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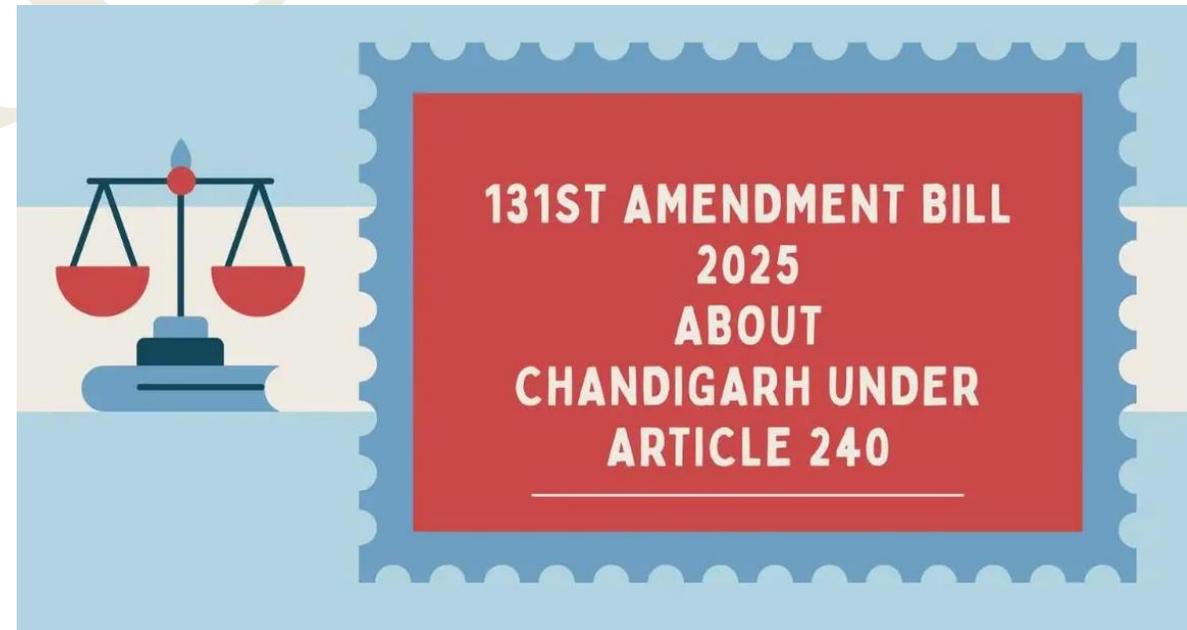
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Centre Moves to Bring Chandigarh Under Article 240 Through 131st Constitutional Amendment

- Centre Proposes Constitutional Amendment to Bring Chandigarh Under Article 240 Governance Framework
- The **Government plans** to introduce the **Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2025**, in the upcoming Winter Session to **include Chandigarh under Article 240**, similar to other Union Territories without legislatures like Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.
- Inclusion under Article 240 will allow the President to make regulations for Chandigarh's peace, progress, and effective governance, paving the way for an independent Administrator, instead of the current arrangement where the Punjab Governor serves as Chandigarh's Administrator.
- The Winter Session of Parliament will begin on 1st December and continue till 19th December, during which the proposed amendment is expected to be introduced.



Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0 to Celebrate Deep Cultural & Civilizational Bonds Between Tamil Nadu and Kashi

- **Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0**, organised by the **Ministry of Education** from 2nd December, celebrates the ancient civilizational, cultural, and linguistic bonds between Tamil Nadu and Kashi, coordinated by IIT Madras and BHU Varanasi, with support from multiple Union Ministries.
- The 2025 edition is themed “**Learn Tamil – Tamil Karkalam**”, aiming to promote Tamil learning across India, with more than 1,400 delegates from Tamil Nadu including students, teachers, writers, media professionals, and spiritual scholars participating in an 8-day experiential tour.
- Delegates will visit key heritage sites such as Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Mata Annapurna Temple, Kedar Ghat, and Subramanya Bharatiyar’s ancestral house, and engage in cultural programs, seminars, interactions, and academic sessions at BHU’s Tamil Department.



