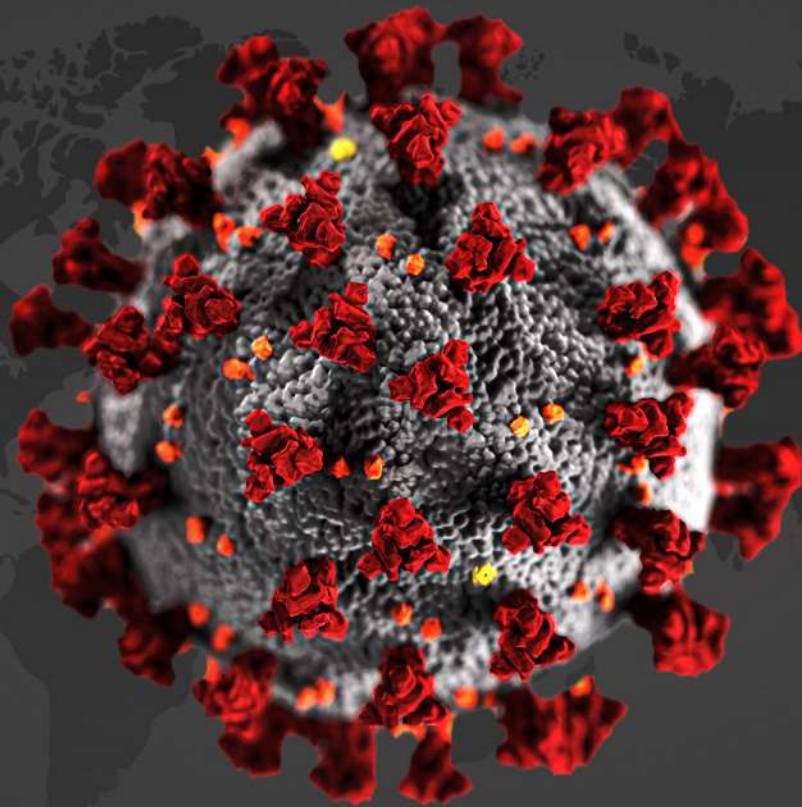




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## **DEMYSTIFYING FAKE NEWS DURING PANDEMIC**

Under the unprecedented times of pandemic, wherein one strata of the society is struggling for livelihood and the other is safely cocooned in their houses, both sceptical about their respective futures, proliferation of misinformation has posed a considerable challenge. This is inevitable due to our sudden overdependence on the digital mode of information consumption. From news to classrooms, from meetings to Houseparty, from Ramayan to Netflix, the virtual media fanaticism has certainly taken over the real-world flow of information, during the lockdown.

Of late, certain terms like fake news, misinformation, disinformation, information disorder, misleading information, etc. are being super imposed in its day-to-day usage, ever since we have started relying on WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter and other social applications for seeking news and information. The common ground of these terms and our ill-knowledge of its usage relies on the fact that they do not have the same meaning. Misinformation refers to false information, being spread without any such intention from the disseminator. S/he is under the assumption of it being credible and accurate. Disinformation is the spread of false information, with an intention from the disseminator. S/he does so in full awareness. Mal-information is based on reality, but used with an intention of harming a person/community/organisation, etc. These three are what we call as fake news in layman term, which is an aspect of information disorder.

As responsible and literate citizens of the country, it thus becomes our duty to check and recheck facts and information before spreading them out of negligence and bigotry. The silver lining here lies in the piece of information itself. One should observe it minutely in terms of content, language, format, source, mode, etc. If an element of doubt tags along, the next step should be its verification. It can be through an authorized person or an organisation. Excising fingers over Google also does no harm, be it searching a selected section of the content body or adopting reverse image search. Thus, all it takes is a bit of alertness, efforts and time to demystify fake news and curb its repercussions.

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# Informative webinar on fake news of COVID-19

-By Abhay Binwal



A very informative webinar was hosted by Google News Initiative on fake news the webinar was conducted in various languages. On 4th April they conducted this in Hindi and Prof. Umesh Arya was the trainer of this lecture who is Professor and chairman, Faculty of Media studies, Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar, Haryana. The webinar is basically based on finding out fake news of COVID-19.

Prof. Umesh told us about various things which lead to a fake news. Like - Misinformation, Manipulated content and factually incorrect news. He quoted one thumb rule to deal with fake news "If the information is so good that it looks correct - then it is probably not true."

He stated that fake news can be in

four different formats like image, video, text and sound. He also mentioned the ways to tackle down or verify all this format of fake news.

For verification of image he suggested Google image or Reverse image search to verify the image.

Similarly, for video he suggested InVid which is a web - based application which also provide analysis of any video. It's hard to verify the sound whether it's fake or not, to verify this he suggested some websites for cross checking sound facts related to COVID -19 like - <http://www.who.int/>, <http://www.cdc.gov/> at last he suggested the way to verify the text message which is very important because most of the fake news float in text format. For verification of that he suggested to pick random words from message and search in Google with double quotes.

He suggested some ways to stop fake news. Like - "Do not forward the news without checking its' source, Do not believe in every information you read."

At the end he ended up by answering the queries of the anonymous audience across the country.

# Report on Hindu Webinar

-By Abhinav Singh



A Webinar was conducted on 14 April, 2020 by Srinivasan Ramani, Deputy National Editor, The Hindu newspaper on Youtube. He told about his journey his academic qualification and professional journey. He stated that presently he working in the Hindu Newspaper covers different sections like Data, Opinion, Sports sections of the paper.

He then talked about Live Career in journalism. He explained the role and importance of media today. In India, the role of media as fourth estate of democracy especially print media has been a part of the freedom struggle. Many papers including The Hindu played a vital role during Indian freedom struggle. Apart from its historical role the media has an important role to play for democracy to function properly He explained the three roles of Media.

1. Credible – Informational
  - a) Reporting without editorial sign /opinion- Newspaper of record, Accuracy in news
2. Critical Investigative –
  - a) Deep analysis, reporting investigation.
  - b) Present facts in objective documented both sides of views and let facts

speak for themselves.

3. Agenda Building –
  - a) Constitutionalism
  - b) Clear stances- Progressive/Liberal, Conservative

Today's context

1. The rise of social media
  - a) More information, but no regulation or gate keeping.
  - b) Unfiltered news, lack of context
  - c) Fake news/ False news.Anybody can be a journalist shoots a video outside a home he or she can claim be a journalist

**Print Media**

- a) Provide context
- b) Organize news better
- c) Inform Citizens better

**Reporting**

- a) Beat reporting
- b) Investigative reporting
- c) Reporter > Special correspondent > Principal correspondent > chief of bureau > Resident editor

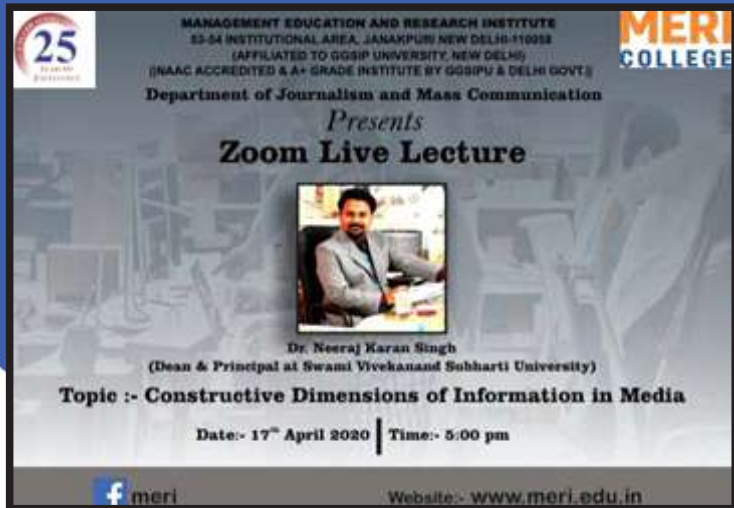
He also talked about Career in electronic media in online Journalism.

