

Editorial Analysis

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Character challenge: On GOI's directive to Twitter

The article talks about the recent directive issued to Twitter to remove the 'manipulated media' tag from some posts. The move points in the direction where the Government of India stands upright to support BJP functionaries at the cost of the common public.

The issue became severe when congress filed a police complaint against BJP functionaries for forging a document prepared for internal use on the Central Vista project. However, the circulated toolkit included added information on COVID 19 past actions, which ideally should contain future actions.

On this, Twitter has not followed the directive completely and the tag still exists on the handles of six functionaries. It has argued against the label being biased and being a private company, it has every right to pick the ways in which it can investigate the content on its platform.

Also, the IT act does not empower the government to order the removal of a label. Frequent acts where the center is in question have also been in the air for a while now. Hence, the author believes the government should try to improve the IT laws that govern our country as well.

Words to look out for

Disparage:

- **Synonyms:** denigrate, belittle, deprecate
- **Antonyms:** praise, flatter, highlight
- **Word usage:** Your behavior will disparage the whole family in front of guests.

Prejudice:

- **Synonyms:** bias, partiality, influence
- **Antonyms:** tolerance, fairness, justice
- **Word usage:** Laws against racial prejudice must be strictly enforced.

Baffle:

- **Synonyms:** perplex, bewilder, mystify
- **Antonyms:** explain, enlighten, justify
- **Word usage:** He was baffled by the technical language of the instructions.

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Himalayan blunders: Nepal's political crisis amid pandemic puts democratic gains under strain

The article mentions that K. P. Oli continues to hold the office of the Premier, despite losing a vote of confidence earlier this month. Meanwhile, the President, Bidya Devi Bhandari, dissolved the country's House of Representatives last week, for the second time in the last five months.

The opposition parties have approached the country's Supreme Court against the President's decision, which was also responsible for overturning February Bhandari's decision to dissolve the House in December. The unified Nepal Communist Party was scrapped in March.

The Prachanda-led CPN withdrew support to the government subsequently, leaving Oli's CPN (UML) in a minority. As such, Bhandari was expected to consider Nepali Congress's Sher Bahadur Deuba's claim of majority support.

The political crisis, amidst growing Covid cases and the subsequent shortage of hospital beds, oxygen, and vaccines, has left the country's federal democracy in a lurch. As such, everyone is looking to the Supreme Court to break the impasse.

Words to look out for

Fortify:

- **Synonyms:** strengthen, reinforce, brace
- **Antonyms:** weaken, discourage, hurt
- **Word usage:** They are made chiefly from grapes and are used to fortify wines.

Reminiscent:

- **Synonyms:** evocative, remindful, redolent
- **Antonyms:** forgetful, dull, vague
- **Word usage:** The movie was reminiscent of some thriller TV series Raj had seen before.

Apex:

- **Synonyms:** peak, acme, summit
- **Antonyms:** bottom, nadir, base
- **Word usage:** The king was at the apex of the society but soon it all went downhill.

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