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Closure, compensation: On the Italian marines case

The article discusses the Italian marine case, where two fishermen were shot dead by two Italian marines, suspecting them to be pirates. It has been nine years since the incident occurred and, now SC has ordered to end the criminal trial against them.

The PCA(Permanent Court of Arbitration) had the same jurisdiction. It also held that the victims must be entitled to compensation as the Italian marines had violated the law.

The legal heirs of the victims are to receive Rs. 4 crores each, while the owner of the vessel would get Rs.2 crores. The crux is that the resolution to the case has come after a long delay.

The same resolution was suggested by the UN tribunal then, but some people in India were of the view that it was a deliberate killing. It was only after NIA introduced the ant-piracy law that shocked Italy. Owing to objections from most European nations, some provisions of the act were dropped and delayed the prosecution of the matter, marking a lesson for all.

Words to look out for

Wanton:

- **Synonyms:** loose, licentious, dissolute
- **Antonyms:** kind, moral, decent
- **Word usage:** His one act of wanton devastation, the clearing of the New Forest, has been grossly exaggerated.

Hindsight:

- **Synonyms:** retrospect, recollection, remembrance
- **Antonyms:** foresight, forethought, anticipation
- **Word usage:** I have the benefit of historical hindsight.

Turbulence:

- **Synonyms:** turmoil, commotion, tumult
- **Antonyms:** calm, composure, peace
- **Word usage:** We're running into a little turbulence from the storm.

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Nova & other vaxes: Covovax needs quick regulatory okay. And there should be official clarity on other vaccines, like J&J's

The article talks about the vaccinations administered in India so far. Though the figures of India's share of 12% of 2.1 billion doses across the globe, seem attractive but considering the biggest demography with 590 million in 18-44 age group is a cause of concern.

Everybody knows that we need guaranteed supply now. Simultaneously, the news of America's quick vaccination offers positivity. Novavax does not fall under the EUA for new vaccines. It has a tech transfer and manufacturing agreement with the Serum institute to manufacture 1.1 billion doses. It has overall efficacy of 90.4%.

The challenge in front of Serum is to complete clinical trials and submit data to the regular. If only Serum becomes successful in clearing the thresholds, it can give a huge vaccination coverage.

The author highlights the problem with J & J single-dose vaccine. Though its shelf life and single-dose characteristics suit India, the delay in regulatory clearance is what India cannot afford at this time.

Words to look out for

Subunit:

- **Synonyms:** node, fractional unit, subdivision
- **Antonyms:** complete, whole, broad
- **Word usage:** The refinery has two subunits, Balikpapan I and Balikpapan II.

Muster:

- **Synonyms:** gather, assemble, collect
- **Antonyms:** separate, disperse, divide
- **Word usage:** They pushed the car with all the strength they could muster.

Threshold:

- **Synonyms:** door, brink, verge
- **Antonyms:** end, closure, expiration
- **Word usage:** You know when you cross that threshold, there's no going back.

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