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Daily Highlights & Notes

Top Story

# India Wins T20 World Cup!

## Match Stats

- **The Big Win:** India defeated New Zealand by 96 runs at the Narendra Modi Stadium to defend their T20 World Cup title.
- **Star batsman:** Sanju Samson top-scored with a brilliant 89, supported by fast half-centuries from Abhishek Sharma and Ishan Kishan.
- **Bowling Hero:** Jasprit Bumrah crippled the Kiwi chase, taking 4 wickets for just 15 runs.





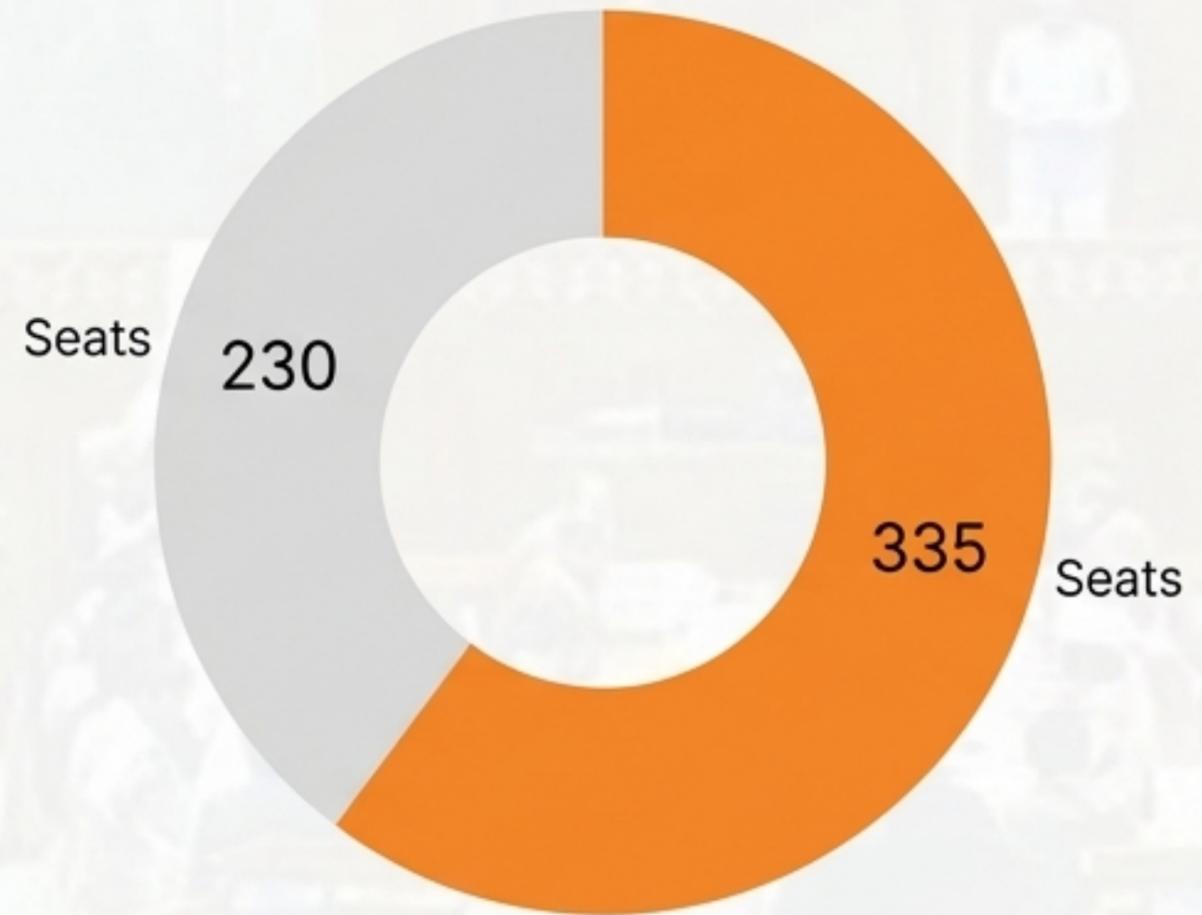
## Sports Corner **Heartbreak at All England**

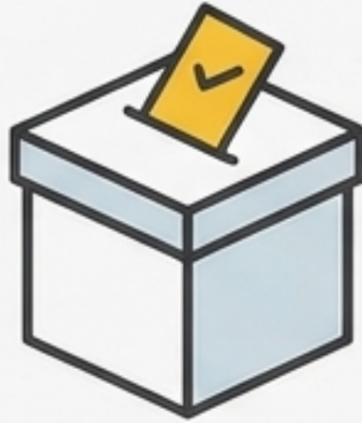
- **Hard-Fought Final:** India's Lakshya Sen lost the All England Badminton final to China's Lin (15-21, 20-22) in a grueling 57-minute match.
- **Elite Company:** Despite the loss, Sen joins an exclusive club of Indian finalists at this historic tournament.
- **Key Fact:** Prakash Padukone (1980) and Pullela Gopichand (2001) remain the only Indians to have won the title.

