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# Today's Top 4 Highlights

*Exam Focus: Watch the economic impact!*



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## West Asia Crisis Deepens

Iran appoints a new Supreme Leader after a fatal strike; India navigates the diplomatic fallout.



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## The Market Ripple

Global crude oil spikes to \$119.5/bbl, dragging the Indian Sensex down by 1,352 points.



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## Parliament Gridlock

Lok Sabha halts as the Opposition demands a debate on the West Asia conflict's impact on India.



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## Champions in Blue

India's T20 World Cup heroes shine; Hockey team draws 2-2 with Scotland.

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# Global Focus: What's Happening in Iran?



## The Spark

**Event:** U.S.-Israel strike on Feb 28.

**Impact:** Killed former Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.



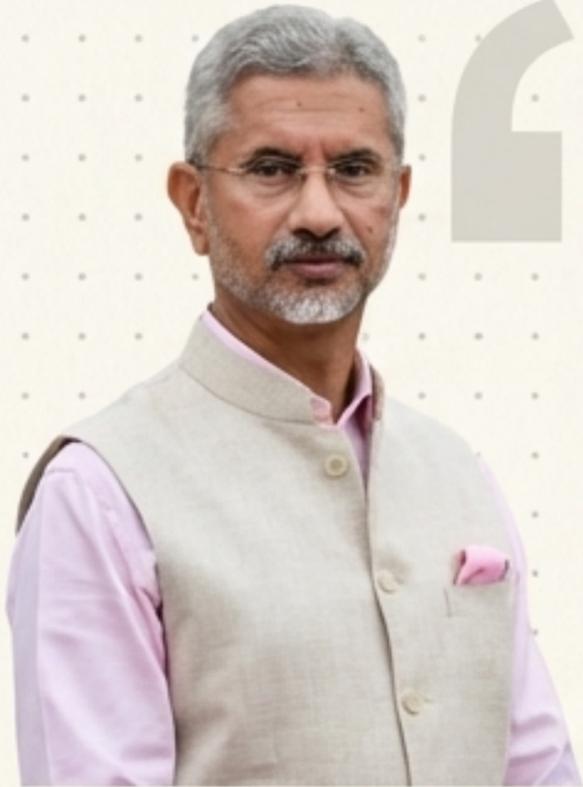
## The Successor

**New Leader:** Mojtaba Khamenei (son of the late leader).

**Key Detail:** Chosen by Iran's Assembly of Experts as the country's new Supreme Leader.

**The Naval Clash:** U.S. submarine sank Iranian frigate IRIS Dena off the coast of Sri Lanka.

# India's Diplomatic Stance



**The safety of Indians is our overriding priority. Energy security and trade flows will always be paramount.**

— **S. Jaishankar**, in a suo motu statement to Parliament.

## India's Actions:

- ✓ Allowed Iranian naval vessel IRIS Lavan to dock in Kochi on March 4.
- ✓ Avoided officially condemning the attack, but signed the condolence book.

## Evacuation in Numbers

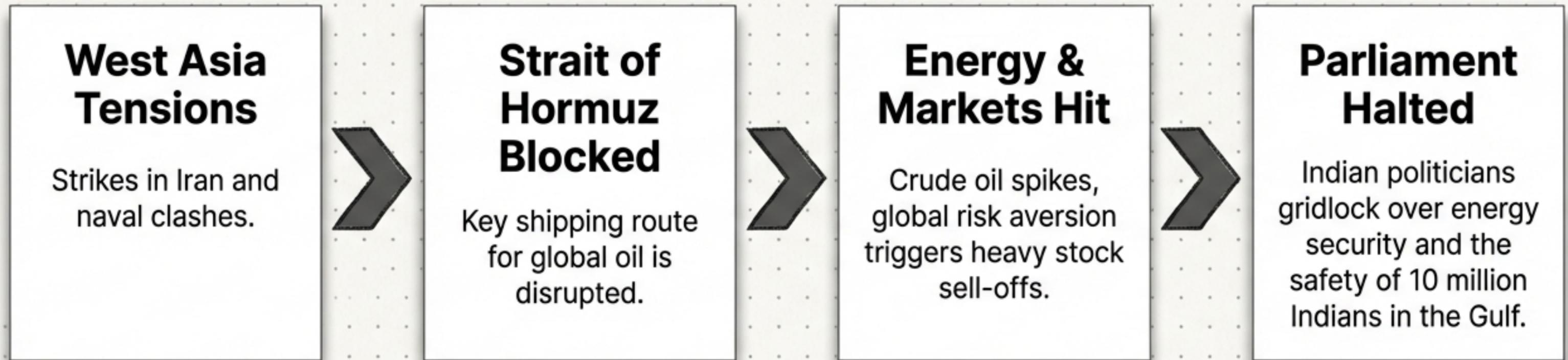
**67,000**

Indian nationals evacuated so far.