Malawi Becomes First Country to Adopt TRST01's AI-Blockchain PAIP Platform at COP30

- **Climate**tech startup **TRST01** launched the **Paris Agreement Integrated Platform (PAIP)** at, introducing an AI- and blockchain-powered system to modernise global emissions governance through real-time tracking, verification, and management of emissions data.
- **Malawi** became the **first country to adopt PAIP**, integrating it into its new Environmental Treasury, which is expected to enhance transparency, boost investor confidence, and strengthen climate action reporting through immutable digital records.
- The platform uses AI, machine learning, smart contracts, satellite analytics, and blockchain to enable predictive analytics, transparent workflows, on-ground verification support, and tamper-proof audit trails facilitating real-time compliance under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.
- PAIP creates an end-to-end digital ecosystem for emissions management, improving accountability, carbon credit trading, governance quality, and trust in climate finance marking a major milestone at COP30 during the 10th anniversary of the Paris Agreement.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



- **November 25** is observed to prevent physical, mental, and sexual violence against women, protect their rights, and create global awareness.
- The day has a strong historical background the **Mirabal Sisters** (Patria, Minerva, Maria Theresa) were brutally murdered on **25 November 1960** for resisting the dictatorship of **Rafael Trujillo** in the Dominican Republic.
- In **1981**, Latin American women activists began observing this day as the **Day Against Violence Against Women**.
- In **1999**, the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** officially declared November 25 as the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**.
- As per the **UN definition**, violence against women includes gender-based physical, sexual, or psychological harm, including threats, coercion, and deprivation of liberty.

- According to **NCRB 2023**, a total of **4,48,211 cases** of crimes against women were registered in India a marginal increase of 0.04% compared to 2022.
- Major crimes against women (NCRB 2023): Cruelty by husband/relatives (1,33,676); Kidnapping/abduction (88,605); Assault on women (83,891); Other crimes (29,670); Dowry deaths (6,156).
- Every year from **November 25 to December 10**, the UN observes the “**16 Days of Activism**”. Theme colour: **Orange** symbolizing a bright, violence-free future.
- Constitutional protections for women in India: **Article 14, 15(3), 21, 39(d), 51A(e)** ensuring equality, dignity, special provisions, equal pay, and respect for women.

Key laws and government schemes:

- Laws: **PWDVA 2005, POSH Act 2013, Dowry Prohibition Act 1961, Criminal Law Amendment (Nirbhaya Act) 2013, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023**
- Schemes: **One Stop Centre (Sakhi), Nirbhaya Fund, Women Helpline 181**

India's Labour Reforms: Implementation of the Four Labour Codes



- The Central Government has implemented the four labour codes (Four Labour Codes) across India, considered the **biggest labour law reform since independence**.
- The main objective of these codes is to provide **social security, justice, and job protection** to workers in the unorganised sector, including **gig and platform workers**.
- The government has replaced 29 old labour laws with 4 comprehensive labour codes, and Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has announced their nationwide implementation.
- **The Four Labour Codes**
 - **Code on Wages, 2019**
 - **Industrial Relations Code, 2020**
 - **Code on Social Security, 2020**
 - **Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSHWC) Code, 2020**

Key Benefits and Changes:

- **Gig & platform workers (like Swiggy, Zomato, Uber) will now get social security benefits such as PF and ESI through a Unique Aadhaar-linked ID, while aggregators must contribute 1–2% of their turnover (or 5% of wages) to the Social Security Fund.**
- **Minimum wages will be applicable to workers in all sectors.**
- **IT employees must receive their salaries by the 7th of every month.**
- **Fixed-term employees become eligible for gratuity after 1 year of service (earlier it required 5 years).**
- **Women Empowerment: Equal pay for equal work. and Women can work at night (including in mining) with adequate safety measures.**
- **Appointment letters are mandatory for all workers.**
- **Workers aged above 40 years must be provided annual health check-ups.**
- **“One Nation, One License” system enables a single registration and license for operations across India.**
- **Migrant workers will get PDS ration portability and welfare benefits in all states.**
- **Working hours can be 8–12 hours per day, but must not exceed 48 hours per week.**
- **Overtime wages must be paid at double the normal rate.**
- **Constitutional Background: As per the 7th Schedule (Concurrent List) of the Constitution, both Centre and States can make laws on labour; states must notify their own rules for implementation, causing delays.**

