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What We're Covering Today



Global Connect

Brazil visits India & The US Trade 'Correction'



National Rules

New protocols for Vande Mataram & Army authors



The Neighborhood

Bangladesh Elections & Manipur peace talks



Flashback

Ancient Tamil found in Egypt



The Arena

T20 World Cup & Hockey updates

Big Business: Brazil Comes to India

- **The Visit:** President Lula is visiting New Delhi (Feb 19-21) with 260 business leaders.
- **The Mission:** Focus on Technology, Defence, and Biotechnology.
- **The Quote:** “Cooperation... to achieve great accomplishments without resorting to technology of rich countries.”

Context: Follows PM Modi's meeting with Lula in Brasilia, July 2025. **Highlighter Yellow.**



Trade Talk: The US 'Backtracks'



What Changed:

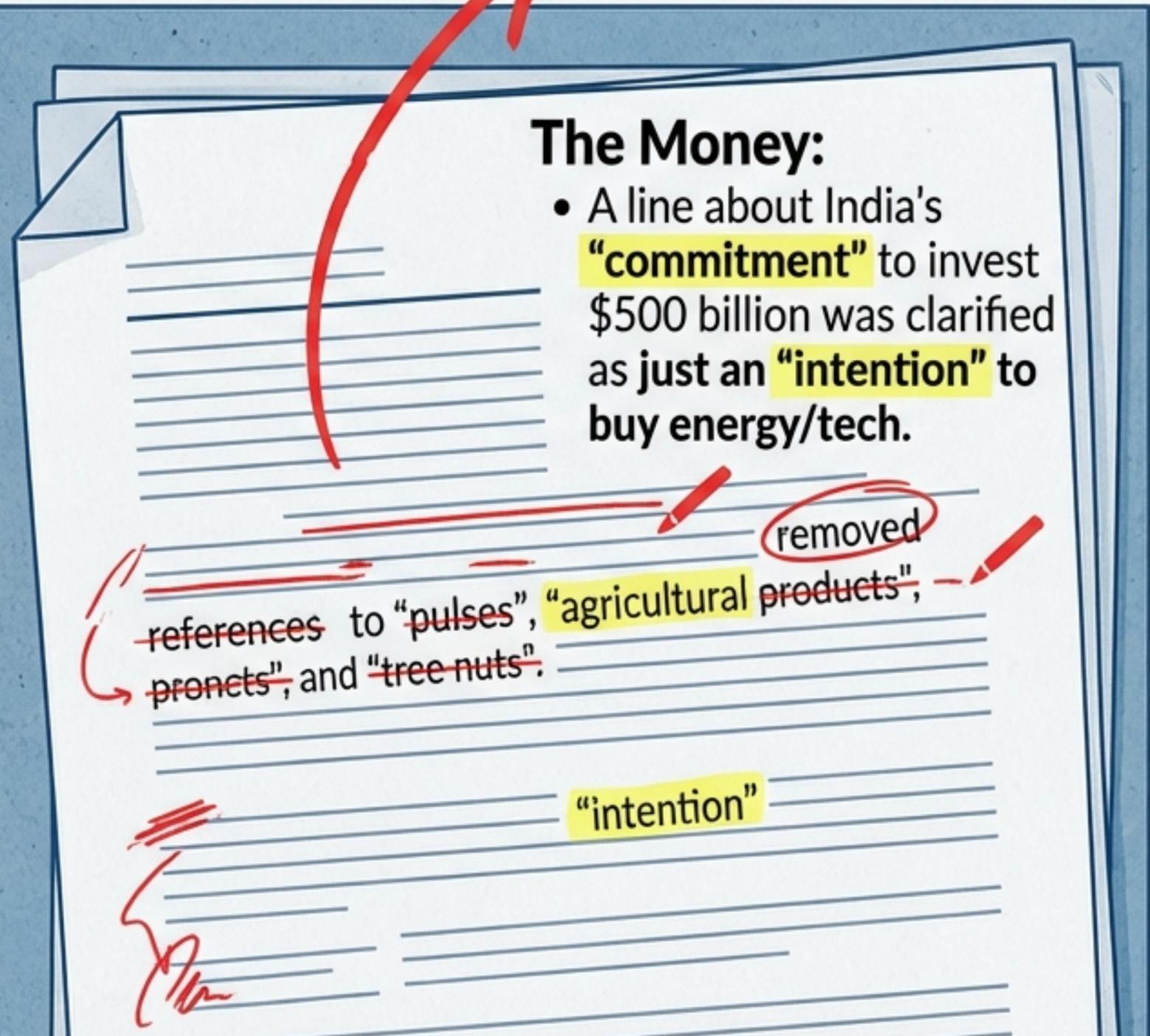
- The US removed references to “pulses”, “agricultural products”, and “tree nuts” from the trade deal factsheet.

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Map Controversy:

- A US map showing POJK and Aksai Chin as part of India was posted, then deleted.