**150+**

Inbound flights operated by Indian carriers over three days.

# The Domino Effect: How Global Events Impact India



Strait of Hormuz = vital for competitive exams! It connects the Persian Gulf to the open ocean.

# Money Matters: Oil & The Stock Market

## Data Dashboard



### The Oil Spike

**\$119.50 / barrel**

(Brent Crude peak)

Despite this massive global spike, Indian retail petrol prices are **NOT** being raised.

Impacts global costs!

### The Market Drop

**-1,352 Points**

(Sensex drop)

Nifty also dropped 422 points as investors sold big due to Middle East instability.

Market reaction to geopolitical risk!

### The Record Cost

**\$7.7 Lakh / day**

(Charter Rate)

BPCL chartered the tanker Kalamos at a record daily rate to bring 2 million barrels of crude to Paradip, showing the immense cost of shipping during wartime.

Shipping logistics crucial for India!

# Inside Parliament: The Big Standoff



**Context Note:** The Lok Sabha is halted, costing taxpayers ₹9 crore per day in wasted time.

## What the Opposition Wants

- Led by Rahul Gandhi and the INDIA bloc.
- Demands a full, dedicated discussion on the West Asia crisis.
- Focus: Economic losses, energy security, and safety of 10 million Indians in the Gulf.

Crucial issue!

## What the Government Says

- Led by Kiren Rijiju (Parliamentary Affairs Minister).
- Refuses a new debate because the Foreign Minister already gave a detailed statement.
- Wants to prioritize a resolution to remove Speaker Om Birla.
- Calls the opposition "irresponsible" and "holding the House hostage."

# Aviation Oddity: The 14-Hour Flight to Nowhere

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An IndiGo flight from Delhi to Manchester (U.K.) spent **14 hours** in the sky only to land right back in Delhi.

Why? The flight was actively avoiding the conflict-affected Persian Gulf.



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Eritrea  
(Africa)

The Glitch: Confusion at Air Traffic Control in Eritrea over a permit filed by IndiGo forced the plane to turn back after being airborne for 8 hours.

Global airspace is shrinking due to war zones.

# India Updates: Quick Highlights

## Delhi Liquor Policy

- The Delhi High Court issued notices to former CM Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia.
- The CBI is challenging a trial court's decision to discharge them in the liquor policy case.

CBI challenge! ↗

## Bihar Politics

- CM Nitish Kumar is launching the 'Samriddhi Yatra' (March 10-14) to review government projects.
- His son, Nishant Kumar, officially joined the JD(U) party, sparking succession speculation.

Succession?

