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History, Art and Culture

Mahad Satyagraha

- **Led by** - Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on March 20, 1927.
- **Location** - Mahad, a town located in the Raigad district of Maharashtra.
- **About** - The movement was a pioneering, *non-violent struggle for human rights*, demanding Dalit access to the public Chavdar Lake in Maharashtra, the right to drink water from that tank.
- It is also called the [Chavdar Tank Satyagraha](#).
- Now, March 20 is observed as *Social Empowerment Day* to honour this legacy of dignity and self-respect.

Polity & Governance

"Guillotine" in the Indian Parliament

Lok Sabha passed Demands for Grants for various ministries totalling over ₹53 lakh crore using the guillotine process.

- It refers to a *time-bound mechanism used to fast-track the approval of financial proposals*, specifically *Demands for Grants* without detailed debate.
- **Purpose** - To fast-track the passage of the Budget and associated financial business, ensuring the Finance Bill is passed before the financial year deadline.
- **Invoked by** - The Lok Sabha Speaker, when time constraints prevent full discussion.

Economy

Anti-dumping duties

- **Dumping** - It is a process where a company exports a product at a price lower than the price it normally charges in its home market.
- **Anti-dumping duty** - It is a protectionist tariff that a domestic government imposes on foreign imports that it believes are priced below fair market value.
- **Aim** - To protect domestic industries from unfair competition.
- **Regulated by** - World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- **Anti-dumping probes** - Conducted by countries to determine whether domestic industries have been hurt because of a surge in cheap imports.

Security

Exercise Sea Dragon, 2026

India is participating in the multinational anti-submarine warfare (ASW) exercise 'Sea Dragon 2026' held in Guam (U.S. island territory in the Western Pacific).

- **Ex. Sea Dragon** - It is a US Navy-led, multinational & anti-submarine warfare (ASW) training exercise.
- **Participants** - The exercise brings together forces from Australia, Japan, India and New Zealand.
- **Aim** - It aimed at enhancing coordination and combat readiness in undersea warfare.
- **Focus** - It is an anti-submarine warfare (ASW) training, progressing from simulated targets to tracking a live submarine.

Science

Ethyl Chloroformate

India launches anti-dumping probe into ethyl chloroformate imports from China

- It is a colourless liquid with a pungent odour with the chemical formula $\text{ClCO}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$.
- **Risk** - It is a corrosive, highly toxic, flammable substance.
- It causes severe burns when it comes in contact with the eyes and/or skin, and can be harmful if swallowed or inhaled.
- **Applications** - It is widely used in pharmaceutical, agrochemical manufacturing & organic synthesis.



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