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# PLA blocking Indian patrols in Ladakh, Sikkim, says MEA

India rejects China's claims of trespass into its territory

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New Delhi on Thursday rejected Beijing's claim that Indian troops trespassed into Chinese territory, and accused the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of "hindering" patrols by Indian soldiers.

In the first such statement after weeks of a stand-off between Indian and Chinese soldiers at four points along the boundary in Sikkim and Ladakh, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also told China that "peace and tran-



Anurag Srivastava

quility in border areas" is an "essential prerequisite" to developing bilateral relations.

"Any suggestion that Indian troops had undertaken activity across the LAC [Line

of Actual Control] in the Western Sector or the Sikkim Sector is not accurate. Indian troops are fully familiar with the LAC alignment in the India-China border areas and abide by it scrupulously," said MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava.

"All Indian activities are entirely on the Indian side of the LAC. In fact, it is the Chinese side that has recently undertaken activity hindering India's normal patrolling patterns," he observed.

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# 'BOIS LOCKER ROOM, A REFLECTION OF AN EXISTING MINDSET'

Psychologists stress the need for open and constructive conversations on sex and sexuality at home for teenagers to understand better from abuse

BY ANITA K. KUMAR  
New Delhi

The controversy triggered by leaked video from a boys' locker room, an Instagram group that by some estimates, said the details of a 16-year-old's sexual abuse, allegedly in connection with the incident, have raised serious questions about the nature of responses, their role of social media and the way forward.

The Hindu spoke to five psychologists, specialising in adolescent counselling, who assessed the incident in light of proper sexual education and gender sensitivity among teenagers.

"There are multiple episodes — the boys' locker room, a 16-year-old's sexual abuse, and the Instagram controversy. Though we may feel they are all different, what comes out is that there is a complete lack of sex education, gender sensitisation and sensitivity among 'normal' parents," said Dr. Rajagopal, a psychologist who works as a consultant with some public schools.

**'Forbidden topic'**  
According to Dr. Rajagopal, while girls are required with some amount of sex education when they start their menstrual cycle, for boys only there is a "forbidden topic". "The reason you have a boys' locker room, where all these discussions are taking

place, is because the boys' locker room is not a safe space. It is a place where boys are not supposed to be, especially when it is leaked up, and stressed on open and constructive conversations about these topics.

Dr. Kumar said sensitivity is necessary in society, illustrated by "how people like to sexually objectify women and laugh on social media", she said there should be education about the this issue that requires honest and above. Even social media that groups are there, she said, if the members don't share such vulgar and abusive content, "as long as they are talking about sexual stuff, it should be how because everybody talks about these things. We talk in a different manner, children are learning differently, but there should be some rules," she stressed.

Taking the removal of even special needs children exploring their sexuality, Dr. Kumar said, "We can't stop them, and we shouldn't stop them because it's a normal thing that you are born with, but somebody who is not able to talk to these children in that manner, connect with them and also stop in conversations related to sexuality," she said.

**Learning from adults**  
In the absence of proper sex education, children are observing adults at home and accordingly developing their attitudes and behaviours of behaviour, com-

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Police, civil society and government authorities should be more careful while commenting or reacting in cases involving juveniles, because their actions can have serious consequences, said a senior police officer.

The way people commented on the "Boys' Locker Room" incident, which involved many juveniles, was an example of tendentiousness, said the officer. Amid the outrage on social media on the issue, a girl came out with an Instagram post accusing a boy of molesting her two years ago, forcing police action and social media trial, the message ended his life, he said.

"Juveniles should be treated with soft hands and justice, that's how their future. They can't be treated like criminals," said the officer. UP Cyber Crime Unit Director Singh said whenever they deal with any case involving juveniles, they exercise extra caution in their probe.

**ADULTS APPROACH**  
While investigating cyber crime cases involving juveniles, they follow a standard operating procedure, the investigating officer stressed. In police circles, when meeting the juveniles, police is never in contact with a police station and is controlled, any in the presence

**'JUVENILES SHOULD BE TREATED WITH CAUTION, SOFT HANDS'**  
POLICE OFFICERS SAY CARELESS REACTIONS, ACTIONS IN CASES INVOLVING MINORS CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

off parents or NGO members, a police officer revealed.

