



# IMMIGRATION UPDATE

#PORTUGAL NEWS

Good News for Goans in Portugal! Applying for an OCI card just got easier.

The Ministry of External Affairs enables Goans Daman and Diu residents to obtain **cancellation orders for OCI in lieu of surrender certificates**. This makes the process easier and gives them benefits, including **visa-free travel and opportunities abroad through a Portuguese passport**.

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#EUROPE NEWS

## Not so golden anymore? Europe reconsiders "golden visa" programs

**The "Golden Visa" program, once a popular way for wealthy investors to gain residency in Europe, is now losing its lustre. Launched in 2012 by several Eurozone countries struggling with budget deficits, offered residence in exchange for investment. But now, some countries are reevaluating these plans.**



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#USA NEWS

## India Now #2 Source of New US Citizens

**A record number of people became US citizens in FY 2022**, with India ranking second only to Mexico. While the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has made progress in reducing application backlogs, some delays persist.

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#UK NEWS

UK begins eVisa rollout with plans to replace immigration documents by 2025

**The UK has started rolling out a new eVisa system with plans to completely replace physical immigration documents by 2025.** The move is expected to enhance border security by reducing the **risk of fraud, loss and misuse of physical visas.**

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#USA NEWS

**H-1B Job Hopping on the Rise! What it means for workers and employers.**

**The number of H-1B visa holders switching jobs in the US is on the rise.** This trend is driven by a tight labor market, limitations on the **H-1B visa cap**, and **government policies that make it easier for workers to change employers.** But challenges persist (**pay gap, green card delays**)

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