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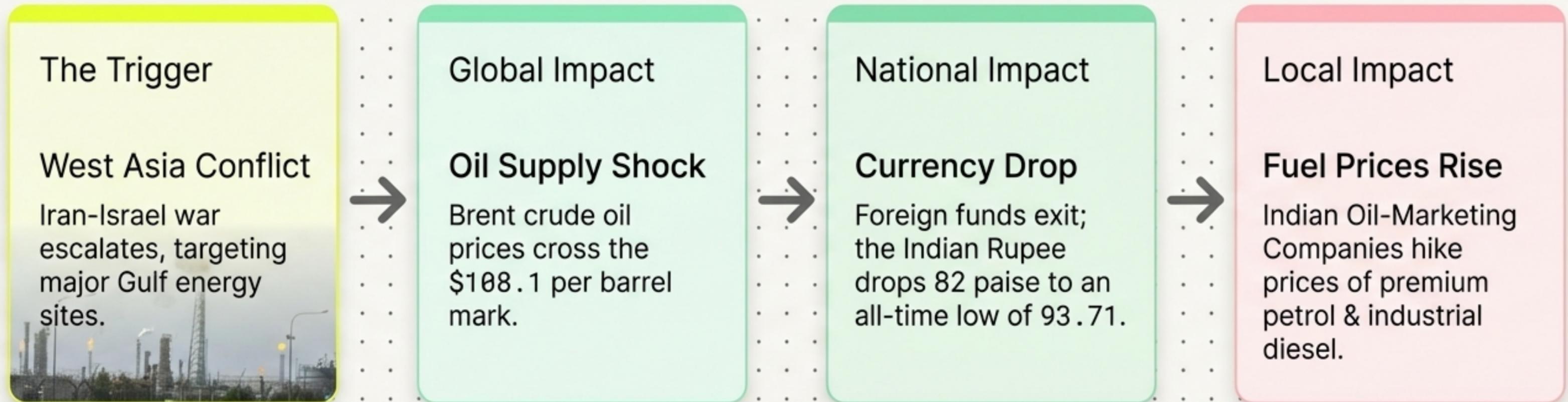
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# The Big Picture: The Ripple Effect



# West Asia Conflict: Key Developments

## Target Map



## Leadership Shift



### New Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei

Takes charge and vows to take away enemies' "security".

He succeeds his father, 86-year-old **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei**, who was killed in a **U.S.-Israeli strike** on Feb 28.

## Economy Highlights

# India's Economic Vitals

### Currency Drop

**₹93.71** ↓

Rupee depreciated by 82 paise to a new all-time low due to foreign fund outflows.

### Global Oil

**\$108.10** ↑

Price per barrel of Brent crude as tensions mount in West Asia.

### Forex Reserves

**-\$7.05B** ↓

Reserves slipped to \$709.759 Billion for the week ending March 13.

### Core Sector

**2.3%** ↓

Core industrial growth halved to a three-month low in February.

# Fuel Price Revisions: What Actually Changed?

## What Changed

- **Premium Petrol (XP-95):** Increased by ₹2-3 per litre (e.g., ₹99.87 to ₹101.89). Accounts for only 5% of overall sales.
- **Industrial Diesel:** Increased by approx ₹22 per litre (from ₹87.67 to ₹109.59).

## What Stayed the Same

- **Regular Petrol:** No price increase.
- **Regular Automotive Diesel:** No price increase.

**Key Takeaway:** Government ensures no impact on the common man's daily commute; hikes are strictly limited to premium and industrial variants.

# The Transgender Rights Amendment Bill, 2026

## BEFORE (Self-Identification)

- **Process:** Fill out a form + submit an affidavit.
- **Authority:** District Magistrate issues certificate.
- **Medical Check:** NO physical or medical examination required.



