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Beyond zero sum: On rich countries and carbon emissions

The article talks about the summit convened by President Joe Biden and the visit of the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry. They are to reconsider India's long term policy course as the carbon dioxide emissions reach an alarming rate.

Looking at the global climatic conditions, the situation calls for India to join many other big economies and commit itself to net-zero emissions and pursue major green technology initiatives.

Owing to the climate change crisis, the solution requires the U.S, the U.K and Europe, who have the bulk of the carbon budget, to give up their part in favour of other nations and fund the transition.

Considering the pandemic, the centre has extended the deadline for coal plants to adopt strict pollution control and proposed gross dilution of norms to assess projects' environmental impact. But, this cannot continue for long.

India needs to develop a domestic climate plan explaining how it will bring green development in this decade. India can resort to taxing luxury emissions by cars, air-conditioners, or aviation to send a positive message and fulfil the plan objectives.

Words to look out for

Mire:

- **Synonyms:** muck, quagmire, dilemma
- **Antonyms:** cleanliness, define, solution
- **Word usage:** Since the girl was friends with a drug dealer, she finds herself in a mire of suspicion.

Enshrine:

- **Synonyms:** dignify, preserve, sanctify
- **Antonyms:** define, degrade, humiliate
- **Word usage:** Some people tend to enshrine their personal space from their work.

Clamour:

- **Synonyms:** commotion, uproar, disturbance
- **Antonyms:** peace, silence, calmness
- **Word usage:** The protestors clamoured for justice for the man who was killed in the accident.

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Wrong cut: Disbanding appellate tribunal is another blow for filmmakers

The article mentions that the government has scrapped the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal, a body approached by the film industry to challenge the decisions of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC).

This comes on the tail of an amended Cinematograph Act, 1952, and anyone wishing to challenge the CBFC rulings will need to approach the High Courts now.

This amendment will add a pile of caseload to the already overwhelmed High Courts, besides resulting in delayed conflict resolution.

Such delays are expected to add to the film industry's mounting costs, which is already dealing with the fallout of covid lockdowns, NCB investigations against certain personalities from the fraternity, and a barrage of FIRs filed against 'objectionable content' by right-wingers.

When India may be looking at a two-front war with China and Pakistan at a time of increasingly competitive geopolitics, it should do better by its biggest soft power asset, Bollywood, which may become its trump card.

Words to look out for

Flourish:

- **Synonyms:** thrive, blossom, prosper
- **Antonyms:** flounder, struggle, tussle
- **Word usage:** Ronaldo's game flourished under the guidance of Sir Alex Ferguson at Manchester United.

Rescind:

- **Synonyms:** annul, invalidate, abrogate
- **Antonyms:** validate, authenticate, certify
- **Word usage:** Many companies rescinded the job offers during the pandemic.

Disband:

- **Synonyms:** disperse, demobilize, scatter
- **Antonyms:** assemble, build, gather
- **Word usage:** The seeds should be disbanded in the field on time to get a good harvest.

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