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### SC ON Anti defection law

The Supreme Court on Friday slammed Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar for reducing the anti defection proceedings against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and other MLAs to a “charade”, saying that he cannot “merrily” defer hearings and has to decide before the next elections

Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a three judge Bench, said the Speaker has disregarded the court’s order on September 18 to prepare a time schedule to complete the disqualification proceedings under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution against the Shinde camp

“Somebody has to advise the Speaker that he cannot defeat the orders of the Supreme Court like this...

He is acting as an election tribunal when he is hearing disqualification

petitions under the Tenth Schedule. He is amenable to the jurisdiction of this court...,

### SC Judgements on anti defection law

In Keshavananda Bharati and Others v. State of Kerala and Another, judicial review was held to be a basic feature of the Constitution and the Constitution cannot be amended so as to violate its basic structure.

In Ravi S Naik v. Union of India case it has been held that the rules relating to anti-defection laws are merely procedural in nature and any violation of these, being a procedural irregularity, was immune from judicial scrutiny.

In Kihoto Hollohon v. Zachilhu and Others case it was held that the law is valid in all respects except on the matter pertaining to judicial review, which was held to be unconstitutional. The Court also held that the Speaker, while deciding

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cases pertaining to defection of party members, acts as a tribunal and nothing more than that, and that his/her decisions are subject to the review power of the High Courts and the Supreme Court.

In *Rajendra Singh Rana and Others v. Swami Prasad Maurya and Others* case the Supreme Court held that the power of judicial review can be used: (a) when the Speaker fails to act on a complaint of defection, (b) When the Speaker accepts the claim of splits or mergers without any finding and reason, or (c) when the Speaker fails to act as per the Tenth Schedule.

It also held that ignorance of a petition for disqualification is not a mere irregularity on the part of the Speaker but amounts to violation of a Constitutional duty.

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### What is a Curative Petition?

A curative petition is a judicial innovation and a new concept in the Indian legal system.

It is the last and final resort to the judicial remedy of any grievances which is not normally given an open-court hearing.

### The origin of curative petitions

The concept originated from the 2002 case of *Rupa Ashok Hurra Vs. Ashok Hurra and Anr.* over the question whether an aggrieved person is entitled to any relief against the final judgement/order of the Supreme Court after the dismissal of a review petition.

The court used the Latin maxim “*actus curiae neminem gravabit*”, which means that an act of the court shall prejudice no one. Thus, it applies when the court is bound to undo a wrong done to a party by the act of court itself.

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The Supreme Court held that it may reconsider its judgements in order to prevent abuse of its process and to cure gross miscarriage of justice. Curative Petition is also supported by Article 137 of the Indian Constitution. A curative petition is needed to provide a final recourse of correcting any errors in judgement where technical difficulties or other apprehensions over reopening a case prevents from reviewing judgements.

Curative petitions are heard by the top three judges including the Chief Justice of India plus the judges who dismissed the review petition.

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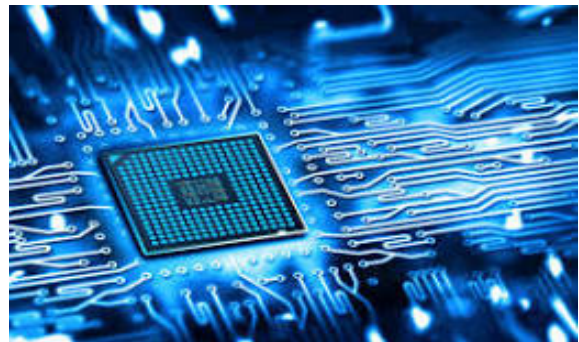
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### All About semiconductors

Six working groups, which had been formed to mull the Indian government's artificial intelligence (AI) roadmap, have submitted the first edition of their report,

Minister of State for Electronics and Information

The report's recommendations included public private partnerships to make semiconductors for AI applications. In addition to this, the PPP model would be leveraged to build so-called "GPU clusters", masses of resource intensive



graphics processors that are used by AI applications.

These clusters would be made available to Indian startups and researchers. Semiconductors are a critical part of almost every modern electronic device, and the vast majority of semiconductors are made in Taiwan.

***Increasing concerns over the***

*reliance on Taiwan for semiconductors especially given the tenuous relationship between Taiwan and China*

### **What is a semiconductor?**

Generally speaking, the term semiconductor refers to a material like silicon that can conduct electricity much better than an insulator such as glass, but not as well as metals like copper or aluminium.

But when people are talking about semiconductors today, they are usually referring to semiconductor chips. These chips are typically made from thin slices of silicon with complex components laid out on them in specific patterns. These



patterns control the flow of current using electrical switches called

transistors

### **What do semiconductors do?**

Semiconductors are how electronic devices process, store and receive information.

For instance, memory chips store data and software as binary code, digital chips manipulate the data based on the software instructions, and wireless chips receive data from high-frequency radio transmitters and convert them into electrical signals.

These different chips work together under the control of software.

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### **P20**

The Ninth P20 Summit will be hosted by Parliament of India in cooperation with IPU on 13-14 October 2023 in New Delhi.

The Summit will be preceded by a

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Parliamentary Forum on 12 October 2023.

The theme of the Summit is Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future, which draws inspiration from the ancient Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (The World is one Family).

The Summit will host four high-level sessions on Accelerating SDGs; Sustainable Energy Transition; Women led Development; and Transformation in Peoples' Lives through Public Digital Platforms.

A Parliamentary Forum will also be organised on 'LiFE' (Lifestyle for Environment) as a pre-Summit event to promote adoption of sustainable lifestyles and sustainable patterns of production and consumption.

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Clean energy projects in seven states from Pennsylvania to California have been selected by the Biden administration for a \$7 billion program to kickstart development and production of hydrogen fuel, a key component of President Joe Biden's agenda to slow climate change.

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### Clean energy projects of US