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Idris Elba Receives Knighthood from King Charles III

- British actor, musician and activist Idris Elba has received the Knighthood which is one of the United Kingdom's highest honors. He received the honor being knighted by the **King Charles III at the Windsor Castle**.
- This award recognizes not only his outstanding contributions to the entertainment industry but also his extensive efforts in to the supporting young people with philanthropy and community development.
- In the year 2022, he established the Elba Hope Foundation. This organization is dedicated to the,
- Youth advocacy
- Educational opportunities
- Community empowerment
- Sustainable development initiatives



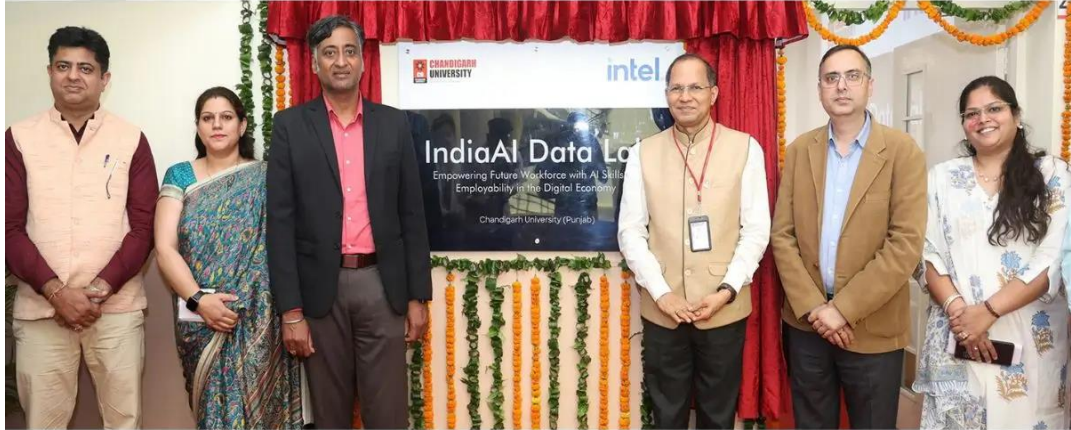
David Beckham to Receive Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

- Global football icon Sir David Beckham set to receive the prestigious star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. He will receive the honor on 12th June and this event coinciding with the opening phase of the FIFA World Cup 2026 which is being jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
- The former England football captain David Beckham will officially receive the star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on 12th of June 2026. This ceremony is scheduled to take place on the Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles which is one of the most iconic locations in the entertainment world.
- The announcement of this honor has special significance because it comes during the early stages of the FIFA World Cup 2026. This ceremony is expected to take place just hours before the World Cup match between the United States and Paraguay in Inglewood, California.
- **Why Beckham Was Chosen**
- He had an exceptional football career
- Contribution to the global sports culture
- Promotion of the football in the United States
- Influence in entertainment and media
- Philanthropic and business activities
- The Walk of Fame recognition comes less than a year after when Beckham received Knighthood.
- In the year 2025, he was awarded with the knighthood by King Charles III and recognizing his contributions to sport and public life.



Chandigarh First Private University to Launch India AI Data Lab

- The Chandigarh University (CU) has become the first private university in India to establish the India AI Data Lab in collaboration with the Intel India.
- This initiative aims to bridge the gap between the academic learning and industry requirements by providing the students with the practical exposure to AI, Data Science, Machine Learning and emerging technologies.
- Chandigarh University has officially inaugurated the India AI Data Lab at its University Institute of Computing (UIC) in partnership with the Intel India. This launch marks the significant milestone in India's efforts to build the AI-ready workforce and promote industry-academia collaboration.
- The state of the art facility has been designed as the dedicated platform where students can acquire the technical expertise, gain practical experience and develop innovative AI solutions.
- The India AI Data Lab is envisioned as the comprehensive learning and innovation hub that combines the academic excellence with practical industry exposure.
- This facility aims to foster the innovation while encouraging students to develop problem-solving skills through experiential learning.



