Box' and a dedicated Security Operations Centre (SOC) for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) in Mumbai. The initiatives, implemented through the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development

Corporation (NUCFDC), aim to modernise UCBs by providing affordable access to core banking, digital payments, cloud services, regulatory compliance and cybersecurity solutions.

What is 'Bank in a Box'?

- ‘Bank in a Box’ is an integrated digital banking solution intended to provide UCBs with multiple technological services through a common platform, including:
 - Core Banking System (CBS)
 - Digital payment facilities
 - Cloud-based services
 - Regulatory compliance tools
 - Cyber and data security
 - Fraud-prevention capabilities
- It can help smaller cooperative banks achieve economies of scale without having to develop expensive technological infrastructure independently.



Security Operations Centre (SOC):

- The dedicated SOC is designed to provide continuous cyber monitoring and security support to UCBs. This is particularly important as increasing digitalisation has also increased exposure to online banking fraud, cyberattacks and data-security threats.

NUCFDC:

- The National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC) is the umbrella organisation for Urban Cooperative Banks. It seeks to provide UCBs with shared infrastructure, technology, liquidity and other support services at affordable costs.
- The organisation aims to connect India's roughly 1,400 UCBs and improve their competitiveness through economies of scale.

The initiative is important for:

- Digital transformation of cooperative banking.

- Strengthening cybersecurity and financial resilience.
- Improving access to modern banking technology for smaller UCBs.
- Reducing technology and compliance costs.
- Promoting financial inclusion and self-employment.
- Supporting the government's “Sahkar Se Samridhi” vision.

Related Current Affairs:

- The initiative comes amid wider efforts to strengthen UCBs. The RBI has announced plans to reopen the window for granting fresh UCB licences, with an on-tap licensing framework being considered. Stronger technology, governance and cybersecurity are therefore increasingly important for the sector.

Urban Cooperative Banks:

- Primarily serve urban and semi-urban areas.
- Banking functions are regulated by the RBI.
- Cooperative aspects are governed by the relevant cooperative laws.
- The Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 strengthened RBI's regulatory powers over cooperative banks.
- Deposit Insurance: Deposits in eligible cooperative banks are insured by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) up to ₹5 lakh per depositor per bank.

Ministry of Cooperation:

- Established in 2021.
- Minister: Amit Shah
- Secretary: Ashish Kumar Bhutani
- Vision: “Sahkar Se Samridhi”.
- Works towards strengthening India's cooperative movement.

Exam Focus Points:

- Current Issue: ‘Bank in a Box’ + Security Operations Centre launched for UCBs.
- Implementing Body: NUCFDC.

- Target Sector: Urban Cooperative Banks.
- Bank in a Box: CBS + digital payments + cloud + compliance.
- SOC: 24×7 cyber surveillance.
- MoU: NUCFDC + NFSU.

- Regulator: RBI.
- Deposit Insurance: DICGC – ₹5 lakh.
- Policy Link: Sahkar Se Samriddhi.

Standard Chartered Gets In-Principle Approval for Wealth Management in GIFT City



- Standard Chartered Bank has received in-principle approval from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to offer wealth-management products from GIFT City's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) in Gujarat.
- The move will allow the bank to expand its wealth-management offerings for high-net-worth individuals (HNIs), affluent clients and institutional investors, strengthening GIFT City's role as an international financial hub.

What is GIFT City?

- Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) is India's flagship international financial hub, located between Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar in Gujarat. Its International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) is designed to bring international financial activities that are otherwise conducted in overseas financial centres to India.
- GIFT IFSC hosts activities related to banking, capital markets, fund management, insurance, aircraft and ship leasing, and other financial services. IFSCA's latest data shows more than 1,100 final registrations/authorisations, while banking assets in the IFSC exceeded US\$111 billion as of March 2026.

IFSCA:

- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) was established in April 2020 under the IFSCA Act, 2019.
- It acts as the unified financial regulator for financial products, financial services and financial institutions in India's IFSC.
- Before IFSCA, financial activities in an IFSC were regulated by multiple domestic regulators such as RBI, SEBI, PFRDA and IRDAI, depending on the activity.
- Chairman: K. Rajaraman

The entry of major international banks into wealth management at GIFT IFSC can:

- Strengthen India's international financial ecosystem.
- Attract global capital and investment-management activities.
- Provide sophisticated financial products within India.
- Reduce dependence on overseas financial centres.
- Increase competition in India's wealth-management sector.
- Support the government's objective of making GIFT City a global financial hub.

Additional Facts:

GIFT IFSC vs Domestic Financial Market

- GIFT IFSC: International financial activities; regulated primarily by IFSCA.
- Domestic Indian financial system: Activities are regulated by bodies such as RBI, SEBI, IRDAI and PFRDA, depending on the sector.