"We get a lot of cases where juveniles get involved in cyber crimes like cheating, cheating in any other cybercrime activities, in most of the cases, juveniles share their mobile and bank details of the complainant and around little the case among themselves and within the complaint. The juveniles give a written assurance to the police that they will not get involved in any such activities," said a police officer.

The officer said they give a chance to the juvenile to see if he can quit the study with the school, but if he is not able to do so, then he will have to join the mainstream. The warning letters and most of them never return the crime, the officer said.

**ADULTS' TRIAL**  
The police have several hurdles when investigating cases that involve social media platforms, retrieving information, an officer admitted. It is not easy as most of the platforms have their servers in the USA, and China. A lot of questions have to be answered before they arrest the perpetrator, he said. In the meantime, they have to deal with the media pressure to arrest or identify the people behind cyber crimes.

sexuality in their children. In case of it, a policy strategy, like enforcing laws on sexuality, sex and its consequences, ideas of masculinity and femininity, consent, building relationships and meeting partners are left unaddressed, she said.

Retrieving the sense of shame is the first step, said Dr. Rajagopal. "We as a society need to create a safe space to discuss about the sexual act. We give the impression that it is a big crime and something bad. Even today, the stigma there is an obstacle when in a society, parents tell their children to get up and leave. We have to get rid of that sort of mindset. We should be able to have a healthy and open conversation," he said.

"If somebody is asking about masturbation or sex, talk about it, tell them," said Dr. Kumar, adding that parents too need to learn to deal with their children. "They shouldn't say children, but guide them," she said.

**'Normal' education**  
Looking forward, Dr. Kumar said there is a need for sexual education and not just sex education among children. Dr. Rajagopal stressed that apart from proper sex education and gender sensitivity among children, it is important to teach parents about such concerns and ensure a positive environment at home.

Dr. Kumar stressed the need for social media education, given a complete lack of any kind of sensitivity training to children either in schools or at home. "It is part of a new way of living and there is a need to develop some other around it. Future generations will continue to use these platforms and we need to understand how to use them responsibly," she said.

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Gender inequality is not a new phenomenon," she said. "The girl is a victim," she said. "The girl is a victim," she said.


# ❑ Bois Locker Room

- Instagram page

# ❑ IPC( Indian Penal Code)-1860

- Section 465 (forgery)
- Section 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record)

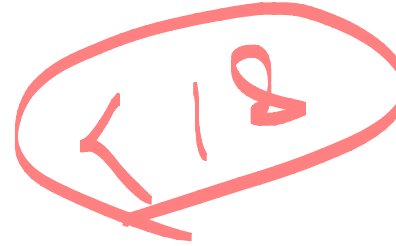




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- Section 469 (forgery for purpose of harming reputation)
  - § 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman)

# □ Information Technology Act-2000

1. Sections 67 (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form)
2. 67A (publishing or transmitting of material containing sexually explicit act in electronic form) of the

# ❑ Juvenile Justice Act



- The JJA, 2015 replaced the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000. 
- The government also cited figures from the National Crime Records Bureau to show that there had been a hike in the number of juveniles committing crimes, particularly in the age bracket of 16 to 18 years. 



## ❖ Who is a Juvenile?

- As per law, a juvenile is any individual below the  
age of 18.

- According to laws in India, any child below the  
age of 7 cannot be convicted under any law for  
any crime.

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**The Act gives more clarity on the functions and powers of the Juvenile Justice Board and the Child Welfare Commission.**

### **❑ Juvenile Justice Board:**

- **This acts as a separate court for juveniles since they are not to be taken to a regular criminal court.**
- **The Board comprises of a judicial magistrate of the first class and two social workers, one of whom at least should be a woman.**

## ❑ Child Welfare Committee:

The State Governments set up these committees in districts in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

12-18 - Adult

16-18 ( Adult )

➤ An important provision of the amended Act is that it provides for minors in the age group 16 – 18 years to be treated as adults in the case of heinous crimes.

cyclone → UP

# Amphan kills 72 in West Bengal, brings life to a halt

■ Deaths have occurred in eight districts, including 15 in Kolkata ■ I haven't seen such a disaster in my entire life. Mamata Banerjee ■ Casualties were due to falling of trees, electrocution, house collapse ■ PM to survey Bengal, Odisha today; Mamata sets up ₹1,000 crore fund



**Extensive Damage:** A bus that got crushed after a tree fell on it when cyclone Amphan swept through Kolkata. +

seen earlier in the state.