Consolidation of Old Labour Laws:

➤ The Codes have **simplified 29 complex labour laws.**

For example:

- **The Wages Code consolidates four major laws Minimum Wages Act, 1948; Payment of Wages Act, 1936; Payment of Bonus Act, 1965; and Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 into a single unified code.**
- **The Social Security Code merges nine major laws including the EPF Act, ESI Act, Maternity Benefit Act, Gratuity Act, and the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act into one comprehensive code.**
- **For the first time globally, India has legally recognised gig and platform workers and extended social security benefits to them.**

Turkiye's Hosting of COP31 and the Global Fight Against Climate Change



- Turkiye will host the COP31 (Conference of the Parties 31) UN climate summit in Antalya next year, after an agreement with Australia ended a long dispute over the venue.
- Australia will now lead pre-COP negotiations with Pacific nations for the 2026 UN climate meeting, while Turkiye will assume the presidency of COP31.
- The announcement comes as COP30 in Belem, Brazil is closing, with Australia earlier pushing to host COP31 as a Pacific COP for climate-vulnerable island nations.
- Turkiye insisted on hosting COP31 to represent emerging economies and encourage solidarity between rich and poor countries on climate action.

About United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC):

- UNFCCC is the principal global treaty for coordinating international responses to climate change.
- It provides the foundation for subsequent legal instruments, including the Kyoto Protocol and the landmark Paris Agreement.

- The purpose of the UNFCCC is to harness international cooperation to limit the rise of average global temperatures to minimize the impacts of climate change to enable timely adaptation, avoid threats to food production, and ensure sustainable economic development.
- It is one of three conventions that was adopted at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 to promote a sustainable planet for future generations.
- Its sister Rio Conventions are the UN Convention on Biological Diversity and the Convention to Combat Desertification.
- The UNFCCC has 198 Parties, comprising 197 States and the European Union, making it one of the most widely ratified international treaties
- Every year, parties to the Convention meet in Conference of the Parties (COPs), as well as in technical meetings throughout the year, to advance the aims and ambitions of the Paris Agreement and achieve progress in its implementation.
- **Kyoto Protocol (1997):** First legally binding treaty under UNFCCC, requiring developed countries to cut emissions by **5% below 1990 levels** during **2008–2012**.
- **Paris Agreement (2015):** Global pact aiming to keep warming **well below 2°C** (preferably **1.5°C**), strengthen adaptation, and align financial flows with climate goals.
- **UNFCCC:** The parent treaty for global climate action; **headquartered in Bonn, Germany**, and host of annual Conferences of the Parties (COPs).
- **Key COP Outcomes:** COP3 (Kyoto Protocol, 1997), COP21 (Paris Agreement, 2015), COP8 (New Delhi, 2002), COP26 (Glasgow, 2021).

ICC Unveils Schedule for U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026 Co-Hosted by Zimbabwe and Namibia

- **The ICC has released the match schedule for the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2026, which will be co-hosted by Zimbabwe and Namibia from 15 January to 6 February 2026.**
- A total of 16 teams will compete in 41 matches, with the final scheduled at the Harare Sports Club on 6 February 2026.
- On the opening day, India vs USA, Zimbabwe vs Scotland, and Tanzania vs West Indies (Tanzania's historic debut) will be played across five venues in Zimbabwe and Namibia.



