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Current Affairs made easy for everyone.



India & The World: PM Modi Visits Israel

- **The Event:** PM Modi addressed the Israeli Parliament (Knesset), extending a hand of friendship.
- **On Terror:** Compared the attacks in Israel to the 26/11 Mumbai attacks. Stated a 'zero tolerance' policy for terrorism.
- **On Peace:** India supports the Gaza Peace Initiative and peace in the region.
- **Future Goals:** Working together on water, farming, and tech.



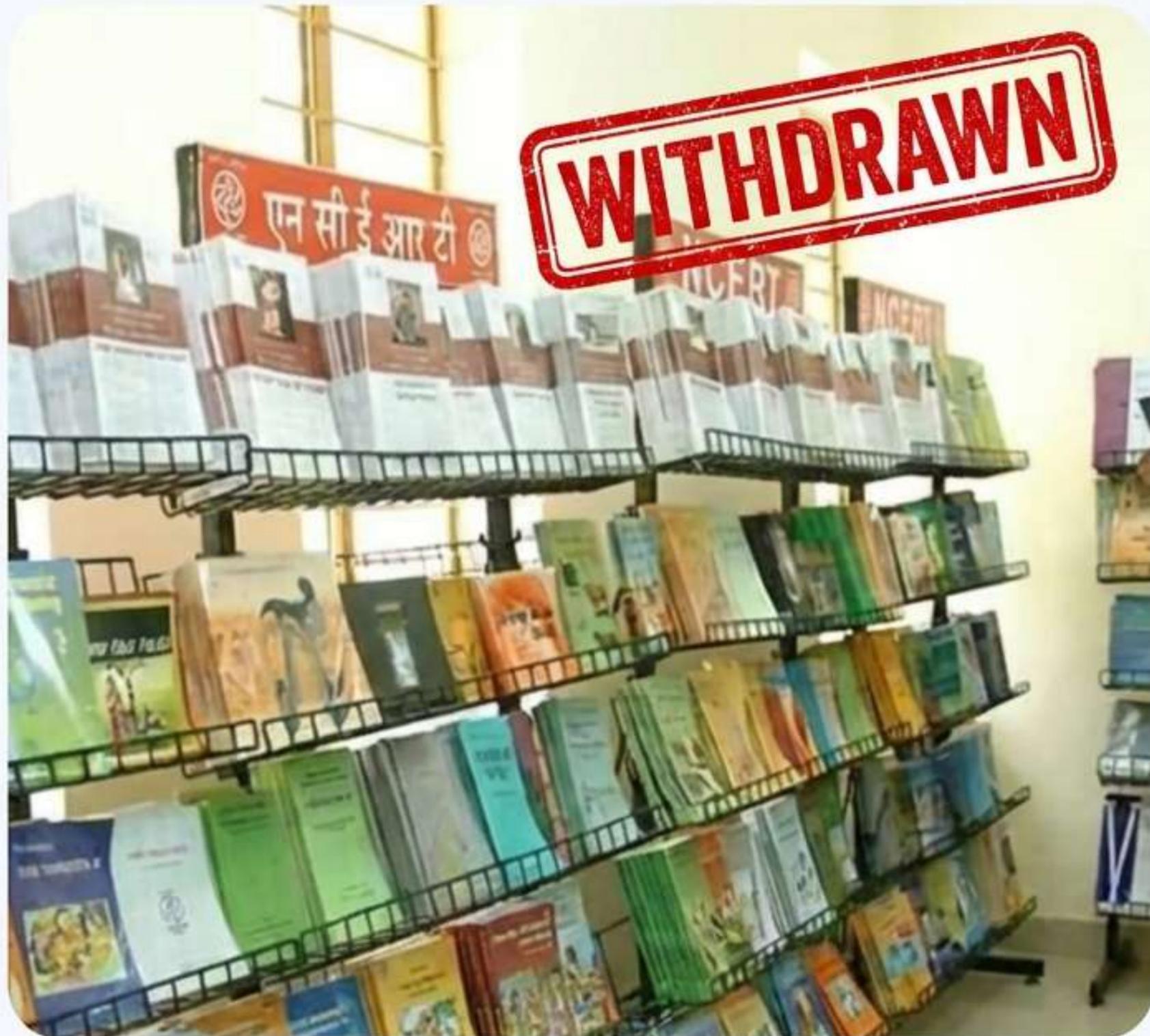
National Update: Courts on Pause?

The Situation: Judges in West Bengal are busy updating voter lists for upcoming elections.

The Problem: Because judges are doing paperwork, they aren't hearing cases.

The Result: Bail hearings and important trials are getting delayed.

Over 50 lakh claims are being processed before the Feb 28 deadline.



Education: Textbook Trouble & A Quick Fix

What Happened?

A new Class 8 Social Science book included a section on 'corruption' in the courts.

The Reaction

The Supreme Court flagged this as inappropriate.

The Resolution

NCERT apologized, called it an 'error in judgment,' and stopped distributing the book.

Updates from the USA: State of the Union

President Trump gave a marathon speech claiming the US economy is "winning".

The Greenland Claim vs. Reality

- 🗣️ **Claim:** Trump said people in Greenland are sick and he sent a hospital ship.
- ✅ **Reality:** Greenland's Prime Minister said their health system is fine. There is no crisis.
- 🗨️ **Fact:** US hospital ships are actually in maintenance, not traveling.

State Focus: Kerala

Minister Injured



Health Minister Veena George was injured in a scuffle with protesters at a railway station.

Data Privacy Row



The Debate: Opposition claims government employee data was collected without consent.

The Defense: Government denies 'data theft,' says it is for a new notification service.

