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Artless and heartless: On Central Vista project

The article raises a question on the Central Vista redevelopment project that includes building a new Parliament building and new residences for the PM and the VP, especially during the pandemic. Though there exists a strong reason to do this, the execution time is posing issues.

The general perception is that the public good is being sacrificed for the sake of building the monument. Also, the project demands the demolition of IGNCA and the National Museum of India.

The experts have demanded suspension of the project raising concerns to conserve the collections of these centers first. Now, this ought to be a cumbersome task even during ordinary times.

These things are always planned and executed after proper consultations and not in haste. The government seems to be intolerant towards public scrutiny and for this reason, it has banned photography too.

The health crisis and the instability in social and economic spheres expect the government to suspend the project and postpone it till they gain public confidence.

Words to look out for

Imperious:

- **Synonyms**: overbearing, arrogant, dictatorial
- **Antonyms:** humble, meek, obedient, modest
- Word usage: He was imperious enough to think that his word on the matter would be final.

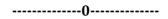
Cavalier:

- **Synonyms**: knight, chevalier, arrogant
- Antonyms: humble, decent, polite, modest
- **Word usage**: That's a rather cavalier attitude.

Befall:

- Synonyms: happen, occur, transpire
- **Antonyms**: blunder, intensification
- **Word usage**: Should any harm befall me on my journey, you may open this letter.

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The Guardian view on intercommunal violence in Israel: a dangerous development with deep roots

The article describes the horrifying situation of the Middle East owing to Israel's attack on Gaza and the constant firing of missiles by Palestinian militants.

War scenes like these have one thing in common that is being indifferent to civilians of both sides. With heavy casualties of Israelis, Palestinians, and children, Hamas continues to intensify the situation with heavy rockets and targeting populated areas. The conditions are slowly heading on the verge of a civil war.

The PM Mr. Netanyahu asserts that instances of lynching Arabs by Jews and vice versa are neither justifiable and nor have they been invoked suddenly. This communal hatred is a result of the continuous cultivation of negative thoughts for ages. For political gains, even MR PM embraced racist anti-Arab Jewish Power party.

Such aggressive moves have made Israel's Palestinian citizens a target. The political authority is using this conflict for its benefit. One thing is clear that there can be no peace and security while Palestinians live under Israeli control. On the whole, resolving this inter-communal violence seems to be a distant reality.

Words to look out for

Torching:

- Synonyms: arson, burning, incinerating
- **Antonyms:** dimming, calming
- **Word usage:** They smashed a side door to get in and then torched the warehouse when they had taken what they wanted.

Synagogue:

- **Synonyms**: churches, temples, pagodas
- **Antonyms**: parks, public places
- **Word usage**: Not wanting to be late for prayer, the family rushed into the crowded synagogue.

Lynch:

- **Synonyms**: vigilantism, assassination, capital punishment
- Antonyms: help, guard, breathe life into
- **Word usage**: Many African American men were lynched in Mississippi because the killers were rarely punished for hangings there.

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