- IFSCA Act, 2019: The Act provides the statutory framework for establishing IFSCA as a unified regulator for India's IFSC.

GIFT City and SEZ:

- GIFT City contains India's International Financial Services Centre within a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) framework, providing a specialised regulatory and business environment for international financial activities.

- Current Issue: Standard Chartered receives in-principle approval for wealth management in GIFT City.
- Location: GIFT City, Gujarat.
- Regulator: IFSCA.
- Key Law: IFSCA Act, 2019.
- Target Segment: HNIs and institutional investors.
- Purpose: Expand international wealth-management services from India.
- GIFT IFSC: India's international financial services hub.

Exam Focus Points:

Don Nelson, Five-Time NBA Champion and Hall of Fame Coach, Dies at 86



Why is it in News?

- Don Nelson, the legendary NBA player and coach, died at the age of 86. Nelson won five NBA championships as a player with the Boston Celtics and later became one of the most successful coaches in NBA history.
- His Career as a Player: Nelson won five NBA championships with the Boston Celtics during his playing career. His achievements with Boston were also recognised when the franchise retired his No. 19 jersey.
- His Career as a Coach: Nelson coached in the NBA for 31 years and finished with 1,335 regular-season victories, which places him second in NBA history behind Gregg Popovich. He won the NBA Coach of the Year award three times.

He coached four NBA teams:

- Milwaukee Bucks

- Golden State Warriors
- New York Knicks
- Dallas Mavericks
- Major Coaching Achievement: One of Nelson's most famous achievements came in 2007, when he coached the Golden State Warriors to a first-round playoff upset over the top-seeded Dallas Mavericks. This was one of the biggest upsets in NBA playoff history.
- Hall of Fame: Nelson was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012.
- 2025 Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement Award: In 2025, Nelson received the Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by the National Basketball Coaches Association. The award recognises outstanding contributions to NBA coaching.

Exam Focus Points:

- Person: Don Nelson.
- Sport: Basketball.
- NBA Championships: 5 as a player.
- Championship Team: Boston Celtics.
- NBA Coaching Rank: 2nd all-time.
- Coach of the Year: 3 times.
- Hall of Fame: 2012.
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement Award, 2025.

Iran Appoints Former IRGC Chief Mohsen Rezaei as Top National Security Official



Why is it in News?

- Iran has appointed Mohsen Rezaei, a former commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), as the new Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council (SNSC). He replaces Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr.

Who is Mohsen Rezaei?

- Mohsen Rezaei is a veteran Iranian military and political figure. He served as the commander of the IRGC from 1981 to 1997 and later held senior government and advisory positions. He has also served as Iran's Vice President for Economic Affairs.

What is the Supreme National Security Council?

- The Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) is Iran's highest national-security decision-making body.

It deals with major issues related to:

- National security
- Defence
- Intelligence
- Foreign policy
- Strategic security decisions

- Note: The President of Iran chairs the council, while its secretary manages and coordinates its affairs.

Why is the Appointment Important?

- The appointment is significant because Rezaei has a strong military and IRGC background. It comes at a sensitive time for Iran, particularly amid negotiations and tensions surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, a major global oil-shipping route.

Additional Facts:

- IRGC: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps is Iran's powerful military-security organisation.
- SNSC: Supreme National Security Council is responsible for coordinating Iran's major national-security policies.
- Strait of Hormuz: A strategically important waterway connecting the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman.
- Mohsen Rezaei: Served as IRGC commander for approximately 16 years, from 1981 to 1997.

Exam Focus Points:

- Appointment: Mohsen Rezaei as Iran's top security official.
- Country: Iran.
- New Position: Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council.
- Organisation: Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).
- Predecessor: Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr.
- Key Waterway in News: Strait of Hormuz.
- Current Iranian President: Masoud Pezeshkian.

Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026: Centre Proposes National Tribunals Commission for Better Tribunal Administration



Why is it in News?

- The Central Government is set to introduce the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha. The Bill proposes a National Tribunals Commission (NTC) to oversee appointments, performance and complaints relating to tribunals.

Key Provisions:

- National Tribunals Commission (NTC):** Proposed as the central body for managing tribunal appointments and administration.
- Composition:** 5 members — 1 Chairperson, 2 judicial members and 2 technical members.
- Chairperson:** Must be a former Supreme Court judge or Chief Justice of a High Court.
- Judicial Members:** Former Chief Justice or judge of a High Court.
- Technical Members:** Experts with at least 25 years of experience in public administration, finance, law, accountancy, banking, management or technology.
- Appointments:** NTC will conduct the selection process through Search-cum-Selection Committees.
- Performance:** NTC will review the functioning and performance of tribunals.
- Complaints:** It will oversee inquiries into complaints against tribunal chairpersons and members.
- National Tribunals Data Grid:** The Bill proposes a central database containing tribunal-related case information.
- Tenure:** Chairperson — 5 years or up to 70 years of age; members — 5 years or up to 67 years, whichever is earlier.