Indian Naval Ship INS Sahyadri participated in the Exercise AUSINDEX

- Exercise AUSINDEX 2025 was held in the Northern Pacific.
- It is a bilateral exercise held between India and Australia.
- It is a major biennial maritime exercise which has been conducted since 2015.
- The Indian Naval Ship INS Sahyadri, alongside HMAS Ballarat participated in the Exercise.

Other Exercises Conducted between Australia and India :

- Ex AUSTRALIA HIND (Bilateral Exercise with Army)
- EX PITCH BLACK (Australia's multilateral air combat training exercise)
- Malabar Naval Exercise ; Quad (Multilateral Naval Exercise)



New Executive Chairmen have been appointed to NALSA and SCLSC

- Justice Vikram Nath has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of NALSA.
- The Executive Chairman of NALSA is appointed by the President of India based on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India (CJI).
- It is the convention that the second senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, after the CJI, is appointed as the Executive Chairman of NALSA.
- Justice J.K. Maheshwari has been appointed as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee (SCLSC).
- The Chairman of the SCLSC is appointed by the Chief Justice of India.
- NALSA is a statutory body established in 1995 under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
- The motto of NALSA is “Access to Justice for All.”



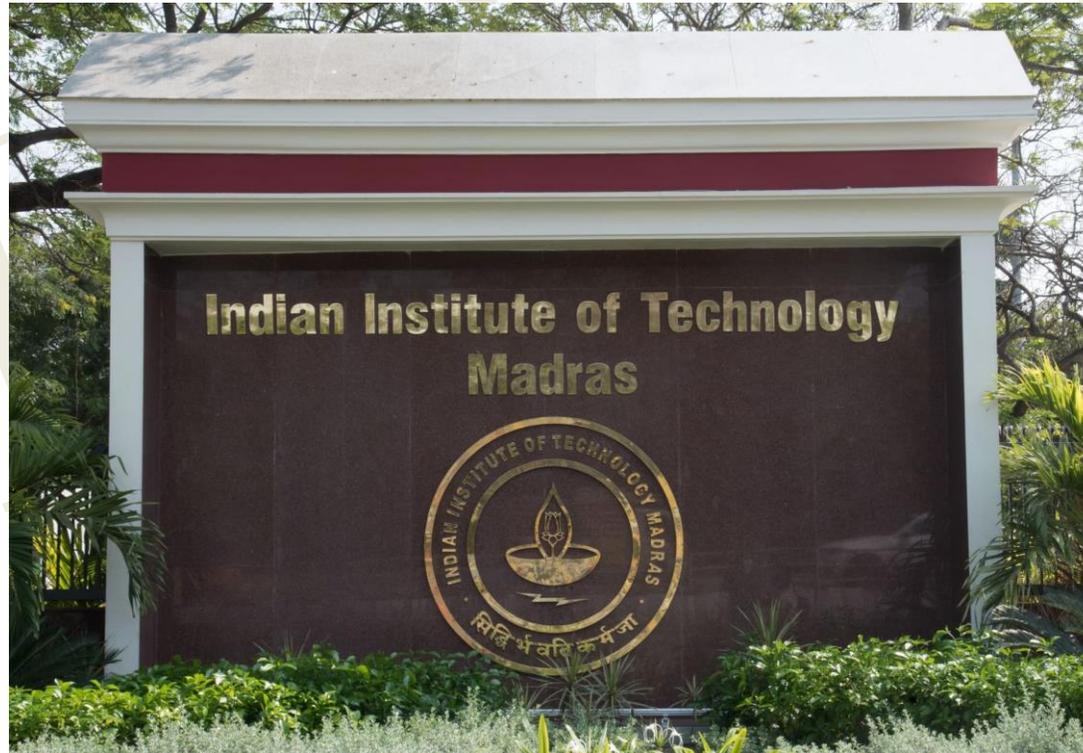
Operation Crystal Fortress Uncovers Major Meth Trafficking Network

- Joint team of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and Delhi Police busted Mega Trans-National Methamphetamine Cartel under Operation “Crystal Fortress”. About Methamphetamine
- A powerful, highly addictive stimulant affecting the central nervous system. Also called meth, chalk, ice, crystal
- Developed from amphetamine. Neurotoxin and Psychotropic.
- Originally used in nasal decongestants and bronchial inhalers.
- White, odorless, bitter crystalline powder; dissolves in water/alcohol.
- Effects : Causes increased activity/talkativeness, decreased appetite. High doses does brain bleeding, muscle breakdown.



