

# Daily Editorial Analysis

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### Shared values: On India and the U.S.

The article talks about the U.S Secretary's visit to Delhi that was more focused on discussions rather than deliverables. The idea was to pave the way for substantive meetings like the Quad summit, the US and India foreign and defense ministers meet, a bilateral meeting between the PMs, etc.

The public statements made reflect that most of the discussion was about the Quad cooperation. Though there was convergence on most topics, however, the divergences are concerning.

The US continues to talk with the Taliban to enter into a power-sharing agreement, despite its refusal to stop attacks against civilians. The greatest worry for India is the US's refusal to hold Pakistan accountable for giving shelter to the Taliban.

While talking about democracy, both sides seemed to be on the same page. On being asked about the sensitive issues of the citizenship act, article 370, Mr. Jaishankar asserted that these acts are also aligned to ensure governance as Freedom doesn't mean that governance must be at stake. So these acts are a part of setting right the historic wrongs.

#### Words to look out for

##### Rebuttal:

- **Synonyms:** denial, reply, answer
- **Antonyms:** confirmation, proof, evidence
- **Word usage:** The lawyer met the accusations with a firm rebuttal.

##### Substantive:

- **Synonyms:** substantial essential, material
- **Antonyms:** worldly, procedural, abstract
- **Word usage:** Substantive research on the subject needs to be carried out.

##### Fallout:

- **Synonyms:** effect, repercussion, aftermath
- **Antonyms:** base, basis, cause
- **Word usage:** The political fallout of the revelations has been immense.

Article Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/shared-values-the-hindu-editorial-on-india-us-ties-after-secretary-of-state-antony-blinkens-visit/article35616251.ece>



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## Drained of ideas: Big cities need to upgrade water run-off systems to account for new patterns of rainfall

The article at hand takes into account the perennial issue of our cities getting flooded during the monsoon season as the author highlights what needs to be done to get out of this situation.

Our cities getting swamped just by a few hours of heavy has been the familiar story for ages now. Even though the municipal corporations have spent crores to improve the situation, there are no signs of improvement yet.

Our major metro cities such as Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata all are facing similar problems this monsoon season. Unplanned urbanization and construction on wetlands is a major reason behind all this and it's not like the problem will get resolved anytime soon.

The author believes that we can improve the status quo by upgrading current stormwater drain designs. Besides, it is better if we can make urban stormwater management a part of large-scale infrastructure development plans such as the smart city mission because leaving the problem to the municipality does not seem to yield the desired results.

### Words to look out for

#### Inundate:

- **Synonyms:** flood, deluge, swamp
- **Antonyms:** dry, drain, arid
- **Word usage:** The Tsunami inundated the island in no time.

#### Infrastructure:

- **Synonyms:** substructure, foundation, framework
- **Antonyms:** ceiling, edge, extremity
- **Word usage:** The infrastructure was rebuild for the preparation of the Olympic games

#### Part & Parcel:

- **Synonyms:** building block, feature, facet
- **Antonyms:** whole, aggregate, admixture
- **Word usage:** Pain and pleasure are part and parcel of life.

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