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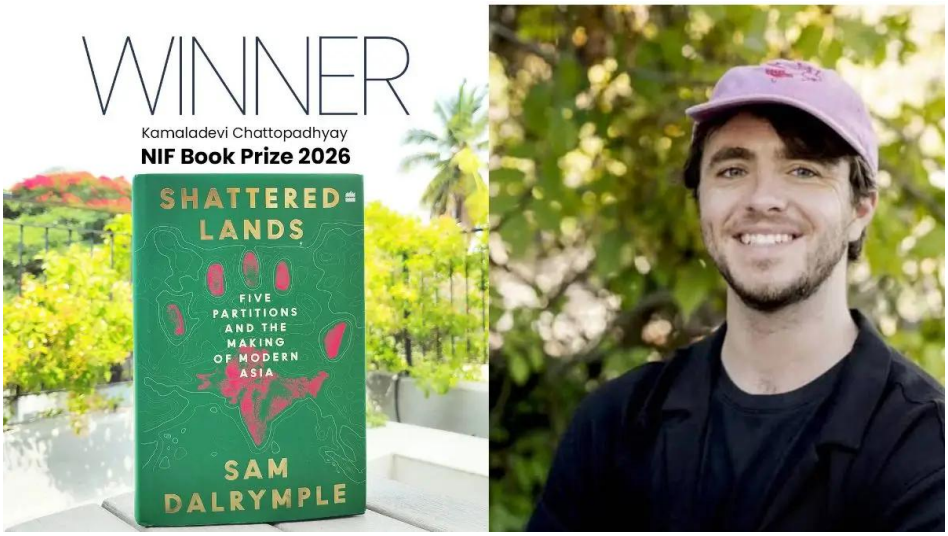
Colombo Security Conclave Adopts Roadmap

- The Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) adopted a Roadmap of Cooperation for 2026–2027 at its eighth National Security Adviser (NSA)-level meeting, hosted by the Maldives.
- The roadmap sets out planned activities and key deliverables across five areas of regional security cooperation. India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh participated in the meeting, while Australia and Malaysia attended as guest countries.
- **Pillar Area of Cooperation**
- 1. Maritime Safety and Security Maritime surveillance, safety and security cooperation.
- 2. Countering Terrorism and Radicalisation Cooperation against terrorism and radicalisation.
- 3. Combating Trafficking and Transnational Organised Crime Tackling trafficking and organised criminal networks.
- 4. Cyber Security and Protection of Critical Infrastructure and Technology Cybersecurity and protection of critical systems and technology
- 5. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Coordination during humanitarian emergencies and disasters
- **Important membership clarification**: The Maldives President's Office stated that Bangladesh and Seychelles were inducted as the official members along with the existing members at the seventh NSA-level meeting in the month of November 2025.



Sam Dalrymple Wins Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2026

- Scottish historian and author Sam Dalrymple has won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay New India Foundation (NIF) Book Prize 2026 for his debut book, Shattered Lands: Five Partitions and the Making of Modern Asia.
- The award recognises nonfiction writing and carries a cash prize of ₹15 lakh, a trophy and a citation. The award ceremony is scheduled for 12 December 2026 during the **15th edition** of the Bangalore Literature Festival.
- The award is instituted by the **New India Foundation** (NIF) to recognise outstanding nonfiction writing on modern and contemporary India. It celebrates research and writing that deepen understanding of India's history, society and political development. The prize was established in 2018.
- The New India Foundation (NIF) supports research and writing on modern India. Its initiatives include book fellowships, translation fellowships and the annual Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize.



India's First Chief Justices of India Museum Opens

- India's first Chief Justices of India Museum, titled "Guardians of the Republic", was inaugurated at **O.P. Jindal Global University** (JGU) in Sonipat, Haryana, on 26 November 2026. The event description also places the inauguration a day before Constitution Day, observed on 26 November; these dates conflict.
- Ten former Chief Justices of India (CJIs) attended in person or virtually: M.N. Venkatachaliah, B.N. Kirpal, S. Rajendra Babu, K.G. Balakrishnan, P. Sathasivam, R.M. Lodha, Dipak Misra, S.A. Bobde, U.U. Lalit and B.R. Gavai.
- Spread across five galleries, the museum features more than 280 busts of Supreme Court judges, models of 25 High Courts, 22 language tapestries and 20 interactive pillars on the lives of CJIs.
- It also presents 20 landmark judgments, a holographic courtroom, artworks, sculptures and an oral-history project featuring former CJIs and judges.



Sabita Toppo Wins 100-Metre Hurdles Gold

- Sabita Toppo won the women's 100 metres hurdles gold at the inaugural BIMSTEC Under-23 Athletics Championships at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on 26 November 2026. The 21-year-old Khelo India athlete from Sundergarh, Odisha, clocked 13.86 seconds.
- Compatriot Shiny Gladssia took silver in 14.03 seconds, while Sri Lanka's PGMS Gunathilaka won bronze in 14.34 seconds. Toppo's personal best is 13.75 seconds, set at the senior state championships in Cuttack in June 2026.
- By the end of Day 2, India led the standings with 30 medals: 14 gold, 12 silver and four bronze. Held from 25 to 27 November, the championships brought together more than 200 athletes from six BIMSTEC member countries.
- The Athletics Federation of India organised the event, hosted by the Odisha Department of Sports and Youth Affairs.