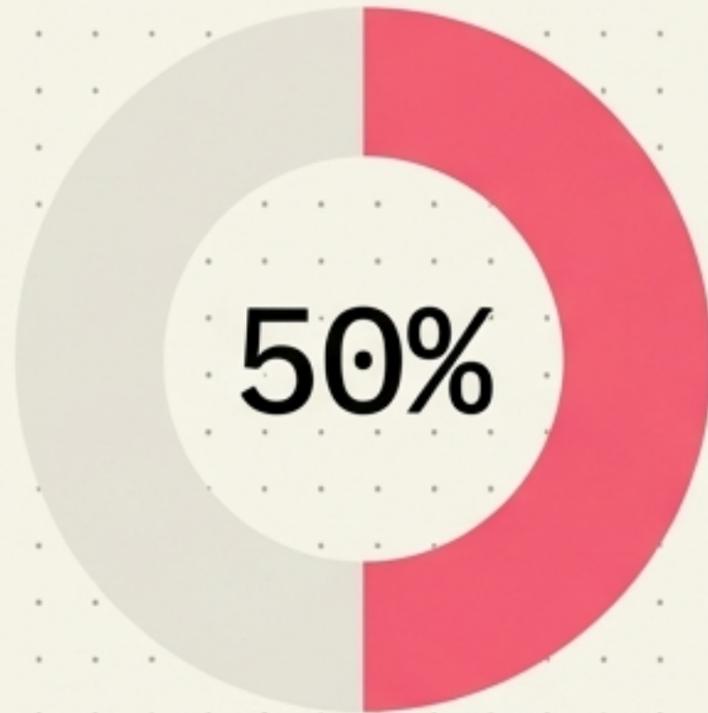
PROPOSED CHANGE

## NOW (Proposed Medical Certification)

- **Process:** Must be evaluated by a medical board.
- **Criticism:** Activists argue the bill 'conflates gender and sex' and violates the fundamental right to gender self-identification, pushing communities backward.

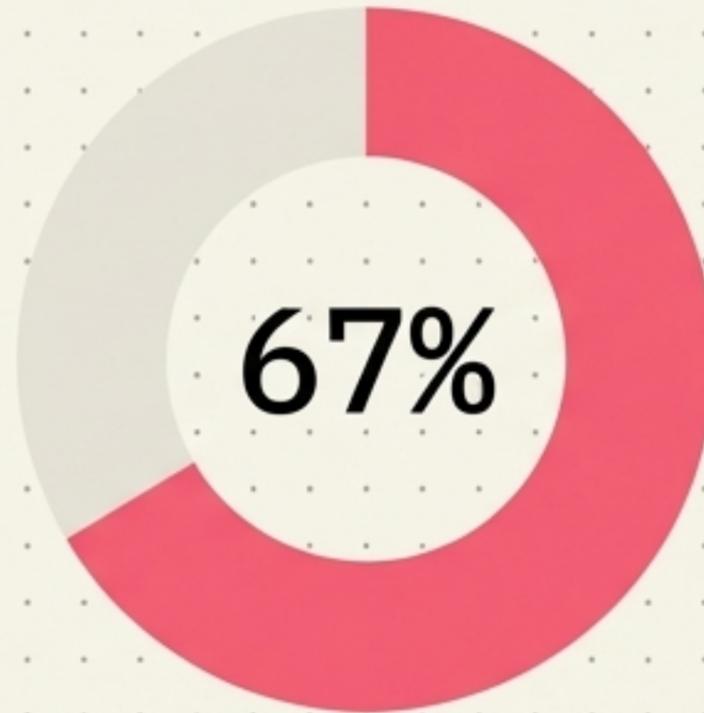


## The CAPF (General Administration) Bill, 2026



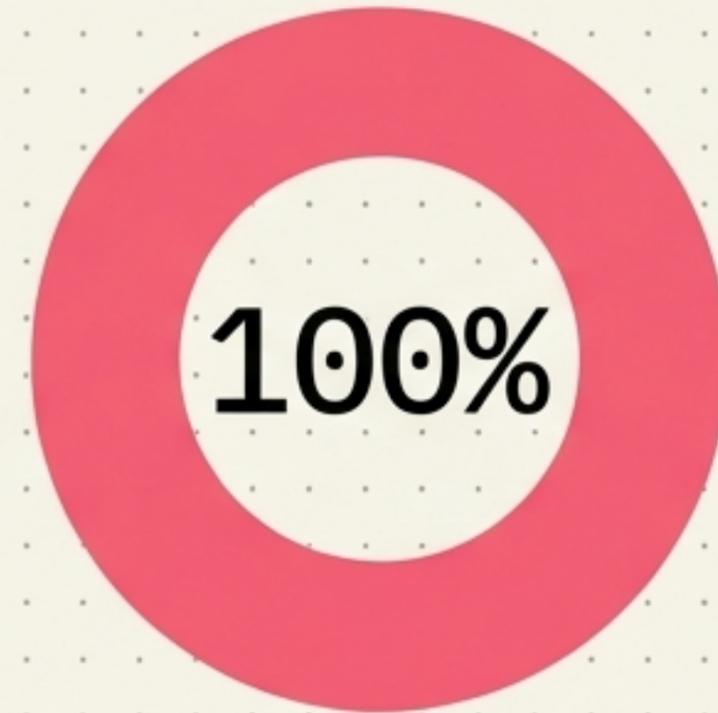
### Inspector General

50% of IG posts reserved for IPS on deputation.



