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## Science and Technology

Q. There is a need to create a statutory body for independent regulatory oversight of social media platform. Do you agree with view? Analysis.

Ans With increase in online hate content spreading for manipulation of people, Government of India on 2021 notified Information technology (Intermediary regulation and Digital media ethics code) Rules to make the social media platforms accountable for inappropriate content spread and make them oversee the content moderation in respective platform. But is it enough to control the spread of fake contents and Hatred monging contents in social media?

Problem with ~~proble~~ social media content moderation oversight panels!

\* Last year Facebook alone destroyed 1000 posts and fake accounts in order to content moderation but these

acts are done only basis of account behaviour not based on content uploaded. Even good account holder in social media is spreading hatred in our country so it is not rely on some facebook platform alone to content moderation oversight.

\* Twitter and facebook are complained as they are destroying the contents of particular political ideology and safeguarding another ideology. It shows they are manipulated by politicians. Thus an independent statutory body is need of time to oversight the content moderation.

Government of India ~~is~~ - Appellate body for regulation of social and Digital media content:

- 1) An appellate body which is free of political interference is needed to regulate and standardise the content moderation of social media.
- 2) They act as oversight panel and their order will be binding on social media



Way forward.

The statutory tribunal or body should maintain balance between safeguarding freedom of speech and expression and social media content moderation as.

Article 19 ensures freedom of speech and it is sole implication from Shreya Singhal case, 2016.