European Union Film Festival 2026 Opens in Delhi

- The 31st European Union Film Festival (EUFF) opened its Delhi chapter on 25 November 2026 and will run until 4 December. The festival is organised by the Delegation of the European Union to India with EU Member State embassies and regional partners.
- The festival is showcasing 28 award-winning films from 27 European Union Member States and Ukraine in 30 languages. The Delhi edition opened with the Danish film The Last Viking, directed by Anders Thomas Jensen.
- Screenings are being held at six venues: India Habitat Centre, Instituto Cervantes, Goethe-Institute / Max Mueller Bhavan, Liszt Institute – Hungarian Cultural Centre, India International Centre and Triveni Kala Sangam.

- The new EUFF Film Project short-film competition for emerging Indian filmmakers awarded its inaugural prize to Vasu Bhatia for The Lost Calf on 25 November. His prize includes attending the 15th edition of Script Fiesta in Warsaw from 17 to 21 March 2027.



India Needs $500 Billion a Year for Net-Zero Goal

- A joint report by the Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA) and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) estimates that India needs about 500 billion in annual investment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070.
- The report, India's Climate & Sustainability Moment: Capital, Opportunity and the Road Ahead, was unveiled on 26 November 2026 at the IVCA Climate Capital Summit in Mumbai.
- It estimates cumulative investment needs of 22–24 trillion by 2070, against current annual climate investment of about $135 billion.
- India attracted roughly 31 billion in climate and sustainability equity funding from 2021 to October 2026. More than 90% went to power and low-carbon fuels (19 billion) and transport (9.5 billion); manufacturing, waste and agriculture received about 1 billion each.
- In the first ten months of 2026, equity funding totalled about $6.2 billion across 243 rounds, indicating fewer, larger transactions.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

Q1. The Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) adopted its Roadmap of Cooperation for which period?

A) 2025–2026
B) 2026–2027
C) 2027–2028
D) 2028–2029

Correct Answer: B) 2026–2027

Explanation: The roadmap was adopted during the eighth NSA-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave, hosted by the Maldives. It focuses on five major pillars of regional security cooperation.

Q2. Which of the following countries attended the eighth NSA-level meeting of the Colombo Security Conclave as guest countries?

A) Japan and South Korea
B) Australia and Malaysia
C) Nepal and Bhutan
D) Thailand and Indonesia

Correct Answer: B) Australia and Malaysia

Explanation: India, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh participated in the meeting, while Australia and Malaysia attended as guest countries.

Q3. Who won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay New India Foundation (NIF) Book Prize 2026?

A) William Dalrymple
B) Sam Dalrymple
C) Amitav Ghosh
D) Ramachandra Guha

Correct Answer: B) Sam Dalrymple

Explanation: Scottish historian and author Sam Dalrymple received the 2026 award for his debut book *Shattered Lands: Five Partitions and the Making of Modern Asia*. The prize carries ₹15 lakh, a trophy and a citation.

Q4. What is the title of Sam Dalrymple's book that won the NIF Book Prize 2026?

A) The Discovery of India
B) India After Gandhi
C) Shattered Lands: Five Partitions and the Making of Modern Asia
D) The Anarchy

Correct Answer: C) Shattered Lands: Five Partitions and the Making of Modern Asia

Explanation: The book explores the historical impact of five partitions and their role in shaping modern Asia.

Q5. India's first museum dedicated to the Chief Justices of India, titled "Guardians of the Republic", was inaugurated at which institution?

A) National Law University, Delhi
B) O.P. Jindal Global University
C) Banaras Hindu University
D) University of Delhi

Correct Answer: B) O.P. Jindal Global University

Explanation: The museum was inaugurated at O.P. Jindal Global University in Sonipat, Haryana, on 26 November 2026. It features five galleries showcasing India's judicial history.

Q6. Sabita Toppo won the gold medal in which event at the inaugural BIMSTEC Under-23 Athletics Championships 2026?

A) Women's 200-metre race
B) Women's 400-metre hurdles

C) Women's 100-metre hurdles
D) Women's long jump

Correct Answer: C) Women's 100-metre hurdles

Explanation: Sabita Toppo won gold with a timing of 13.86 seconds at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar. India's medal tally stood at 30 medals by the end of Day 2.

Q7. Which film inaugurated the Delhi edition of the 31st European Union Film Festival 2026?

A) The Lost Calf
B) The Last Viking
C) The Great Journey
D) The Silent World

Correct Answer: B) The Last Viking

Explanation: The Danish film *The Last Viking*, directed by Anders Thomas Jensen, opened the festival on 25 November 2026.

Q8. Who won the inaugural EUFF Film Project short-film competition in 2026 for the film *The Lost Calf*?

A) Sam Dalrymple
B) Vasu Bhatia
C) Anders Thomas Jensen
D) Shiny Gladssia

Correct Answer: B) Vasu Bhatia

Explanation: Vasu Bhatia received the inaugural award on 25 November 2026. His prize includes an opportunity to attend the 15th edition of Script Fiesta in Warsaw, Poland, in March 2027.

Q9. According to the joint report by IVCA and BCG, how much annual investment does India require to achieve its net-zero emissions target by 2070?

A) $100 billion
B) $250 billion
C) $400 billion
D) $500 billion

Correct Answer: D) $500 billion

Explanation: The report estimates that India needs approximately $500 billion in annual investment and cumulative investment of $22–24 trillion by 2070.

Q10. Which organisations jointly prepared the report titled *India's Climate & Sustainability Moment: Capital, Opportunity and the Road Ahead*?

A) NITI Aayog and World Bank
B) IVCA and Boston Consulting Group
C) RBI and IMF
D) Ministry of Finance and UNDP

Correct Answer: B) IVCA and Boston Consulting Group

Explanation: The Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA) and Boston Consulting Group (BCG) jointly prepared the report, which was unveiled on 26 November 2026 at the IVCA Climate Capital Summit in Mumbai.