

## (AVGC) Sector

- A “Create in India” campaign with an exclusive focus on content creation; an international platform for animation, visual effects, gaming and comics (AVGC) aimed at attracting foreign direct investment, co-production treaties, and innovation in collaboration with international counterparts; national and regional centers of excellence for skill development; and leveraging the National Education Policy to develop creative thinking at school level.
- These are among the recommendations in the report of a task force on AVGC promotion, submitted to the Union government.
- The task force has proposed a national AVGC Extended Reality Mission with a budget outlay to be created for the integrated promotion and growth of the sector.
- The Ministry of Education may advise NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) to create books focusing on subjects relevant to AVGC.
- The task force has proposed standardization of admission tests for AVGC-related courses.
- “With an eye on the demand for 20 lakh skilled professionals in the AVGC sector in this decade, there is a need to augment skilling initiatives and enhance industry participation for training purposes and to ensure employment opportunities,”
- “Memorandum of Cooperation may be signed between India and other developed global AVGC markets the U.S., Japan, South Korea, and Germany for providing internships (six months to a year) to Indian AVGC professionals,”
- The report has also recommended the establishment of AVGC accelerators and innovation hubs in academic institutions; democratizing AVGC technologies by promoting subscription-based pricing models for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME),
- Startups and institutions; indigenous technology development through incentive schemes and Intellectual Property (IP) creation; and setting up a dedicated production fund for domestic content creation from across India to promote the country’s culture and heritage globally.
- The team, which emphasized skilling and industry outreach for youth in tier- 2 and 3 towns and villages, said there should be special incentives for women entrepreneurs in the sector and promotion of local

children's channels for raising awareness of the rich culture and history of India among children and youth.

- It also suggested the establishment of a framework to ensure the protection of child rights in the digital world.
- India today contributes about \$2.5-3 billion of the estimated \$260-275 billion worldwide AVGC market.
- According to industry experts, the Indian market which currently employs about 1.85 lakh AVGC professionals, can witness a growth of 14- 16% in the next decade.

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### STOVAR VS CATOVAR



#### STOVAR

- STOVAR ("short take-off but arrested recovery" or "short take-off, barrier-arrested recovery") is a system used for the launch and recovery of aircraft from the deck of an aircraft carrier, combining elements of

"short take-off and vertical landing" (STOVL) with "catapult-assisted take-off but arrested recovery

- Compared to CATOVAR, STOVAR is less expensive to develop. It is easier to operate than a CATOVAR configuration, which requires large number of operators to launch the aircraft. Lack of any moving parts in the ski jump makes it less expensive to maintain the launch system.
- It does not require any additional system to generate the force required to launch the aircraft, unlike CATOVAR where an external force is needed to be generated either from a steam catapult or electromagnetic aircraft launch system (EMALS) to launch the aircraft.
- India's first aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant (British -built), the predecessor to INS Vikrant (IAC-1), was a 19,000-tonne CATOVAR -type light carrier designed for fleet air defense.
- It could carry between 21 to 23 aircraft (including helicopters).
- Its replacement, INS Viraat (British built), at 28,000 tonnes, was a V/STOL-type light fleet air defense carrier, with an air wing of 26 to 30 aircraft and helicopters.

- Notably, its Sea Harrier aircraft also possessed dedicated land attack capability.
- INS Vikramaditya (Russian -built), at 45,000 tonnes, is a medium- sized STOBAR -type aircraft carrier, capable of both fleet air defence and land attack, carrying up to 30 aircraft and helicopters.
- INS Vikrant IAC-1) is almost similar in size, classification, role, and capability to INS Vikramaditya.

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#### **Section 1 Due Process**

- All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.
- No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

#### **Section 3 Disqualification from Holding Office**

- No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof.
- But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

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### **What is a strong trademark?**

#### **The story so far:**

- On December 21, the Delhi High Court, in the case of Hamdard National Foundation (India) vs Sadar Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., restrained Sadar Laboratories from manufacturing and selling beverages under the impugned trademark 'Dil Afza'.

- The court observed that the trademark 'Rooh Afza' is prima facie a strong mark requiring a high degree of protection.

### What is a trademark?

- A trademark is a distinctive sign or indicator used by a business organization to distinguish its products or services from those of other entities.
- It serves as a badge of origin exclusively identifying a particular business as a source of goods or services.
- Trademark infringement is the unauthorized usage of a sign that is identical or deceptively similar to a registered trademark.

### What is a strong trademark?

- A mark is said to be strong when it is well-known and has acquired a high degree of goodwill.
- The degree of the protection of any trademark changes with the strength of the mark; the stronger the mark, the higher the requirement to protect it.
- "Rooh Afza requires more protection as it is more likely to be subjected to piracy by those who seek to draw an undue advantage of it. They have a total area of approximately 244,100 km<sup>2</sup> and drop from 183 m above sea

level at Lake Superior to 74 m at Lake Ontario the most dramatic drop occurring at Niagara Falls.

- Lake St Clair, while not properly a "great lake," is considered part of this Laurentian chain goodwill", the judgment said.

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### Great lake



- The Great Lakes are the largest group in a chain of large lakes (including Winnipeg, Athabasca, Great Slave, and Great Bear) that lies along the southern boundary of the Canadian Shield.
- From west to east the Great Lakes comprise lakes Superior, Michigan

(entirely in the US), Huron, St. Clair, Erie, and Ontario.

- They have a total area of approximately 244,100 km<sup>2</sup> and drop from 183 m above sea level at Lake Superior to 74 m at Lake Ontario the most dramatic drop occurring at Niagara Falls.
- Lake St Clair, while not properly a “great lake,” is considered part of this Laurentian chain.
- The Great Lakes lie near the intersection of the Hudson Bay, Mississippi River and St. Lawrence River drainage basins.

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