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LATEST UPDATE

O.P. Agarwal (CEO, WRI India) quoted in **Narendra Modi says India will sharply increase renewable energy**

[The New York Times](#)

Excerpt: O.P. Agarwal, the head of the India office of World Resources Institute, a research and advocacy group, said focusing on the expansion of renewable energy by 2030 was “a strategic and achievable ambition.”

India has been under scrutiny for when it might announce a net-zero target. Mr. Modi said 2070, which is 10 years later than China's promise and 20 years later than promises made by the United States and Europe.

India has been vocal in pressing for money from industrialized countries to help developing economies make the energy transition, and Mr. Modi upped the ante on Monday. “India expects developed countries to make \$1 trillion in climate finance available as soon as possible,” he said.

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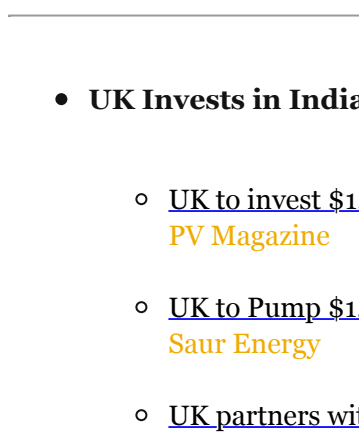
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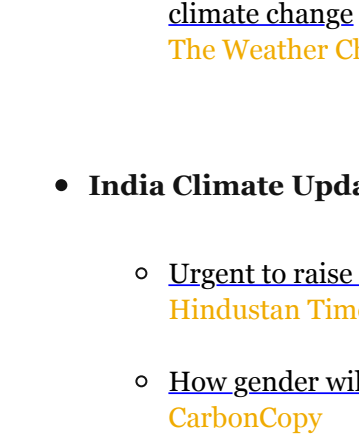
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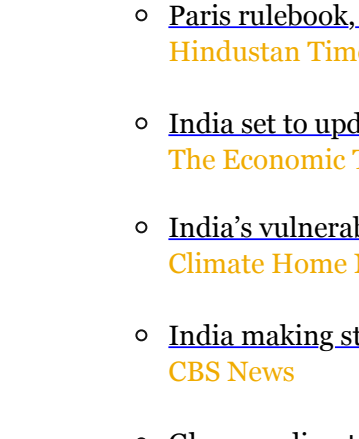
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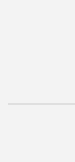
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