Nature Watch: Tributes & Warnings



Farewell to a Giant:

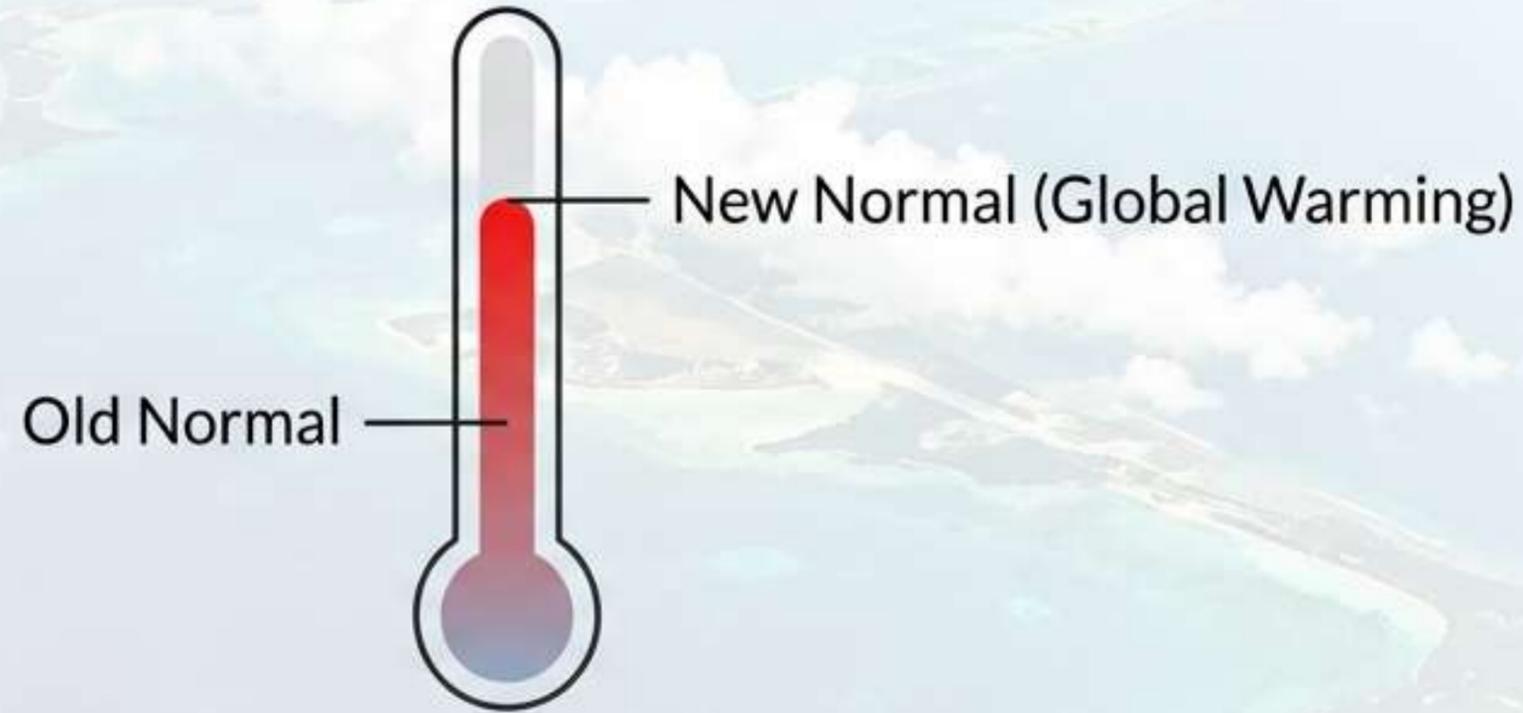
Remembering 'Craig,' Kenya's famous Super Tusker known for his massive tusks and calm nature.



Climate Alert:

Emperor Penguins in Antarctica are losing the sea ice they need to survive due to rising temperatures.

Weather Words: Redefining El Niño



The Update: Scientists are changing the standards for labeling “El Niño” (ocean warming).

The Reason: Earth is getting hotter overall. To count as a special event now, the water has to be even hotter than the new, higher average.

Global Safety Concerns

Press Safety

Dangerous Year:

2025 was the deadliest year for journalists (129 killed), mostly in conflict zones like Gaza.

Energy Conflict

Pipeline Politics:

Ukraine has stopped the 'Druzhba' oil pipeline flow, causing tensions with neighbors Hungary and Slovakia.

Money Matters

126% Tariff



The US has put a huge tax on solar cells coming from India, making them more expensive.

\$550 Billion



ByteDance (owner of TikTok) is now valued at a massive \$550 billion.

On the Field: Cricket Action



The Big Win: New Zealand knocked Sri Lanka out of the tournament.

Coming Up:
India vs.
Zimbabwe

Player Update:
Zimbabwe captain
Sikandar Raza is
100% fit to play.

The Opinion Pages



National Science Day (Feb 28)

It's not just about remembering C.V. Raman's past discovery. It's about defining what science means for India's future.

Public Health Win

The new HPV vaccination drive for girls is a positive step. It is crucial for preventing cervical cancer.

In Other News... Quick Bytes



Space Tech

ISRO found that a loose connection caused a satellite to miss its orbit.



Local Safety

Safety Warning: A 9-year-old boy in Vijayawada was bitten by a stray dog after falling off his bike.



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History: 100 Years Ago

In 1926, Bombay was fighting Malaria. Shows how long we've been battling public health issues.

Words to Know

Knesset:

The Parliament (law-making body) of Israel.

Tariff:

A tax on goods coming from another country (like the solar tax).

El Niño:

A climate pattern where the ocean surface gets unusually warm.

Suo Motu:

When a court takes action on its own, without a formal complaint.

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Stay Curious. See you tomorrow!

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