Flashback: Tamil in the Valley of Kings

- **The Discovery:** 30 inscriptions in Tamil Brahmi, Prakrit, and Sanskrit found in Egypt's Valley of the Kings.
- **Time Period:** 1st to 3rd Centuries C.E.
- **The Name:** 'Cikai Korran' (Victory/King) appears multiple times on tomb walls.
- **The Takeaway:** Proves ancient personal connections—people didn't just trade goods; they traveled and left their mark.

National Identity: The Song & The Anthem

First

Vande Mataram
(National Song)



Then

Jana Gana Mana
(National Anthem)

Rules of Conduct



Audience must stand to attention.



Exception: If part of a film/documentary, do NOT stand (to avoid theater disorder).

Rules for Writers: Army Personnel & Books

CLASSIFIED

The Trigger:

Controversy over Gen. M.M. Naravane's unpublished memoir.

New Guidelines

- **Who:** Serving AND retired personnel.
- **The Rule:** Must get clearance before publishing.
- **The Red Line:** The Official Secrets Act (OSA) applies for life.
- **Banned Topics:** Classified info, sensitive operations, or fictional stories that resemble real secrets.

The Supreme Court & Voter Lists

The Event

Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is underway.



The Friction

West Bengal CM approached SC regarding hardships faced by residents.

The Big Question: Is the Supreme Court acting as a neutral judge or an election administrator? (Judicial Drift)

Science & Tech Watch



Nature Watch

Noise Pollution: Human noise is hurting birds' ability to breed, find food, and sing courtship songs.



Future Tech

Summit 2026: Focus on AI in governance and 'Building Resilience' at VIT.

In The Neighborhood

Bangladesh



General Elections underway. **Awami League** in crisis; security is tight with **'risk-prone'** polling stations.

Manipur (India)

Peace Mission:
CM visits Jiribam district.

Goal:
To build peace between **Kuki-Zo** and **Meitei** communities.

Sports Wrap: World Cup & Pro League



T20 World Cup 2026

- Matchup: **India vs. Namibia**
- Strategy: **Tilak Varma** ready to play 'anchor'.
- Key Player: **Jasprit Bumrah** returns to form.

Hockey Update

India starts FIH Pro League with a 1-3 loss to Belgium.

Editorial Highlights (The Opinion Pages)

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“Judicial Drift”



The Take: Courts should stick to judging disputes, not managing government processes like voter list revisions.

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Inflation & CPI



The Take: The Consumer Price Index is a “mirror” of daily life costs. It needs updating to reflect what people actually spend money on today.

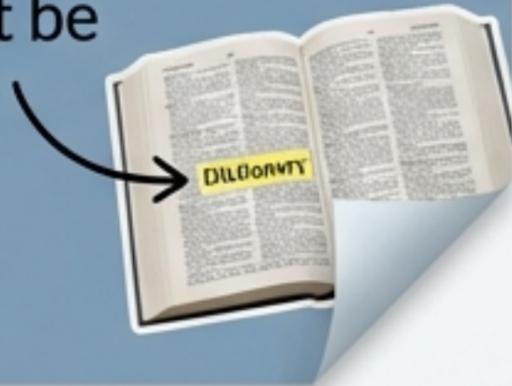
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Student Corner: Words & Facts

Word of the Day

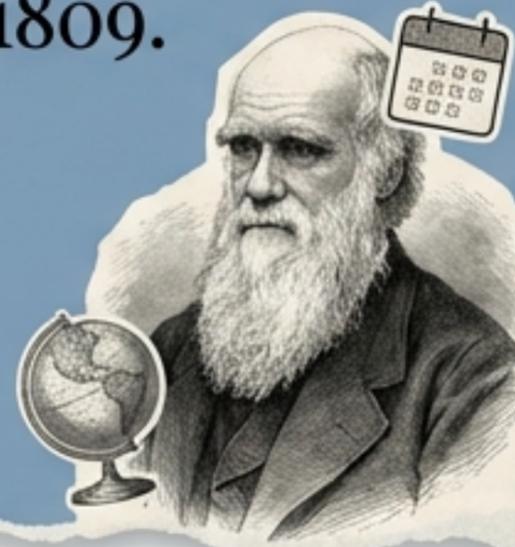
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Definition: A thing that has already happened and cannot be changed.



Trivia

On This Day:
Charles Darwin was born in 1809.



Quiz

Question: Where were the ancient Tamil inscriptions found?

Answer: Egypt (Valley of the Kings).



In A Nutshell: Top 3 Takeaways

1. Global Ties

Brazil & India deepen tech ties; US clarifies trade deal stance.



2. History Rewritten

Ancient inscriptions in Egypt prove early Tamil-Roman personal connections.



3. New Rules

Updated protocols for National Song (Vande Mataram) and military authors.



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That's your Hindu SimpLEfied update for today. See you tomorrow!