## Bengal Protocol Row

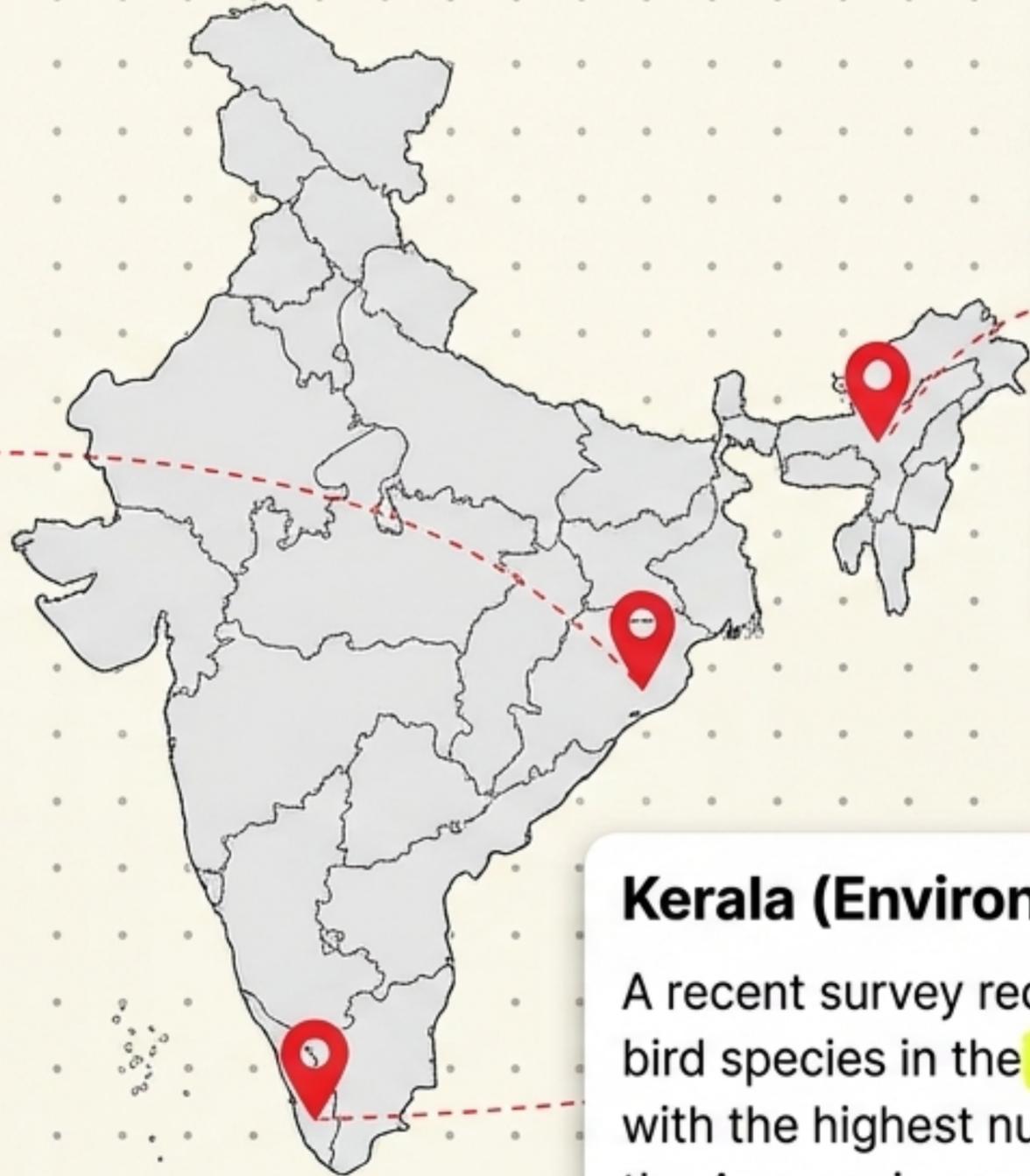
- The West Bengal Chief Secretary submitted a report to the Centre regarding alleged protocol lapses during President Droupadi Murmu's recent visit.

→ Protocol issue!

# State News in 60 Seconds

## Odisha (Law & Order)

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi reported 54 communal riots and 7 mob lynching incidents in the state between June 2024 and February 2026.



## Assam (Economy)

The state government announced an interim increase of ₹30 in the minimum wage for tea plantation workers (a key voting demographic).



## Kerala (Environment)

A recent survey recorded 192 bird species in the **Silent Valley**, with the highest number found in the Anavaayi camp.

*Freq. asked in UPSC!  
Located in the Nilgiri Hills.*

# Sports: Champions in Blue

India triumphs in the **T20** *Victory!*  
**World Cup.**

*Key Performers*

- **Sanju Samson** won two **Player-of-the-Match** awards. Ishan Kishan excelled in the summit clash despite a recent personal tragedy.
- **Tournament Team:** Samson, Kishan, and Hardik Pandya were named to the ICC's **Team of the Tournament.**



Hockey team earns a hard-fought **2-2** draw against Scotland.

*Gritty performance!*



# Final Review: Key Terms for Your Exams

(Geopolitics)

## Mojtaba Khamenei

The newly appointed Supreme Leader of Iran, succeeding his late father.

(Geography)

## Strait of Hormuz

The crucial shipping choke point currently disrupted by the West Asia conflict.

(Environment)

## Silent Valley

The Kerala region where 192 bird species were recently recorded.

(National)

## Samriddhi Yatra

An outreach and review initiative launched by Bihar CM Nitish Kumar.

(Environment)

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