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Origin unclear: On the source of the coronavirus

The article intends to stress the origin of the coronavirus. The author mentions that China has been escaping throughout to give scientific evidence for it. The theory of its origin and cross-over from bats to humans hasn't been convincing. The secrecy and delay on the matter have put China under suspicion. The theory of it being a lab spillover is more likely to be true as suspected by other nations.

Scientists have been trying hard to investigate if it is genetic manipulation or not. Though nothing concrete has been found so far. Even the possibility of the virus mutating via cell culture seems to be weak.

In the absence of conclusive evidence, the need for a thorough investigation should now be the utmost priority. All eyes are now on US intelligence inquiry. There is a dire need for China to cooperate and stop politicizing the virus origin.

Words to look out for

Fuel:

- **Synonyms:** incite, feed, kindle
- **Antonyms:** discourage, deplete, decrease
- **Word usage:** Emotion and desire fueled her.

Harbour:

- **Synonyms:** entertain, accommodate, refuge
- **Antonyms:** entrust, pose a threat to
- **Word usage:** I harbor the same hope.

Cite:

- **Synonyms:** quote, name, mention
- **Antonyms:** forget, hide, ignore
- **Word usage:** The museum had often been cited as an example of successful fund-raising.

Article Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/origin-unclear-the-hindu-editorial-on-the-source-of-the-coronavirus/article34807109.ece>



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Mixed purse: Why women advance in higher ed, retreat in jobs

The article highlights the fact that Girls are outshining boys in higher education in India. The author mentions two probable reasons for it. Firstly, the average income has been increased (though it has been slow in recent months). Secondly, people have become aware of the transformative effect of education on young women's life.

On the flip side, the stats are not positive on the job front for women. Stats reveal that Indian women's labor force participation is way less than that in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The reasons are: rise in average income, demonetization, and pandemic. Most urban women lost jobs during the pandemic and many were forced to leave it due to the prevalent gender roles in household chores.

The need is to challenge the social norms first. Because if the educated women would also be tied to family roles, India's progress would have to suffer on this front.

Words to look out for

Apparent:

- **Synonyms:** obvious, evident, clear
- **Antonyms:** unclear, obscure, dubious
- **Word usage:** His guilt is apparent to all.

Outshine:

- **Synonyms:** surpass, eclipse, outclass
- **Antonyms:** add to the problem, make things worse
- **Word usage:** Blessed is he whose fame does not outshine his truth.

Persist:

- **Synonyms:** continue, remain, endure
- **Antonyms:** stop, quit, change
- **Word usage:** She had turned him down for a date before, but he persisted and asked her again.

Article Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/mixed-purse-why-women-advance-in-higher-ed-retreat-in-jobs/>

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