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## SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION ENGLISH

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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ CoP 28 calls for 'transition away' from fossil fuel

CoP 28 in Dubai ended on Wednesday with adoption of a resolution called the Dubai Consensus

Important points in Dubai Consensus :

- The standout clause in 21 page document says : “calls on parties ( to be ) ..... transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy system , in a just , orderly and equitable manner , accelerating action in this critical decade , to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science “ .

The language “ transitioning “ has been diluted from earlier draft that called for “ phasing out” of all fossil fuels .

Fossil fuel use is main culprit behind emission and action regarding this was crucial .



### ➔ Difference among countries :

- On one had delegate from Samoa and Marshall Islands expressed their unhappiness that the document does not talk of ending fossil fuel . On the other hand countries like Saudi Arabia , Egypt , Columbia and Senegal said that the agreement was a step forward for a fossil fuel free future .
- A major criticism was lack of financial support given to developing countries by developed countries for technology transfer and to bear the effects of climate change . A 2009 commitment said countries to mobilize 100 billion dollar per year between 2020 and 2025 for Climate financing . But the commitment was not met

During Paris Agreement it was decided to keep temperature rise below 2 degree celsius and try to keep it below 1.5 degree celsius .

To achieve below 1.5 degree celcius target , countries need to reduce their emission by 2030 to 43% from the 2019 level .However current assessment says that even in most optimistic circumstances , countries will be able to reduce 5% from most optimistic circumstance till 2030.

### ➔ Smoke canister strike by 2 visitors sets of chaos in Lok Sabha

On Wednesday on the eve of Parliament attack , two men jumped into Lok Sabha chamber from visitors gallery , carrying cannisters with yellow smoke . It created Chaos , parliamentarians beat them before handling to security personals .

Lok Sabha Speaker later told that the smoke was just for sensationalization . Delhimplicenhas arrested all Six people involved in the incident .There was no terror angle in the incident. , the intruders and their team was just calling a political protest with no link from any political parties . They were upset over no jobs and price rise

### ➔ **India votes in favor of immediate ceasefire in Gaza by Israel**

India on Tuesday voted in favor of United Nations General Assembly resolutions that called for an immediate ceasefire, the protection of civilians in accordance with international law and release of all hostages. 153 countries voted in favor, 10 countries voted against the resolution while, 23 countries abstained from it.

When asked about India's vote, Israel embassy said that it appreciated PM Modi's stand on terrorism.

India had abstained from voting on a similar resolution earlier. It shows shift in India's stance

### ➔ **Road fatalities rise in India despite Global drop**

Global Status Report on Road Safety, 2023 is out. The report is prepared by World Health Organisation (WHO),

Some Major points in this report are:

- Road accidents decreased by 5%, to 1.19 million annually world wide, between 2010 and 2021. 108 countries showing a drop.
- Total no of traffic accidents in India went up from 1.34 lakh in 2010 to 1.54 lakh in 2021.
- Ten Countries succeeded in reducing road accidents cover by 50%. These countries are Belarus, Brunei, Darisalme, Denmark, Japan, Lithuania, Norway, Russia Federation, Trinidad and Tobago and UAE, Venezuela.

35 countries have shown notable progress showing declined between 30 to 50%.

- Vehicle growth during the period 2010 to 2021 is 160%.

Nine in 10 death occur in low and middle income countries

### ➔ **New Delhi Declaration on Artificial Intelligence adopted**

On Wednesday in Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), 28 countries and European Union adopted "New Delhi declaration",

The declaration affirms countries commitment to "principles of responsible stewardship for trustworthy AI ....rooted in democratic values and human rights .... and promoting trustworthy, responsible, sustainable and human centric AI"

Few other points on "New Delhi Declaration" are

- AI for Global South: "We have also agreed that GLAI, in keeping up values of partner countries, including countries in Global South" Rajeev Chadrashkharan said.
- On AI concerns: "Concerns regarding misinformation and disinformation, unemployment, lack of transparency, and fairness, protection of intellectual property and personal data and threats to human rights and democratic values"

The previously summit was held in Japan, at that time ChatGPT had not arrived. This summit is important as being held after coming of ChatGPT which has shown new type of challenges emerging from AI.

### ➔ **Curb freebies doled out to doctors by Pharma firms**

OA five member committee headed by NITI Aayih chief Vinod K Paul has suggested the Union govt to bring in restrictions offered to doctors by Pharma companies .

The measures suggested by the panel is :

- Disclosing piece of branded gifts with gift values not exceeding ₹1000 .
- Prohibiting continuous medical education ( CME ) workshop for doctors in foreign location,
- Making the money received by medical Practitioners from Pharma comapies taxa.etc

### ➔ **SC judgment won't change our position on Ladakh**

“ China has never recognised the so called Union territory of Ladakh set up unilaterally and illegally by India . India’s domestic judicial verdict does not change the fact that western section of China India border has always belonged to China “ Chinese Foreign Ministry Mao Ning said replying to a question .

Chinese foreign mInistry spokesperson Mao Ning said in response to a question asked China claims Ladakh as it's own territory

## World

### ➔ **Nine Israeli troops killed in an ambush as Gaza battle rages**

Hamas fighters killed 9 Israeli troops in. Shijaiyah , a neighborhood of Gaza City .

Heavy fighting is going on in and around Gaza City . Till now over 18,400 people has been killed in Palestine n



### ➔ **Sunak avoids leadership challenges as deportation bill passed early votes**

British parliament passed a bill to deport illegal migrants to Rawanda . BRITISH Parliament passed it 313 to 269 . This is seen as victory to PM Rishi Sunak .

Rishis Sunak had pledged “ stop the boats “ eartkeor this year , with some 46,000 people crossing English Channel in “ small boats “ in 2022 .

Earlier UK Supreme Court has told Bilritish government t Rwanda policy as unlawful .

The court's had said , Rwanda was not , for now , a safe country where govt could relocate asylum seekers . It als had told that it will put UK on wrong side of Domestic and International policy .

The new bill defines Rwanda as a safe country



➔ **IMF clears second tranche of 337 mn dollar for Sri Lanka**

The IMF has cleared 337 million dollar of extended fund facility ( EFF ) to Sri Lanka . This is part of 3 billion dollar Sri Lanka has demanded from IMF . The total loan including this tranche received by Srilanka is 670 million dollar . IMF noted that Srilanka has made “ commendable progress “ towards restoring debt sustainability , raising revenue , rebuilding reserve buffers , reducing inflation and safeguarding financial stability . “ Strong commitment to improving governance and protecting the poor and vulnerable remains critical “ , IMF said

➔ **China and Vietnam must oppose attempts to measure Asia Pacific : Xi**

Chinese President Xi Jinping is on visit to Hanoi . The two nations committed to deeper ties and signed more than 30 agreements , including pledge to develop rail links between the two countries . The visit is seen to counter growing influence of US in the region

➔ **Biden backs Ukraine , warns against allow g putin to win**

The US President Joe Biden had told President Vlodmyr Zelensky on Friday that US will not abandon Ukraine in its desperate fight against Russia . He told that allowing defeat for Ukraine would mean Putin and “ aggressors everywhere will be emboldened “ . He was telling this in a press conference with Zelensky side by him in Washington . Recently Republican inUS Congress didnt allow passing of 110 billion dollar fund that was to be used by Ukraine and Israeln