



- A powerful earthquake in **Venezuela** reportedly caused significant casualties and damage, highlighting the country's high seismic vulnerability.
- Venezuela lies along the boundary between the **Caribbean Plate** and the **South American Plate**, making its northern coastal and mountainous regions highly prone to earthquakes.
- The disaster has raised concerns over global energy supplies, as India has recently increased imports of Venezuelan crude oil amid uncertainty in the Middle East.
- Any disruption to Venezuela's oil infrastructure or shipping could affect international energy markets and India's energy security.

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