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## SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION ENGLISH

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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ **Telangana sees 63.9% voter turnout**

Telangana witnesses relatively peaceful polling on Thursday marked by low voter turnout compared with previous elections . The voter turnout stood at 63.94% .

Hyderabad registered only 40% turnout as against 50% in 2018 elections.

Polling was held for 119 seats . Bharat Rashtra Samiti ( BRS ) K . Chadreshwahr Rao has been CM for two terms . The main rivalry is between BRS and Congress . The seat share in last assembly elections was BRS ( 88 ) , Congress ( 19 ) and BJP ( 1 )

### ➔ **Hit job is not our policy ,says India on US charges**

Ministry of External Affairs ( MEA ) has refuted charges on Indian govt that it was involved in plotting to kill Sikh Extremist Gurupatwant Singh Pannun .

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said that US accusation is ‘ a matter of concern ‘ .

#### **Govt of India position on US accusation**

- A high level enquiry will take place on inputs shared by the US in alleged plots to kill Khalistani separatist .
- MEA spokesperson said that link to Indian govt officials is a matter for concern
- MEA clarified that ordering a concert assassination not govt policy

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Turdeau SA d the US indictment should make India take Canada’s allegations “ seriously “ . MEA responded that the space given by Canada to “ anti India extremist “ remains at the heart of issue “

US department of Justice has alleged that India had given money and dropped charges against Nikhil Gupta , involved in illegal drugs and weapons trade and wanted i. India to arrange the assassination of Pannun . Nikhil Gupta has been arrested by New York Police

### ➔ **GDP surges 7.6% in Q2 goes past RBI forecast**

The GDP rise in 2 nd quarter ( july - september ) of financial year 2023 - 24has been found to be 7.6% . The information was published by National Statistical Office .

RBI had projected 6.5% growth in Q2 . The first quarter ( April - June ) growth was 7.8 %.

Construction industry was among the iswctir havi g highest growth of 9.3%.

Sevice sector such as trade , hotel and transport grew by 9.2% .

Farm sector growth was just 1.2%.

### ➔ **Poor, youth , women farmers biggest castes**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that poverty hit people , the youth , the women , and farmers were the biggest castes for him , and only the development of these “ castes “ would lead progress of the country .

The remark came when opposition is demanding nation wide caste census .

Mr Modi was interacting with the beneficiaries of government schemes under Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra .

Viksit Bahrat Sankalp Yatra – The role of the Yatra is to facilitate awareness is to tye awareness and facilitate the distribution of delivery of welfare schemes .

It is a part of the Hamara Sankalp Viksit Bharat Campaign focussing on reaching vulnerable people , disseminating information .

Several govt schemes such as PM Ayushman Yojna , PM Awas Yojna , PM Garib Kalayan Ann Yojna , PM Vishwakarma Yojna are part of it .



➔ **₹2.23 lakh crore to buy 97 Tejas jets , 156 Prachand helicopters**

To increase capacity of Armed Forces , Defense Acquisition Council has given approval of projects estimating ₹2.23 lakh crore .

It includes procurement of 97 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft ( LCA ) and 156 Prachand helicopters .

The defense minister said that 98% of total procurement will be sourced from domestic industries to achieve the goal of ArmaNirbharta .

It includes upgradaton of Su 30 fighte fleets .

It has approved Accordance of Necessity ( AoN ) for procurement of two types of anti tank minitions namely Area Denial Munition ( ADM ) , type 2 and Type 3 .

For the Navy

Proposal to buy Medium Range Anti Submarine Missile ( MRASHM ) .

MRSbM – It is light weigh surface to surface missile to be used inIndian Naval Warships .



LCA Tejas and Prachand

➔ **Center agrees to examine the demands for Laddakh Safeguards**

The Union Home Ministry has agreed to examine the demand of civil society groups in Laddakh to provide “ constitutional safeguard “ for the Union territory .

Civil society groups had been demanding inclusion of Laddakh in sixth Schedule of Constitution and granting Laddakh status of Tribal territory .

Constitutional Safeguard - Means that the culture of a minority community will be safeguarded from discrimination and disadvantages .

Sixth Schedule of Constitution – It describes establishment of Autonoimus district Council in Meghalaya , Tripura ,Mizoram and Assam .

These ADCs aims to safeguard and maintain tribal culture

➔ **Three anti submarine warfare ships for Indian Navy launched**

The first three of a series of eight anti submarine warfare being built by Cochin Shipyard Limited was launched in the presence of Navy Chief .

The ships to be named INS Mahe , INS Malvan and INS Mangrol upon commissioning were launched . These ships will replace Abhay class Anti Submarine Warfare ( ASW ) Corvettes . These Corvettes will also be helpful in search and rescue operation. Navy has ordered 8 such Corvettes to Cochin Shipyard Limited in 2019

➔ **Navy gets ready for its biggest exercise amid Indian Ocean engagement**

The Indian Navy is looking forward to host the next edition of ‘ exercise Milan ‘ in February 2024 along Vishakhapatnam coast .

