

Centre to introduce Bill criminalising digital arrests and deepfakes

The Union Government informed the Supreme Court that it will introduce a Bill in Parliament to make digital arrests and AI deepfakes distinct criminal offences.

A proposed central legislation designed to plug legal gaps and establish specific penal provisions for cyber fraud involving fake digital arrests and AI-driven deepfakes.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **Union Government** informed the **Supreme Court** about introducing a Bill to criminalise digital arrests and **AI-generated deepfakes**.
- **Solicitor General Tushar Mehta** informed the apex court that the proposed law will define deepfakes as a separate crime.
- A Supreme Court bench led by **Chief Justice Surya Kant** heard the suo motu proceedings regarding digital arrest scams.
- The **Supreme Court** noted that existing **cyber laws** lack specific penal sections to address digital arrest scams directly.
- The **proposed legislation** aims to establish stringent legal consequences and provide clear enforcement tools against deepfake creators.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

The **Information Technology Act, 2000** is India's primary legal framework governing cybercrime and electronic commerce.

Section 66D of the Information Technology Act penalises cheating by personation using computer resources with up to **3 years** imprisonment.

The **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023** replaced the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and came into force on **July 1, 2024**.

Criminal law and criminal procedure fall under the **Concurrent List** (List III, Entries 1 and 2) of the **Seventh Schedule** of the Indian Constitution.

Union Parliament holds legislative power over cyber laws under residual powers in **Article 248** and Entry 97 of the **Union List**.

Article 142 of the Constitution confers extraordinary powers on the **Supreme Court** to pass orders necessary for doing complete justice.

REVISION FLASHCARD

Centre to enact a dedicated law penalising digital arrest scams and AI deepfakes.

Syllabus Relevance: High relevance for Group 1 & 2 Main/Prelims under Constitutional Powers, Cyber Legislation, and Judiciary.

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