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# TODAY'S QUOTE

Morning is an important time of day, because how you spend your morning can often tell you what kind of day you are going to have.





#### Khushboo Mandal 3 hours ago

- 1. Recuperate :- to get well again after an illness or injury
- Synonyms:- recover, recline
- 2. Infallible:- never making mistakes or being wrongly
- Synonyms:- unerring, inquiring
- Antonym:- fallible
- Thank you mam
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#### Shruti Thakur 3 hours ago

- 1.Recuperate (Meaning)- to get Well again after an illness or injury. Synonyms- recover, get better.
- Antonyms-hurt, lose
- 2. Infallible- never making mistakes or being wrong.
- Synonyms- unerring, dependable.
- Antonyms-inerrant.

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### Shruti Thakur 3 hours ago

Thankyou so much mam itna acha padhane ke liye.



### Muskan Rai 13 hours ago

Recuperate = get well , heal , mend Infallible = acceptable , accurate thank u mam for ur guidance



#### Achim Kom 13 hours ago

- Recuperate
- Recover from illness or exertion.
- 2) Infallible
- Incapable of making mistakes or being wrong.
- Tq Mam 🙏
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#### Vandana Chhatri 37 minutes ago

- 1. Infallible- never making mistake
- 2. Recuperate- to get well again after an illness or injury



#### A.a. 13 hours ago

Recuperation:- Synonyms (ಟ್ ಠ\_ಠ)ಟ್healing, comeback, rehabilitation

Antonyms:- Destruction, worsening, weakening

Infallible:- Synonyms └(•ˇ\_ˇ•)—→authoritative, flawless, pool proof Antonyms:-(☞^o^) ☞ Earring, faculty, fallible, imperfect...

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### Mini Chaubey 1 hour ago

Recuperate = bounce back, heal, recover

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### Mini Chaubey 1 hour ago

Infallible = authoritative



### HOMEWORK

**RECUPERATE(Verb):** 

संभलना

To get back: regain

INFALLIBLE(Verb):अचूक

never wrong, failing, or making a mistake





Adhere(Verb): अनुसरण करना

**Meaning: To stick** 

**Synonyms: Cling, Comply** 

**Antonyms: Neglect, Separate** 

Sentence: She adheres to a strict vegetarian diet.

Proviso(Noun): नियम

Meaning: An article or clause that introduces a condition.

**Synonyms: Stipulation, Restriction** 

Antonyms: Freedom, Ease

Sentence: One proviso is attached to this legacy.





Wreck(Noun): पूरी तरह नष्ट कर देना

Meaning: Destroy or badly damage something

**Synonyms: Demolition, Debris** 

**Antonyms: Construction, Creation** 

Sentence: The explosion shattered nearby windows and wrecked two cars.

Pertinent(Adj.): योग्य, उचित

**Meaning: Relevant to something** 

**Synonyms: Apposite, Suitable** 

**Antonyms: Improper, Unsuitable** 

Sentence: After he returned my phone, he wrote down all our names and pertinent information.





Prosecuted(Verb): मुक़दमा करना

Meaning: To institute legal proceedings against (a person)

**Synonyms: Litigate, Indict** 

Antonyms: Exonerate, Liberate

Sentence: The attorney who will prosecute the case says he

cannot reveal how much money is involved.

Penetrative(Adj.): चुभनेवाला

Meaning: To enter, reach, or pass through something

**Synonyms: Astute, Piercing** 

**Antonyms: Ignorant, Imbecile** 

Sentence: Manya heard the penetrating bell of an ambulance.





Invoke(Verb): विनती करना

**Meaning: To call for with earnest desire** 

Synonyms: Appeal, Beseech

Sentence: The fear his words invoked must have shown on her

face.

