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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Bust Unveiled at UNESCO Headquarters on Constitution Day

➢ A bust of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar unveiled at UNESCO Headquarters on Constitution Day.

➢ The unveiling of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's bust at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris was hailed by PM Narendra Modi as a matter of immense pride.

➢ The PM also said that this event is a true tribute to the chief architect of the Indian Constitution on Constitution Day.

➢ The bronze bust, sculpted by Naresh Kumawat, was inaugurated by Ambassador Vishal V. Sharma in the presence of UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay.

➢ With this installation, Dr. Ambedkar became the first Indian leader after Mahatma Gandhi to have a statue in UNESCO's Garden of Peace.

➢ UNESCO noted that the installation aligns with its commitment to equality, human rights and combating caste-based discrimination.

- Ambassador Sharma highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's lifelong advocacy for justice, liberty, equality and fraternity.
- The ceremony added to the series of international tributes, including installations at the UN headquarters, British Parliament and Columbia University.
- The Permanent Delegation of India to UNESCO organised the unveiling on the occasion of Samvidhan Diwas on 26 November.
- Constitution Day has been observed annually since 2015, marking the adoption of India's Constitution the world's longest written governing document.
- The Constitution of India, adopted in 1949 and in force since 26 January 1950, describes India as a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic.

Cyclone Ditwaha Nearing India's East Coast: Heavy Rainfall and Storm Alerts Issued

➢ Cyclone Ditwaha is approaching the east coast of India.

➢ On 27 November, Cyclone Ditwah has been reported by India Meteorological Department (IMD) to have formed in the southwest Bay of Bengal.

➢ The cyclone is being tracked as it moves towards Tamil Nadu, coastal Andhra Pradesh, and Puducherry.

➢ Heavy rainfall is predicted to affect the eastern coast until December 1.

➢ Strong winds and thunderstorms are expected across southern states.

➢ Continuous rains have been observed in southern districts of Tamil Nadu in the past week, including Ramanathapuram.

➢ Extremely heavy rainfall has been forecast for Delta districts, Ramanathapuram, and the Gulf of Mannar over the next 48 hours.

➢ Tiruvallur, Chennai, Chengalpet, Kancheepuram, and Ranipet districts are expected to experience heavy to very heavy rain.

➢ Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea due to squally winds.

➢ Local warning Signal Number 4 has been hoisted at Pamban, Thoothukudi, Nagapattinam, and Karaikal ports.

➢ Surplus water has been released from canals as a precaution, and authorities have been asked to take immediate remedial action if necessary.

Supreme Court Urges Centre to Consider Strict Law Against Derogatory Remarks on Persons with Disabilities

- ➢ Supreme Court urged the Centre to consider stricter law against derogatory remarks on disabled.
- ➢ The Supreme Court has asked the Centre to consider framing stringent legislation against derogatory remarks on disabled persons.
- ➢ Protection of dignity for persons with disabilities has been emphasised.
- ➢ On November 27, the Supreme Court asked the Centre to consider enacting a law, similar to the SC-ST Act, to make derogatory remarks mocking people with disabilities and rare genetic diseases a punishable offence.
- ➢ A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said that a neutral, independent and autonomous body is needed to regulate obscene, objectionable or illegal content on online platforms.
- ➢ Existing guidelines are currently being prepared by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- ➢ Solicitor General Tushar Mehta stated that humour cannot compromise someone's dignity.

- The court was hearing a petition filed by SMA Cure Foundation highlighting derogatory jokes by Samay Raina and other social media influencers.
- Comedians Samay Raina, Vipun Goyal, Balraj Paramjeet Singh Ghai, Sonali Thakkar, and Nishant Jagdish Tanwar were directed to exercise caution in future.
- The bench requested that two monthly programmes or shows be conducted to highlight success stories of persons with disabilities.
- Fundraising for treatment of persons with Spinal Muscular Atrophy has been suggested through these shows.

C-DOT and IIT Roorkee Sign MoU to Establish a Centre of Excellence in Advanced Communication Technologies

➢ An MoU signed between C-DOT and IIT Roorkee to establish Centre of Excellence

➢ An MoU has been signed between Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) and IIT Roorkee to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE).

➢ The Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is a premier R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, Government of India.

➢ As part of the MoU, C-DOT is setting up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) at IIT Roorkee.

➢ Research will focus on wireless communication, quantum technologies, cybersecurity, and AI applications.

➢ Joint research and prototype development in 5G/6G, V2X communication, RF-Sub-THz ICs, and millimeter-wave antennas will be undertaken.

➢ The CoE will promote academia–industry collaboration leveraging IITR expertise and C-DOT's industrial strength.

➢ Students, researchers, and start-ups will be enabled to contribute to India's innovation journey.

➢ The CoE will serve as a hub for high-impact R&D, IP development, and skill building.

➢ Workshops, training programs, and joint engagements will facilitate continuous knowledge exchange.

Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 Inaugurated by the Indian Army in New Delhi

➢ Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 hosted by Indian Army.