He also talks about challenges faced by the print media. He answered to the questions asked by different students on different topics Difference between Indian media & American media.

Journalist should be careful that the source should be authentic. Students writing and sub – editing skills he also told about how the Hindi Newspapers recruits journalist, by senior penal of journalist. Senior penal of journalist take interview and test and on the basis of writing and sub-editing skills.

# Report on Guest Lecture of Dr. Neeraj Karan Singh

-By Kunika Chaudhary



## Event Details

Event: Zoom Virtual Lecture  
Date: 17 March 2020  
Day: Friday  
Timing: 5:00 to 6:30 PM

## Genesis

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Management Education and Research Institute organized a virtual guest lecture for students by Dr. Neeraj Karan Singh on "Construction Dimensions of Information in Media"

## Objective of the event

To motivate the students to persevere their goal with determination.

To educate the students about constructive and destructive content

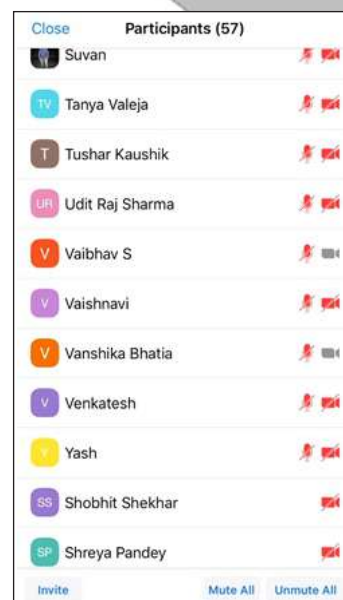
To inform students about "Constructive Dimensions of Information in Media."

## Report

A virtual interaction with excellent academician, journalist, voiceover and theatre artist Dr. Neeraj Karan Singh who enlightened students with the difference between constructive and destructive content. He mentioned journalist as a social engineer who treats the wounds i.e. problems of the society. He told students that knowledge can never be negative and also mentioned about character building and their chosen society.

He also answered the questions of students regarding the field and expansion of voiceover production. It was an interaction session with sir in presence of our faculty and students were happy that they can participate in such activities at their home during this situation.

## Glimpses



# The First Unwanted Weekend

-By Vaishnavi



This is the first weekend  
when,  
The weekend wouldn't feel  
like the same,  
When people wouldn't enjoy with  
the same enthusiasm  
As virus gave us enough days as  
weekend,  
Hope this scenario would end  
soon,  
And weekend would be like earlier  
weekend.

# World Around My Window

-By Vaishnavi

Life through my  
window,  
Constantly moving and  
changing,  
Precisely, the Flora Fauna

Animals and Nature,  
Alone and interacting with  
oneself.

Man-made thing are  
destroying  
By themselves,

Inside my window,  
Families spending great time  
together,  
And old golden time is coming  
back to life.





# Importance of sanitization at it's peak

-By Vaishnavi Bhardwaj



As the world grapples with coronavirus, we the people of all countries are turning to their governments and public health-care systems to battle the pandemic. In India, however, the situation is different. With a public healthcare system that is in shambles, many Indians are looking with suspicion at the state's efforts to battle the Covid-19 disease, creating complications for health authorities to grapple with.

This was illustrated by the case of the Agra woman who hit the headlines last week after media reports falsely reported that she had fled quarantine. As it turns out, the woman who had recently returned from Europe resisted the option of being isolated public health facility even though her husband's body started to show Covid-19 symptoms. So strident was this family's objection to

accessing the Uttar Pradesh public health system that the district magistrate had to intervene on Thursday to allow the authorities access to the family, Agra's chief medical officer Dr Mukesh Kumar Vats told the police on Sunday, the Uttar Pradesh police booked the woman's father-in-law under the Epidemic Act and could be jail for up to two years.

The confusion as the patient sought admission, in fact, meant that scores of other people are now at risk since the man had to run from pillar to post seeking treatment. This extreme lack of trust in India's public health system is not surprising. India has one of the weakest health systems in the world, with abysmal health indicators. India spends only 1.28% of GDP on public health. This is lower than than the proportion of national income spent by the poorest countries on earth: as per the World Bank, countries classified as Lower Income spend 1.57% of their GDP on public health.

This sort of shambolic public health infrastructure is bad at the best of times – but could be catastrophic during a health emergency like Covid-19. This is all the more so given that public nature of the infection, it is public health authorities that need to take the lead. Private healthcare can, at best, provide a supporting role.

# Corona viral fact : True or myth

- By Smriti Tripathi

**1) Is the viral news of lockdown procedure of (approved by) WHO real or not?**

**FACT:** It's a 100% fake news. It was probably only circulated to create panic amongst the country. THE WHO and PIB INDIA tweeted against this fake Circular which you can check on twitter.

**2) Does Drinking alcohol prevent you from catching coronavirus?**

**FACT:** No, it's a myth, drinking alcohol doesn't prevent you from catching coronavirus.

In fact excessive consumption can increase your risk of health problems, and it also destroy your lungs and immunity. (Source: WHO)

**3) Can eating garlic help prevent infection with the coronavirus?**

**FACT:** Garlic is a healthy food that have some antimicrobial properties.

However, there is no evidence from the current outbreak that eating garlic has protected people from the coronavirus. (Source: WHO)

**4) Regularly Gargling with salt water or saline can help prevent infection with the coronavirus, as well as drinking water to "flush" the virus from your mouth.**

**FACT:** There is no evidence that regularly gargling has protected people from infection with the coronavirus. While this may help soothe a sore throat, this practice will not prevent the virus from entering your lungs—neither will drinking frequent sips of water. (Source: Harvard T.H. Chan)

**5) The Coronavirus Affects Only**

**older people.**

**FACT:** People of ALL AGES can be infected by the coronavirus or covid-19. Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus. WHO advises people of all ages to take steps to protect themselves from the virus, for example by following good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene. (Source: Harvard T.H. Chan)

**6) Ordering or buying products shipped from overseas will make a person sick?**

**FACT:** Researchers are studying the coronavirus to learn more about how it infects people. As of this writing, the World Health Organization (WHO) says that the likelihood of becoming infected with COVID-19 from a commercial package is low since it has likely travelled over several days and been exposed to different temperatures and conditions during transit. (Source: Harvard T.H. Chan)

**7) Exposing yourself to the sun or to temperatures higher than 25C degrees prevent the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)?**

**FACT:** You can catch COVID-19, no matter how sunny or hot the weather is. Countries with hot weather have reported cases of COVID-19. To protect yourself, make sure you wash your hands frequently and thoroughly and avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose. (Source: WHO)

# The Fighting Spirit Of Kerala Against COVID -19

-By Gaurav Joshi



Kerala reported the first COVID – 19 positive case in the country on January 30, 2020. Initially,, the odds seemed to be stacked against the picturesque southern state, which is the eye of the center for the tourism . The number of cases rose steadily and became a hotspot. As on 16 April 2020, there have been 394 confirmed cases with 245 recoveries and 2 deaths in the state. But Kerala also has the lowest mortality rate of 0.51% among all the states in India. All this happens because of the hard work of the State Government and health workers. Everyone is praising them for their efforts against the COVID -19 . Not by the numbers of patients but the State Government also ensure that no one is dying hungry during this lockdown . Everyone knows that food is the basic need of every individual, so to fulfill it, the State Government converted it's schools into Community Kitchens which functions on Panchayat basis. The main purpose of this scheme is to formulate and ensure that food is provided to everyone in the state. Especially those who are living alone should be taken care during these times. Local residents have joined as volunteers to ensure the success of the programme. The one who want to get the food parcel just need to give a call, food will be delivered at their doorstep. Every Panchayat ensures that there should be no migrant laborers that shall face any difficulty as they can't leave for their native places due to lockdown . They also ensure that differently-abled and poor get the food. The number of people they are delivering food is increasing day by day. For many, it is not just a fight against COVID -19 , but also a fight to meet their daily needs and these food parcels are a reminder that they are not alone.

