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Today's Top News Highlights



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Global Updates: Middle East Tensions Escalate

The Trigger

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei killed in a U.S.-Israeli strike.

- Over 200 people reported killed in Iran.

The Retaliation

Iran launches massive drone and missile attacks on Israel and Gulf Arab states.

- Blasts reported in Riyadh, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Doha, and Tel Aviv.



Global Updates: The Ripple Effects



Travel Halted: Indian airlines cancelled over **350 flights**. Air routes to 11 West Asian countries completely suspended.



Student Alert: **CBSE Defers Exams**. Class 10 and 12 board exams scheduled for March 2 in the West Asia region are officially postponed.



Casualties: 9 killed in Israel, 3 U.S. service members dead. Several Indians injured in UAE/Oman; 8 stranded at Karachi airport.



Global Updates: World Reactions

Pakistan

Violent pro-Iran protests erupt. At least **22 killed and 120+ hurt**, mostly in Karachi outside the **U.S. Consulate.**



United States

Donald Trump warns of massive force against retaliation; **Pentagon denies** Iran's claim of striking the USS Abraham Lincoln.

Russia

President Putin condemns the U.S.-Israel strike as a **'cynical violation'** of morality and law.

India

The **Union Home Ministry flags risks** of local protests; **Kerala CM urges** the PM to ensure the safety of **stranded Indians.**

National Highlights: Tragic Blast in Nagpur

- **What Happened:** A massive explosion at an ammunition manufacturing company (SBL Energy Limited) in Raulgaon village, Nagpur.
- **The Toll:** 18 people killed and over 20 injured.
- **The Response:** Prime Minister announced financial aid for the victims' families; rescue teams (NDRF, SDRF) deployed immediately.
- **The Concern:** Calls for stricter safety audits for firms manufacturing explosives.



National Highlights: Campus & Courts



JNU Protests

A Delhi court ordered the immediate release of 14 JNU students held for protest demonstrations. The court noted that while assaulting police is serious, the accused are students with their careers ahead of them.



Judiciary Note

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant emphasized that the Bar and Bench must build public trust and ensure citizens feel secure seeking justice.

Economy Made Simple: GST Collections Surge

₹1.83 Lakh Crore

(Gross GST collected in February)

The Growth



An **8.1% increase** compared to last year.

Why It Grew



Driven heavily by a **17.2%** climb in import revenues and a **5.3%** rise in domestic sales.



Sports Roundup: India Storms Into Semis!



The Match: India defeats West Indies by 5 wickets to seal a spot in the T20 World Cup semi-finals.

The Record: This marks India's record-equalling **sixth appearance** in the T20 WC semi-finals, and their highest successful chase in tournament history.



Player of the Match: **Sanju Samson** anchored the innings with a brilliant, unbeaten **97 off 50 balls**.



Sports Roundup: Other Big Wins



South Africa chases down 154 against Zimbabwe to maintain a **perfect record** and enter the **semi-finals against New Zealand.**



Sixth seed **Federico Cina** saves **five match points** to **win** the Maha Open ATP Challenger 75 in Pune.



Marco Bezzecchi wins the season-opening Thailand Grand Prix from **pole position.**

Quick Bites: News in Brief



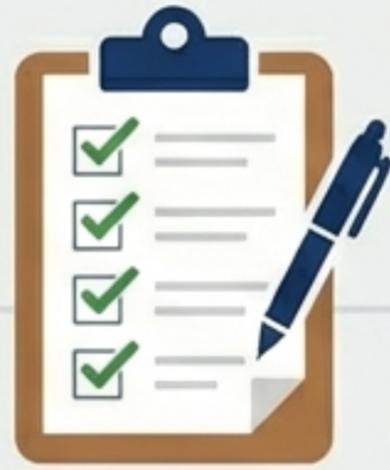
Madhya Pradesh CM releases **53 gharials and 25 turtles** into the Kuno River to boost conservation.



15 Naxalites (including 9 women) surrendered in Chhattisgarh's Mahasamund district.



21 illegal migrants from Bangladesh were intercepted and sent back from Assam.



You're Fully Caught Up!

- ✓ **Global crisis** escalating.
- ✓ **National safety** and student rights in focus.
- ✓ **Economy** trending up.
- ✓ **India** chasing World Cup glory.

Review these facts, ace your discussions, and see you tomorrow for the next edition of The Hindu SimplEfied.