

# MISINFORMATION

Misinformation is information that is false, but the person who is disseminating it believes that it is true. When false information is spread on purpose, it is called disinformation.

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Which of the following messages count as misinformation? List the reasons why you think so!

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क्या पाकिस्तान वैक्सीन बना सकता है?  
क्या सहल इस बात से सहमत है? 8pmGyan

Forwarded

Pass it on!

CBSE has declared that the tenth (X) board examinations will be rescheduled as the exam papers have been leaked!!

Great news as students now get more time to prepare :D  
To see the leaked papers, click:  
[ww.wa.com/fgst7ak](http://ww.wa.com/fgst7ak)

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**Janta Ki Baat survey predicts huge BJP gain in Karnataka assembly elections.**

- ★ BJP - 135 Seats
- ◆ JDS - 45 Seats.
- Congress- 35 Seats
- Others. - 19 Seats

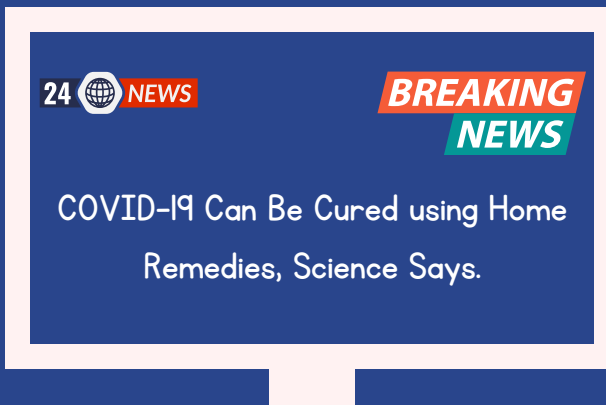
The latest poll survey, conducted by Janta Ki Baat with the sample size of a 10.20 lakh respondents, says BJP is crossing 135 seats in Karnataka, a jump of 95 seats compared to the previous assembly elections. **This means, the BJP would end up as the single largest party with a clear Majority over the Congress.** The survey says that the BJP could get anything in between 125-135 seats. **PM Modi, Amit Shah, Yogi Adityanath and former Karnataka**

# FAKE NEWS

Fake news is false or misleading information, which is presented as news. It spreads quickly, especially on social media.

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Can you distinguish between real news and fake news on the three TVs below? Make a list of reasons why you think so!



# VERIFYING INFORMATION

## Did you know?

You can **verify information/news** using a variety of methods. Two of these methods are the **SUCS method** and checking whether the information is a **fact or opinion**. The SUCS method stands for:-

1. **Source**: Verify the source of the information (check URL, data source etc.)
2. **Ubiquitous**: Is the information unique or can it be verified from different sources?
3. **Context**: Check whether the context of the information matches the context in which it is being presented. This could include correct pictures/names etc.
4. **Second Opinion**: Gather "second opinions" from experts and fact-checking platforms (eg: AltNews, The Quint's WebQoof, Snopes)

In the activities above, you may have already noticed many signs of fake news and misinformation. For example:

The photograph is of a different person than the quote.

It is exaggerated or creates panic.

It comes from news sites whose credibility is unknown.



There is no evidence or proof of the information.

It cites vague sources like "Science" or "Experts Say".

Verify the following using the SUCS method!

🔍 <http://www.l23news.co> ✕

Bollywood Star Found Running Secret Alien Base in Rajasthan!

🔍 <http://www.l23news.com> ✕

Shah Rukh Khan's 'Jawan' Breaks Box Office Records, Becoming One of the Highest-Grossing Bollywood Films of 2023.

# CONSUME INFORMATION SMARTLY

## Did you know?

Even when the information is received may be true, it is important to pay attention to how it is being presented. That's because the information we receive contains both facts and opinions. Understanding the difference can help you avoid being influenced or misled, so you can make up your own mind!

### Facts

It is raining outside!



Can be verified



Based on observation or research



Cannot be disputed

### Opinions

Rain makes everything sad!



A belief or view, can't be verified



May contain ideas about good/bad



Shares how someone feels about a fact



Which of these is a fact and which is an opinion? Create this table in your notebook!

Rohit Sharma is the most consistent captain India has ever had in limited-overs cricket.

Virat Kohli is the best Indian batsman of all time, surpassing even Sachin Tendulkar.

India won its first Cricket World Cup in 1983 under the captaincy of Kapil Dev.

Amitabh Bachchan was the first Asian actor to have a wax statue at Madame Tussauds in London.

Shah Rukh Khan is the most charismatic actor in Bollywood.

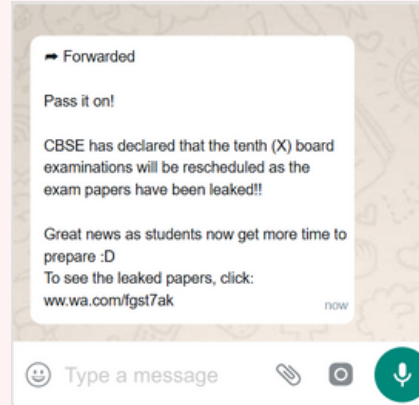
Fact	Opinion

# ANSWER KEY

## MISINFORMATION



Photograph is Rahul Gandhi, quote is Imran Khan, no source or interview mentioned, 8pmGyan is not a reliable news source.



No reliable announcements mentioned, suspicious link shared, creates panic/confusion mixes fact and opinion.

## FAKE NEWS

COVID-19 Can Be Cured using Home Remedies, Science Says.

**FAKE**

“Science Says” is a vague source, reliable sources debunk this news!

WHO Recommends Continued Mask Use in High-Risk Areas to Prevent COVID-19 Spread.

**VERIFIED**

This news article can be trusted! It summarises the rule accurately, mentions the rule-setting organisation, and is supported by alternate sources!

DANGER: 5G Networks Are Responsible for Spreading the COVID-19 Virus Across the Globe!

**FAKE**

It tries to spark panic and sites no reliable sources!



# ANSWER KEY

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### Source

l23news not well-known, domain name is not standard.

l23news not well-known.

### Ubiquity

Not a widely covered piece of news on reliable outlets.

Widely covered piece of news on multiple reliable outlets.

### Context

Context is unclear.

Context is accurate as it mentions 2023 box office records.

### Second Opinion

Journalists, astronomers likely to debunk this news!

Film reviews, journalists, distributors producers will agree!

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### Fact

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