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Social Impact of Covid 19 :Challenges and Prospects

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Theme of the Webinar

The impact of the pandemic is noticeable all over the world across the sectors, but in Indian context it has immensely effected on family, health, employment women and children. The pandemic of COVID-19 has infected more than 9 million people across the world (WHO report on 25 June,2020) and the death toll is increasing every day. This is alarmingly affecting the social structure of the society.

It has brought out a different picture in the world and broken many cobwebs of social relationships. Every crisis has lessons to learn, extraordinary circumstances bring avenues for introspection. Outburst of pandemic is such an opportune time to revisit its impact on our social order. Probably there is no vocation of human activity which is untouched by such existential crisis.

This crisis has not only affected socio-economic structures but also has immense psycho-social impacts. Condition of women and children has become more vulnerable. Poor families already had unsafe house due to substandard conditions; now due to lack of money, security and health gender-based violence has increased.

The Way Forward

Our main focus has been on testing, treatment and prevention of COVID-19. But across nations people and communities are facing plethora of social problems and trying to adjust with the present lifestyles. This disease has affected population globally, and particularly in India due to sudden lockdown the situation has worsen. People living below poverty line are struggling for basic needs like food and shelter, this has led to increase in violence against vulnerable section of the society, especially in the household and has raised serious administrative problems.

Lockdown to control corona virus pandemic has affected our society in various ways. It has increased cases of depression due to social, economic and psychological distancing. Parents and students are apprehensive about loss of quality education in this academic year. Aristotle had rightly said that 'Man is a social animal', but the mantra of victory over COVID-19 is 'social distancing'. This has distanced friends and families, even limited cultural celebrations.

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The issue of migrant workers was one of the most cruel and highlighted issue in this pandemic where millions were rendered unemployed and stranded without money, food and shelter, criss-crossing the country's highways to return to their villages and several meeting with accidents and deaths on their way. Unemployment has rendered a large section as directionless, leaving the social health as well as economy in shambles. Several forms of racism triggered the division among the people of India and other global counterparts.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world in many ways. Of the several implications on humanity, the issues of health, the rapid decline of economy, shortage of medicines, sanitizers, masks, and other essentials, poverty, unemployment has undoubtedly taken centre stage and each has left a mark on the lives of people.

Managing Social Unrest

The regressive impact of the pandemic can create adversative conditions of discontentment, which if not addressed pre-emptively, or at least as a reaction to the emerging situation, can lead to social unrest. This issue brief highlights the twin challenges of dealing with social unrest caused by the movement of urban migrant workers and the threat emanating from disinformation. It concludes by suggesting some measures to deal with these challenges more effectively as part of the ongoing national effort to fight the pandemic.

Long term planning and collective efforts of individuals, communities, governments, national and international organisations to fight against this invisible deadly virus are needed. Policy response to the pandemic as well as health and contracted economy is the need of the hour. Health interventions to those who are in need as well as prioritising the focus on the social setbacks in the country for a healthy start are of utmost importance.

Reducing the psychological and social distress among people and promoting strategies to deal with the situation are required. Considering other health issues by the policy makers as well as strengthening of public healthcare with large investments and robust infrastructure and providing sufficient care to the patients suffering from other diseases as well are also very important.

Sub-Themes ;

- *Impact on social relationship in different dimension of social life*
- *Problems of changing attitudes of people towards social institution*
- *Impact of economic aspect in social context*
- *Impact of covid-19 on Socio-psycho behaviour of human*
- *Impact on cultural aspect of human life*
- *Re-emergence of traditional scenario in village context*
- *Women and Children and Society in present scenario*
- *Plight of Urban Migrant Workers*
- *Personal and institutional prevention*
- *Emerging pattern of teaching and learning in recent educational framework*
- *Present scenario and governmental social schemes*
- *Prospects of sustainable development and policy action*
- *Pandemic preparedness and response measures*
- *Contemporary Judicial response to pandemic ridden challenges.*
- *Challenges on life vs livelihood*

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