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COVID 19 & MIGRANTS

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ABSTRACT

The pandemic situation created by china in the world with the motive to crash the world economy and become a supreme leader in whole world and china have succeeded to this plan of crashing world's economy as due to worldwide lockdown and restricted money flow in the whole world has crashed the world economy. This paper/ article establishes that how governments of countries and people together are fighting with corona and how the Indian government is helping migrants to reach there and how people are reaching their homes. Also, the private person helping migrants is discussed below and the packages by the government to help needy. And how some industries have a great downfall due to corona as the government is not getting any income out of that industry. For example, the fitness industry a great downfall is noticed in the fitness industry of India not due to corona but due to the Indian government.

Hence this paper discusses the situation of the last 3 to 4 months of lockdown.

INTRODUCTION

A situation of pandemic created due to a virus called Corona Virus or COVID – 19 which was created by China with an aim of world economy crash, on which they have successfully succeeded. As named COVID -19 was suggests as China Originated Virus In December 2019. Where in December a lady in China (Wuhan) after eating a bat (bird) got affected by this virus and from there this virus was transmitted to the whole world. After which with the crash of the

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world economy, Corona has affected millions of people in the world. Where on one hand government in the world has announced lockdown, there on the other hand Corona positive people were increasing day by day even in India after the declaration of the nationwide lockdown the cases of Corona positive has increased in the nation. The lockdown as declared majorly effected the people and income of every class from middle-classes to lower-middle classes and the most effect was on the people who were far away from their home working and were not allowed to go back to their home due to lockdown and movement was restricted for about 2.5 months. Still, these people who have migrated for the reason of working have started walking towards their homes, even after the sealed borders of the states. As there was no source of income to the migrants and no even there was no place of living for them (mostly daily wage labor) who were neither supported by a private person nor by the government not by the employer.

Where on one hand lockdown has positively responded to Corona their on another hand it has destroyed the people of the country and time of recession has again arrived due to the downfall of the economy of India and also other countries.

Also, the Indian government in the fight against Corona was helped by the World Bank with US\$ 1 billion and even by actors and businessman and cricketer too by donating the government of India.

HISTORY

China Originated Virus In December 2019, popularly known as the coronavirus which is a disease that is easily transferrable from one person to another person through particles, cells from the body of the person who is affected by this disease. The 1st corona case was found in china in a 55-year-old lady in Hubei province in November which was discovered and named corona in December 2019. Where it was discovered that this virus was originated due to the intake of the bat by a lady.³ It was suspected in the bat which was after transmitted to other animals but another report accordingly discovers that corona virus was not originated because of intake of bats but it was a virus develop intentionally by China in their labs and which was afterward speeded to the province of china like Wuhan and other and slowly to the world. The reason to

³ <https://www.livescience.com/first-case-coronavirus-found.html>

create this virus and spread it in the whole world was to crash the world's economy and China to introduce themselves as new world leaders which china has shown by acquiring a Russian company at low rates as that company was about shut. So, still, it is not cleared that whether it is animal generated virus or lab generated virus by china.

In India 1st case of Corona was found in January where a person from china arrived in India and after attending a grand party at Delhi he went back, Transmitting this virus to Indians. After which slowly Indians were getting affected by this disease and in month march when the people at large were affected by this disease the at 24th march 2020 our Prime Minister Narendra Modi Declared Nationwide Lockdown where the two main Acts was taken into force due to lockdown which was Essential Commodities act, 1955 as during lockdown people were allowed only to go out for purchasing of essential commodities needed for daily households and shops which was allowed to open due to this lockdown were the only shops which are in the business of selling essential commodities and Medical shops with special permission and with a time limit in a day for opening a shop. And the other was Epidemic diseases (Amendment) ordinance 2020 where the act of 1987 was amended to cope with the situation of the pandemic.

Still even after declaring Nationwide Lockdown in India cases of the corona were not decreasing.



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Nationwide lockdown declared by the Indian Government on 24th March 2020 due to the widespread corona virus in India. For this lockdown World bank has granted U\$1 billion⁴ to Indian Government with the payback period of 18.5 years with 5 grace years, and in this lockdown, every other person according to their capacity has donated to the government In PM cares fund wherewith the amount donated to this fund will be used for providing food to poor people who are unable to get food due to lockdown, but again the ground reality no migrant, no poor got help from the government even Prime Minister has declared a big package of Rs. 20 lakh Crore to make India Aatmnirbahar.

⁴ <https://www.timesnownews.com/business-economy/economy/article/world-bank-approves-usd-1-billion-social-protection-package-for-india/592233>

But lockdown has affected the people of the lower middle class, migrants, and daily wage labor, where due to sealed borders migrants were unable to reach their homes due to unavailability of transportation facility migrants started walking towards their homes without thinking about kilometers to be travelled. Where some people died some people headed towards the wrong way which made them unable to reach their homes.

