

This week (August 11-17, 2025), India is navigating US tariffs, accelerating trade talks with ASEAN, and addressing national security concerns in the Indian Ocean. Parliament passed key bills, while a committee flagged China's growing naval presence. Environmental clearance was recommended for a controversial Arunachal Pradesh hydroelectric project. Kerala will be declared digitally literate, and PM Modi emphasized self-reliance and GST reforms on Independence Day, but J&K's CM criticized delayed statehood restoration. The AMMA elected women leaders for the first time. Various political and legal developments include allegations of election anomalies in Maharashtra, a notice to Rahul Gandhi over voter theft claims, and court directives regarding stray dogs and discrimination in Army JAG recruitment. India's economy faces challenges due to US tariffs but is diversifying trade, and S&P upgraded India's rating. Other key events included an increased number of dog-related cases and deaths, advancements in space and semiconductor projects, and sports achievements. Internationally, tensions persist in Gaza and Ukraine, while China and India held border talks.