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At home: On children orphaned by COVID-19

The article at hand takes into account the issue of children being orphaned by the COVID-19 pandemic as the author highlights various aspects related to the issue and the government's steps to address the issue.

The author believes that while disasters may spark people's tendency to help, but sometimes even well-intentioned initiatives are not enough to tackle an issue. Many people believe that children orphaned by calamities are free to adopt and that it will serve them well. But, it also needs to be ensured that children remain safe and progress.

In this regard, the Supreme court of India's order to adopt children as per the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 is a step in the right direction. In the past, there have been instances where children fell prey to human traffickers. Besides, it is also possible that inter-country adoption will detach children from their social and cultural settings.

In the aftermath of the 2004 Tsunami, lax law enforcement led to child trafficking in many cases. However, it seems the government has learned its lessons from that phase. The government's proactive stance is a clear indication of the gravity of the situation.

Words to look out for

Innate:

- **Synonyms:** inborn, essential, distinctive
- **Antonyms:** acquired, conditioned, adopted
- **Word usage:** His innate qualities as a footballer caught the attention of the manager.

Guise:

- **Synonyms:** appearance, pretext, semblance
- **Antonyms:** reality, actuality, authenticity
- **Word usage:** He was under the guise of a policeman.

Milieu:

- **Synonyms:** setting, environment, scene
- **Word usage:** He belonged to the milieu of a hill station because he liked the winter season so much.

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The Guardian view on the internet outage: we need resilience, not just efficiency

The article at hand takes into account a recent internet blackout that heavily disrupted the functioning of various popular sites around the world. The author begins by comparing this situation to a fictional setup in Rumaan Alam's Novel "Leave the world behind". However, to see the scenario actually come to life was disturbing to the public already facing the brunt of the pandemic.

While the initial anxiety drifted apart after normalcy was restored within an hour, the massive blackout raises concerns regarding the durability of internet infrastructure. And although the situation is not as problematic for individual users, things get tricky when the whole business setup gets caught in stuff like this.

The author believes that our society is yet to come to terms with such issues and that we are gradually becoming more and more dependent on services that most of us neither understand nor control. This, in turn, could expose us to greater risks. Hence, the author believes we need to design services that cater to the worst-case scenarios.

We also need to know how to recover if our systems collapse and that will require an understanding of the systems on which we work. Because while we always manage to find a way out of these events, we should be smart enough to avoid these altogether.

Words to look out for

Outage:

- **Synonyms:** blackout, failure, breakdown
- **Antonyms:** continuity, connection, endurance
- **Word usage:** Power outage was caused by the cyclone.

Eerie:

- **Synonyms:** unnerving, frightening, creepy
- **Antonyms:** reassuring, familiar, regular
- **Word usage:** There was an eerie silence after the teacher stopped scolding the students.

Motley:

- **Synonyms:** assorted, diversified, varied
- **Antonyms:** uniform, similar, homogenous
- **Word usage:** A motley set of people is required for this job.

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