The death toll from Cyclone Amphan in West Bengal increased to 72, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Thursday. Efforts of the department were from Kolkata, she said.

Ms. Banerjee, who met senior officials at the state secretariat to see the damage, said she had never seen such a disaster in her life. "I haven't seen such a disaster in my entire life. I will ask the Prime Minister to visit the state and see in his person."

She said Union Home Minister Amit Shah had called her up, and she informed him of the severity of the disaster. She said the impact of the cyclone was seen in that Kolkata, the state secretariat building, broke.

Deaths were reported from eight districts and 24

blocks. The state secretariat reported 38 deaths, followed by North 24 Parganas with 7 deaths. People also died in Howrah, Hooghly, Purba Medinipur and West Medinipur. The deaths were mainly due to the falling of trees, electrocution and collapse of poor quality houses.

Such areas, Bahadurpur and Baidyapur in North 24 Parganas and Mirincha and Hingur in North 24 Parganas were the worst affected.

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ed by the cyclone, which made landfall near Jagat Island. Damage has been reported from eight districts, including the southern districts including South and North 24 Parganas. Thousands of 'huts' houses were damaged in seven districts and a large part of

the suburban police district was inundated because of the storm surge, which was four to seven times the tide level.

Ms. Banerjee said she would visit the affected areas after three to four days, once connectivity was restored. "There is no telephone connection and there is no electricity in these parts of the state," she said. The government had set up a ₹1,000-crore relief fund. The government has evacuated five lakh people and kept them in cyclone shelters.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will travel to West Bengal and Odisha on Friday to take stock of the situation, the Prime Minister's Office said. "We will conduct aerial surveys and take part in relief meetings," the PMO said in a tweet.

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- चरण पादुका अभियान इंदौर के राऊ पुलिस स्टेशन से शुरू हुआ।

# Abbas says Israel's annexation plan has derailed Oslo accord

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## Oslo Accords:

- The Oslo Accords are a set of agreements between the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).
- The Oslo Accords are based on the 1978 Camp David Accords.

(USA)

- The first Oslo Accord was signed in Washington, D.C., in 1993 and the second Oslo Accord was signed in Taba, Egypt, in 1995
- The Oslo Accords created a Palestinian Authority tasked with limited self-governance of parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- The agreement set out the scope of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza.



Jordani River

Philistines

- Israel captured :
1. West Bank
  2. East Jerusalem
  3. Gaza Strip
- in the 1967 war.

# Russian team at Kudankulam to address problems in generator

## Experts reach KKNPP site to inspect 'unusual vibrations'

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A seven-member Russian technocrat team reached the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) site on Wednesday to inspect the 'unusual vibrations' in the generator section of the second reactor that has temporarily hampered the operation of the reactor at its maximum power generation capacity of 1,000 MWe.

The Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) is operating 2 x 1,000 MWe VVER reactors at Kudankulam with Russian assistance. The first reactor has been generating power since July 2013 even as the construction of the third and fourth reactors is under way at a cost of ₹39,747 crore.

Excavation work for the construction of the fifth and sixth reactors is progressing ahead of schedule and the 'first pouring of concrete' for these last two reactors, to be built on an outlay of



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₹50,000 crore, is likely to happen any time as decided by the NPCIL, the project proponent.

While the first reactor that attained criticality in July 2013 is generating 1,000 MWe power, the quantum of power being supplied by the second reactor cannot be elevated to its maximum capacity – though this reactor

too generated in the past 1,000 MWe electricity – owing to "some unusual vibrations" noticed in the generator section.

To address these technical glitches, the KKNPP sought the help of the Russians tasked with creating the nuclear park at Kudankulam with six reactors for the NPCIL.