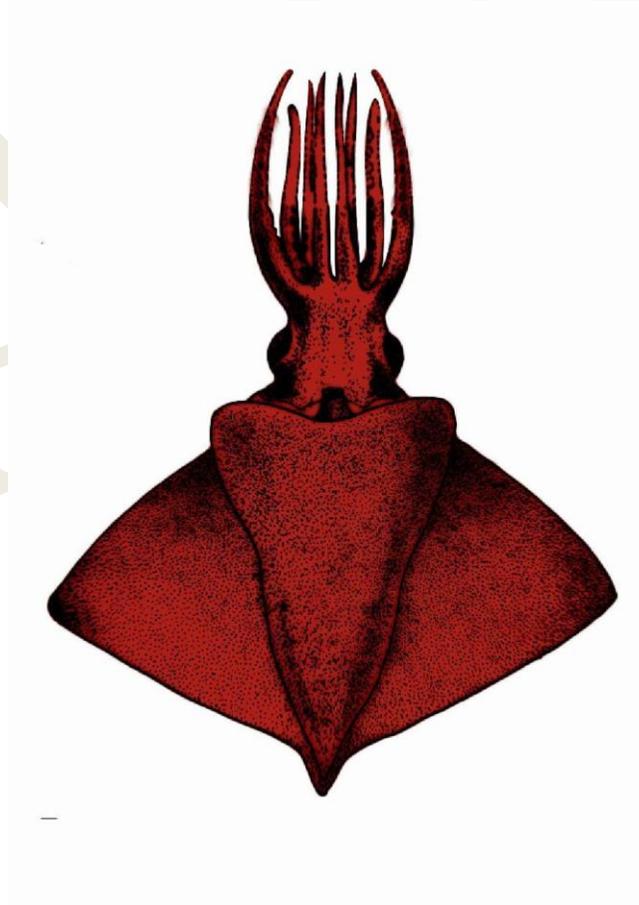
IIT Madras to host 'Institute Open House 2026' from January 2 to 4

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has announced that it will open its research and innovation facilities to the public during the 'Institute Open House 2026,' scheduled between January 2 and 4, 2026.
- Aim: Give students, teachers, researchers, industry and visitors first-hand exposure to IITM's academic & research ecosystem.
- Organised under 'Annaivarakum IITM' (IIT Madras for All) initiative making IIT Madras accessible to all.



Taningia silasii : New Species of Deep-Sea Squid From Arabian Sea

- Researchers of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi have discovered a new species of deep-sea squid from the Arabian Sea and named it as *Taningia silasii* (Indian octopus squid).
- It belongs to the family Octopoteuthidae.
- It is the only second formally recognised species in the *Taningia* genus. (*Taningia danae* was the first species found in the Atlantic Ocean belonging to this genus)