# Pet Abandonment

-By Ananya Sharma

Pet abandonment is an enormous problem worldwide. There are millions of friendly, loving, lonely, adoptable pets who are put to death every year, including dogs, cats and many other small animals. In many countries, countless pets are abandoned and put to death, it happens because people keep breeding more and more pets for profit and other people reward them for this by paying them for these pets instead of saving an innocent pet from death by adopting one, and many



people then abandon the pets when they become an inconvenience to them. Many people who buy kittens or puppies later decide the cat or dog is an inconvenience to them and get rid of it. This type of behavior adds innocent animals to death in rivers and ponds every year. And even if people are taking their pets to a rescue with a no kill policy, that means they are taking life saving spaces away from them on death row who could have had their lives saved by them.

People often do not think or plan for how they would continue to look after the pet in the future if certain events happens in their lives, such as new relationships, financial breakdowns etc. Some people who cannot sell their puppies or kittens or any other animal are known to

inhumanely kill unsold or imperfect animals using methods such as drowning, giving them poison or injections and even burying or burning them alive. If most people adopted the animals instead of buying them then hardly anyone would breed the animals because of the excessive demand of the

pet animals. Now a days, nobody wants to admit the responsibility but to pass the blame. The reality is that every- one who buys, breeds or abandon their pet animals - while there are so

many being put to death should take the responsibility.

Every country has a pet abandonment problem, one more than another, as in our country a breed loved by Indian households Labradors, for its friendly and loving nature is being abandoned at an increasing rate, as owners find their pets too energetic or aggressive to manage after a while. Experts explained that this is the unfortunate result of widespread misinformation about the breed. While the demand for Labradors on the adoption front is also high, shelters are extremely full with this particular breed. One of an expert wrote, "The reason we have discovered is pretty simple. Lack of effort to understand the breed and what makes it tick".

# Sudha Murthy Pledges Rs 100 Crore To Fight COVID-19 Through Infosys Foundation

-By Palak Chawla

**With rise of covid 19 we are happy to see rise of humanity.**

The pandemic has taken a tight grasp and refusing to give up worldwide. The number of deceased people are rising everyday with death toll comparatively at a lower speed. A huge amount of money is required to treat the people or even to test the cases, whereas economy has taken a steep downfall. However, people are coming together to help communities be safe from the novel coronavirus and helping the infected get proper medical treatment and even feed the poor in these troubled time. One of the firsts to assist was Sudha Murthy's Infosys Foundation and now they've taken this to an unheard of level.

Infosys Foundation - the CSR arm of the tech mammoth Infosys has declared that it is vowing Rs 100 crore to help endeavours for battling against COVID-19 in India. Out of the 100 crores, they've just contributed half of it to the PM Cares Fund. The remaining sum will be used to expand hospital capacity for treatment of COVID-19 as well as hospital stays for patients across India -- especially ones that are belonging to weaker sections of the society. "They're providing ventilators, testing kits and personal protective equipment like face shields, protective suits etc to healthcare workers who're directly dealing with COVID-19 patients. The Foundation is

also supporting various NGOs that provide food and hygiene kits to thousands of people in need.

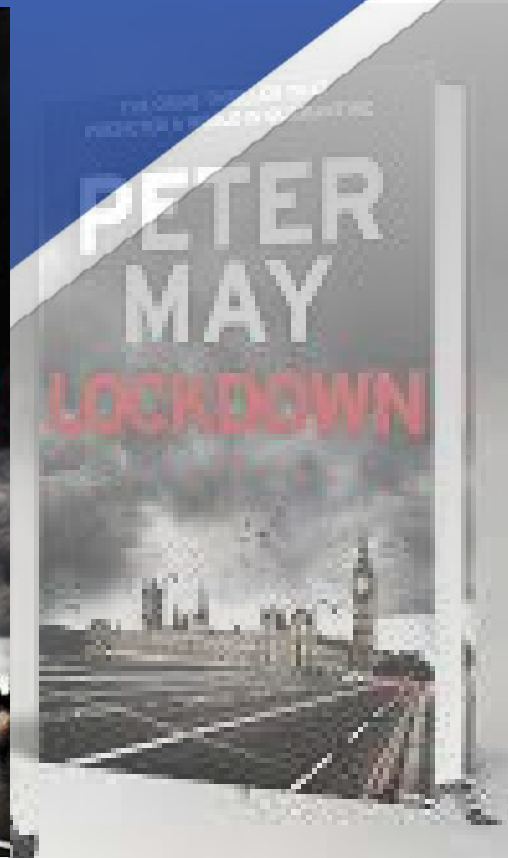
Head of the foundation, Sudha Murthy said in a statement, "These are unprecedented times that require every section of the society to rise up to the challenge. Infosys Foundation has always supported the needs of the country in difficult situations and we will continue to work with governments, non-profits, and healthcare institutions in their fight against this global pandemic."

She further added, "All our efforts will be targeted towards ensuring that the relief material reaches the people who need it the most, whether it is a patient who cannot afford treatment, our healthcare personnel, or daily-wage workers whose livelihood has been severely impacted."

People need to realise that even their small contributions will make a huge change to the society. Efforts are even taken to feed the domestic animals by various organisations. Sudha Murthy the famous author has inspired many public figures to do the same and inspire the commoners as well. Lets fight the battle together and win over covid 19 with safety and harmony.

# Quarantine- Predicted in 2005

-By Tanisha Aggarwal



With the world going through a Pandemic, it came to notice that over 15 years ago, author Peter May wrote a novel regarding a city in quarantine suffering from a hazardous virus. At that time the scientists were predicting a bird flu, although a bird flu is different from the ongoing virus , yet it still has the same effects with regard to quarantine and lockdown. In the book, May depicted what it would be like if a city undergoes a complete lockdown. London, being one of the epicenter of the global pandemic was the main part of his book, as he came up with the idea by doing a lot of research. However in 2005, the publishers rejected this book calling it too unrealistic and impractical. After the outbreak of corona virus, one of the fans tweeted and suggested may to express his opinion by writing a book on the ongoing pandemic, the 68 year old author then realized that he had already done that, he contacted his editor and made him read his book, his editor was shock and told him that this is something that needs to be published without more delay. Once rejected book , now is called as the crime thriller that predicted a world in Quarantine.

