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Title: Deadly trail: On Mumbai COVID-19 hospital fire

The article at hand talks about fire safety in India as the author stresses the need to improve fire safety standards in the wake of many recent fire accidents.

A recent fire accident in a private COVID-19 hospital in India highlights the dangers fire poses. And yet, there are no signs of making fire safety a universal need in public buildings.

Even though most patients were rescued, it should not mask that a lot needs to be done in this regard. And while the government's steps to provide compensation and promise investigation are welcome, the story is not over yet.

After a similar accident in Rajkot last year, the Supreme court tasked the hospital administrations with strict measures. However, states have failed to meet those standards and change the status quo.

Hospital fires are even more problematic because damage limitation is difficult due to a variety of factors. However, even after the National Disaster Management Guidelines (NDMA), basic requirements are not met. Hence, the need of the hour is to make significant changes without worrying about the cost and profit aspects.

Words to look out for

Engulf:

- **Synonyms:** surround, submerge, overcome
- **Antonyms:** drain, hold back, sink
- **Word usage:** The river engulfed the whole compound of society.

Snuff:

- **Synonyms:** dispatch, destroy, neutralize
- **Antonyms:** animate, raise, restore
- **Word usage:** The police came on time to snuff out any danger.

Suffuse:

- **Synonyms:** infuse, inculcate, invest
- **Antonyms:** deprive, divest, empty
- **Word usage:** The quality of being self-centred was suffused in him since his childhood.

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Title: Temper expectations: The presence of non-state actors poses a significant challenge to the Indo-Pak ceasefire

The article at hand talks about the hurdles that lie in front of India in the wake of the India-Pakistan ceasefire agreement. Recently, an al-Qaida branch in the Kashmir valley has expressed its displeasure over the ceasefire agreement signed between India and Pakistan.

The author believes there will be a significant test of the agreement's durability because many extremist groups do not seem to be happy with this.

The ceasefire agreement is a significant step in the right direction because it came on the back of three consecutive years of massive violence at the border. The ceasefire is even more important in the wake of border disengagement with China at the other end.

But while the ceasefire does seem to support the Pakistan Military, the author believes we need to be wary of the threat emanating from our neighbour. The history with Pakistan has not been kind to us, and we need to be vigilant.

Words to look out for

Resilience:

- **Synonyms:** strength, toughness, spirit
- **Antonyms:** weakness, frailty, softness
- **Word usage:** The team's resilience is tested every time a project is nearing its deadline.

Euphoria:

- **Synonyms:** excitement, jubilation, joy
- **Antonyms:** sorrow, sadness, grief
- **Word usage:** Rohit's euphoria vanished when he saw Sachin getting out on zero.

Onus:

- **Synonyms:** blot, stain, disrepute
- **Antonyms:** award, credit, honour
- **Word usage:** The onus was on Virat Kohli for playing an irresponsible shot in the run-chase.

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