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## SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION ENGLISH

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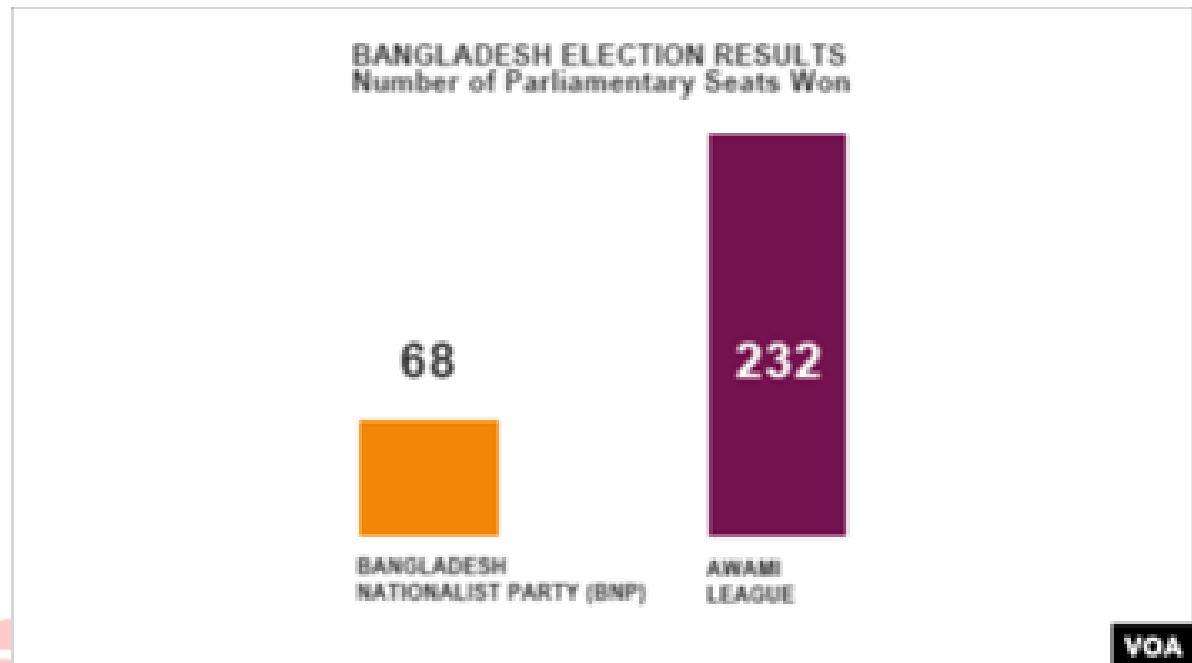
## THE HINDU National

### ➔ Hasina continues as her party sweeps Bangladesh elections

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina on Sunday record fourth term as her Awami League Party secured fourth straight term as her Party Awami League won two thirds of majority of seats . Ms Hasina's party won 200 out of 300 seats .

Ms Hasina won from Gopalganj 3 seat for the eighth time ,

Chief Election Commissioner said the initial estimates showed the voter turnout was around 40%



### ➔ GST revenue shows dissonance in Consumption and growth across states

Recently the National Statistical Office has released data on growth in GST between April to December 2023 in different states .

The National Average of growth of GST is 15.2% .

Among 20 Major states , states with higher growth are : Madhya Pradesh ( 18.8%) , Maharashtra ( 18.2%) , Karnataka ( 18.1%) , Haryana ( 17.6 % ) , UP ( 17. 3%) , TamilNadi and Telangana ( 16.9% ) ,

Major states with lower growth are :

Gujrat ( 9.5%) , West Bengal ( 9.8%) , Odisha ( 10.70%) , Rajasthan ( 10.9 % ) , Bihar ( 11.50 % ) , Andhra Pradesh ( 12. 5 % )

### ➔ Maldives suspends three deputy ministers on remarks against

The Indian High commissioner on Monday in Maldives on Sunday “ strongly raised “ the issue of disrespectful remarks about PM Narendra Modi .

The deputy Ministers in the Ministry of Youth Affairs - Maryam Saiunha , Malsha Shareef and Majzoom Mazid had made disparaging remarks over PM Modi , while commenting on his visit to Lakshdeweeep on X .

They called that Modi's visit to Lakshdeweeep was to challenge Maldivian tourism .

Muizzu's govt distanced itself from the remark it told that it believed in freedom of expression , the remarks made were personal and action will be taken on those who made these .

Maldivian govt has suspended the three ministers for now .