Lockdown not only affected people who are migrants but businesses, youths, government employees are also affected as most of the small scale businesses are shut, youths are jobless due to drowning economy, and government servants are paid a less amount of salary. Still, the main Aim of introducing lockdown was destroyed which was to break the chain of the corona.

It seems like lockdown was not introduced to break the chain of corona but to break the chain of employment, because after 2.5 months of lockdown, daily screenings, even after taking every kind of precautions active corona cases were found by the doctors even after a moment doctors discovered that there are no symptoms seen in patients and still they are corona positive, now here the question arises that if the corona is disease through a virus then how people without any symptom can be detected as corona positive, because every disease do have symptoms of it but corona doesn't have, is it possible.

Also as per the news, the recovery rate of the corona is highest in Rajasthan, how it is possible until the invention of the vaccine or antidote of corona how people are getting recovered.

Still after, May 15th 2020 some relief in lockdown was provided by the government where wine shops were allowed to open, where on one hand government is asking people to maintain their immunity and make their immunity strong, there on other hand wine shops are allowed to sell and with increased taxes according to the state government. And even in unlock 1.0 only sports activities are closed and nothing else because there is no income generated through sports activities. The fitness industry other than migrants is the most affected industry or most destroyed part of lockdown because as per Indian government immunity is boosted when Indian intakes alcohol and not when he/she exercises or try to stay fit.

Now coming to the Migrating people, these are the people who are away from their original living places and migrate here and there in search of work and jobs these are those people who do not have any fixed jobs and are hired on the daily wage basis. These are the people who when

become jobless have nothing to eat wants to go to the original place they were not allowed to do so due to border seizure and also due to unavailability of transport, because of being jobless and due to unavailability of transportation people started walking towards their home through any means of transport they can go with i.e. walking, by cycle, by a truck even by smuggling people tried to reach their houses. Even some people died before reaching their homes not only adults but kids also died in this migration due to the unavailability of food and continuous walking.⁵

Looking at these situations the government has decided to allow some public transport to work and allow people to migrate with some restrictions. i.e. shramik express was allowed by the government with pre reservations and a restricted number of people was allowed to travel also bus services was allowed with some restrictions to help to migrate people, but Indian politics and rivalries exist where Congress migrants to go their home by providing a good amount of bus but which was not allowed to enter in U.P. and with the instruction of Chief Minister buses were not allowed for about three days to enter to U.P. borders.⁶

Also, the government for helping poor needy and migrants has allowed the amount of money from the package 20 lakh crore where Nirmala Sitharaman has introduced a 5 trench related budget where the second trench of budget talks about the money which is to be provided by the government to needy people.⁷ But still, the question arises whether the people have provided with the amount. No answer to this is present until today as the government has not even replied to RTI.

On the other hand Actor, Sonu Sood helped migrants to reach their homes on June 9 where he helped 180 migrants to reach their houses by providing buses for transportation⁸.

Not only this but many other actors and businessmen have helped the government in this situation either by cash or by kind.

CONCLUSION

⁵ <https://thewire.in/rights/covid-19-lockdown-migrant-workers-children-implications>

⁶ <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/jaipur/despite-priyankas-requests-up-govt-refuses-to-allow-entry-of-buses-with-migrants/articleshow/75795674.cms>

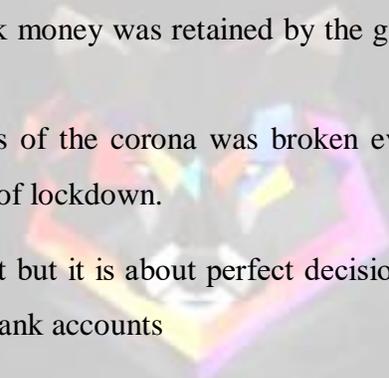
⁷ <https://www.thehindu.com/news/resources/economic-stimulus-package-details-of-20-lakh-crore-package-announced-by-union-finance-minister-nirmala-sitharaman-in-five-tranches/article31606806.ece>

⁸ <https://indianexpress.com/article/entertainment/bollywood/sonu-sood-news-on-june-8-6448068/lite/>

Hence Corona a virus affected the whole world has affected Indians too where some people have sacrificed their jobs some sacrificed their families. Some people have successfully recovered and some have unable to. Because in this situation people don't have to recover only from corona but also a dangerous situation which is created by the government where most fake cases are registered. Where the government is helping people but needy people are unable to avail of this it's just present government is taking steps without thinking about future effects of the decision taken MODI government in their service till now has taken three major decisions which ended up resulting negative.

1. GST: people are unable to understand the method till today and the end consumer has to pay double tax.
2. Demonetization: No black money was retained by the government and also GDP is gone down.
3. Lockdown: No chain was of the corona was broken even after lockdown. Corona was still at its best at the time of lockdown.

It's not about perfect government but it is about perfect decision to be taken by the government in helping and not helping their bank accounts



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