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Global Flashpoint: Escalation in West Asia

Step 1: The Catalyst

Israel assassinates Iran's Intelligence Chief (Esmail Khatib) and other senior figures.

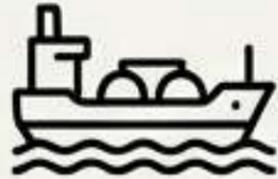
Step 2: The Escalation

U.S. and Israel launch airstrikes on Iran's **South Pars gas field** (the world's largest gas reserve).

Step 3: The Retaliation

Iran strikes back at energy facilities in neighboring Gulf countries (Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE), prompting urgent **evacuation orders.**

Impact on India: Operation Safe Transit



22 Energy Ships Evacuated

The Indian Navy is escorting critical vessels carrying LNG, LPG, and crude oil through the Strait of Hormuz to secure India's energy supply.



New Exit Routes for Students

Over **150 stranded Indian students** (many medical students from Kashmir) are being evacuated from war-torn Iran using alternate land routes through

Armenia and Azerbaijan.

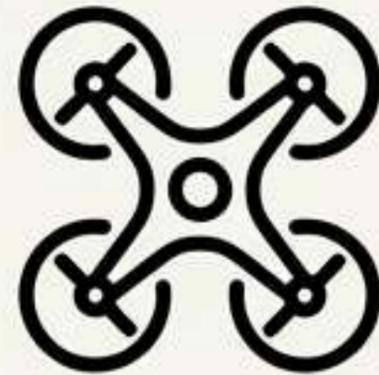
Security Alert: The Border Drone Threat

2 to 3 sightings every single day

along the Punjab and J&K borders with Pakistan.

Drones are primarily being used to drop contraband, resulting in major seizures of

drugs (641 kg) and arms



967 actual incursions

intercepted or neutralized over the last 5 years.

National Highlights: Politics & Governance

Parliament



The Lok Sabha passed a 53 Lakh Crore budget via the guillotine.

Simplified:

The Guillotine means passing budget demands immediately without any debate or discussion due to lack of time.

Elections

Actor Vijay's new political party (TVK) officially **rules out any alliances** for the upcoming Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, opting to go solo.

State Visit

President Droupadi Murmu embarks on a 3-day UP visit, prominently featuring a visit to the **Ram Temple in Ayodhya.**

Policy Spotlight: Gujarat's UCC Bill

The Core Concept

The 'Gujarat Uniform Civil Code, 2026' seeks to create a single set of laws regulating marriage, divorce, succession, and live-in relationships for everyone, regardless of religion, caste, or gender.



The Key Exemption

The bill explicitly does not apply to Scheduled Tribes and certain groups whose customary rights are already protected under the Constitution.

Urban Safety & Hazards: A Systemic View

Location/Event	The Trigger	The Policy Gap
 <p>Indore: 8 dead in house fire.</p>	<p>Electric vehicle (EV) charging short-circuit ignited LPG cylinders.</p>	<p>Urgent need for EV charging Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).</p>
 <p>Delhi: 9 dead in commercial/residential fire.</p>	<p>Single staircase blocked, hydraulic lift failed.</p>	<p>Flawed building code enforcement and lack of emergency exits.</p>
<p>Raipur: 3 hospital sanitary workers dead.</p>	<p>Inhaling toxic gas while cleaning a 20-ft septic tank.</p>	<p>Tragic failure to enforce manual scavenging bans and provide safety gear.</p>

Data Point: The Hidden Cost of Conflict

The Global Baseline

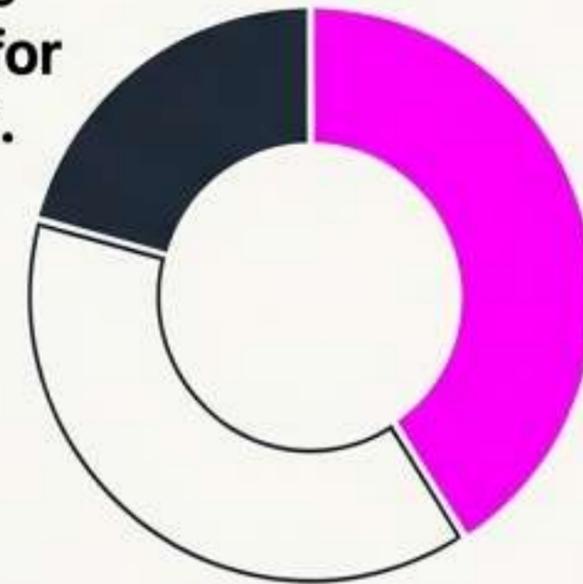
4.9 Million

The number of children under 5 who died globally in 2024 (UN Report).

i Note: Most of these deaths were entirely preventable with basic healthcare and low-cost interventions.

The Impact of War

21% were accounted for by the U.S.



41% were accounted for by Israel.

Out of all external attacks globally that resulted in a child fatality.
Takeaway: Children bear the disproportionate brunt of external military strikes.

Sports Quick Bites



Football (UCL): European Giants Advance

Real Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), and Arsenal all secure their spots in the Champions League quarter-finals.



Football (AFCON): Drama in Africa

Senegal is stripped of the Africa Cup of Nations title after a walk-off protest; Morocco is officially declared the champion.



Cricket (IPL): The King Returns

Virat Kohli is the star attraction as he hits the nets for the defending champions, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), ahead of the new season.

The Simplified Takeaways

Geopolitics: The West Asia Domino Effect

The conflict is no longer contained; it is directly impacting **global energy infrastructure** and forcing India into complex evacuation logistics.

Governance: The Urban Infrastructure Crisis

From unregulated EV charging to toxic septic tanks, **rapid modernization** is drastically outpacing basic safety regulations in Indian cities.

Policy: The UCC Momentum

With Gujarat introducing its Uniform Civil Code (with strategic tribal exemptions), expect this to become a defining template for **national political discourse.**