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Fits and starts: On India-Pakistan dialogue process

The article talks about a sudden stop on the peaceful moves and messages exchanged between India and Pakistan over a month.

All of it started last week at a conference in Dushanbe where India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi decided not to meet or even exchange greetings.

Later, Mr Qureshi opposed reopening Indian cotton and sugar imports, followed by Mr Khan demanding the revocation of Article 370 imposed in J&K in 2019.

The notable argument is why Pakistan's Gen. Bajwa stressed the need for geo-economics, trade, and connectivity for regional prosperity when the moves are not aligned with Pakistan's public announcements.

However, India has chosen not to take advantage of the embarrassing confusion in Pakistan's stand and stay silent. There is a dire need to clarify what the two governments have decided to achieve in the future.

Words to look out for

Bonhomie:

- **Synonyms:** affability, amiability, geniality
- **Antonyms:** animosity, enmity, hostility
- **Word usage:** The group leader wanted to facilitate bonhomie among the new members.

Nascent:

- **Synonyms:** incipient, budding, emerging
- **Antonyms:** moribund, dying, ending
- **Word usage:** Online dating has gone from a nascent idea to an established concept that helps millions find love.

Salutary:

- **Synonyms:** beneficial, healthy, advantageous
- **Antonyms:** damaging, noxious, harmful
- **Word usage:** The vitamins have had a salutary influence on John by giving him more energy.

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Expanding frontiers: Edtech has the potential to partially even out access among students

This article discusses the rise of edtech companies amidst the pandemic. The accelerated shift towards digitization has caused many brick-and-mortar test preparation institutes to lose their existence to edtech giants.

The most recent instance is the acquisition of Aakash Educational Services by edtech major Byju's for nearly \$1 billion.

It is significant to note that India's edtech companies work on a hybrid model to include offline and online teaching methods, effectively tailoring lessons for students' diverse universe.

The pandemic situations have led to forced closures of physical centres allowing edtech companies to tap into the available teaching resources at coaching centres.

Though edtech is a growing trend, an overall uplift in learning outcomes can only be expected when the overall quality of education improves and students gain access to the technology.

Words to look out for

Advent:

- **Synonyms:** emergence, arrival, dawn
- **Antonyms:** departure, exit, farewell
- **Word usage:** With the advent of the internet, working from home has become a real phenomenon.

Catalyze:

- **Synonyms:** accelerate, facilitate, advance
- **Antonyms:** block, brake, check
- **Word usage:** The president would do anything to catalyze a change in the current system.

Spawn:

- **Synonyms:** engender, beget, generate
- **Antonyms:** destroy, admonish
- **Word usage:** If a film is popular enough, it often spawns a merchandising business.

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