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Your daily dose of news, decoded.
No jargon, just the stories that matter today.



Top Story: A New Chapter for Bangladesh Landslide Victory & Constitutional Change

- **The Winner:** The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) won 212 seats. Tarique Rahman is set to be the next Prime Minister.
- **The Reform:** 60.2% of voters supported the 'July Charter'—a plan to change the constitution to prevent future authoritarianism.
- **India's Reaction:** PM Modi congratulated Rahman, promising support for a 'democratic, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh.'
- **Timeline:** Power transfer expected around February 17 or 18.

World Updates: USA & Policy Shifts



Climate Change: President Trump rolled back major rules that limited pollution, removing the 2009 “endangerment finding” and cutting standards for cars.

Tension in West Asia

- The US sent a second aircraft carrier to the region to pressure Iran, warning it would be a “bad day” if no deal is made.

Education Lawsuit

- The US government is suing Harvard University, accusing them of hiding information during an admissions investigation.

Global Highlights: Rights & Regulations

Singapore Toys



Government plans to regulate 'blind box' toys amid concerns they encourage gambling habits.

UK Free Speech

High Court ruled that banning the group 'Palestine Action' was wrong as it interfered with freedom of speech. The government plans to appeal.

Iran Investigation

The government formed a commission to investigate deadly protests regarding the high cost of living that occurred in January.

India Highlights: New Spaces for Governance



Seva Teerth

- PM Modi inaugurated the new Prime Minister's Office (PMO) complex.
- **The Reason:** Old buildings were symbols of the British Empire and lacked space.
- A new stamp and coin were released to mark the event.

India Highlights: Justice & Social Support



Manipur Violence

The Supreme Court has ordered the CBI to submit a report on evidence in sexual assault cases from 2023. The goal is to ensure faster trials.

Support for Women in Tamil Nadu

CM M.K. Stalin announced ₹5,000 for women heads of families. This includes monthly aid, 'summer aid', and festival allowances.

Tech Talk: Safety in the AI Era

Insights from The Hindu Tech Summit 2026



Playfair Display

Theme: 'Beyond Compliance'

Experts discussed doing more than just following basic rules.

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Everyone's Job

Security isn't just for IT. Awareness must exist from the 'top to bottom' of a company.

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AI Vigilance

Companies are using AI to spot 'aberrations' or strange behavior that might indicate data theft.

Tech Talk: Privacy & Future Learning



“Google knows more about you than you know about yourself.”

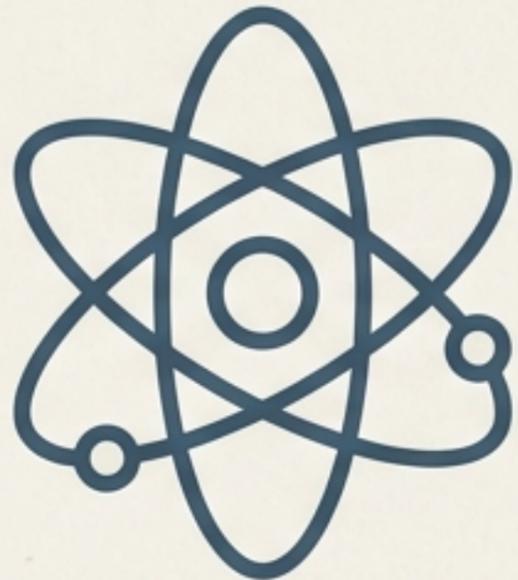
- Online learning is one of the biggest finds of the decade.
- Users should only give apps data that is absolutely relevant.
- Demand to know why your data is being collected.

Business Updates: Energy & Aviation



Air India Fined ₹1 Crore

The DGCA fined the airline for flying a plane on eight routes without the proper safety certificate.



