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Your Daily Cheat Sheet: Top Highlights &
Updates (March 11, 2026)

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facts only.

Today's News Desks

National Updates

Parliament &
Top Court

Economy Watch

FDI Rules &
LPG Crisis

Synthesis

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Indian Markets

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Parliament Watch: The Speaker Motion

Who

Opposition MPs (Moved by **Mohammad Jawed**, supported by **K. Suresh** and **Mallu Ravi**).

What

A resolution seeking the removal of Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla**.

Why

Allegations of partisan behavior to protect the neutrality of the Chair. (Govt. response: Kiren Rijiju calls it an attack on democracy).

Step 1: Notice

MPs submit a formal notice to move the resolution.

Step 2: Debate

The House engages in a highly structured debate (10 hours allotted).

Step 3: Vote

The resolution concludes with a decisive floor vote.

Supreme Court Highlights



Topic: Uniform Civil Code (UCC) & Shariat Application Act, 1937.

Ruling: Court deferred to Parliament's wisdom rather than judicially striking down the 1937 Act over inheritance discrimination.

Topic: IT Rules vs. Fake News.

Ruling: Court called for a balance between deterring fake news and protecting satire, as the Centre defends the rules.

Topic: Bengal Electoral Rolls.

Ruling: Ordered the formation of special tribunals in West Bengal to hear appeals of people excluded during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR).

Easing Chinese FDI: Press Note 3 Amended

The Union Cabinet amended its 2020 rules restricting foreign direct investment (FDI) from countries sharing a land border with India.

Before (2020 Rule)	Now (2026 Amendment)
<p>Any entity from a border country required prior Indian Government approval for any investment.</p>	<p>Introduces beneficial ownership. Companies with a non-controlling stake from these countries can now invest without seeking prior government approval.</p>

TL;DR: Easier capital flow for non-controlling foreign stakes.

The Domestic LPG Crunch: Cause & Solution

The Cause

Global price spike. Gas from Qatar jumped from \$6-8 per MMBtu to **\$15 per MMBtu.**



The Pivot

At **>\$10/MMBtu**, long-distance imports from the U.S. and Norway suddenly become economically viable.



The Stopgap Solution

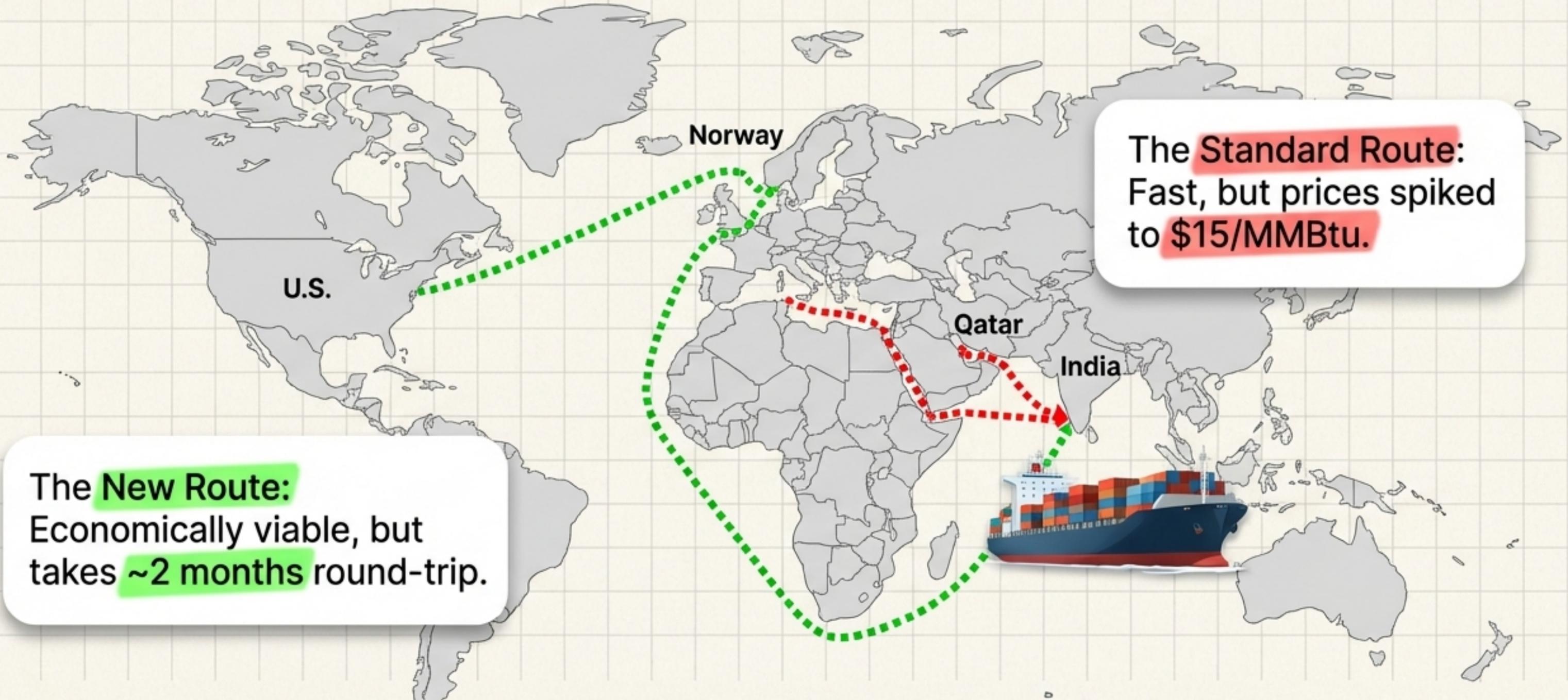
Petroleum Ministry directed all oil refining companies to maximize domestic production. LPG output increased by **10%** by prioritizing households over industry.

