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## Centre blocks 22 YouTube channels

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The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has blocked 22 YouTube channels, in an order issued on Monday, for allegedly spreading disinformation. The Ministry says it has issued orders for 78 more YouTube news channels and some other social media accounts that have to be blocked.

On the list of the 22 blocked channels, 18 are Indian channels and four are from Pakistan. It is alleged that these channels spread fake news about various topics ranging from Indian foreign relations to disinformation on Jammu and Kashmir.

According to an official Ministry statement, "The content ordered to be blocked also included certain Anti-India content posted from multiple social media accounts operated in a coordinated manner from Pakistan." The blocked channels were allegedly using logos, images and thumbnails from legitimate television news channels to give the impression of authenticity. The measures have been brought in under the new Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. This set of regulations effectively brings digital platforms like social media channels, companies, and streaming services under government scrutiny.

## Fans hail the comeback of vintage Dhoni

Mythri C

It is eleven years since India lifted the ODI World Cup and cricket fans all over the country still cherish the last winning six hit by M S Dhoni in the final match against Sri Lanka. Amidst the ongoing IPL season, Dhoni is being hailed on social media for his comeback in this year's IPL.

After M S Dhoni stepped down as the Chennai Super Kings captain last month, his fans were disappointed. Despite CSK losing all the three matches back to back in this year's IPL, M S Dhoni delivered a stirring performance in both, batting and wicket-keeping. As a result,

## Is it going to be another 28 years?

Narayan B

It has been 11 years since India won its last Cricket World Cup beating Sri Lanka in the Wankhede stadium. The 2011 World Cup had everything a cricketing fan could ask for, an excellent display of batting, nerve-wracking bowling and matches that kept the viewers on the edge.

The champions of India were the favourites with the legendary batsman Sachin Tendulkar playing his final World Cup. He had been a part of India's World Cup squad since 1992 and was symbolic of the young blood of India who bled blue on the field for their country. Yuvaraj Singh, the veteran all-rounder was bleeding on and off the field, battling cancer and gave his



11 men and billions of dreams

all in order to ensure that India lifts the cup.

While the entire tournament looked like a script straight out of a Bollywood movie, it

surely has not been going India's way for the past 11 years in ICC tournaments with the exception of the 2013 Champions Trophy. It seems like

Indian cricket fans are meant to only watch the helicopter shot of Dhoni of India's win in the 2011 World Cup on loop.

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Virat Kohli as the Indian test captain held the ICC Test mace for three consecutive years from 2017 to 2019 but failed to win the World Test Championship in 2021 against New Zealand. We can blame luck for India's misfortune at ICC tournaments but for how long can we hold luck accountable?

The 11-year journey has not been easy for India, with controversies involving players, coaches and captains. It has been a constant challenge to win matches on the big stages. With Rohit Sharma appointed as the Captain of the Indian Cricket team who started his duty in the office with dominance, it is yet too early to say whether he would conquer the upcoming 2023 ICC World Cup.

## Textbook for nursing students hails dowry

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"Ugly looking girls can be married off with attractive dowry with well or ugly looking boys," read a textbook for sociology for second year BSc nursing students authored by TK Indrani. A photo of a page from the textbook that lists the merits of dowry went viral on social media on Tuesday. Nursing students and teachers condemned the book for promoting dowry, which is prohibited by law.

Aasha, a nursing student from Kerala said, "It looked like



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the author was promoting dowry which is extremely offensive. I did not expect a textbook prescribed in an educational institution to objec-

tify women in such a way." Meanwhile, teachers too expressed their dismay in the matter. "Firstly, I don't see the connection between dow-

ry and nursing even though the textbook was for sociology. Idolizing something that is actually banned under the law of the land in a textbook referred to by students is just bizarre," said a professor from a nursing college in Kerala.

Meanwhile, the Indian Nursing Council clarified that they merely prescribed syllabuses for various courses and do not endorse any particular book or author. The council stated that it "strongly condemns any derogatory content which is against the prevailing law of the land."

## Elon Musk aboard Twitter family

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Elon Musk owns the largest share in the Twitter, after which the Twitter's share surged up to 27% in the last two days. On Monday, he joined the board of directors after he purchased 9.2% stake in the microblogging platform the Twitter, making him the biggest stakeholder of the company.

On Tuesday, Musk took to Twitter to ask people if they wanted an edit button for tweets. Last month, Musk also hinted at launching his own social media platform and asked people whether they believe Twitter rigorously adheres to 'Freedom of speech. Poll results showed 70% responded negatively.

Parag Agarwal, CEO of Twitter, announced that he was looking forward to Musk's addition. "I'm excited to share that we're appointing Elon Musk to our board! Through our conversations with him in recent weeks, it became clear to us that he would bring great value to our board." Twitter shares have already grown in value after the announcement by the Tesla company owner, surging up to 27% in the last two days. "I'm really happy Elon is joining the Twitter board, Parag and Elon both lead with their hearts and they will be an incredible team," said Jack Dorsey, former CEO of Twitter.

## Stick to KSPCB's rules: Govt

Blessy Jeremy

Religious places in Bengaluru have been issued notices asking them to adhere to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's rules on noise, on Wednesday. This comes on the heels of the campaign by right-wing groups against the Azaan being played on loudspeakers in Mosques.

The debate started on Tuesday when KS Eshwarappa, senior BJP leader and Panchayat Raj Minister, said that Azaan (the Muslim call to prayer) through loudspeakers is disturbing students in the surrounding area and suggested a ban on the same.

"This has been a long-standing issue that has to be approached gradually and with empathy. Singling out re-

ligious places, particularly Mosques, is something that is not justifiable. Reducing the volume to levels specified by the pollution control board is something that can be implemented in a systematic manner, rather than a blanket ban on loudspeakers. Azaan is our duty to our creator and we cannot forgo it. It is only for a few minutes and there is nothing objectionable in it," said Belgami Mohammed Saad, State President of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (Karnataka Zone).

Suryanarayan, All India Co-Convenor of the Bajrang Dal (a right-wing youth group), said that the organization has not discussed the issue and does not have an opinion on the same.



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fans expressed their excitement by saying 'Vintage Dhoni is back', even though the team failed to win even a single match.

In the first match against KKR, Dhoni scored a half century with just 38 balls, marking the beginning of his

performance, after which he showcased his stunning wicket keeping skills in the other matches. By also becoming the sixth Indian cricketer to score 7000 runs in IPL, there is no doubt that Dhoni has not finished yet.