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National Technology Day 2026

- Every year, India celebrates National Technology Day on May 11. For many people, it appears to be just another date connected to science and government events. But in 2026, the importance of technology in India has become much bigger than a symbolic celebration.
- Technology is now directly connected to:
- jobs, education,
- national security,
- digital payments,
- healthcare, startups, artificial intelligence,
- and India's future economic growth.
- **Significance:** Marks 11 May 1998, when India successfully conducted the Operation Shakti (Pokhran-II) nuclear tests under former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- **Other 1998 Milestones:** On the same day, the Hansa-3 aircraft was tested and the Trishul missile was fired.
- Theme for 2026: "**Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth**," focusing on ethical AI, indigenous technology, and bridging the digital divide.



CJI Surya Kant Launches One Case One Data Initiative

- Chief Justice of India Surya Kant launched the “One Case, One Data” initiative and the AI-powered chatbot “Su Sahay” at the Supreme Court of India on 11 May 2026. The initiative links judicial data from the Supreme Court, High Courts, district courts, and taluka courts into a unified digital system.
- “One Case, One Data” is a court data integration framework for judicial records across multiple levels of the Indian judiciary. It is designed to support case management, online verification of case information, and automated data retrieval.
- The initiative provides reciprocal access to case information for High Courts and government departments where required. It is linked with data integrity, accuracy, and transparency in court records.
- “Su Sahay” is an AI chatbot developed by the National Informatics Centre in collaboration with the Supreme Court Registry. It is integrated with the Supreme Court website and provides front-end guidance for citizens seeking court services.
- The Supreme Court of India is the apex court of the Indian judicial system under the Constitution of India.
- The Chief Justice of India is the head of the Supreme Court and the senior-most judge of the court.

- The National Informatics Centre is a government organisation under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- Taluka courts function at the sub-district level in India's judicial structure.
- Surya Kant became the 53rd Chief Justice of India on 24 November 2025. His retirement is scheduled for 9 February 2027.



Supreme Court Examines Religion-Teaching Schools Under Charity Law

- The Supreme Court of India on 11 May 2026 considered the legal status of schools that impart religious instruction and left the issue to the Government of India for examination under constitutional and charity-law provisions.
- The matter concerns the classification of educational institutions that teach religion and their treatment under Articles 26(a), 19(1)(g), and 30(1) of the Constitution of India.
- Article 26(a) of the Constitution of India protects the right of every religious denomination to establish and maintain institutions for religious and charitable purposes.
- Article 19(1)(g) protects the right to practise any profession or to carry on any occupation, trade, or business. Article 30(1) gives minorities the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice.

- Article 26 of the Constitution of India deals with freedom to manage religious affairs and includes the right to establish and maintain institutions for religious and charitable purposes.
- Article 30(1) protects the right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions.
- The Supreme Court of India is the apex judicial body under the Constitution of India.
- Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom, and its school system includes controlled schools.



VB-GRAMG Act to Replace MGNREGA from July 1

- The Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-GRAMG) Act, 2025, will replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) across India from 1 July 2026.
- The Act was notified on 11 May 2026, and the VB-GRAMG Bill, 2025, received Presidential assent on 21 December 2025 after passage in Parliament on 18-19 December 2025.
- MGNREGA was enacted in 2005 as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The VB-GRAMG Act will operate as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme with shared financing between the Centre and the States. The funding ratio will be 60:40 for most States and 90:10 for North Eastern States, Himalayan States, and Union Territories.
- The new Act increases the guaranteed wage employment for eligible rural households from 100 days to 125 days in a financial year. The scheme applies to

rural households and continues the framework of wage employment linked to demand-based work provision.

- Existing e-KYC verified MGNREGA job cards will remain valid during the transition period until Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Cards are issued.
- The VB-GRAMG framework links employment with productive asset creation, climate resilience, and convergence with other government schemes. The programme is aligned with the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision, which is a long-term national development framework for India's centenary of independence in 2047.
- The estimated annual outlay, including State shares, is projected to cross ₹1.51 lakh crore, and the Centre has allocated about ₹95,700 crore for 2026-27.
- MGNREGA was enacted in 2005 and provides a legal guarantee of wage employment in rural areas.
- The VB-GRAMG Act raises the annual employment guarantee from 100 days to 125 days.
- Most States will follow a 60:40 Centre-State funding pattern under the new scheme.
- Northeastern States, Himalayan States, and Union Territories will follow a 90:10 funding pattern.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. National Technology Day is celebrated in India on:

- A. 15 August
- B. 26 January
- C. 11 May
- D. 28 February

Answer: C. 11 May

2. National Technology Day commemorates which of the following events?

- A. Launch of Chandrayaan-1
- B. Pokhran-II Nuclear Tests
- C. Establishment of ISRO
- D. Green Revolution in India

Answer: B. Pokhran-II Nuclear Tests

3. Consider the following statements regarding National Technology Day 2026:

- 1. The theme for 2026 is “Responsible Innovation for Inclusive Growth.”
- 2. The theme focuses on ethical AI and indigenous technology.
- 3. National Technology Day was first observed after the Pokhran-I test.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

4. Which of the following achievements also took place on 11 May 1998 along with Operation Shakti?

- 1. Testing of Hansa-3 aircraft

2. Firing of Trishul missile
3. Launch of PSLV-C1

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 and 3 only
- C. 1 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

5. The “One Case, One Data” initiative launched in 2026 is related to:

- A. Digital land records
- B. Unified judicial data integration
- C. National population database
- D. Digital university framework

Answer: B. Unified judicial data integration

6. “Su Sahay,” recently seen in news, is:

- A. A defence missile system
- B. A satellite navigation project
- C. An AI-powered chatbot for judicial services
- D. A healthcare mobile application

Answer: C. An AI-powered chatbot for judicial services

7. Consider the following statements regarding constitutional provisions:

1. Article 26 deals with freedom to manage religious affairs.
2. Article 30(1) protects minority educational institutions.
3. Article 19(1)(g) relates to protection against arrest and detention.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 2 only

- C. 1 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: A. 1 and 2 only

8. The VB-GRAMG Act, 2025, is intended to replace:

- A. National Rural Livelihood Mission
- B. PMGSY
- C. MGNREGA
- D. DAY-NULM

Answer: C. MGNREGA

9. Under the VB-GRAMG Act, the guaranteed rural employment has been increased to:

- A. 110 days
- B. 120 days
- C. 125 days
- D. 150 days

Answer: C. 125 days

10. Which of the following States/Regions will follow a 90:10 funding pattern under the VB-GRAMG framework?

1. Northeastern States
2. Himalayan States
3. Union Territories

Select the correct answer using the code below:

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1, 2 and 3

Answer: D. 1, 2 and 3