



Hands off Mamallapuram



The uncertainty hanging around the Mamallapuram summit even before it began is indicative of the state of the Sino-Indian relationship. Xi Jinping has failed to convince India to join his signature initiatives and reciprocity and trust in ties have not grown since Wuhan 2018. Cooperation needs to evolve beyond talks and provocations - expect no major reset in ties.



Trust me, trust me not

The existing data ownership model has not worked. An alternative could be to place it in trusts: collector-centric trusts encourage sharing of resources between collectors (Google, Facebook, govt. etc). Subject-centric trusts instead vest the responsibility for data in the people & allow them to negotiate terms with collectors.

Blocking the chain

Holding cryptocurrency should not be criminalised. The recommendation for a fine up to ₹25 crores or up to 10 years in jail is too harsh. Crypto should be allowed to remain an asset & not legal tender. Criminalising it can lead to stifling a nascent industry & harm India in the long run.



UN Peacekeeping personnel* by country



Less than 5% of the peacekeeping personnel is contributed by the UNSC's permanent members

(Source: United Nations Peacekeeping)

**Police, UN Military Experts, Staff Officers & Troops*

Parting shot:

Data scientists spend time on:

Cleaning & organising data: 60%

AI/ML related tasks*: 16%

Data scientists will benefit from better data management practices

(Source: Gil Press, Forbes 2017)

**Building training sets, mining data for patterns, refining algorithms*

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