# Challenges for journalists

- By Anoosha Jamal



Journalism plays a crucial role in our democratic society. People always depends upon journalism to gather information. In hard situations, it guides the public about their responsibilities, what to do, what not to do, who to call, where to go, how to go, etc. In a pandemic situation, journalism is an essential service for the public as it provides daily updates. It is necessary for journalists to furnish regular updates to the mob about the number of new infections, deaths due to pandemic, and recovered patients. During the lockdown, people need to know about the happenings in the society and it can be possible only through journalism. Journalists also informs the public about various plans of the government to slow down the spread of COVID-19 such as implementation of a lockdown, extension of lockdown, essential services that are not restricted due to lockdown and activities announced by PM Modi to give appreciation and boost the confidence of all the persons involved in providing essential services such as doctors & nurses and patients. It also helps the needy people by giving advertisement of organisations that are providing ration services. Nowadays, dissemination of news is very easy and very common and it is because of social media where people just forward the pseudo news without checking its facts, that leads to spreading of rumours which is harmful for the society in these type of situations, for example, after the extension of lockdown thousands of labourers gathered on a railway station in Maharashtra believing in the rumour that special train would take them home, which is erroneous as at this time of social distancing, these type of gatherings would badly affect the society. So this has to be stopped. Public should not address the thoughts without clearing the facts, if they can not stop this at least they should not reinforce it.

# Pandemic Corona and Hydroxychloroquine

-By Abhinav Singh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday (9th April) acknowledged the thank you note of US President Donald Trump. Trump stated that India will do everything possible to help humanity fight against coronavirus disease Covid-19.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent out the first assignment of drug Hydroxychloroquine to 13 countries including neighbouring nations and the United States.

It is believed that by stepping out to help nations facing a shortage of life saving drugs during a global health crisis, India would be able to establish itself as a relatable international power.

Huge consignment of Hydroxychloroquine and Paracetamol have either have been dispatched or will soon be sent to multiple friendly nations across the globe. These include Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Maldives, Israel, Brazil, Spain, Bahrain, the United States, Germany, Canada, Mauritius, the Dominican Republic and

United Kingdom.

While some of these shipments have gone out as gifts to neighboring countries to help them tide over a crisis, others have been sent out as commercial exports under specific agreements.

The drug came into spotlight following an anecdotal study by French researchers on Covid-19 patients. The study reported HCQ to be effective in killing SARS COV-2. The drug found a major backer in U.S President Donald

Trump who began pushing it aggressively calling it miracle cure.

Despite limited clinical evidence HCQ is now used by many countries for tending COVID-19 patients and also as prophylactic medication to prevent the

spread of infection, especially in high risk categories like healthcare workers and people who are tending to confirmed cases of COVID-19. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) too had recommended the drug but with doctors description.





# The power of newspaper cartoons during a public health crisis

-By Divyanshi



One glimpse at the cartoon on newspaper published in newspapers and one can instantly know about the issue depicted by cartoonist.

It's said that "A cartoon is worth a thousand words" So how does it affect us? A good cartoon makes you think about the current situation and has the power to sway reader's opinion towards the cartoonist's point of view. Many leading newspapers such as The Hindu, Times of India and the Guardian displayed major public health issues in India such as malnutrition, sanitation, lack of drinkable water, mental health and premature mortality because of hunger. But now as the world is going through a pandemic, cartoonist are trying to create awareness among people by informing them about COVID-19, its precautions and sometimes even giving it a political twist for supporting peoples thought and letting the entire world know what are the situations occurring in their country.

Although cartoons are really interesting

to look at because of proficient use of words in it one should surely give a second thought before writing it for example. The cartoon titled 'Wuhan Se Yahaan Le Aaye' indicated the recent evacuation of Indian nationals from the virus-hit city through two Air India flights. This cartoon further divided the entire twitter, after realizing it, the new sketch of Amul, featured the Amul girl wearing a mask walking out of an Air India aircraft along with a group of people, all wearing masks. Budding cartoonists share their artwork depicting cartoons for how not to believe in the hoax and scams related to COVID-19 all over social media such as on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and Pinterest. Cartoons are big part of life from streets, newspaper, magazine and Social media to government ads. It's everywhere and it's up to the cartoonist for voicing their opinion through means of art and to the readers to decide what they should believe in.

# डीआरडीओ भारत के मेडिकल स्टाफ फाइटिंग COVID -19 के लिए 'बायो सूट' बनाता है

-हर्ष गोयल



रक्षा अनुसंधान और विकास संगठन (DRDO) देश में COVID-19 के प्रकोप के खिलाफ चल रही लड़ाई में भारत के चिकित्सा पेशेवरों की मदद करेगा। एजेंसी उन्हें जैव सूट प्रदान करके ऐसा करेगी, जो पनडुब्बी अनुप्रयोगों में उपयोग की जाने वाली तकनीक से बनाई गई है।

DRDO द्वारा बनाए गए बायो सूट की एक अनूठी विशेषता है। जैव सीवन सीलिंग टेप के विकल्प के रूप में एक विशेष सीलेंट का उपयोग करता है। यह सीलेंट पनडुब्बी अनुप्रयोगों में उपयोग किए गए सीलेंट पर आधारित है, डीआरडीओ ने हाल ही में एक प्रेस बयान में पुष्टि की है।

दिलचस्प यह है कि, जैव सूट के लिए गोंद सीलेंट का उपयोग ऐसे समय में आता है जब देश में सीम सीलिंग टेप व्यापक रूप से उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। इस

वजह से, DRDO द्वारा पुष्टि की गई भारत में जैव सूट उत्पादन में भी हाल ही में बाधा उत्पन्न हुई है। डीआरडीओ ने अपने प्रेस बयान में उल्लेख

किया है कि सीम सीलिंग के लिए गोंद का उपयोग करने वाले जैव सूट पहले ही परीक्षण पास कर चुके हैं और जल्द ही बड़े पैमाने पर उत्पादन के लिए अभ्यास किया जाएगा। “वर्तमान में, एक उद्योग भागीदार द्वारा सीलिंग के लिए इस गोंद का उपयोग करके तैयार किए गए जैव सूट ने दक्षिणी भारत

वस्त्र अनुसंधान संघ (SITRA) कोयम्बटूर में परीक्षण को मंजूरी दे दी है। यह कपड़ा उद्योग के लिए गेम चेंजर हो सकता है। DRDO सूट

निर्माताओं द्वारा सीम सीलिंग गतिविधि का समर्थन करने के लिए उद्योग के माध्यम से इस गोंद का उत्पादन कर सकता है। ”

डीआरडीओ ने यह भी सुनिश्चित किया है कि बायो सूट कोरोनावायरस के खिलाफ जितना संभव हो उतना प्रभावी है। उपर्युक्त के अनुसार सूट पर

किए गए परीक्षणों के अलावा, सिंथेटिक रक्त के खिलाफ सुरक्षा प्रदान करने के लिए जैव सूट का परीक्षण किया गया है, एक विशेषता जो स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय ( M O H F W ) द्वारा बॉडी सूट के लिए निर्धारित मानदंडों से अधिक है।

“वर्तमान उत्पादन क्षमता प्रति दिन 7,000 सूट है। परिधान प्रौद्योगिकी में अनुभव के साथ एक और विक्रेता लाया जा रहा है और प्रति दिन

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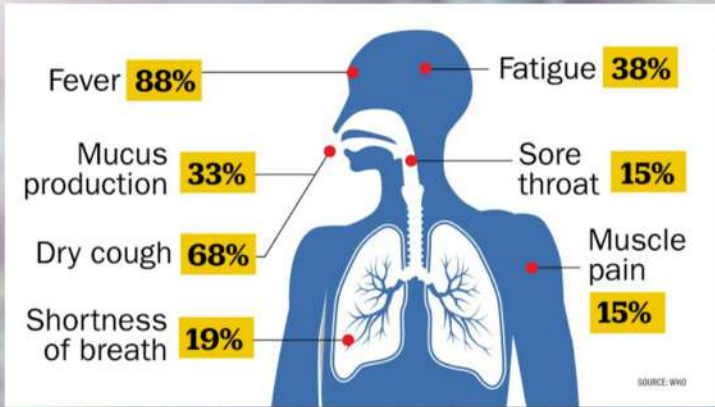
के इलाज के लिए तैयार 9,000 अस्पताल के बेड के रूप में महामारी से लड़ने के लिए अपनी मदद की घोषणा की।

