

# The Hindu SimplEified

Daily Highlights & Flashcards for Students

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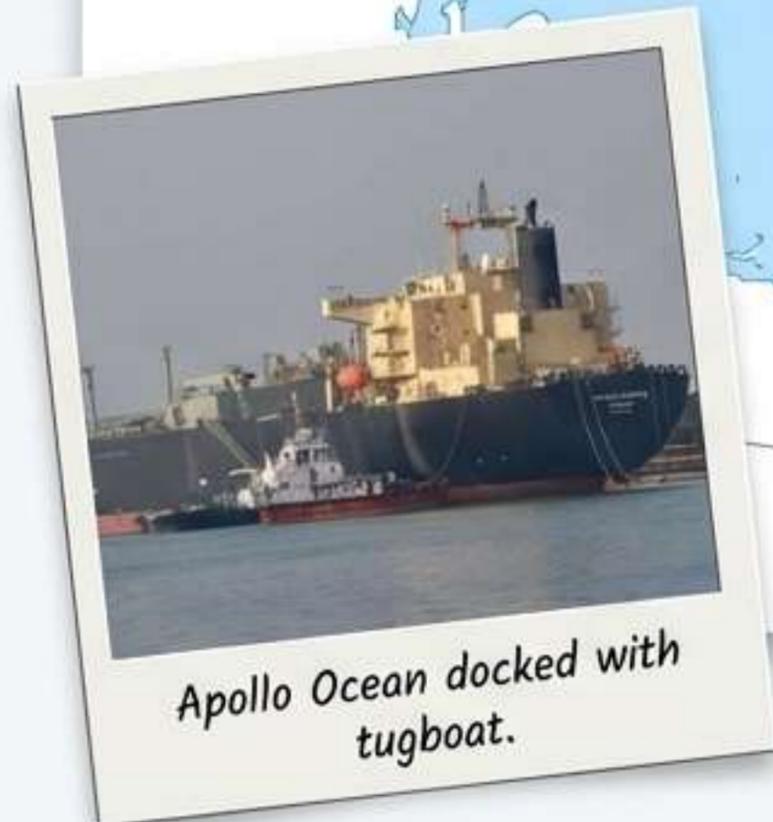
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# Global Updates

# Iran Grants Safe Passage Through Hormuz



Apollo Ocean docked with tugboat.

**The Context:** Iran claims sovereignty over the waterway amidst US-Iran tensions.

## The Friendly Nations List

-  India
-  China
-  Russia
-  Iraq
-  Pakistan

*Diplomatic Note: Iran explicitly thanked India & Sri Lanka for assisting Iranian naval ships to a safe location after a recent US attack.*



## India at the G7

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is in France for the G7 partners meet.

Core focus: UN Security Council reforms, Iran, and fertilizer/food security for the Global South.



## New Alliances

Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un signed a "fundamental" friendship and cooperation treaty in Pyongyang.



## Military Incidents

A US sailor sustained a non-combat injury aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier in the Arabian Sea.



# Law & Tech Highlights

# Supreme Court on SC Status and Religion

The Ruling: SC reiterated that protections under the SC/ST Act are exclusively available to specific religions. Converting to an ineligible religion revokes SC status.

## Inclusion Timeline



## Eligibility Checklist

- ✓ Hindus (Yes)
- ✓ Sikhs (Yes)
- ✓ Buddhists (Yes)
- ✗ Christians (No)
- ✗ Muslims (No)

# Regulating the Internet: The Content Takedown Surge

# 290

## The Law

Section 79(3)(b) of the Information Technology Act, 2000

**The Core Stat:** The Centre sends an average of 290 takedown notices a day for online content.

## The Agency

I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre)

## The Rule

Social media platforms must remove unlawful content within 3 hours of receiving an order. Total pieces blocked to date: **1,11,185.**



## **Paternity Leave**

The Supreme Court observed the need for a formal law for fathers (biological or adoptive), stating that relegating fathers to the periphery of childcare is “a kind of injustice.”



## **Transgender Bill Protest**

140 lawyers and activists urged the President to withhold assent from the Transgender Persons Amendment Bill, 2026, citing constitutional violations.



