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Return to troubles: On Brexit and the Good Friday agreement

The article talks about the Brexit agreement, where the British government has demanded to renegotiate on some points. They think that the accepted clause is hampering trade inside the UK. In 2020, Mr. Johnson had agreed to set up checks for the goods entering Northern Ireland that now defeats the goal of removing economic barriers.

Now the government wants to remove the customs checks on the goods entering Northern Ireland. It also wishes to end the role of EU institutions in enforcing the Protocol. Note that the same agreement was much welcomed by Jhonson in 2020, seeking to bring peace to the island after 30 years of trouble.

Now the situation is critical for Britain because if the protocol implementation continues, there would be political and economic consequences. And if it moves the barriers to the borders of the island, it will affect the peace agreement. So, the only way out is to understand each other and discuss the issue, before an action forces to compromise on the peace conditions.

Words to look out for

Compromise:

- **Synonyms**: settlement, undermine, endanger
- Antonyms: disagree, differ, dispute
- Word usage: A bad compromise is better than a good lawsuit.

Hamper:

- **Synonyms**: hinder, impede, obstruct
- **Antonyms**: assist, help, encourage
- **Word usage**: You would hamper yourself with that fellow.

Repercussion:

- Synonyms: consequence, reverberation
- Antonyms: cause, reason
- Word usage: What repercussions will the war have on the economy?

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Read it right: Survey indicating extent of antibody prevalence nationally cannot be the sole guide to public policy

The article reflects upon the fourth national serosurvey that warns and estimates around 40 crore Indians who are likely to get affected if in case the Cocid wave reoccurs. This is because the vaccination gaps are still there in huge numbers.

The current daily vaccination targets are also not up to the mark. Regarding this, Dr. Bhargava has already warned the state government to restrict themselves from manipulating data.

States now must consider conducting serosurvey to acquire intelligence on the third wave as many states are now recording high cases daily.

With lockdowns, the citizens have become restless now, but the situation doesn't seem to change in the recent future. So, states still need to restrict social gatherings as much as possible.

Words to look out for

Complacency:

- **Synonyms**: smugness, contentment, comfort
- Antonyms: agony, burden, anxiety
- Word usage: Doctors have warned against complacency in fighting common diseases.

Extrapolate:

- **Synonyms**: infer, deduce
- Antonyms: intercede, doubt
- **Word usage**: It is possible to extrapolate future developments from current trends.

Irk:

- **Synonyms**: irritate, annoy, vex
- **Antonyms**: flabbergast, please
- **Word usage**: It irks him to have to clean his house.

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