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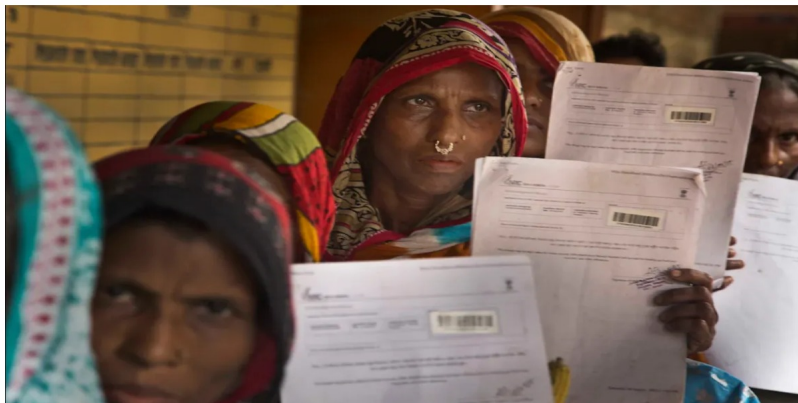
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Let's check this news about (illegal immigration) . Then, we will move ahead

PM launches high-level demographic initiative to address illegal immigration concerns

On August 15, 2025, during his Independence Day address, Prime Minister Modi warned of a planned conspiracy aiming to alter India's demographic fabric through illegal immigration, especially in border and tribal regions. He accused infiltrators of usurping opportunities from Indian youth, targeting women, misleading tribal communities, and grabbing land . To counter this urgent threat, he announced the formation of a high-powered demographic (demography) mission tasked with strategizing and acting within a defined timeframe to protect national security and demographic integrity .



[Image Source: India Today]

Four-company consortium to develop India's first private commercial earth observation satellite network



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A consortium of four Indian space startups—PixxelSpace (Bengaluru), PierSight Space (Ahmedabad), SatSure Analytics India, and Dhruva Space—has been selected by IN-SPACe under the EO-PPP model to build and operate India's first fully indigenous commercial Earth-Observation satellite constellation. With an investment exceeding Rupees 1,200 crore over five years, the project will deploy a 12-satellite network equipped with SAR, multispectral, hyperspectral, and panchromatic sensors. Operated wholly by the consortium using Indian launch and ground infrastructure, the initiative aims to ensure sovereign geospatial data for applications spanning agriculture, climate, disaster management, security, and more.



[Image Source: BBC News]

India's crude imports from Russia hit 2 million barrels per day in August

In August 2025, India ramped up its crude oil imports from Russia to a record 2 million barrels per day, marking a significant rise from 1.6 million bpd in July. This surge accounted for about 38% of India's total estimated 5.2 million bpd of crude imports. Despite escalating U.S. tariffs targeting Russian oil buyers, Indian refiners have taken a "business-as-usual" stance, driven by cost efficiency and energy security. Imports from traditional suppliers like Iraq and Saudi Arabia declined, reflecting a strategic shift toward discounted Russian crude.



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[Image Source: Mint]

Prime Minister emphasizes upcoming generation reforms under GST framework

Prime Minister Modi has pushed forward a landmark “next-generation” overhaul of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system, urging state governments to support the draft proposal circulated by the Centre ahead of Diwali. The reform seeks to simplify the current multi-slab structure into just two main tax rates—5% and 18%—with a special 40% bracket for luxury and “sin” goods, laying the foundation for a unified single-rate GST by 2047. The initiative positions tax relief for consumers and streamlined compliance as core goals of this reform agenda.



[Image Source: India Today]

S and P Global Ratings upgrades India's sovereign credit rating to BBB from BBB-

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On August 14, 2025, S and P Global Ratings upgraded India's long-term sovereign credit rating from BBB- to BBB (Stable Outlook)—its first upgrade in 18 years—citing the country's economic resilience, robust growth, and strong fiscal consolidation. The move includes an improved short-term rating to A-2, and the transfer and convertibility assessment to A-, signaling enhanced external financial robustness. The upgrade, amid global trade tensions and U.S. tariffs, underscores investor confidence and could lower borrowing costs while attracting long-term foreign capital.



[Image Source: Mint]

India declines to accept Permanent Court of Arbitration ruling

On August 14, 2025, India firmly rejected a ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in The Hague concerning the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT). The Ministry of External Affairs stated that India never recognized the arbitration body's legality or jurisdiction, calling its decisions "baseless" and "void." It reiterated that the IWT remains in abeyance until Pakistan ceases supporting cross-border terrorism, citing the Pahalgam attack as justification. The reaction underscores India's assertion of sovereign rights over river waters amid continued Indo-Pak tensions.



[Image Source: BBC News]



RBI unveils Artificial Intelligence roadmap for strengthening India's financial ecosystem

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) revealed a strategic roadmap called FREE-AI (Framework for Responsible and Ethical Enablement of AI) to responsibly integrate artificial intelligence into the financial ecosystem. The committee, led by IIT Bombay's Pushpak Bhattacharyya, delivered 26 recommendations across six key pillars—infrastructure, capacity, policy, governance, protection, and assurance. It proposes building indigenous AI models, establishing a multi-stakeholder oversight committee, creating an AI fund, embedding AI in platforms like UPI, and encouraging lenient first-error supervision—all aimed at striking a balance between innovation and risk management.



[Image Source: Mint]

Western Australia witnesses unprecedented coral bleaching event

A record-breaking marine heatwave spanning from August 2024 to May 2025 triggered the worst-ever coral bleaching along Western Australia's coast, affecting a vast 1,500 km stretch from Ningaloo to Ashmore Reef. This event was deemed the longest, largest, and most intense in WA's history, with coral mortality ranging from 11% to over 90% in many areas—far exceeding the 8 DHW (Degree Heating Weeks) fatal threshold, reaching up to 30 DHW in some locales.



[Image Source: Wikipedia]

MNRE directs wind power firms to adopt domestic supply chains and data centers

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued an updated policy mandating that wind turbine manufacturers source critical components—such as blades, towers, gearboxes, generators, and specialized bearings—from domestic, government-approved suppliers. The policy also enforces strict data localisation, requiring operational data to be stored within India and forbidding real-time transfers abroad. Additionally, manufacturers must establish R and D and operational data centres in India within a year. Technical inspection teams will ensure compliance, and limited exemptions apply to select ongoing or near-term projects.



[Image Source: PIB]

India to set benchmark in global data quality standards, says CEA Nageswaran

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At a Ministry of Statistics conference on August 14, 2025, India's Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran asserted that the nation is poised to set global benchmarks in data quality—standards that developed countries might eventually follow. Emphasizing rising concerns about data accuracy worldwide, he highlighted India's deep-rooted statistical tradition and fast-evolving digital infrastructure as key enablers. The announcement underscores India's ambition to lead in international data governance and to address data quality challenges proactively.



[Image Source: India Today]

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