



1 President's Address & Joint Sitting of Houses

What is the President's Address?

- Article 87 of the Constitution mandates that the President shall address both Houses of Parliament assembled together:
 - At the commencement of the first session after each general election to the Lok Sabha
 - At the commencement of the first session of each year
- It outlines the Government's policy priorities, achievements, and legislative agenda for the coming year.
- It is delivered in the Central Hall before a Joint Sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.
- The address is followed by a motion of thanks moved in Lok Sabha, debated and voted upon.

Joint Sitting of Houses:

- Provided under Article 108 of the Constitution to resolve deadlocks between Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on a bill.
- A joint sitting may be summoned by the President if, after a bill is passed by one House and sent to the other:
 - The other House rejects the bill, or
 - The Houses disagree on amendments, or
 - More than six months have elapsed without the passage of the bill (excluding prorogued/adjourned days >4 days)
- Money Bills (handled under Article 110) and Constitution Amendment Bills (require special majorities under Article 368) are key exceptions (Not Applicable for Joint Sitting).
- *A joint sitting is summoned by the President but presided over by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha (or in their absence, the Deputy Speaker / Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha).*





2 Euratom

- **What is Euratom?**

- Euratom (European Atomic Energy Community) is an international organization established by the **Treaty of Rome (1957)**.

- **Objectives & Purpose:**

- To create a common market for the development of peaceful uses of atomic energy among member states.
- It coordinates research, ensures safeguards on nuclear materials, promotes safety standards, and distributes nuclear energy within the community.

- **Membership:**

- Originally six countries; now includes all EU member states.

- **India & Euratom**

- India and Euratom collaborate on peaceful uses of nuclear energy, research, radiation safety, and peaceful applications under bilateral agreements.





3 Solid Waste Management in India

Key Features of SWM Rules, 2026:

- **Four-stream segregation at source:**
 - Wet waste, dry waste, sanitary waste, and special care waste must be segregated at the point of generation.
- **Extended Bulk Waste Generator Responsibility (EBWGR):**
 - Bulk waste generators (like large residential societies, institutions, commercial establishments) must collect, transport and process waste in an environmentally sound manner and process wet waste on-site where feasible.
- **Polluter Pays & Environmental Compensation:**
 - Rules provide for environmental compensation for violations (e.g., false reporting, lack of segregation) under the Polluter Pays Principle.
- **Online Monitoring:**
 - A centralized portal will track waste generation, collection, transportation, processing, disposal, biomining and remediation of legacy dumps.
- **Land Allocation:**
 - Guidelines for faster land allocation for waste processing facilities with buffer zones based on capacity and pollution load.
- **Hilly & Island Areas:**
 - Special provisions, including user fees on tourists and designated collection points for non-biodegradable waste.





4 Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS)

- **What is IONS?**

- Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) is a voluntary initiative that brings together navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) to discuss region-specific maritime cooperation.

- **Functions / Objectives:**

- Provides an open forum for dialogue on maritime security and cooperation.
- Enhances naval interactions, confidence-building, and collaborative mechanisms among participating states.
- Focuses on joint maritime security issues, humanitarian assistance, disaster response, and interoperability of naval forces.

- **Major island Groups & islands in the Indian Ocean Region**

- Lakshadweep Islands
- Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- Maldives
- Seychelles
- Mauritius
- Madagascar
- Réunion (France)

