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Follow the law, social media platforms told

News: The Govt recently said global social media platforms were welcome to work and earn money in India but they should follow the law and the Constitution of India.

Double standards

1. When police act in Washington's Capitol Hill ransacking, a micro blogging site stands in their support but when a similar action is taken at Red Fort, our national pride, the platform opposes it. Freedom of speech is there, but with reasonable restrictions.
2. Twitter and the Government of India are at loggerheads over issues related to content removal and freedom of expression.

17 major OTT players adopt self-regulatory toolkit

News: Even as the government is soon expected to come out with regulations for OTT platforms, the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) on Thursday said 17 platforms, including Netflix, Disney+ Hotstar and Amazon Prime Video, have adopted a 'toolkit' for effective implementation of the self-regulation code introduced last year.

Highlights:

1. The industry body added that it will set up an 'IAMAI Secretariat for the Code', comprising representatives from the signatories to the Code, as well as the IAMAI, for its implementation.
2. The IAMAI said the toolkit not only aims to set out guiding principles and code of ethics, it also addresses the feedback received from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on the issues of conflict of interest and prohibited content.
3. The signatories to the toolkit, which is effective February 10 onwards, include ZEE5, Viacom 18 (Voot), Disney+Hotstar, Amazon Prime Video, Netflix etc.

'Dams in the para glacial zone are a danger'

Bottom line: Solar power and IT based service sector economy are sustainable developmental alternatives for Uttarakhand

Alternative to Hydropower



1. There are multiple reasons. One is that the cost of solar power has been dramatically reduced and it makes no sense to generate power at ₹7-8 per unit when solar power is ₹2.
2. Second is that there is no sustainable way to develop such projects given the flouting of environmental norms and challenges with the disposal of debris, accumulated muck.
3. The recent avalanche plus the 2013 experience show that dams in the para glacial zone (above 2,200 m) are a danger to the people below.

Sustainable Economy for Uttarakhand

1. We need a services-based economy on information technology companies that will not be power-intensive.
2. And we also need to develop our roads, improve access and go about it in a thoughtful sustained manner such that it contributes to tourism.