Former President Mohammad Nasheed came heavily on these govt saying the comments made does not have any relation with govt's policy

➔ **In a first , IAF C 130 with Garud Commandos makes night landing at Kargil**

C 130 super Hercules tactical transport aircraft of India air Force , made a night landing at Advanced Landing Ground( ALG ) in Kargil close to the Line of Control .

ALG is at an altitude of around 10,000 ft and was a restricted air strip with a unidirectional approach surrounded by rough terrain . It does not have night landing facilities . This demonstrates the capability to carry out specialized operations round the clock in this area

➔ **TN GIN kicks off with a vision report for 1 tn dollar economy**

The TamilNadu GIM ( Global Investors Meet ) was launched in Chennai. The government has put a blueprint to make T.N. a 1 trillion dollar economy by 2030 .

The govt also released its Semiconductor and Advanced Electronics policy 2024 .

A slew of MoUs were also signed , some major among them are :

- Vietnamese Electric maker VinFast for setting up its plant in Thoothukudi with a proposed investment of ₹16,000 crore
- Tata electronics to invest 12,500 crore for manufacturing and mobile phone unit in Krishnagiri district



## World

### ➔ South Korea accused north of firing shells for third day

South Korea accuses North Korea of firing Artillery shells along the border on third day straight .

Recently after increased US military presence in South Korea , and Military exercises between South Korea and US , North Korea had warned of using Nuclear weapons .

On Sunday in a statement Kim Jong Un's sister Kim Yo Jong said that North Korea only detonated blasting powders and simulating the sounds of its coastal artillery on the seashore , to test South Korea's military capabilities , to test South Korea's military capabilities .

South Korea military chief has dismissed these statements as “ a comedy like , vulgar propaganda “

### ➔ Israeli Army wraps up major combat in Northern Gaza

Israel's military signaled that it has completed its operations in Northern Gaza . Spokesperson of the Israeli military told that the focus will now be on the central and southern parts of the territory..

The announcement came ahead of Visit of Antony Blinken to Israel . MR. Blinken was in Qatar on Sunday .

In Rafah in a military strike by Israel two Journalists from AlJazeera were killed



## Text / Context

### ➔ Rise in Child marriage in West Bengal

#### The Story so far :

A recent study in Child marriages in India published in Lancet noted overall decrease in incidents of Child Marriages in India , but but limited out four states mainly Bihar ( 16.7 % ) ,West Bengal ( 15.2 % ) ,Uttar Pradesh ( 12.5%) and Maharashtra ( 8.2 % ) accounted for more than half the total headcount burden of Child marriages in Girls

### ➔ What are key findings ?

The paper titled “ prevalence of girls and boy child marriage across states and UTs in India 1993 - 2021 .; showed a sturdyrepeated cross sectional study” highlighted that one in five girl are still married below legal age .

**West Bengal – The** largest absolute increase in headcount was observed in West Bengal , representing an increase of 32.3% in headcount

### ➔ What have been the policy intervention ,?

West Bengal govt has launched many policy initiatives :

- Kanyashree Prakalpa – Launched in 2013 , is a conditional cash transfer scheme .  
The Number of girls enrolled in schools and colleges has increased significantly following the launch of the scheme

## Text / Context

### ➔ How voice cloning ,through Artificial Intelligence is being used in West Bengal

Voice cloning app is public now , one can convert text to the voice by some celebrities , this is becoming a major source of scam .

It is very easy to scam someone with house of a celebrity .

#### Why it is a concern for India

A report titled “ The Artificial Imposter “ published last year revealed that 47 % ,of Indian have either become a victim or knew someone who has fallen prey to this .

The global average is 25% .

Incidents in which the culprit demands money for some urgent work by impersonating the voice of a victim's friend

### ➔ Some Apps that is beingused for voice cloning are : Murf , Resemble ,Speechify

ProminentTech Companies have also hand in AI voice games , Meta has launched Seamless M4T .

ChatGPT also voice Transcription feature that can be used in Cloning .

YouTube announced Dream Track which allow users to create song clips using AI vocals.

➔ **What can be done ?**

In the US govt is trying to find outways to defeat voice cloning

➔ **Science**

**IIT D team makes first high res landslide risk map for India**

The “ Indian Landslide and susceptibility map “ is first of its kind by virtue of being on a National scale , leaving out no location in the country .

“ The map and researchers study “ will be published in Journal Catena in its february issue .

Machine learning Models were used with 1,50,000 data points for known landslide events

