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India needs a comprehensive strategy to fight production spread and sharing of online inappropriate content. Discuss

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) conducted Operation Megh Chakra which was followed by Operation Carbon to combat the CSAM - child sex abusive materials. A question is the digital ecosystem can solve the issue.

Inappropriate contents online

The ISP- internet service providers are exempted from the liability of any third party violation. This loophole is exploited to circulate offensive content.

The misinformation results in hate speech, witch hunting and mob lynching. The course being the child pornography. The Information technology act do not have provisions for mandatory reporting of child abuse though there are punitive measures.

Efforts taken

Global efforts such as Cyber HIP by NCMEC National centre of missing and exploited children may notify the internet service provider to block CSAM content.

The National Crime records bureau signed MoU with NCMEC to report child abuse.

The UK based IWF internet watch foundation dissects the child abuse accountability. Similarly vs the Shreya Singhal case directed the ISPs to remove illegal content upon direction from ~~the~~ government or courts.

Way forward

The Jaisam Ramesh committee has recommended to break the end-end encryption and use industrial support to investigate vs dark web, financial support to access the CSAM. The recommendations and INHOPE hotline participation can prevent spread of inappropriate content.