# The 'Bhilwara model'

- By Anjali Tanwar

With the 21-day lockdown announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi now in its final week, the governments at the centre and the states are debating what should be the path ahead. From zero positive Covid-19 cases to 26 patients in Bhilwara, a Rajasthan district, seemed on the aim of a large-scale outbreak of the novel coronavirus. In the last eight days, between March 30 and April 6, the amount of novel coronavirus cases in Bhilwara has risen by just one. And of the entire 27 positive novel coronavirus cases detected in Bhilwara, 17 are cured. Out of the 17, 13 have been discharged. The containment strategy was found to achieve success in Bhilwara. First the borders of the town, then the borders of the whole district were sealed. On March 20, since April 2, the district is under a virtual curfew and is totally sealed. All shops, even medical and dairy stores, are shut. If people need anything, dedicated teams deliver essential goods to their doorsteps. All private vehicles are barred from moving. Some 2,000 teams of doctors and other officials administered a really comprehensive door-to-door campaign, screening the whole population of 28 lakh people within the district. Anyone showing influenza-like symptoms was put under immediate home quarantine. A 24-hour room was found, which had state police, rapid response team and members of the WHO. Screening was prioritised for hospital staff who

initially tested positive and staff of other hospitals as wells. Some 27 hotels became quarantine wards. Other hostels and institutions were roped in order that quite 11,600 beds were made available for isolating people. High-risk places and vehicles like police lines, ambulances and public offices were regularly disinfected. The biggest challenge that the administration faced was containing the rising number of cases after the initial outbreak. Doctors of the private hospital who were tested positive for the virus, had contact with numerous people including the staff and patients who visited the private hospitals during the same time. Some of these patients had come from other states and after the case of COVID-19 was detected within the district, several other cases, mostly who came in contact with the doctors and the infected hospital staff were reported with each passing day. The outbreak in Bhilwara came as a sudden shock to the administration and it had been a serious challenge to hide quite 22 lakh houses within a matter of days. Once the survey of a neighborhood was completed, the health teams visited the place once more after a couple of days to see, if there was any fresh development. Owing to the fact that Bhilwara, a thriving textile city with an estimated population of 30 lakh, it was also a difficult task for the government to strictly impose the curfew uniformly in altogether areas.



## Coronavirus COVID-19

WTTC predicts **potential jobs impact of COVID-19** to the global Travel & Tourism Sector



Up to **50 million jobs at risk globally**  
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International travel could be adversely impacted by up to **25% this year**  
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# Petrol and Diesel sale sinks

- By Amandeep



Petrol sales dropped to 1.943 million tonnes in March sold in the same month in 2019, according to provisional industry demand numbers. India's petrol sales shrank by 17.6 per cent and diesel demand tanked nearly 26 per cent in March as the economy froze under the nationwide lockdown announced to check the spread of COVID-19. Also, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) sales fell by 31.6 per cent as flights got suspended alongside the shutting of businesses and most vehicular traffic going off-road.

Petrol sales dropped to 1.943 million tonnes in March sold in the same month in 2019, according to provisional industry demand numbers. Diesel, the most consumed fuel in the country, saw demand contract by 25.9 per cent to 4.982 million tonnes. Similarly, ATF sales fell to 4,63,000 tonnes. The only fuel that showed growth was LPG as households rushed to book refills for stocking during the three-week

lockdown period. LPG sales rose 1.9 per cent to 2.286 million tonnes in March. These are provisional numbers for the three public sector oil marketing companies – Indian Oil Corp (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL). Actual March numbers after including sales by private sector firms would be announced in the next few days.

Industry officials said the pattern in fuel consumption is likely to continue in April as the lockdown is to last till mid of the month and there are indications that part restrictions will continue even after the lockdown is lifted.

Petrol and diesel sales in April are one-third of what they were a year back, they said adding demand is expected to pick up when the lockdown is lifted and restrictions on public transport lifted.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced a 21-day lockdown beginning March 25, shutting offices and factories, barring those involved in essential services. Also, flights were suspended, trains stopped plying and vehicles went off the road as most people were asked to stay home to help check the spread of coronavirus.

# To raise awareness on covid-19: A sweet shop in Kolkata creates Corona-sandesh misti

- By Suvan Bose



Hindustan sweet from Jadavpur has come up with newly inspired sweet dish to eradicate fears among people. Like many other dishes inspired by the corona virus, this newly sweet are the renowned outlet of sweet makers in Kolkata, known as Hindustan sweets.

This branded sweet restaurant is located in Jadavpur area in south Kolkata, has come up with the sweet in the shape of covid-19 virus which is distributed free on Monday to each customers visited the shop, to create awareness and also to lift the spirits of the people to fight against the fear of this pandemic disease. This sweet shop has come up with a sweet named "sandesh"- a red coloured sweet with the spherical body covered with spikes in the shape of covid-19 sat along with the two new creations of this shop, a big red shaped in form of novel coronavirus and the other one is one and half kg of dish is a variation of the famous kaju katli (barfi). During the period of nation

wide lockdown, most of the sweets shops in Kolkata are having slow business after this the state government allowed the outlets to remain open till 4pm every day. "Seeing the news of coronavirus all day long, it must be very frightening. Even though the people has being asked not to be panic, the increasing number of positive cases and deaths can barely provide any comfort to anyone," said by Rabin Paul, the owner of the 70 year- old store, hope it will eliminate the fear of virus and will also continue to hand them out for the couple of days more. "But it must be noted that, in no way we are trying to claim that eating this sweet- will solve the crisis. It's just the way to raise more and more awareness and reduce some anxiety,".

The owner of the sweet shop mentioned that he has been going through the reports that the government is also facing a shortage of disinfectant and he also has the factory which produces sodium hypochlorite and he will be more happy to provide any assistance if need. Along with distributing the sweets, a pamphlet bearing anti-COVID-19 slogans and safety measures required to contain the disease is also provided said by the 80-year old. The government also gave permission to run the shop but with the minimum staffs member, to stop the outbreak of corona virus.

# Agony of Corona

- By Shivali Goyal



The world at present is facing the biggest catastrophe of the era. The unknown devil named as Covid-19 started from the city of Wuhan, China has gradually engulfed almost the whole world and is going on thrusting the world at an unbeatable pace . It seems like the world is not able to handle the devastating effects of the Covid-19. The effects of it are so severe that even the most powerful economies of the world have gone helpless and derailed and are feeling too small to fight against the virus. States economies , there health system and there lifestyles, all have crashed very badly . There have been cases where healthcare professional reported that they have been thrown on the streets because they work in medical sector . When rapid response team of one of the media houses asked some doctors and medical staff about the effects o Coronavirus on them , they told that they never thought that being in such a profession would end up throwing them out of there own homes .One of the nurse told that she is facing so much problem

that she is forced to live in a one room flat with her mother and child because her landlord kicked her out of the house because she feared that I might carry coronavirus with me . Another nurse told how she lied to the people of her colony saying she now works in a restaurant due to the fear that she would not be able to live in her house if the colony knows that she works as a nurse . There have been cases where even a doctor was thrown out of his own house by the people of his colony because they feared that he might carry the virus. Some doctors are forced to live in there duty rooms because they were instructed to empty there houses by there landlords because of the fear of the virus . The conditions are more worse for some. There have been instances were the nurses have to sleep on floors of the hospitals because they have nowhere to go . Numerous complaints have been done by medical staff that they are being subject to rudeness of people because of there profession . Even the Delhi Government appaled to people for not being insensitive towards the doctors and other medical staff.This is not all even our police force is being beaten time and again at different places by these lunatics .At these time of crisis rather than strangling with our life savers we should abide the law and try to thank all those who are helping us in coming out of this life and leath crisis.

