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Today's Top Highlights & Quick Notes



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West Asia Crisis Escalates into the Indian Ocean

- **The Trigger:** War intensifies after U.S. & Israel strikes kill Iran's Supreme Leader **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei**.
- **The Retaliation:** Iran launches drones/missiles at Israel and U.S. bases. Over **14 countries** are now affected.
- **The Big Shift:** The conflict has reached the Indian Ocean. The U.S. sank an Iranian warship (**IRIS Dena**) near Sri Lanka.

Why It Matters

The sinking of IRIS Dena brings a Middle Eastern war directly into India's maritime backyard, disrupting global shipping and energy routes.



Neighbourhood Watch: Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Nepal

Indian Ocean Tensions

- Leaders from Sri Lanka and the Maldives are highly alarmed by the sinking of the Iranian ship near their waters.
- They are calling for India to step up as the region's net security provider.

Nepal Elections



- Polls concluded peacefully to elect a 275-member House of Representatives.

60% Voter Turnout
(preliminary estimate).

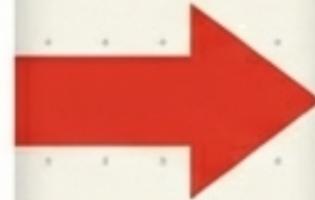
 **NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

End of an Era: Nitish Kumar Leaves Bihar CM Post

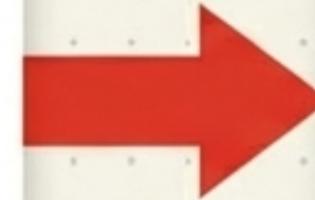
After a 20-year rule, Bihar Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** has officially filed his nomination for the **Rajya Sabha**.



Nitish Kumar moves to Delhi as an MP.



BJP (NDA ally) gets the Chief Minister seat in Bihar for the first time.



Rumors suggest Nitish's son, Nishant Kumar, may be appointed Deputy CM.

 **NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Andhra Pradesh's Three-Child Incentive

A.P. is introducing incentives to encourage families to have three children to combat an aging population.

₹25,000

Cash incentive
at delivery.

₹1,000

Monthly assistance
for five years.

18 Years

Free education
provided.

The Goal

Aims to raise the Total Fertility Rate (TFR) from 1.5 to an optimal 2.1 to avoid demographic crises.



Digital Health IDs and Vaccine Delays



Digital Health Records

- The **National Medical Commission (NMC)** mandates medical colleges to link **ABHA-IDs** for all patients.

