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## SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION ENGLISH

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## THE HINDU National

### ➔ **Kharge named INDIA chairperson , Nitish suggested as convener**

Virtual meeting of INDIA bloc members were held on Saturday.

Congress chief Mallikarjuna Kharge emerged to be the consensus choice to be the chairperson of INDIA bloc members .

Bihar Chief Minister and Janta Dal ( United ) chief Nitish Kumar , name was suggested as the convener of the group by everyone present , but Nitish Kumar neither immediately accepted nor rejected the proposal .

A final call will be taken after consulting those leaders who skipped Saturday's meeting , including TMC chief Mamta Banerjee , Shiv Sena ( UBT ) leader Uddhav Thakre and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav .

### ➔ **Jaishankar to visit Iran amid Israel tension**

EAM S. Jaishankar will be visiting Iran on Monday to

The Ministry has announced that Mr. Jaishankar will meet his counterpart Hussain Amir Abdollahian , to discuss " bilateral, regional and global issues .

The visit comes at a time when the US is attacking Iran backed Houthis in Yemen

### ➔ **NIA shares input with FBI on San Francisco attack**

The National Investigation Agency ( NIA ) has shared its findings with US Federal Bureau of Investigation ( FBI ) , on the March 2023 attack on the Indian consulate in San Francisco .

The findings were handed over during FBI chief's visit to India last month .

Mr. Wray had informed the officials that the FBI was aggressively investigating the attack .

In March 2023 , the Indian Embassy was vandalized by Pro Khalistanis in San Francisco

### ➔ **Army adopts Topa Pir as model village after civilian deaths**

The army has rolled out fresh measures to reach out to the people of Pir Panjal valley , which has turned into the battleground recently . Topa Pir Village has been adopted by the Army as a Model Village by the Army .

This is the same village where in Dera ki Gali area militants killed four army men . Four civilians died while in custody of the Army. Investigation is going on regarding this

### ➔ **Arrangement in place for Makaravilakku festival at Sabarimala**

Makaravilakku Festival will be celebrated at Lord Ayyappa Sabarimala on Monday on Occasion of Makar Sankranti .

Abkut 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh pilgrims are expected to be present on the day

### ➔ **Center planning to promote less known tourist sites**

The Union tourism ministry , is creating awareness of less known tourist attraction in the country by holding special festivals and conventions at these places every three or four months . Center will collaborate with state govt for this , the places which are not popular with tourist but have the potential to emerge as tourist center will be focussed under this .



This includes places such as Sultanpur in Haryana , places of Mythological significance such as Kurukshetra in Haryana , and culture heritage sites such as Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh .

On January 9 and 10 a conference in Kurukshetra hosted tour operators , opinion makers , and social media influencers across India

### ➔ **Center yet to take call on beginning HPV vaccination campaign for girls**

The Union health ministry said on Saturday that it was yet to take a decision on starting a vaccination campaign on human Papillomavirus( HPV ) .

The govt's immunisation advisory group has already recommended vaccination for girls , as part of the universal immunization programme for girls under Universal Immunization Programme .

WHO has recommended that HPV vaccine is effective for prevention of HPV Serotype 16 and 18 .

HPV causes cervical cancer in girls

### ➔ **India's oldest living City found in Vadnagar**

A joint study by five prominent institutions has found evidence of cultural continuity in Vadnagar in Present day Gujrat , even after the collapse of Harappan civilization , thus making it likely that " dark age " was myth .

The study was conducted Jointly by Archaeological Survey of India ( ASI ) , IIT Khargpur , JNU and Deccan College has now found evidence of human settlement that is as old as 800 BCE contemporary with Buddhist Mahajanapadas .

The study also shows that the rise and fall of different kingdoms , during the 3,000 year period of recurrent invasions of India by central Asian warriors, were driven by severe changes in climate like rainfall or drought .

Indus valley civilization is dated from 3300 BC to 1300BC. The period between between 1300 to around 600 BC is called as "dark age " .

Later in plains of Punjab Vedic civilization started. The remains of city like life in Vadnagar shows continuation of IVC .

Vadnagar – It is an important Buddhist site , Hiuen Tsang had visited and stayed here in 640 CE .



**Versatile singer Prabha Atre passes away at 92.**

## World

### ➔ We may be small ,but won't be bullied says Maldives Muizzu following China visit

Maldives President Mohammad Muizzu returned Male after visit from China .

On his return he said that Maldives can be a small country but that does not allow others to “bully” the country .

He further noted in his media statement that the Indian Ocean “ does not belong to one particular country “ and that Maldives “ does not belong to one particular country “ and that the Maldives “ is not anyone’s backyard “ .

India and Maldives is not with good terms since Muizzu took power , he had declined to renew several projects by India in Maldives .

Recently after remarks by his three ministers on PM Modi , he suspended the three ministers

### ➔ Lai visit Taiwan polls as voters cheer for democracy

Lai Chang Te has won the Presidential election in Taiwan . Lai vowed to defend Taiwan from “ intimidation” fromChina .

Beijing had earlier called Mr. Lai “ a “ severe danger “ and had urged voters to shun him .

Beijing on Saturday said that the result would not stop “ the inevitable trend of China’s reunification . “ .

In his victory speech Mr. Lai said he would maintain peace and stability in Taiwan strait

### ➔ ‘US does not support Taiwan independence ‘

US President Joe Biden said the U.S. does not support the independence of Taiwan , when asked for reaction to Saturday’s poll .

One China Policy says that there is only one China and Taiwan is part of China . Most of the countries around the world agree upon this .

China does not have any diplomatic relationship with any country which recognises Taiwan as an independent country . The US also follows the One China Policy .

The US is the most important International backer and Arms supplier to Taiwan despite lacking formal diplomatic ties

### ➔ Pakistan “ shuts ‘ keycrossing on Afghan border to truck drivers

Pakistan effectively closed a key northwestern border crossing , the Torkham border crossing for truck drivers in Saturday ,Taliban govt said .

Truckers for years were able to cross Tokharam border without any documents . In new arrangement Afghans will have to show Visas and Passports . Afghan Officials have also started looking for documents from Pakaitanis crossing the border .

Pakistani is concerned about increased attack by Talibani groups on Pakistan Military installments . The decison has been taken because of this mainly



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