- Coverage:** The proposed framework covers 16 tribunals and appellate bodies.
- Annual Expenditure:** The Bill estimates ₹27.14 crore per year for the Commission and its Secretariat.

Background:

- Tribunals are specialised quasi-judicial bodies created to handle specific categories of disputes and reduce the burden on regular courts. They also provide subject-specific expertise in areas such as taxation, company law, environment and administration.
- The proposed Bill follows the Supreme Court's judgment in *Madras Bar Association v. Union of India*, in which the Court directed the establishment of a National Tribunals Commission and struck down certain provisions of the Tribunals Reforms Act, 2021.

Why is it Important?

- Faster appointments:** A central mechanism can help address vacancies.
- Better administration:** Common oversight can improve tribunal functioning.
- Greater transparency:** Standardised selection and complaint mechanisms can strengthen accountability.
- Judicial efficiency:** Better-functioning tribunals can help reduce the workload of courts.
- Data-based monitoring:** The proposed National Tribunals Data Grid can improve monitoring of cases and performance.

Key Challenges:

- The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice highlighted that vacancies affect hearings, administrative supervision and case disposal. It recommended timely and continuous filling of vacancies and suggested maintaining a reserve panel/waiting list of selected candidates. Other concerns include adequate infrastructure, staffing and maintaining the independence of tribunals from executive influence.

Way Forward:

- Ensure transparent and merit-based appointments.
- Fill tribunal vacancies in a timely and continuous manner.
- Maintain a reserve panel/waiting list to fill vacancies quickly.
- Strengthen tribunal infrastructure and staffing.
- Ensure adequate institutional independence.
- Use the proposed National Tribunals Data Grid for regular performance monitoring.

Exam Focus Points:

- Current Issue: Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026.
- Key Proposal: National Tribunals Commission.
- NTC Composition: Chairperson + 4 members.
- Judicial Members: 2.
- Technical Members: 2.
- Technical Experience: Minimum 25 years.
- Proposed Coverage: 16 tribunals and appellate bodies.
- Data Platform: National Tribunals Data Grid.
- Chairperson Tenure: 5 years or up to 70 years.
- Member Tenure: 5 years or up to 67 years.

India Ends World Athletics U20 Championships 2026 with Three Medals



Why is it in News?

- India concluded its campaign at the World Athletics U20 Championships 2026 in Eugene, Oregon, USA, with three medals — two silver and one bronze. The three-medal haul equals India's best-ever tally at the championships.

Indian Medal Winners:

Ashish Yadav — Silver

- Event: Men's Javelin Throw
- Performance: 74.09 metres
- Became only the second Indian, after Neeraj Chopra, to win a javelin medal at the World U20 Championships.

Basant Kumar Meghwal — Silver

- Event: Men's High Jump
- Performance: 2.21 metres

- Became the first Indian to win a high-jump medal at the World Athletics U20 Championships.
- His 2.21m clearance was a personal best.

Shahnava Khan — Bronze

- Event: Men's Long Jump
- Performance: 7.84 metres
- Became the first Indian male athlete to win a long-jump medal at the World Athletics U20 Championships.

Background:

- The World Athletics U20 Championships is the global junior athletics championship for athletes in the Under-20 category. The 2026 edition was held in Eugene, Oregon, from 5 to 9 August 2026.

India has previously won two gold medals in the competition's history:

Athlete	Event	Year
Neeraj Chopra	Men's Javelin Throw	2016
Hima Das	Women's 400m	2018

Additional Facts:

- World Athletics U20 Championships 2026: Eugene, Oregon, USA

- India's Best Medal Tally: 3 medals
- 2026 Medal Tally: 2 Silver + 1 Bronze
- First Indian U20 High Jump Medallist: Basant Kumar Meghwal
- First Indian Male U20 Long Jump Medallist: Shahnavaz Khan
- Previous Indian Javelin U20 Gold Medallist: Neeraj Chopra — 2016
- Previous Indian U20 400m Gold Medallist: Hima Das — 2018

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1	USA	12	7	5	24
2	Kenya	4	3	4	11
3	Italy	3	0	2	5
4	Jamaica	2	3	3	8
5	Australia	2	3	1	6
5	Ethiopia	2	3	1	6

World Athletics U20 Championships 2026 – Top 5 Nations

Singapore Airlines Appoints Aswin K. as India General Manager



- The appointment highlights Singapore Airlines' continued focus on the Indian aviation market.
- India is an important market for the airline, with Singapore Airlines operating services connecting Singapore with several Indian cities.
- The appointment comes amid growing aviation cooperation between India and Singapore, including deeper ties between Singapore Airlines and Air India.

