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The Big Story: Class 8 Textbook Ban

Supreme Court orders blanket ban on NCERT book.

- **The Spark:** A Class 8 social science textbook included a chapter titled 'Corruption in the Judiciary'.
- **The Conflict:** SC called this a 'deep-rooted conspiracy' to instill bias in students' minds.
- **Key Quote:** The Court stated the text was a 'calculated move' to undermine trust in the law.

The Verdict: 'Heads Must Roll'

Immediate Action

- **Total Ban:** Physical and digital copies banned.
- **Seizure:** Authorities ordered to seize all existing stocks.



The Reaction

- **Government:** Offered an unconditional apology.
- **Chief Justice:** "I am not going to close this proceeding till I am satisfied."

World Watch: PM Modi in Israel

PM Modi met Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem with a clear message: Peace in West Asia is vital for India's security.



Key Projects

- IMEC: Advancing the India-Middle East Economic Corridor.
- Tech: New cooperation on AI and mineral exploration.

Global Tensions



USA: Trump on Iran

- **Mixed Signals:** Shifted from military threats to requesting talks.
- **Goal:** Seeking a deal on nuclear energy to avoid war.



UK: Starmer's Test

- **Event:** Critical Byelections in Manchester.
- **Stakes:** A loss could threaten PM Keir Starmer's leadership term.

Innovation: Railways Wants Your Ideas



The Offer:

Railway Ministry launches 'Rail Tech' policy. Funding up to 50% of development costs for startups.

Problem Statements (What they need):

- AI to prevent elephant collisions.
- Drones for detecting broken rails.
- Sensors for train load monitoring.

Is AI Eating Software Jobs?

The Fear: Automation and layoffs hitting entry-level IT roles.

The Reality: The sector is growing, not shrinking.

A graphic of a gear with the letters 'AI' in the center, surrounded by glowing lines and dots, symbolizing artificial intelligence technology.

\$10-12 Billion

Projected AI service revenues by 2026.

Jobs are evolving, not just disappearing.

Identity Theft? The AI Minister



The Story:

Albanian actor Anila Bisha is suing the government.

The Issue:

The Prime Minister created a 'Virtual Minister' to fight corruption using Anila's face and voice—without her permission.

Consequence: She now lives in the shadow of an AI avatar she never agreed to be.

National Briefs



Flight Refunds: DGCA extends free cancellation/modification window to 48 hours.



Aravalli Hills: SC rules only legal mining is permitted to protect the range.



Maharashtra: Aiming for a \$1 Trillion economy within 5 years.

Security Check: Chhattisgarh

989

Weapons seized from Maoists in 6 years.

- 671 recovered from encounters.
- 238 surrendered by insurgents.
- Includes 70 AK-47 rifles.



T20 World Cup: Record Breakers!

India vs. Zimbabwe (2026)

Score: 256 for 4

Record: India's highest-ever T20 World Cup total, beating their 2007 record.



Sports Shorts

Cricket: New Zealand faces a must-win against England for semi-finals.

Football: Cristiano Ronaldo buys a stake in a Spanish second-tier club.

Women's Football: India U-20 draws 1-1 with Swedish club Enskede IK.



English Corner

To fall down on the job

Meaning: To fail to do your job satisfactorily.

'Many students feel the teacher falls down on the job if they don't explain concepts clearly.'



The TL;DR

What to remember today.

- ✓ **Textbook Ban:** SC bans Class 8 NCERT books over 'corruption in judiciary' chapter.
- ✓ **Global Ties:** PM Modi visits Israel; prioritizes West Asia peace and trade.
- ✓ **Cricket History:** India scores record-breaking 256 runs vs Zimbabwe.
- ✓ **Tech Ops:** Railways offering funding for AI safety solutions.