# Corona caught Kerala

- By Udit Raj Sharma



Corona Virus is a topic that does not need any kind of introduction. It is a pandemic that has spread and affected millions across the globe. It has also resulted into large number of deaths. The very first case of this virus was detected in India was in Kerala, when a salesman returned from Dubai and was tested positive. It all began from there. Now Kerala has approximately 400 cases or so.

So I just saw a video that went viral which displayed that Suhail, an affected patient who had returned from Dubai was kept at the hospital and treated well for the next 12 days which made it possible for him to recover from this deadly disease. Also adding up that he comes from Kasaragod, the most affected district of the entire state of Kerala. As he was leaving the hospital after he his treatment all the others present in the hospital started clapping and cheering for him. Also he was thankful to everyone and specially the hospital staff while leaving. Another couple who were above 60 years were tested positive and were treated in the given course of time.

The CM of Kerala, K.K Shailaja said that senior citizens are the ones who need extra care and support in this time that we all are going through. Also he added that certainly circumstances will change and things shall surely be better in the coming future.



# Corona virus unlikely to be under control, could become seasonal

- By Suhani Ahluwalia



In the year 2020, with the outbreak of coronavirus, threat to human life has been increased to a great extent. The biggest problem the world is facing is that the virus is spreading from one person to another at a rapid rate and there is no vaccination or remedy in the present. People who run their own business are facing a lot of difficulties. India amongst the other countries are going through curfews and lockdowns due to increase in spread of the virus. Cinema halls, malls, and restaurants everything is shut down and businesses are going through immense losses. Fauci is director of the national institute of allergy and infectious diseases. He says the virus is unlikely to be completely eradicated from the planet this year. Some people also feel that the spread of virus can decline in summers but

that is not happening at all. The cases are increasing everyday despite such a strict lockdown. No vaccine has been found yet so that patients can be cured. The virus has suddenly created fear in human life, although people are willingly supporting the lockdown announced by PM Narendra Modi and practicing self isolation and taking safety measures such as washing hands for 20 seconds, using alcohol based sanitizers, staying 1m away from people who are sneezing and last but not the least by keeping their immune system strong. Corona virus outbreak was first reported in December last year in Wuhan city of China. The disease has affected more than 100 countries so far and has been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization.

# Visual History of Panadamic

- By Shobhit



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# Our Nature's healing!

- By Jaskiran Kaur Sokhi



Our Nature's healing! The Dhauladhar Mountain range was seen from the Jalandhar city on April 3. The Dhauladhar range is a part of lesser Himalayan chain of mountains. The Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, implemented a 21 days lockdown all over the country on march 23rd, due to the rise in coronavirus pandemic.

The citizens were asked for social distancing. Due to this, nearly everything is shut till April 14th. The biggest advantage of this has been the improvement of air quality in cities across the country. Out of the 91 cities that showed minimal pollution, as many as 30 of them were recorded 'good' air quality while other 61 cities were recorded as 'satisfactory'. The dhauladhar range stands 200km away from Jalandhar and was visible after 30 years. "what nature was, and what we had done to it" was twitted by a resident of jalandhar capturing the beautiful view of the Himalayan range from his ter-

race. Even the water quality of river Ganga improves due to the lockdown. Due to the closure of factories and entrance of any person. According to the real-time water monitoring data of the CPCB, out of the 36 monitoring units placed at various points of the Ganga river, the water quality around 27 points was suitable for bathing and propagation of wildlife and fisheries.

The parameters that the monitoring stations monitor online are dissolved oxygen (more than 6 mg/litre), biochemical oxygen demand (less than 2 mg/litre). There are so many good impacts of the lockdown as well. Why are we not observing all of this? In Delhi, air quality index (AQI) levels are usually a severe 200 on a good day (anything above 25 is deemed unsafe by World Health Organization).

During peak pollution periods last year they soared well into a life-threatening 900 and sometimes off the measurable scale. But as Delhi's 11m registered cars were taken off the roads and factories and construction were ground to a halt, AQI levels have regularly fallen below 20. The skies are suddenly a rare, piercing blue. Even the birdsong seems louder. There are so many more good things happening around!

# Female leaders take control in stressful times: PANDEMIC

- By Devansh

The ongoing struggle with Coronavirus hasn't been easy on any affected country. It's 2020 and still some part of the society considers women to be a weaker gender of the human race. To prove this orthodox mentality wrong, these female leaders took things in their hands for the better part.



Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister, New Zealand

Jacinda Ardern, swiftly closed the country's borders to shut down the spread of the virus from outside. This was proven effective as New Zealand only reported 1113 confirmed cases and a total of 14 deaths on 22nd April.



Erna Solberg, Prime Minister, Norway.

Acting quickly to stop the spread, Erna, introduced early lockdown, and monitored the spread closely, resulting in a slowed infection rate. Norway is now working to loosen the restrictions on their residents. As of 22nd April, Norway has 7,241 cases and 182 deaths confirmed.



Tsai Ing-wen, President, Taiwan

Being in the proximity of the outbreak, Taiwan has controlled the spread effectively with tireless monitoring by medical professionals. Taiwan learnt their lesson in 2003 SARS outbreak and were on alert when they heard about a new respiratory infection. They started early monitoring the travellers from Wuhan and when they confirmed their first case on January 21, they started rigorous tracing of the passenger's travelling history and how many people he came in contact with. As of 22nd April, Taiwan has 425 confirmed cases with 6 deaths.



Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister, Iceland.

The residents of Iceland can get themselves tested without any restrictions and delay, as the collaboration between their government and a biotechnology company allows them to do so. Jakobsdóttir has also launched an intensive contact tracing initiative. As of 22nd April, Iceland has 1778 and 10 deaths confirmed.

# Lockdown due to Corona Virus

- By Aditi



On 24th March, due to the spread of corona virus the central government declared 21 days lockdown and Janta curfew. On 22 March P.M. requested the citizens to stand in their balconies and clap for the doctors and other professionals who are doing their duty by treating corona patients and the police who are prohibiting the individuals to get out from their homes.

All the services like transport, railways, roadways, educational institutions, hospitality services were also suspended. Only the important shops like food, bank, petrol pumps etc. were allowed. According to the Home Ministry the citizens who refused to follow the lockdown will have to face punishment.

The 1st day of lockdown was on 25th March and all the services were sus-

suspended. On 5th April, the citizens of India showed their unity by switching off all the electric lights for 9 minutes and also by lighting diya, flashing torchlight and mobile flashlight.

On 14th April, honorable Prime Minister announced the extension of nationwide lockdown till 3 May and he also declared that the regions that show no new cases, will be given a relaxation after 20th April and if some new case was caught in those areas then lockdown will be reimposed in those areas.

Due to this lockdown there is also a decline in level of pollution. Due to this pandemic economic status shifted for the worse but it improved air quality. Many construction services were also stopped till government's further notice. The roads look like desert because almost every individual is staying inside their house and they are not getting out of their homes.

Connaught Place is known for being the most populated place in Delhi, this place has high traffic on a regular, but after lockdown this place remains empty.

