



Preeti Saran Re-elected to UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights | National Current Affairs | 15 Apr 2026

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Indian diplomat **Preeti Saran** has been re-elected to the **UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)** for a fresh three-year term starting 2027.

Key Points

- **About:** Ambassador **Preeti Saran** is a senior officer of the **Indian Foreign Service** with over **36 years of experience**, having served in key postings including Vietnam, Toronto, Moscow, Dhaka and Geneva.
 - She is currently serving as the **Chair of CESCR**, becoming the **first Indian to hold this position**, marking a significant diplomatic achievement for India.
- **Re-election:** She has been re-elected to the **CESCR**.
- **Tenure:** The new term will begin in **2027** and continue for **three years**.
- **CESCR:**
 - It is an 18-member independent expert body under the United Nations system that monitors the implementation of the **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**.
 - The CESCR functions under the administrative control of the **United Nations Human Rights Commission**.

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Nari Shakti Youth Parliament Organised Under MY Bharat Initiative | National Current Affairs | 15 Apr 2026

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The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** organised the **Nationwide Nari Shakti Youth Parliament** across 17 zones under the **Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)** initiative to strengthen women-led participation in democratic dialogue and policy discussions.

Key Points

- **About:** The **Nari Shakti Youth Parliament** was conducted simultaneously across **17 zones of India**, bringing together more than **7,000 young women** for structured parliamentary-style discussions on national issues.
- **Organising Body:** The programme was conducted by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** through the **MY Bharat platform**.

- **Theme:** The event was organised under the theme “**Nari Shakti: Viksit Bharat Ki Awaaz - Strengthening Inclusive Democracy**”, emphasising women’s role in nation-building and governance.
- **Resolution:** The resolution collectively endorsed the **Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2026**, which proposes:
 - Expansion of the Lok Sabha strength from 543 to 816 seats with 33% reservation for women.
 - implementation of the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, 2023, from the 2029 General Elections.

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Vantara University to be Established in Jamnagar | National Current Affairs | 15 Apr 2026

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The wildlife conservation initiative **Vantara** has announced the launch of **Vantara University** in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**, which will be the **world’s first integrated global university** dedicated to **wildlife conservation and veterinary sciences**.

Key Points

- **Launch:** The university has been launched by the wildlife conservation organisation **Vantara**, founded by **Anant Ambani**, Executive Director of **Reliance Industries**.
 - The institution will be established in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**, where the Vantara wildlife conservation and rehabilitation ecosystem is located.
- **Feature:** It is envisioned as the **world’s first integrated global university** focused specifically on wildlife conservation, veterinary medicine, and animal welfare.
 - The university will offer programmes in fields such as wildlife medicine and surgery, conservation science, genetics, epidemiology, behavioural science, and conservation policy.
- **Objective:** The initiative aims to develop **future veterinarians, conservation scientists, and wildlife professionals**, positioning India as a **global hub for wildlife and veterinary education**.

Read More: [Wildlife conservation](#)

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