

Issues and Challenges during Lock Down

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Abstract:

Humans are social creatures. But today man is very much confined to himself.

Every day the world is facing challenges, in behavior, attitude and emotions.

The lockdowns has really created less space for all to move around.

A saying by Aristotle, which tells that man is a social animal born free but found in chains.

The challenges faced by the Rural India are different from that of Urban. The lockdown is putting all the people into a state of uncertainty. Children are unsure of their classes and exams for the final school students. Parents have to put little more effort in maintaining their children. Mothers play multiple roles. People who could afford a house with rooms were at the benefit but for the ones who had to share a single room were in pathetic conditions.

As the lock down period was shifting from one stage to another there were more chaos seen in all sectors. Sexual abuse at home itself, wife battering due to non availability of Alcohol, standstill in ill legal trade of drugs, and tourism all had caused much stress on the people who are habituated to this life.

Lockdown was also a time when old rivalry was taken for new finishing. Initially there was a haltered and fear in the minds of the people. The seriousness of the fear was not much clear. So there posed lots of problem for the Police Personnel to keep the wandering crowd under control. Many new means and filmy actions were taken in a novel way to punish the wanders from the world outside.

Awareness was creates by the media, Police department and Medical department.

Non availability of Alcohol was another sector which created much tension among the men who always had an escapist life. Men sitting at home had a fear of their job security, job enforcement etc.

Drug peddlers were finding life very hard because of the resentment in trade movements.

The lock down has caused a big void on the migrant workers as they had to go to their home towns by walking more than 2000kms.Children dying out of frustration, unbearable heat and getting infected.

Farmers were affected because of their harvest being impeded due to the lockdown for various reasons.

A big challenge our country was facing is to keep the visitors in quarantine and providing treatment. India records that two thousand of its people are affected by this virus and new cases are getting reported every day.

Many migrants are put in quarantine but not provided with proper food or any basic amenities.

Wearing a mask and frequent hand washing is another important challenge as water scarcity is seen in our villages and in most of the polluted cities.

The covid 19 pandemic is expected to have “sever “short and long term effects on economic growth the world Bank said in its Global Economic Prospects EMDE(emerging market and developing economies)are especially vulnerable. Sixty million people will be pushed into poverty this year.

But we have to educate ourselves and our dependents on living with the illness and understand the methodologies of keeping safe in this uncertain period

Operational definitions: Creatures, amenities, frustration, scarcity, Pandemic, quarantine.

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On 24 March2020 the Government of India under the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi JI ordered a nationwide lockdown for 21 days limiting the entire 1.3 billion population of India as a preventive measure against the Covid-19 pandemic in India. On the first day of the lock down, nearly all services and Factories were suspended. People were trying to stock all essential items at home.

Over 50 days and going back to normal mounts all. Especially the Marginalized, Elderly and Migrant workers. March 26 became a complete dooms day for all sectors of People. Initially India had reported only 500 cases.

The first objective of the lock down was to stop the transmission. A big challenge for the Police personnel as they had to keep the movement of wanders under control.

Challenges;

Medical caretakers were educated about the seriousness of the infection. They were trained on preventive and curative aspects. Initial days all praises were for the medical, Police personnel as they were on heels for a whole day. The death of doctors, nurses and Police was all were reported.

Parents were worried about their children's education. Students appearing for their final examination were put into a big lurch.

The thought of our leaders was whether our country will be in a situation to cope with this virus or not.

Countries like Italy, Spain have sophisticated equipments where will India Stand.? Though all were getting to understand the quality of life to lead during this period the Migrants were worried about their safety about security in terms of their day to day life.

Inspire of the lockdown and arresting the people not to come out of their house we were able to see youth wandering on their two wheelers and exhibiting heroic actions on the road. Luckily the police department was able to collect a fine of rupees of two lakh and the department painting green on their vehicles were to stop the inquisitors not to transmit the infection to their family and neighbors.

Next challenge was for the police department was to instruct on wearing mask and safe guard themselves from getting infected.

Ladies and Women at home were shattered as to pay for the essential day to day commodities and to feed the satiate the family at home became a huge challenge for them.

Battered Life:

Men were trying to adjust to the daily life at home. What's up message which came come was seen as husband marries his wife and divorces his girlfriend. Men were the most affected because of two apparent reasons .One being that job security and next is to meet the day to day expenses at home.

Children could not go out and play and only indoor games. Wife playing more roles than expected. Domestic violence at home became an area of concern as many cases were reported of wife being battered at home. Children running from hither to heather.

Prolonged stay at home became a means of intolerance to all .Wives were irritated their husbands nagging nature and children irritated because of the constant don'ts by parents and elders at home.

Second lock down

Next lockdown period was the same as the first lock down with not many changes.

But migrants walking back to their home towns. Walking under the scorching heat carrying their children, bare foot and no food added more sore to the wounds. People anxious about the position of the lock whether lifted or continuing?

But when it was announced that it is extended many was once again anxious about their livelihood.

Soaring high prices in vegetables, eatables, fruits once again caused everybody to worry.

Third Lock down:

India had seen much death especially among migrant workers and children dying on the road laborers be crashed while walking, run over by train and mother dead due to starvation.

In some states there was a time when past rivalry and revenge was getting payed.Murders, kidnapping, Scarifice in the name of religion was all a big challenge for the Government to deal.

A puzzling Situation:

South Asia with a share of 23.4% in world population accounted for 1.25% of infections and 0.5% of deaths in the world.

The lock down in India straddling its vast geography is perhaps among most stringent in the world. The common purpose was to break the chain of transmission through physical distancing which has two dimensions one was to keep the people to keep them safe at him. But people were privileged in living with spacious accommodation .But it becomes a question for people living in crowded spaces and some homeless.

Domestic Violence during lock down:

Tamil Nadu received 2,963 calls on domestic violence. In April alone most men at home are at home either with no work or in fear of losing their job. Data shows that domestic violence

Is on increase when there is unemployment. The fear, frustration and insecurity at home cause tension and women become victim to these tensions.

The next causative factor for domestic violence was non availability of liquor during the lock down period. This became a total insecurity for men who were habitual drinkers.

Similar cases were reported in West Africa during Ebola outbreak in 2013 to 2016 where there was a similar increase in sexual and gender based violence.

Global initiative against transnational organize crime a network of prominent law enforcement, governance believe that pandemic is both a threat and an opportunity for organized drug trade as travel restrictions has made it more difficult.

Another new trend is cyber crime .Many fraudulent sites are designed so well where large number of People is easily taken for combating covid-19.

Mask Wearing:

Jain Munis realizing there was are organisiners in aerosol and droplets wear mask to avoid inhaling them a unique preventive measure born out of ancient wisdom. Hong Kong and Taiwan demonstrated the value of universal mask wearing to mitigate the current pandemic.

Big solutions for big problems. Mask wearing is a simple solution; if practiced by me and all it is superior to lockdown.

Specific epidemiological and clinical and basic blood test provides a clinical diagnosis of covid19 .PCR is useful to confirm this. Home quarantine is simple and safe.

Lives and Livelihood:

The problem will not vanish after lockdowns are lifted. Economies that have been shut down for six weeks or longer will certainly collapse. It is a matter of survival for households and firms and establishment for economy.

India had seen a rapid economic growth in the past 25 years .We had seen a significant reduction in absolute poverty even though it was associated with inequality. Absolute poverty will once increase while economic inequality will rise further.

World Bank ;

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The report said EMDES faces health crises, restrictions and external shocks like falling trade, tourism and commodity prices as well as capital out flows.

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