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Top Highlights & Daily Updates



World Updates: West Asia Crisis Escalates

- **Day 5 of Conflict:** U.S. and Israel launch airstrikes on the Iranian capital and other cities.
- **The Response:** Iran retaliates with drone attacks and missile barrages across the region.
- **Strait of Hormuz:** Iranian Revolutionary Guards claim total control of this critical global shipping route.

Conflict Reaches the Indian Ocean

U.S. Submarine sinks Iranian Warship off Sri Lanka

83 32

- **The Incident:** A U.S. submarine torpedoed the Iranian frigate IRIS Dena 40 nautical miles off Galle, Sri Lanka.
- **First Since WWII:** U.S. Secretary Hegseth noted this is the first use of a torpedo to sink a ship since World War II.
- **The Toll:** 83 bodies recovered; 32 sailors rescued by the Sri Lankan Navy.
- **Local Connection:** The Iranian ship was returning from the International Fleet Review in Visakhapatnam, leaving local residents in disbelief.



Global Impact: Travel and Trade Disruptions



Aviation Hit Hard:

- Over **180 flights** cancelled by Indian airlines (IndiGo, SpiceJet).
- Air India deploying extra flights to Europe to manage stranded passengers.



The Oil Shock:

- Strait of Hormuz closure sparks supply fears.
- Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals (MRPL) forced to declare force majeure on gasoline exports due to disrupted crude flows.

Markets Tumble on Oil Uncertainty

79,116

(Sensex drops 1.4%)

24,480.50

(Nifty 50 drops 1.5%)

Indian investors trigger a second consecutive session of selling in response to the West Asia oil shock.



Neighborhood Watch: **Nepal** **Votes**

- Nepal holds its first general election since the September youth-led protests.
- The vote is seen as a major push for political change against an aging political class and corruption.



National Politics: State Election Prep



Tamil Nadu Pact Sealed:

- DMK and Congress finalize their seat-sharing agreement for the 234-member Assembly.
- Congress secures **28 seats** (up by 3 from 2021) and **1 Rajya Sabha berth**.



Bihar Leadership Shift:

- Amidst Holi celebrations, reports suggest **JD(U)** leader **Nitish Kumar** may resign as CM to enter the Rajya Sabha.
- BJP sources hint at a **new Chief Minister** from the **'Backward Class'**.

National Politics: Regional Updates



Maharashtra:

- Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) announces Sharad Pawar as its sole candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha election.
- NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar) officially rules out any merger with the rival NCP faction.



Jammu & Kashmir:

- Omar Abdullah meets with civil society to focus on maintaining peace and harmony.
- Army successfully foils an infiltration bid along the Line of Control in Armyium the Line of Control in Rajouri.

Health Highlight: Childhood Obesity

India Ranks

2nd Globally

- According to the World Obesity Atlas 2026.
- Nearly **15 million** children aged 5-9 are affected.
- Over **26 million** children aged 10-19 are overweight or obese.



Tech & Environment Updates



Internet Blocking in India:

- A new study flags poor and inconsistent website-blocking practices by Indian ISPs.
- Over **43,083 unique domains** were blocked via **DNS filtering**—a massive 6x increase from previous studies.



Climate Heat in Greenland:

- The Arctic is warming faster than any other global region.
- Local fishermen in Greenland are facing **severe disruptions** to their livelihoods as the ice melts.

🏆 Sports Highlights: Record Shattered!

33-Ball

Century

- New Zealand's **Finn Allen** records the fastest century in T20 World Cup history.
- The spectacular innings stunned South Africa (the Proteas).
- The Black Caps officially advance to the T20 World Cup final.



More Sports Updates



Football:

India U-17 Men's team defeats Myanmar 2-1 in a friendly (Goals by Washington Singh Ngangom & Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam).



Cricket:

Pakistan drops star batter Babar Azam and Saim Ayub for their upcoming ODI series in Bangladesh.



Badminton:

Indian duo Satwik-Chirag exit in the first round; Unnati Hooda loses to Pornpawee Chochuwong.

The Day in Numbers (Quick Recap)

83

Bodies recovered from the sunken Iranian warship off Sri Lanka.

28

Assembly seats secured by Congress in the Tamil Nadu pact.

41 Million+

Indian children and teens affected by obesity.

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Balls taken by Finn Allen to score the fastest T20 World Cup century.

Keep revising. Keep winning.