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The given video depicts the importance of knowing news and more precisely, how the credibility of news is of at most importance that too in this global pandemic situation it is indeed vital. In addition, it also summarizes how the quality and genuine news yields. It takes the efforts and contributions of the journalists to filter the fake news and fetch us the original content.

In the time of the corona virus outbreak, where the life of people of the world is at stake, as a curious mind, we want to know the latest happenings, advancements going around the world as soon as possible and that too we want it along with facts and analysis. This is the thing that helps people build their opinion on something and ultimately it affects their life directly or indirectly. Now if the news we get, the information we get, is not credible then it spreads the propaganda and fake news but not the facts. It leads to chaotic situation and even the genuine news gets ignored and seen as fake one. That is what good news rooms of the world are doing and even encouraging it. Their goal is to let the people know of the news which has the useful content and true facts. The credible news actually makes a considerable difference in the society. The intellectuals debate on it and thus helping people in constructing a strong conclusion of it.

As the president of the World Editors Forum said in the clip, the quality is hardly ever free. Lot of monetary effort is put into to fetch the original news. They need to find out and hire smart working and talented journalists, daring ground reporters and tech-savvy photographers. In this crisis time, a lot of people have put expectations on some influential journalists to get the trustworthy content on which they can rely on and make decisions on safeguarding their families and communities. As an effect, there has been seen a rise in number of subscribers to the newsletters and new houses in recent times. The quality media content providers have helped a lot to filtrate the fake news and this shows how a true journalism can serve the communities around the world. As an example for the first time in the known human history we have seen people all around to get together to salute the health workers and doctors working round the clock in fight against the pandemic.

In a nutshell, the vitality and the success of the media houses is cardinal for the betterment of the people and the society. For a democratic country like us, undoubtedly, the journalism is fifth pillar of democracy.

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