Ladakh Gets India's First Model Border Village

- Ladakh's Chumur village in eastern Ladakh has become the site of India's first model border village near the India-China border. The project is being developed under the Union Government's Vibrant Villages Programme, which covers border settlements in high-altitude and remote areas.
- Chumur is located at an altitude of 16,700 feet in eastern Ladakh. The village has 24 households and a population of 91 people, and many residents are engaged in Pashmina rearing and production. The settlement lies in a strategic border region along the India-China frontier.
- The Vibrant Villages Programme is a Central Sector scheme for developing villages in border areas with basic infrastructure and livelihood support. The first phase of the programme includes plans for 10 model border villages.
- The programme covers infrastructure, employment and livelihood creation, all-weather functionality, and civilian-defence integration.
- The village will receive climate-resilient south-facing passive solar houses designed for temperatures as low as -35 degrees Celsius. Each housing unit will include an attached bathroom, an additional room for homestays or tourism, kitchen garden space, livestock sheds, and fodder storage facilities.
- Chumur is located in eastern Ladakh at an altitude of 16,700 feet.
- The village has 24 households and a population of 91 people.
- The Defence Institute of High-Altitude Research works on high-altitude agriculture and related technologies.

- Pashmina comes from the fine undercoat of the Changthangi goat, which is reared in Ladakh.



NASA Ends MAVEN Mars Mission

- NASA declared the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) mission concluded on 3 June 2026 after a prolonged loss of contact with the spacecraft. MAVEN was launched in November 2013 and operated for more than 11 years in orbit around Mars.
- MAVEN stands for Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution. It was a NASA orbiter designed to study the upper atmosphere of Mars and the planet's atmospheric escape processes.
- The spacecraft exceeded its primary one-year mission and continued scientific operations for over a decade. MAVEN also served as a data relay orbiter for NASA's Curiosity and Perseverance rovers.
- The last successful communication with MAVEN took place on 6 December 2025 before a scheduled occultation behind Mars. NASA's Deep Space Network did not detect a signal when the spacecraft was expected to re-emerge. Brief telemetry data showed that MAVEN entered safe mode and began rotating at an unusually high rate.
- MAVEN stands for Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution.
- The mission was launched in November 2013 and entered orbit around Mars.
- NASA's Deep Space Network is used for communication with deep-space spacecraft.
- MAVEN also relayed data from the Curiosity and Perseverance rovers.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. British actor Idris Elba was recently awarded which prestigious honor by King Charles III?

- A. Order of Merit
- B. Knighthood
- C. Victoria Cross
- D. Companion of Honour

Answer: B. Knighthood

2. The Elba Hope Foundation, established by Idris Elba in 2022, primarily focuses on:

- A. Wildlife conservation
- B. Space research
- C. Youth advocacy and community empowerment
- D. Sports promotion

Answer: C. Youth advocacy and community empowerment

3. David Beckham is scheduled to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in which city?

- A. New York
- B. Miami

- C. Los Angeles
- D. Chicago

Answer: C. Los Angeles

4. The ceremony honoring David Beckham coincides with the opening phase of which major sporting event?

- A. UEFA Euro 2028
- B. FIFA World Cup 2026
- C. Copa America 2026
- D. AFC Asian Cup 2027

Answer: B. FIFA World Cup 2026

5. Which institution became the first private university in India to establish the India AI Data Lab in collaboration with Intel India?

- A. Amity University
- B. Lovely Professional University
- C. Chandigarh University
- D. Manipal University

Answer: C. Chandigarh University

6. The India AI Data Lab has been established primarily to promote education and innovation in:

- A. Biotechnology and Genetics
- B. Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
- C. Aerospace Engineering
- D. Agricultural Technology

Answer: B. Artificial Intelligence and Data Science

7. Chumur, recently developed as India's first Model Border Village, is located in:

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Sikkim
- D. Ladakh

Answer: D. Ladakh

8. Under which government initiative is Chumur being developed as a Model Border Village?

- A. Smart Cities Mission
- B. Vibrant Villages Programme
- C. PM Gati Shakti Mission
- D. Digital India Programme

Answer: B. Vibrant Villages Programme

9. What does MAVEN stand for in NASA's Mars mission?

- A. Mars Atmospheric Vehicle Exploration Network
- B. Mars Analysis and Volcanic Evolution Navigator
- C. Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution
- D. Mars Advanced Vehicle for Environmental Navigation

Answer: C. Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution

10. MAVEN primarily studied which aspect of Mars?

- A. Surface mineral deposits
- B. Polar ice caps
- C. Upper atmosphere and atmospheric escape
- D. Underground water reservoirs

Answer: C. Upper atmosphere and atmospheric escape