It is being. expected that Navy of 50 countries will participate in this .

Exercise Milan –. Is a Biennial exercise . Last time in 2022 , about 40 countries participated in this

➔ **Loss and Damage fund approved on day one of COP 28 summit**

On the first day of 28 th Conference of Parties ( CoP ) here in member countries agreed to make operational a Loss and Damage ( L&D) fund that is meant to compensate countries already dealing with climate change .

The fund will be based at World Bank but will be managed by a different secretariat .the fund has received a commitment worth nearly 250 million dollar from countries .Though billions of dollar is still needed to meet its purpose .

UAE - the host has committed 100 million dollar , Germany 100 million dollar , th US 17 millions n dollar , the UK 50 .6 million dollar the Japan 10 million dollar .The European Union also has committed 145 million dollar .

L&D fund was first announced at CoP 27 in Sharm AL Sheikh , Egypt last year .

➔ **At COP 28 , Bihar govt to showcase afforestation. Initiatives to combat climate change**

Bihar Officials will showcase a range of environment initiatives af CoP 28 in Dubai .

These Initiatives include Hariyali Mission ( Green Mission ) , Jal Jeevan Mission , Agriculture Roadmap and Green Budget among others.

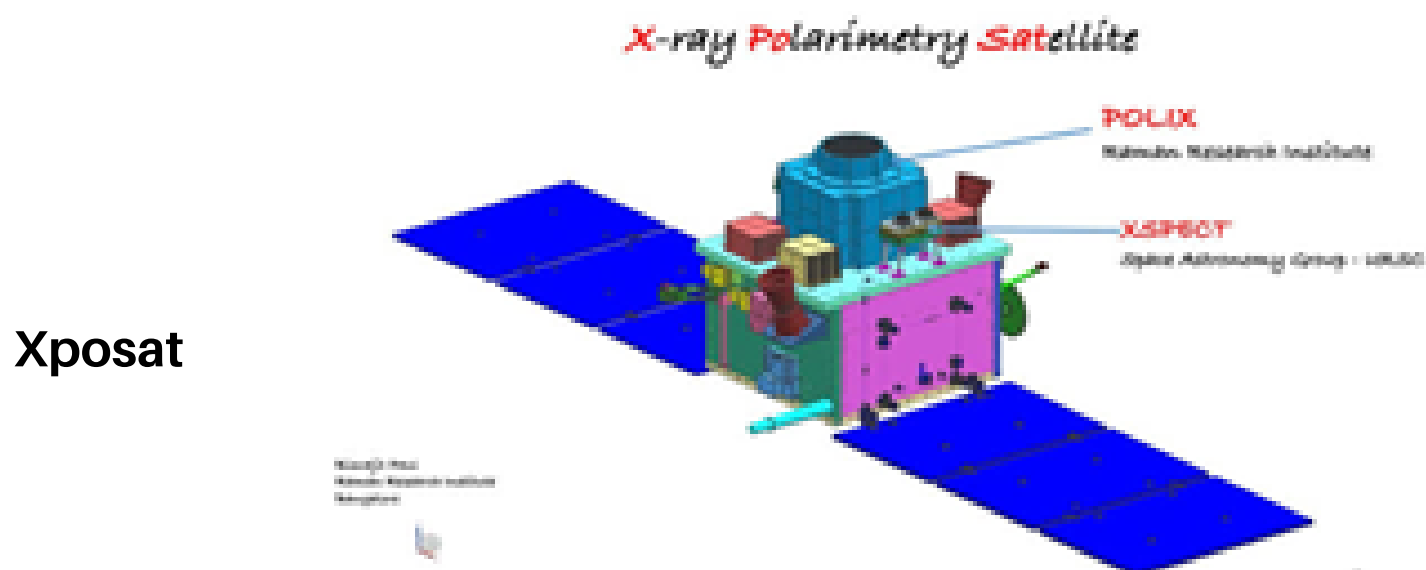
The salient feature of afforestation schemes to be showcased include focus on Indigenous plants , the active involvement of JEEVIKA ( a state run self help group of women ) in plantation and Nursery raising , large scale agroforestry on farmers land and the integration of afforestation activities with soil moisture conservation measures to facilitate forest regeneration .

➔ **India set to launch its X ray Polarimeter Satellite : ISRO**

The Indian space Research Organisation has announced the the plan to launch its first X ray Polarimeter Satellite ( XPoSat ) to investigate the polarization of intense X ray sources .

The XPoSat will be put at 650 km in earth orbit and will carry two scientific payloads , with these two payloads , the mission is capable of simultaneous studies of temporal , spectral and polarization features of X ray .

It will have two components POLIX ( Polarimeter Instrument In X Ray ) and XSPECT ( X ray spectroscopy and timing )



Xposat

## World

### ➔ **Gaza truce extended by one day as hostage talks continue**

Israel and Hamas to the last minute agreed on the last minute on Thursday to extend their ceasefire in Gaza by another day .

