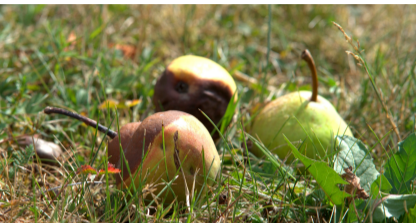




## Good apples, bad apples



The Indian republic is in crisis today because overstepping constitutional dharma has become par for the course. Kannan Gopinathan is an upstanding IAS officer whom the government should have fought to retain instead of serving petty show-cause notices. To arrest India's decline, the government has to attract, retain and empower the good guys.



## **India needs fiscal discipline**

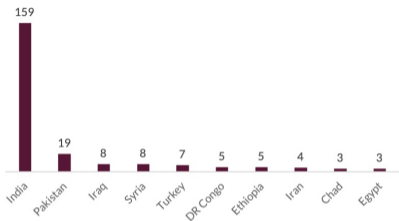
RBI has transferred its income to the government before, but the scale of the latest transaction is concerning. If used to recapitalise public sectoral banks without reforms, it'll worsen the bad lending problem. The fiscal deficit needs to be reduced through responsible spending and stopping off-balance sheet borrowing.

## **End (to end) encryption?**

Stripping away end to end encryption will never be useful. Like-minded people will find each other, regardless of whether they are operating Facebook or 8chan. Because people have taken advantage of anonymity for nefarious purposes, doesn't mean that everyone should be denied the benefits that it provides; such as allowing people to express their views without fear of being targeted.



## Countries with most internet shutdowns (Jan 2016- Jun 2018)



*As of 2018, 47% of India's internet shutdowns have occurred in J&K*

*(Source: Access Now, SSRN)*

### **Parting shot:**

No. of psychiatrists in India

Actual: 9,000

Required: 36,000

~15% of the population experiences mental health disorders as per WHO.

*(Source: indianjpsychiatry.org)*

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