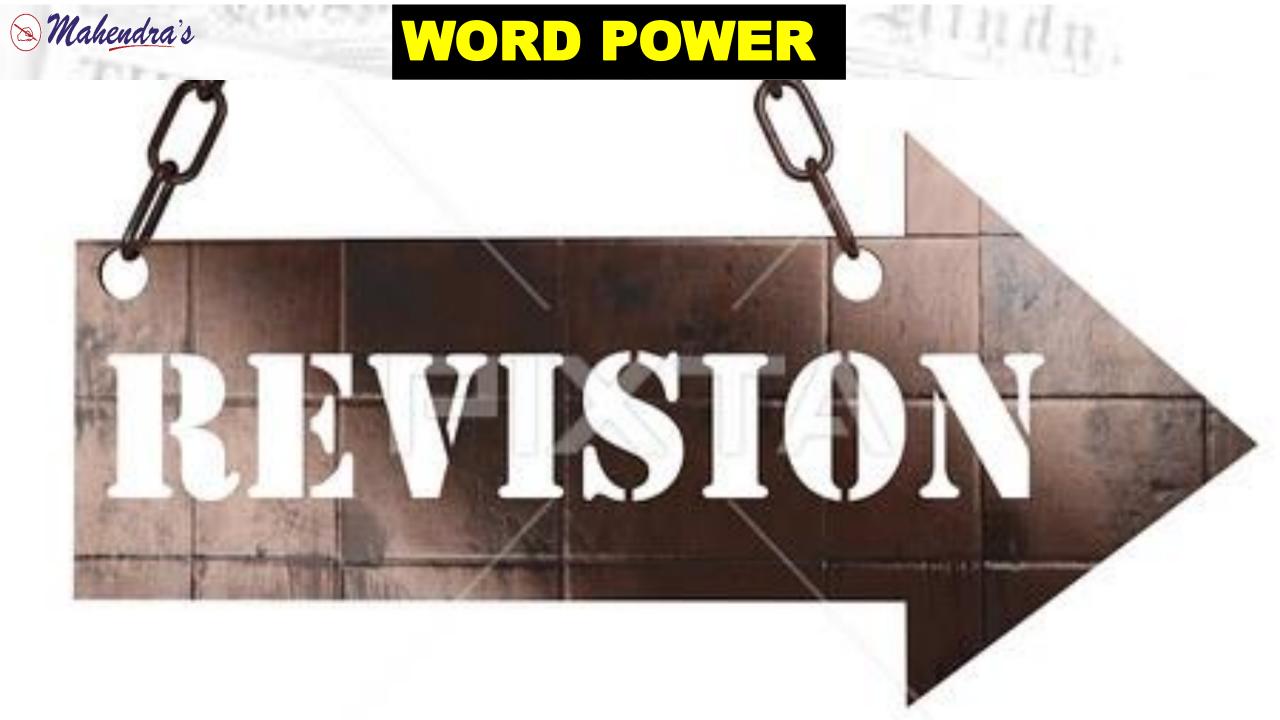
Eloped(Verb): साथ भाग जाना

Meaning: To run off secretly to be married

Synonyms: Abscond, Escape

Antonyms: Stay, Remain

Sentence: A wedding abroad is also an excellent way to elope.





Lobbyists(Noun): प्रचारक

**Activist** 

Slid(Verb) : गिरावट

**Meaning: Move smoothly/quietly** 







Catastrophic(Adj.): आपत्तिजनक

Sudden and widespread disaster

Lofty(Adj.): बुलंद

**Towering** 







Wrangling(verb): तकरार

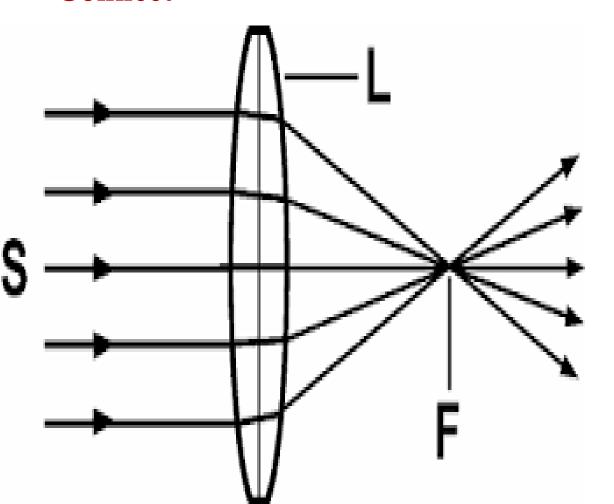
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Converge(Verb): मिलना

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### **Considering consent: On POCSO**

Act and the age of consent

### **AGE OF CONSENT**

The age of consent in India is 18 years of age.

### **ACCORDING TO THE POCSO ACT**

(Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act)

- A person who has sexual contact with someone under the age of 18 is said to have committed statutory rape, irrespective of consent.
- If two people under the age of 18 have sex, it is considered as rape even if it is consensual. The male participant or older participant is usually held as guilty of rape.



# THE HINDU EDITORIAL ANALYSIS

### **Key factors**

### Real-life considerations for court while deciding ball

**Age of the minor victim:** The younger the victim, the more heinous the offence alleged

Age of the accused: The older the accused, the more heinous the offence alleged

Comparative age of victim and accused: The more their age difference, the more the element of perversion in the offence alleged



Familial relationship: The closer such relationship, the more odious the offence alleged

#### WHAT DOES SECTION 29 OF THE POCSO ACT SAY

When a person is prosecuted for committing an offence of sexual assault against a minor, the special court trying the case "shall presume" the accused to be guilty





# The law must stay in tune with the times, and consider ground realities

As much as the laws of a country must adhere to the principle of justice and fairness, they also need to stay in tune with the times. It was this proviso that the Dharwad Bench of the High Court of Karnataka invoked as it urged the Law Commission of India to have a rethink on the criteria for age of consent, 'taking into consideration the ground realities'. The judges said they were motivated to make this recommendation, having encountered several cases relating to minor girls over the age of 16 years (but below 18 years) having fallen in love and eloped with the boy, and wondered why the consent of the girl in a sexual relationship is not factored in, especially when charges are made out under provisions of the POCSO Act. The Act was enacted to protect children from sexual abuse, and it raised the age of consent for sexual intercourse from 16 to 18 years. In practice



however, studies have noted that many cases booked under the Act in the adolescent group (16 years and above) have a romantic involvement, including eloping with the intention of getting married, consensually. In almost all instances, police cases are initiated by the parents of the minor girl who has eloped with the lover. Once the sexual act is confirmed, the POCSO Act is slapped on the boy, who may sometimes be a minor, or barely of legal age for marriage, and the consequences of being prosecuted for penetrative sexual assault are life altering, as they are meant to be. While the boys face criminal prosecution, the girls are also sent to government institutions when they protest parents' strong disapproval of the liaison. Activists have charged that this has the potential to wreck the lives of the youngsters involved, and entire families too are felled by this encounter with the law.

There is no doubt that children are vulnerable, and must be protected from forced attempts to sexually assault or groom them with an eye on exploitation.



However, the realities of adolescent attraction and the ascertainment of consent, 16 years or above, must be considered pertinent to investigation and prosecution. The High Court judges also asked if it could be presumed that minors have knowledge of the applicable law. It may be remembered that the Justice J.S. Verma Committee on Amendments to Criminal Law also recommended that the age of consent be reduced to 16, and necessary amendments be made in the POCSO Act. The Law Commission must now train its guns on the actual implementation of the Act, and ensure the POCSO Act, stays true to its broad intent — the protection of children.