Why is it in News?

- Singapore Airlines has appointed Aswin K. as its new General Manager for India, making him the latest senior executive to lead the airline's operations in the Indian market.

Key Considerations:

- Company: Singapore Airlines
- New Appointment: Aswin K.
- Position: General Manager – India
- Market: India
- Background: Aswin K. is an internal candidate of Singapore Airlines.
- Role: He will oversee the airline's activities and operations in the Indian market.

Significance:

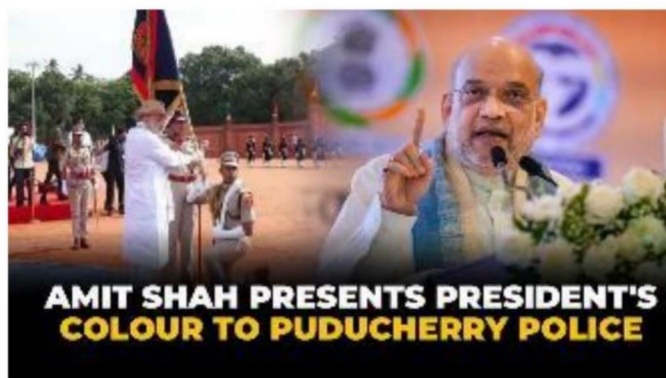
Additional Facts:

- Airline: Singapore Airlines
- Headquarters: Singapore
- New India General Manager: Aswin K.
- Founded: 1 May 1947
- Parent company: Temasek Holdings (53%)
- Chairman: Peter Seah Lim Huat
- CEO: Goh Choon Phong

Exam Focus Points:

- Appointee: Aswin K. as India General Manager.
- Company: Singapore Airlines.
- Appointee: Aswin K.
- Position: General Manager – India.
- Country: Singapore.

Puducherry Police Receives President's Colours for Bravery and Dedicated Service



- Recipient: Puducherry Police
- Honour: President's Colours
- Presented by: Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
- Puducherry Lieutenant Governor: K. Kailashnathan
- Puducherry Chief Minister: N. Rangasamy
- DGP: Shalini Singh

Why is it in News?

- The Puducherry Police was presented with the prestigious President's Colours by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 9 August 2026. The honour recognises the force's bravery, hard work, valour, service and dedication.

What are President's Colours?

- The President's Colours (Nishaan) are a prestigious distinction awarded to disciplined forces in recognition of their exceptional service, discipline and distinguished achievements. The President's Colour is regarded as the highest honour for a military unit or police force of a State/Union Territory.

Key Considerations:

Lets Revise

- ❖ Who has received a one-year extension as Director of the Enforcement Directorate?
Rahul Navin.
- ❖ Where is the India-US Navy EOD Exercise 2026 being conducted? **Southern Naval Command, Kochi.**
- ❖ Who won the women's singles title at the Korea Masters 2026? **Ashmita Chaliha.**
- ❖ Who launched 'Bank in a Box' for Urban Cooperative Banks? **Amit Shah.**
- ❖ Which authority granted in-principle approval to Standard Chartered for wealth-management activities in GIFT City? **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).**
- ❖ Who was the five-time NBA champion player and three-time NBA Coach of the Year who died in August 2026? **Don Nelson.**
- ❖ Don Nelson won five NBA championships as a player with which team? **Boston Celtics.**

- ❖ In which year was Don Nelson inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame? **2012.**
- ❖ Who has been appointed as the Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council in August 2026? **Mohsen Rezaei.**
- ❖ Mohsen Rezaei previously served as the commander of which Iranian organisation? **Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).**
- ❖ Which Bill proposes the establishment of the National Tribunals Commission? **Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026.**
- ❖ How many members will the proposed National Tribunals Commission have? **Five members — one Chairperson, two judicial members and two technical members.**
- ❖ What is the minimum experience proposed for technical members of the NTC? **25 years.**
- ❖ How many tribunals and appellate bodies are proposed to be covered? **16.**
- ❖ How many medals did India win at the World Athletics U20 Championships 2026? **Three — two silver and one bronze.**
- ❖ Where were the World Athletics U20 Championships 2026 held? **Eugene, Oregon, USA.**
- ❖ Who has been appointed as the new General Manager of Singapore Airlines in India? **Aswin K.**
- ❖ Which airline appointed Aswin K. as its India General Manager? **Singapore Airlines.**
- ❖ Which police force received the President's Colours in August 2026? **Puducherry Police.**
- ❖ Who presented the President's Colours to Puducherry Police? **Union Home Minister Amit Shah.**



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IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT AFFAIRS IN UPSC EXAMINATIONS

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