But the further extension of truce seems difficult as Hamas is expected to demand greater concessions .

Israel is under extreme international pressure to extend ceasefire . Israel is also under pressure from families of hostages that were abducted by Hamas.

Israel has told that currently about 125 hostages are still with Hamas . Israel has also told that it will resume bombing and airstrikes as soon as the hostage issue is resolved. and that Israel's aim is complete annihilation of Hamas .

### ➔ **China calls for immediate ' sustained humanitarian truce ' in Israel Hamas war**

China on Thursday called for a " sustained humanitarian truce " in the Israel Hamas conflict in a position paper' released by its Foreign Ministry .

The document said :

" The parties to the conflict should immediately realize a durable and sustained humanitarian truce "

It called for a " comprehensive ceasefire and end of fighting "

China last week had welcomed truce between Hamas and Israel ..

### ➔ **Henry Kissinger , secretary of state under president's Nixon and Ford dies at 100.**

Former Secretary of state Henry Kissinger of US Henry Kissinger died at the age of 100 .

Mr Kissinger was president during President Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford . He was Secretary of state between 1973 - 1977 . He was instrumental to establish a relationship with China and also instrumental in US Withdrawal from Vietnam War .He later was awarded Noble Peace Prize

### ➔ **2023 set to be hottest year ever : United Nations**

This year is set to be the hottest ever recorded , the UN said on Thursday , demanding urgent and action to rein in global warming and stem thehavoc following its wake .

" It is deafening cacophony of broken records , " said World Metrological Organisation chief Petteri Talaas " Greenhouse gas level is recorded high . Global temperature re record high . Sea level rise is record high . ANTARCTIC ice is record low "

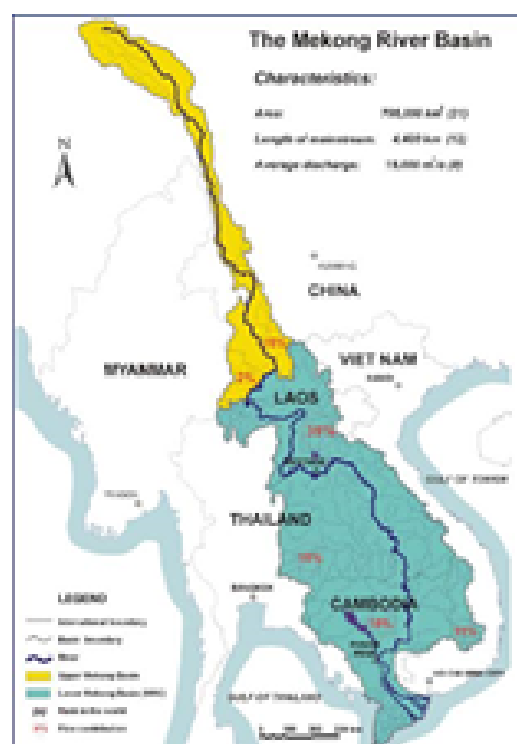
### ➔ **EU defense spending to reach a record 270 billion euro in 2023**

EU defense spending will reach a record 270 billion dollar in 2023 . The bloc's chief Charles Michel said

### ➔ **Cambodian PM Hun Manet says won't build dam on Mekong river**

The reason for not building Dam over Mekong river given by Cambodian PM is that the river is very significant for environment and ecology of the river

## Mekong river



## Editorial

### ➔ A lot at stake

#### **Indian reputation as a principled power is at stake after the indictment**

The editorial is about accusation by US department of Justice that India tried to plot to kill Gurupatwant Singh Pannun in US .

US has accused that Nikhil Gupta , a arms and drugs smuggler had been given money and his charges was dropped in Gujrat so that he could kill Pannun . Nikhil Gupta has been arrested by US .

In response India has made a high powered committee to investigate , MEA has told that such acts is not in India's policy .

The current situation will definitely strain India's relationship with ' Five Eyes' countries . India should ask US why it is not extraditing Pannun who is involved in separaties activities in India .

All these has changed world's irrespctive about India which was cited as a very Principles country

### ➔ Changing Tide

#### **The Tatmadaw has been stretched thin in the civil war of Mayanmar**

The editorial is about India and Myanmar relations under recent development in Mayanmar . Recently ethnic groups has attacked Tatmadaw ( Junta ) army at several places of Shan State bordering China . It has also controlled many military post and lots of bordering territories . Another ethnic group in Chin state has conflicted with Junta army bordering India . In one of the incidents many Junta army fled to Indian side as their posts were destroyed . India shifted them back to Myanmar . India's position has been to favour Junta govt at the same time demanding for establishment of Democracy . This position mainly seems to counter China . The editorial says that there needs to be change in India's position on Myanmar , means India should not co-operate until estabkshment of democracy

