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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 ClCO2CH2CH3.
• **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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