T.V. Narendran named Chairman of Tata International

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News

T.V. Narendran, CEO and Managing Director of Tata Steel, was appointed Chairman of Tata International Ltd (TIL), the Tata group's trading and distribution company, with effect from 12 November 2026. Outgoing chairman Noel Tata became Chairman Emeritus. Under the group's policy that non-executive directors retire at 70, Noel Tata is stepping down from six boards: Trent, Voltas, Tata Investment Corporation, Tata Steel, Titan and Tata International. He continues as Chairman of Tata Trusts and as the Trusts' nominee director on the Tata Sons board. Sunil D'Souza succeeds him as Voltas chairman. Tata International has offices in over 29 countries, more than 8,000 employees and 10 business verticals; its revenue in FY25 was $3.77 billion. The company began in 1962 as 'Tata Exports'.

Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
New chairman	T.V. Narendran (from 12 Nov 2026)
Current post	CEO & MD, Tata Steel (since 2017)
Chairman Emeritus	Noel Tata – age-70 retirement policy
Noel Tata continues as	Chairman, Tata Trusts
Company	Tata International – trading, distribution, leather

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Scale	29+ countries, 8,000+ staff, 10 verticals
Revenue	$3.77 billion (FY25)
Origin	1962 – 'Tata Exports'
Narendran's education	REC Tiruchirappalli (mechanical), IIM Calcutta (MBA)

Background

- T.V. Narendran: born on 2 June 1965, he joined Tata Steel in 1988 and helped build the 'Tata Tiscon' brand. He became MD of Tata Steel India and South-East Asia in 2013 and global CEO and MD in October 2017. He was President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in 2021-22.
- Tata Steel's history: realising Jamsetji Tata's vision, the Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO) was set up in August 1907; its plant came up at Sakchi, at the confluence of the Subarnarekha and Kharkai rivers, and made its first steel in 1912. Sakchi was renamed Jamshedpur in 1919 (now in Jharkhand).
- Tata group structure: Tata Sons is the group's principal investment holding company; most of its shares are held by the Tata Trusts. Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran (since 2017) hails from Mohanur in Namakkal district; he too studied at REC Tiruchirappalli (MCA).
- Industry bodies: the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) traces its origin to a body formed in 1895; FICCI was founded in 1927 at the initiative of G.D. Birla and Purshottamdas Thakurdas; ASSOCHAM in 1920.

Tamil Nadu link: Narendran studied mechanical engineering at the Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli (now NIT Tiruchirappalli). The Tata group's Tata Power has built a 4.3 GW solar cell and module plant, costing about ₹3,800 crore, at the SIPCOT estate in Gangaikondan, Tirunelveli district; Chief Minister M.K. Stalin inaugurated it on 6 February 2025.

Frequently asked questions

What is this news about?

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What are the key facts to remember for the exam?

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. T.V. Narendran, the new Tata International chairman, is the CEO and MD of which company?

A) Tata Motors

B) Tata Steel

C) Tata Power

D) TCS

Answer: B – Explanation: Tata Steel – global CEO since October 2017. He joined it in 1988 and helped build the 'Tata Tiscon' brand.

2. Jamshedpur (old name Sakchi) in Jharkhand lies at the confluence of which two rivers?

A) Subarnarekha–Kharkai

B) Damodar–Barakar

C) Brahmani–Koel

D) Mahanadi–Seonath

Answer: A – Explanation: Subarnarekha–Kharkai. The Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO) plant of 1907 is here. Bokaro and Durgapur are in the Damodar valley.

3. Tata Power's 4.3 GW solar cell and module plant is in which Tamil Nadu district?

A) Thoothukudi

B) Krishnagiri

C) Tirunelveli

D) Ranipet

Answer: C – Explanation: Tirunelveli – SIPCOT Gangaikondan; about ₹3,800 crore; opened by CM Stalin on 6 Feb 2025. Most of its staff are women.

4. Which Tamil Nadu institution did both T.V. Narendran and Tata Sons chairman N. Chandrasekaran attend?

A) REC Tiruchi (now NIT)

B) CEG, Guindy

C) PSG Tech, Coimbatore

D) Annamalai University

Answer: A – Explanation: REC Tiruchirappalli (1964), now NIT Tiruchirappalli. Narendran did mechanical engineering; Chandrasekaran (Mohanur, Namakkal) an MCA.

5. Narendran was 2021-22 president of which industry body, which traces its origin to 1895?

A) FICCI

B) ASSOCHAM

C) CII

D) NASSCOM

Answer: C – Explanation: CII – Confederation of Indian Industry. FICCI was founded in 1927 by G.D. Birla and Purshottamdas Thakurdas; ASSOCHAM in 1920.

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