### Additional Director General

67% of ADG posts reserved for IPS on deputation.



### Special DG & Director General

100% of Top Brass posts reserved for IPS on deputation.

**Context:** This Bill seeks to codify these rules into law, negating a previous Supreme Court judgment that asked the Home Ministry to progressively reduce IPS deputations.

## National Updates

# Committees & Ministry Demands

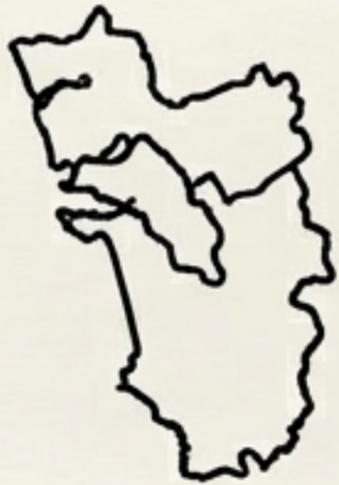
### NCERT Curriculum Panel

- **WHAT:** A former SC judge and senior advocate joined the panel to guide the NCERT curriculum.
- **WHY:** Follows a March 11 Supreme Court order taking issue with a Class 8 textbook chapter titled 'Corruption in the Judiciary,' which the SC felt maligned the Indian judiciary.

### Renewable Energy Ministry's Power Play

- **WHAT:** The Ministry wants sweeping powers to be recognized as the 'Central Government' in matters pertaining to renewables.
- **WHY:** Seeking authority under the Electricity Act, 2003 (currently controlled primarily by the Power Ministry) to hit its 500 GW non-fossil capacity target by 2030.

# Citizen Concerns: Goa & Great Nicobar



## Goa's Section 39A Debate

**The Issue:** Villagers protesting land laws.

- **The Problem:** Section 39A allows every property owner to act as a 'planner' for their own plot, raising massive concerns over environmental impact, sewage, and water shortages.



## Great Nicobar Mega-Project

**The Issue:** Tribal leaders state their appeals against the ₹18,707 crore mega-infrastructure project are being ignored.

- **The Tension:** Inequities arising between settler families and original islanders over land compensation.

## State Highlights

# The Kashmir-Iran Carpet Connection

- **The Story:** The ongoing missile strikes in Iran are sending 'tremors' through Srinagar's Badamwari carpet cluster.
- **The Connection:** For centuries, Kashmir has competed with and replicated unique Iranian carpet designs.
- **Key Fact:** Famous Kashmiri carpets are literally named after the Iranian cities they originate from (e.g., Kashan, Tabriz, Khorasan, Isfahan).



## Sports Updates

# On the Court & On the Pitch

## Indian Open Squash



Rising stars Anahat and Tanvi have successfully moved into the semifinals.

## IPL Strategies

### Gujarat Titans

Relying on a "tried-and-tested" formula under skipper Shubman Gill, bringing in Jason Holder to fill the crucial structural gap in the middle order.

### Lucknow Super Giants

Skipper Rishabh Pant praises the addition of B. Arun as the new fast-bowling coach, calling him "one of the best".

## Fast Facts to Memorize

- ✓ **Legal Precedent:** The Supreme Court ruled that the fight against hate speech must be on behalf of ALL communities, not just one specific group.
- ✓ **Medical Release:** Natco Pharma is rolling out its generic Semaglutide injection (for type 2 diabetes/weight loss) exactly one day after the patent expiry of major drugs like Ozempic.
- ✓ **Censorship News:** The CBFC (censor board) orally rejected the Oscar-nominated film 'The Voice of Hind Rajab,' a documentary about a 5-year-old Palestinian girl killed in Gaza.
- ✓ **Wildlife Incident:** A 27-year-old trainee veterinary officer tragically died following a hippopotamus attack at the Tyavarekoppa Safari in Shivamogga, Karnataka.