Quick Fact: Govt formed a committee of OMC directors to address the restaurant/hotel crisis.



Gas will not be a long-term problem, but shipping distances mean short-term pain for supply.

The Gas Import Route Explained



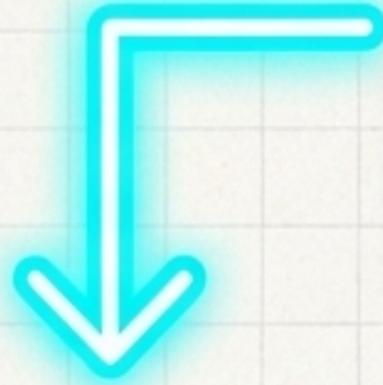
The **Standard Route**:
Fast, but prices spiked
to **\$15/MMBtu**.

The **New Route**:
Economically viable, but
takes **~2 months** round-trip.

Connecting the Dots: Global Tensions to Indian Markets

West Asia Conflict

Unrest in the region threatens shipping lanes and standard energy supply chains.



The Ripple Effect

Geopolitical fears cause gas prices to double and crude oil to fluctuate wildly.

The Domestic Impact

High gas prices force India to reroute imports (causing the LPG crunch). Meanwhile, retreating crude oil prices allowed the Sensex to bounce back (jumping 639 points to 78,205) and Nifty to climb to 24,261.

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Global Conflicts Dashboard

West Asia Theatre

Focus: Iran vs. U.S./Israel.

Key Event: Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei picked as the new Supreme Leader following the assassination of his father, Ali Khamenei, in a U.S.-Israeli strike.

Stance: Iran vows to fight "as long as necessary."

Eastern Europe Theatre

Focus: Russia vs. Ukraine.

Key Event: Both sides claim frontline progress. Putin tells Trump Russian forces are advancing; Ukraine reports shooting down 122 of 137 Russian drones.



Conflict Updates Matrix

Region	The Latest Update	The Global Impact
Lebanon & West Asia	Strikes hit near South Lebanon's Tyre. Over 6.67 lakh people displaced in Lebanon.	Threat to global energy shipping; Aramco warns of catastrophic consequences if the Hormuz Strait is blocked.
China & Russia (Trade)	China's exports to Russia surged by 19.7% in the first two months of 2026.	Demonstrates strengthening economic ties between Beijing and Moscow despite Western sanctions.



Mapping the States: Local Highlights

Update: Direct Benefit Transfer Record.