## National Updates

# Parliament Watch

- **The Debate:** The Budget Session resumes with a motion to remove Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, with the Opposition claiming he lacks impartiality.
- **The Numbers Game:** The ruling NDA alliance has a comfortable majority of 335 seats, meaning the Speaker is highly likely to keep his position.
- **The Opposition:** The INDIA bloc has 230 MPs, falling short of the required numbers to force a removal.





- **"One Nation, One Election" Pushback:** Tamil Nadu CM M.K. Stalin strongly opposed the proposal, stating it undermines the federal structure of India.



- **Punjab's New Scheme:** The Punjab government announced the "Mukh Mantri Mawan Dhian Satikar Yojana" in its 2026-27 Budget.
- **Direct Benefit:** This scheme will transfer ₹1,000 per month directly to the bank accounts of all adult women in the state.

## Policy Alert

# New Rural Job Scheme

- **A Major Replacement:** The new Viksit Bharat (Gramin) Act officially replaces the long-standing MGNREGA scheme.
- **Going Digital:** States must now enroll on the 'DBT Sparsh' banking platform and use the 'Yuktdhara' geospatial portal for planning.
- **Strict Rules:** To roll out the new scheme, states must first finish all pending MGNREGA work and complete mandatory e-KYC for job cards.



# MGNREGA



# Viksit Bharat Act

# Tensions in West Asia



**- Iran's Leadership Transition:**

Iran's clerical body has chosen a new Supreme Leader following the death of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, though the name is not yet public.

**- Infrastructure Targeted:**

For the first time, US-backed Israeli airstrikes directly targeted and destroyed Iranian oil and fuel depots in Tehran.

**- Regional Spillover:**

Drone and missile attacks have spread across borders, hitting locations in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Kuwait.

# Securing India's Oil



## Why it Matters

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- **Finding Alternatives:** Indian refiners are actively negotiating for extra crude oil shipments from the US, Russia, and West Africa.
- **Safety Buffers:** Refineries in India have delayed their planned maintenance shutdowns to stockpile oil and prevent domestic shortages.

- **The STEM Gap:** Globally, women make up only 35% of STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Math) graduates and 30% of the scientific workforce.

- **The Careworker Struggle:** Over 5 million Indian women working as ASHAs and Anganwadi workers are still classified as “volunteers” rather than employees.

- **The Demand:** There is a nationwide push to give these essential careworkers fair wages and formal contracts under the new government skilling frameworks.



# Leading at the Grassroots

- **Breaking Barriers:** Women panchayat leaders are successfully challenging deep-seated caste and patriarchal structures in rural governance.
- **Beyond "Proxies":** Previously viewed as just placeholders for male relatives, female leaders are now independently running Gram Sabhas and driving local development.
- **Psychological Safety:** These leaders are focusing on educating other village women to speak up, balancing the local democratic process.





## Andhra Pradesh

- **Andhra Pradesh:** Tragic milk adulteration case (involving ethylene glycol) in Rajamahendravaram has claimed 11 lives.

## Karnataka



- **Karnataka:** Tensions rise as the Valmiki community (the largest ST group in the state) prepares to protest for a 7% reservation quota.



## Delhi

- **Delhi:** PM Modi inaugurated two new Metro corridors, stating the city is being modernized on a 'mission mode' to showcase India to the world.

## Summary

# Today's Top 5 Takeaways

- 1. Sports:** India wins T20 World Cup; Lakshya Sen runner-up at All England.
- 2. Policies:** Viksit Bharat Act officially replaces MGNREGA.
- 3. Global:** Iran selects new leader amid Israeli strikes on Tehran oil depots.
- 4. Economy:** India shifting to US and Russian oil to avoid West Asia supply shocks.
- 5. Society:** Focus on fair pay for female careworkers & more women in STEM.