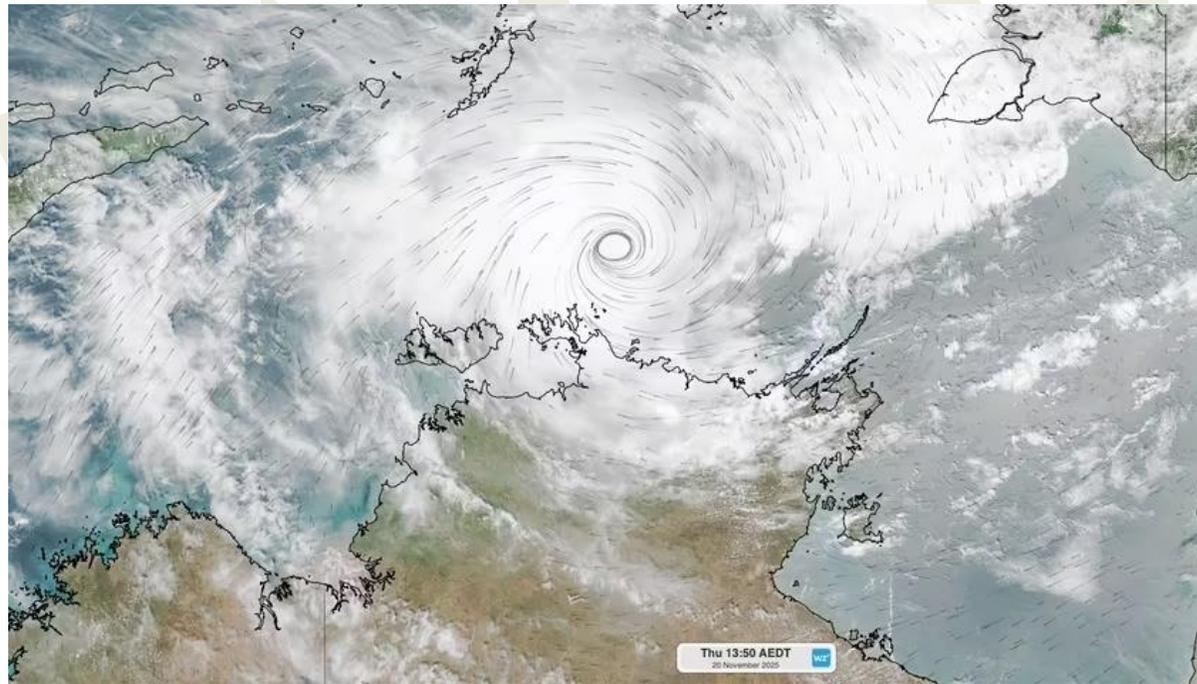
Legendary actor Dharmendra passes away

- Veteran Bollywood actor Dharmendra passed away in Mumbai at the age of 89
- Worked in over 300 films
- He was born to a school teacher in the Sahnewal village of Ludhiana district, Punjab in 1935.
- The veteran actor was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2012.
- The actor contested from Bikaner in Rajasthan during the 2004 Lok Sabha elections and served the constituency till 2009.



Cyclone Fina in Australia's Northern Territory

- Tropical cyclones: form between Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn, over tropical/subtropical waters, developing organized surface wind circulation. Cyclones include tornadoes, hurricanes, typhoons — all marked by high winds, heavy rain, thunder, lightning.
- Hurricanes: form over North Atlantic and eastern North Pacific.
- Typhoons: form in the Western Pacific.
- In the North Indian Ocean, these storms are called tropical cyclones.



5th Khelo India University Games will be in Rajasthan



- The fifth edition of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) will be held in seven cities of Rajasthan from November 24th to December 5th, 2025
- The host cities are Jaipur, Ajmer, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota and Bharatpur.
- The 12-day event will feature 23 medal sports and one demonstration sport – Kho-Kho.
- For the first time, beach volleyball, canoeing and kayaking, and cycling are being introduced in the KIUG programme.
- Two universities from the state, University of Rajasthan and Poornima University, will host the Khelo India University Games. Last Khelo India University Games:

Held in North-east India.

- Chandigarh University emerged champions.
- Lovely Professional University and Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar finished second and third, respectively. About Khelo India Scheme

- It is the flagship Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.. The Mascot: Camels ▪ Mascots: Khamma and Ghani
- Camel - which is both an iconic animal and the official state animal holding significant cultural and economic importance.
- Their names are Khamma & Ghani, inspired by Rajasthan's warm greeting "Khamma Ghani" The Logo
- Logo reflects Rajasthan's soul

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