

Impact of Covid-19 On Social Voilence and Crime

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Abstract

Covid-19 a merciless disease born by brutal virus emerged into the human space in China and spread throughout the globe through the human element. It created a catastrophic scenes all around the world and spread animosity among the socio-religious and cultural organizations. It seems during this period, men has lost his composure and engaged in hate speech against a particular community. What does not much bother us is the rapid-decline in the crime rates but what worries us much is anti-community attitude. With this background this paper discusses about the status of crime rate and increasing intolerance and hatredness between communities ,it also explores causes, impacts and remedies especially in the arena of domestic crimes, accidents and discrimination between predominant communities

Key words

Corona,covid-19,domestic violence, discrimination, molestation ,media and communities.

Crimes are defined by criminal law. Suppose a person is involved in the acts of misbehavior that are considered to be harmful to society, they could be found guilty of committing a crime. Criminals are usually prosecuted in a criminal court. Someone convicted of a crime can be forced to pay fines, punishment, and may also lose their personal freedoms and privileges when sentenced to jail or prison.Crimes are varied, and what constitutes a crime may vary from state to

state. In general, crimes may be grouped into four broad categories. Such as personal crimes, property crimes, morbid crimes, and statutory crimes.

Violence as stated as the actual threat or deliberate use of force—physical, sexual, and emotional against another person, community. It might result in physical and, psychological injury. Violence also includes suicide and a nonfatal act of self-harm. Unfortunately, violence has become a daily scene. It exists all over the nation. It affects, all irrespective of our age, gender, race, ethnicity, or socio-economic status.

Just fewer people venturing out, crime all over the country has witnessed a sharp decline. The clear cut decline was felt in Delhi and Karnataka, where crime rates dropped to a greater extent following 21- day lockdown was declared

The crimes such as theft, murder and molestations were greatly reduced but , experts fear that cases of domestic violence might have increased during the lockdown period however many of them have not been noticed.

“Domestic violence will increase. This is happening across the world. There is an increased chance because of the uncertainty associated with this disease,” said Manasi Mishra, head of the research division, Centre for Social Research.

There was a significant decline during the past one month, reasons are that Delhi banned all public gatherings, after the nationwide lockdown that was effected from 25 March, Delhi Police said. The total number of crimes was reduced to 1,890 in 2020 where as it was 3,416 in the gone by year .

Cases of molestation of women shrunk to 72 this year out of 144 in the previous year. The number of kidnappings also fell to 150 from 259, the number robberies dropped to 53 from 109. Motor vehicles thefts to 1,243 from 1,982.

There has been a consistent increase in vigilance all over the national capital. The seizing of Delhi’s borders has also appeared useful in crippling the crime rate.

Since the effective lockdown, there were a minimal road accidents, fewer murders and less reports of violence against women and scarce suicides. Some

cities in India have reported a significant decline in crime rates during the last three weeks, one must therefore be complemented for the severely imposed lockdown to abscond the spread of covid-19.

Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Coimbatore, Kolkata, Delhi and Lucknow, reported a 60 to 90 percent of drastic drop in crimes as against last year. However, the cases relating to domestic violence, and violation of lockdown rules are some of the unusual scenes.

The auxesis of COVID-19 positive cases in India because of prejudiced testing after the Tablighi Jamaat gathering in Delhi on March 13-14 had led to a perturbing rise in cases of hate speech aimed at the Muslim community. Few in media also took to branding the entire community as 'corona criminals' propagating 'corona-jihad'.

One of the noted newspaper went even to the extent of inciting ethnic cleansing of Muslims in India. After the hate speech calls from all over the country for a social and economic ban on Muslims poured in.

Some Sections of the media, both regional and national, have been glaring for anti-Muslim hate speech, The hate speech by members of parliament and state legislative assemblies further fuelled through hate speech the anti-muslim passion. This hate speech was later faced with false news and action in terms of direct attacks on Muslim relief volunteers and socio-economic ban of Muslims in public domains.

The involuntary spread of COVID-19 in India has lent yet one more flat form to launch a fresh aggression against the Muslim community. Physical, psychological, verbal and warfare was being waged on Muslims, for deliberate ostracisation of muslims in india.

Violent aggression on Muslims perceived to be conveyers of the virus have been reported from different parts of the country. There have also been reports of conspirational meetings in majority communities discussing the prevention of Muslims from being allowed in. congregation of youths have been guarding the

transit points of villages to prevent the entry of Muslims. Muslim vendors have also been warned of selling things on the streets.

There has also been a sudden upsurge in Islamophobic posts on different social media platforms accusing Muslims of deliberately spreading the virus. A new term, "corona jihad", has been coined to describe this conspiracy. Videos of Muslims spitting on eatables, licking plates and smearing of surfaces with saliva are being propagated widely.

According to some, The Tablighi Jamaat event was only one of the many multitudes, religious and non-religious, which happened in mid-March. The government of India could not ascertain the gravity of the situation, permitting the parliament to function and let in 1.5 million people into the country without proper screening. The Tablighi Jamaat guests were a insignificant fraction of this number.

Medical workers were also attacked who hailed Australia to Philippines, when the situation was very worst in India Trust in the health-care system was already low, while misinformation and misrepresentation was very vivid on social media. The striking nationwide lockdown, has intensified the hysteria. they were discriminating against doctors because of that fears they are carrying corona virus into their communities and residential arenas, they started worrying if they are found to be positive they will be discriminated against by the community they belonged to.

Conclusion

This paper has made a glaring stride in locating the status of all kinds of violences. The analysis of data reflects upon the rapidly declining rate of crimes, especially against women at home and outside. This happening could be because of fear of coronavirus / covid-19. which means the unleasers of crimes were/are absessed with the anxiety/concern out of vicious fear and hence low rate of crimes. but whether the crimes have really shrunk for all the times is known only when the corona disappears from the human society. If it is for all

time low/nothing ,then it will be significant development and shows social /civilizational progress.

The hate speech at a particular community is not a good sign and it creates disharmony leading to a worst national problem in terms of national integration Covid-19 must be treated as anti human and must fight against unitedly.Covid-19 must unite us in the national interest and must be taken in the spirit of enhancing fraternity between communities a positive lesson must be drawn that the emergence of covid-19 like global phenomena does not target a single community but it should not be forgotten that it is anti-human irrcooperative of communities. It is national and human societal problem,therefore,the entire human kind should coacervate it's strength in realization of early normal life.

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