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Enforcing claims: On U.S. challenging India's maritime rights

The article mentions the relationship sensitivity between the U.S and India that has strengthened due to cooperation on multilateral issues. However, the U.S. Navy's fleet destroyer's recent traverse to India's exclusive economic zone to challenge India came as a surprise.

To this, they claim that they asserted navigational rights and demanded no consent from India. Describing the move consistent with the international Laws, which India contested, UNCLOS did not authorize military manoeuvres on the EEZ.

Though the matter has been put in cold bags for the moment, it is a clear indication to the government to be prepared for more surprises. The need for the Indian government is to explain its position, making known to all partners how the Indian law governing maritime claims is in line with international law.

The move can be attributed to the U.S.'s attempt to send a broader message that it will not tolerate any other country's claims. We need to seek an answer for the open challenge the U.S. Navy has posed that can't co-exist with a free and open Indo-Pacific objective.

Words to look out for

Grapple:

- **Synonyms:** wrestle, struggle, contend
- **Antonyms:** release, free, let go
- **Word usage:** A wrestler is taught to grapple his opponent to achieve victory.

Belligerence:

- **Synonyms:** pugnacity, aggressiveness, militancy
- **Antonyms:** favour, amiable behaviour, mutual understanding
- **Word usage:** Filled with belligerence, the angry drunk started bar fights every time he had too much booze.

Traverse:

- **Synonyms:** cross, wander, span
- **Antonyms:** abide, stop, commend
- **Word usage:** To get to the highest mountain peak in the world, we will have to traverse a very rocky path.

Article Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/enforcing-claims-the-hindu-editorial-on-us-challenging-indias-maritime-rights/article34296826.ece>

Heed the exodus: Lockdown hypocrisies are brutal to migrant workers

The article stresses that considering the second wave of Pandemic, with trust factors too low and misinformation on the rise, the workplace closures would impose difficulties for migrant workers. And the government needs to monitor their flight from cities with mobility curbs closely.

The author mentions that the situations have been compromised for political gatherings and party promotions in some states. All this has forced states like Tamil Nadu and Kerala to impose stricter regulations.

The point is that such faulty prioritization of politicking over livelihoods, accompanied with lockdown in the West, would first hit the migrant workers.

Despite the Niti Ayog national policy on migrant workers framed after the bitter experience last year, the clauses fail to provide political recognition or social support to them. This time we must fight this Covid wave with masking, testing and vaccinating instead of crushing the workers' sentiments.

Words to look out for

Rife:

- **Synonyms:** prevalent, common, rampant
- **Antonyms:** scarce, deficient, bare
- **Word usage:** The beach is rife with young people during the summer months.

Exodus:

- **Synonyms:** flight, exit, migration
- **Antonyms:** arrival, influx, entry
- **Word usage:** Tired of the hardships of farming, many families have made an exodus from the country to the city.

Incumbent:

- **Synonyms:** occupant, holder, compulsory
- **Antonyms:** candidate, dispensable, optional
- **Word usage:** The incumbent store manager is not happy about having to train the person who is taking his job.

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