After arriving in Ahmedabad, the Russian team landed in Madurai on Wednesday on a chartered flight and reached the KKNPP site by road in the afternoon.

### 'Rectify problems'

Highly placed sources in the KKNPP told *The Hindu* that the Russian team would take stock and rectify problems as agreed upon in the Inter-Governmental Agreement signed between India and Russia while finalising the nuclear deal.

The team is expected to leave for Russia on June 2, the sources added.

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- The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant is a joint venture between Rosatom (Russia) and state-owned Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited.
- The power plant is located in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu.

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- The malware named **'Dtrack'** is a new spyware tool that is believed to be actively targeting a large number of Indian institutions, in order to steal confidential data as well as a remotely downloading malicious tool- tracking key logs and monitoring IP (internet protocol) traffic.

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- Dtrack was originated in North Korea by the hackers' group Lazarus.

- The attack revived the memories of Stuxnet virus attack on an Iranian nuclear facility in 2010.

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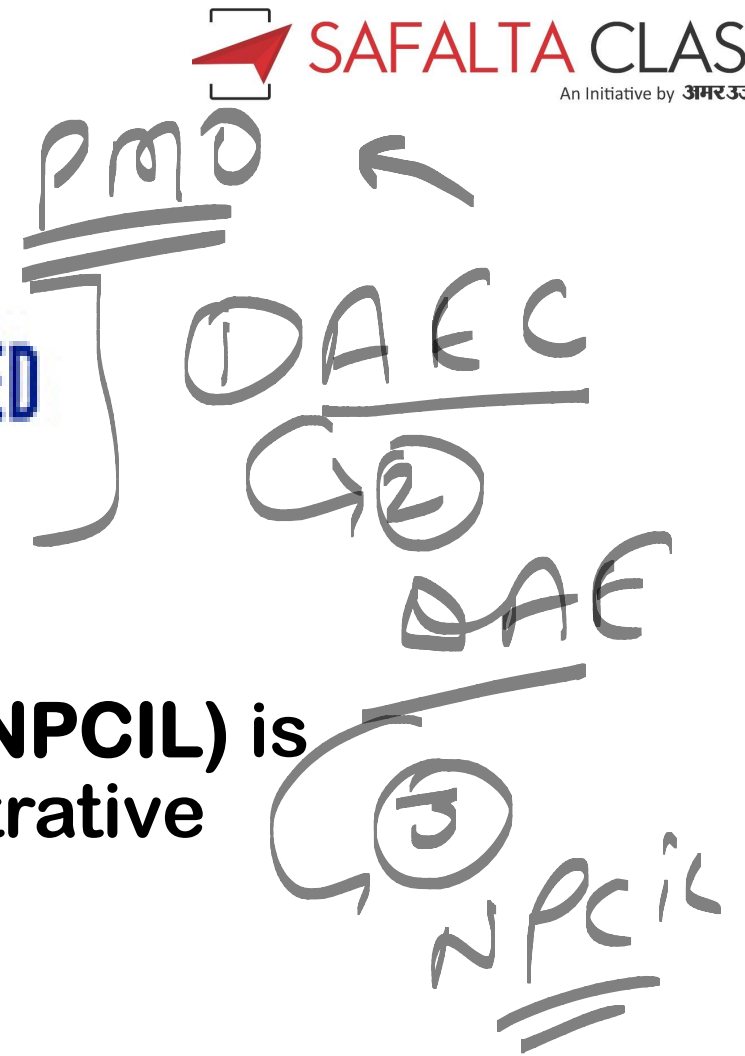
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- The apex body of the DAE is the **Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)**.
- The DAE is headquartered in Mumbai.
- The Atomic Energy Bill was passed by the Parliament in 1948.

- Subsequent to that, the Atomic Energy Commission was set up with the first chairman being **Homi Bhabha**.
- After that in 1954, the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) was established

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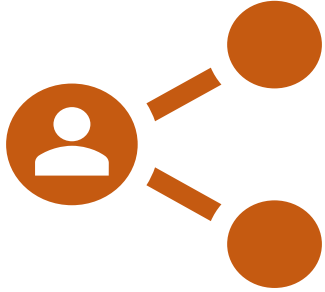
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