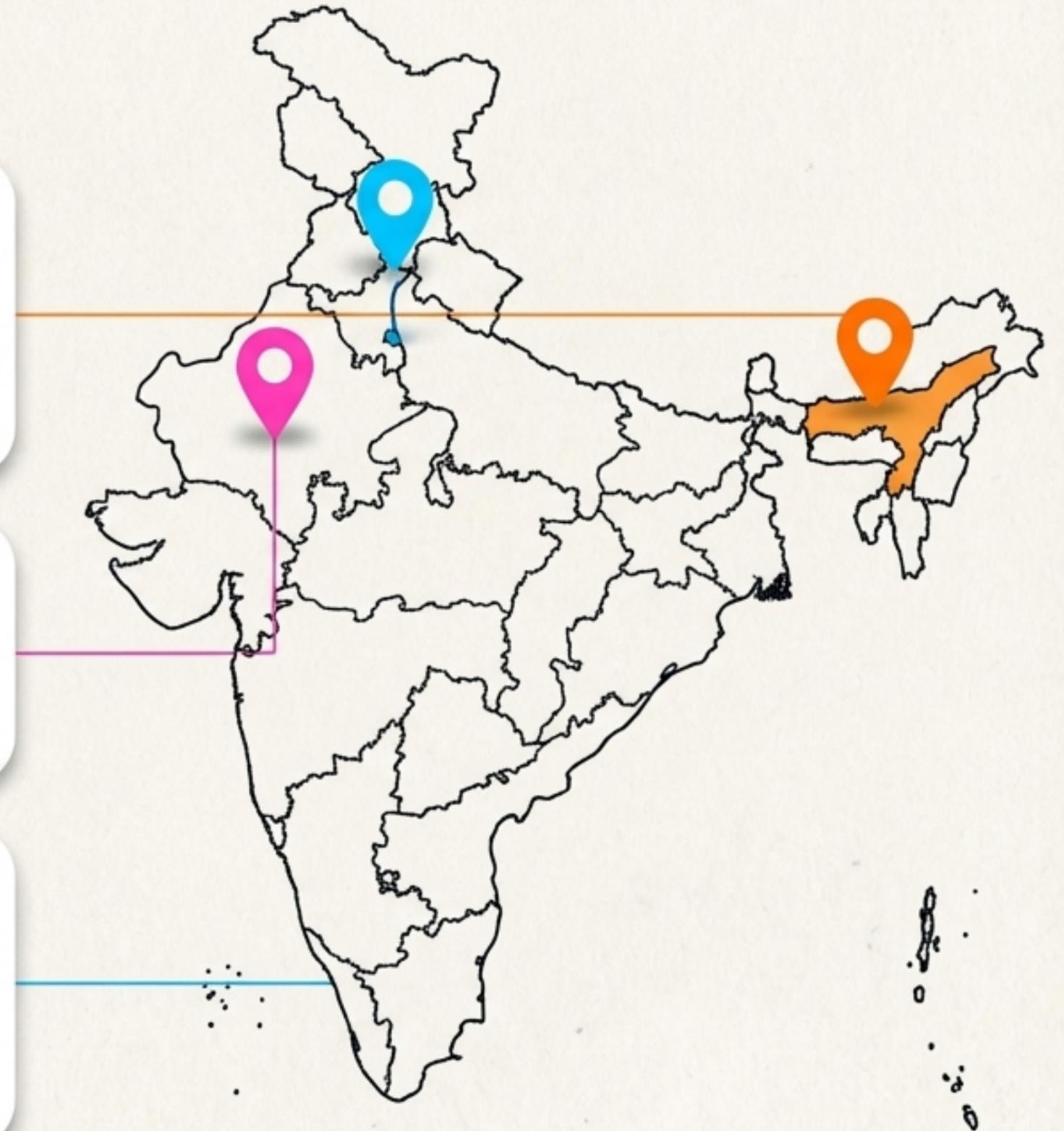
Detail: 40 lakh women received ₹9,000 each (₹3,600 crore total) under the Orunodoi scheme, which included a Bihu bonus.

Update: Municipalities Amendment Bill.

Detail: State Assembly passed a bill to repeal the two-child norm for Urban Local Body (ULB) elections.

Update: Fully Literate U.T. Tag.

Detail: Achieved a 99.93% literacy rate, becoming the second Union Territory (and 6th overall State/UT) to reach this milestone.



Sports Quick-Bites

Cricket: Massive BCCI Reward

The BCCI announced a massive cash reward of ₹131 crore following India's recent major triumphs.



Shooting: Manu Bhaker Tops Trials

Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker topped the finals of the women's 10m pistol event at the national selection trials in New Delhi, securing a commanding 246.1 points.