# Pandemic: How to prevent an outbreak

- By Ishika Khurana



This is a documentary series on Netflix which everybody is watching amid the current worldwide coronavirus outbreak. All six episodes of Pandemic: How to Prevent an Outbreak are streaming on Netflix now. The documentary could not be more eerily-timed to drop on the global streaming platform amid the current coronavirus outbreak.

This is a documentary that explains about how different organisations are trying to prevent an Influenza outbreak. Agreed, that there is a lot about politics in this series but that's because this documentary is trying to illustrate just how much power that politics can have on the global medical platform.

There are no frills or fanciful trap. This is not a documentary about the survivors guide to a virus pandemic; it is a documentary that deals with the real work that these incredible people are doing to keep the world healthy. It shows the dedication and sacrifices that doctors, nurses, politicians, scientists, emergency aid workers and volunteers are making to save even just one person. This is a “must watch” kind of documentary amid this pandemic.

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# India as an ideal country!

- By Kunika Chaudhary



As per history, India is known for its leadership quality. According to historians there are many situations where India led the world whether it is about inventing or to lead the world to fight against severe pandemic.

There are many theories which prove that India is at an important stage in its fight against COVID-19. This nation is showing its leadership skill under the urgency to take precaution against this severe COVID-19 outbreak. The government is following all measures which are needed to be taken at this moment." WHO stands together in solidarity with the government in its firm resolve to overcome this unprecedented challenge," says Dr Henk-Bekedam, WHO Representative to

India. During a press conference, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare said, "WHO is an important partner in our fight against the COVID-19. I really value guidance and contributions made by the WHO in containing spread of COVID-19 across the country."

People are following Indian ethics such as palms facing each other instead of shaking hands for greeting. Now people are becoming more aware about the hygiene. Italy which comes at number 2 in World health facilities is not able to handle the situation like the way India is doing.

On 22 of March, 2020 Indian citizens clapped from their balconies to show support to their social and health workers who are working even during this crucial time. Many countries followed this and applauded for their health workers. I am really proud that my country is becoming an ideal country and everyone is looking at it as a leader.

# How world conquered Spanish Flu

- By Niket



In 1920, when the world overcame World War (1914-1918) a pandemic hit the world killing over 17 million to 50 million people. It is referred as one of the deadliest human disease to this day. The pandemic was discovered late due to World War one. The major effected countries were Germany, United Kingdom, France and the USA. Illness of King Alfonso XIII and many stories created a false impression of Spain as it was most affected. This gave rise to the name Spanish flu.

The fight at that time was very tough and without the latest technologies and less medical knowledge the first wave was just a trial, second wave caused lots of damage and killed population in millions. After the lethal second wave in late 1918, new cases dropped abruptly. There was almost nothing after the peak in the second wave. In places like Philadelphia, around 4,597 people died in the last week of October, but by 11th November, influenza had almost disappeared from the city. The main reason for the rapid decline in the destructiveness of the disease is that doctors became more effective in prevention and treatment of the pneumonia that developed after the victims had contracted the virus.

There are theories that holds that the 1918 virus mutated extremely rapidly to a less lethal strain. This was a common occurrence with influenza viruses: there is a tendency for pathogenic viruses to become less lethal with time, as the hosts of more dangerous strains tends to die out.



# असफलता का कारण

- राहुल शुक्ला

यदि कोरोना वायरस ने चीन के वुहान प्रांत से बाहर आने के बाद दुनिया के किसी भी कोने में भयानक तबाही मचाई है, तो यह इटली है। यह घातक वायरस मौत में बदल रहा है और इटली में मौतों की संख्या तेजी से बढ़ रही है। अब तक देश में 1,62,488 मामले पाए गए हैं जिनमें से 37,130 ठीक हुए हैं और 21,067 लोगों की मौत हुई है। इटली में कोरोना पीड़ितों की मृत्यु दर एक बड़ा सवाल खड़ा कर रही है कि अन्य देशों की तुलना में यहाँ की स्थिति इतनी गंभीर क्यों है।

## अधिकांश आबादी बुजुर्ग है

वास्तव में, कोरोना वायरस का वृद्ध लोगों पर अधिक प्रभाव पड़ रहा है, और “द न्यू यॉर्क टाइम्स” के अनुसार, इटली में लगभग 65 या उससे अधिक लोगों की संख्या है। कोरोना के कारण अब तक खोई गई अधिकांश जिंदगी 80-100 की उम्र के बीच के लोगों की थी। आमतौर पर, पुराने लोगों में आमतौर पर किसी तरह की चिकित्सा स्थिति होती है। ऐसी स्थिति में उनके लिए वायरस को पकड़ना आसान होगा लेकिन उनकी लड़ने की शक्ति कम हो जाती है।

## कम लोगों ने परीक्षण किया

उच्च इटली की मृत्यु दर के पीछे परीक्षण की कमी को मुख्य कारण माना जाता है। लोग, विशेष रूप से युवा लोग जो हल्के लक्षण दिखा रहे हैं, वे या तो परीक्षण के लिए नहीं जा रहे हैं या उन्हें बिना परीक्षण के वापस भेजा जा रहा है। इनमें से कई ऐसे हैं जिनमें कोरोना का संक्रमण है, लेकिन परीक्षण के बिना उन्हें सकारात्मक नहीं माना जा सकता है। इसके कारण, अन्य स्थानों की तुलना में सकारात्मक पाए जाने वाले मामले कम होते हैं, जबकि मृत्यु की संख्या बढ़ती रहती है और अंत में मृत्यु दर में वृद्धि देखी जाती है।

## सामुदायिक प्रसारण बंद नहीं होता है

फिलाडेल्फिया में टेम्पल यूनिवर्सिटी कॉलेज ऑफ पब्लिक हेल्थ के महामारी विशेषज्ञ क्रिस जॉनसन का मानना है कि इटली की वास्तविक मृत्यु दर 3.4% होनी चाहिए। लोगों में टेस्ट न होने के कारण यह बढ़ जाता है। इसका एक और बड़ा नुकसान यह है कि यह अभी तक ज्ञात नहीं है कि कितने लोग वायरस से संक्रमित हैं। इस तरह से सामुदायिक प्रसारण का जोखिम बढ़ जाता है, जो महामारी फैलाने का सबसे बड़ा साधन है।

## क्रिस्पी मेडिकल सिस्टम

इटली की भयानक स्थिति के पीछे सबसे बड़ा कारण देश की स्वास्थ्य व्यवस्था है। अस्पतालों की हालत खराब हो गई है और बिस्तर छोटे हो रहे हैं। क्षेत्र के अस्पतालों में कोरोना के मरीजों का इलाज किया जा रहा है। सार्वजनिक अस्पतालों के गलियारे मरीजों की कतार से भरे हुए हैं। यहां तक कि इन रोगियों का इलाज करने वाले डॉक्टरों के पास उनकी सुरक्षा के लिए आवश्यक वस्तुएं नहीं होती हैं, जिसके कारण वे स्वयं भी वायरस की चपेट में आ जाते हैं। लोम्बार्डी में चिकित्सा सेवाएं अब लगभग ध्वस्त हो गई हैं। डॉक्टर ऐसे संदिग्धों को चुन रहे हैं जो इलाज करते हैं। उपकरणों की कमी है और संसाधनों को जीवित रहने की उच्च उम्मीदों के कारण युवाओं पर खर्च किया जा रहा है।

