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SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION **ENGLISH**

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THE HINDU National

➔ Manipur official told to quit social media groups

Amid the reports that the bureaucracy and the police are in split on ethnic lines in Manipur, the state government had asked officials to quit formal and informal groups on social media platforms that further "separatist, anti national, communal and divisive agendas".

A letter sent to commissioner (home) that is also part of status report filed by govt in supreme court on August 1 tells "It has been noticed that many formal and informal groups in social media platforms such as Facebook, WhatsApp, and other chat groups are engaged in furthering separatism, anti

national, anti state, anti social, communal and divisive agendas which cause disturbance in existence of peaceful harmony and law and order situation of the state". The letter said that some government employees are also sharing and commenting "on these.

It warned that officers and public servants being involved in such will face disciplinary action.

➔ 14 states yet to join education scheme

PM USHA (Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan) focuses on districts to be identified by states and it will improve condition of higher educational institutions. It will be done in three stages

- First stage – States and UTs sign MoU with education ministry with commitment of implementing the National Education Policy, 2020 reforms.
- Second stage: The state govt will shortlist universities, colleges, and districts.
- Third stage: The ministry will evaluate the proposal and then send them for approval by a project approval board.

Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are among the 14 states and UTs which are yet to sign MoU with education ministry, it will allow funds of about ₹13000 crore from centre for revamping higher educational institutions. 40 percent expense in PM USHA is borne by states. Center has told that it is taking with states which have not signed MoU to sort out differences.

➔ Kerala retains part deleted by NCERT in textbooks

The textbooks of Kerala will include

- The Mughal Era and Akbarnama in soon to be released textbook.
- Topics of Middle Ages, cultural formation, the age of discoveries and inventions.
- Polity and social science books will include Global Hunger Index ranking, history of communal rights and atrocities.

➔ **SC proposes.' permanent security units ' for all courts**

Supreme court has proposed ' permanent security units ' to guard court complexes across the country , recalling the incidents of violence and gunfire in court premises recently .

A bench of justice S. Rabindra Bhatt and Dipankar Datta observed .

The court has asked the High courts to prepare " security plans " in consultation with home secretary and DGP and Police commissioner to protect court premises .

" The security plan may include setting up a permanent court security (unit) in each complex " .

The bench said plan ought to increase source and strength of these manpower .It has directed that schematics of CCTV cameras has to be laid down on a district wise basis where the state govt have to provide funds .

➔ **India China to hold military talks today .**

India and China are set to hold 19 th round of military talks on Monday at Chusul as part of effort to resolve the stand off in eastern Laddakh , defence sources have said .The Indian stance has been consistent , that is status quo ante as April 2020 , and focus would be on disengagement from Depsang and Demchowk . The above details restoration of patrolling rights till the traditional patrolling points ." A defense source said .

18 th round of talk was held in April but was stalled and no result was achieved .

Depsang and Demchowk is the only two points left where still there is conflict .

➔ **Haryana Mahapanchayat decides to resume Yatra in Nuh on August 28 .**

AMahapanchayat of Khaps in Haryana has decided to resume Brijmandal Jalabhishek Yatra on August 28 . Violence during and after Yatra between two communities killed almost 6 persons .The Mahapanchayat also demanded NIA probe into violence incidences

Other demands were to ease arms licenses for Hindus and merger of Nuh district with some other district .

World

➔ **Two militants killed in Pakistan after attack on a convoy of Chinese workers**

A Chinese warship that arrived in Colombo on Thursday will be docking at Colombo port till Saturday . Media statements from Srilankan Navy said Chinese People's Army ship Hai Yang 24 Hao is at port of Colambo for "formal visit ".

When asked to MEA spokesperson he said " The govt carefully monitors any situation having bearing on India's security , interests and takes all security measures to defend them . " MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi ,said . He said that he had seen reports about Chinese ship harbouring in Colombo harbour ,and that he is unsure if it is a warship .

In 2022 Srilanka had allowed China's tracking ship Yuan Wang 5 to be parked as Hambantot port despite India's concerns .

➔ **China vows 'forceful' reply over Taiwan VP's US visit .**

Taiwan's vice president William Lai is on tour to Paraguay , mid way he on Sunday landed in New york . China has made strong objection over US permitting Mr. Lai to transit through its territory .

" China is closely following the development of the situation and will take a resolute and forceful measures to safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity " ,a Chinese Foreign ministry spokesperson said on Sunday.

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➔ **11 persons banned from TV in Pakistan.**

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➔ **7, including baby , killed in Ukraine's Kherson**

Seven People – including a 23 day old baby girl were killed in Russian shelling in Ukraine's southern Khorasan Region on Sunday .

➔ **Pain anger as Hawaii wildfire toll rises to 93**

Anger was growing on Saturday over the official response to the wildfire in Hawaiian town Lahaina .

Hawaiian authorities have begun a probe into handling of fire , with residents saying there had been no warning .

More than 2,200 structures were damaged or destroyed as the fire broke through Lahaina town , according to an estimate property worth 5.5 billion dollar was destroyed and left many homeless .

Lahaina was a resort town containing around 12,000 people .

➔ **55 killed , over a million affected in Bangladesh floods ,says official**

At least 55 people has been killed in torrential rain causing floods and landslides in South Bangladesh .

EDITORIAL

Rebooting the codes

Criminal laws need reform but not new and unfamiliar names

➔ **About the editorial**

The editorial talks about recently revamp of criminal laws . The name of laws has been changed which the editorial is critical of .

It hails some new changes .

➔ **About reform in Criminal laws**

Govt has brought laws replacing whole IPC (Indian Penal Code) , CrPC (Criminal Prceedure Code) and IEC(Indian Evidence Code) . The new codes names of these are Bhartiya Nyay Samhita (BNS) , Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Samhita (BNSS) and Bhartiya Sakshya (BS) bill . The editorial tells that changing the names to only Hindi was not necessary .

➔ **Some major changes**

- Hate speech has been dropped from punishment . However section 150 talks about targets on " subversive activities " and " endangering. the sovereignty and unity of India '
- Section 153 penalises " false and misleading information jeopardising false , misleading information about India ."
- Mob lynching has been introduced as a separate crime .
- Videography has been made necessary on collecting evidences

EDITORIAL-2

Glaring Omission

Government should have stood true to the top court judgement on ECI selection process

➔ About the editorial

The editorial talks about recent bill in Rajya Sabha that tells that the committee choosing Election Commissioner of India (ECI) will contain PM, leader of Opposition and a cabinet minister . It tells that it is not in line with SC judgment . Further it talks how an independent EC is necessary for democracy .

➔ What did SC said recently regarding appointment of EC and CEC.

EC and CEC is generally appointed by President . SC Constitutional. Bench judgement envisaged an independent committee comprising Prime Minister , Leader of Opposition and Chief Justice of India .SC however said that the judgment will hold until govt makes a law regarding appointment of EC and CEC .

➔ About govt bill

Govt has brought a bill that tells that the appointment committee will comprise of PM , leader of Opposition and a cabinet minister .

The editorial tells that it would have better if the govt bill was same as the committee appointed by SC .

Independence of Judiciary and election commission is necessary for any vibrant Democracy.