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Doctor at the door: On doorstep health-care delivery

The article talks about the doorstep delivery of health care and medical aids. Health experts had warned people about the pandemic long before it broke out. Unfortunately, the countries witnessed not just one but two waves of deadly virus spread.

It disrupted the traditional system of institution-based treatment. Then States were pushed to think of ways to tackle the pandemic, wherein Tamil Nadu came up with a scheme to prevent and early detect the infection. It conducted population-based screening for those who suffered from other common diseases.

It was evident that uninterrupted health care service access is a must to control the crucial health parameters. During the second wave, due to lack of health care access, there were severe implications that affected the quality of life of many. The Tamil Nadu initiative was appreciated, looking at the numbers. But only plans on paper wouldn't be of much help. Instead, the initiative requires an effective implementation to contain the spread of the disease.

Words to look out for

Frailty:

- **Synonyms:** weakness, infirmity, delicacy
- **Antonyms:** permanence, resilience, strength
- **Word usage:** The frailties of our healthcare system were exposed by the pandemic.

Debilitating:

- **Synonyms:** exhausting, enervating, tiring
- **Antonyms:** restorative, revigorating, revitalizing
- **Word usage:** The hiking turned out to be quite a debilitating exercise.

Tenacious:

- **Synonyms:** determined, persistent, stubborn
- **Antonyms:** loose, slack, docile
- **Word usage:** The student from a poor background was tenacious enough to earn a great rank in the competitive exam.

Article Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/doctor-at-the-door-on-doorstep-health-care-delivery/article35965165.ece>



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American abdication: Afghan civil society is in mortal danger. As Kabul falls, questions abound on US reliability as an ally

The article talks about the recent capture of Afghanistan by the Taliban. The move has placed the progress of Afghan civil society at risk of being wiped off. Things are expected to be worst for Afghan girls and women forced to marry Taliban fighters.

The US is being blamed the most for this tragedy in Afghanistan. The troops evacuated some of the areas at midnight leaving Afghan security forces clueless. The Afghan Army trained by the US collapsed in 20 days is a big question on the US leadership. Now India also needs to think about the US being an ally.

Thus, India must focus on building its economic strength. It also needs to guard Kashmir more now as Pakistan might try to seek advantage of the political disruption in Afghanistan.

Words to look out for

Jeopardize:

- **Synonyms:** endanger, threaten, imperil
- **Antonyms:** shelter, protect, save
- **Word usage:** The construction work was jeopardized by the heavy rain.

Naive:

- **Synonyms:** innocent, gullible, inexperienced
- **Antonyms:** sophisticated, worldly, shrewd
- **Word usage:** Rahul was a naïve little child when the accident happened.

Hitch:

- **Synonyms:** snag, hindrance, difficulty
- **Antonyms:** solution, opportunity, advantage
- **Word usage:** The hitch in the code was taken care of by the manager.

Article Link <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/blogs/toi-editorials/american-abdication-afghan-civil-society-is-in-mortal-danger-as-kabul-falls-questions-abound-on-us-reliability-as-an-ally/>

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