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➤ Decline in Rural-to-Urban Migration in India

According to the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM), domestic migration decreased by 53.7 million in 2023, an 11.8% drop from 2011 levels. The overall migration rate fell from 37.6% in 2011 to 28.9% in 2023, with economic migration declining by 5 million, from 45 million in 2011 to 40 million in 2023.



➤ Govt Amends FTP to Require Stakeholder Consultations

In a significant move to enhance inclusivity and transparency in trade policy formulation, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has amended the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023. This amendment mandates consultations with relevant stakeholders, including importers, exporters, and industry experts, during the formulation or amendment of the FTP.



➤ PM Modi Flags Off Nammo Bharat RRTS: 40-Min Delhi-Meerut Ride

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a 13-km section of the Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor on January, 2025. This section connects Sahibabad in Uttar Pradesh to New Ashok Nagar in Delhi and is part of the broader 82-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Nammo Bharat corridor. The RRTS aims to revolutionize regional transit by significantly reducing travel time between Delhi and Meerut.





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➤ Hanoi Declared World's Most Polluted City

Hanoi, Vietnam's capital, has recently been identified as the world's most polluted city, with PM2.5 levels reaching 266 micrograms per cubic meter. This alarming air quality has raised significant health concerns among residents and prompted government action.

The Southeast Asian country, a regional manufacturing hub with one of the fastest-growing economies in Asia, has reported severe air pollution in its major cities for years, particularly in Hanoi.



➤ The 38th National Games Torch 'Tejaswini'

The 38th National Games will be hosted by Uttarakhand for the first time, marking a significant event in the state's sports history. The torch, named 'Tejaswini,' has begun its journey across the state, spreading excitement and awareness about the games.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged off the torch rally from Haldwani, and it is expected to cover 3,823 km, visiting 99 locations in 13 districts before reaching the capital, Dehradun.



➤ Jallikattu Season Begins! Thatchankurichi Hosts 2025's First Event

The first Jallikattu event of Tamil Nadu for 2025 was held on January at Thatchankurichi village in the Gandarvakottai taluk of Pudukkottai district. This traditional bull-taming event marks the beginning of the Pongal celebrations and the Jallikattu season in the state. Over 600 bulls and 350 bull-taming participants took part in this iconic event, symbolizing Tamil Nadu's rich cultural heritage.





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➤ **HDFC Bank Secures RBI Approval to Acquire Stakes in Peer Banks**

HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector lender, has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval to acquire up to a 9.5% stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank, AU Small Finance Bank, and Capital Small Finance Bank. This strategic move is facilitated through its group entities, including HDFC Mutual Fund, HDFC Life Insurance, HDFC ERGO General Insurance, and HDFC Pension Fund Management.

