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SUMMARY OF THE HINDU FOR BPSK EXAMINATION ENGLISH

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THE HINDU National

➔ Soren 'untraced' as ED team visits house over land fraud case

- A team of Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials visited the Delhi residence of Jharkhand Chief Minister on Monday for questioning him in connection with a land fraud scam.
- ED camped at the houses for more than 12 hours, said the CM could not be located. Mr. Soren later sent a letter to ED saying it is "motivated by political agenda"

➔ Center pegs GDP growth at 7% in 2024-25

- Ahead of the interim budget on Monday, a finance ministry report on Monday pegged India's real GDP growth closer to 7% in 2024-25, with "considerable scope" to outpace 7% by 2030.
- The report said that India's economy will hit 5 trillion dollars in next three years.
- Chief Economic Advisor, V. Anantha Nageswaran stressed "not all growth are equal" and marginal utility of 7% growth when world is struggling to grow by 2% is "much higher" than 8-9% economic growth achieved with global economy rising at 4%

➔ INS Sumitra foils hijack attempt on Iranian flagged vessel in Gulf of Aden

- A swift response by an Indian Navy ship, INS Sumitra, deployed in Gulf of Aden ensured that a hijack situation was quickly resolved.
- An Iranian flagged fishing vessel (FV) sent distress messages regarding hijacking of Iranian flagged fishing vessel.
- The FV had been boarded by pirates and 17 crew members were taken as hostages. INS Sumitra intercepted the vessel and coerced the pirates to release all the hostages

➔ Setting sun evocative mood sets the mood

- Republic day celebration ceremony ends with Beating retreat on January 29, On Monday President, Vice President and PM all gathered for attendance of Beating retreat at Kartavya Path, music bands of Army, Navy and IAF played 35 foot tapping Indian tunes. For the first time, the CRPF led a women band

Text / Context

➔ Digi Yatra

- Ministry of Civil Aviation have recently launched Digi Yatra platform.
- Digi Yatra uses Facial recognition to make Entry point and Security checks at airport digital. It avoids paper use and avoids identity checks at multiple points

➔ Pros and Cons of Simultaneous election

The committee on Simultaneous elections headed by Former President Ram Nath Kovind had asked opinions of citizens and different stakeholders over this

➔ **Pros :**

- **Saving public money :** Election Commission had to spend around ₹4000 crore for the last general elections. Apart from that Election commission has to spend on state elections . Lots of money is spent by different parties even during assembly elections . Simultaneous elections will reduce these expenditures

➔ **Cons**

- Simultaneous polls may reduce the value of small parties , large parties will get relative benefit . This is not good for democracy .
- Different issues of National and states will be overshadowed by one other .
- Simultaneous polls has several issues and compromises over the current system with which many not seem to be satisfied

➔ **Recommendation by Law Commission, 2018**

- **Two elections in five years** – The. elections to the Lok Sabha and nearly half of the state assemblies can be clubbed together in one cycle , while the rest of the assemblies can go for elections after two and half years. .
- **‘ No confidence Motion’ should mandatorily accompany ‘ Confidence Motion’** ‘ - One of the major challenges with the simultaneous election system is what will happen if govt falls on No confidence Motion , . The commission has given a solution that to bring ‘No confidence Motion ‘ opposition must have ‘ confidence Motion ‘ so that a government can be formed replacing the former .
- **Combined By election** – By election caused because of death , resignation and disqualification of members can be clubbed together and conducted once in a year

World

➔ **Maldives main Opposition party mulls impeachment against President Muizzu**

- The Maldivian main Opposition party Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) , is preparing to submit an impeachment motion against President Muizzue .The Opposition politician pointed “ two primary reasons “ behind this .
- “The President is putting Indian Ocean Region in danger with his policies .
- And he is not letting parliament function properly ,using money power and due to backing of military .
- Maldives New President has recently given 14 March deadline to India to bring it's security forces back from Maldives