Adani Enters Nuclear Power

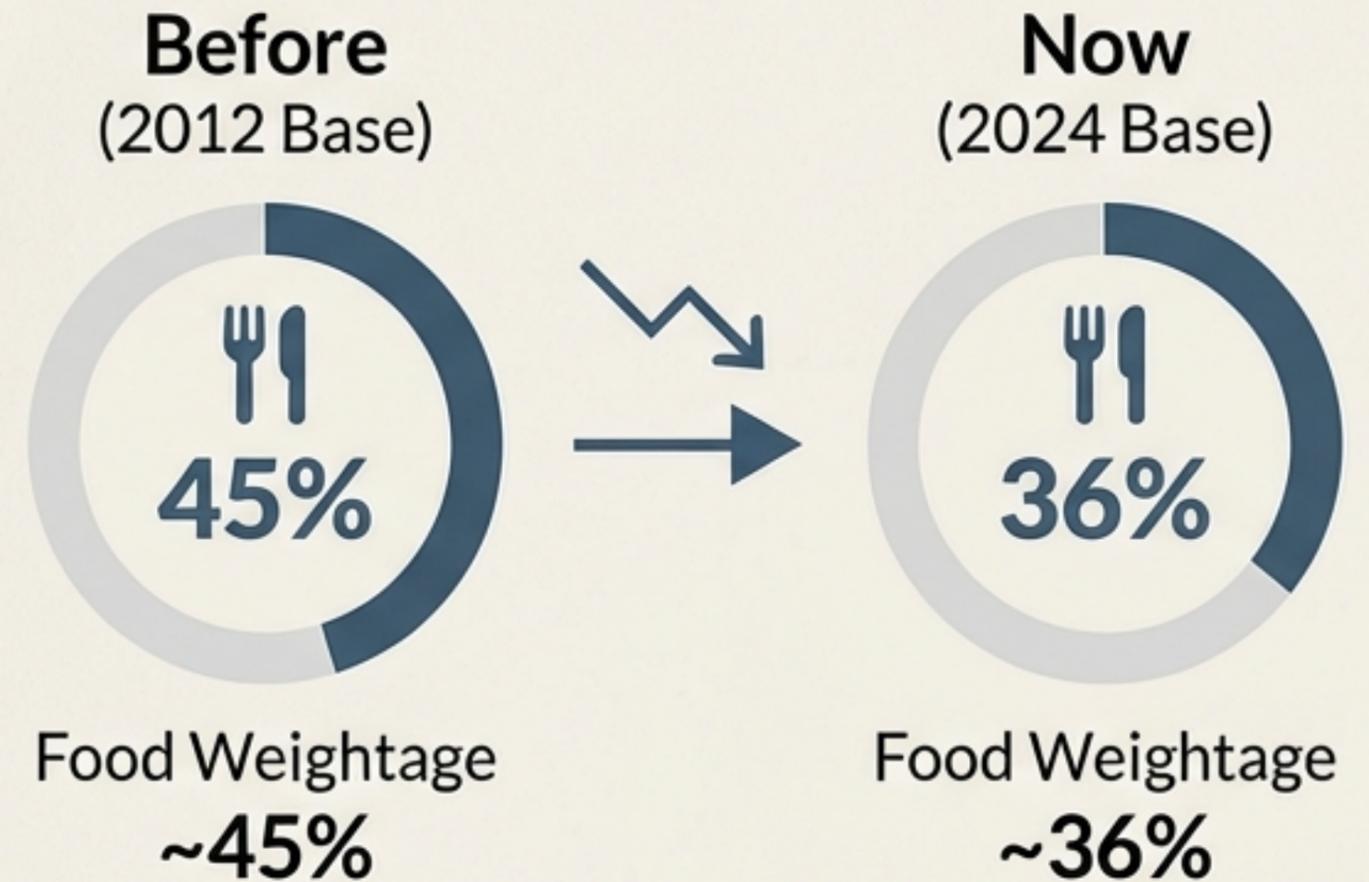
Under the new 'SHANTI Act', private companies can now operate nuclear plants. The Adani Group is the first major entrant.

Business Updates: Exports & Inflation



Wheat Exports Allowed: 25 lakh tonnes to be exported to help farmers get better prices.

Measuring Inflation: A Shift



Why? Free foodgrain schemes mean households spend less on food.

Breakthroughs in Health & Education



Medical Milestone

AIIMS Delhi is preparing for Face Transplant surgeries. They are hosting a special workshop to train for this complex procedure.



Language Access

The Home Ministry is creating a medical dictionary in 15 Indian languages. The goal is to help students learn medicine in their mother tongue.

Sports Update: The Cricket Shocker

Zimbabwe Stuns Australia

T20 World Cup Upset

- **The Match:** Zimbabwe defeated the mighty Australian team.
- **The Star:** Blessing Muzarabani took 4 wickets for 17 runs.
- **The Blow:** Veteran Brendan Taylor is out of the tournament due to injury.



Sports Update: Strategy & Strength

Chess Strategy

GM Salem Saleh (a police officer in UAE) discusses the growth of chess. He emphasizes that modern players focus heavily on tactics and combinations.



Traditional Wrestling

A 'Silver Mace' competition is underway in Bihar to find the best wrestler.

Quick Shorts: International Relations



The Quad: US diplomat calls the platform (India, US, Japan, Australia) 'very important' and praises India's active role.

Coyflict Report:

Reports emerge that Ugandans were tricked into jobs in Russia, only to be forced to sign army contracts at gunpoint to fight in Ukraine.

Today's Key Takeaways

Politics

Bangladesh: BNP wins landslide; Tarique Rahman to be PM.

World

USA: Trump rolls back climate rules and pressures Iran.

Business

Energy: Adani enters Nuclear power; Air India fined.

Sports

Cricket: Zimbabwe upsets Australia in World Cup.

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