➢ On 27 November, Chanakya Defence Dialogue 2025 (CDD) has been inaugurated at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

➢ President Droupadi Murmu graced the inaugural session.

➢ Chief of the Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi delivered the keynote address outlining India's security challenges.

➢ Organized by the Indian Army in collaboration with the Centre for Land Warfare Studies, this dialogue focuses on the national vision of Sashakt, Surakshit and Viksit Bharat.

➢ The Indian Army's comprehensive transformation roadmap, including HOP 2032 for accelerated transition, STEP 2037 for consolidation and JUMP 2047 for an integrated, next-generation force design, has been presented.

➢ The President emphasized that new domains such as cyber, space and cognitive warfare require forces that are technologically agile and future-ready.

➢ 75% of capital procurement budget is now allocated to domestic industry to promote indigenisation and innovation.

➢ CDD 2025 aims to provide a platform for strategic deliberation on India's future security architecture.

➢ India's journey towards a strong, secure, and developed nation is being reinforced through moral clarity, technological excellence, and self-reliance.

Indian Coast Guard hosted maiden Shipbuilding, Indigenisation & IT Conference

➢ On 27 November, the Indian Coast Guard hosted the maiden Shipbuilding, Indigenisation & IT Conference in Madikeri, Karnataka.

➢ This is a significant achievement in strengthening the maritime capabilities of the country.

➢ A MoU was signed between the Indian Coast Guard and the Coimbatore District Small Industries Association and the Defence Innovation and Atal Incubation Centre.

➢ This partnership seeks to strengthen the defence innovation eco-system and accelerate indigenisation efforts through the Defence Innovation Hub in Coimbatore.

➢ Project Digital Coast Guard has been presented as a secure, scalable digital backbone for all units.

➢ During the conference, three documents were released: the teaser of the e-book 'History of Shipbuilding in the Indian Coast Guard', the Roadmap for Artificial Intelligence in ICG, and the ICG Cyber Crisis Management Plan-2025.

➢ Each reinforces the organization's commitment to technological advancements, digital capability-building, and future-readiness.

Tex-RAMPS Scheme Approved to Strengthen India's Textile Research and Innovation Ecosystem

- ➢ Government approved Tex-RAMPS Scheme to boost textiles sector.
- ➢ The Textiles Focused Research, Assessment, Monitoring, Planning and Start-up (Tex-RAMPS) Scheme has been approved by the Government of India to strengthen research, innovation, and competitiveness in textiles.
- ➢ The scheme, with a total outlay of Rs 305 crore for the period from FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31, will end with the next Finance Commission cycle
- ➢ The scheme will be implemented as a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Ministry of Textiles.
- ➢ Advanced research in smart textiles, sustainability, and emerging technologies will be promoted.
- ➢ Data systems, analytics, and diagnostics will be strengthened to facilitate policymaking.
- ➢ The Integrated Textiles Statistical System (ITSS) will support real-time monitoring and strategic decisions.
- ➢ Capacity-building workshops and sectoral events will improve state-level planning and knowledge dissemination.
- ➢ Support for incubators, hackathons, and academia-industry collaboration will nurture start-ups.
- ➢ Employment generation and enhanced competitiveness in global markets are expected outcomes.

Tex-RAMPS SCHEME

PM Modi Inaugurates Safran Aircraft Engine Services India Facility in Hyderabad

➢ PM Modi inaugurated Safran Aircraft Engine Services India Facility in Hyderabad.

➢ The Safran Aircraft Engine Services India (SAESI) facility in Hyderabad, Telangana, has been inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi.

➢ The facility will serve as a Global Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) hub for LEAP (Leading Edge Aviation Propulsion) engines.

➢ The establishment of the SAESI marks a significant milestone, as it is one of the largest global aircraft engine MRO facilities.

➢ It also represents the first time a global engine OEM (original equipment manufacturer) has set up an MRO operation in India.

➢ The facility has been developed at a cost of over ₹1,300 crore and spans 45,000 square meters.

➢ It is designed to service up to 300 LEAP engines annually.