HPV Vaccine Rollout

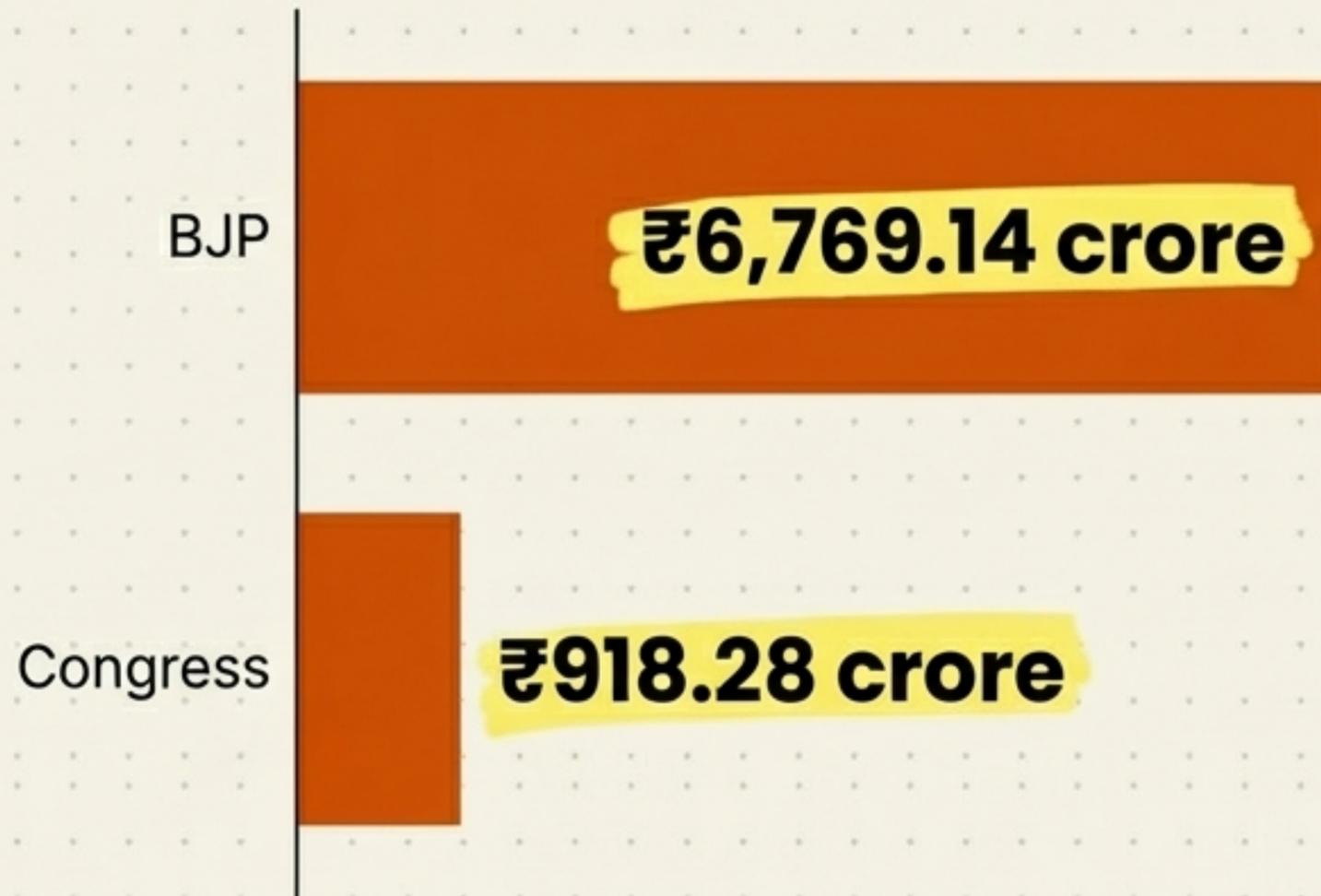
- Inclusion of an **Indian-made HPV vaccine** into the national program is delayed.
- Reason: **WHO** relaxed prescribed dosage rules, forcing a strategy rethink.

Nicotine Pouch Warning

- **Tamil Nadu** issues warnings against the illegal online sale of highly addictive oral nicotine pouches.

Party Funding & Record Auto Sales

Political Party Incomes (FY 2024-25)



Automobile Boom



24,09,362 units

- Overall retail sales hit a record high in February.
- A massive **25.62% YoY** growth, driven by two-wheelers and passenger vehicles.

🏆 SPORTS SHORTS

Badminton & Football Victories



Highlight 1: Lakshya Sen Advances

- Defeated Angus Ng Ka Long (21-19, 21-23, 21-10).
- Storms into the quarter-finals of the All England Open.



Highlight 2: U-20 Women's Football Triumph

- Crushed Swedish club Alvsjo AIK 5-2.
- Star Player: Lhingdeikim scored a brilliant hat-trick.

The Daily Cheat Sheet

Top 5 Keywords for your Notes Today

1. **IRIS Dena:** Iranian warship sunk by the U.S. in the Indian Ocean.
2. **60% Turnout:** The preliminary voter participation rate in Nepal's peaceful elections.
3. **Rajya Sabha Shift:** Bihar CM Nitish Kumar's next political move, leaving the CM post to the BJP.
4. **2.1 TFR:** Andhra Pradesh's target Total Fertility Rate, incentivized by a ₹25,000 reward for a third child.
5. **ABHA-IDs:** Digital health accounts now mandated for linking by the National Medical Commission.