## देर से तालाबंदी, अब लोगों का उल्लंघन

सरकार और प्रशासन ने शहरों को पूरी तरह से बंद कर दिया है और लोगों को केवल आवश्यक कार्य के लिए बाहर आने की अनुमति है। पुलिस किसी को भी सड़क पर चलने की अनुमति नहीं दे रही है। हालांकि, खराब बुनियादी ढांचे और नाजुक आर्थिक परिस्थितियों के कारण, लोग इन नियमों का उल्लंघन करने के लिए मजबूर हैं। पुलिस का कहना है कि अगर लोग नियमों का पालन नहीं करते हैं, तो सख्त कार्रवाई की जाएगी। विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि तालाबंदी को पहले ही कड़ा कर दिया

# Coronavirus Hotspot in Delhi

By Simar Kaur Chadha

By early March, coronavirus disease (Covid-19) cases were increasing across the world. In India, where the number of coronavirus disease just began to rise, there was an air of caution through a lockdown was still several days away. Ignoring the pandemic, 2500 Tabligh Jamaat members attended the gathering, each of them identically dressed in a white gown and skull cap. They all gathered in a five-story building called Markaz in Delhi's Nizamudin area. Over, 2000 members have been removed from the Markaz Nizamuddin, the Tabligh headquarter at the Tabligh Jamaat sect has emerged as one of the country's top coronavirus hotspot, its chief cleric Maulana Saad and six others have been charged by the police. The Delhi Police Crime Branch is examining an audio recording of a sermon posted on a "Delhi Markaj" YouTube channel, in which the speaker says there is no need to follow social distancing advised by the government. The speaker terms coronavirus warning as a "conspiracy to keep Muslims away from fellow Muslims".

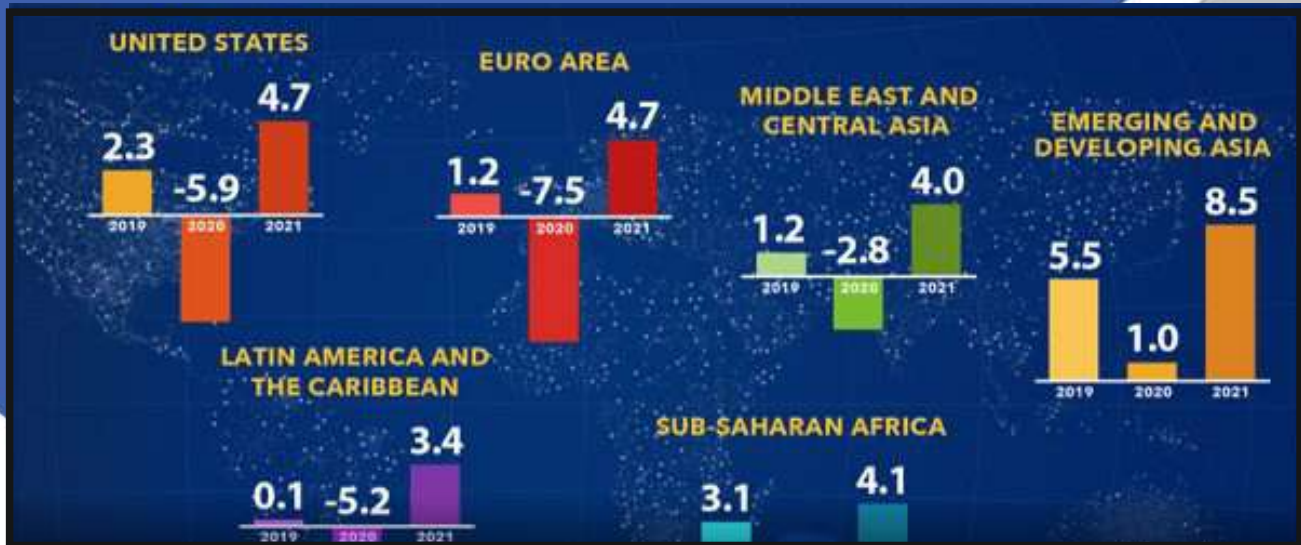
Across the country, 128 people with coronavirus disease have been traced to the gathering and many more cases are feared.

We all need to understand and appreciate that this is not a time to do fault finding and such kind of gathering. It is important for all of us to take action as per our containment process in whatever area we find a case, we should immediately call the doctor's team so that they can take proper care to cure them and If every person will do this one day we will be free from this harmful "coronavirus".

Stay Home Stay Safe

# The Great Lockdown: Worst Economic Downturn Since the Great Depression

By : Shikhar Vats



The world has changed dramatically in the three months since our last update of the. A rare disaster, a coronavirus pandemic, has resulted in a tragically large number of human lives being lost. As countries implement necessary quarantines and social distancing practices to contain the pandemic, the world has been put in a Great Lockdown. The magnitude and speed of collapse in activity that has followed is unlike anything experienced in our lifetimes.

This is a crisis like no other, and there is substantial uncertainty about its impact on people's lives and livelihoods. A lot depends on the epidemiology of the virus, the effectiveness of containment measures, and the development of therapeutics and vaccines, all of which are hard to predict. In addition, many countries now face multiple crises – a health crisis, a financial crisis, and a collapse in commodity prices, which interact in complex ways. Policymakers are providing unprecedented support to households, firms, and financial markets, and, while this is crucial for a strong recovery, there is considerable uncertainty about what the economic landscape will look like when we emerge from this lockdown.

This is a truly global crisis as no country is spared. Countries reliant on tourism, travel, hospitality, and entertainment for their growth are experiencing particularly large disruptions. Emerging market and developing economies face additional challenges with unprecedented reversals in capital flows as global risk appetite wanes, and currency pressures, while coping with weaker health systems, and more limited fiscal space to provide support. Moreover, several economies entered this crisis in a vulnerable state with sluggish growth and high debt levels.

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I wanted a place where I can go a step further to achieve my dream , a place which will take out best out of me and M.E.R.I is that place. I am glad that I made the right choice by coming here because it has everything that I wanted.

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The best thing about our college is the infrastructure. It has hostels facilities , AC classes, spacious amphitheatre , a ground and a huge library. Our College has given many opportunities and visits to different places to gain knowledge with experience. They help us to enhance our skills in every way i.e speaking in public, more confident.

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Management Education and Research Institute is the place where your children can work on their dreams, the infrastructure of this college is good and they provide you various course like BA(JMC), BBA, MBA and so on. Various seminars are conducted to provide extra knowledge to students. Also the teachers of this college are very helpful and friendly.





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I am grateful to be a part of this prestigious institute and feel blessed to be guided by such honorable faculty for my future. Frequent field visits and necessary exposure has helped me a lot to understand the non-theoretical knowledge. The faculty respects student's vision and counsel them accordingly

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MERI is a great place to be. Being a part of this institution is an honour in itself. A plethora of opportunities come your way for you to grab on, help find the real you. So, it's a promise of great experiences with an excellent faculty team and many events for you to take part in. While you are here, build networks, take chances and compete as if your life is at stake and you will be rewarded with the best!

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Feel lucky to join this college. The campus is well maintained. I have joined the course of BA(JMC) and till the 1st week we are having a very busy and knowledgeable schedule. Speakers are invited who talk about the field of profession we will be taking up and their struggles. Suggestions and discussions are very beneficial. Seminars conducted are interesting and informative. All the events are amazing. Photos are available on their site and google maps.

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I thank Management Education and Research Institute faculties for putting in all efforts to groom us. It is a place of learning, fun, culture, lore and many such life preaching activities. Moreover, college phase is life changing experience, the time which will never come back. This is a stage of learning, experiencing and evaluating our personal growth which makes a student life complete.

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