## **Sabarimala Gold Probe**

The Kerala HC granted the Special Investigation Team (SIT) more time to probe alleged gold misappropriation, pending lab results from Jamshedpur.



# Nation & Infrastructure

# Fixing India's Highway Safety Crisis

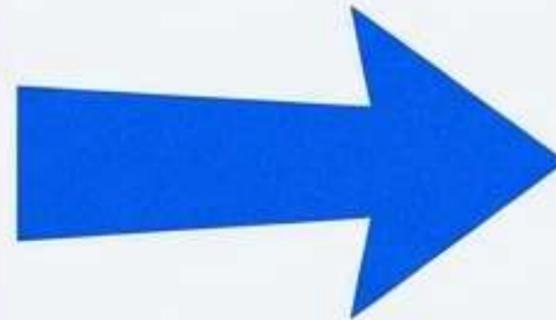


## The Catalyst (The Problem)



Two tragic accidents occurred yesterday—10 killed in MP (bus rammed truck), **14 killed in AP** (bus collided with tipper lorry).

**Overall context:** Over **52,600 highway deaths** in 2024.



## The Proposed Policy (The Solution)

A **Parliamentary Panel** has urgently recommended creating a dedicated **National Highway Safety Patrol**.

**The Mandate:** Improve immediate accident response, enforce traffic discipline, and remediate **'black spots'** (unverified accident-prone zones).



# **Economy & Environment**

# India's Energy Dashboard

How secure are our supplies amidst West Asian tensions?

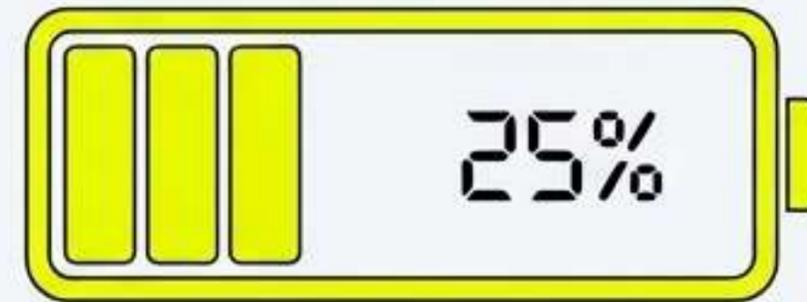
## Crude Oil



Secured supplies for the next 60 days (up from 50 days at the start of the war).

Includes crude, diesel, and petrol.

## LPG / Cooking Gas



Firmly arranged for 1 month.

Note: India produces much more LPG than it imports.

**Strategic Move:** The New Mangalore Port Authority waived cargo charges to successfully attract more crude and LPG tanker vessels.



# ₹1.1 Lakh Crore

**The FPI Sell-Off.** Foreign investors sold record equities in Indian markets this month due to oil price shock fears. Notably, gold prices are dropping despite the crisis due to a liquidity crunch.



# 84%

**The Plastic Failure.** A Toxics Link report shows 84% of surveyed locations in 4 major cities still use single-use plastics, despite a nationwide ban enacted 3 years ago.



# ₹408 Crore

**Election Seizures.** The Election Commission seized illicit inducements across poll-bound states, including ₹167 crore in drugs and ₹37 crore in liquor.

# Sports Update: IPL 2026 Begins

-  **The Event:** The Indian Premier League officially kicks off on Saturday, March 28th.
-  **The Venue:** M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru.
-  **The Context:** This will be the first match for reigning champions RCB since last year's tragic stampede outside the stadium.
-  **Political Note:** Karnataka's Assembly Speaker has requested 4 premium tickets per MLA.



# Screenshot This! Today's Top 3 Takeaways

**1** **Geopolitics:** Iran allows Indian and other allied ships safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz amidst escalating tensions.

**2** **Constitutional Law:** The Supreme Court finalized that Scheduled Caste (SC) status is strictly limited to Hindu, Sikh, and Buddhist faiths.

**3** **Cyber Law:** The I4C agency sends roughly 290 content takedown notices daily to social platforms under Section 79(3)(b) of the IT Act.