



Ravi Shankar Prasad to Head Lok Sabha Privileges Committee | National Current Affairs | 06 Mar 2026

Why in News?

The Speaker of the Lok Sabha, **Om Birla**, nominated **15 Members** of Parliament to the **Committee of Privileges**, which became effective from 3 March 2026.

Key Points:

- **Chairperson:** Ravi Shankar Prasad, **Lok Sabha MP from Patna Sahib**, was appointed Chairperson of the committee.
 - The **Committee of Privileges** examines cases related to **breach of parliamentary privileges** or **contempt of the House** and recommends appropriate action.
 - The committee also has the authority to **examine complaints, summon individuals, seek documents, and conduct inquiries** before submitting its report.
- **Purpose:** The committee safeguards the **privileges and immunities of Members of Parliament**, ensuring that MPs can perform their legislative duties without obstruction or intimidation.
 - **Parliamentary privileges** in India are provided under **Article 105 of the Constitution of India**, which grants certain **powers, privileges, and immunities** to Parliament and its members.
- **Breach of privilege:** It may occur when there is **obstruction, intimidation, or interference** with the functioning of MPs or the authority of the House.
 - After investigation, the committee submits its **recommendations to the Speaker or the House**, which may include warnings, reprimands, or other disciplinary actions depending on the seriousness of the breach.
- **Significance:** The committee plays a crucial role in **protecting the dignity, authority, and independence of Parliament** and maintaining discipline within the legislative system.

Read More: [Parliamentary Privileges](#), [Constitution of India](#), [Speaker of the Lok Sabha](#), [Privileges Committee](#)

Alexander Stubb Chief Guest at Raisina Dialogue 2026 | National Current Affairs | 06 Mar 2026

Why in News?

India hosted the **11th edition** of the **Raisina Dialogue 2026** in **New Delhi**, with the **President of Finland, Alexander Stubb**, as the Chief Guest.

Key Points:

- **Chief Guest:** President **Alexander Stubb** visited India in **March 2026** at the invitation of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.
 - This was his **first visit to India** after assuming office as **President of Finland**.
- **Raisina Dialogue:** The **Raisina Dialogue** is **India's flagship international conference on geopolitics and geo-economics**, bringing together global leaders, policymakers, and experts to discuss major international issues.
 - The dialogue is organised by the **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)** in partnership with the **Ministry of External Affairs, India**.
- **Theme:** The **2026 edition** of the dialogue was held in **March 2026** with the theme **"Saṃskāra: Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement."**
- **Focus:** To strengthen **India-Finland cooperation** in areas such as digitalisation, sustainability, clean energy, and advanced technologies.
- **Significance:** The visit and participation in the Raisina Dialogue highlight the **growing strategic partnership between India and Finland** and underline India's increasing role in global geopolitical discussions.

Read More: [Raisina Dialogue 2025, India-Finland cooperation](#)

President Approves Governor Reshuffle Across 9 States and UTs (March 2026) | National Current Affairs | 06 Mar 2026

Why in News?

The President of India, **Droupadi Murmu**, approved a major reshuffle of **Governors and Lieutenant Governors** across several states and Union Territories.

Key Points:

- **Major Constitutional Reshuffle:** Rashtrapati Bhavan announced changes in the posts of Governors and Lieutenant Governors across **nine states and Union Territories**, including Delhi, Ladakh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, and Nagaland.
- **Resignation Accepted:** The resignation of **C. V. Ananda Bose** as Governor of **West Bengal** was accepted by the President before the new appointments were announced.
- **Key Appointments:**
 - **R. N. Ravi** was appointed Governor of **West Bengal** (earlier Governor of Tamil Nadu).
 - **Shiv Pratap Shukla** appointed Governor of **Telangana**.
 - **Jishnu Dev Varma** appointed Governor of **Maharashtra**.
 - **Nand Kishore Yadav** appointed Governor of **Nagaland**.
 - **Syed Ata Hasnain** (Retd. Lieutenant General) appointed Governor of **Bihar**.
- **Additional Changes:**
 - **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**, Governor of **Kerala**, given additional charge as Governor of **Tamil Nadu**.
 - **Kavinder Gupta**, Lieutenant Governor of **Ladakh**, appointed Governor of **Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Lieutenant Governor Appointments:**
 - **Vinai Kumar Saxena**, Lieutenant Governor of **Delhi**, appointed Lieutenant Governor of **Ladakh**.
 - **Taranjit Singh Sandhu**, former diplomat, appointed Lieutenant Governor of **Delhi**.
- **Implementation:** The appointments will take effect **from the dates the respective appointees assume charge of their offices**.
- **Significance:** Such reshuffles help **reposition experienced administrators and political**

leaders in key constitutional posts, ensuring effective governance and coordination between the Union and states.

Read More: [Governors](#), [Lieutenant Governors](#)

Census 2027 Mascots 'Pragati' and 'Vikas' Unveiled | National Current Affairs | 06 Mar 2026

Why in News?

Amit Shah recently unveiled the official mascots "**Pragati**" (female) and "**Vikas**" (male) for **Census 2027**, alongside the launch of several digital platforms to support India's **first fully digital census exercise**.

Key Points:

- **Symbols:** The mascots **Pragati and Vikas** will act as the **public outreach symbols of Census 2027**, helping disseminate information about the census in a citizen-friendly manner.
- **Represent Equality:** They symbolize the **equal participation of women and men in nation-building**, aligning with the vision of transforming India into a **developed nation by 2047**.
- **Objective:** Designed as "friendly public ambassadors," they aim to make the census exercise more relatable and citizen-centric.
- **India's First Fully Digital Census:** Census 2027 will be **the first digital census in India's history**.
 - Data collection will be carried out using **secure mobile applications and digital platforms** instead of traditional paper-based methods.
- **Introduction of Self-Enumeration:** Citizens will have the option to **submit their household information online** through a **Self-Enumeration (SE) portal**.
 - After submission, households will receive a **Self-Enumeration ID**, which enumerators will verify during field visits.
- **Caste Enumeration:** For the first time since 1931, the decennial census will include a comprehensive **caste enumeration** across all communities.
- **Legal Basis:** Conducted under the **Census Act, 1948** and the Census Rules, 1990.

Read More: [Census Act, 1948](#)

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