- Upon reaching full operational capacity by 2035, this state-of-the-art facility will employ over a thousand highly-skilled Indian technicians and engineers.
- LEAP engines power Airbus A320neo and Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.
- The foundation stone for the M88 Military Engine MRO was also laid during the event.
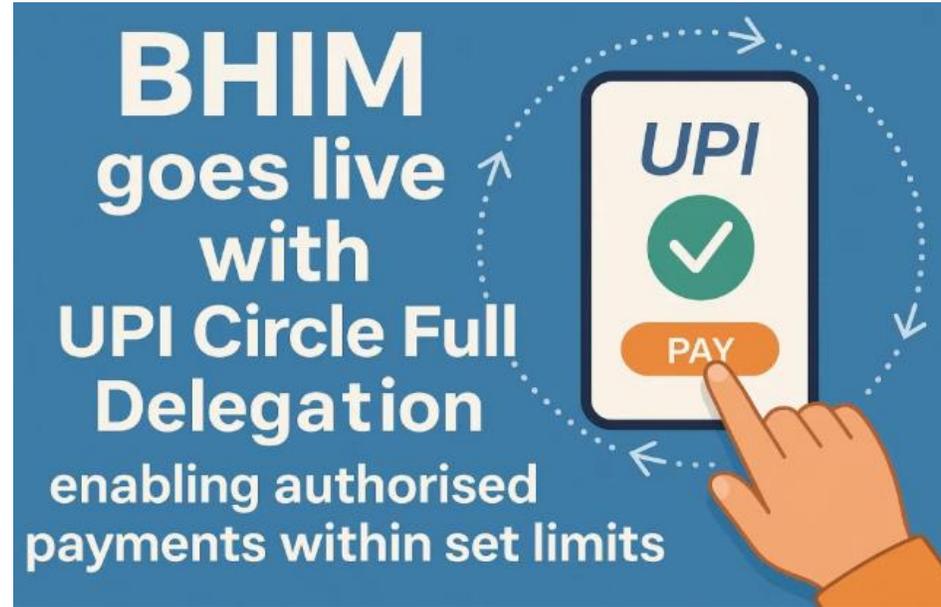- The facility will support the Indian Air Force and Navy and enhance sector self-reliance.

Andhra Pradesh to form three new districts, total reaches 29

➤ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu approved three new districts: Polavaram, Markapuram, and Madanapalle.

➤ The total number of districts will increase from 26 to 29.

➤ Five new revenue divisions and one new mandal will be created, along with several changes to existing boundaries.

➤ Apart from this, Penugonda mandal in West Godavari district will now be known as Vasavi Penugonda.

➤ Polavaram district will have Rampachodavaram headquarters and consist of Rampachodavaram and Chintoor revenue divisions.

➤ Markapuram district will merge Markapuram and Kanigiri revenue divisions.

➤ Madanapalle district will comprise Madanapalle and Pileru revenue divisions.

➤ **As part of the administrative restructuring, new revenue divisions will be established at:**

➤ Nakkapalli in Anakapalli district,

- Addanki in the reorganised Prakasam district,
- Pileru in the new Madanapalle district,
- Banaganapalle in Nandyal district and
- Madakasira in Sri Sathya Sai district.
- A new mandal, Pedda Harivanam, will be carved out of Adoni mandal in Kurnool district.
- **Rohit Sharma appointed Men's T20 World Cup 2026 Ambassador.**
- Rohit Sharma has been appointed as the tournament ambassador for the 2026 Men's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.
- He previously captained India to victory in the 2024 Men's T20 World Cup.
- Rohit has scored 4,231 T20I runs at an average of 32.01 and a strike-rate of 140.89.
- He was part of India's first successful campaign in 2007 and the second in 2024.
- In 2007, he scored 88 runs unbeaten including key innings in Super Eights and the final.
- In 2024, he was the highest run-scorer for India with 257 runs at a strike-rate of 156.70.
- He retired from T20Is following India's 2024 triumph.
- The ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 will be held from 7 February to 8 March, 2026.

BHIM Launches Full Delegation to Expand UPI Circle Access

- ➢ BHIM has introduced a new feature called **Full Delegation** on the UPI Circle system.
- ➢ It allows a **primary account holder** to authorize **secondary users** to perform UPI transactions from their bank account.
- ➢ It is designed for users who depend on others such as children, older adults, or household members to handle digital payments.
- ➢ The secondary user **does not need their own bank account**.
- ➢ However, they must be registered on BHIM with a valid **Virtual Payment Address (VPA)**.
- ➢ It enables secure, **restricted spending** without sharing login details or UPI PINs.

Rules & limits:

- ➢ A primary user can authorize **up to 5 secondary users**.
- ➢ Each secondary user can spend **up to ₹15,000 per month**.

- The primary user can set the access duration **up to 5 years**.
- All delegated transactions will appear in the primary user's bank statement, marked as **UPI Circle** payments.

About BHIM:

- BHIM is a **government-backed** digital payments application developed by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- It is based on the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**.
- It enables **real-time, instant** fund transfers directly between bank accounts using a mobile phone.

First Advance Estimates: India's Kharif Foodgrain Production Pegged at 173.33 Million Tonnes for 2025–26

➢ Government has extimated India's total food grain production of Kharif crops at 173.33 million tonnes in this financial year.

➢ The first advanced estimates of production of Kharif crops have been released by Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

➢ The production of rice is estimated to be more than 124 million tonnes as per the first advance estimates for 2025-26.

➢ This estimate of rice is 1.73 million tonnes more than Kharif season rice production of last year.

➢ It is estimated that total Kharif coarse cereals production stands at 41.41 million tonnes.

➢ Kharif pulses production is projected to be at 7.41 million tonnes.

➢ Sugarcane production and cotton production are estimated at 475 million tonnes and at over 29 million tonnes.