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WANTED TO STOP EXAM!

*~Delhi School
Bomb Threats*

Bomb threats were sent to three Delhi schools by their own students on 17 December' Tuesday. Delhi Police investigations revealed that students, wanted the exams postponed as they were unprepared for papers. The three schools are located in R.K Puram, Paschim Vihar and Rohini. During counselling, the students confessed to their actions, and their parents were warned about the incident. Another private school in Delhi, DPS located in Dwarka received a bomb threat on 20 December' Friday, prompting police response and a shift to online classes. Students were moved to online learning for that day.

Currently schools are functioning normally.

Further information on Bomb threats

The series of threats began on December 9 when 44 schools received threatening emails, followed by similar incidents on December 13 affecting 30 schools, and December 14 targeting 8 institutions.

Since May this year, more than 50 bomb threat emails have targeted not only multiple schools but hospitals, airports and airline companies in Delhi.

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By combining preparation, training, communication, and collaboration with local authorities, schools can effectively mitigate the risks posed by bomb threats and protect the safety of students and staff.



Schools can take several proactive and reactive steps to better prepare for and respond to potential Bomb threats

- Schools should have a clear method for teachers and parents to communicate with school administration through designated online platforms such as HelloParent App or Whatsapp Groups.
- Schools should install security cameras and metal detectors, especially at the entry and exit points. Additionally, all gates should have a register to maintain a record of both inward and outward movements.
- During the quarterly Parent-Teacher Meeting days, the management can organise a workshop to address events such as potential bomb threats, providing education and counselling for students, parents and teachers about bomb threat drills, evacuation procedures and emergency protocols.
- After a bomb threat, provide psychological support to students, staff and parents.

BRAIN TEASERS



A man says, "I'm not the oldest of three, I have one sister, and my dad's son is married with kids." Who is he?

Solution:
He's the middle child.

Delhi-NCR pollution: Schools hold classes in hybrid mode due to worsening air quality!

Revised GRAP Schedule: Stage IV was imposed on 17th December (Tuesday) which was lifted on 24 December (Tuesday) and Stage III was implemented.

Stage IV Restrictions: It stated that shifting to online classes was mandatory except for classes X and XII which remained in hybrid mode.

Stage III Restrictions:

- Hybrid learning was mandated for classes up to Grade V, VI-IX and XI in Delhi-NCR.
- However, students in classes X and XII were required to attend school in person.

Current Status of Schools: All schools are currently operating offline.

Recent Update: Stage III was lifted on Friday, 27 December, in the Delhi-NCR region after the city experienced an improvement in air quality levels, following widespread rain.

The Delhi-NCR region implements GRAP during winter, with four air quality categories:

Stage	Air Quality Category	AQI Range
Stage I	Poor	201 - 300
Stage II	Very Poor	301 - 400
Stage III	Severe	401 - 450
Stage IV	Severe Plus	Above 450



GRAP-4 RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOLS



- Poor weather conditions, vehicular emissions, paddy-straw burning and local pollution contribute to dangerous air quality in Delhi-NCR during winter months.
- Health professionals indicate that inhaling Delhi's contaminated air equals smoking about 10 cigarettes daily. Extended exposure to elevated pollution can worsen respiratory conditions including asthma, bronchitis, and COPD, while substantially increasing cardiovascular disease risks.

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AIR PURIFIERS & AIR DIFUSERS

- Keep indoor plants, such as snake plants, spider plants, or peace lilies, in the school premises to improve indoor air quality by filtering out toxins and providing oxygen. These plants are easily available at nurseries in Delhi, with prices ranging from Rs. 50 to 100.
- Install air purifiers to help filter out harmful particles such as dust, smoke, and pollutants. These purifiers are easily available in the market at a very affordable price of around Rs. 5000 to Rs.10,000, making them budget-friendly as well.
- Limit outdoor sports or playtime. Organize indoor play or activities for students such as Memory Games, Interesting Science Experiments and Storytelling etc.

How to improve air quality and sanitation in schools?

- Initiate cleanliness drives during school assemblies or organize an inter-class cleanliness competition in which students clean their classrooms and surroundings. This will promote hygiene, environmental awareness, and create a cleaner, healthier learning environment.
- Keep parents informed about the AQI updates through Whatsapp Groups or HelloParent App and how it might affect their children's school day, encouraging them to take extra precautions at home, too.
- Place colourful hand-wash stickers with proper instructions in washrooms to encourage and promote proper sanitation practices specially amongst the pre primary students.



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As the pre-board exams for classes 10 and 12 are ongoing, schools can arrange additional classes for students who need extra help in specific subjects. The class can be divided into two sections: low achievers and toppers. Specialized sessions can be conducted for each section by the respective subject teachers. *This approach will provide individualized attention during last-minute revision, helping students focus on key areas, improve their understanding, and achieve better marks.*